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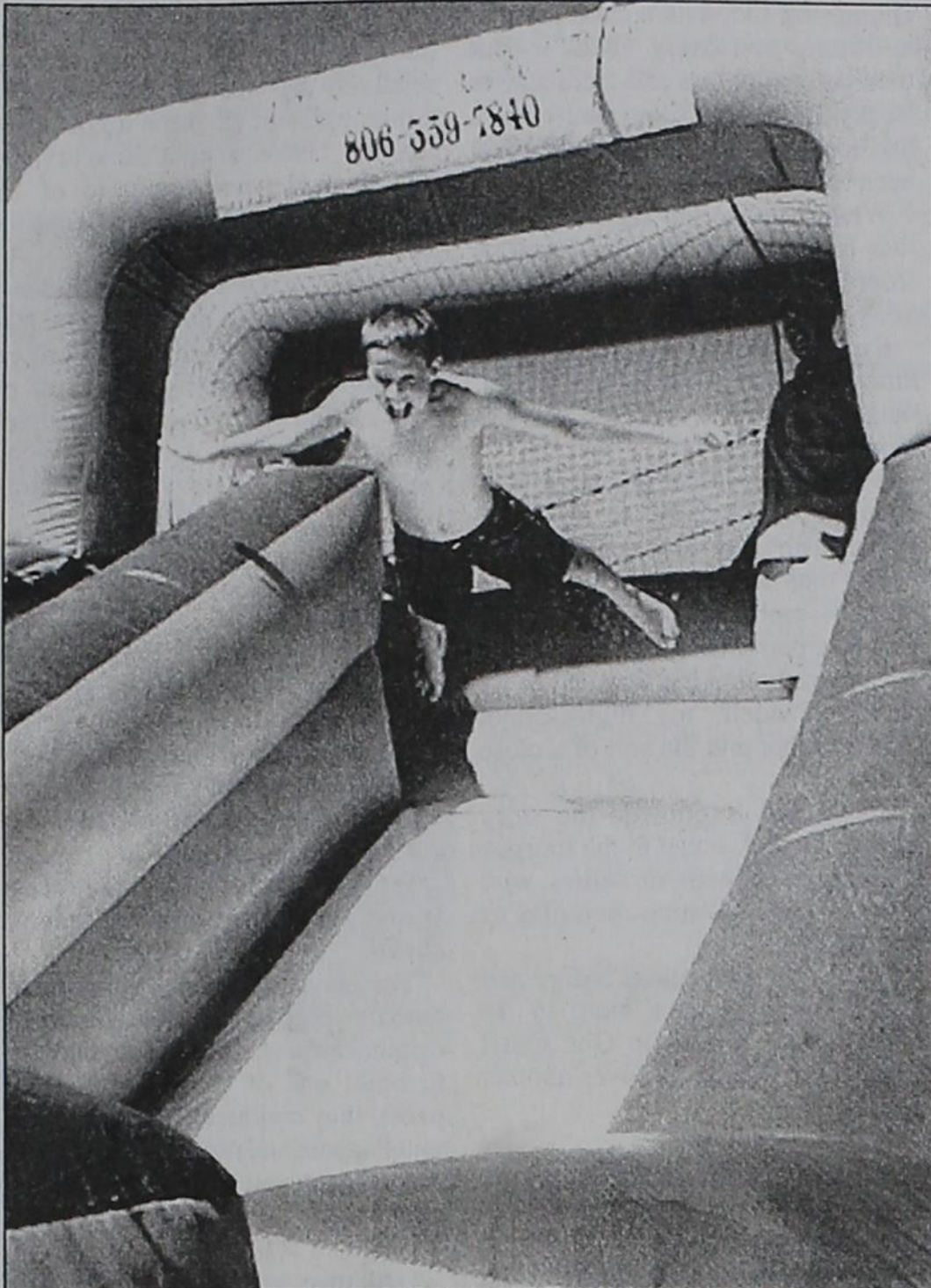
Chris Bradford

Many years ago, Jerry Lee Lewis was to be the headliner on a Las Vegas stage show. At the last minute, Jerry Lee was informed that an up and coming star named Fats Domino would be the headliner and Jerry Lee would open for Fats. Jerry Lee had an ego and decided he would give Fats something to live up to. Jerry Lee put on a tremendous show and just before he left the stage, he doused the piano with lighter fluid and set it on fire. As he was leaving the stage, he passed Fats in the hall and simply said, "Follow that!"

Following Don Nelson's act at the Castro County News gives me an idea of how Fats felt as he was waiting to go on stage. What an act to follow!

Joye and I have been in the newspaper business for a total of 72 years. Most of those years are mine, by the way. Following are three points that we feel will allow the News to continue the tradition set down by the Nelsons as well as allow

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READY, SET, BELLY FLOP!—Brady Schulte of Nazareth dives from the top of an inflatable water slide and lands near the bottom, getting soaked in the process. Marcus Brockman (top right) supervises from the top of the slide. The water slide was one of many games that kept youngsters entertained Sunday during Nazareth's Labor Day picnic.

Photo by Anne Acker

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By Don Nelson

So many years in the editor's chair, so many memories. . .

In 1972, my ex-roommate, Carl Bruegel, had a good year as chairman of the County Activities Committee, which was sponsored by the Extension Service.

When it came time to pick a new chairman, my name came up. I wasn't there; I don't think I was even on the committee. So they elected me.

"Who's going to tell him?" someone asked.

"I'll let him know," Carl said.

So the next day I heard on the local news on KDHN that I had been elected.

That prompted a quick phone call to my ex-roomie. In fact, I think that was the last obscene call I've made.

Anyway, the Activities Committee decided that Nazareth needed a profitable event of its own to make our end-of-summer celebration county-

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Two enter guilty pleas in forgery

Melissa Salinas Maldonado and Vicente Rodriguez each pled guilty to charges of forgery before the 242nd District Court and waived their right to a jury trial on Aug. 23.

The two were originally indicted for forgery from an incident which occurred on July 25.

They have been sentenced to two years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice state jail facility, reduced to a four-year probated sentence. In addition, they must pay a \$1,000 fine, court costs totaling \$212.25, \$835 in restitution, \$50 to Castro County Crime Line and another \$250 in attorney's fees.

Two men injured when trucks collide

A collision between two tractor-trailer rigs sent the two drivers to Plains Memorial Hospital Monday afternoon.

The accident occurred Monday at the intersection of FM 145 and FM 1055, southwest of Dimmitt.

35-year-old Tommy Wayne Baker of San Angelo was driving a 1995 Freightliner pulling a cattle trailer westbound on FM 145.

According to reports, Baker fell asleep, running a stop sign that controlled traffic at the intersection. As it crossed the intersection, the Freightliner struck a 1981 Mack truck pulling a grain hauler. The second truck was driven by Billy Charles Weldon, 52, of Earth, and it was traveling north on FM 1055.

Both trucks overturned and sustained "very heavy damage," according to DPS Trooper Keith Smith.

Baker was charged with disregarding a stop sign.

THIS 1981 MACK TRUCK and grain trailer sustained heavy damage Monday when it was struck by a 1995 Freightliner pulling a cattle trailer. The cattle truck, driven by Tommy Wayne Baker of San Angelo, failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection

of FM 145 and FM 1055, and it collided with the Mack truck. Baker and the grain truck driver, Billy Charles Weldon, were treated for injuries at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Photo by Joyce Nelson

Harvest Days 2001

Big bash planned this weekend in Dimmitt

The Castro County Harvest Days celebration kicks off today (Thursday) and will continue through Saturday, and the event will feature everything from a pet show to fiddler's contest.

Events planned today (Thursday) are the pedal tractor pull and pet show.

Friday's highlight will be the county fair and quilt judging at the Expo Building.

The big day is planned for Saturday, when the Castro County Fair Association and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce have lined up a whole slate of activities.

It all starts with the parade at 10 a.m., and events are planned throughout the day Saturday, concluding with a fun rodeo for children that night.

Today

The tractor pull and pet show slated for today (Thursday) at the Expo Building, and children have flocked to both events in previous years.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava expects a good crowd for both events again.

Registration for the tractor pull will begin at 5 p.m., although those interested in competing can sign up earlier at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt.

The event will start at 6 p.m. and will feature several age divisions for boys and girls between the ages of 4

and 12.

The tractor pull is sponsored by the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce, and tractors will be furnished by Roy Ray of Lockney, a member of the Texas Pedal Pullers Association.

The pet show is slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Expo Building, and pets of all shapes, sizes and breeds will be welcome.

Judging will be performed by employees of Dr. W.J. Hill's Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic.

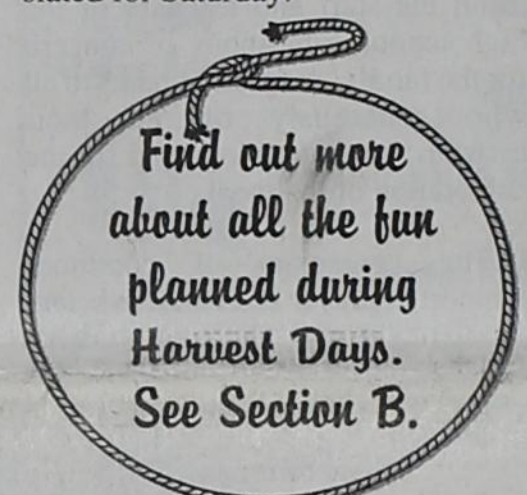
Winners will receive ribbons.

Friday

The Castro County Fair Association will accept entries for the county fair on Friday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Judging of those fair entries is planned for Friday evening, and exhibits will remain on display through Saturday.

Those planning to enter one of the cook-off contests on Saturday must present their raw meat for inspection Friday at 6 p.m. The cook-offs are slated for Saturday.



Saturday

The big bang is planned for Saturday with a parade, early settlers' reunion, quilt show, petting zoo, cook-offs, fiddler's contest, water polo, Pokey the Clown's Junior Ranch Rodeo, "bound+ied" in concert, a barbecue meal, children's fun rodeo and more.

The parade is the first event of the

day, and it will start at 10 a.m.

The quilt show, exhibits and booths at the Expo Building will be open to the public at the Expo Building beginning at 9 a.m. Those planning to enjoy the early settlers' reunion are asked to register at 9 a.m. at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center.

The Dimmitt FFA will sponsor a petting zoo beginning at 10 a.m. at the Expo Building. There is no admission and everyone is invited to attend.

Following the parade, the Dimmitt Middle School Choir will perform a few selections at the Expo Building, starting at 10:45 a.m.

Those entered in the pinto bean cook-off must submit their prepared dishes to judges at 11 a.m.

The Top of Texas Cloggers from Amarillo, featuring former Dimmitt residents Julie May and Jason May, children of Marlos and Rebecca May, will take the stage at the Expo Building at 11:15 a.m.

Cook-off judges will accept entries in the pork spare rib contest beginning at 11:30 a.m., then they'll take brisket entries at 12 noon.

The early settlers' reunion will feature a potluck lunch at 12 noon at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center.

A lean ground beef cooking contest and a homemade fruit pie contest are planned after lunch, with judging in the beef event slated for 12:15 p.m. The pie judging will start at 12:30 p.m.

Julie May will give a special performance at 12:45 p.m. on the stage at the Expo Building.

At 1 p.m., fiddlers from around the area will rosin up their bows as they compete in the annual fiddlers' contest, which has become a favorite of many local residents. It also will be held on the Expo stage.

A water polo contest, conducted by the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., will start at 2 p.m. and teams are invited to show up on SE Third St., behind C&S Battery, Inc., if they want to compete.

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DISD will hold public hearing

The Dimmitt Independent School District (DISD) will hold a public hearing on Monday at 6 p.m., to discuss two grant proposals that are being submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

The two grants are for school repair and renovation, and for school repair and renovation technology activities.



US REP. MAC THORNBERRY ... Stopped in Dimmitt last week

Photo by Micah Pohlmeier

"The farm bill contains a real safety net," Thornberry added.

The bill contains countercyclical payments for farmers. These payments will include a floor price for all commodities. If the price drops below this set amount, the government will make up the difference in price.

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	88	59	
Friday	88	55	0.12
Saturday	86	53	
Sunday	87	56	
Monday	94	56	0.01
Tuesday	88	54	0.01
Wednesday	83	55	0.01

August Moisture	1.69
September Moisture	0.03
2001 Moisture	15.53

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

Polly Simpson will be parade marshal

Former Castro County Judge Polly Simpson will serve as the grand marshal for this year's Harvest Days parade, which is scheduled Saturday in Dimmitt.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. Simpson is currently serving as president of the Castro County Fair Association, which coordinates the annual Harvest Days celebration and county fair along with the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and Castro County Cooperative Extension Service.

"I'm excited about serving as parade marshal. It was a complete surprise," said Simpson. "Working with the Fair Association is something I've really enjoyed, and serving as this year's parade marshal will make it extra special."

Simpson was born in Floyd County in 1927 and she moved to Castro County when she was 10 years old. She's lived here ever since.

She attended school in Sunnyside first, then attended high school in Hart, where she graduated. She attended Texas Tech University and West Texas State University.

She married Charley Sanders in 1947 and the couple lived on a farm northeast of Hart. The couple had four sons—Joe Bob, Billy Frank, Brent and Brad.

Charley Sanders died in 1957, and that's when Simpson moved to the city of Hart. With the help of her sons, she delivered the *Amarillo Globe News* and *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

She married M.L. Simpson Jr., in 1964.

"I married M.L. and immediately became the mother of 8," Simpson said. "He had four children, Caroline, Patty, Mark L., and Lisa." The Simpsons and their eight



Polly Simpson

children lived on a dairy farm 10 miles north of Dimmitt. She still lives there today. Mr. Simpson ran the dairy until he was elected as Castro County Judge in 1979. He served as judge until his death in 1981.

That's when she took over the office.

"I was appointed by the commissioners court to finish out M.L.'s term," Simpson said. "I served that partial term and three other terms."

She says one of her proudest moments was when the Centennial Plaza and Gazebo were dedicated at the courthouse in Dimmitt in 1991.

"We started working on the gazebo when I was in office and that was wonderful. It's one of my fondest memories," Simpson said.

Her hobbies include cooking and she enjoys playing bridge.

Simpson is a member of the Presbyterian Church and attends the First United Methodist Church.

Op-Ed

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More about 1:1

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wide. (It was called Roundup Week then.)

I used the same ploy that Carl had used. I wrote a notice in the paper that the committee would meet at noon Monday to discuss the possibility of a German heritage festival for Nazareth.

It worked. Lucille Drerup and her sister, Rosemary Wilhelm, showed up to see what it was all about.

We outlined our idea to them.

"We'll talk to some people and see what we can do," they said.

With those two behind it, it was as good as done. The Nazareth German Folk Festival was born in '73, patterned loosely after the New Braunfels Wurstfest.

That first year, I grew a beard, dressed up in Katzenjammer shorts, lederhosen, suspenders and a Tyrolean hat, and made the rounds of the Amarillo TV stations posing as

"Hans Gruber" to promote the new festival.

If I remember correctly, Jerome Brockman was chairman of the first festival, and he told me that it netted \$2,500, which was better than we expected.

Through the years, revenue from the festival and the later-added Suds and Sounds has equipped the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept. and paid for the community building.

My favorite civic project of all was the county's Centennial in 1991, which Bill Sava and I co-chaired.

We raised \$100,000 to build the Centennial Plaza and Gazebo, with Delores Heller managing the tile sales and Robbie Hawkins straw-bossing the construction.

We had a wonderful Centennial Committee; everybody in the county pitched in; and we had a great time all year long.

Letter

Priest offers thanks

Dear Editor:

Let us give thanks to Almighty God for all the many blessings; the blessings He poured out on this community upon the tragedy that took place Sunday morning on the 19th of August, where our young people were involved in an accident.

Where the lives to two of our dear beloved young people, in the permissive will of God, who allows us to act freely, saw fit not to interfere. This calls us all to a response to meet the need.

And the call was answered with great unity and love of, and for our young people, for their parents and for the rest of the youth and the community.

A special thanks from the depths of my heart to all the people of Dimmitt. Thanks to everyone from the rescue squad to the emergency room staff of the hospital who worked so diligently to save and mend lives.

My fellow pastors, in their

generous, assistance to the community and me. To all the different faith communities who assisted in service and in many other ways. We can apply the words that Christ Jesus spoke: "See how they love one another!"

And this love continued through the assistance of the Police Department and the schools, from the superintendent, Mr. Les Miller, to all the staff and teachers of the high school, a harmony of concern for the family. A special thanks to all who generously offered their assistance in supplying food for the celebration of the meal.

The generosity of continued support in prayer and concern brings me to say to the whole community, for such a dear moment. "What love you have shown in the unity of divine love!"

Father Fernand E. Couture
Pastor of Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church, Dimmitt

Letter

Destroying the 'Forest' is NOT the answer

Dear Editor:

In reference to last week's article, "Is the Forest Doomed?", this is my response:

Destroying the Forest is NOT the answer and is not only a waste of time and money, but is an avoidance of the real issue - WHY are our teens drinking and then driving, not where, is the question we should be addressing.

Our community needs to set up a meeting with teens, parents, church youth groups, concerned citizens and experts on teenage drinking.

Both teens and parents need to be informed on the reasons behind teenage drinking so that we can draw up a comprehensive plan on how we are going to avoid future tragedies. We need to work with our teenagers because if they are not behind the planning and committed to supporting it, the plan just won't work.

If we direct our energy and money to destroying the forest, we are ne-

glecting the real issues and are in essence, saying "we don't really care about what drives you to drink and how you can overcome the problem. We just want to "appear" concerned." Our money needs to be invested in paying quality counselors to head parent support groups to teach us how to be a support to our teens and not just another reason to drink. Our money should be spent on providing alternative forms of entertainment and activities so that they are not just drinking out of boredom. Our money should be spent on prosecuting to the very maximum of the law the ones who are providing the teens with the alcohol.

It is time for the community to come together and show our youth that they are our most important priority and that we are prepared to arm them with the tools they need to meet life head-on.

Donita Behrends

Also, the *News* staff produced the *coup de gr s* of my newspaper career, the 116-page Centennial Edition, with lots of full color. We still have copies.

Every time any of us who had a part in it pass by the Gazebo, we still feel the pride.

The Gazebo represents the little bandstand that stood on the courthouse square a century ago. The name-tiles lining the walkways remind us of who came before, and who we are. The concrete benches along the walkways are intended to make the plaza a comfortable gathering place for a wide range of events—such as my retirement reception, by golly.

Dimmitt was a good basketball town before I was even born. I was lucky enough to go through high school during the John Blaine dynasty, and to return to Dimmitt just in time to witness the first statewide notice of the Kenneth Cleveland dynasty, when he won his first regional championship with the "Prairie Bandits." (I gave them that name, by the way.)

So I got to cover all of Ken's state champions and near-champions. And as if that weren't enough hoops fun, I got to witness the beginning of the Nazareth basketball dynasty, established by Cathy Wilson and built upon by Joe Lombard, Sandy Oliver Heiman, Denese Skinner, Ricky Tarbet, Johnny Hampton and Matt Garret.

Dimmitt's and Nazareth's modern-era dynasties are well into their second generation now, with no end in sight for their state and national records of state trips and championships.

By just tagging along, the *News* established a basketball record of its own. No other weekly newspaper in Texas has covered more state tournaments or written more state championship stories. And each one was different than any other, with a drama of its own.

What great memories!

Life isn't all about good times, of course. In the newspaper business, especially, tragedy is a regular visitor, and there are a lot of tough decisions and sleepless nights when you're writing articles that affect people's lives.

One of the worst nights of my life was Saturday, April 1, 1972.

The evening started out pleasantly

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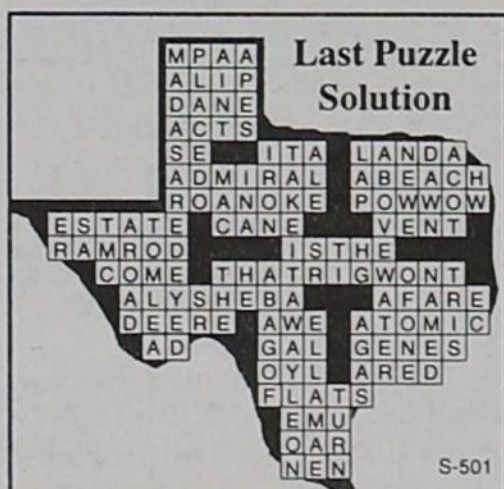
us to make positive contributions to Castro County:

- Continue to be the #1 promoter of Dimmitt and Castro County.
- Good news will out-weight bad news
- The Castro County News will take the lead in promoting our young people, their growth and accomplishments

Most of my growth (not to be confused with experience) in the newspaper business was gathered from experiences while working for Shelton Prince at the Brownwood Bulletin. Shelton was one of those people who had a way of making you a better person just by being around him.

One of Shelton's views relative to the role of a community newspaper was to have the picture of every reader in the paper at least once each year. This sounds like a tall order, but with the help of those readers, it can be done. The *News* will ask your help along these lines by asking that you submit photos and information. While we will reserve the right to edit, we will make every effort to print everything submitted.

Joye and I are happy to be in Dimmitt and continue to be amazed at how friendly everyone is. We have a home, a church and a newspaper and love each of them. Looks like we made a great choice!



enough for me, with a class reunion at Jimmy and Mary Cluck's. But then came a phone call from staffer Becky Berryhill. There had been a bad accident, and a lot of people had been killed.

When I got to the scene, I found two cars welded together front-to-front at the curve on east Highway 86.

Every occupant of both cars was killed—10 in all—all of them young, ranging in age from 20 to a 14-month-old baby.

It tied the record as the worst two-vehicle accident in Texas' history.

The eastbound car was driven by a young man who was drunk, driving at 90+ mph to get away from pursuing patrol cars.

The westbound car was driven by Robert Caddell, my high school photographer and the son of a close friend.

Becky and I followed the story from the wreck scene to the morgue to the funerals, with the dailies, wire services and TV stations pumping us for details.

I had covered fatalities before and knew I would cover more in the future, but I prayed to God that I would never have to cover another one like that.

Another bad scene confronted me at 3 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 1983, when I got my first look at what an arsonist had done to the *News* building.

Everything in the building—walls, desks, floors, machinery, files, lights, windows—was covered with greasy black soot.

It looked impossible.

But you do what you have to do. I decided we had to work our way back one step at a time, starting with an immediate, attainable goal.

"We're going to have a newspaper next week, on schedule" I told my staff. "It may not be but four pages, and it may not look too great, but we're going to do it."

Everyone cleaned up his or her own work-station and basic tools (thank goodness for 409), and with the help of friends we moved them around the corner to a vacant dress shop that Clara Vick had available.

Dimmitt Printing Co., the Friona Star, the Plainview Daily Herald and other neighboring papers loaned us equipment. Miraculously, our photo-typesetting machines still worked. (These machines would give in to corrosion as time went by.)

Don Hargrove built us a "temporary" central production table (which is still being used in the mailing department), and we turned out a 16-page paper the following week, on schedule.

Don already had been supervising a roofing project on our building, and he postponed a new-home construction at Nazareth to carry out our renovation.

We moved back into our newly remodeled building in September.

I can tell you—as can any other fire victim: One fire in a lifetime is plenty.

The arsonist, by the way, turned out to be an on-duty city policeman, relatively new on the job here. He committed suicide three nights after the fire. That's when it came to light that he had been suspected of 11 arson incidents in Dumas a couple of years earlier.

No, Dad and I never considered suing the city for damages. Because of personal-privacy laws that protect job applicants, city officials had no way of knowing about this troubled officer's record in Dumas. Besides, we had insurance, as was our responsibility.

I miss the Jaycees. I wish we still had a chapter here.

The Jaycees are for young people 18 to 36, a service club whose main purpose is leadership training—how to conduct a meeting under Roberts Rules of Order, how to build a committee, how to plan, organize and carry out a project.

We don't have that training for our young people here anymore, and it shows.

The Jaycees did a tremendous amount of good here. They built the original airport, they put up the funds to build one of the junior baseball parks, they conducted the Miss Dimmitt Pageant and professional-type air shows, they started the city-wide flag project. . . .

I still miss some of my best buddies from younger days, with whom I shared Jaycee and Lions Club and church experiences, hunted, fished, sang, pal'd around: Elvon DeVaney, Robert Benton, Chuck Braafladt. They were great guys. All of them died too young, as did my brother, Bascom. And I don't understand why.

I'm glad that Verbie and I were able to raise our children in a small town.

Connie became a graduate journalist like her old man, then a minister, then a missionary, then a mother, and she's making a positive difference in the world. She lives in Atlanta.

David attained Eagle Scout rank at age 14, earned his novice license as a "ham" radio operator about the same time, became Dimmitt's first full-year American Field Service exchange student (France), went on to earn an MBA degree, and is now a high-tech guru, living in Madison, Wis.

Nathan became a state-class athlete in high school, earned a degree in marketing, and is now (in my opinion) a world-class marketer, a great and funny guy, and a devout Christian. He lives in Houston.

They've given us two grandchildren apiece—five girls, one boy—and (in my opinion), they're all great parents.

I've always assumed that a small-town raising was the best because it developed a more confident, self-reliant individual. But now I'm not so smug with that assumption. Our grandchildren have some fantastic opportunities because their metropolitan areas can afford some of the most expensive and innovative programs.

Several weeks ago I started to go through the bound volumes in our newspaper library to pull up some of the major events in my 35-year career here.

F'getaboutit. I should have known better. It was 35 years of hard-bound history—thousands and thousands of pages, a hundred thousand or more stories and pictures, more than a thousand games in all sports, at all levels. All the triumphs and tragedies, victories and defeats, joys and sorrows. . . .

I could bore you even more than I already have. All of these mental meanderings came more or less off the top of my head, with just a little work at verifying dates.

Hey—I've over-stayed my welcome here.

While I was living in Arizona, about six months after my brother Bascom had moved to the Gulf Coast area to earn his living with the brush-cutting machine that he had invented, I asked him how things were going.

I'll never forget his answer.

"I'm working outdoors; I've got a good tan; I've got muscles again; and it's relaxing, satisfying work," he said.

"But the best thing is, you can't imagine what life is like without deadlines."

I've been living under deadlines since I was 12 years old.

But now I'm going to find out what Bascom meant

Verbie and I will stay in Dimmitt. It's our home town, and is important to us. Also, our home is important to us; it's filled with memories of many great times, and with more *stuff* than we want to pack or move.

As George Rasor told me, "You don't want to leave Dimmitt. The people here will take care of you."

So you're not really rid of us. We'll see you around.

In the meantime, thanks for the memories.

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

I appreciate Don Nelson's final 1:1 column when he refers to Myrtle Sheffy's "Sheffy's Chatter" and to those of us who've written "On the Go." I inherited this from Martha Jo Hyman when health problems made it difficult for her to continue writing it.

When I first began writing this, I asked to see some of Myrtle's columns. Don handed me the large volume that contains copies of all the



LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT, MOM!—Mason Kleman, son of Brad and Ashley Kleman, hooks a fish and holds it up for mom to see Sunday at one of the many children's games available at the Labor Day picnic in Nazareth. The day-long celebration included a roast beef dinner, hamburger supper, adult bingo, an auction, raffle, dance and children's games.

Photo by Anne Acker

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1968 Castro County News issues. From these I've quoted Myrtle in the form of "Flash Backs." One of the bold typed subtitles of "Sheffy's Chatter" simply said, "Hershel Wilson Has Head Tied to Bed. I (Myrtle) visited the hospital and Buck Powell wasn't feeling good either."

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I spoke to Hershel's wife, Reta, this week. She remembers the car accident that caused a neck injury to

Hershel, but doesn't remember reading about it in Myrtle's column.

I learned that Hershel and Reta, longtime residents of Sunnyside, have entertained a couple of youth groups in their yard for camp outs this summer. First a group of Girls in Action from the Springlake Baptist Church came. Later four boys and four men from a church in Hobbs, New Mexico spent time sleeping under the stars and fished and swam

in the pond.

The Wilson's granddaughter, Andrea Wilson, used her grandparent's yard for her bridal pictures. If you drive slow through Sunnyside and look to the east you can spot some wooden Holstein cows that Hershel has created grazing on the grass. Rita said, "We are building our own dairy. The kind we don't have to milk!"

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Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our Labor Day Parish Fund Raiser was a great success again this year and a lot of fun for everyone. As always, so many of our families come back home for special events.

The day began with mass in Holy Family Church with Monsignor Erpen of Tulia, officiating. A well organized parade followed, emceed by none other than Tom Hoelting and Marvin Schulte. Parade judges were Jerome Brockman, Deb Clinton and Rita Huckert. Winners were Nazareth Museum, first; American Legion Auxiliary, second; Catholic Daughters of America, third; and honorable mention went to the CYO float. Other good floats were Nazareth Feed & Supply, Field of Screams, Cheerleaders, Swift Football Squad, FFA and our Swift

Band who performed twice.

A great roast beef dinner was then served to well over 800 people. Co-chairwomen were Twila Williams and Carol Kern and all the committees who did their assigned jobs well.

All the different booths, horseshoe tournament, auction, concession stand, children games and others made for a fun day for everyone. A hamburger supper was served from 5 to 8 and finished with a dance in the Community Hall from 9-1.

Class of 1981 held a 20-year reunion at Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm's home. Many of the class members returned for a weekend of visiting and reminiscing. More details about the reunion will be in next week's *News*.

Breast cancer screening set

Breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt today (Thursday) and Friday.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each

woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Ronald and Kay Gfeller hosted Lee Dobson and her friend Trent Hutton from Sydney, Australia. Lee was an exchange student at Dimmitt High School in 1991. The Gfellers honored her with a welcome home party, took her and Trent to see "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon. Lee and Trent attended the Class of 1991 10th reunion.

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The Gfellers invited me out to fish sometime. I may go. I've never been a fisherman, but I've been reading Mel Phillip's column on fishing and hunting in the *Amarillo Globe News*. License for fishing or hunting range in prices from \$1,000 for a lifetime combo to free for those anglers under 17 or over 65, except those seniors born on or after Sept. 1, 1930. I don't think I can pass up this bargain. I was born in 1928.

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The Dimmitt High School Class of 1981 has a group of girls who've traveled to some vacation spots for the past 20 years. This year they gathered in Tulsa, Oklahoma for their reunion. The first night they stayed in the home of classmate, Sonya (Andrews) Cranford in Tulsa. The next day they moved to a bed and breakfast on Lake Grand, a short distance from Tulsa, after Janet Sammann and Julia (Mann) Powers joined them. Others making the trip this summer are Pam (Nelson) Griffis, Laurie (Sides) Hill, Wendy (Bruegel) Launius, Denise (Dobbs) Merritt and Connie (Dennis) Gilbreath.

The ladies visited and laughed a lot. Connie asked me to finish this write-up with these words that have

now become their slogan, "Fun was had by all!"

One of the Class of 1981 who made the trip to Tulsa was Laurie Hill who with her husband, Joe, are moving from Kodiak, Alaska to Virginia Beach, Virginia. Joe is with the Navy SEALs. They have three children: Grace, Turner and Sara. They are here in Dimmitt for a short time before they settle in Virginia Beach. Since being here they've celebrated daughter Sara's fifth birthday at grandparents George and Carolyn Sides house.

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Oleada Schumacher was hostess for the senior bridge group, and reports that Mearle Morgan won high score and Ben Hill was second high winner.

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W.J. Hill kicked off dove season on Saturday with a bang. First W.J. and several of his friends from Lubbock and Levelland played golf at Levelland. Then they had lunch at the Mean Woman Cafe (really!). He said the Mean Woman can cook a good hamburger. The golfers were joined by Dr. Jerry Gleason and his brothers; Texas Tech's new head men's basketball coach Bobby Knight, Texas Tech's athletic director Gerald Myers and two of Coach Knight's friends from Indiana for a big dove hunt. They hunted at several places including a ranch at Needmore, south of Muleshoe. W.J. came in late Saturday with a deeper sun tan and his limit of dove. He said he really enjoyed hunting with Coach Bobby Knight as well as all the hunting party. Coach Knight is a good hunter and a very personable man.



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People



THANKS TO ALL VETERANS was the theme for the Nazareth American Legion float entered in Sunday morning's Labor Day parade. The float, which featured Cale and Roxanne Wilhelm as Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross, earned second-place honors in the parade. Photo by Anne Acker

Is there anything more embarrassing than watching your boss do something you said couldn't be done?

A good business manager hires optimists as salespeople and pessimists to run the credit department.

DHS exes plan big reunion Sept. 21-22

The Dimmitt High School graduates from all classes through 1955 are planning a big reunion Sept. 21-22 at the Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo.

Those planning to attend the reunion should call 358-7881 to make a reservation with Amy Leal or other clerk. When making a reservation, let the clerk know that it is for the Dimmitt reunion.

Room rates are \$45 for double bed or a king-sized bed. A suite with a king-sized bed may be reserved for \$50 a night. Rooms for all guests who identify themselves as part of the Dimmitt reunion will be exempt from paying taxes.

Those attending the reunion may begin arriving Friday afternoon, Sept. 21. Check-out time will be Sunday, Sept. 23, at 12 noon.

On Saturday night, Sept. 22, a barbecue meal of ribs, beef and sausage will be served beginning at 7. Cost for the meal is \$10 per person.

A general business meeting is

planned for Saturday evening, Sept. 22, after the barbecue. Plans for future reunions will be discussed. A general reunion chairman will be selected along with two chairpersons for all classes.

A financial report will be given. Donations will be collected to help meet expenses for future reunions.

Joyce Autry will be the recognition chairman.

Dimmitt ISD Supt. Les Miller will give a brief update on the Dimmitt schools.

Dance is set

A dance will be held at the VFW post home in Dimmitt Saturday night following the weekly steak dinner sponsored by the VFW.

The dance will last until 12 midnight and will feature popular disk jockey selections.



Mr. and Mrs. James B. Dietz

Mr. and Mrs. James Dietz celebrate 50th anniversary

James B. and Caroline Dietz of Happy observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28. They were honored with a reception at the Senior Citizen Center in Happy on July 21.

James B. Dietz married the former Caroline Schulte on Aug. 28, 1951, at St. William's Catholic Church in Tulsa.

The couple have lived in Happy for 50 years. She works as the head cashier at West Texas A&M University while he is employed by

K. Gallagher Trucking of Hereford. They are members of Holy Name Catholic Church in Happy.

The couple's children are Dennis and Sandra Beebe of Amarillo, Gary and Sharen Winters of Borger, Gary and Brenda Barrett of Canyon, Keith and Lisa Dietz of Canyon, Stanley and Sandy Dietz of Talihina, Okla., and Don and Debbie Wadenmayer of Novi, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Dietz have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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CASA volunteers offer help to children

A program on the South Plains is rapidly gaining interest among those interested in helping children, and there are currently four volunteers from Dimmitt working with the program.

That program is CASA—Court Appointed Special Advocates of the South Plains, and it is based out of Lubbock.

The mission of CASA is to provide volunteers to serve as independent voices in court for abused and neglected children in the South Plains area.

Initial training for volunteers consists of approximately 30 hours. The volunteer training will begin Sept. 17 in Plainview.

CASA volunteers are trained and appointed by the court to investigate, monitor, report and serve as advocates for the best interests of children who are in the court system, primarily as a result of abuse and neglect.

While the time commitment is not huge—only 5 to 15 hours per month—the impact CASA volunteers have on these children's lives is immeasurable. The time is spent gathering information for the

judge and spending quality, individual time with the children. The judge gets the information more quickly so the decision about the permanent placement for the children is made in a much quicker fashion.

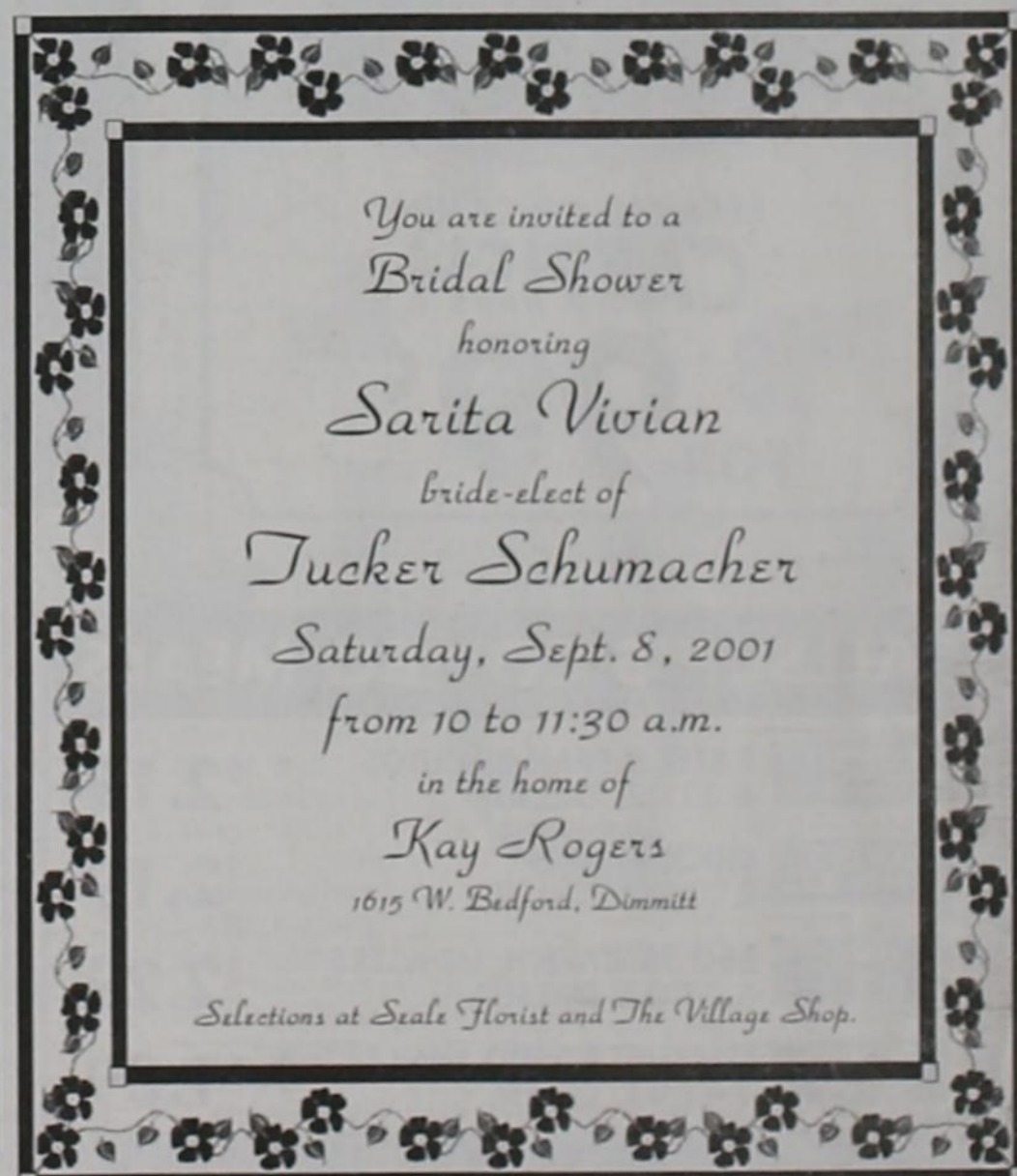
CASA of the South Plains is recruiting volunteers in Hale, Swisher, Castro, Terry and Yoakum Counties to serve children whose cases are in the courts in each of those counties.

By mid-May, nine volunteers were sworn in, and four of those are from Dimmitt.

One of those Dimmitt volunteers is Maria Sloan.

"It has been rewarding being a CASA volunteer, knowing that children who have been abused and/or neglected have someone they can go to or talk to. It's reassuring that their voices are being heard," Sloan said.

Those interested in volunteering should register for the Sept. 17 training by calling the CASA office in Lubbock, toll-free, at (866) 261-2272 and ask for Peggy Espinoza, outreach coordinator for Castro, Hale and Swisher Counties.





PRIZE-WINNING FLOAT—The Nazareth Museum Association created a float highlighting Holy Family Church, and it included a message that 2002 will be the 100th anniversary of Holy Family Parish. It was selected as the best float in Sunday's Labor Day parade in Nazareth.

Photo by Anne Acker

Teaching children to make good decisions involves parental strategy

By RON TRUSLER

Children can grow up and make some bad decisions. It is not always the parents' fault when a child does that. They have a mind of their own and can be trained in all the right ways and still decide to do the opposite of what their parents taught. I have seen just the opposite—a child is reared poorly but grows up to make responsible, good, sound decisions—again, they have the ability to choose. For the past several weeks I have talked about this topic on the Thursday morning (about 7:15 a.m.) "Community Focus" program on KKYN, 1910 AM. I will attempt to make this topic a series of articles for the next for the next few weeks.

There is quite a bit involved and the concept is difficult to get across when trying to communicate it in writing, but here it goes.

If you want to provide an environment that will allow your child the opportunity to learn responsible decision-making it will be vital that you provide the following elements:

1. **Consistency** on the parents' part. Do what you say you will do.
 2. **Structure**—Specific guidelines or boundaries that are not too restrictive or too loose.
 3. **Decision-making opportunity** for the child. Don't make all the decisions for your child.
 4. **Escalated consequences** for continued wrong/bad decisions. I will give more details about each of the above areas each week.
- This type of home environment will help reduce the power struggles between parents and children. Some parents do more yelling at their kids than talking to them.

Some children seem to know how far to push their parents. It's like they can hear when the yelling is at a

certain pitch or frequency and they know just when to stop. They seem to know just how far to push mom and dad. That should not happen. The parents should not be suckered into a yelling match with their children.

Most of us have been stopped and given a traffic ticket of some kind, I am sure. I have never had a police officer yell at me or even raise his or her voice. They politely came up to my car, asked if there was an emergency, asked for my driver's license, asked if I knew how fast I was going (which I have sometimes lied and said, "No"—and then acted surprised when they tell me what they clocked me at). They just get out that little ticket book and write out the nice little ticket.

I wonder what would happen if the police officer came to my car window yelling and screaming, and climbed up on the hood of my car and beat their fists out of frustration?

I probably would think much less of that officer and would assume they are all like that.

Instead, they are calm and controlled. They have all the authority—they are certified, they carry a gun, have the uniform, and they have the authority to write me a ticket! They use the authority they have. If you push it, you will have consequences to face. If you really get bent out of shape, the consequences will get worse.

Book Club will meet

The Dimmitt Book Club will hold its first meeting of this season on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Plans for the year will be discussed and each member will give a synopsis of a book they read during the summer.

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Pratt and Farris marry Friday at Trinity Fellowship Church

Stephanie Pratt of Claude and Adrian Farris of Nazareth were married Friday at Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo. Pastor Wayne MaGouirk officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Cary and Kay Pratt of Claude. She is the granddaughter of Jo and Walt Beam of Claude, A.J. and Leona Newsom of Groom, Betty Pratt of Hammon, Okla., and the late Gale Pratt.

Parents of the groom are Suzanne Farris of Amarillo and Ricky and Denise Farris, also of Amarillo. He is the grandson of Willis and Rosalie Hawkins of Hereford, Loyd Farris of Hart, and the late Augusta Farris.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Greg Coplen of Tulia, friend of the groom. He sang *Stephanie's Wedding Song*, which he and the groom wrote and composed.

Matron of honor was Lea Wethington. Bridal attendants were Bobbi Shae and Chelsea Pratt, sisters of the bride; Stephanie Schilling, sister of the groom; and Cory Thornton. Honorary bridesmaids were Maryann Dana, Jenny Haggard, Karen Mason, Meredith McMeen and Carolyn Ortiz.

Best man was Alston Farris, brother of the groom. Groomsman were Jeremy Hawkins (cousin of the groom), Brandon Schilling, Satyen Patel and Kyle Schilling, brother-in-law of the groom.

Ushers were Nathan Brockman, Chris Mahaney, Chad MacBryer and Matty McLain.

Flower girls were Emily Junell and McKenna Olson, cousins of the bride; and Karli Schilling, niece of the groom.

A reception and dance followed at Lake Tanglewood.

The bride is a graduate of Claude



MRS. ADRIAN FARRIS
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High School. She graduated from Amarillo College with a degree in dental hygiene. The bride is currently employed by Drs. Chris Brady and Troy Moore.

The groom is a graduate of Nazareth High School and Tyler Junior

College. He also attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon. He is currently employed by Real Estate Concepts in Amarillo.

The couple are enjoying a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They will reside in Amarillo.

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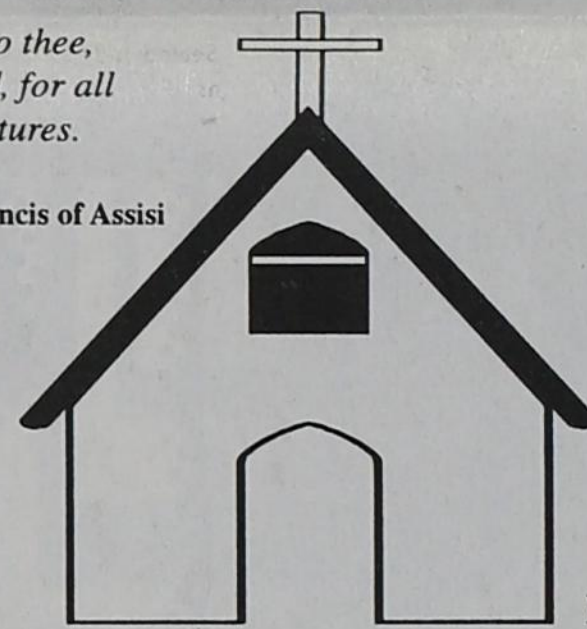
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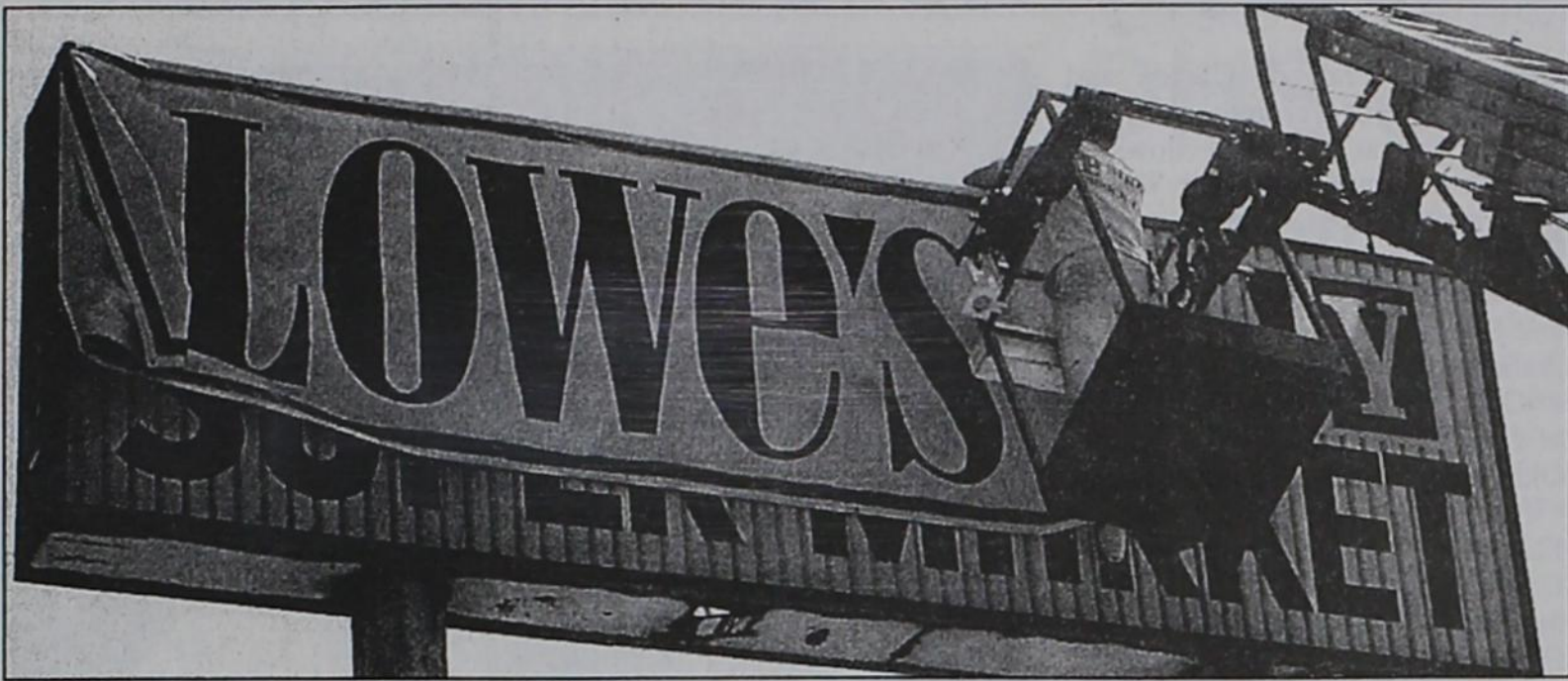
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NEW SIGN GOING UP—Workers erect a Lowe's Pay and Save sign over the old Dimmitt Thriftway sign last Wednesday. Lowe's purchased Dimmitt's

two grocery stores last week. Lowe's closed the Dimmitt Market store and have focused operations in the Dimmitt Thriftway store. *Photo by Joyce Nelson*

Together We Can

Karnal bunt victims may request compensation

The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that producers, handlers, and seed companies may begin requesting compensation for wheat infected with Karnal bunt.

Compensation request for producers, handlers, and seed companies in regulated areas can be made at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office on or before December 4 for 2000 crop year and March 1, 2002, for the 2001 crop year.

Regulated areas are Archer, Baylor, Throckmorton and Young Counties in Texas.

To be eligible, producers, handlers, and seed companies must provide the FSA county office documentation that provides proof of

losses incurred when the wheat was sold or purchased.

Handlers and seed companies may need to provide additional supporting documentation, such as: certification of seed varieties; proof that wheat is certified seed; bulk sales receipts; and any other information, as determined by USDA.

Karnal bunt payments to producers, handlers, and seed companies should begin soon after requests are received in the county FSA office, provided all eligibility and documentation requirements are met.

On August 3, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced a compensation plan for those affected by Karnal bunt. The plan includes compensation for the 1999-2000 crop season, the 2000-2001 crop season, and future years.

This program is carried out in accordance with regulations published by USDA's APHIS on August 6.

Those regulations call for payments to be made through local FSA offices, which can be contacted for further information.

Under the proposed plan, the levels of compensation are as follows:

- ◆ 60 cents per bushel for positive testing wheat in areas regulated for karnal bunt before the 1999-2000 crop season. This applies to regulated areas in San Saba and McCulloch counties.
- ◆ A rate not to exceed \$1.80 per bushel for positive testing wheat in

an area regulated after the 1999-2000 crop season. This includes the newly regulated Texas areas of Archer, Baylor, Throckmorton and Young counties.

Wheat in areas where an emergency action notification is issued after the wheat is planted or at the time it is sold is also eligible for compensation.

Details on applying for compensation will be released by USDA.

In May, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs wrote Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman requesting that USDA amend a pending rule and continue to compensate farmers whose fields test positive for karnal bunt.

"We began working with USDA and the Texas congressional delegation on ensuring that Texas producers receive this compensation," Combs said. "Although we have not seen the final rule, I am cautiously optimistic that this plan will go a long way in helping Texas farmers and wheat handlers impacted by karnal bunt. Some were facing severe economic hardship without it."

Karnal bunt is a fungus that affects both production and quality of wheat. Although it is not harmful to the health of humans and livestock, wheat testing positive for karnal bunt cannot be sold for grain. It must be treated and sold for livestock feed or flour.

Restrictions limit blood donations

America's Blood Centers, collectors of half of the nation's blood supply, applaud the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for setting the standards and safety measures for mad cow disease that protect the blood supply, while not creating panic among donors who have spent time in Europe.

The new FDA restrictions give blood centers until May 2002 to implement a ban on donations from travelers who spent a total of three months or more in the United Kingdom between 1980 and 1996, the period of time considered by most mad cow disease experts to be the height of the epidemic among cattle in that country.

These restrictions will reduce the national blood supply by about five to nine percent, or between 700,000

and 1.26 million pints of blood.

Concerned that publicity about mad cow disease could cause donors to stop giving blood, blood centers have been bracing for a drop in blood donations that could begin as early as this fall.

Blood centers hope to combat this reaction with several aggressive donor recruitment campaigns.

"We are always asking for people to give blood, but over the next year we are really going to need the community to step up their efforts - we'd like to see our regular donors increase the number of times a year they give, and people who have never given to become participants in this life-giving process," said Jim Rutledge, president and CEO of the Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo.

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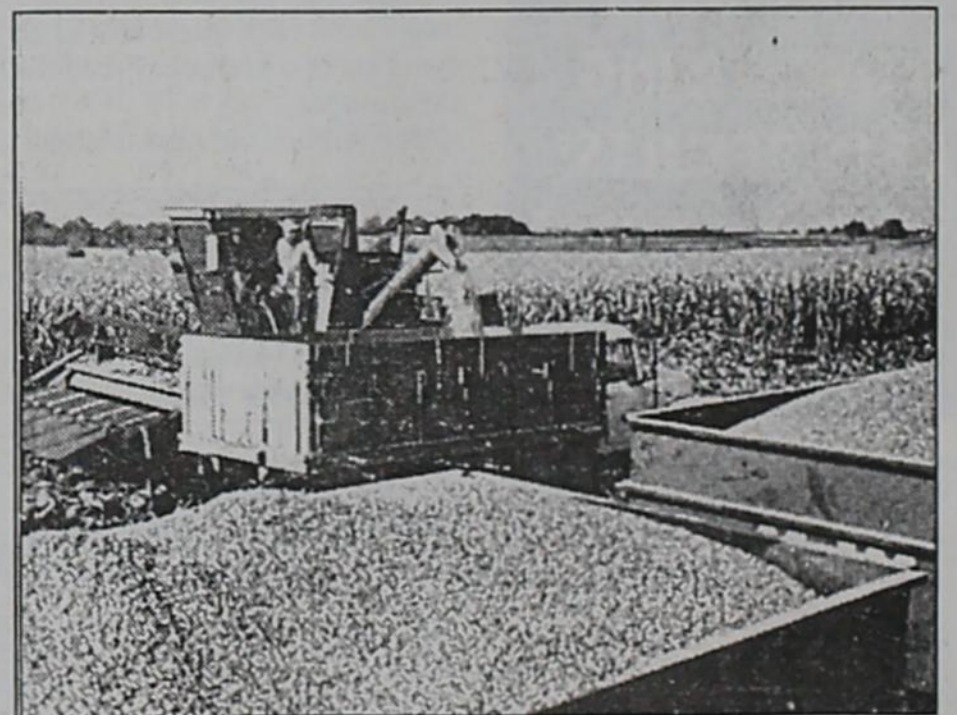
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THE NAZARETH SWIFT BAND, under the direction of drum major Quentin Jones (right) gets ready to play a few popular tunes while marching in the Labor Day parade Sunday morning in Nazareth. The

parade kicked off a day-long celebration which included a roast beef dinner, hamburger supper, Bingo, a dance, raffle and numerous children's games.

Photo by Anne Acker

Water District sets open house to celebrate 50th anniversary

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 will celebrate 50 years of service to area residents with an open house and reception on Tuesday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Water District headquarters, 2930 Ave. Q, in Lubbock.

"We invite our constituents, colleagues and friends to join us in this celebration of this milestone in the Water District's history," said Manager Jim Conkwright. "There are some very special activities planned for the open house. At 5 p.m. there will be special recognition of former manager, the late A. Wayne Wyatt, and his many contributions to water and water conservation on the Texas High Plains."

In March 1951, the State Board of Water Engineers delineated the boundaries of the High Plains Ogallala Aquifer south of the Canadian River.

On Sept. 29, 1951, people in all or part of 13 southern High Plains counties voted to create the Water District in accordance with the Underground Water Conservation District Act passed by the Texas Legislature in 1949 (later recodified as Chapter 52 of the Texas Water Code, *Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated*).

Today, after several annexation elections, the Water District consists of Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn and Parmer Counties; and portions of Armstrong, Castro,

Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Lamb, Potter and Randall Counties. The district serves an area of 10,728 square miles or 6,869,910 acres.

A grassroots network of 80 elected officials represents citizens throughout the district. James Mitchell of Wolfforth, Jim Copeland of Anton, Dale Gober of Bovina, Robert Meyer of Canyon and Bruce Rigler of Plainview are the five elected board members which oversee operation of the district. A five-county committee, who serve as local liaisons between the board and residents of their respective county, is also elected by popular vote. County secretaries assist local landowners and operators with water well permit applications.

When the district was created, a

maximum ad valorem tax rate of 5¢ per \$100 valuation was established. The board of directors sets the tax rate annually and it has been less than 1¢ per \$100 valuation since 1982.

The High Plains Water District has many programs and activities designed to conserve, preserve and protect the ground water stored in the Ogallala Aquifer within its service area.

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Harrington String Quartet will perform at WTAMU

The Harrington String Quartet will open its new season with a performance Saturday night at 8 at Mary Moody Northern Hall on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The first half of the program will feature the world premiere of Nelson String Quartet #1. This selection was written by WTAMU Professor Norman J. Nelson.

Guest cellist, Claudio Jaffe, will perform the Schubert Cello Quintet in C Major, Op. 163, with the quartet. Jaffe is the dean of Harid Conservatory of Music.

For tickets to Saturday's

performance, call 376-8782. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens.

The Harrington String Quartet was created in 1981 through a gift from the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation.

Annie Chalex, violin; Corinne Stillwell, violin; Joanna Mendoza, viola; and Emmanuel Lopez, cello, are principal players in the Amarillo Symphony and are members of the string faculty at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

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Effort is underway to strengthen oversight of crop insurance program

New measures have been adopted by the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) designed to improve oversight of the federal crop insurance program.

USDA's Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency, and private reinsured crop insurance companies who sell and service crop insurance policies have joined forces in a nationwide effort to improve the integrity of the program.

"Federal crop insurance is an essential tool in managing risk associated with farming," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman. "The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 has strengthened USDA's ability to increase program integrity."

With broad expansion of the program in recent years and even more extensive expansion expected in the near future, the act has provided USDA greater ability to curb program abuse.

Abuses of the program are costly to taxpayers and drive up the cost of coverage for farmers and ranchers. More extensive monitoring of the program will help to maintain its long-term viability as an affordable way to mitigate farm risk.

In order to discourage program abuse, violators are now subject to criminal prosecution, civil suit, and administrative sanctions. Administrative sanctions can include fines, disqualification from crop insurance and other USDA programs, and government-wide debarment and suspension.

Earlier this year the Risk Manage-

ment Agency began implementation of new oversight procedures that utilize the broad-based assistance of the Farm Service Agency to carry out a coordinated compliance plan that includes close monitoring and oversight of the crop insurance program. Reinsured companies will work closely with the two federal agencies in implementing the new procedures.

Companies will continue to play a major role in the oversight of crop insurance through their internal procedures and by taking prompt corrective action to identified problems.

The coordinated compliance monitoring program also provides for expanded data exchange between the two agencies and reinsured companies. Information provided to Farm

Service Agency offices and reinsured companies by insured producers will be reconciled in an effort to research and identify inconsistencies.

USDA will continue to ensure that crop insurance policies and rates are statistically sound and appropriate for a given geographical area. By seeking input from State Farm Service Agency Committees, producers can be assured that recommended changes to crop insurance policies and plans of insurance will help to further strengthen the integrity of the program.

Additional information on the federal crop insurance program is available on the Risk Management Agency website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov>.

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Sports



Veteran Bobcats are improving each day

The Dimmitt Bobcats are ready for the 2001 campaign with a new coach and a new system that they hope will make them competitive in District 2-AAA.

First-year head coach Glen Dunnam is building his team around five returning starters on offense and six regulars on defense. Fifteen seniors on the roster gives him a wealth of experience.

When the players reported for two-a-day workouts in early September, Dunnam told them he had one main goal for the season.

"We want to make each day better than the day before. If we can improve each day, the wins will come," Dunnam said.

The Bobcats have taken that to heart.

"The players on this team have a great deal of heart," Dunnam said. "They've already battled a great deal of adversity and we haven't even played a game yet."

An accident that killed two Dimmitt teenagers and injured eight others in August rattled the school and community. One of those killed, Casey Villanueva, was a member of the Bobcats' varsity team. Three of those injured also played football.

"After the accident happened, we had to change a lot of things. We changed our offense from the wish-bone to the I, which will better suit the personnel we have," Dunnam said. "The guys have picked it up quickly and they're handling it well."

Another big change Dunnam had to make was finding a new quarterback. He looked to 6-1, 145-pound senior Matthew Wright for that job.

Wright was the Bobcats' starting wide receiver a year ago, but he'll be

handling the signal calling duties for Dimmitt this season.

"This is the first time Matthew's played quarterback, but he's doing a good job," Dunnam said. "He's a good leader in the huddle. He is also a good athlete and he has the ability to run or throw the ball."

Wright is one of five returning starters for Dimmitt's offense. The other four are Deacon Buckley, a 6-0, 175-pound senior center; Tanner Self, a 5-9, 185-pound senior guard; Thomas Brockman, a 5-9, 190-pound senior tackle; and Austin Sherman, a 5-10, 135-pound senior wide receiver.

Senior Jonathan Jimenez (5-10, 190) will start at the other guard and junior Abel Espinosa will line up in the other tackle slot.

"Right now, everything is looking good on our offensive line," Dunnam said. "We're not very big, but we get the angles we need. The guys are all quick and experienced. They know their assignments and they do a good job."

Starting tight end will be senior Jeremy Bishop (6-3, 180). Another tight end, Jason Harris (6-2, 175) suffered a dislocated elbow in pre-season workouts and Dunnam said he's not sure when he'll return to action.

"Bishop does a good job of blocking and he does everything we ask of him," Dunnam said.

While Sherman owns one receiver spot, two sophomores will split time on the other side. They are Tyler Myatt (6-1, 165) and Jake Porsch (5-9, 160).

"Sherman is an extremely fast receiver," Dunnam said. "We'll move him around a lot to try and



THE 2001 DIMMITT BOBCATS are ready for action. Team members are (front row, from left) assistant coaches Josh Goen, James Hester and Adam Rosales; Adam Guzman Sr., Juan Diaz, Ruben Espinoza, T.J. Reyna, Phillip Lumbrera, Raul Ontiveros, Able Espinosa and assistant coach Robbie Bornholdt; (second row, from left) Tanner Self, Jonathan Jimenez, Brandon Furr, Juan Alvarez, Jake Porsch, Daniel Prieto, Casey Hargrove and Adrian Rivers; (third row, from left) Head Coach Glen

keep defenses from figuring out where he'll line up. They're going to know how fast he is and that he's a threat. He can turn a short pass play into a touchdown before you know it. Our other two receivers are both sophomores and they run their routes well. They have good hands and are more possession-type receivers."

The backfield features sophomore Matthew Sanders (5-10, 210) at full-back.

Dunnam said he plans to rotate three runners in the tailback spot, including juniors Brandon Furr (5-9, 155), Lee Brown (5-10, 165) and Ruben Espinoza (5-7, 145).

"Sanders is going to be a threat to run with the ball or to come out of the backfield and catch the pass. He's a good blocker when needed,"

Dunnam said.

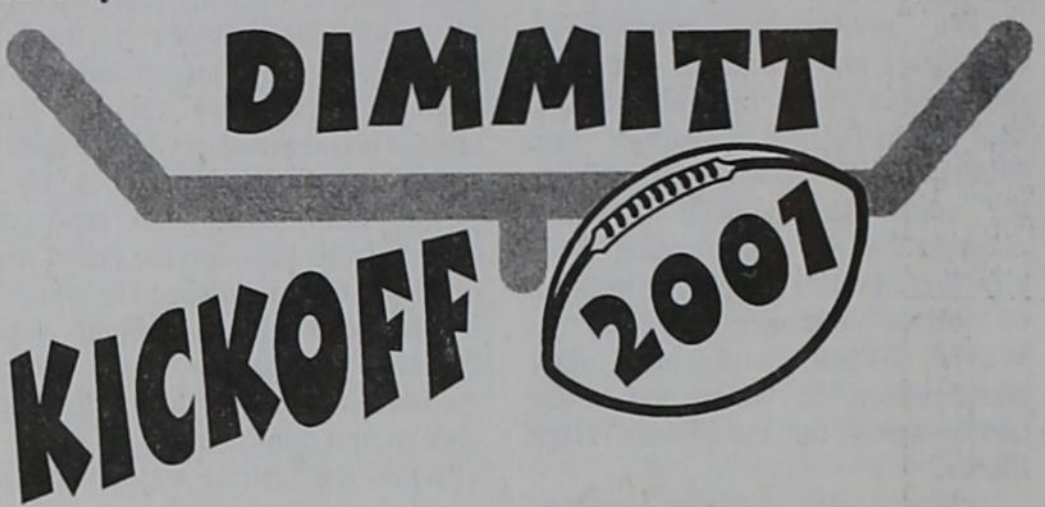
"We'll have three tailbacks that are pretty equal in talent. Each does one thing better than the other two—each has one thing he excels at. We're going to start off by rotating them in and out to see who's hot in what game," he said.

"We're going to be solid in our running and passing game," Dunnam said. "I think the experience of our offensive line is our biggest strength."

"Our lack of overall size is probably our biggest weakness on offense. We're not very big, but that's not as big a hindrance to us because we're not a basic zone blocking I team. We're trying to put our line in a position to where size won't make much of a difference."

Dunnam, Michael Dominguez, Daniel Medrano, Thomas Brockman, Anthony Olivero, Lee Brown, Austin Sherman, Ruben Casas, Saul Medrano, Tino Arellano, and assistant coaches Ryan Holmes and Kris Knippa; and back row, from left) Matthew Sanders, Tyler Myatt, Matthew Wright, Nicky Gauna, Jeremy Bishop, Jason Harris, Caleb Dickerson, Miguel Maltos, Deacon Buckley and assistant coach Brett Ramsey.

Photo by Joyce Nelson



Dimmitt's 4-3 defense will include six returning starters including defensive ends T.J. Reyna, a 5-11, 210-pound senior; and Jimenez. Brockman anchors the line at the tackle and Self is a veteran linebacker. The secondary features to returning starters—Wright at free safety and Sherman at cornerback.

Joining those veterans in the starting lineup this season will be senior tackle Daniel Medrano (5-8, 165), Sanders at middle linebacker, senior linebacker Saul Medrano (5-9, 160), Ruben Espinoza at strong safety and Furr at cornerback.

"We have an experienced defensive line. All four of those guys are seniors. They're not very big, but they are fairly quick. This group has a lot of heart," Dunnam said.

"Our ends do a good job of containing and they play the option well. We'll start Brockman and Daniel Medrano at tackles, and we've got a couple of other guys we'll rotate in to keep them fresh, including senior Deacon Buckley (6-0, 175)."

The linebacker corps is quick and they can get to the ball in a hurry,

Dunnam said.

"With our size, we have to get a bunch of people to the ball in a hurry and I'm expecting our linebackers to lead the charge," he said.

The secondary has looked good in scrimmages. Dunnam said Abernathy threw the ball a lot in Dimmitt's second scrimmage, and the Bobcats' secondary held up, doing a good job of defending against the pass.

"These guys are not afraid to come up and stick somebody on a run, either," Dunnam said.

Dimmitt didn't have a scrimmage last week, electing to use the "zero week" to fine-tune their schemes in preparation for this week's season opener with Springlake-Earth.

Dunnam has been encouraged by the way his team has pulled together already, and hopes that will carry the Bobcats through the season.

"The heart and desire of this team makes up for anything they might lack in the way of size. They're eager and enthusiastic and they're ready to play this game for real," he said.

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Swifts, Horns looking for second wins

Bobcats will kick off season against S-E

The Dimmitt Bobcats will kick off their season Friday night while the Hart Longhorns and Nazareth Swifts will be going for their second straight wins.

Dimmitt will host Springlake-Earth at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bobcat Stadium. Nazareth will meet Lubbock Christian High School Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Swift Field. Hart will face Morton Friday at 8 p.m. on their home turf, Longhorn Stadium.

S-E at Dimmitt

The Bobcats will test their new plays against one of the strongest Class A teams in the area Friday when they host Springlake-Earth at 7:30 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium.

A year ago the Wolverines were in the playoffs, and they sported a 9-3 record before they were eliminated from post-season play.

Back from that team are seven starters, including five that line up on both sides of the ball.

"Springlake-Earth is a tough team. They're going to be doing the same thing that they've been doing for years. They're sound on both sides of the ball," said Dimmitt Coach Glen Dunnam.

The Wolverines will run a double tight I formation on offense and five skill players return for the 2001 campaign. They are quarterbacks Chance Furr (5-8, 150-pound senior) and Colton Glasscock (6-0, 150-pound

junior), tailback Josh Maddox (5-9, 150-pound senior) and fullbacks Guthry Edwards (5-9, 180-pound senior) and Wesley Carr (5-8, 175-pound junior).

"That quarterback (Furr) is a solid athlete. He can either throw or run with the ball. He's dangerous," Dunnam said. "We're going to have to stop him. He's what makes their team go. He reads the option well. We will have to play our assignments and shut him down. We can't let him get rolling."

Those players will be operating behind a big offensive line anchored by senior tackle Cole Perry (6-1, 225) and junior center Jamie Clayton (5-9, 175).

The Wolverines have a lot of depth on the line, and will use veterans Mauro Mejia (5-9, 200), Andrew Padilla (5-10, 240), Daniel Campos (5-8, 180), Johnny Perez (5-8, 175), Pablo Castillo (5-9, 145) and Angel Alvarez (5-9, 150).

Defensively, look for the Wolverines to present a five-man front in a hard-hitting defense featuring several returning starters.

Edwards and Carr are experienced linebackers while Perry and Castillo anchor the line at the tackle and end positions, respectively.

The secondary will feature Glasscock, Maddox and Clinton Kelly (5-9, 150).

"They line up in a 5-2 on defense and I'd say that overall they're big-

ger than we are up front," Dunnam said. "We're going to have to take advantage of our angles, stay with our blocks and grind it out. Hopefully we can break some big plays."

LCHS at Nazareth

The Swifts are coming off a 42-13 win over San Jacinto Christian Academy, and they'll be shooting for win number two this week when Lubbock Christian comes to town.

Kickoff in the game will be 7:30 p.m. at Swift Field.

Lubbock Christian struggled through the 2000 season, winning just one of eight games all year. Several starters are back, but the Eagles are still facing a rebuilding challenge this year.

Last week, Lubbock Christian was shut out by Smyer in the season opener, 0-21.

"I think we'll have more of a challenge this week," said Nazareth Coach Ricky Peacock. "Lubbock Christian is running the Wing T on offense out of a single-back set. It's kind of unique—they use a lot of shifting and motion prior to the snap, then once the ball's snapped it's basically a Wing T."

The Eagles feature a single-back offense and sharing the featured runner spotlight are Jeremy DuPont, a 5-8, 140-pound sophomore; and Blake Townley, a 5-2, 150-pound junior.

"DuPont is their single back and they like to send Townley in motion a lot," Peacock said. "Their backs are small, but their offensive line is good-sized—I think they average around 185 pounds."

Senior Travis Hobgood (6-2, 170) will lead the offense as quarterback, and it's a new world for him—a year ago he was *snapping* the ball to the Eagles' quarterback.

He'll be protected up front by veteran lineman Michael Bullock (5-10, 220) and Blaze Taylor (6-2, 150) at the tackles and Jordan Parnell (6-2, 180) at the guard.

The Eagles also have experience tight ends in Tanner Noble (6-2, 175) and Nat Joyner (5-8, 140).

Those two tight ends are good. We're going to have to keep a close eye on them and not let them get behind us," Peacock said.

On defense, Lubbock Christian prefers a 50, and the front line is one of the strengths of the unit. Bullock, Noble and Hobgood are expected to share time at the ends while Kime Rogers (6-2, 275), Townley, Peter Christian (5-11, 130) and Colin Yocham help out on the interior line.

"Rogers is a big tackle and we're going to have our hands full blocking him all night," Peacock said.

In the secondary, the Eagles will use veterans Ben Hayes (5-7, 130) and Joyner at corners.

"They operate out of the 50 on defense, and they play what I call a

drop-in scheme where they take a defensive end and drop him to an outside linebacker position, then shift the line over," Peacock said.

"I think we're in for a good challenge this week. We just want to keep improving."

Morton at Hart

Hart hopes to extend its winning streak to two games when Morton rolls into Longhorn Stadium Friday night for an 8 p.m. showdown.

Both teams feature numerous returning starters, and the Indians have virtually their entire offensive and defensive lineups back.

A year ago those Indians crawled through the season, finishing with a 4-5 mark as the fifth-place team in District 5-AA.

The Indians were young then, and now they've got a year of experience behind them. Morton also has a new coaching staff, led by a former NFL player.

The Indians will field a good-sized team, especially across the front line.

Returning to Morton's split-back offense are linemen Eric Abbe (6-0, 205), Joel Martinez (6-2, 250), Harvey Herrera (5-10, 190) and Michael Mills (6-0, 170); split end Chance Waggoner (6-0, 180); tight end Devin Waggoner (6-0, 185); running backs Miguel Rodriguez (5-9, 180) and Rocky Orosco (5-10,

185); wide receiver Aaron McClellon (6-3, 175) and quarterback Augie Sabala (5-9, 175).

The returning starters in Morton's 4-3 defense are Abbe, Martinez, Mills and Herrera on the line; Chance Waggoner, McClellon, Rodriguez and Sabala in the defensive secondary; and Devin Waggoner, Orosco and Cory Mankin (5-11, 185) at linebackers.

"Morton has a lot of talent, they just haven't had that talent developed," said Hart coach Jay McCook. "I think this year they've got a coach who's doing a good job and they've improved a lot."

McCook said Morton operates out of the veer on offense and Martinez is their best lineman. The Indians have experimented with a couple of quarterbacks in scrimmages, so he's not sure who will be calling signals Friday night.

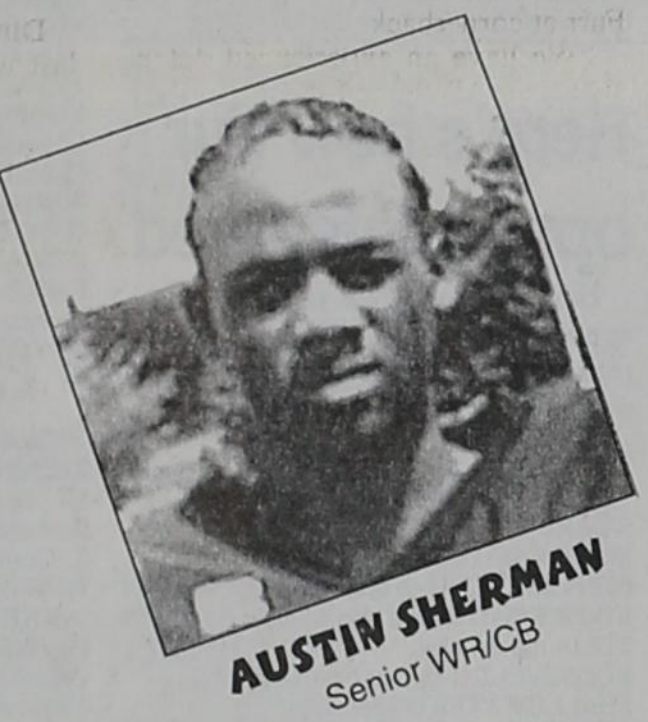
"Offensively, they'll throw the ball about 40% of the time and they like to run the option. They've got a lot of speed—they match up with us well in that area," McCook said.

On defense, the Indians enjoy mixing up their coverages to try and keep opponents guessing," McCook said.

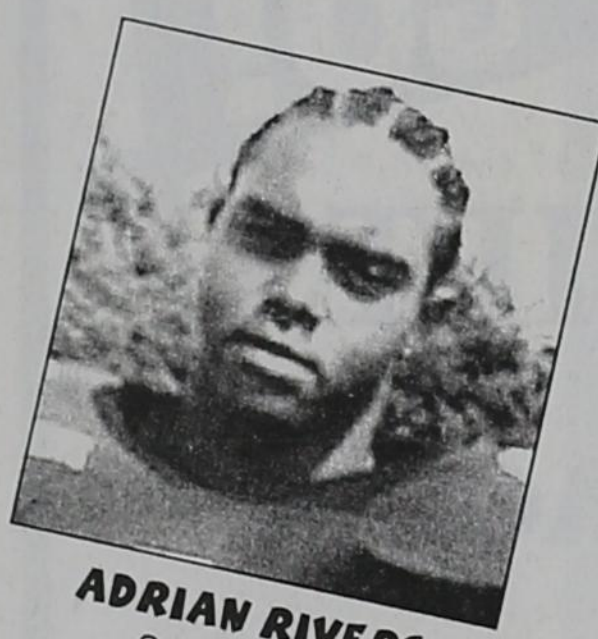
"They move kids around a lot. We can't make any mistakes against them. We have to cut down on turnovers and on penalties. If we do that, I think we can win," McCook said.

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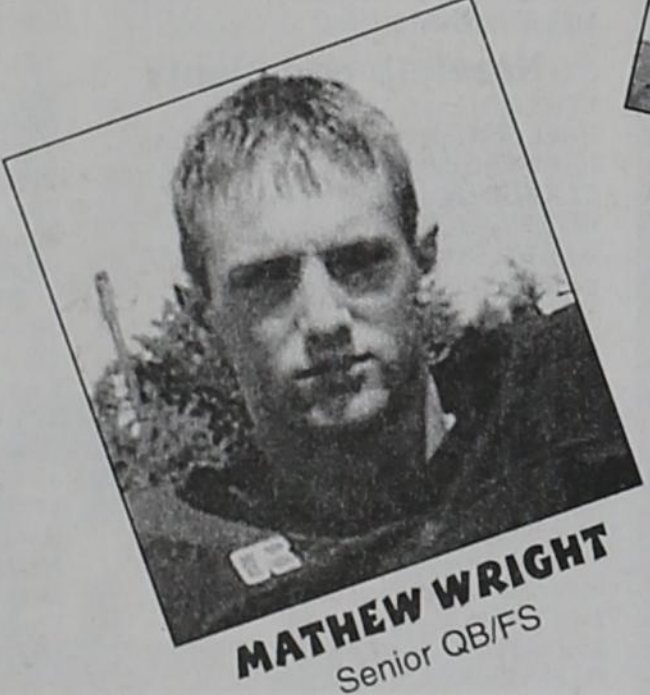
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Swifts romp over Patriots in opener, 42-13

By MEGAN SCHULTE
The Nazareth Swifts kicked off their 2001 season at home Friday, unleashing a balanced scoring attack and a solid defensive effort as they overpowered San Jacinto, 42-13.

The Swifts scored twice on the ground and twice in the air in the first two stanzas to take early control of the game.

"We played a solid game on both sides of the ball Friday against San Jacinto," Nazareth head coach Ricky Peacock said. "Offensively, we controlled the line of scrimmage and put some points on the board early."

That solid game Friday included gaining 385 yards to the Patriots' 211. Of the Swifts 385 yards, 301 of them were rushing, while 84 were passing.

Leading the rushing attack for Nazareth was sophomore Trey Robb, who carried the ball eight times, for 87 yards. Also joining the force, were teammates senior Aaron Kern, and sophomore Brock Birkenfeld, who carried the ball for 77 and 58 yards, respectively.

"Our running game showed signs of improvement, which opened up some things in the passing game for us," Peacock said.

Nazareth took the advantage of the opportunity to pass, too, capitalizing on two passes from senior quarterback Blake Birkenfeld to senior receiver Ky Wilcox for touchdowns.

Blake Birkenfeld completed 5-of-10 passes for 84 yards and threw one interception.

It took Nazareth's offense more than eight minutes to score.

The Swifts drove inside San Jacinto's 20-yard line on their first possession, but the drive ended when a Blake Birkenfeld pass was intercepted by the Patriots near the goal line.

If we had our life to live over, we'd probably make the same mistakes sooner.

**Classifieds
get results!**

On Nazareth's second possession in the game, the Swifts ran the ball six times then Blake Birkenfeld ran it in for the touchdown. The point-after attempt by Kade Wilcox was good, and the Swifts led 7-0.

Nazareth's defense gave up nothing, and San Jacinto was punting it away just a few plays later.

Three minutes after starting their next drive, the Swifts hit pay dirt again. This time Nazareth scored on a 20-yard pass from Blake Birkenfeld to Ky Wilcox. The PAT was again good, and Naz led, 14-0, in the first quarter.

Four minutes into the second quarter, the Swifts found themselves in scoring position again.

This time Brock Birkenfeld found a hole, broke free, and ran 36 yards for the touchdown. The kick by Kade Wilcox was good again, and Nazareth controlled the game, 21-0.

Six plays later after fielding the ensuing kickoff from the Swifts, the Patriots were shut down offensively and had to punt again. That would set up the Swifts' last touchdown in the half.

With 1:25 left in the half, Blake Birkenfeld dropped back to pass and spotted an open Ky Wilcox streaking toward the end zone. His pass was on-target for a 24-yard touchdown pass. Kade Wilcox nailed his fourth PAT of the game for a 28-0 Nazareth lead at the break.

Nazareth came out in the third stanza ready to score, and it only took three minutes for the Swifts to put six points on the board.

Nazareth's game plan for the scoring drive included two passing and three rushing plays, capped by a Brock Birkenfeld touchdown from 11 yards out. The fifth Kade Wilcox kick split the uprights, giving the Swifts a 35-0 lead.

Nazareth's defense allowed San Jacinto only four plays on the next series, forcing a punt.

The Swifts regained control of the ball deep in San Jacinto territory at the 27-yard line, and it only took four plays before they found the end zone again.

Brock Birkenfeld crossed the plane for his third touchdown run, this time from three yards away. The PAT was good and Naz led going into the fourth quarter, 42-0.

Coach Peacock substituted freely in the fourth quarter, and many

younger players got their first taste of varsity action in the game.

Nazareth started out slow in the stanza, losing control of the ball a couple of times.

Nazareth fumbled twice, and had one interception, giving the Patriots a chance to score.

Possession seesawed between the two teams until San Jacinto took control and capitalized on a scoring opportunity with 4:35 left in the game.

Jay McKinney scored San Jacinto's touchdown on a 34-yard run, and then he kicked the extra point.

Two minutes later he scored on an 11-yard pass from Jay Anthony. McKinney's second PAT was partially blocked by Nazareth.

The Patriots rally came up short though, and time ran out with Nazareth leading 42-13.

"We are still fine-tuning our offense and adding some things to give us more versatility," Peacock said. "Defensively we played very well as a unit. Other than one or two little mental mistakes early, we executed our game plan and kept their offense in check."

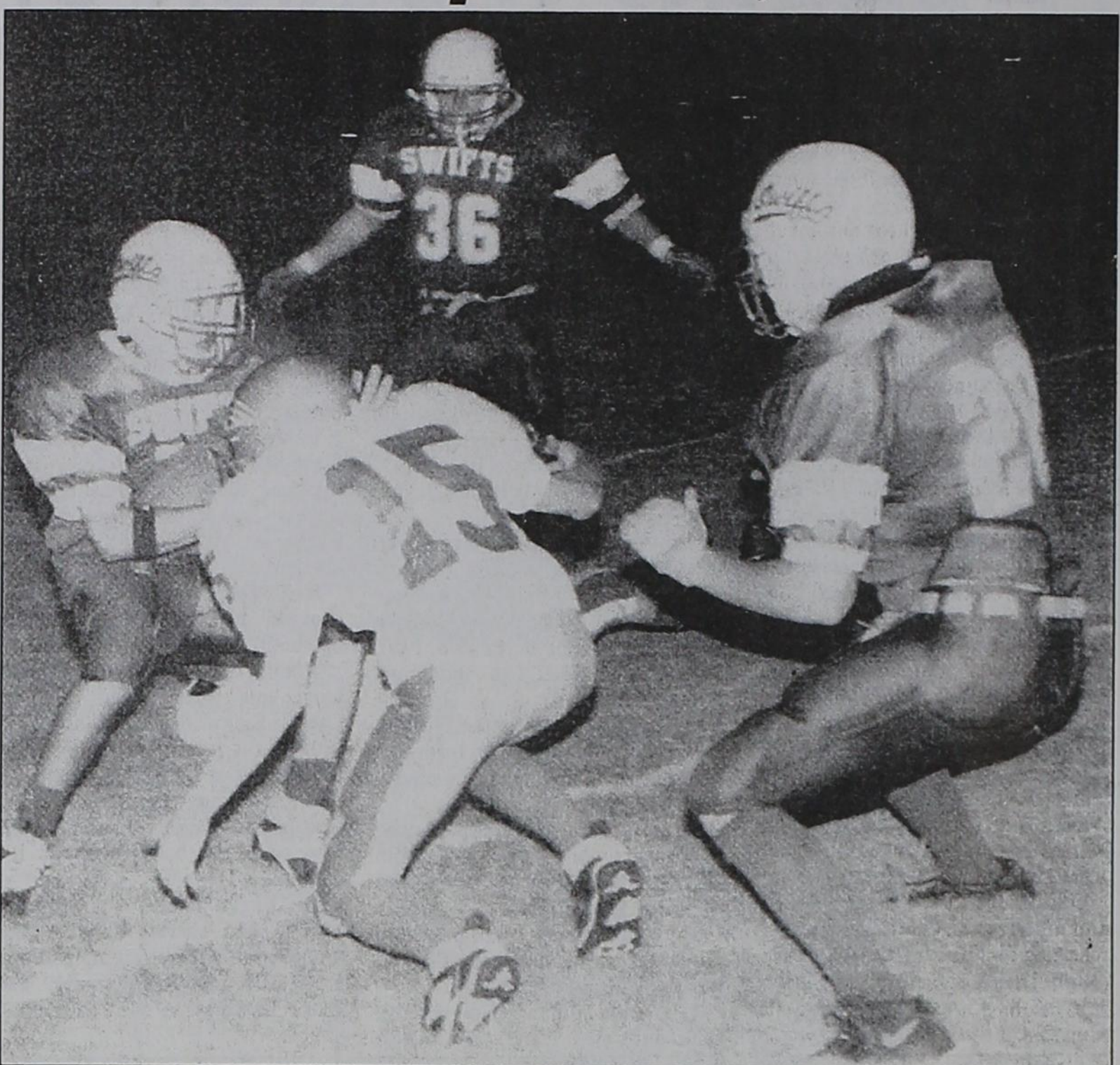
Game at a Glance

	Swifts 42, San Jacinto 13	Christian 13
Nazareth	14 14 14 0—42	
San Jacinto	0 0 0 13—13	

	NAZ	SJC
First Downs	18	6
Yards Rushing	301	98
Yards Passing	84	113
Total Yards Gained	385	211
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	6-12-2	7-19-1
Punts-Avg.	N/A	N/A
Fumbles-Lost	N/A	N/A
Penalties-Yards	7-40	3-20

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
NAZARETH—Blake Birkenfeld 5 run (Kade Wilcox kick)
NAZARETH—Ky Wilcox 21 pass from Birkenfeld (Kade Wilcox kick)
Second Quarter:
NAZARETH—Brock Birkenfeld 36 run (Kade Wilcox kick)
NAZARETH—Ky Wilcox 24 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (Kade Wilcox kick)
Third Quarter:
NAZARETH—Brock Birkenfeld 11 run (Kade Wilcox kick)
NAZARETH—Brock Birkenfeld 3 run (Kade Wilcox kick)
Fourth Quarter:
SAN JACINTO—Jay McKinney 34 run (McKinney kick)
SAN JACINTO—McKinney 11 pass from Jay Anthony (kick blocked)



FIRST DOWN!—Trey Robb of Nazareth (left) picks up 18 yards and a first down before he's tackled by San Jacinto's Kevin Winters (15) Friday night when the Swifts and Patriots tangled in Nazareth. Also

pictured are Nazareth's Aaron Kern (36) and Daryl Pohlmeier (28). The Swifts scored early and often enroute to a 42-13 victory in their season opener.

Photo by Dwayne Ackers



Harris Picks



Here are Jon Harris's predictions for this week's games in the area, and his ranking of area teams, based on his unique "Power Rating" system.

Springlake-Earth 13 over DIMMITT
HART 7 over Morton
NAZARETH vs. Lubbock Christian (NR)
LAMESA 14 over Lubbock Cooper
QUANAH pick vs. Childress
SANFORD-FRITCH 4 over West Texas
Fiona 11 over TULIA
Lubbock Roosevelt 7 over HALE CENTER

Shallowater 2 over COAHOMA
Kermit 6 over BROWNFIELD
Post 6 over DENVER CITY
GREENWOOD 2 over Sweetwater
Monahans 7 over SEMINOLE
Idalou 22 over SLATON
Abemathy 17 over PLAINS
NEW DEAL 12 over Vega
Floydada 10 over RALLS
SUNDOWN 9 over Lockney
TAHOKA 17 over Kress
Sudan 10 over OLTON
Highland Park 29 over SHAMROCK
CANADIAN 20 over Gruver

CLARENDON 3 over Claude
Memphis 9 over WELLINGTON
WHEELER 3 over Paducah
White Deer 30 over BOYS RANCH
Anton 33 over SMYER
BOVINA 3 over Lorenzo
PETERSBURG 17 over Farwell
Crosbyton 22 over WHITEFACE
MEADOW 3 over Motley County
THROCKMORTON 9 over Spur
Booker vs. Beaver, Okla. (NR)
Stratford vs. Boise City, Okla. (NR)
O'Donnell vs. Midland Trinity (NR)
AMARILLO 3 over Plainview
HEREFORD 7 over Amarillo Tascosa
LUBBOCK 2 over Canyon Randall
Lubbock Monterey 1 over ABILENE
Muleshoe 19 over AMARILLO CAPROCK
Andrews 7 over Borger
CANYON 3 over Frenship
DUMAS 1 over Perryton
Palo Duro 16 over LEVELLAND
Pampa 14 over LUBBOCK ESTACADO
SNYDER 21 over Littlefield

Here's how our opponents fared

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

Dimmitt opponents

S'LAKE-EARTH (0-1) lost to Abemathy, 17-17
FRIONA (0-1) lost to Guymon, 6-21
DENVER CITY (1-0) beat Portales, 15-6
RIVER ROAD did not play
TULIA did not play
ROOSEVELT (1-0) beat New Deal, 12-2
SHALLOWATER did not play
COOPER did not play
LITTLEFIELD did not play
MULESHOE did not play

Nazareth opponents

LCHS (0-1) lost to Smyer, 0-21
HALE CENTER (0-1) lost to Anton, 6-18
FARWELL did not play
CLAUDE did not play
BOYS RANCH did not play
HART (1-0) beat Meadow, 34-0
KRESS (0-1) lost to Whiteface, 12-13
VEGA did not play
STRATFORD did not play

Hart opponents

MORTON did not play
ANTON (1-0) beat Hale Center, 18-6
CLAUDE did not play
FARWELL did not play
VEGA did not play
NAZARETH (1-0) beat San Jacinto, 42-13
BOYS RANCH did not play
STRATFORD did not play
KRESS (0-1) lost to Whiteface, 12-13

WEEK 1 RANKINGS

CLASS AAA TOP 10: 1. Forney, 214; 2. Everman, 213; 3. Abilene Wylie, 212; 4. La Grange, 212; 5. Sinton, 211; 6. Cameron Yoe, 210; 7. China Spring, 210; 8. Commerce, 208; 9. Bridge City, 208; 10. Rice Consolidated, 207.

AREA CLASS AAA: 25. Lamesa, 204; 53. Muleshoe, 199; 58. Perryton, 198; 61. Vernon, 197; 74. Sanford-Fritch, 194; 83. Shallowater, 192; 93. Lubbock Cooper, 190; 113. Childress, 186; 114. Dalhart, 186; 117. Littlefield, 186; 123. Denver City, 185; 130. Bowie, 183; 159. Tulia, 177; 171. Lubbock Roosevelt, 174; 178. Dimmitt, 172; 181. Seminole, 172; 188. Slaton, 169.

CLASS A TOP TEN: 1. Stratford, 201; 2. Shiner, 198; 3. Roscoe, 196; 4. Iraan, 194; 5. Iola, 192; 6. Burkeville, 193; 7. Windthorst, 191; 8. Wheeler, 189; 9. Wortham, 188; 10. Mount Enterprise, 188.

OTHER CLASS A: 15. Paducah, 186; 16. Petersburg, 186; 19. Nazareth, 185; 20. Springlake-Earth, 185; 32. White Deer, 180; 38. Crosbyton, 177; 43. Hart, 176; 44. Sudan, 176; 50. Anton, 172; 52. Claude, 172; 59. Gruver, 170; 61. Farwell, 169; 74. Vega, 161; 82. Booker, 157; 88. Whiteface, 155; 89. Kress, 154; 97. Boys Ranch, 150; 100. O'Donnell, 150; 108. Meadow, 147; 109. Bovina, 145; 112. Motley County, 144; 113. Spur, 143; 115. Lorenzo, 142; 118. Smyer, 139; 121. Shamrock, 134.

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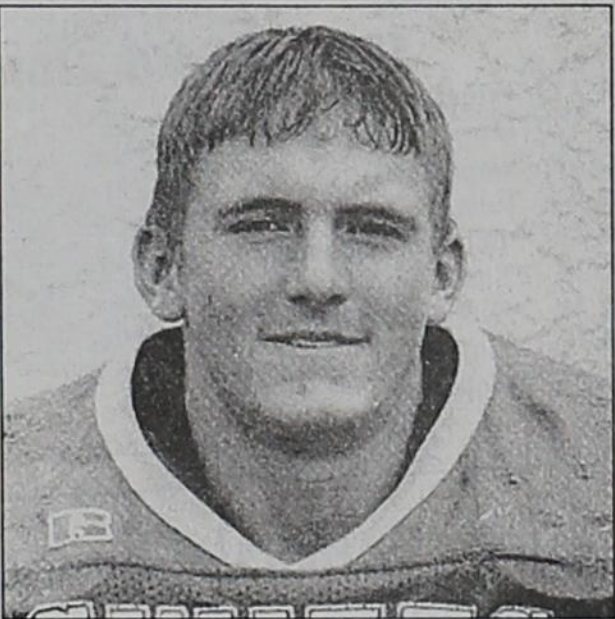
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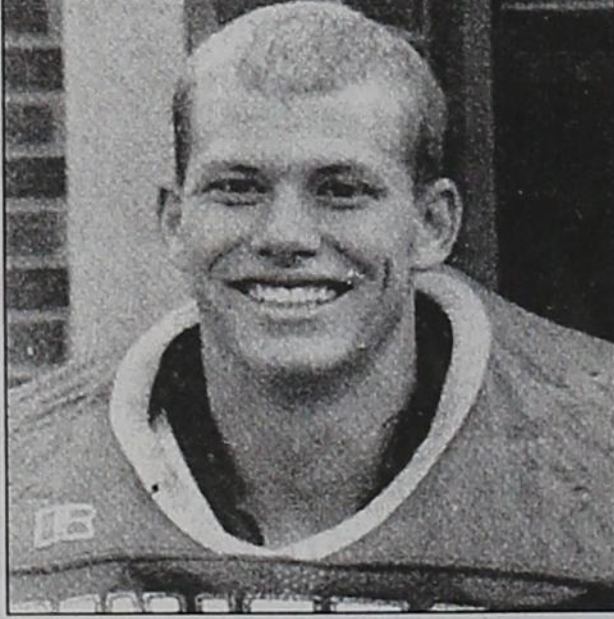
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Longhorns stampede Broncos, 34-0

By BRAD ELAM

Meadow couldn't find the right defensive formula to stop Hart's Josh Finch and Keith Finch Friday night, and the result was a 34-0 shutout by the Longhorns in the 2001 season opener.

Josh Finch rushed for two touchdowns while Keith Finch picked up another on the ground. Then quarterback Keith Finch, completed two passes for touchdowns, another for a two-point conversion, and he booted three extra points.

Hart gained 463 yards in the game, and the bulk of that was earned by the Finches.

Keith Finch rushed for 138 yards and completed 9-of-14 passes for another 103. Josh Finch gained 118 yards on the ground. Salvador Velasquez and Leon Minjarez added to Hart's rushing total, picking up 56 and 48 yards, respectively.

Defensively, Hart recovered one Bronco fumble and the Longhorns held Meadow to 26 total yards offense.

Leading tacklers for Hart were Albert Velasquez, who had 15. Minjarez also had a big defensive game, according to Hart Coach Jay McCook. Minjarez finished with a pair of sacks. Kenneth Wiley also recorded double digit tackles.

"The guys did a great job (against Meadow)," McCook said. "We have really improved each week. Our offensive line played outstanding—they're really the key to our whole team. We also got Salvador Velasquez back and that enabled us to move Keith (Finch) around so the

defense wouldn't know where he'd be lined up."

"We executed extremely well," said Hart Assistant Coach Jeff Jones. "Defensively, our kids played great. They did a good job of swarming to the ball carriers."

Hart's defense took the field first, holding Meadow to three and out on the Broncos opening possession.

The Longhorn offense took over and wasted little time in finding the end zone.

On the third play from scrimmage, Josh Finch found a hole and turned it into a 50-yard touchdown for Hart. Keith Finch booted the extra point for a 7-0 Hart advantage.

Hart added to its score on its next possession.

The Longhorn offensive line, featuring Corey Moore, Marcial Mendoza, Rene Rincon, Matthew Gonzales, Eric Gutierrez and Albert Velasquez dominated the line of scrimmage, giving Keith Finch all the time he needed to find an open Joel DeLaFuenta for a 4-yard touchdown strike. The extra point was blocked, but Hart controlled the score, 13-0, with only six minutes expired in the game.

Josh Finch scored his second touchdown, this time from eight yards out, in the second quarter. Keith Finch connected with Albert Velasquez for a two-point conversion pass and Hart jumped out to a 21-0 lead which the Longhorns carried into the locker room at halftime.

Meadow's defense was a little stingier in the second half, but Hart still controlled the ball and the clock.

Albert Velasquez scored on a 15-

yard pass from Keith Finch as Hart pulled away, 28-0. Eran Castillo provided a key block for Velasquez on the play, taking out two of Meadow's defenders.

Keith Finch scored on a 5-yard run in the fourth quarter, then kicked the point-after to end the scoring, giving Hart its 34-0 win.

"We did a great job of moving the ball," said McCook. "Our offensive linemen definitely controlled the line of scrimmage. They did a fantastic job. We need to work on cutting down on our turnovers, though."

Hart lost possession three times in the game—twice on fumbles and a third time on an interception.

Game at a Glance

Longhorns 34, Meadow 0

Hart	13	8	7	6—34
Meadow	0	0	0	0—0

	HART	MEAD
First Downs	---	---
Yards Rushing	360	22
Yards Passing	103	4
Total Yards Gained	463	26
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	9-14-1	1-4-0
Punts-Avg.	---	6-35
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-65	N/A

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
HART—Josh Finch 50 run (Keith Finch kick)
HART—Joel DeLaFuenta 4 pass from Keith Finch (kick blocked)

Second Quarter
HART—Josh Finch 8 run (Albert Velasquez pass from Keith Finch)

Third Quarter
HART—Velasquez 15 pass from Keith Finch (Keith Finch kick)

Fourth Quarter
HART—Keith Finch 5 run (kick failed)

Legislature will consider raising speed limit to 75

The 77th Texas Legislature is considering a measure that would raise the daytime speed limit from 70 miles per hour to 75 mph on state highways in counties with fewer than 10 people per square mile.

Castro County is one of 16 counties in the Texas Panhandle which is being considered for the increased speed limit. The new limit is being considered for 86 counties statewide.

Other counties in the Panhandle

which are being considered are Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Dallam, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Oldham, Roberts, Sherman and Swisher.

A provision in House Bill 299 has authorized the Texas Dept. of Transportation to implement studies of area traffic to determine whether or not the speed limit should be increased.

TxDOT expects to begin

evaluating roads around the first of the year, and if the new speed limit is adopted, it probably won't go into effect until mid 2002.

Nazareth ISD seeking alumni

The Alumni Committee of Nazareth Independent School District is compiling a list of all graduates of NISD.

They are asking people to send their addresses, those of their children, siblings, classmates, and anyone else they know that graduated from Nazareth.

Please send them to Vera Ramaekers, P.O. Box 196, Nazareth, TX 79063; Vera Huseman, P.O. Box 72, Nazareth, TX 79063; Tonya Schulte, P.O. Box 213, Nazareth, TX 79063; Mary Beth Gerber, P.O. Box 232, Nazareth, TX 79063; or Sandee Hoelting, P.O. Box 122, Nazareth, TX 79063.

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Also available is the e-mail address: (nazexstu@hotmail.com).

Naz opens cross country season with meet victory

The Nazareth Swiftettes placed three runners among the top 10 as they claimed their first cross country championship of the season Saturday at Borger.

The Swiftettes finished with 45 points, 15 better than second-place Sunray. Panhandle finished third with 63, Claude was fourth with 108, Dalhart was fifth with 108, Perryton finished sixth with 122 and White Deer was seventh with 158.

The Swiftettes' top finisher was Stephanie Thiel, who completed the two-mile course in 12:49.22. Following close on Thiel's heels was

teammate Danette Ramaekrs, who finished third with a time of 12:49.71.

Also placing in the top 10 was Nazareth's Erica Gerber, who was sixth in 13:11.81.

Winning the race was Sara Aragon of Tucumcari, who was clocked at 12:14.17.

Other Nazareth runners, with their respective places and times, were Jackie Thiel, 20th, 13:52; Megan Schulte, 22nd, 13:57; Kim Brockman, 23rd, 13:57; Jamie Black, 25th, 13:58; Susan Kern, 30th, 14:11; and Marsha Black, 49th, 15:18.



SWARMING DEFENSE—The Hart Longhorns (wearing white jerseys) smother a Meadow ball carrier and stop him for no gain Friday in a season opener at Meadow. The Longhorns posted a big, 34-0 victory over the Broncos. Photo by The Hart Beat

Robb wins, leads Swifts in first meet

Trinity Robb of Nazareth topped the field in the Borger Invitational Saturday, running the three-mile cross country race in 17:18.30 to claim the gold medal.

Robb led the Swifts to a second-place team finish. Nazareth had 42 points, trailing winner Perryton by four.

Trey Robb had the third-best time in the race, crossing the line in 17:55.08.

Quentin Jones gave the Swifts another top 10 finish when he posted the seventh-best time of 18:41.13.

Rounding out the Swifts' roster were Cole McClurg, who placed 14th in 19:39; and Craig Birkenfeld, 17th, 19:56; and Shelby Wilhelm.

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Sept. 6-14.

DIMMITT

Pre-K to 12th Grades

THURSDAY: Banana mini loaf, fresh apples and milk.

FRIDAY: Cranberry muffins, orange wedges and milk.

MONDAY: Apple cinnamon loaf, apple juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Donut holes, orange wedges and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Smucker's Peanut butter sandwich, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Fruit Loops cereal, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, chilled fruit cocktail and milk.

Lunch

Pre-School to 1st Grades

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, and white milk or chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Barbecued beef on a bun, potato wedges, tossed salad, cantaloupe, and chocolate milk or white milk.

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti, savory green beans, Chinese-style vegetables, haystack finger salad, garlic bread and chocolate milk or white milk.

TUESDAY: Fajitas with onions and peppers, frijoles refrito, taco condiment salad, watermelon, and chocolate milk or white milk.

WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito, parsley buttered potatoes, country rice dressing, taco condiment salad and chocolate milk or white milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, orange fruit cup, hot cheese rolls and chocolate milk or white milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger, potato rounds, hamburger salad, peaches, and chocolate milk or white milk.

2nd-12th Grades

THURSDAY: Choices of nachos with cheese, bologna and cheese sandwich or new Mexican enchiladas; Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables or Spanish rice; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or broccoli and cauliflower salad; angel flake biscuit, crackers or assorted muffins; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choices of barbecued beef on a bun, chicken and dumplings or beans and rice with sausage; potato wedges, southern collard greens or great northern beans; tossed salad, orange gelatin surprise or pasta salad; old fashioned cornbread, assorted danish or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choices of Italian spaghetti, chicken taco or grilled cheese sandwich with a bowl of chili, savory green beans, Chinese-style vegetables or seasoned black-eyed peas; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; garlic bread, hot cheese rolls or Arroz Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choices of fajitas with peppers and onions, Chinese egg roll or chicken and rice casserole; savory peas, baked potatoes or frijoles refrito; tossed salad, taco condiment

salad or watermelon; cornbread, hot wheat rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of beef and bean burrito, fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; parsley buttered potatoes, country rice dressing or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or broccoli and cauliflower salad; hot rolls, Cowboy bread or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choices of chicken strips, enchilada casserole or chicken and rice dressing; French fries, frijoles refrito or peach cobbler; tossed salad, carrot, celery and raisin salad or orange fruit cup; hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choices of hamburger, chicken enchilada or beef stir fry; potato rounds, Mexipinto beans or Mexicali corn; tossed salad, hamburger salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or peaches; assorted muffins, old fashioned cornbread or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

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

FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Blueberry muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.

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

FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Chicken pot pie or chef's salad, tossed salad, frozen carrots, fresh peaches, walnut-coconut bars and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Chicken fajitas or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, applesauce, brownies and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Sloppy Joe or corn dog, tossed salad, fried okra, pears and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Fish or chef's salad, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, peaches, gingerbread, and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, pineapple upside down cake and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chicken nuggets and bread or steak fingers, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, beans, orange, cookie and milk or juice.

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

HART

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, bacon, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, pancake syrup, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Biscuits, sausage, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Cinnamon toast, applesauce, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or hot dog on a bun with chili; pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, sugar cookies and milk, punch or tea.

DHS offering reserved seats for football games

Reserved tickets for the Dimmitt High School football season are now on sale at the DISD Administration Office.

Reserved tickets are \$20 each and will admit the holder to five home games this season—Sept. 7 vs. Springlake-Earth; Sept. 21 vs. Denver City; Oct. 5 vs. Tulsa; Oct. 26 vs. Lubbock Cooper; and Nov. 9 vs. Muleshoe.

To reserve tickets, contact Roxie Loudder at the Dimmitt Independent School District Administration Office at 647-3101.



DISPLAYING OLD GLORY and the American Legion flag while leading off the Nazareth Labor Day parade Sunday morning are (from left) Legion members (from left) Clyde Schulte, David Schulte, Julius Birkenfeld and Danny Schilling.

Photo by Anne Acker

VFW announces scholarship program

Don Howell, commander of VFW Post 8056 in Dimmitt, has announced the opening of the annual "Voice of Democracy" program.

This program is an annual national audio essay scholarship competition designed to give high school students the opportunity to voice their opinion covering their responsibility to our country.

This year's theme is "Reaching out to America's Future."

Students must be in the 9th through 12th grades and be properly enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or a home study program in the United States.

Scholarships are awarded at the

Last year, over \$2.6 million in scholarship money was awarded at the post, district and department levels of competition.

For more information, visit the VFW web site at www.vfw.org/vod, or contact the local chairman, Don Howell, at 647-7744.

post, district, state and national levels.

Each state winner is provided with a four-day all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., plus the opportunity to compete for national scholarships totaling over \$139,500.

The first-place winner will receive a \$25,000 scholarship.

Friona sets 'Maize Days'

Friona is gearing up for its annual Maize Days celebration, which starts Saturday and runs through Sept. 16.

Saturday's events include a morning golf tournament at 8:30. The four-person scramble is limited to 52 players and entry fee is \$50 per person.

The Miss Friona Pageant is slated for 2 p.m. Saturday, and admission is \$2 per person. A pie supper is planned during intermission.

On Sunday, Prairie Acres Nursing Home will have an appreciation day and open house in recognition of its 25th anniversary.

Entries will be accepted for a photography show Monday through Friday, Sept. 10-14.

The Little Miss Friona Pageant is slated for Tuesday night at 7 at the Friona High School Auditorium.

A gospel gathering has been planned for Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Next Thursday, Sept. 13, will include a fall art exhibition at the Depot.

The big celebration is planned for Sept. 15, and will feature a six-mile run, two-mile run and walk; the fall art exhibition; photography show; parade and barbecue.

The photography show will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Depot and City Park.

The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. and will travel down Main Street in Friona.

A barbecue lunch will be served at 12 noon at the city park, and local caterers will provide the food. Cost is \$5 per plate.

DMS selects Ivonne Alvarado as student of week

Ivonne Alvarado has been named the Student of the Week at Dimmitt Middle School.

Alvarado's mother is Francisca Castillo and she was born Dec. 23, 1991, in Dimmitt.

Alvarado enjoys fishing and wants to be a scientist.

Her favorite subject is science and her favorite book is *Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus*. Her favorite person is her mother.

She says, "If I could change one thing in the world it would be to make people nice and make them stop selling drugs and cigarettes."

DISD Calendar

The Dimmitt ISD is proud to announce that all of the campuses have been rated "RECOGNIZED" by the Texas Education Agency.

RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY

- All kindergarten classes are working on the "All About Me" book which develops a positive self-concept
- Thursday, September 6, Elementary and Jr. High UIL Directors Meeting in Littlefield

DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Thursday, September 6, Girl's Cross-Country at Nazareth — 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 8, Sixth-grade Choir to perform at the Expo Building following the Harvest Days Parade

DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL

- Thursday, September 6, JV Football at Springlake — 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 7, Varsity Football vs. Springlake — Bobcat Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

DIMMITT ALTERNATIVE CENTER

- Students are currently renovating the Day Care Playground as part of their self-discipline curriculum.

DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

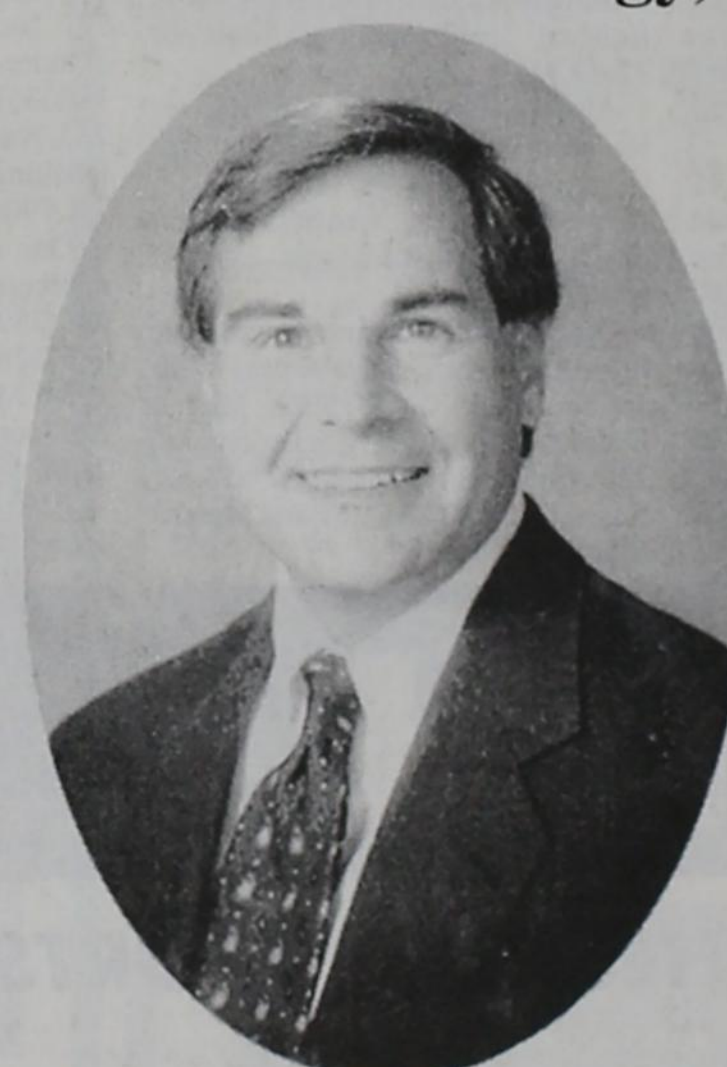
- Monday, September 10, 6 p.m. Public Hearing on two grant proposals. School Repair and Renovations and Technology Activities
- Monday, September 10, 7 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

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TAKE A CHANCE—These men are ready to sell chances on a variety of prizes for the benefit raffle held for Holy Family Church during Nazareth's

Labor Day picnic Sunday. Pictured are (from left) **Lonny Huseman, Junior Hochstein, Joe Woetovech and Carol Birkenfeld.**

Photo by Micah Pohlmeier

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency is considering an update to the county transitional yields, commonly referred to as T-yields, for Upland cotton, and many growers may be big losers if the changes are implemented as initially proposed.

The past 10 years have been an anomaly in terms of crop losses and duration of drought conditions on the Texas High Plains and Rolling Plains.

Many dryland cotton producers, caught in the fallout from this extended period of dry weather, have seen their Actual Production History (APH) yields drop significantly and had to absorb the added consequences of increased premium rates for crop insurance and lowered coverage levels.

The Risk Management Agency's decision to update T-yields in Texas after having left them in place since at least 1997 could create a significant hardship to many growers.

The proposed update would be the first since 1997. That revision changed T-yields to reflect the crop years 1986-1995.

Since that time, weather conditions have forced many growers to rely on the established T-yield and the associated yield floor as the safety net to maintain available insurance coverage at levels that allow them to recoup some portion of the production expenses associated with planting and establishing a crop.

While providing a modest level of protection, the yield floor and associated coverage available to growers does not provide enough protection

to cover a full season of expenses.

The proposed changes will reduce coverage levels to a point where many growers will not be able to adequately insure these early season costs in the future.

The lower T-values will also impact the grower's ability to obtain financing for operating loans. The ability to recoup, through insurance, the expenses associated with establishing a crop provides financial institutions with a means to extend credit to growers.

Based on PCGs understanding of current provisions, the T-yield change proposed by the Risk Management Agency will impact growers in two significant areas.

First, it will impact the growers Actual Production History calculation when 60% of the T-yield is substituted for low yields or zero production incurred in disaster years.

Second, it will reduce the yield floor (80% of T-yield) that establishes minimum coverage levels for all producers.

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 defines the term "transitional yield" as "the maximum average production per acre or equivalent measure that is assigned to acreage for a crop year by the corporation in accordance with the regulations of the corporation whenever the producer fails to certify that acceptable documentation of production and acreage for the crop year is in the possession of the producer; or to present the acceptable documentation on the demand of the corporation or an insurance company reinsured by the corporation.

Based on discussions with officials

at the Risk Management Agency in Washington, D.C., Kansas City and Oklahoma City, PCG believes there is significant flexibility that can be exercised by the agency in regard to the definition and purpose that the T-yield is supposed to serve.

PCG, along with the National Cotton Council and the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, is in the process of requesting that since the administrative provision regarding the T-yield is currently defined only in general terms that the agency provide the utmost flexibility and offer some variance based on the recommendations outlined below.

Possible remedies include redefining the T-yield as the average production per harvested acre in a county to better reflect the long-term productive capability of farms in the county; instituting a "cup" to prevent T-yields from dropping more than 10% from one year to the next; and retention of the "cup" on decreases to a grower-approved Actual Production History calculation when substituted yields are used in calculation.

Current Risk Management Agency rules state that yield "cups" do not apply when the T-yield is adjusted up or down by more than 10% and the T-yield is used to determine the approved Actual Production History yield.

The Risk Management Agency has not yet determined a solution to the problems posed by the update. The final determination must be reached before December of this year in order for any change to be effective in 2002.

Benefit meal planned for Lori Huseman

A benefit steak dinner for Lori Huseman, daughter of Louis and Gin Huseman of Nazareth, will be held Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall.

The meal will include steak, potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert.

Cost for the meal is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

The meal is being sponsored by the Nazareth Knights of Columbus and the Christian Mothers Society.

All proceeds from the meal will help defray Huseman's medical expenses.

She is currently in Denver, Colo., where she is undergoing a stem-cell transplant to treat cancer.

TDH plans shot clinics

The Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) will conduct immunization clinics in September, one in Nazareth and another in Dimmitt.

The first clinic will be in Nazareth on Monday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

The second clinic will be held in Dimmitt from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

If your child is need of a varicella shot, please call 995-3638 the day of the clinic before 8:45 a.m. so clinic personnel can bring the vaccine.

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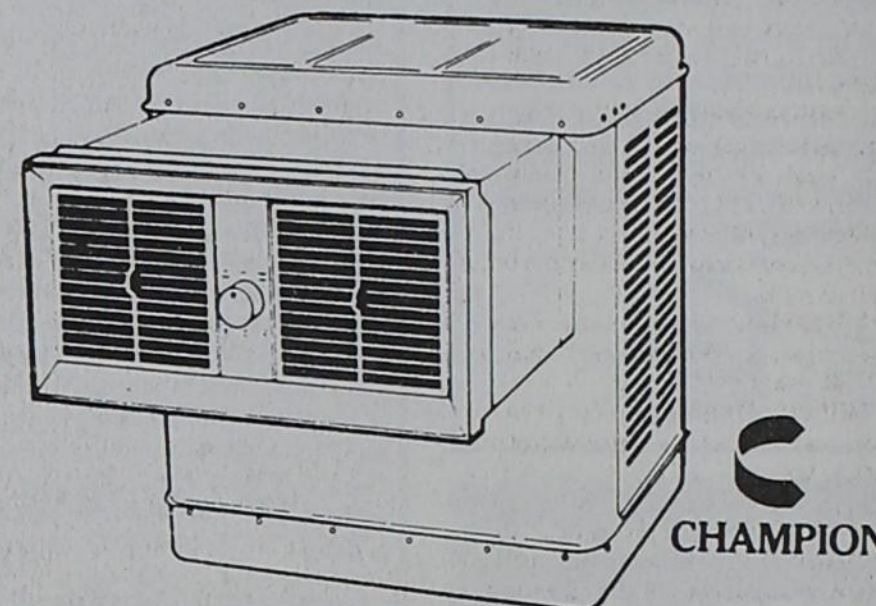
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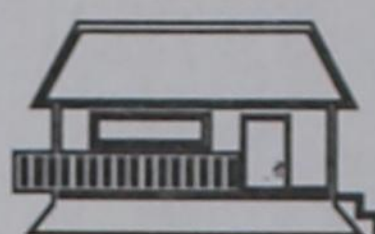
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22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553.
22-23-4tc

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE CLASSES

Sept. 10-Oct. 6, 3:30 p.m.-7 p.m., M-F
Financial assistance available to those who qualify. Call or come by for an application.
Runningwater Draw Care Center
(806) 285-2677 Olton, Texas

23—Lost & Found

KIDS DEVASTATED! Female brown and white beagle lost east of Dimmitt. Answers to Lizzy, wearing blue harness with tags. Call 647-4411. 23-23-1tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thank you so much for the calls, prayers and acts of kindness during our mother's illness. We are truly blessed to live in such a sweet, supportive community.
JOHN & DORICELL DAVIS & FAMILY
MARY CLUCK FAMILY
24-23-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mary Louise Stone would like to thank everyone for their love, prayers, food, cards, flowers, memorials and visits during her sickness and her death.
It has all been appreciated so very much and will hold a special place in our hearts forever.
Also a special thank you to Bro. Rhodes, Dr. Joplin, Canterbury Villa and Hospice for their care for her.
Thank you and may God bless you.
J.W. (JAY) STONE
MARY LEE & JACK DUNLOP & FAMILY
JOHN DAVIS & FAMILY
LINDA & LEWIS HECK & FAMILY
24-23-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you everyone for being so supportive. Thanks friends and relatives for being by our side, going to see Andy in the hospital and giving him strength to get well. We appreciate everything you have done. A special thanks to the Pizza Hut crew for placing a donation jar in your business for Andy.
Thank you,
SIAS FAMILY
24-23-1tp

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the Castro/Smisher County Juvenile Board will receive sealed bids for:
A. Secure long-term residential detention and boot camp services.
B. Secure short-term detention services in a boot camp setting.
C. Electronic monitoring services.
Bids will be received until 5 p.m., Sept. 30, 2001. The bids will be presented to the Castro/Smisher County Juvenile Board at its regular meeting scheduled to be held at the Swisher County Courthouse, Tulla, Texas, 79088, at 6 p.m. on Oct. 9, 2001. At this time, the sealed bids will be opened and awarded.
Requirements may be obtained from Dena Berry, Director of Juvenile Probation, Swisher County Courthouse, Tulla, Texas, 79088.
The Castro/Smisher Juvenile Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all formalities for the best interest of the Castro/Smisher County Juvenile Probation Department.
DENA BERRY
Director, Juvenile Probation
25-22-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of public sale to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, at 2 p.m. at West Texas Mini Storage, 403 E. Stinson, Dimmitt, Texas. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property from the sale.
Property includes the contents of the unit from the following delinquent account:
Robbie Mae Walker—1710 Village East Apt. 102, Denton, Texas. The contents include several ceramic pieces and a kiln.
For further information contact Mary Jo Birdwell, 200 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas. 647-3427. 25-23-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of public sale to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Longhorn Storage Unit, Hart, Texas.
Property includes the contents of the unit from the following delinquent account:
Dennis Hill—East Highway 194, Hart, Texas. 938-2156. 25-23-2tc

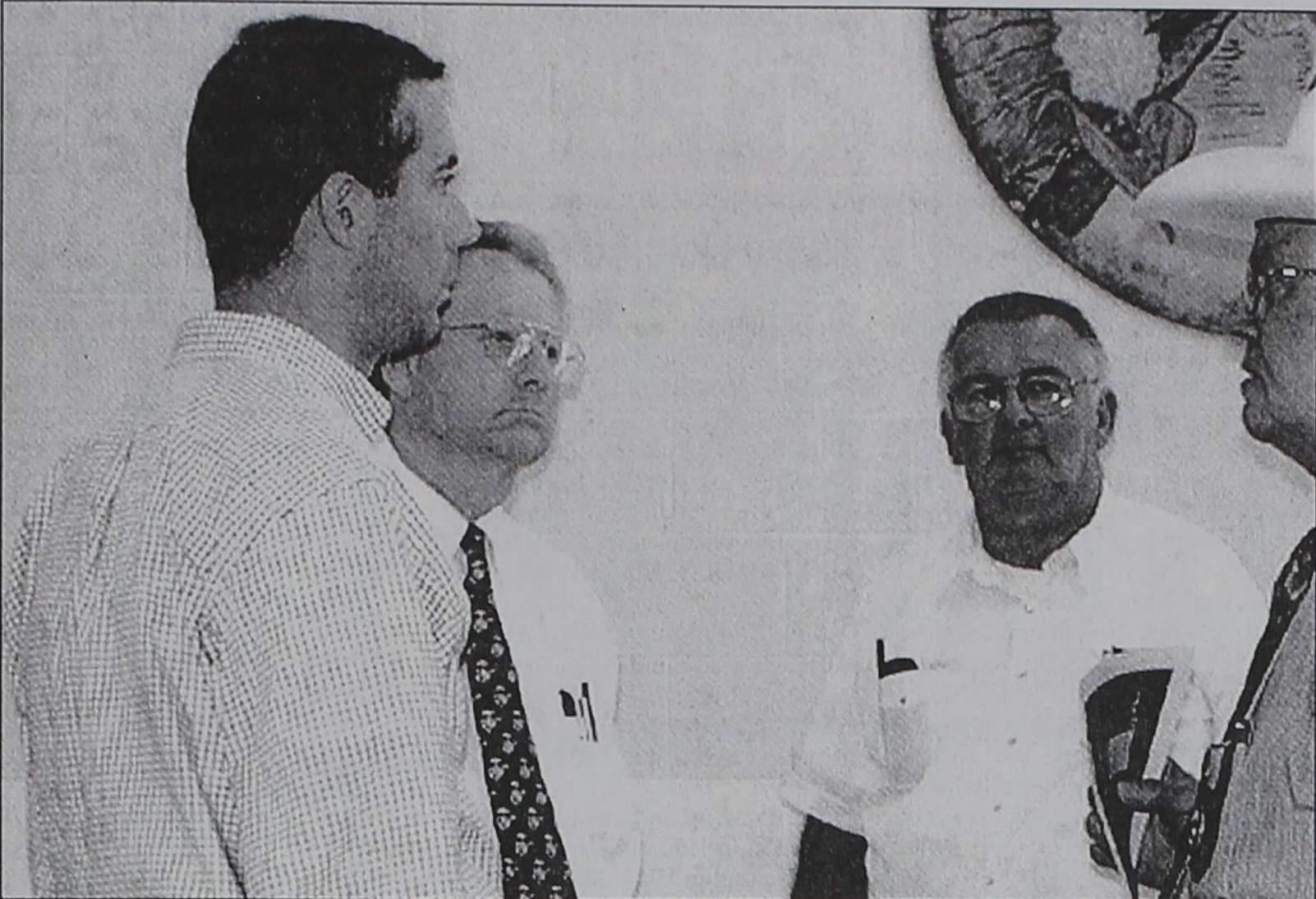
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LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids to remove and replace modified roof on the Castro County Courthouse and rework the firewall. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge's Office by 5 p.m. on Sept. 14, 2001. Bids will be opened on Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, at 10 a.m.
Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.
IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge
25-23-2tc

Together We Can



US REP. MAC THORNBERRY (left) visits with Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, Paul Wayland and Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld last Wednesday during a special town hall meeting in Dimmitt. About 50 people turned out to hear Thornberry offer an update on Social Security, rural hospitals and health care, the farm bill and more. Photo by Micah Pohlmeier

Police Calls

A car-pedestrian accident last Thursday in Dimmitt sent a 5-year-old girl to Plains Memorial Hospital for treatment.
She was treated for minor injuries and was released from the hospital that day.
Castro County Sheriff's Deputy Glen Snitker was driving a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria owned by Castro County, when it struck the young girl in the 700 block of Bedford St., last Thursday at 8 a.m.
The car was traveling eastbound on W. Bedford St., and the girl was crossing the street.

According to reports, the girl and her mother were crossing the street. The mother reportedly was holding the child's hand and pulled the child back as the car approached.
The girl was struck by the car's left front tire.
Snitker told officers that he did not see the pedestrian, and commented that the sun was really bright and blinding at the time of the accident.

Janet McDaniel told police that someone had broken into a building and stole 3-1/4 cases of soap valued at \$180 and \$5 in quarters. The

vandals also caused \$180 in damage to a door, latch and door knob as they kicked open an office door to take the soap and quarters.
The burglary happened sometime after 8:03 p.m. on Aug. 30.

A 25-year-old Dimmitt man told police that he had been struck by another person during a verbal argument at 1 a.m. on Sept. 1.
Another case of simple assault was reported at 2 p.m. on Sept. 3 by a 21-year-old Dimmitt woman, who told officers another person had struck her on the face.

Dimmitt police arrested a suspect for driving while intoxicated and driving with a license suspended at 12:39 a.m. on Sept. 3. The suspect had been stopped for a routine traffic offense.
Police arrested a suspect for public intoxication on Sept. 1 in the 300 block of W. Halsell St.

Those jailed during the past week included:
♦ 31-year-old Dimmitt man, jailed on a warrant for theft of more than \$20 but less than \$500, and for

carrying an invalid driver's license on Sept. 1.
♦ A 20-year-old Olton man, arrested for disorderly conduct on Sept. 1.
♦ A 49-year-old Hart man, arrested Sept. 2 for theft of more than \$20,000 but under \$100,000, aggravated assault and displaying a fictitious license plate. Other charges against him included failure to appear, and traffic violations including no safety belt and no driver's license.
♦ A 52-year-old Hart man was arrested Sept. 2 for public intoxication.
♦ A 37-year-old Hereford man, charged Sept. 3 with driving while intoxicated, first offense; driving with license suspended. He was also charged with theft by check of over \$20 but under \$500 on a warrant from Randall County.
♦ A 22-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense, on Sept. 3.

\$1 million grant established to prevent teen pregnancy

The Amarillo Area Foundation and Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation have joined with the Pampa-based *Worth the Wait* program, and the partnership has resulted in the receipt of a highly competitive grant.
Worth the Wait has been awarded a total of \$1,091,133 over a three-year period from the US Dept. of Health and Human Services for abstinence education. The grant was one of only 31 implementation grants throughout the country awarded under this project.

Worth the Wait, a non-profit, educational organization, was founded in 1997 to address the problem of teen pregnancy in the Texas Panhandle. The goals of the program are to delay the onset of teen sexual activity, thus reducing the incidence of teen pregnancy and to enlist parents as partners to become involved in dialogue with their teens. Identifying teen sexual activity as a public health issue has enabled *Worth the Wait* to enlist medical professionals and youth workers as volunteer speakers.

"This may be one of the most promising partnerships within the Foundation's entire Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative," said Jim Allison, president and executive director of both foundations.

The Special Programs of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) grant will provide expansion of teen pregnancy prevention services to the entire 26 northern-most counties of the Texas Panhandle. Funds provided by this grant for the next three years will:

♦ Expand the current media campaign partnership with the Amarillo Area Foundation to cover the entire Texas Panhandle.
♦ Develop an Internet web site as a resource for parents, adults and teens to access up-to-date information on STDs, teen pregnancy, trends, pro-abstinence entertainers and role models.
♦ Provide consultation and technical assistance to communities in the

region wanting to initiate a community-based program, and development of a Community/School Implementation Guide.

♦ Implement the community-based, abstinence education program in one new site per year and over the three-year project period.

In addition, the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation announces that it will match up to \$45,000, bringing the total project costs combined with other grants to prevent teen pregnancy to a significant \$1.7 million.

The grant will provide the funding to greatly expand the media campaign to heavily saturate the entire Texas Panhandle, as more than \$35,000 of the grant each year will be dedicated to Phase II of the media campaign. The award of this grant establishes *Worth the Wait* as the facilitator for Amarillo Area Foundation's "Wait Campaign."

A series of new commercials began airing on network and cable television in the area on Aug. 23, launching the first step of Phase II of the medica campaign.

"One year later, what have we learned?" asked Allison. "We asked the kids themselves and we heeded their comments."

Surveys and focus groups of Amarillo teens regarding the first phase of the media campaign reported that teens overwhelmingly believe these are messages they need to hear; 39% of males and 51% of females said the messages made them think about waiting to have sex; and kids advised that future efforts should boldly address issues of pressure and consequences.

The purpose of the newly-designed campaign continues to be educating the community on the seriousness of the problems, hoping to stir community concern and involvement. In viewing the ads, organizers hope parents will talk with their children and that teens will develop a true understanding of the realities of sex and pregnancy.

Father, I know I am too quick to see the faults in others. Help me to see my own faults just as clearly an instill in me the desire to correct my faults. Amen

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Obituaries

Blanche English

Blanche English, 85, of Hart, died Friday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Hart Church of Christ with Allie Balko officiating, assisted by Aaron Lee. Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. English was born Oct. 26, 1915, in Clarksville. She married Hubert A. English on May 13, 1934, in Clarksville. He died May 9, 1992.

She moved to Hart in 1951 from Red River County. She worked in many cafes in Hart for a number of years. She also worked as a clerk for Lowe's Pay and Save. She was a homemaker and a member of the Hart Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Donald; and two daughters, Ophelia Sue English and Carolyn Ball.

Survivors include a daughter, Reba Barham of Charlotte, N.C.; a son, C.M. English of Hart; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Hart Cemetery Fund.

Jean Kennedy

Funeral services for Jean Kennedy, 73, of Plainview, formerly of Hart, were held Wednesday morning at the Hart Church of Christ with Aaron Lee officiating. Burial followed in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Kennedy died Monday.

She was born Aug. 29, 1928, in Hollis, Okla. She was raised in Hollis and graduated from high school in Ron, Okla. She married James C. Kennedy on April 3, 1947, in Olton. He died June 6, 1986. She moved to Hart in 1953. She worked for Smith Potato Co., for 20 years. She moved to Plainview in 1991. She was a member of the Hart Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathy Trimble of Plainview; a son, James Keith Kennedy of Lubbock; three sisters, Frances Osthus, Zella Powell and Linda Baker, all of Plainview; and four grandchildren.



Marvin Scheller

Marvin Scheller, 70, of Sevierville, Tenn., former Dimmitt resident, died at his home after a lengthy illness.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 27 at Cashner Colonial Chapel in Conroe with pastor Chris Simpson officiating. Burial followed in the Garden Park Cemetery at Conroe.

Mr. Scheller was born Feb. 16, 1931, in Montague. He was a building contractor in the Conroe, Spring and Houston areas. He also did some farming in the Farwell area.

He married Christine Anderson on Jan. 29, 1951. The couple lived in Dimmitt for some time.

Survivors include his wife, Christine; a son, Larry "Beau" Scheller of Nashville, Tenn.; a daughter, Sherry Simpson of Pasadena; two brothers, Melvin Scheller of Berryville, Ark., and Charles Scheller of Spring; four sisters, Virginia Taylor of Dimmitt, Mable Wisian of Amarillo, Elaine Wright of Wichita Falls and Rose (Collins) Taylor of Earth; four grandchildren, Shanon and Brandy Scheller and Blake and Faythe Fischer; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Charles Wright, J.W. Holmes, Blake Fischer, Johnny Collins, John Prindle and Larry Weeks.

D.H. Shottenkirk

Memorial services for D.H. "Shot" Shottenkirk, 71, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday morning in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

He died at 3:14 a.m. last Wednesday, Aug. 29, at Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo.

He was born March 3, 1930, in South Dakota. He attended schools in Whitelake, S.D. He moved to Castro County in 1964. He served in the US Air Force and was stationed in Greenland during the Korean Conflict. He retired as a cattleman in 1997. He was a member of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Darla Fisher of Dimmitt and Jane Eby of Petersburg; a son, Lance Shottenkirk of Fort Worth; a brother, Don Shottenkirk of Wessington Springs, S.D.; a sister, Avis Blakely of Tully, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo 79174, Attn.: Tricia Weightman.

Mary Louise Stone

Services for Mary Louise Stone, 73, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday, Aug. 25, in the Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stone died at 4:10 a.m. on Aug. 23, in Dimmitt.

She was born Jan. 29, 1928, in Harlingen. She married J.W. "Jay" Stone on April 12, 1947, in Hale Center.

She grew up and attended school in Anton, graduating from Anton High School in 1944. She graduated from Draughts Business College.

She had been a Castro County resident since 1955. She retired after working for 28 years as a bookkeeper for Hays Implement in Dimmitt. She was a member of Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Mary Lee Dunlop and Jo Ann Davis, both of Amarillo, and Linda Heck of Dimmitt; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

More about

Harvest Days . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

Pokey the Clown will invade the Expo at 2:30 p.m., bringing along a variety of western items for a Junior Ranch Rodeo.

The Fair Association will turn a cow loose inside a squared-off pen at 2:45 p.m. to settle the cow patty bingo contest. When the cow "bingos" on a numbered square, the person who holds the ticket with that number will win \$500.

Casey Jones of Dimmitt, performing as "bound+ied" in concert, will be the featured attraction at 3 p.m. at the Expo Building.

The Castro County Masonic Lodge will sponsor a barbecue supper, with

the meal being catered by Desperados of Amarillo.

Adult tickets for the meal may be purchased in advance for \$6.50. Tickets at the door will be \$7. Children's tickets will be \$4.50.

The Castro County 4-H Horse Club and Horse Judging Team will sponsor a fun rodeo featuring barrel racing, pole bending, flag race, steer riding, mutton bustin', calf scramble, stick horse race, ladies' greased pig event and more—all for students 18 and under.

Books will open at 5:30 p.m. for the rodeo and the show will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena.

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Sen. Gramm says he won't seek re-election

Longtime US Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas) announced Tuesday that he won't be seeking another term in office.

Gramm is nearing the end of his third term in office, and has decided he wants to retire, according to news reports.

Gramm is best known for his support of tax cut legislation and

crime fighting bills.

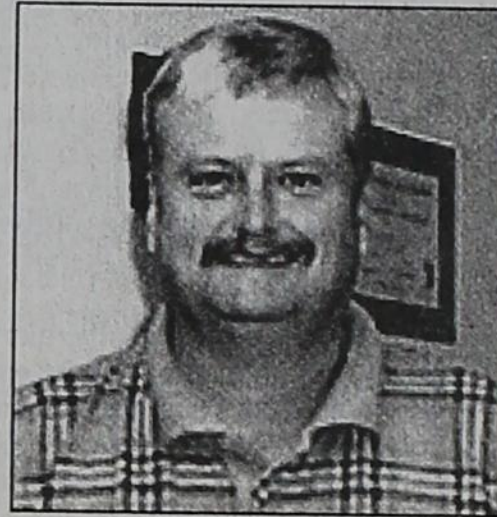
"Phil Gramm has faithfully dedicated the past 25 years of his life in service to the people of Texas," said Susan Weddington, chairman of the Republican party of Texas. "He will leave office just as he came in: successful, appreciated, respected and embodying the very ideals of a Texas statesman and leader."

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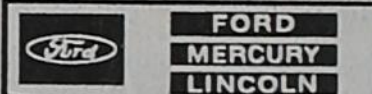


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"If you've just run your horse off a cliff, it's too late to say Whoa!"

As a schoolteacher and wife and mother of three, Yolanda Rueda rarely sits still long enough to pose for a picture. If she's not fixing supper or grading papers for her fourth grade science classes (or teaching Catechism or leading Brownies), she's probably out bike riding with her kids or splashing around with them in the swimming pool.

Yolanda and her family depend on co-op power for their homes. She and her husband Gilbert belong to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

Our customers are our neighbors. When you call your electric cooperative, chances are you're speaking to the same people you spoke with last time you called, whether that was last month or last year.

Co-ops are local enterprises operated by local people. That means we're familiar with your account and its history. Whether you're calling about billing, installation, maintenance or anything else, you'll get attention from someone with experience and knowledge, someone you know and who knows you — not a temp in a cubicle in a "service center" in another state. The smart choice on deregulation is to wait and see how it affects our members before we opt in. Let's not wait 'til it's too late to say "Whoa!"

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| ★ Castro County Fair | ★ Chow Time | ★ Pokey the Clown |
| ★ Arts and Crafts Show | ★ Early Settlers' Reunion | ★ Junior Ranch Rodeo |
| ★ Quilt Show | ★ Brisket Cook-Off | ★ Cow Pattie Bingo |
| ★ Harvest Days Parade | ★ Ground Beef Contest | ★ "bound + tied" in Concert |
| ★ Petting Zoo | ★ Pie Contest | ★ Drawings |
| ★ Dimmitt Middle School Choir | ★ Chili Cook-Off | ★ Barbecue Supper |
| ★ Pinto Bean Cook-Off | ★ Julie May | ★ Youth Fun Rodeo |

County fair rules are announced

CASTRO COUNTY FAIR COUNTY EXPO BUILDING SEPT. 8, 2001

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

Friday, Sept. 7, 12 noon-6 p.m.: All entries due for fair exhibits. Judging begins at 6 p.m. quilts start at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.: Viewing of all exhibits at the fair. Pick up exhibits. (All items must stay on display until 4:30 p.m.)

General rules and Regulations.

- Exhibitors in the Fair must be residents of Castro County. Anyone age 18 or under and single is in the Youth Division. Adults will be 19 and over.
- EACH PERSON MUST DO HIS OR HER OWN WORK. The entry may not have been judged in a previous Castro County Fair.
- The superintendents in each section who are in charge of entries reserve the right to accept or reject entries, depending on conditions for suitability for exhibit.
- You may enter only ONE article in each class. Superintendents have final decision on

classification.

5. Entries must be entered as listed in each division from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7.

6. Exhibitors' items must remain on exhibit until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8. Cash awards and/or items should be picked up Saturday, Sept. 8.

7. All articles not removed from the building by 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, will become the property of the Fair Association and will be disposed of by the Association.

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

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

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

Cash Awards must be picked up within 30 days at the Extension Office. Best of Show, \$5; First Place, ribbon and \$1; Second place, ribbon and \$0.50. For more information contact the Extension Office, 205 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; or Marilyn R. Neal, County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Sciences at 647-4115.



BEST ANTIQUE TRACTOR IN 2000 HARVEST DAYS PARADE
... This 1941 B Farmall owned by J.H. Harris

Photo by Anne Acker

Baking Section

- Products may have been frozen, but it is NOT necessary. Thaw at room temperature in packaging materials to be ready for judging.
- Display products on FOIL-COVERED CARDBOARD AND WRAP WITH CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP. If not displayed in this manner, your food will be disqualified. PIES SHOULD BE IN FOIL PANS. Cream pies may be taken after they are judged.
- No commercial mixes, unless decorated cake entry.
- Note the number of items required for each entry.

Class Number and Amount

- Cookie Bars/Squares—6.
- Biscuits—6.
- Brownies, any kind—6.
- Candy, any kind—6.
- Candy, molded, any kind—6.
- Cinnamon Rolls—6.
- Cookies, any kind—6.
- Cornbread, any kind—6 pieces.
- Hot rolls—6.
- Muffins—6.
- Cake: coffee, decorated (mix accepted), plain iced, pound, specialty (i.e. German Chocolate, Italian Cream).
- Pies: cream, fruit, nut, other.
- Quick bread (whole loaf).
- Yeast bread: white, whole wheat, other (whole loaf).

Home Food Preservation

Standards for Canned Products

General Requirements

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

Canned Fruits & Vegetables

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

Class Numbers

FRUITS:

- Apples
- Applesauce
- Apricots
- Cherries
- Apple
- Apple Butter
- Apricot
- Cherry
- Grape
- Peach

- Fruit Juice
- Peaches
- Pears
- Other

JAMS, JELLIES & PRESERVES:

- Pear
- Plum
- Strawberry
- Tomato Preserves
- Other

PICKLES:

- Beets
- Bread & Butter
- Chow-Chow
- Cucumber-Swt
- Cucumber-Dill
- Hot Sauce
- Okra
- Peach
- Pepper
- Picante
- Relish
- Corn Relish
- Tomatoes
- Other

VEGETABLES:

- Asparagus
- Beans (Green)
- Beans (Lima)
- Beans (Shelled)
- Beets
- Carrots
- Corn
- Okra
- Peas (English)
- Potatoes
- Sauerkraut
- Soup Mix
- Squash
- Tomatoes
- Tomato Juice
- Other

DRIED FOODS:

- Apples
- Apricots
- Bananas
- Grapes
- Peaches
- Pears
- Plums
- Prunes
- Other

Clothing Section

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

- Apron
- Blouse
- Children's clothing
- Coordinates—pants, skirt or blouse (2 or more pieces)
- Dress
- Evening Wear
- Hat
- Holiday apparel—adult or children
- Jumpsuit
- Men's suit
- Pants
- Shirt
- Shorts
- Skirt
- Suit
- Vest
- Other

Craft Section

- Afghan—Crocheted, Knitted, Other
- Applique
- Baskets—Hand-woven, Padded, Other
- Calligraphy
- Ceramics
- China Painting
- Crochet
- Cross Stitch
- Counted—A. Baby Items; B. Pictures, Pattern/Kit—D. Baby Item; E. Pictures; F. Home Accessories
- Dolls, Any Kind
- Doll Clothes
- Decorated Shirt—Applique, Painted, Other
- Drawing—Pastels, Pen and/or Ink, Pencil, Other
- Embroidery—Crewel, Punch, Other
- Jewelry
- Knitted Items
- Leather
- Needlepoint
- Painting—Acrylic, Oil, Paper, Tole, Water Color
- Pastels—Chalk
- Pillows—Applique, Candlewick, Needlepoint, Quilted
- Place Mats—Quilted, Other

- Rugs—Hooked, Braided
- Stained Glass
- Stenciling—Fabric, Paper
- Stuffed Animals
- Tablecloths—Applique, Crochet, Embroidery, Holiday, Pieced, Other
- Tatting
- Wood—Crafted, Hand-Crafted, Painted, Other
- Wreaths other than Christmas
- Christmas wreaths
- Angels—Ceramics, Other
- Holiday centerpiece
- Nativity set
- Ornaments—Ceramics, Other
- Outdoor decorations
- Stockings—Counted Cross Stitch, Pattern Cross Stitch, Crochet, Felt, Knit, Needlepoint, Other
- Trees—Ceramic, Other
- Tree Skirts—Felt, Patchwork, Other
- Holiday Items—Other than Christmas
- Paper crafts

Farm and Garden Section

Corn: 6 ears for each exhibit (no shucks)

- Blue
- Indian
- Popcorn
- White
- Yellow
- 10 open bolls
- Open Variety
- Storm Proof
- Grain Sorghum: 10 heads
- Milo (red hybrid or white hybrid)
- Sheaf Forage: at least 3-1/2" diameter
- Alfalfa
- Soybeans
- Irrigated Pasture
- Sudan
- Millet
- Sweet Sorghum
- Small Grains and Seeds:
- Alfalfa
- Oats
- Barley
- Rye
- Castor Oil
- Sesame
- Corn
- Sudan
- Grass Seed
- Wheat
- Milo
- Other

- Sunflower, 1 head, field variety
- Sunflower, 1 head, garden variety

- Fruits:
- Apples—3
- Grapes, bunch
- Peaches—3
- Pears—3
- Plums—6
- Strawberries, pint
- Other

- Vegetables:
- Beans, Shelled, 1 quart
- Beets—6
- Bell Peppers—3
- Broccoli—3
- Cabbage—1
- Cantaloupe—1
- Carrots—6
- Cauliflower—1
- Cucumbers—3
- Gourds—3
- Green Beans—12
- Honey Dew—1
- Irish Potatoes—6
- Lettuce—1 head
- Okra—6
- Onions—3
- Peas, shelled, 1 quart
- Peppers—6
- Pumpkin—1
- Rhubarb—6
- Summer Squash
- Green or Yellow—3
- Winter Squash
- Green or Yellow—3
- Sweet Potatoes, 6
- Tomatoes—6
- Turnips—3
- Watermelon—1
- Other

Horticulture Section

- African violet
- Potted plant
- Floral arrangement
- Other
- Flower, one stem

Photography Section

- (Professional and Amateur)
- A person may enter only one (1) picture in each class, except one set of sequences.
- Each entry must be mounted separately.
- Only mounted pictures will be accepted (heavier than construction paper for displays. DO NOT MOUNT ON WHITE.
- Pictures will be judged on impact, technique and composition.

Snapshots: 3-1/2 x 5 or 4 x 6

- Animals
- Buildings
- Landscape
- People
- Sequence *
- Enlargements: 5 x 7 or larger
- Animals
- Buildings
- Landscape
- People
- Sequence *
16. Sports
17. Still Life
18. Transportation
19. Other

* 3 or 4 photos telling a story.
Antiques: For display ONLY.

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Early Settlers luncheon set Saturday in Dimmitt

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

The center will be open at 9 a.m. and is on the parade route. The luncheon will start at noon and will be

followed by a brief business meeting and recognition time.

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

For more information call Rayphard Smithson at 647-4519.

Door prizes will be given for various categories.

Society of St. Andrew needs gleaning volunteers

The Society of St. Andrew is looking for farmers and volunteers interested in donating to the Gleaning Network.

The Society of St. Andrew is a non-profit corporation that arose to fight the hunger problem in the U.S. and around the world.

Begun in 1979 by two ministers and their families, the small staff works to fight the inequities and waste that make hunger a painful reality for millions of people.

The Gleaning Network brings together farmers, volunteers and agencies to provide food for the hungry from fruit and vegetables left in the field after harvest.

They see the need for this project because 34 million people in America live in poverty and are likely to experience hunger.

The USDA estimates that 20 percent of all the food grown in the U.S. is wasted, enough to feed all the hungry people.

Since 1988, the Gleaning Network has been addressing these problems of hunger and waste through glean- ing.

This ancient biblical practice involves volunteers gathering crops

that would otherwise be left in the fields after harvest.

The food is then distributed through food banks, soup kitchens and other agencies.

Their goal is to see that no food is wasted while people go hungry. The Society of St. Andrew is working towards duplicating this program nationwide.

To become involved with this glean- ing project, growers with produce and groups interested in glean- ing can contact the Gleaning Net- work.

One can contact them at: The Society of St. Andrew, 2808 Fairmount, Suite 300, Dallas, TX 75201. They can also be reached by phone at 214-922-9206 or by fax at 214-922-9278.

Their e-mail addresses are (sosatx@mindspring.com) or (glean@texas.net).

The Society of St. Andrew can also be reached at their office in the Panhandle. Their address is North- west Texas Office, Gleaning Coordi- nators: Robert and Frances Duke, HCR 1, Box 50, Springlake, TX 79082. Their phone numbers are 806-647-5517 and 1-800-769-9462- pin-000.



A FUNNY HUG—Robin Pebsworth of Hart cheers up spectators along the route of the Harvest Days Parade in Dimmitt last year. Here, she gives a big hug to Oscar Wylie as he sits along Jones Street, enjoying the procession. This year's parade is planned for Saturday at 10 a.m.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Pet show is a favorite Harvest Days activity

They might be presented on a leash, in a box, in a cage or in their master's arms, but you can bet that each pet presented before W.J. Hill will earn a special prize during the annual Harvest Days pet show, which is set today (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

All pets should be lined up by 5:30 p.m. on the north side of the Expo Building. Judging will begin as soon as all pets are in place.

Sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and Dimmitt

Veterinary Clinic, the pet show is expected to include dogs, cats and birds, as well as some unusual pets—maybe a fish or two, rabbits, baby chickens, turtles, lizards, guinea pigs, snakes and more.

There is no entry fee and anyone who wants to show off his or her pet may do so.

Employees of the Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic, including local veterinarian, Dr. W.J. Hill, will judge this year's show.

All pets entered in the show will receive a ribbon.

Chamber taking entries for Harvest Days parade

One of the highlights of the annual Harvest Days celebration is the parade, and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting entries for this year's event, which is Saturday.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday and theme will be *Cattle, Cotton, Corn 'n' Cowboys*.

"This is an excellent time to publicize your organization, business activities and/or events in downtown Dimmitt. There is no entry fee and ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded," said Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

The parade will feature divisions for business floats, antique cars, bicycles, civic floats, antique tractors, antique trucks, horse-drawn entries and others.

Three cash awards will be presented to those selected as "Best in

Parade."

Ribbons will be awarded in non-competitive children's divisions, but no ribbons will be awarded to political candidate or elected official entries.

If you'd like to be a part of the parade, contact the Chamber at 115 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt or call Sava at 647-2524.

The parade will begin at the inter- section of E. Bedford St. and SE Third St., and will travel eight blocks west on Bedford St. to Front St. The parade will turn south on Front St. and travel a block to Jones St., then will turn east on Jones for nine blocks until it meets up with SE 4th St. After traveling two blocks on SE 4th, the parade should wind up at the Castro County Expo Building, where a full slate of activities are planned throughout the day.

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

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

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I'm gonna win the pet show! What about me? Sorry little lamb, the pet show is mine! I'm the best chicken in the coop!

KICK-OFF Harvest Days
by attending the annual
PET SHOW
Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Expo
First Ag Credit, F.C.S.

Wake up—
time to go
to the fair!

Plan to spend an enjoyable day at the Castro County Fair Friday or Saturday. You'll see the best in hobby work, garden products, canned goods, baked goods, clothing, flowers, photography and artwork. We'll see you there!

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Get your
ticket for
**Cow
Patty
Bingo!**

Chances are \$10 each and are being sold by members of the Fair Association. Only 100 chances will be sold. The "Bingo Field" will be 100 numbered squares south-east of the Expo Building. The cow will be turned loose at 2:45 p.m. Saturday. The game will end when the cow "bin- gos" on somebody's square, **AND THE WINNER WILL GET \$500!** Enjoy the fun and benefit the Fair Association!

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Happy 110th

Get Tuned Up For HARVEST DAYS!

We hope you have the biggest and best Harvest Days celebration ever.

Attend and take part in all the events you can—Pet Show • Junior Tractor Pull • County Fair • Quilt Show • Arts & Crafts Booths • Quilt Show • Parade • Petting Zoo • Dimmitt Middle School Choir • Top of Texas Cloggers • Various Cookoffs • Early Settlers Reunion Lunch • Pie Contest • Fiddlers' Contest • Water Polo • Pokey The Clown's Junior Ranch Rodeo • Cow Patty Bingo • "bound + tie" in Concert • Barbecue Supper • 4-H Roping Club's FUN Rodeo

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Show

We just show up Thursday afternoon at the Expo, right? Yep. At 5:30 p.m.

I'm not sure this is my kind of crowd. Gatos! Perros! Cabras! Patos!

Please, Boss—I wanna go! And take us with him, Big Guy!

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See
you
at the
**Fun
Rodeo!**

Join us for the Fun Rodeo Saturday evening at 6:30 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena. This event is being sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Roping Club.

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

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Fiddlers' contest will draw talented musicians of all ages

Hand-clappin' and toe-tappin' music is guaranteed Saturday afternoon at the Expo Building when fiddlers of all ages gather for the annual Harvest Days fiddlers' contest.

The contest is slated to begin at 1 p.m. on the stage in the Expo Building, and there are four age divisions.

Those up to age 12 may enter the contest for \$5, and prizes will be \$25 for first, \$20 for second and \$15 for third.

Other age divisions will be required to pay a \$10 entry fee and they will be divided as follows: ages 13-18; ages 19-40 and ages 40 and up.

Prize money for the 13-18 year-old category will be \$75 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

The other two age groups will compete for prize money in the amount of \$100, \$75 and \$50 for first, second and third places in each division.

Each contestant will be allowed six minutes to play three selections including a waltz, hoedown or breakdown and a tune of their choice. No show tunes will be allowed (for example, *Orange Blossom Special*, *Black Mountain Rag* or *Listen to the Mockingbird*.)

Out-of-town judges will select the winners.

For more information about the contest, call Herb Mayfield at 647-5526 or the Castro County Cooperative Extension Service at 647-4115.



KEEP ON PEDALING, JARED!—4-year-old Jared Shaw gets encouragement from Jack Patton as he struggles to obtain a "full pull" in the pedal tractor pull competition last year in Dimmitt. Shaw finished first in his age division.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

Patchwork creations will be displayed during Harvest Days weekend

Some of the best machine and hand quilting in the Texas Panhandle can be found in Castro County, and those talented seamstresses will be sharing their talent by displaying their creations at the Castro County Quilt Show Friday and Saturday.

The annual quilt show is held in conjunction with the Harvest Days Celebration and it is sponsored by the Friendship Quilters' Guild. All Castro County residents are eligible to enter the show and competition.

Those planning to enter quilts in this year's show should deliver their entry to the Castro County Expo Building Friday afternoon. Quilts will be judged Friday evening.

Quilts will remain on display through the Harvest Days celebration Saturday evening, and owners may pick up their quilts after 4 p.m. Saturday.

Quilts entered in Division I will be judged for technique, design, creativity and overall quality.

First-, second- and third-place ribbons will be awarded to winners in each category. Several special awards also will be presented for "Best of Show," "Judge's Award," and "People's Choice Award."

Quilts that have won in a previous show can be entered only as display items.

Only one quilt per entrant, per category, will be allowed. If the quilt is the work of more than one person, written credit must be given to the other person. The person entering the quilt will be awarded the ribbon.

Quilts entered in the competition or show may be sold if the owner so desires.

Categories for this year's show are as follows:

1. Children's (crib quilt, made for children).
2. Combination technique (appliqued and pieced).
3. Embroidery and other needlework.
4. First quilt.
5. Group.
6. Hand applique (all methods).
7. Machine applique (all methods).
8. Machine quilted.
9. Miniature quilts.
10. Pieced (hand-quilted only).
11. Quilts by youth (made by those age 17 and under).
12. Quilt tops.
13. Small quilts and wall quilts (less than 60" x 90").
14. Specialized method (includes painted, cathedral windows and crazy quilts).

Those who would like to enter a quilt should pick up a fair book at the Extension office or Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt. The book includes an entry form and complete rules for the show and competition.

Reception was held Tuesday for those at Canterbury Villa

The residents and staff at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt welcomed guests during a special reception Tuesday afternoon at the nursing home.

The event was sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce as part of this week's Harvest Days celebration.

See you at the

Fiddlers' Contest!

Saturday, 1 p.m.
at the Expo

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In my mind, Dear Lord, I know there are a great many people in real trouble. Now open my heart and direct my steps to them with understanding and outstretched arms. Amen.

O Lord, I have so many faults. I try to be aware of them and reform my ways, but often fall back. Help me to see myself as others see me and grant me the determination to change. Amen.

Come on out and join in the fun at this year's Harvest Days Celebration!

The more activities you attend or take part in, the more you'll enjoy our big annual celebration.

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Castro Co-op Gin, Inc.

Randall Small, Manager

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Saturday--1 p.m.
Expo Building Stage Area

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You don't have to be an old settler ...

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

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

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DON'T FORGET the Pet Show; Junior Tractor Pull; County Fair; Arts and Craft Show; Quilt Show; Harvest Days Parade; Petting Zoo; Dimmitt Middle School Choir; Chili, Barbecue, Bean & Rib Cook-Off; Chow Time; Early Settlers' Reunion; Top of Texas Cloggers Dance Exhibition; Pie Contest; Ground Beef Contest; Fiddlers' Contest; Water Polo; Pokey the Clown's Junior Ranch Rodeo; Cow Pattie Bingo; "bound + tied" in Concert; Drawings; Barbecue Supper; Junior Fun Rodeo ...

We hope you enjoy Harvest Days!

Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, Myatt & Bradley, C.P.A.

Mmm-mmm good!

Chili, rib, brisket, fruit pie, ground beef contests slated

A wide range of mouth-watering culinary creations will tempt the palate of judges Saturday during the annual Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt.

Pinto beans, brisket, pork spare ribs, lean ground beef recipes, chili and homemade pies will be judged Saturday afternoon at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. The pinto bean, brisket, pork spare rib and chili contests are sponsored by the Castro County Fair Association; while the homemade pie and lean ground beef contests will be sponsored by the Castro County Cooperative Extension Service.

Cook-off

This will be the first year the Fair Committee will hold cook-offs featuring pinto beans, pork spare ribs, brisket and chili.

All meats entered in the contest must be prepared from the raw stage, on site. Pre-cooking, marinating and other preparations will be allowed after contestants check in with contest organizers. The use of sauces and/or marinades is permitted during cooking; although no sauce or marinade may be used to cover the meat once it's turned in to the judges.

No meat cooked inside motor homes or travel trailers will be eligible for the contest. Cooks may use outdoor-type cookers.

The first to be judged will be pinto beans, and completed dishes should be turned in to judges by 11 a.m. at the cookoff area northwest of the Expo Building.

Those cooking pork spare ribs must have their food ready to submit to judges by 11:30 a.m. Baby back ribs are not allowed in the contest, and seven whole pork spare ribs must be submitted to judges.

Brisket cooks should present their entries at 12 noon, and seven slices

of brisket must be entered, each 3/8 to 1/4 of an inch thick.

The chili cook-off entries are due at 12:30 p.m., and the finished product must be delivered in designated containers.

Entry fees for the cook-off contests are as follows: pinto beans, \$5; brisket, \$10; pork spare ribs, \$10; and chili, \$10. Those entering all four categories will get a price break on entry fees—\$30 instead of \$35.

The contests are restricted to residents of Castro County.

For more information about the cook-off contests, please call the Extension Office at (806) 647-4115 or (806) 647-3736.

Cooks can compete in a showmanship competition, which will include theme, costume, booth set-up, action and audience appeal.

Judging shall be on a continuous basis for two hours during the cook-off, ending at least 30 minutes prior to chili turn-in or beginning 30 minutes after chili turn-in time. Showmanship can be shortened by the head judge.

There should be no entertainment or other activities planned by the cook-off that would interfere with showmanship during the hours of showmanship judging.

Showmanship judges must remain anonymous and conceal their judging sheets. Showmanship judging will be on a 1- to 10-point system, using the five categories to determine a point total. Judges' tally sheets will be tabulated together to determine the winners. If necessary, ties can be broken by additional judges.

Show teams will be judged by an assigned number. This number is to be prominently displayed on the show booth or worn by the participant if traveling away from the booth.

Show teams must have a cook entered in the cook-off in order to

qualify for showmanship points. Showmanship must be limited so as not to interfere with other show teams, or to cause hazardous or unsafe conditions to exist.

Sound amplifications may be used, with limited volume, but shouldn't interfere with surrounding cooks or show teams.

Disqualification will result for any team discharging firearms, or using any other explosives or noise-producing pyrotechnics.

Nudity or lewdness is banned from showmanship.

Fruit pies

Homemade fruit pies will be sampled by several lucky judges Saturday in the third-annual homemade pie contest.

Homemade pies will be accepted from any county resident, and should be brought to the Expo Building for judging by 12:30 p.m.

Winners of the pie contest will be announced Saturday afternoon.

Lean ground beef

If it can be made from lean ground beef, it'll be welcome at the fair.

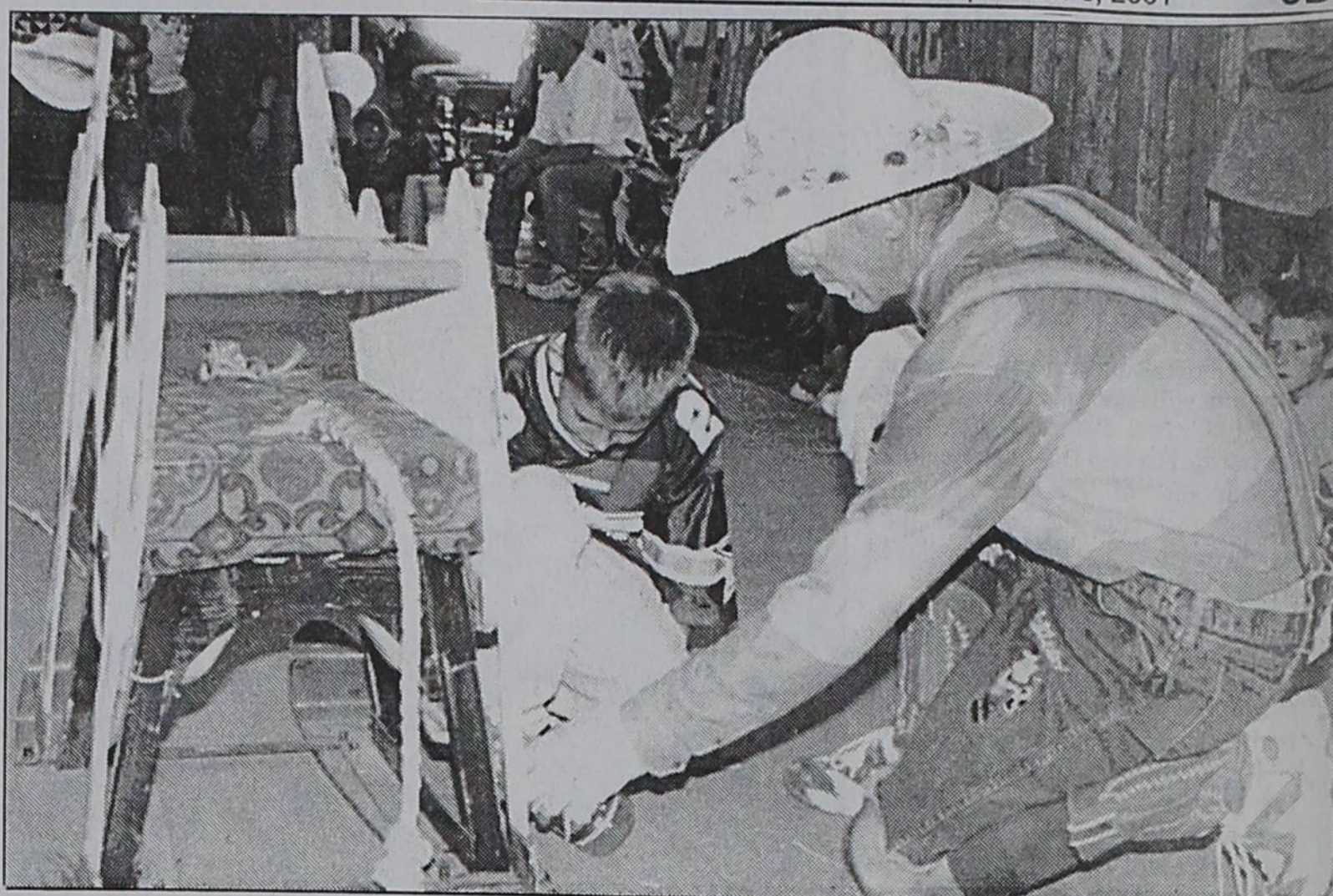
Any dish that has two pounds of lean ground beef as its main ingredient can be entered in the lean ground beef contest, which will be held Saturday at 12:15 p.m.

The ground beef creations can be casseroles, meat loaf, pizza, soups, Mexican food or anything else, according to organizers of the event.

Anyone can enter the contest and there is no entry fee.

Those planning to enter the event are asked to bring their fully-prepared dishes to the Expo Building at 12:15 p.m. Saturday. That's when a select panel of judges will taste-test the creations and select a winner.

Detailed rules and guidelines can be obtained from the Extension office in Dimmitt.



HERE'S HOW TO MILK A WOODEN COW

... Pokey the Clown shows a youngster how it's done in the Junior Ranch Rodeo during Harvest Days 2000
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LEAN GROUND BEEF COOKING CONTEST winner is Betty Freeman (right). Marilyn Neal, CEA-HE, presented her with a gift certificate for Castro County beef.

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Harvest Days, 2001



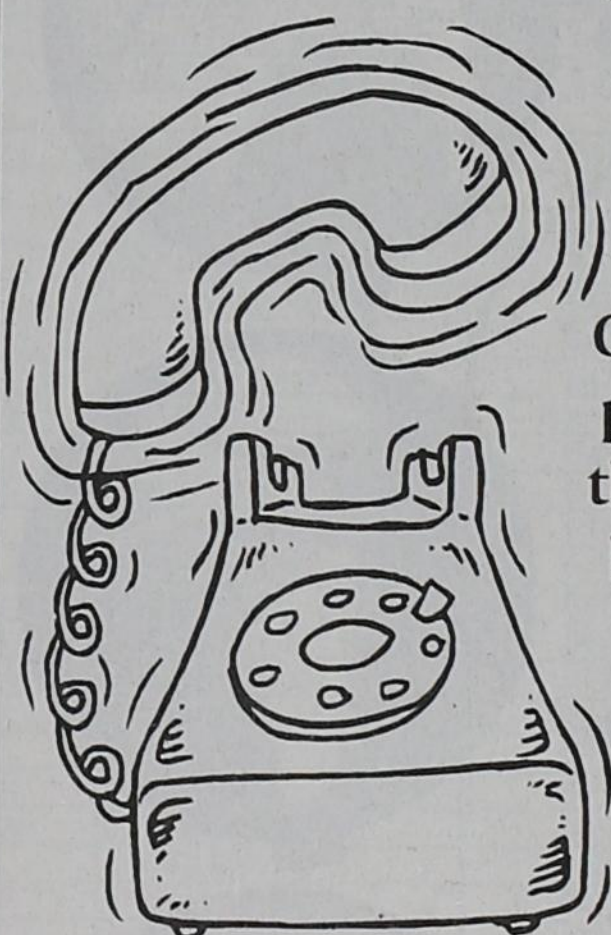
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Quilt raffle concludes Saturday

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

Members of the organization pieced together and quilted the patchwork creation which they have named "In Circle Stars."

Joyce Davis said the queen-sized quilt is primarily jewel-tone colors of red, green and gold. It features a star in the middle, surrounded by a border.

The Guild is selling chances for the quilt at \$2 per ticket or three tickets for \$5. Proceeds from the fundraiser will allow the Friendship Quilters to help sponsor various projects around the county.

The quilt which will be raffled off is currently on display in Dimmitt, and it is moved from business to business.

To purchase tickets in advance, contact Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or any member of the Friendship Quilters' Guild. Tickets will be sold throughout the Harvest Days celebration, too.

The winner will be named at 4 p.m. Saturday.

There is nothing wrong with having nothing to say unless you insist on saying it.

The worst thing about growing old is having to listen to a lot of advice from one's children.



GETTING A BETTER LOOK—Jacklyn Escamilla, 2, daughter of Alicia Sanchez and Jerry Escamilla, peeks over her sunglasses to get a better view of the spectacle offered by the Harvest Days parade last year. This year's Harvest Days parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Here's where you need to line up for the parade

The Dimmitt Lions Club will be directing the annual Harvest Days parade Saturday morning, and they have established several line-up spots which they hope will alleviate traffic congestion.

All parade entries will meet at specific spots in southeast Dimmitt, depending on the category in which they are entered.

Everyone entering a float, car, bicycle, etc., is asked to be at the appropriate starting spot by 9:15 a.m. on Saturday.

Parade entrants will be judged by members of the Lions Club prior to the parade and awards will be presented to winners while the entrants are lined up.

The only award which will not be presented during lineup will be "Best of Parade," which will be announced as the winners pass the Broadway-Bedford intersection on the parade route.

"Best of Parade" cash awards will be \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. Other special awards will be presented to the "Best Dressed Cowgirl" and "Best Dressed Cowboy." Ribbons and rosettes will be presented to winners in most categories.

This year's parade will begin at the corner of SE Third St. and E. Bedford St. near Dimmitt Consumers and will travel west on Bedford Street for eight blocks, then will turn south on Front St. The parade will continue along Front St. for a block until it reaches Jones St., then will head east for nine blocks until it reaches SE Fourth St.

Parade traditionals, including the parade marshal, elected officials, bands, color guard, etc., will line up in the 100 block of SE Third St., facing north; and in the 200 block of E. Jones St., facing east.

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat

Band will gather in the parking lot at the southwest corner of Bedford St. and SE Third St. Other bands will meet in the 100 block of NE Third St.

Antique cars will line up in the 300 block of E. Jones St., facing west. They will be followed by antique trucks, which will line up in the 200 block of SE Fourth St., facing north. The antique tractors will be next in line, meeting in the 200 and 300 blocks of SE Fourth St.

Floats entered by civic clubs, churches and teams will line up in the 200 and 300 blocks of SE Third St.

Three-wheelers, go-carts and motorcycles should gather in the City of Dimmitt warehouse parking lot on the northeast corner of E. Jones St. and SE Third St.

Bicycle riders should report en masse at the southwest corner of E. Jones St. and SE Third St., east of the Dimmitt City Hall.

Commercial floats, including cars carrying politicians, are asked to meet in the 200 and 400 blocks of SE Second St., facing north.

Animal-drawn wagons should line up in the 300 block of SE Fourth St., facing north.

Riding clubs will meet north of the Expo Building in the 400 block of E. Stinson St., facing west.

Farm equipment should line up on SE Third St., and in the 400 and 500 blocks of SE Third St.

Pokey the Clown will direct 'rodeo'

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

The event is one of many planned during the Harvest Days celebration. The wild and crazy junior ranch rodeo was enjoyed by many local children last year, and this year's event is expected to draw a large number of participants again.


The two-hour rodeo will feature four-person teams and there will be three age categories including Pee Wee (ages 3-7), Junior (ages 4-11) and Senior (ages 7-16).

There is a \$20 entry fee per team.

The junior ranch rodeo will be a qualifying event for the WRCA Junior Ranch World Championship Finals.


The event is sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Club and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

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



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COLOR GUARD—Airmen from Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M., have led the Harvest Days parade for several years, and they'll return to do so again Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in Dimmitt. Those in last year's parade were (from left) Senior Airman Hans Geinader, Master Sgt. Michael Tapp, and Airman Che Alaniz.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Pedal tractor pull returns to Dimmitt during Harvest Days

The competition is expected to be fierce today (Thursday) during the pedal tractor pull in Dimmitt.

An annual feature of the Castro County Harvest Days celebration, the tractor pull attracts youngsters from across the area, and each will be competing for the right to advance to the next level of competition. Sponsors for the event are the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Youngsters will struggle and strain to pedal miniature tractors to the finish line before the machines are bogged down by weights.

To compete in the event, children must register beginning at 5 p.m. at the Expo Building. The contest is slated to start at 6 p.m.

Children between the ages of 4 and 12 can register for the event. Advance registration forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt.

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

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

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

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

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

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

More than one child may compete at a time. When the start signal is given, the child must start pedaling. A trailer pulled by the tractor holds a weight on an inclined pulley. As the tractor is pedaled, the weight moves up the pulley, increasing the amount of power it takes to pedal.

When the child stops pedaling, his or her turn is over and the distance he or she pedaled is measured. Those with the longest distances traveled will be named the winners.

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

Water polo is planned

Teams wielding fire hoses will try and keep a ball suspended in the air with streams of water Saturday afternoon during the water polo contest.

At 2 p.m., the contest is slated to begin at the vacant lot on SE Third St., behind C&S Battery, Inc., in Dimmitt.

The water polo contest is one of many events planned Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration. It is sponsored by the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. Those interested in competing should report to the assigned area before 2 p.m.

Participants are guaranteed a break from the heat because they will get soaked, according to former players.

For more information about the contest, contact Francis Acker at 647-4549.

O God, I know I am not perfect and You know I am not perfect. I ask that You help me grow in the direction that pleases you and leave all my regrets behind. Amen

The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.



DR. LEON JOPLIN (left) and Tami Griffitt entertain crowds with a selection of inspirational Christian tunes just prior to the Harvest Days parade in 2000. This year's Harvest Days celebration is planned this weekend, with the bulk of the activities slated Saturday.

Photo by Anne Acker

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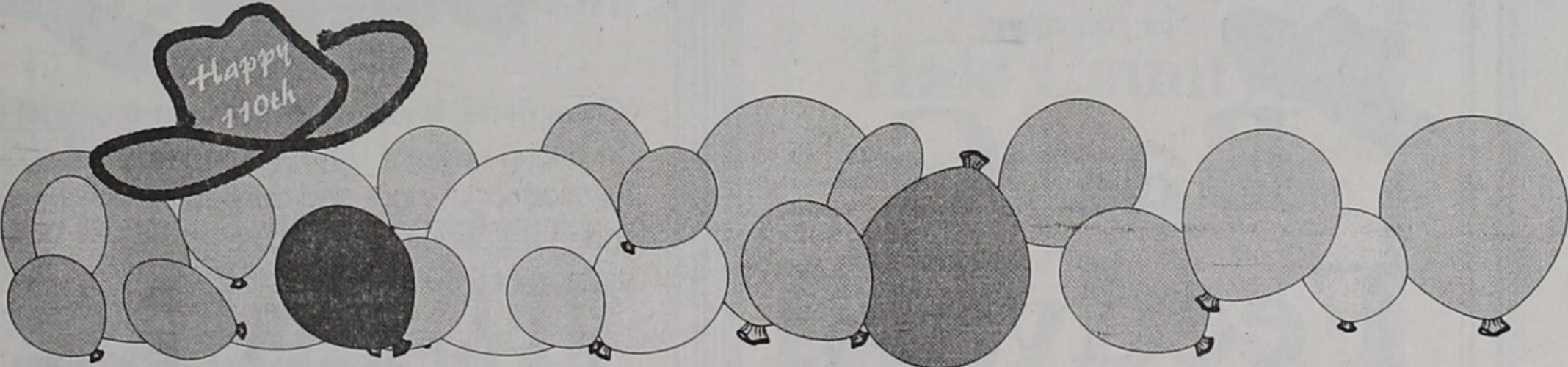
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CASTRO COUNTY HARVEST DAYS -- DIMMITT, TEXAS -- September 6-8, 2001

Day & Time	Event	Sponsored By	Contact Person	Phone Number	Additional Information
Thu 5:00 PM	Registration for Junior Tractor Pull	Kiwanis Club / Chamber	Bill Sava	647-2524	Inside Castro County Expo
5:30 PM	Pet Show	Chamber / Dimmitt Vet Clinic	Bill Sava	647-2524	Please Restrain Pets - North Side Of Expo
6:00 PM	Junior Tractor Pull	Kiwanis Club / Chamber	Bill Sava	6472524	Inside Castro County Expo
Fri All Day	"Fair Deals" Friday - Shop Castro Co. Merchants	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	"Fair Deals" - Look for "Fair Deals" Bargains
12 Noon	Registration of Fair Exhibits - 'Til 6 PM	Castro County Fair Association	Emma Jean King	647-4115	Entries Accepted Until 6 PM - Inside Expo
	Vendors Set Up - Craft Booths Set UP - 'Til 9 PM	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	*Exhibit Area Closed To Public For Judging*
6:00 PM	Judging Of Fair Exhibits	Castro County Fair Association	Marilyn Neal	647-4115	*Exhibit Area Closed To Public For Judging*
	Inspection of Raw Meat for Chili/Barbeque Cookoff	Castro County Fair Association	Marshall Young	647-3736	Inspection As Judging is Available til 9:00 AM
7:30 PM	Football - Springlake @ Dimmitt	Bobcat Football	Coach Glen Dunnam	647-3105	Go Cats!
	Football - Lubbock Christian @ Nazareth	Swift Football	Coach Ricky Peacock	945-2231	Go Swifts!
8:00 PM	Football - Morton @ Hart	Longhorn Football	Coach Jay McCook	938-2140	Go Longhorns!
Sat 7:00 AM	Vendors Set Up Booths	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	Set-Up To Be Completed By 9:00 AM
9:00 AM	Quilt Show, Exhibits, Booths, Activities Open	Castro County Fair Association	Polly Simpson	647-4115	Crafts - Food - Games - Rides
	Early Settlers' Reunion - Registration	Early Settlers' Committee	R & ML Smithson	647-4358	Senior Citizens Center - 218 W Jones
10:00 AM	Castro County Fair & Harvest Days PARADE	Lions Club / Chamber	Bill Sava	647-2524	Honor Guard - Canon AFB
	Petting Zoo	Dimmitt FFA	Danny Underwood	647-2524	In the Quonset - South of the Expo
10:45 AM	Dimmitt Middle School Choir (4th, 5th, 6th Gr.)	Dimmitt Middle School	Elaine Hazel	647-3108	In The Expo Performance Area
11:00 AM	Pinto Bean Turn In - Cookoff	Castro County Fair Association	Marshall Young	647-3736	In Cookoff Area - NW of Expo
11:15 AM	Top of Texas Cloggers - Dance Exhibition	Castro County Fair Committee	Jason May	806-655-2702	In the Expo Performance Area
11:30 AM	Pork Spare Ribs Turn In - Cookoff	Castro County Fair Committee	Marshall Young	647-3736	In Cookoff Area - NW of Expo
12 Noon	Chow Time - With Extension Homemakers	Castro County Extension Service	Marilyn Neal	647-4115	Outside Food Booths Too! What A Country!
	Early Settlers' Reunion Lunch (Covered Dish)	Early Settlers' Committee	R & ML Smithson	647-4519	Senior Citizens Center - Welcome Home
	Brisket Turn In - Cookoff	Castro County Fair Committee	Marshall Young	647-3736	In Cookoff Area - NW of Expo
12:15 PM	Lean Ground Beef Cooking Contest Results	Castro County Extension Service	Marilyn Neal	647-4115	Announcement - Expo Performance Area
12:30 PM	Pie Contest - Judging of Entries and Results	Castro County Extension Service	Marilyn Neal	647-4115	Announcement - Expo Performance Area
	Chili Turn In - Cookoff	Castro County Fair Committee	Marshall Young	647-3736	In Cookoff Area - NW of Expo
12:45 PM	Julie May	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Jason May	806-655-2702	In The Expo Performance Area
1:00 PM	Fiddlers' Contest	Castro County Fair Association	Herb Mayfield	647-5526	In The Expo Performance Area
2:00 PM	Water Polo	Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department	Francis Acker	647-4549	SE 3rd St Behind C&S - Look for Firetruck
2:30 PM	Pokey The Clown's Jr Ranch Rodeo at the Expo	Castro Co 4-H Horse Club / Chamber	B Sava/Doug Smith	647-2524	Perf. Area - Outside If More Space Needed
2:45 PM	Cow Pattie Bingo	Castro County Fair Association	Brenda Bruton	647-2285	S.E. Corner of Expo - Time Approximate
3:00 PM	"bound + tied" in Concert	Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	South Side of Expo
4:00 PM	Drawings for Quilt & Other Items	Friendship Quilters	Joyce Davis	647-5362	Visit Quilt Exhibit in NE Corner of Expo
4:30 PM	Booths Close - Fair Entries Picked Up	Castro County Fair Association	P. Simpson/E.J. King	647-4115	Entries Must Be Picked Up By 5:00 PM
5:30 PM	Bar-B-Q (Desperado's) - Serving 'Til 8 PM	Masonic Lodge #879	Jay Lindley	647-2524	Inside Expo - Take-Out Plates Available
6:30 PM	FUN Rodeo (18 & under) - At the Rodeo Arena	Castro County 4-H Roping Club	Greg & Jackie Odom	647-2518	Books Open at 5:30 - Events Begin at 6:30

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PULL, TEAM PULL—One of the peewee teams in the Junior Ranch Rodeo competition at the Expo Building last year tries to hurry in pulling a team-

mate on the back of the steer across the finish line in a timed race.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

4-H 'fun' rodeo will feature mutton bustin', greased pigs

It's not a traditional rodeo, but fans will be guaranteed a lot of laughs and entertainment at the Harvest Days FUN Rodeo Saturday night at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena.

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

The rodeo will be sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Club and 4-H Horse Judging Team. Books

will open at 5:30 p.m. and the rodeo is slated to start at 6:30 p.m.

Admission to the rodeo will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Children under 6 will be admitted for free.

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

The steer riding will be for children 12 and under.

To compete in the mutton bustin' (lamb riding), youngsters must be under 42 inches tall.

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

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

Those competing in the stick horse race must furnish their own stick horses.

Ribbons will be given for all free events. Cash prizes will be awarded.

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

Changes endorsed for karnal bunt policy

A coalition of agriculture states, including Texas, have recommended that karnal bunt quarantine regulations be phased out and that the US Dept. of Agriculture should consider the wheat fungus a quality issue and establish tolerances for grain.

In a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Ann Venneman, NFACT (New Mexico, Florida, Arizona, California and Texas) state departments of agriculture said the zero tolerance for karnal bunt is trade-driven and other countries have been using it as a trade barrier.

"It is noteworthy that the United States has established tolerances for far more serious plant diseases—diseases known to be deadly to humans or animals. In sharp contrast, there is a zero tolerance for karnal bunt—a plant disease that has no human health impacts and, excluding quarantine impacts, is of minor economic importance," the letter said.

"Our trading partners have been receiving mixed signals when it

comes to karnal bunt," said Texas Agriculture Secretary Susan Combs. "The United States has set standards to determine when wheat is infected, and we should encourage other countries to relax their import restrictions."

"NFACT has presented recommendations that will benefit our wheat growers and help to keep foreign markets open to US wheat," Combs said. "It is important for the United States to maintain existing wheat markets and negotiate with those that have been curtailed or lost."

Despite recent outbreaks in Texas, NFACT supports deregulation that would phase out karnal bunt quarantines by Jan. 1, 2006.

Karnal bunt is a quality issue, although strict regulations should be placed on seed to prevent the spread of the disease and to ensure that farmers have a steady supply of karnal bunt-free seed.

In recent meetings with the US Dept. of Agriculture officials and the Texas congressional delegation,

Combs and other NFACT representatives stressed the need for immediate compensation for wheat growers and handlers impacted by karnal bunt. They also emphasized that USDA needs to establish clear criteria on when compensation will and will not be paid, and that the criteria should be consistent with the goal of deregulation.

Barbecue supper planned Saturday

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

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

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

The barbecue meal is sponsored by the Castro County Masonic Lodge #879 AF & AM.

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DMS choir to perform at Harvest Days

The fifth- and sixth-grade honor choir from Dimmitt Middle School will entertain with a 15-minute music and dance program Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt.

The program will start at approximately 10:45 p.m. on the stage in the Expo Building.

The 80-member choir, directed by Elaine Hazel, will perform three selections including *Listen to the Beat of My Heart*, which is an Elvis Presley-style number; *Pizza Love*; and *Heartbeat of America*.

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TDA program will test wheat seed for karnal bunt

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) has initiated a voluntary program for producers and storage facility managers to have their wheat seed tested for voluntary bunt.

The program applies only to wheat seed produced and stored in non-regulated Texas counties.

"Testing seed now, before planting begins, is a measure wheat farmers and seed owners need to take to help prevent the spread of this disease," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "It is important for producers to know they have karnal bunt-free seed before planting next season's wheat crop."

"In addition, wheat seed sold to farmers in other states may be required to have a phytosanitary certificate declaring the seed free of karnal bunt," she said.

On July 17, Kansas placed a restriction on wheat, durum wheat and triticale seed from all states including Texas. Kansas now

requires a phytosanitary certificate declaring the seed free of karnal bunt spores.

There are two options available for testing both treated and untreated wheat seed.

Owners of the seed may collect a four-pound representative "service sample" from a seed lot and send it in a secure container by overnight mail to Dr. David Marshall, Texas A&M University Research and Education Center, 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, Texas 75252.

The "service sample" must be double bagged in clean 1-gallon plastic zipper bags. A tag giving seed lot number and description, physical address of the lot and name and telephone number of the sender must accompany the sample. The cost is \$50 per sample payable to the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. A phytosanitary certificate cannot be issued for "service samples."

Seed owners needing a

phytosanitary certificate should contact Kelly Book, TDA's seed quality branch chief. TDA inspectors will collect official samples for analysis. If the sample is negative, TDA will issue the certificate.

A fee of \$25 payable to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture is required when the certificate is issued. A laboratory analysis fee of \$50 per sample, payable to the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, must also be sent to the Texas A&M University Research and Education Center in Dallas.

Any seed testing positive for karnal bunt spores cannot be planted and must be used for grain. The samples will be further examined for bunted kernels. If bunted kernels are found, the US Dept. of Agriculture may quarantine the facility and a portion of the county.

There is mandatory testing by USDA for wheat seed produced in regulated counties—Archer, Baylor, Throckmorton, Young and portions of San Saba and McCulloch. Seed testing free of karnal bunt spores and treated as prescribed by USDA can be planted within these counties. If spores are present, the seed must be used as grain, and movement of the grain is restricted if bunted kernels are present.

For more information, seed owners can contact Book at (512) 463-7136. There is also additional information available on TDA's web site at www.agr.state.tx.us.



TOP OF TEXAS CLOGGERS ... Show at Expo Saturday

Top of Texas Cloggers will perform Saturday

The Top of Texas Cloggers from Amarillo will be in Dimmitt Saturday, entertaining crowds at the Expo Building.

The performance by the Cloggers is one of many forms of entertainment scheduled as part of this year's Harvest Days celebration.

Two of the dancers who will be performing with the Top of Texas Cloggers are former Dimmitt residents, Julie May and Jason May,

children of Marlos and Rebecca May.

The Cloggers will take the stage at 11:15 a.m.

Julie May will give a special performance at 12:45 p.m., also on the Expo Building stage.

The Cloggers are being sponsored by the Castro County Fair Committee, and May's individual show will be sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce

Booths are full for craft show

Handmade jewelry and crafts, food and other items will be plentiful at the bazaar this weekend, which is part of the Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt.

Booths will be open beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday in the Expo Building, and the public is invited to browse as they take part in the many events planned throughout the day.

"The inside booths at the Expo are all full, but we can find room outside for any number of vendors, right up until fair time, if someone else still needs a space," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

Booths inside the Expo will feature scrapbook and memorabilia displays, embroidery work, silver crosses, flowers, purses, billfolds, welry, crib quilts, receiving blankets, children's books, Barbie and other doll clothes and play dress-up clothes, hand-decorated clothing, wood crafts, photography display, stone wear, a variety of nuts, novelty items, antiques, luggage, birdhouses, t-shirts, caps and more.

"We feel quite sure we'll have additional booths by fair time," Sava said.

Information booths and/or demonstrations are being prepared by the City of Dimmitt Police Dept., Castro County 4-H Club, H.O.P.E. of Castro County, the Castro County Extension Office, and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Fair representatives have invited local organizations to set up additional information booths promoting their activities and projects. To book space for organizational information booths at no charge to non-profit organizations, contact Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

10x12' booths for individuals, businesses or for-profit organizations are still available in the quonset barn or outside the Expo Building. These booths are \$25 and also may be booked through the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524.

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FIRST PLACE IN THE PIE BAKING CONTEST at Harvest Days in 2000 went to Jeanne Howell (right). She won a gift certificate for Castro County beef, presented by County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Special thanks to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the reception, to executive director Bill Sava and to all others who helped.

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Variety of foods will tempt everyone at fair

Castro County fair-goers will have their pallets tempted by a veritable smorgasbord of "fair foods" at the 2001 Harvest Days celebration.

Cuisine from around the world and a host of traditional fair treats will lure even the most diet-conscious to sample the wide assortment of taste sensations being offered by this year's vendors.

Extension Homemakers will prepare spaghetti and salad plates, baked potatoes, Frito pies, nachos and delicious dessert pies in the Expo kitchen.

The Bobcat Booster Club will be grilling hamburgers near the entrance to the Expo Building.

Other outside food booths will

feature turkey legs by Ray Aleman, fajitas by the Catholic Men's Society, tacos and barbacoa by La Asamblea Cristiana, corn dogs and smoked sausage by the Assembly of God, hot dogs and cotton candy by Ground Zero, and egg rolls and funnel cakes by Tulia Christian Fellowship's Teacup Women.

"These are the vendors who registered with us before our publicity deadline, but there may be others," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "The best thing to do is simply sample some of everything. Then you don't run the risk of missing the really good stuff."



POKEY THE CLOWN
... Will direct Junior Ranch Rodeo Saturday at Expo Building
Courtesy Photo

Virus discovered to carry antibiotic against E. coli

Part of a small virus that attacks only bacteria acts like an antibiotic to destroy E. coli, according to researchers with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

A report on the antibiotic action of the small virus, "Q Beta," is reported in the latest edition of *Science* magazine. The research was funded by the National Institute of Health's general medicine institute.

The finding provides a new approach for designing drugs to combat many serious bacterial diseases, including E. coli, pneumonia, staph infection, ear infections, Lyme disease and cholera in humans; as well as bacterial diseases in pets, livestock and crops, according to Tom Bernhardt, a biochemistry doctoral student; and Dr. Ing-Nang Wang, a lead investigator on the project.

New types of antibiotics are increasingly important because many disease-causing bacteria have become resistant to antibiotics, reducing the number of medicines available for treatment. Researchers fear that continued resistance could result in epidemics of diseases once thought controlled by antibiotics.

The research at the Experiment Station found that a protein within the small virus known as "phage" in scientific circles, does the same thing to bacterial cell walls as antibiotics. It blocks the ability of the cell to make its tough outer wall so bacteria blow up or destroy themselves rather than divide into more cells. Dead bacterial cells means an end to the illness.

"This 'protein antibiotic' is the answer to an old mystery: how Q-beta and other small phage kill bacteria," said Dr. Ry Young, a biochemist in whose lab at Texas A&M University the work was done, in collaboration with Dr. Douglas K. Struck, a medical biochemistry and genetics professor. "Basically, they let the cell commit suicide by dividing without making a new cell wall."

The research team expects pharmaceutical companies to further explore phages for new types of antibiotics.

"Ideally, the small bit of protein responsible could be mimicked by a pharmaceutical company," said Struck, "and a drug could be made to be general against many bacteria, or specific against a certain pathogen, and even better, it could easily be changed to overcome resistance."

Phages, which are not the same type of viruses that infect humans, animals and plants, are basically dormant bundles of DNA or RNA in protein coats until they come into contact with bacteria, according to Bernhardt. They then go into action, replicating within the bacterial cell and, after only a few minutes, exploding it.

Researchers have known the DNA sequence of these small viruses for about 25 years. Because of their simplicity, phages were used to work out basic molecular biology, but were abandoned as researchers shifted to study higher organisms, animals and humans.

"As bacteria's natural enemies, their potential as sources for ways to kill bacteria should have been thoroughly explored long ago," said Wang. "It is only now, with the emerging world-wide crisis in antibiotic resistance, that phages are finally gaining attention in their own right. It looks like small phages are a gold mine for protein antibiotics."

"The important thing is that this is the second small phage which we have found to make a protein antibiotic and other people in the lab are working on a third," said Young. "Surprisingly, each of these phages makes a different type of cell wall poison, and each one is a potential new model for an antibiotic."

The team hopes to find new small phages and use them to identify more "protein antibiotics" that could be developed into practical medicines by the pharmaceutical industry.

Junior Ranch Rodeo offers thrills to children

Pokey the Clown will guide teams through a variety of contests during the junior ranch rodeo, which will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Expo Building.

Teams will consist of four members in three age categories: Pee Wee (ages 4-7), Junior (ages 8-11), and Senior (ages 12-16).

The events planned for this year's junior ranch rodeo are wild cow milking, pony express race, steer doctoring, and calf branding. The team with the most points after all four events wins the rodeo.

The winning team from each age group will qualify for the Junior Ranch Rodeo World Championship Finals, slated for November at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Entry fees will be \$20 per team. These fees will be donated to various charities.

Doug Smith, also known as, "Pokey," the Clown began clowning in 1960, due in large part to his grandmother.

"If you can make someone laugh,

you have made their day a little better," she would tell him.

In 1993, "Pokey" was selected as the winner for KVII's Seven Who Care Award for Volunteer service to the community.

He has helped to raise funds for numerous organizations including: Make-A-Wish, Funfest, Ronald McDonald House, March of Dimes and Children's Miracle Network.

In 1997, he introduced everyone to the Junior Ranch Rodeo, mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, but geared to involve kids.

He and his wife, Karen, live in Panhandle, where he co-owns Plains Aluminum Industries/Dust Stoppers. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

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

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

Fair Association seeking entries

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

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

There is no entry fee to display items at the fair.



RED, WHITE AND BLUE—Katy, 5, and Kirsty, 3, daughters of Flip and Kelly Taylor of Dimmitt wait anxiously for the start of the Harvest Days Parade in Dimmitt last year.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

Fair Board makes Harvest Days possible

The Castro County Fair Association and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce are the brains and brawn behind the Harvest Days celebration.

They are involved in the event from the planning stage through cleanup, and each member deserves a big thank you for all the time and work.

Polly Simpson serves as chairman of the Fair Association and other officers are Emma Jean King, vice chairman; Ann Henderson, treasurer; and Fay Mohon, secretary.

Other members of the board are Herb Mayfield, Brenda Bruton, Joyce Davis, Doris Lust, Marilyn Neal, Bill Sava, Mattie Seale, Joe

and Norma Franco, Betty Freeman, Rick Auckerman and Suzanne Gibbs.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654.

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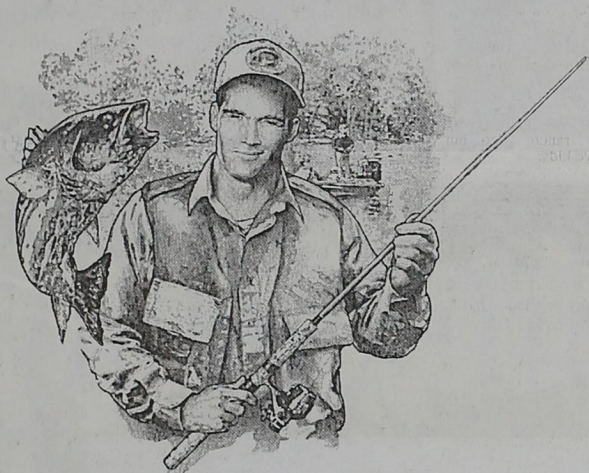
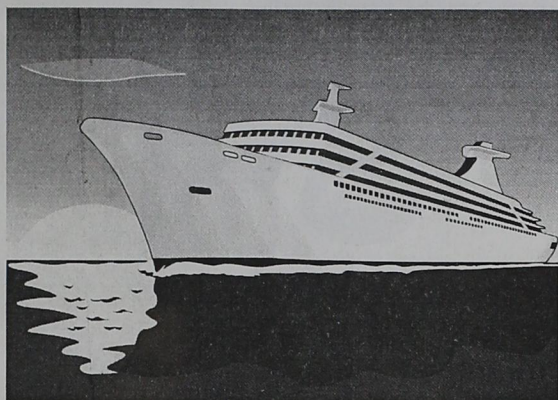
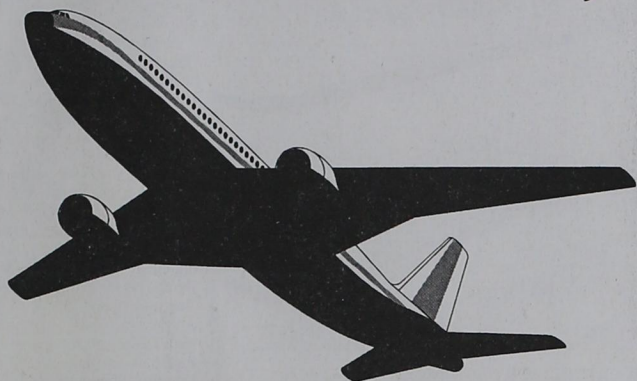
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And now as you figure the things you should do, already there are lots of folks missing you.

Yes, go be a gadabout, (only a while); and when you get tired, come and give us a smile.

Thanks for everything!

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Class of '51 will reunite Saturday

The 50-year reunion for Dimmitt High School's Class of 1951 will be held during the annual Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt Saturday.

Class members and their families will gather at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt Saturday morning, and will be the honored class at the Early Settlers Reunion.

The class will watch the Harvest Days parade from the Senior Citizens Center.

Everyone attending the class reunion and the Early Settlers Reunion will share a covered-dish luncheon at 12 noon. Those attending are invited to bring a meat, salad, vegetable dish, casserole or dessert, although it is not required.

"There's always plenty of food," said an organizer of the event.

After lunch, class members will meet at the home of a local resident for visiting and fellowship.

In 1951 the Dimmitt Bobbies won their third straight state championship in basketball, the

boys' basketball team and football team both advanced to the regional championship games, and the boys' track team finished second in state.

Two members of the class, Gene Easley and Forrest Ricketts, were on the mile relay team that set a new state record in Austin that year. (The other two on the mile relay team were Donald Wright, who was a junior that year, and Jesse Burch, a sophomore).

The class had more than \$1,100 in its treasury at graduation time, enough to enable them to take their senior trip to a dude ranch in Colorado. They left for that trip the morning after graduation on a yellow school bus.

One of their class sponsors, Martha Norman Amick (who was "Miss Norman" to the class back then), will be at the reunion. She now lives in Plainview.

The class's top two scholars were Bill Murphy, valedictorian; and Marlin Truelock, salutatorian.



FARM AND GARDEN, HORTICULTURE, AND CANNING ENTRIES
... Castro County citizens show off their best at the annual County Fair during Harvest Days.

Photo by Anne Acker

Emergency haying, grazing of CRP approved in county

Castro County producers may graze livestock or bale grass from certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands through Sept. 30, thanks to a special emergency declaration.

CPR participants with lease acreage may lease grazing privileges to any livestock producers.

The required payment reduction is 25% of the per acre annual rental payment rate multiplied by the number of acres actually grazed or hayed, regardless of the stocking rate.

Emergency haying and grazing is not authorized for temporary cover or dead or dry litter crops.

Before producers hay or graze the CRP land, they must file a request in the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office, and must take the following actions:

- ◆ Designate the acreage to be grazed or hayed on Form FSA-578 and identify the acreage on an aerial photograph.

- ◆ Obtain a modified conservation plan to include grazing or haying

requirements as determined by the Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) to see if your CRP is eligible to be grazed or hayed before you file a request in the FSA office.

- ◆ Sign a request to graze CRP (Form DF-21).

- ◆ Agree to and sign the *CRP Terms and Conditions for Emergency Grazing or Haying of CRP Acreage for 2001*, which sets forth the method of payment fees.

- ◆ Agree to re-establish CRP cover (at your own expense) if any cover is destroyed or damaged as a result of this authorization.

- ◆ Be aware that the CRP contract is subject to termination or other penalties should there be any violation of this grazing or haying authority.

- ◆ Statement shall be signed that states that livestock producers who rent or lease acreage from CRP participants agree not to sublease the CRP acreage.

Ranchers must renew brands with county clerk

Livestock producers are required to renew their brands with the county clerk's office, and they must do so by Feb. 28, 2002.

Castro County Clerk Joyce Thomas began processing requests for brand registration renewals on Aug. 30.

The recording fee will be \$11 per brand, per location, according to Thomas.

Producers have until Feb. 28,

2002, to renew their brand registration.

Brands that are not renewed by March 1, 2002, become void and will become "open brands," available for registration by the general public.

Producers who have brands registered in more than one county in Texas must contact the county clerk's office to renew their brand in each location.

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Police launch Project ChildSafe

The Dimmitt Police Dept. will be providing cable-style gun locks for local residents as part of a statewide firearms safety and free gun lock program known as Project ChildSafe.

The free gun locks and safety pamphlets being provided by Project ChildSafe will be available for distribution on Saturday at the Expo Building. The Dimmitt Police Dept. is planning the distribution in conjunction with the county's Harvest Days celebration.

Project ChildSafe, which is funded through a grant from the governor's Criminal Justice Division, will distribute 750,000 gun lock safety kits to law enforcement agencies throughout the state within the next 12 months.

As part of the program, the Dimmitt Police Dept. will distribute, free of charge, the cable-style gun lock devices to local residents.

The lock, which works like a bicycle cable lock, is threaded through the firearm's action, rendering the firearm inoperable.

The gun locks, in combination with the accompanying educational materials, are intended to promote safe handling and secure storage practices among all firearm owners.

For more information, call Officer Sal Rivera, 647-4545.

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A Salute to Castro County

We're grateful to the farsighted Castro Countians who developed our original corn processing plant back in the 1960s and put it into production as a homegrown industry in 1970. The idea was born before corn was even a major crop here.

Through the years, our plant has undergone three major expansions, and now has a rated grind capability averaging 60,000 bushels of corn per day.

We feel that our homegrown industry pays many dividends to Castro County—not just through production, employment and taxes, but through the contributions that our employees make to the community and to the quality of life here.

During Harvest Days 2001, we salute Castro County and all our wonderful neighbors here. We look forward to many more years of partnership and progress.

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