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Carjackers apprehended after 12-hour manhunt

A carjacking and kidnapping in Parmer County Sunday sent area law enforcement officers on a 12-hour manhunt, and the search ended in Castro County where the culprits were captured.

Two teenage boys, 18-year-old Joe Angel Roldan of Clovis, N.M., and a 16-year-old, also from Clovis, reportedly stole a Dodge Dakota pickup from a residence on Eighth Street in Friona, then drove off with the pickup's owner in the bed of the truck.

They took the pickup and headed east, eventually abandoning the vehicle in Castro County.

The manhunt ensued after the suspects ran into a nearby field. Law enforcement officers from Parmer County, Muleshoe, Castro County and the Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) joined in the search, along with K-9 units from Parmer and Castro Counties. Two DPS helicopters provided air support.

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries said the two teenagers had been walking the streets of Farwell, hoping to find a vehicle they could take.

They stole the Dodge pickup around 6:30 p.m. Sunday. As the crime was being committed, the owner just happened to look out a window of his home and saw what was happening.

"He was looking out of his window and saw them get into the pickup," Geries said. "He ran out, yelling at them to get away from his pickup, but they started to drive off. That's when he jumped in the bed."

Geries said the Parmer County Sheriff's Dept. received a call from a citizen, alerting them to the theft.

"The caller told us that a man was in the back of a pickup hollering at them to call the police because two guys were stealing his pickup," Geries said.

The suspects headed east from Parmer County, with Roldan driving the pickup at a speed in excess of 100-miles per hour.

"The owner of the pickup was in the back, trying to get them to stop, and he even knocked out the passenger side window," Geries said. "The driver was swerving in an attempt to throw the owner from the vehicle."

The suspects abandoned the truck three miles south of SH 86 at the Greg Sides' residence. The owner reclaimed his vehicle, then notified authorities. He suffered minor bruising in the incident.

"I think they realized they couldn't shake the owner, so they decided to abandon the pickup and took off on foot," Geries said.

Officers said after the boys abandoned the pickup, then ran into a haygrazer field. They were followed by three officers and a K-9 unit.

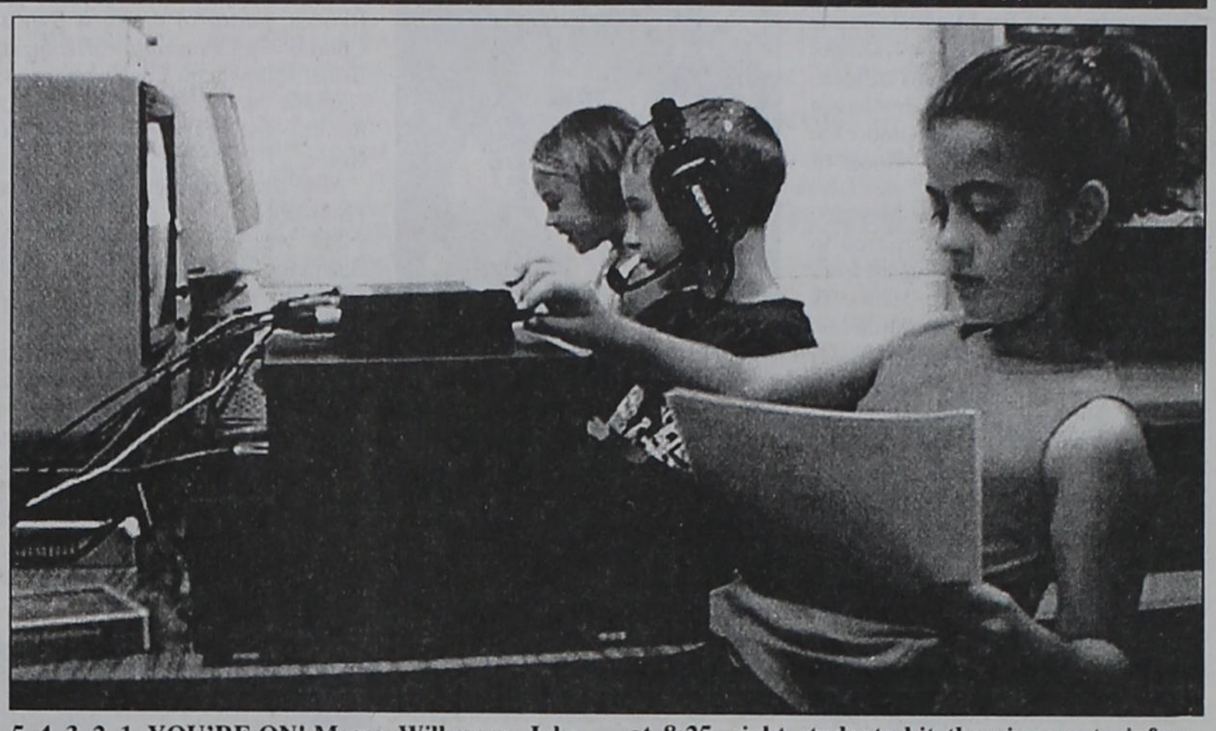
"We circled the wagons around that field," Geries said. "Our dog caught Roldan between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Sunday. The other guy finally surrendered Monday morning."

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said a county resident called his office at 6:30 Monday morning, saying he had spotted the 16-year-old suspect outside. That was 3-1/2 miles south of the field where the first suspect was captured.

"He was cold and ready to give up," Fitzgearld said of the 16-year-old. "They put him in their truck to warm him until the officers came."

Roldan was charged with aggravated kidnapping and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He remains in the Parmer County jail under a $100,000 bond for the kidnapping charge and a $10,000 bond for the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle charge.

The juvenile also was charged with aggravated kidnapping and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He is being held in the juvenile detention facility in Lubbock.



5, 4, 3, 2, 1, YOU'RE ON! Megan Wilkerson, John Hazel and Shea Myatt, third graders from Richardson Elementary School, prepare for their morning television show, KCAT-TV. Each morning at 8:25, eight students hit the airways to inform Richardson students and teachers of the daily activities planned. *See Page 7 for related story.*

Photo by Micah Pohlmeier

Is the 'Forest' doomed?

A longtime hangout for local teenagers soon may be nothing more than smoldering embers and buried wood.

The Forest, a wooded area south of Dimmitt where the old Flagg schoolhouse once stood, has been a gathering place for teenagers for many years, and alcoholic beverages have been consumed by the minors at the site.

The Forest is located a mile north of Flagg on FM 1055, then a mile east on County Road 622.

Two teenagers died in a one-vehicle accident and eight others were injured recently as they were returning to Dimmitt from the Forest. Alcohol was a factor in the accident.

That renewed an old crusade to destroy the hangout.

On Monday, Dimmitt City Manager Don Sheffy and City Councilman Roger Malone talked with Castro County commissioners about "bulldozing the Forest."

"We understand that there is a question of ownership of that land," Malone said. "No one really knows who owns it."

Castro County Tax Appraiser Jerry Heller said no taxes have been paid on the six-acre piece of land for several years, and ownership of the property hasn't been determined.

Sheffy told commissioners he plans to contact those who own land adjacent to the Forest and see if any of them have any objections about destroying the cover on the property.

"I think it's a big enough area that we can dig a pit there, push all of that wood and debris into it, then light it on fire," Sheffy told commissioners.

On Monday afternoon, Sheffy told the *News* that Malone and members of the City Council had verbally agreed to go ahead with demolishing the Forest.

"We talked about it informally and the consensus is to clear the land," said Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins. "Our tentative plans right now are to bulldoze all the trees and shrubs into a pile, let it dry out and then burn it all. We'll bury what's left, leaving the area clear.

"Right now we're working on the best way to get this done, and we probably won't be able to do anything for a couple of weeks," Collins said.

Collins said the city has a bulldozer and the necessary equipment to perform the work while the county doesn't.

The City Council has not formally approved demolition of the Forest, yet, but Collins said he expects them to okay the work at their next meeting.

"At the meeting, we want to contract it out or do it ourselves," Collins said.

"I drove out to the site last week and there is evidence that a campfire has been used and there were a few beer cans around. There are a lot of 30- to 40-foot elm trees, but most of them are dead," Collins said.

Sheffy said he also visited the site.

"That land is so thick with trees," Sheffy said. "I really can't believe that the kids haven't already burned it down. There's a spot in the middle where you can tell they've been building fires."

"I think any action we take at this point will be symbolic," Collins added. "We can clear it off, but the kids will just find someplace else to go if they want to go out in the country."

District courtroom will receive face lift

Construction will begin soon at the county courthouse, and when it's completed, the district courtroom will have a new look.

Commissioners agreed earlier this year to remodel the district courtroom so it will meet all standards established by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The price tag for the renovations will be around $40,000.

On Monday, commissioners accepted bids from various contractors who will be working on the project. The bids approved were from Gary Hodge Enterprises, Curb Appeal, Blanford Paint, McLure Tire, MGT Products, Shreiner Plumbing and Chambers Electric.

Gary Hodge Enterprises will provide the demolition and haul-off of debris and will rebuild a wall for a combined bid of $10,809.

Commissioners accepted Curb Appeal's bid of $851 for doors, hardware and accessories.

The painting contract was awarded to Blanford Paint, which submitted a bid of $1,550.

McClure Tile won the floor covering and tile portion of the job with a bid of $3,900.

The granite work will be performed by MGT Products, which entered a bid of $4,000. In submitting its bid, MGT Products entered a low and high bid, stating the job could possibly be completed for $2,500.

The plumbing work will be performed by Shreiner Plumbing, at a cost of $2,195.

The final bid accepted was a $1,397 proposal from Chambers Electric for the electrical work.

Other fees will be charged for testing of the presence of asbestos and lead-based paint in the areas which will be under demolition.

Commissioners were informed construction would probably start in September and could be completed 75 days after the work begins.

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Commissioners agreed to install new outdoor carpet on the front steps leading to the courthouse, and decided to contact Higginbotham-Bartlett about the job.

They also agreed to purchase a new 3.75-horsepower lawn edger for the courthouse, choosing one from Hays Company.

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Nancy Haskin, a marketing assistant for Vertex of Dallas, told commissioners about a federal program which has $580 million earmarked for reimbursing counties for housing illegal aliens.

Her agency will file the necessary forms to obtain the reimbursement, and the agency's fee will be 22% of the amount collected. The reimbursed funds will go into the county's general fund.

County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said while his office doesn't deal with undocumented aliens ever day, they do pick up several. When they do, they contact the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Under the reimbursement program, the government will pay for those undocumented aliens who were housed, but only if they have two misdemeanors or a felony on their record.

Fitzgearld said 95% of those

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	92	64	
Friday	96	64	
Saturday	100	65	
Sunday	95	57	0.19
Monday	82	54	
Tuesday	87	54	
Wednesday	88	55	

August Moisture 1.57
2001 Moisture 15.38

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

Crowd gathers to support dairy

Forty-three business and professional people crowded into a meeting of Dimmitt's Economic Development Committee in the Chamber of Commerce building Friday to try to convince SRJ Dairy Developers that the community favors the dairy construction project that has come under fire.

Evidently, they succeeded.

"We knew we had support, but not like this," said Stanley Jones, president of SRJ, as he looked over the crowd of people representing local schools, banks, the hospital district, city and county governments, civic clubs and private businesses. "With this show of support, we'll get serious with this project and move guys in here."

"We'll start the cement next week," said another SRJ partner, Kevin Jones, and Stanley Jones added, "We'd like to have it completed by the first of the year, depending on the weather."

The EDC meeting was called in an attempt to counteract an ad in last week's *News* in which Ray and Joanis Robertson urged that the 2,400-cow dairy not be built at the proposed site three miles west and 1½ mile south of Dimmitt.

EDC Chairman Wayne Collins said he called the meeting because there was "some concern" over a "slight amount of opposition" to the dairy project. He said he wanted to allow everyone interested to directly question "the principal people involved."

The Robertsons claimed in their ad that prevailing winds would carry

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By Don Nelson

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

No sooner had I moved back to my hometown from Arizona in August 1966 than I came across Myrtle Sheffy at K-Bob's.

As I walked up to her table to say hello, she looked up at me apprehensively and asked, "Are you going to fire me?"

To me, that was a no-brainer.

"I won't fire *you* if you don't fire *me*," I told her.

Myrtle's "Sheffy's Chatter" already was an institution at the *News*.

She had started years earlier as the Flagg correspondent, more as a community service than anything else.

The "country correspondent" was a unique mainstay in America's community newspapers, especially in the pre-TV days when there were more farm families and weekends were planned around socializing with friends or visiting with relatives.

("Don't edit your country correspondents' copy too closely," Professor Olin Hinkle told my community newspaper class in college. "You

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GOLD STAR RECIPIENTS—Jeremy Bishop (left) and Thomas Brockman (center), both of Dimmitt, were named Castro County 4-H's Gold Star winners for 2001 Monday night at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet. Both have been active in 4-H for many years, and Bishop is currently serving as the president for District 2 4-H and for the State 4-H Council. The Gold Star Awards were presented to Bishop and Brockman by 4-H Agent Suzanne Gibbs (right). The award is the highest a 4-H'er can receive at the county level. *See Page 16 for related story.*

Photo by Anne Acker

Labor Day picnic is set in Nazareth

Holy Family Church in Nazareth is planning its annual Labor Day picnic for Sunday and events will include a parade, roast beef dinner, games, an auction, hamburger supper, dance and more.

The day-long celebration will begin with the parade at 10 a.m.

A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Cost for the meal is $6 for adults and $4 for children 12 and under.

An arts and crafts show, raffle and Bingo will be held throughout the day at the Community Hall.

Numerous games and rides are being planned to entertain children from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments are planned in the afternoon.

A benefit auction that afternoon will feature livestock and goods donated by area businesses. It is slated to start at 2 p.m.

A hamburger supper will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Community Hall.

The celebration will conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Community Hall. Music will be provided by "South Forty," and admission is $5 per person.

Obituaries

Weldon Kincaid

Charles Weldon Kincaid, 80, of Midland, father of Pamela Norman of Dimmitt, died last Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Services were held Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Midland with Dr. Gary Draper and the Rev. Bob Hopkins officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mr. Kincaid was born May 25, 1921, in Chillicothe. He moved to Snyder in 1932, and graduated from Snyder High School in 1938. He attended West Texas State University. He married Louise LeMond on Aug. 15, 1946, in Snyder.

He served in the US Coast Guard during World War II, participating in the Pacific Theater and the European Theater. He was later commissioned as an officer in the Army and served as a platoon leader, company commander and performed various staff assignments until his retirement from active and reserve duty. He retired as a major.

He was active in the First Baptist Church of Snyder for many years, serving in the Intermediate Dept. He joined the First Baptist Church of Midland in 1961 and was a departmental secretary for the Thomas Department for 15 years.

He was a past board member of the Chamber of Commerce in Snyder. He was a member of Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge and Shrine. He served as a troop leader for the Boy Scouts. He was one of three remaining members of the now defunct RLBFC, in which he was active at one time.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Pamela Norman of Dimmitt; and two grandchildren, Cherie Norman and Courtney Norman.

The family requests memorials be to the Midland Crisis Center, American Cancer Society and the Association of the American Heart Association.



Florene Leinen

Florene Leinen, 80, of Dimmitt, died at 11:15 a.m. last Thursday, Aug. 23, in Dimmitt.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Fern Couture, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

She was born Sept. 24, 1920, in Hereford. She married Robert A. "Bud" Leinen on Jan. 8, 1946, in Nazareth. He died in 1965.

She was a lifetime resident of Castro County. She was an active member of the Dimmitt VFW Women's Auxiliary and served as past president of the group. She was the past president of District 13 VFW and served as chaplain for District 13 and 9 until July. She was active in the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She served as Castro County Treasurer from 1967 to 1978. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where she served as a Eucharistic minister and lector. She also served on the church's parish council for many years.

Survivors include a son, Robert Dale Leinen of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two daughters, Kathleen Warnke of Alexandria, Va., and Shirley Pope of Tampa, Fla.; six sisters, Virgie Gerber, Dorothy Pohlmeier and Dolores Heiman, all of Nazareth, Viola Pohlmeier of Tulia, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock and Jean Bell of Granbury; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt 79027; or to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1001 W. Halsel! St., Dimmitt 79027.

Mary Louise Stone

Services for Mary Louise Stone, 73, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon in the Ivey Chapel at 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. last Thursday, 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 Draughns Business College. She had been a Castro County resident since 1955. She retired after 28 years as a bookkeeper for Hays Implement of Dimmitt. She was a member of Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.



Emily Ramey

Services for Emily Ramey, 78, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Ramey died Saturday.

She was born July 2, 1923, in Greenwich, Conn., where she was raised and graduated from high school. She was an Army bride, moving to Texas to marry Robert "Bub" Ramey on July 17, 1945. He died Aug. 14, 1984.

She moved to Amarillo in 1952. She worked as a checker in a grocery store in Amarillo for 25 years. She moved back to Dimmitt in 1986 and worked as a PIE volunteer for the Dimmitt schools. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo.

Survivors include two sons, Edwin Ramey of Italy, Texas, and Edgar Ramey of Dallas; two granddaughters, Marie Powers of Dimmitt and Lenora Ramey of Dallas; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Always keep you head up but be careful to keep your nose at a friendly level.

Save for a rainy day and a new tax come along and soaks you.

If the knocking at the door is unusually loud and long, it isn't opportunity—it's relatives.

Police Calls

David Reyes reported to police that an unknown person had stolen the rims and tires off his Ridge Runner RV on Aug. 25. The property was valued at $450.

On Aug. 25, Shelly Perez of Dimmitt reported a she had been the victim of a terroristic threat. The suspect threatened to kill her and her family.

On Aug. 25, Norma Joe Smith of Dimmitt reported she had been assaulted. Investigation is continuing.

Those arrested in Castro County this week were:

-21-year-old Dimmitt woman, arrested Aug. 21 for forgery of a financial instrument and no safety belt.

-18-year-old Clovis man arrested for evading arrest, possession of a controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia.

-23-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested Aug. 24 for criminal trespassing, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.



Agustina Ramos

Aug. 28, 1929 — Nov. 18, 2000

Safely Home
I am home in Heaven, dear ones,
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is a perfect joy and beauty
In the everlasting Light
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand,
Do it now, while life remaineth-
You shall rest in God's own land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Mom, We Miss You
and Love you Very Much!
from your daughters
Rosa Tijerina & Teresa Ornelas

MEMORIALS OF DISTINCTION



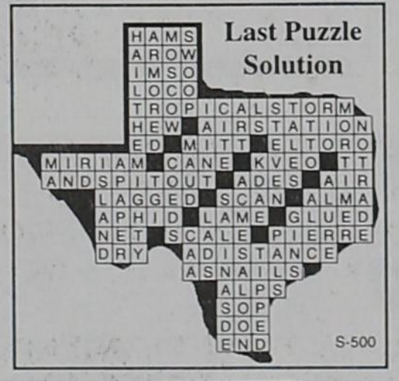
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Last Puzzle Solution



DISD sets tax rate, adopts deficit budget

In a called meeting Monday at noon, the Dimmitt School Board adopted a property tax rate of $1.365 per $100.

It was a 4½-cent increase—the most the board could raise it over the current rate without triggering a rollback election.

Still, the district will face an estimated budget deficit of almost $359,000 in fiscal 2001-2002.

After no one showed up to challenge the proposed tax rate, the board adopted it, then approved a budget that anticipates $9.8 million in revenues and $10.1 million in expenditures.

The fiscal year runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31.

The board also adopted a set of "District Goals" for the 2001-02 school year, accepted one student transfer—an early childhood development student from Deaf Smith County—and heard a cautiously optimistic enrollment report from Supt. Les Miller.

Before adjourning the brief meeting, school trustees and administrators commended the community for its reaction to the recent pickup rollover in which DHS students Stacy Saenz and Casey Villanueva were killed and eight other students were injured.

"The community needs to be commended for pulling together after the tragedy," Miller said.

Board Chairman David Schaeffer commended "all schools for the way they responded to the tragedy."

Trustee Paul Garcia publicly thanked everyone who helped prepare food that was served at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in the days following the tragedy.

Letter

Thanks for the memories

Dear Editor:

With the exception of a little summer golf and constant phone contact with Dad, my only return trips to Dimmitt come on Thursdays when the *News* arrives.

I have treasured for years the accounts of "home" interpreted through your columns and editorials. I value seeing you every year at *The* tournament, and hope you still make that trip every March.

You wrote so well about so much, but you wrote Dimmitt basketball seasons like epic adventures. I don't know where my memories leave off and your photographs begin. My personal favorite is Mark Wohlgemuth leaping into Coach Cleveland's arms after winning the regional tournament in Lubbock. 1971?

Don, it will take some adjustment seeing Castro County through the writings of anyone else, but my images and memories of Dimmitt will always feel like a 1:1.

Thanks for the Memories.

JERRY SCHAEFFER
Pampa

Editor's Note: Yeah, Jerry, it was 1971. That picture is one of my all-time favorites, too. Yes, my sons and I will see you at the next state tournament. Believe it or not, I can't find the words to tell you how much I appreciate your letter.
—dn

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, staring 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.

Letter

Cemetery manager responds to letter

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter to the editor from anonymous about West Lawn Memorial park, I empathize with the writer. It is a very frustrating process.

West Lawn Memorial park is a cemetery for and of the future, but like all processes of this type, it quickly developed a past and a history.

I believe it was a well-planned undertaking. It may have had some scoundrels, as the editor suggests in his comments on the letter, but it certainly had the movers and shakers of that era involved. And they definitely weren't scoundrels. So, what happened?

As is so typical of rural West Texas, volunteers (the anonymous letter writer being one) took over and maintained the grounds and records. Some 30 years later, there are over 300 permanent residents at the cemetery. A lot of them are the movers and shakers referred to above. There is a story to be told and remembered.

The board of directors and I have developed a simple five-year plan to complete what was started. It will require an extraordinary amount of fiscal discipline and patience, but if it is successful, the residents at West Lawn Memorial Park will rest in peace and the volunteers will have peace of mind. The fiscal discipline requires that we use the money received as planned, and patience requires that we accept the pressures of increased usage.

The dichotomy is that the flowers, referred to by the anonymous letter writer, are certainly a major part of the success of the cemetery to this point. I hope that tradition will continue, but with increased usage it becomes important to grow grass back over the graves as soon as possible, which is expensive and interferes with the flowers. Can we do both? We'll see. If we can't, I vote for the flowers.

WILLIAM P. DANNEVIK
Manager, West Lawn Memorial Park

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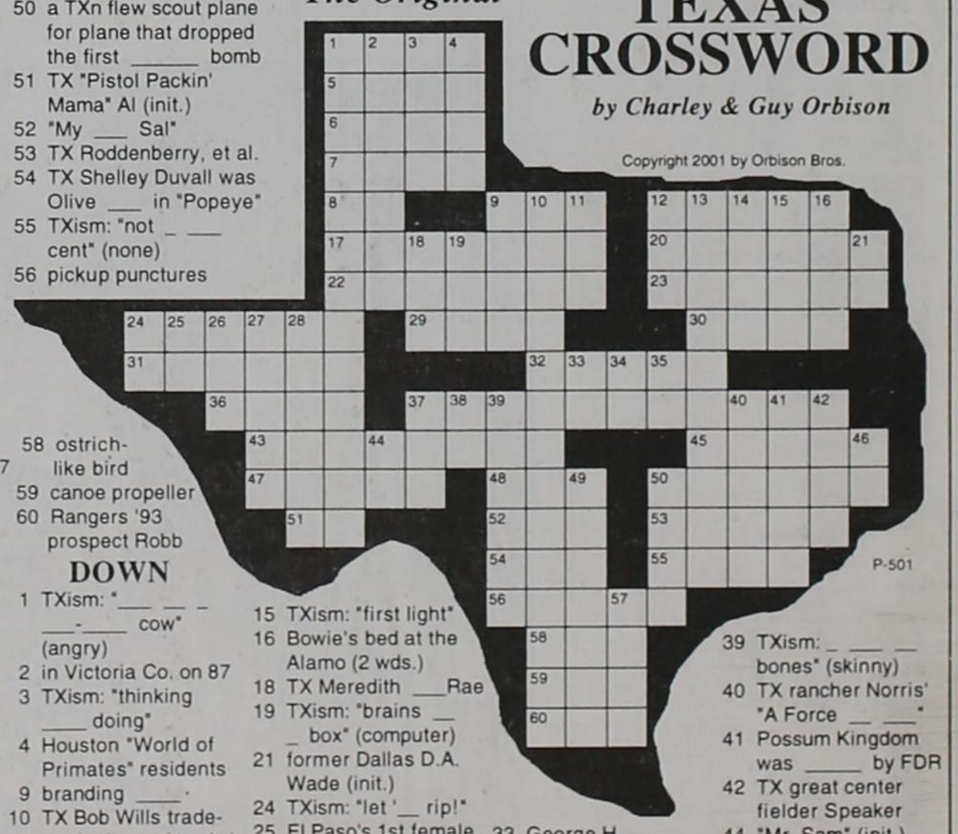
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Community Correspondence	Monday Noon
Personal Items	5 p.m. Monday
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ACROSS

1 TX Jack Valenti film org. (abbr.)
5 TXism: "best I ever wrapped _ ___ around" (delicious)
6 "Great" dog
7 ____ of the Apostles
8 dir. to Coleman from Abilene
9 TXism: "call __ _ day" (quit)
12 scenic _____ Park in New Braunfels
17 rank of TX Chester Nimitz in WWII
20 TX "Adopt-_-_____" program is to keep coastline clean
22 SW of Denton on 377
23 TXism for meeting
24 TX Howard Hughes left a big one
29 Matagorda (county) means "thick ____"
30 AC outlet in TX houses or cars
31 TXism for boss
32 TXism: "__ ___ Pope Catholic?"
36 flag at battle of Gonzales in 1835: "____ and Take It"
37 TXism: "____ ___ ____ drill" (disagree)
43 TX '87 Kentucky Derby winner
45 TXism: "suits me to _ ____-thee-well"
47 TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John _____"
48 to hold in wonder
50 a TXn flew scout plane for plane that dropped the first _____ bomb
51 TX "Pistol Packin' Mama" Al (init.)
52 "My ___ Sal"
53 TX Roddenberry, et al.
54 TX Shelley Duvall was Olive ___ in "Popeye"
55 TXism: "not _ ___ cent" (none)
56 pickup punctures
58 ostrich-like bird
59 canoe propeller
60 Rangers '93 prospect Robb

DOWN

1 TXism: "___ __ _ ___-____ cow" (angry)
2 in Victoria Co. on 87
3 TXism: "thinking ____ doing"
4 Houston "World of Primates" residents
9 branding ____.
10 TX Bob Wills trademark phrase (4 wds.)
11 TX Steak and ___
12 TXism: "happy as a kid on Santa's ___"
13 TXism: "keeping my head _____ _____"
14 Goldwaite goat event: "Kid '_ ___ Fiber Fair"
15 TXism: "first light"
16 Bowie's bed at the Alamo (2 wds.)
18 TX Meredith ___Rae
19 TXism: "brains __ _ box" (computer)
21 former Dallas D.A. Wade (init.)
24 TXism: "let '__ rip!"
25 El Paso's 1st female mayor Azar (init.)
26 governor from 1906 - 1910 (init.)
27 TXism: "sticks like tar on _ ____"
28 murals by this WWII artist hang throughout TX
33 George H. to George W.
34 TX high-tech co.
35 author of book on Permian football: _ _ Bissinger
37 Billy ___ Kid
38 TXism: "__ blazes a wide trail" (big)
39 TXism: _ ___ __ bones" (skinny)
40 TX rancher Norris' "A Force __ ___"
41 Possum Kingdom was _____ by FDR
42 TX great center fielder Speaker
44 "Mr. Sam" (init.)
46 "Tyler Rose" (init.)
49 "Cow-Cow Boogie" singer Morse
50 TXism: "can't pass _ ___ station" (fuel guzzler)
57 TXism: "____ some clods" (plow)

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

The 50th Wedding Anniversary reception for Judge Jack and Murna Miller was held on Saturday, Aug. 25th in Plainview at the 9th and Columbia Church of Christ. It was hosted by their four children and ten grandchildren: Brent and Linda Miller and their three sons, Craig, Chris and Conner, of Carrollton; Kim and Norman Hays and their children, Taryn and Ryan, of Dimmitt; Hal and Cyndy Miller and their three sons, Jason, Kyle and Brad, of Pfugerville; Cara and Bingiee Shiu and their two sons, Daniel and Nicholas, of Houston. Taryn registered guests, Kim and Cyndy served from the brides table, and Cara and Linda served from the grooms table. Nicholas helped serve punch while some of the younger girls from Murna's bible class helped pick up plates. The catering was done by Louis and Georgia Wardlow of Plainview.

The Millers were humbled as over 220 guests arrived. They came from all over Texas as well as Oklahoma, Alabama and New Mexico. 15 of the guests had actually attended the wedding 50 years ago. The Miller children said what a joy it was to get to visit with people they had known from their childhood years. Flowers arrived from several friends in the Panhandle as well as from Anne Helderwiert, their foreign exchange student from Belgium. Cards have also been coming in for two weeks from all over the United States and these will go into a book that the children and grandchildren gave to Jack and Murna. The pages of the book were displayed at the reception as well as many framed pictures depicting their 50 years of marriage.

Also displayed was the wedding dress originally worn by Murna and also worn by both daughters at their weddings. Before the reception, formal pictures were taken of the family and then Murna and each daughter had their portrait made in the original wedding gown. Displayed with the wedding dress during the reception was a bridesmaid dress worn by Murna's sister, Estella as well as the mother of the bride's dress and the mother of the groom's dress.

Paul Kenley is the new minister of *the First Baptist Church in Lampas*as, effective Sept. 1.

He was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt for many years, and he and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Houston for the last five years.

"We are glad that God is leading us to a new place of service much more like Dimmitt," Bro. Paul said.

During their first several months in Lampasas, the Kenleys' address will be 406 S. Walnut, Lampasas TX 76550.

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The people of Dimmitt have not lacked for a topic of conversation for the past few weeks. The changes that have taken place in our small part of the world are mind boggling.

This has been a time of remembering what the people who have served us over the years as pharmacists, newspaper publisher-owner and grocery supplier have done to improve our lives.

Acts of kindness from each of these people who are retiring have come to mind as I write my article for this week's publication.

Walt Hansen has been known as generous beyond belief in the 34 years he has owned his Dimmitt store. Many people have been recipients of hams, paper goods, and various other items from Walt during times of sorrow. The lady who shared this story of 20 years ago was quick to tell me that when the Catholic ladies shopped for the food for the bereaved relatives and friend's meal after the funeral of the two young people last week, Walt wouldn't let them pay.

Several months ago we were working a local election and I asked one of the workers if she had any news for this "On the Go" column. She replied, "Yes, I have a story I'd like to tell." She began to write on a notepad and after several minutes she handed it to me.

About 20 years ago this lady's husband had left her and her two young sons. She was working but her salary would not cover all the expenses of running a household. Her cupboards were bare and her children needed food.

She gathered the courage to ask Walt Hansen for $20 worth of credit for groceries. He eagerly provided the much needed groceries.

Time passed and she was able to provide food for her family, but she never had any extra money to repay the debt. She faithfully shopped for groceries at Walt's store that was located at what is now Dimmitt's Senior Citizen Building. Walt was always courteous and friendly and never implied in any way that she owed him any money.

Finally, the time came when she had enough money to repay him the seventeen dollars and fifty-two cents she owed him.

Many people could tell this story about Walt Hansen. I've had this story filed away in the back of my mind for quite some time but this seemed the best time to say, "Thank you Walt."

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Bill and Jo Settle spent some time in Las Vegas, Nevada recently. They learned quickly that "playing the tables", was not profitable. They were joined there by friends from Amarillo, Lisa and David Stanfield. They enjoyed shopping, beautiful hotels and bright lights. Their daughter, Sydney, stayed with Bill's parents in Tulia while they were vacationing.

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Dr. Bill and Yulia Murphy have had a busy summer. They spent time in Angel Fire, New Mexico enjoying the mountains, relaxing and watching the many humming birds.

After they returned to Dimmitt they hosted a reunion for 49 members of Bills' family. They gathered at the Church of Christ for a lunch catered by Mary Cluck.

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Bill's children were present including his daughter Liz Crittened, her husband Max, and son Jebediah, of Bosnia were they serve as missionaries. Bill's brother Tawayne Murphy of New York City was here with his family. He is an accomplished vocalist, and has sung with the Metropolitan Opera in New York. The Murphy clan is known for their musical talents. They spend their time together singing hymns and recalling the past.

Later that day the family gathered at the country home of Jim and Sandy Baker. They enjoyed a delicious supper and more singing accompanied by a family guitarist.

Since Bill and Yulia are the only Murphy's still living in Dimmitt, they were grateful for the Baker's hospitality. Their guest were from Houston, Austin, Tennessee, New York City and Bosnia.

Since Bill, Yulia, and her mother drove to Santa Fe for a few days. They shopped and enjoyed a good rest before returning home.

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Many of you responded to the wedding invitation of Deanne Clark of Lubbock and Bill Sowder of Littlefield. The wedding had been planned for the pretty garden spot at the United Methodist Church of Levelland, but God had planned for rain immediately prior to the wedding so everyone was directed to the sanctuary. Bill and Deanne were clad and attractive in casual white. Ruby Moultree, former music teacher at Richardson Elementary, sang several songs. Two songs that were especially pretty..."Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?" and to the delight of the crowd the couple danced a few steps to Ruby's rendition of "Could I Have This Dance for the Rest of My Life?"

The reception immediately following the ceremony was hosted by Deanne's class friends.

The following night the groom's family prepared lovely finger foods and Deanne's tennis group from Dimmitt furnished and served the punch for a yard party and reception.

Bill has retired from farming and Deanne is the organist for the First United Methodist Church in Levelland. The couple will live in Lubbock and Littlefield.

Movie Star Fights Arthritis

HOLLYWOOD — Frankie Avalon almost didn't make the movie ***Back to the Beach*** with Annette Funicello. Frankie was experiencing pain in his fingers that was so intense, he couldn't work.

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Frankie Avalon

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People

Brouillette to lead Dimmitt's band

Fans of the Dimmitt Bobcats will see a new face during the halftime entertainment. The man behind the music will be new band director, Chris Brouillette.

Mr. Brouillette was born and raised in Louisiana and attended Northeast Louisiana State University.

His first job as a band director was for the Louisiana State School for the Blind near Baton Rouge. There were 120 kids living on campus and music was a big part of the students' lives.

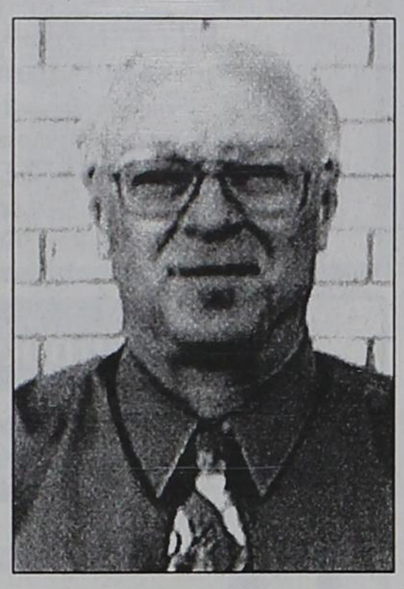
Prior to Dimmitt Mr. Brouillette had taught in the Amarillo area from 1995-1997.

He wanted to move back to this area because he enjoys the real, down-home, hardworking people of this area.

"I wanted to get back to what I consider to be the old west and that's one of the reasons I came back," said Brouillette.

Mr. Brouillette and his wife Connie have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

The Bobcat band consisting of 52 members will begin their halftime performance with *Fiesta*. The Spanish opener will be followed by a couple of crowd pleasing pop songs.



Chris Broillette

Brouillette's kids will head to two competitions at Dick Biven's Stadium this season. The first will be a critique contest held on Oct. 6. The second will be the UIL contest the following weekend.

Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Eva Martinez and Chris Reyes of Hereford are the parents of a baby girl, Destiny Leshea Reyes, who was born at 10:51 a.m. on Aug. 21 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 5 pounds, eight ounces and was 18 inches long at birth. She has a big brother, Dustin Xavier Reyes. Paternal grandmother is Martha Reyes of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Domingo and Maria Martinez of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Isidrio and Eustiabia Zarazuga.

It's a boy for Sergio Zuniga Talamantes and Angelic Marie Luna of Dimmitt. Their son was born at 7:05 p.m. on Aug. 18 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt and has been named Caleb Luna Talamantes. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 13.8 ounces and measured 21-1/2 inches in length. His paternal grandmother is Cynthia Talamantes of Hereford. Maternal grandmother is Esther Luna of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Amelia Amaro of Hereford and Guadalupe Luna of Dimmitt. He has a great-great-grandmother, Martha Rios of Hereford.

It's a boy, Adam Sauredo Jr., for Marilbel Rivera and Adam Sauredo. He was born at Plains Memorial Hospital on August 25, at 9:57 p.m., weighing 6 pounds and 8.2 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. Grandparents are Alberto and Minnie Rivera of Dimmitt, and Ricarido and Annie Saucedo of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Alberto and Teresa Rivera and Lauro and Paula Jackson, both of Dimmitt.

Mathis earns vo-ag award

Jerry Mathis, former ag teacher at Dimmitt and Hart, has been awarded an "Honorary Life Membership" in the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas.

Mathis was honored for "services rendered to agricultural science and education."

Mathis retired from teaching at the end of the 2001 school year.

Crutcher and Pohlmeier marry in formal, double-ring ceremony

Micah Adrean Crutcher and John Colby Pohlmeier exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 18 in a formal, double-ring ceremony.

E.C. Leslie officiated at the afternoon ceremony at the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Chris Crutcher of Garland. Parents of the groom are J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier of Nazareth.

A silk floral spray in pastel colors accented the front of the church along with two, seven-branch candelabra accented with ranaculas flowers. A pair of ficus trees accented with miniature lights flanked the candelabra. The pews were marked with tulle bows, tea rose ribbons, lemon leaves and fern.

Soloist Scott Wert sang *The Lord's Prayer* while the grandparents were seated. The couple's parents were seated while *In My Life* was performed. As the bridesmaids walked down the aisle, Wert sang *I Will Be Here.*

The bride entered the church while *Pachabele's Cannon* was played. The recessional was *That's Amore.*

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white silk and satin a-line gown designed with an empire waistline. The off-the-shoulder bodice was accented with rhinestone and pearl bands at the sleeves and waistline. The skirt flowed into a chapel-length train.

She wore a cathedral-length veil featuring the same beading used in her gown.

Her bouquet was created from pastel roses and lemon leaves.

Matron of honor was Amy Andrews of Garland, the bride's sister. Maid of honor was Berri Stratton of Lubbock, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lori Rogers of Lubbock, friend of the bride; Amy Pohlmeier of College Station and Jill LeGrow of Tyler, sisters of the groom; and Denise Lomax of Lubbock, friend of the bride.

The bridal attendants' tea-rose two-piece gowns of iridescent taffeta were fashioned with an A-line skirt and spaghetti straps with a strap across the back, accented with a rhinestone buckle.

Best man was Travis Schulte of Sunray, cousin of the groom.



MRS. JOHN COLBY POHLMEIER
. . . nee Micah Adrean Crutcher

Groomsmen were Daryl Pohlmeier of Nazareth, brother of the groom; Jaret Schulte of Hart, cousin of the groom; Trampus Ball and Brian Schmucker, both of Lubbock, friends of the groom; Gaylon Schilling of Lubbock, cousin of the groom; and Lincoln Talbert of Harlingen, friend of the groom.

Candlelighters were Sierra Wilcox and Heather Schilling, both of Nazareth, cousins of the groom.

Ring bearer was Cooper Andrews of Garland, the bride's nephew.

Guests were seated by Heath Andrews of Garland, the bride's brother-in-law; Tony LeGrow of Tyler, the groom's brother-in-law; Kit Schulte of Nazareth, cousin of the groom; and Scott Brockman of Norman, Okla., friend of the groom.

Following the wedding, the couple and wedding party boarded a chartered bus and traveled to Nazareth for a wedding reception, dinner and dance at the Nazareth Community Hall.

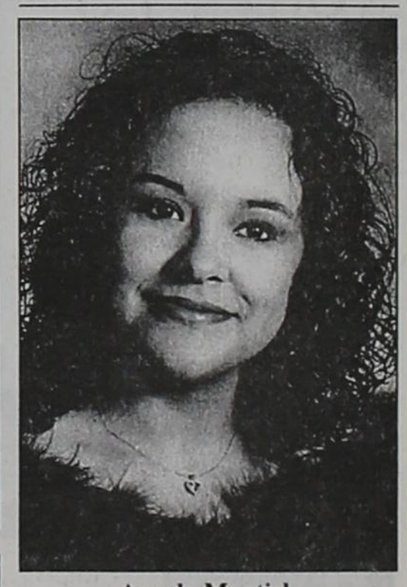
The hall was decorated with grapevine wreaths and trees with miniature lights. Grapevine wreath, tulle, tea rose ribbon, candles and rose petals decorated the tables. The head table featured candles, grapevine vases and bouquets of roses.

The bride's five-tiered wedding cake was created from assorted flavors including German chocolate, Italian cream, strawberry and orange. Each layer was decorated an arrangement of fresh pastel flowers and greenery.

The groom's German chocolate cake was decorated with a St. Louis Cardinal.

The bride graduated Lubbock Monterey High School in 1995. She attended Frank Phillips Junior College in Borger and Lubbock Christian University. She is currently employed by the Castro County News.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Nazareth High School. He graduated from West Texas A&M University the day before the wedding, Aug. 17, with a bachelor's degree. He is employed as a history teacher and assistant football, basketball and baseball coach at Nazareth Independent School District.



Angela Montiel

Montiel graduates as pharmacy tech

Angela Montiel, daughter of Domingo and Ortensia Montiel of Dimmitt, recently completed her training at the Academy of Professional Careers in Amarillo, and she is now a certified pharmacy technician.

Montiel graduated with a 3.85 grade-point average and was the top student in her class. She received her official certification on July 31.

Montiel did her clinical training at Lockhart Pharmacy in Dimmitt during the months of May, June and July.

She is the granddaughter of Juan and Elida Campos of Dimmitt and she has one sister, Maribel Montiel.

She is a 2000 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

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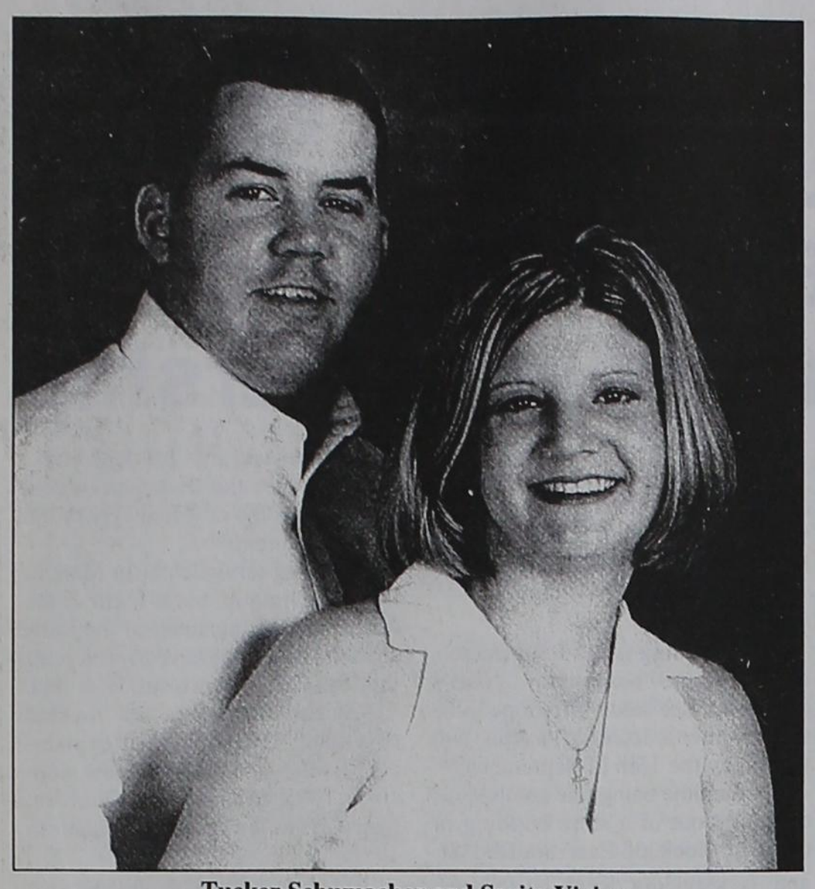
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Tucker Schumacher and Sarita Vivian

October wedding planned

Tom and Barbara Vivian of Bay City announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sarita Vivian, to Tucker Schumacher, son of Randy and Debbie Schumacher of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt.

Miss Vivian is the granddaughter of Mary Vann Vivian of Bay City. Mr. Schumacher's grandparents are Oleta Schumacher of Dimmitt, the late Andy Schumacher, Dr. Bill and Rubie Lee of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt, and the late Doyl Underwood.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on Oct. 20 in Blessing.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Tide Haven High School. She graduated from Texas A&M University in 2001 with a degree in accounting. She is employed as Banking Center Manager at Bank of America.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School. He holds a degree in ag development from Texas A&M University, graduating in 2000. He is employed as a field agent for Texas Farm Bureau.

Following the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Bryan-College Station.

Hospice volunteers find job rewarding

What could be more rewarding than knowing you had helped make another person's last days more comfortable?

Volunteers at Castro County Hospital District's Hospice Care know the satisfaction of making a difference to another during a very difficult period of life.

Volunteers donate their time to local hospice organization.

"We are always looking for more volunteers," said Jan Wishard, Castro County Hospital District's hospice volunteer coordinator. "We're going to begin the training sessions for volunteers on Sept. 25. I hope that anyone who is interested will give us a call and join."

Hospice Care volunteers can choose the kind of help they want to give, the hours they want to work and also the amount of time they want to spend. Volunteers may be involved in direct patient care, like reading to a patient, running errands, sitting with a patient, helping the family with meals or just spending time with the patient and family.

Volunteers also may choose to be a thrift store/administrative volunteer. These volunteers help run the thrift store, make copies, answer the phone or do numerous other activities.

The medical care for terminally ill patients in hospice is provided by trained nurses and doctors.

Hospice is a service that provides care for terminally ill patients and their families during the last few months of the patient's life.

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The Castro County Hospital District's Hospice Care program provides care for patients in many settings—the hospital, at home, or in the nursing home—in whatever setting the patient is most secure.

"While the medical staff cares for pain management and other medical needs, the volunteers povide a vital service with their contribution of time, Wishard said. "Just listening to a person tell their life story, or sharing a favorite tape of music, or playing a game of dominoes can be a great help to the hospice patient."

Anyone interested in volunteering for Hospice Care should call Wishard at 647-3020.

Harvest Days will include barbecue and chili cook-off

A barbeque and chili cook-off will be held at the Castro County Fair this year on Sept. 8.

It will be held on the Castro County Expo grounds. There are four categories for contestants to enter.

The pinto beans category has an entry fee of $5 and its turn-in time is 11 a.m. The pork spare ribs category has an entry fee of $10 and its turn-in time is 11:30 a.m.

The brisket category also has an entry fee of $10 and its turn-in time is 12 p.m. The final category, chili, has an entry fee of $10 and its turn-in time is 12:30.

The contest is restricted to residents of Castro County.

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

What's to be done? Everyone wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MINISTERS
. . . Bruce and Alma Murphey will take over ministry Sunday

Murphey is new minister at First Christian Church

The First Christian Church of Dimmitt has hired a new minister, Bruce Murphey, who will take over duties in the local church on Sunday.

Murphey and his wife, Alma, have been married for 15 years and have a blended family of eight children who are scattered across the country.

Mr. Murphey graduated as salutatorian of Platte Valley Bible College in Scottsbluff, Neb. Over the years he has served as minister in Truman, MN, Gillette, Wyo., and had a "senior" ministry in Albany, Ga.

The Murpheys are currently in Alamagordo, N.M. as part-time ministers and will begin serving here on Sunday.

Mrs. Murphey has played an important role in her husband's ministry. She has been song leader and has taught Sunday school classes for all ages. She is an avid quilter.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of Florene Leinen of Dimmitt, who died last Thursday, Aug. 23, at her home.

A vigil service was held Saturday evening at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt with Father Fern Couture and Deacon John Nino officiating.

Funeral mass was read Sunday afternoon at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Couture officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt where her husband, Robert "Bud" Leinen, was buried in 1965.

Survivors are one son, Robert Dale Leinen of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two daughters, Kathy Warnke of Alexandria, Va., and Shirley Pope of Tampa, Fla.; six sisters, Virgie Gerber, Dorothy Pohlmeier and Dolores Heiman, all of Nazareth, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock, Viola Pohlmeier of Tulia and Jean Bell of Granbury; and seven grandchildren.

Dinner was served after the funeral for family and friends at the County Expo Building. It was a good time to visit with family and friends, especially those whom you don't see very often.

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Members of the parish youth (9th through 12th graders) enjoyed breakfast at the CCD Building after mass Sunday morning. Then they had a meeting with their sponsor, Mary Beth Gerber, to help organize activities for the year.

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A large group gathered Sunday afternoon at Swift Field for the annual "Meet the Swifts" ice cream social.

We welcome our new football coach, Ricky Peacock; our new assistant coach, Colby Pohlmeier; and Mike Scarbrough.

The junior high cheerleaders held a drawing for a Kenneth Wyatt picture and Cindy Huseman was the winner.

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Holy Family Parish is ready for its annual Labor Day parish fundraiser.

The day starts with Sunday mass in Holy Family Church at 8 a.m., followed by the parade at 10 a.m. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., then a day full of activities and games is planned. A hamburger supper will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. and a dance is planned from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music for the dance will be furnished by "South Forty."

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Prayers are asked for Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Elma Schacher, Julia Baca, May Hochstein and Margaret Brockman.

Robison graduates from TTU

Trip Brandon Robison recently graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sports science with a minor in history.

Roberson is the son of Steve and Terry Roberson of Hereford and the grandson of Jo Hamilton of Dimmitt.

He accepted his diploma during the school's commencement exercises on Aug. 11.

Since graduation, Roberson has accepted a position as a coach and history teacher in the Plainview Independent School District.

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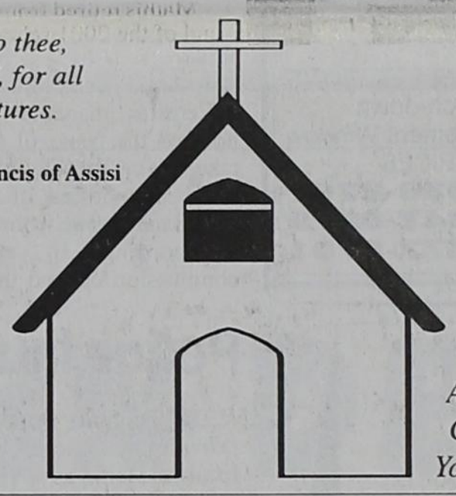
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Improved gas costs forecast for winter

Based on last winter, we strongly encourage customers to begin now making the necessary repairs and inspections for their gas appliances to ensure a safe, efficient, comfortable winter.

That statement was issued by Energas President Tom S. Hawkins Jr., last week, as he talked about what people can expect this winter when they open that first gas bill.

Energas is forecasting good news on the cost of natural gas this winter, with residential customers seeing gas costs in the range of $5 to $7 per thousand cubic feet, less than the $10 prices that customers experienced last winter for the same amount of gas.

While the prices are expected to be lower than a year ago, the cost of gas will still exceed prices in 1999.

According to the American Gas Association, residential customers across the country paid 70% more, on average, for natural gas last winter than they did the previous year.

The lower price prediction was made possible by some innovative gas purchasing practices and market prices which dropped this summer.

"Energas is currently negotiating hedging agreements with its suppliers to reduce market volatility in its prices for next winter," Hawkins said. "Energas has been able to lock in portions of its gas costs for next winter now and stabilize the gas prices that customers will be charged.

Gas users who struggle to pay the higher utility costs are urged to take advantage of Energas's budget-billing plan to equalize their monthly gas payments.

For more information on the program call Energas at 1-888-363-7427 or visit energas.com and click on the customer service icon.

Low-income households were particularly hard-hit by last winter's skyrocketing gas costs. Many customers are still trying to get caught up on last year's utility bills. Customers can apply for energy assistance through local agencies that will assist them in the qualification process through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Based on total household income and the type of housing in which people live, customers may receive a benefit that will be paid directly to the energy provider.



Michael Oltivero

Oltivero qualifies for national's in pedal tractor pull

Michael Oltivero, a second grader at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt, has qualified for the national pedal tractor pull after placing third at a contest in Lockney on Saturday, August 18th.

Oltivero was urged to enter the contest by Bill Sava and pulled over 350 pounds.

Oltivero is the son of Jesus and Mandy Oltivero of Dimmitt. He has one sister, Marissa, who is a kindergartner at Richardson.

The national tractor pull will be held in Omaha, Neb., September 20th. Oltivero will be eligible if the first and second place winners are unable to compete.

Ray Lee Equipment Co. buys local Deere dealership

Ray Lee Equipment Co. was named this week as the successful bidder for the bankrupt John Deere dealership in Dimmitt.

The Ray Lee company owns and operates Deere dealerships in Plainview, Floydada and Olton.

"We're excited to be there," said the company president, Ray Lee of Plainview. "With harvest around the corner, we wanted to be there right away."

He added, "We would have been severely disappointed if we had not gotten the dealership. There were three or four in the running, because Dimmitt is such a good market."

The Dimmitt store serves Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties.

The Dimmitt dealership "will be the biggest in our group," Lee said. "We really expect the Dimmitt area's volume to be equal almost to our other three stores combined. It will at least be the largest single volume store."

Lee said most of the Texas Equipment Co. staff will stay with the new dealership, including Gerald Summers, Tonya Ethridge, Kelby Bradley, Kayla Weaver, Curt Summers, Wayne Birkenfeld, David Stephens, Lupe Galvan and John Ewing.

"The nicest thing about (assuming the dealership here) is that the people are already in place," Lee said.

"When we get in our permanent location, we'll be adding more people," Bradley said.

The building is a different matter. The Texas Equipment Co. facility on Highway 385 south is tied up in the Chapter 11 proceedings in the US Bankruptcy Court in Lubbock.

"The building is not John Deere's call—it's the bankruptcy court's decision," Lee said. "We hope to be settled into a location within two weeks, by the 15th of September."

For the time being, the company is operating out of a store building in the 100 block of East Bedford St. and is servicing local customers' mechanical needs out of its Olton and Plainview facilities.

Ray Lee said that his son, Mark, who manages the Floydada dealership, will be the new manager of the Dimmitt store.

"Our long-term plan is for Mark to move to Dimmitt, but his wife is the assistant superintendent of the Ralls schools, so they'll have to wait until they can make it work out," Lee said.

Ray Lee Equipment Co. "is kind of a family operation," Lee explained. "I've owned the Plainview store since 1965, and my wife, Barbara, joined me as the head bookkeeper in 1972.

"We run a full-line, full-service John Deere dealership, not just sales-and-service centers," he said.

Supermarket deal official Wednesday

The sale of Walt Hansen's Thriftway Supermarket and Dimmitt Market became official Wednesday.

The new owner is Pay & Save, Inc., dba Lowe's Supermarkets.

Roger Lowe, president, announced that his company will close Dimmitt Market immediately and focus its attention on the Thriftway store.

Lowe said that Doug Pybus will continue as the Thirftway manager, a post he has held 14 years, and that many staffers in both stores have been asked to stay.

Hansen, who has been in the grocery business almost 40 years in Castro County, first bought Dimmitt Super Market here in the 1960s, built the present Thriftway store, then bought out the Taylor & Sons Grocery, enlarged and remodeled it and renamed it Dimmitt Market.

The former Thriftway Supermarket now operates as "Lowe's."

The Lowe corporation, headquartered in Littlefield, owns 53 stores in West Texas and New Mexico, operating either as Pay & Save or as Lowe's.

The corporation now operates two stores in Castro County, including Lowe's Pay & Save at Hart.

Roger Lowe himself started in the grocery business with a store in Olton more than 30 years ago.

Roger Lowe Jr. is vice-president of the corporation. The area manager is Roy Pittman, who oversees 22 stores.

"We're happy to be in Dimmitt," Lowe said.

Fiat is new owner of Cerestar USA, Inc.

Cerestar USA, Inc., which includes a facility in Dimmitt, has a new owner, an Italian industrial group headed by car manufacturer Fiat.

On Tuesday, the European Commission approved the takeover of Cerestar's parent company, Montedison, by the newly-formed Italenergia consortium.

Cerestar manager David Bone notified the *News* of the imminent takeover on Tuesday, and said he has not been notified of any changes which may come from the takeover.

According to reports, the commission cleared the acquisition of Montedison and its subsidiaries, Edison and Sondel, by the Fiat group through Italenergia. The group includes Fiat, Electricité de France, Intesa BCI, Nuova Holding San Paolo IMI, Banca di Roma and Carlo Tassara.

A story by Daniel Dombey in Brussels, Fred Kapner in Milan and FT.com staff in London reported that an "investigation has shown that the takeover will not adversely affect competition in the Italian electricity market since, at this stage, Montedison will be controlled by Fiat and the latter has only a small activity in the electricty sector."

Pharmacy's new owners impressed with Dimmitt

"We're excited about being here. We've been very impressed with the schools and community."

That's the feeling of Jon and Niki Riddle toward the Dimmitt area after moving here to become the new owners of Coleman Pharmacy.

The Riddles are buying the Coleman building and its complete inventory of pharmaceuticals, sundries and gifts from Garland and Susan Coleman, who earlier had bought out the pharmacy department of Lockhart Pharmacy.

Effective Saturday, the 24-year-old Coleman Pharmacy will become the Dimmitt Pharmacy, and will be the only one in the county.

Despite that one-and-only status, Riddle said, "We'll be aggressive with our pricing to keep people from having a reason to go elsewhere."

The Riddles come here from Farwell, where they operated a pharmacy for a year. Previously, they owned and operated a pharmacy in Memphis for seven years.

They like Dimmitt so well, Riddle said, "We plan on spending the rest of our lives here."

Riddle, 34, grew up in Bovina and his wife in Clovis. They started dating while they were in high school.

They attended Abilene Christian University two years, then both transferred to Southwestern Oklahoma State University, where he received his degree from the School of Pharmacy.

The Riddles have three children—Kylah, a seventh grader; Kassi, who is in the fourth grade; and Kade, a third grader.

They are active members of the Church of Christ.

Police launch Project ChildSafe

The Dimmitt Police Dept. will provide cable style gun locks for local residents as a statewide firearms safety and free gun lock program known as Project ChildSafe.

The free gun locks and safety pamphlets will be available Sept. 8, at the Expo building during the Castro County Harvest Days.

Project ChildSafe is funded through a grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. They will distribute 750,000 gun lock safety kits to law enforcement agencies throughout the state within the next 12 months.

The lock, which works like a bicycle cable lock, is threaded through the firearm's action, rendering the firearm inoperable.

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don't want to destroy the flavor of their writing.")

Myrtle certainly had her own flavor: openly friendly and honest, humorous, witty, interested and interesting.

Nearly everyone read Myrtle's Flagg News, and she enjoyed writing it so much that, when she and Sid moved to town, she convinced my Dad that Dimmitt needed its own "country correspondent."

That's how "Sheffy's Chatter" came about, and it was one of the main ingredients in every issue of the *News* for many years. People would invite her to every wedding, shower, party, dinner, fund-raiser or what-have-you, and she would dutifully report them, usually with a witty side comment here and there.

Myrtle wrote her "Chatter" for years, until she just wasn't physically able anymore.

Anytime Myrtle was gone, Beral Hance would write the "Chatter" for her. When Myrtle couldn't do it anymore, Beral took over the column. And out of respect for Myrtle, we retired the "Chatter" heading and renamed it "On the Go."

Beral was succeeded by Mary Edna Hendrix, who was a mainstay for 15 years, and now Dorothy Hopson is Dimmitt's "On the Go" correspondent and gives her own flavor to it.

And I still maintain that "Sheffy's Chatter" and "On the Go" have always been more important around here than I ever was.

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Just a few months before I came home in '66, Dimmitt's voters had turned down a bond election to modernize the Dimmitt Airport and put it under city ownership.

The Jaycees had built the airport in the 1950s with volunteer labor and "appropriated" equipment. When they decided to sell it in the 1960s, Bob DuLaney, a pilot and former Jaycee, bought it to keep it in operation.

The airport needed governmental backing and bonding authority to pay for the kind of renovation needed to bring Dimmitt into the new air age.

But in the original bond election, the voters didn't understand the importance of having a good airport. The uses and the need had not been communicated to them.

That became my job.

With Dr. Dennis Blackburn—a pilot himself—cracking the whip, the Chamber of Commerce formed an airport committee to develop a plan of action, and got a new bond election called for March 1967.

The plan called for a $196,000 project, with $100,000 of it financed by revenue bonds.

Dr. Blackburn loaded me up with a stack of aviation magazines that detailed the many advantages offered by small-city airports.

I wrote a three-part series of articles, followed by an editorial urging the bond issue's passage. Johnny Lynn at the radio station—another aviator— lent his editorial support as well.

This time around, the issue carried by a 5-1 margin.

All of us who had anything to do with that project were proud of what we had accomplished.

Through the years, the airport has proven its value many times over, and the city has been good about upgrading it to keep up with the times.

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The airport issue came on the heels of another bond election which I also supported with an editorial campaign: a $135,000 bond issue to build the 20-bed east wing annex to the hospital.

Don Newman was the hospital administrator then. He whispered in my ear while I typed my editorials. The election carried by almost 2-1.

The project was a bargain for us. Local bonds were matched by federal "impact" funds to help the hospital deal with the seasonal influx of migrant workers. After the vegetable industry died here, the east wing went largely unused for a few years, but now it houses the Welch Home Place and administrative offices.

If you build it, they will use it. That might make a good theme for a movie.

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In another campaign, I worked with County Clerk Zonell Maples and Sheriff Jack Cartwright to relate to our voting public why we needed to double the original size of the courthouse. For one thing, many of our vital records—of marriages, deeds, births, deaths, etc.—were being stored in the basement, under water and sewer pipes.

That bond election was weird. It ended in a tie among the voters of Dimmitt (split), Hart (against) and Nazareth (for).

But the Summerfield voters hung together and supported it, 6-0.

The bond issue carried by six votes.

So, anytime you see someone from Summerfield, thank them for our courthouse annex.

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I'll finish this up next week. I promise.

KCAT-TV takes to the classrooms of Richardson Elementary School

Third graders at Richardson Elementary School have taken to the airways with their own news show. Each day at 8:25a.m. eight ambitious kids undertake the responsibility of reporting the news for KCAT-TV.

Subjects range from what is cooking in the school cafeteria to interviews with Dimmitt citizens about their occupations.

KCAT-TV is the brain child of Elaine Steinle and Brenda Porsch. Mrs. Steinle approached DISD Grant Coordinator Darlene Collins about finding a grant for starting this ground breaking program.

Greg Parr of Lubbock, came to Dimmitt to help the two teachers assess equipment already in use at Richardson Elementary School. This helped to minimize the cost of instituting the new program.

Another good samaritian was David Bowling, the regional coordinator for Classic Cable, who donated the cable to make KCAT-TV accessible in all the classrooms.

Tryouts were held prior to summer vacation. They were opened to the third grader classes and gifted and talented students.

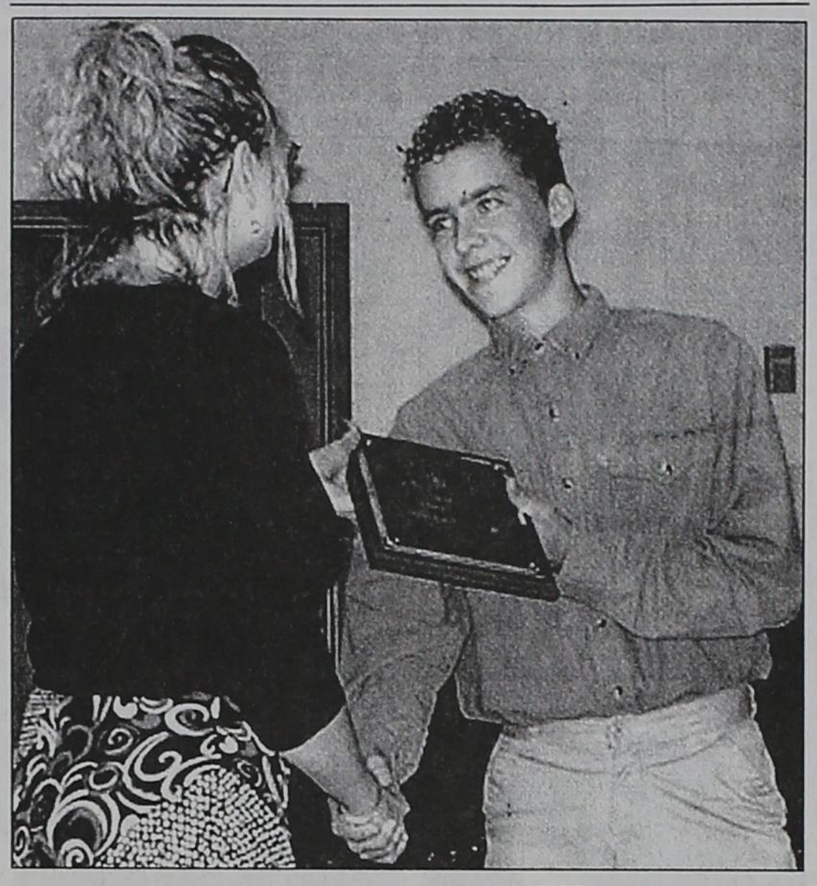
Currently KCAT-TV uses two crews of eight students apiece, but additional try outs during the school year will fill a 3rd crew.

The responsibilities of a large project like this consist of two anchors, two cameramen, audio, director, and graphics. As of now, Steinle and Porsch are the main script writers but by semester they hope the students can take on this additional role.

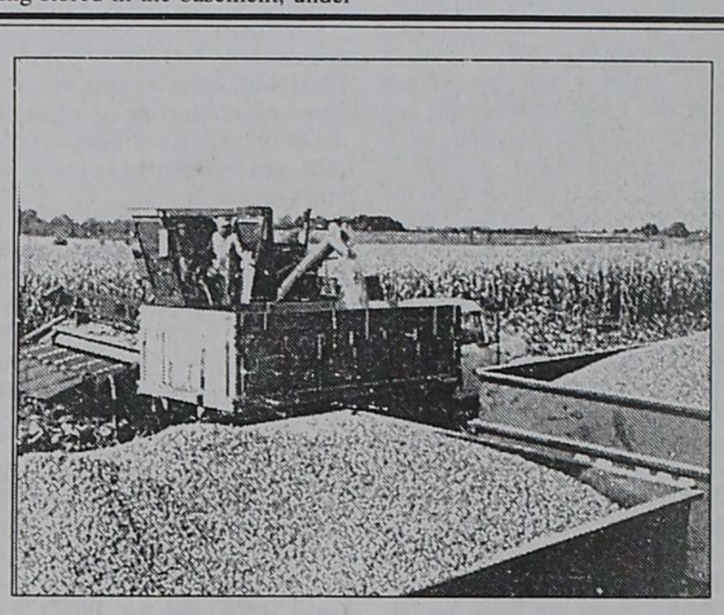
Some of the third graders participating in this pioneering program are David Underwood, Karina Abrego, M.T. Morrow, Jonathon Casas, Bethany Garza, Megan Wilkerson, John Hazel and Shea Myatt.

All of these students have benefitted greatly from their roles on KCAT-TV.

"We have learned to be responsible, and learned we have to do our homework to be prepared for the show," said Underwood.



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Sports

Longhorns hope to 'set the town on fire' in 2001

With a load of talent returning at the skill positions and decent size up front, the Hart Longhorns hope to be one of the teams to beat in 2001.

Last year's Longhorn squad posted a 6-4 overall record and finished 2-3 in District 2-A.

First-year Head Coach Jay McCook has big plans for his team this year, and they start with an offense headlined by returning all-stater Keith Finch (6-0, 205).

As a junior a year ago, Finch gained over 1,500 yards rushing and scored 28 touchdowns to lead Hart's offense from the tailback position.

This year, Finch will move to the quarterback position, and McCook is excited about the versatility Finch will bring to the position.

"In the offense I like to run, the quarterback is the main runner. Keith's going to be a big asset there. We may move him around some, but right now he's our quarterback. I like the quarterback to be able to run and throw and he can do both."

Finch is just one of many returning starters McCook welcomed to two-a-day-workouts earlier this month.

Nine offensive regulars and nine defensive starters are listed on the roster, along with several other lettermen.

The offensive line will be very experienced, with three starters back including center senior Rene Rincon (5-8, 145), senior all-district tackle Eric Gutierrez (5-11, 205), junior tackle Corey Moore (5-11, 150) and senior guard Marcial Mendoza (6-0, 160).

Finch will move from tailback to quarterback, but the two running backs McCook has penciled in to start are both veterans, too. They are junior fullback Leon Minjarez (5-8, 160) and sophomore tailback Josh Finch (5-9, 150).

"Josh Finch grew a lot over the summer. He put on a lot of muscle and he's really been doing well. He's probably the fastest kid we've got on the roster."

Other starters returning include senior tight end Albert Velasquez (6-2, 175; and senior wide receiver Jacob Reyna (5-9, 150).

Velasquez was a first-team all-district selection at tight end last season.

Rounding out the starting lineup this season will be junior guard Javier Velasquez (5-8, 170) and senior tight end Joel DeLaFuente (6-0, 155).



THE 2001 HART LONGHORNS are experienced and hungry for a shot at the playoffs. Members of this year's squad are (seated, from left) Bo Gonzales (32), Logan McLain (61), Leon Minjarez (11) and A.J. Carrasco (6); (kneeling, from left) assistant coach Bob Libby, Javier Velasquez (63), Daniel Carrasco (3), Joel DeLaFuente (2), Rene Rincon (50), Jacob Reyna (4), Matt Gonzales (54) and assistant coach Jeff Jones; and (standing, from left) assistant coaches Brad Elam and Jon Curry, Roy Robledo (5), Rumaldo Rodriguez (52), Keith Finch (8), Josh Finch (25), Kenneth Wiley (77), Corey Moore (72), Albert Velasquez (10), Marcial Mendoza (68), Eric Gutierrez (56) and head coach Jay McCook. *Photo by Anne Acker*

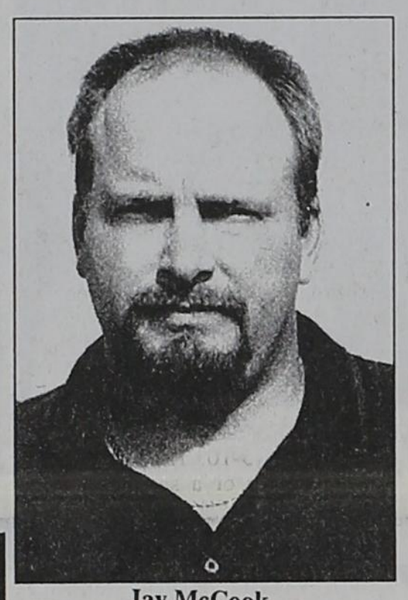
Hart Longhorns

2001 schedule

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9-7	Morton	Here	8 p.m.
9-14	Anton	There	8 p.m.
9-21	Claude (Homecoming)	Home	8 p.m.
9-28	Farwell	Home	8 p.m.
10-5	Open		
10-12	Vega *	There	7:30 p.m.
10-19	Nazareth *	Home	7:30 p.m.
10-26	Boys Ranch *	There	7:30 p.m.
11-2	Stratford *	There	7:30 p.m.
11-9	Kress *	Home	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes district games

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Assistant Coaches: Jon Curry, Bob Libby, Jeff Jones and Brad Elam



Jay McCook

HART KICKOFF 2001

the offense so far. If our linemen can learn the system, we will be good. We've got some great skill players and we're going to take advantage of that."

McCook also plans to implement more passing plays into his offensive scheme this season.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to get the ball to our receivers about 15 times each game," McCook said. "Reyna's got good, quick hands and DeLaFuente's been improving."

Backing up the receivers will be sophomore receiver Roy Robledo (5-8, 140) and junior receiver Daniel Carrasco (5-7, 130).

The entire defensive unit had starting experience a year ago, and McCook is excited about how they have performed in scrimmages.

The veteran line is anchored by Gutierrez and Kenneth Wylie (5-11, 300-lb. junior) at tackles; Rincon at noseguard; and Albert Velasquez and DeLaFuente at the ends.

The linebacker corps features returning starters Mendoza and Minjarez.

Keith Finch is a returning all-district nod at safety and his counterpart on the opposite side of the field will be Bo Gonzales (6-0, 150-lb. senior).

Cornerbacks will be Reyna and Josh Finch.

Hart's defense will feature multiple fronts based out of the 50 formation.

"We want to stunt a lot and bring heat from every angle," McCook said. "We've got a good secondary—all of the guys there return from last year. Keith was a third-team all-stater at free safety.

"Our guys in the secondary will have a play a little different than they're used to, but they seem to be adjusting. We don't want to give up anything deep this year."

The Longhorns don't have a lot of size—only two players top the 200 pound mark and another is listed at 300—but they will be very quick and agile, and they pursue well.

"Our team strengths are definitely our speed and experience. Even our linemen are quick," McCook said.

McCook's goals for his first season as head coach of a team loaded with experience and an all-stater—make the playoffs.

"We're in the toughest district in the state—we've got to contend with Stratford and they're the defending state champions. They're still loaded. Nazareth will be good again and Kress and Vega look tough," said McCook. "We've got as much talent as anyone, and I think we're going to be very competitive."

The Longhorns' team goals are similar to McCooks, with making the playoffs at the top of the list.

"We'd really love to be playing football in December," McCook said. "The last year these guys made the playoffs was 1997 and they're hungry. They want to experience the playoffs. They want to set this town on fire."

McClure wins ladies' golf championship

Betty McClure of Dimmitt fired an 88 to win the Ladies' Championship tournament Saturday at Country Club of Dimmitt.

The annual tournament was sponsored by the Dimmitt Ladies' Golf Association.

Sheryl Brown finished second behind McClure, firing a 92. Mozelle Lilley finished third with 95.

Low net honors were claimed by Brown with 68.

Following the tournament, participants enjoyed a salad luncheon.

Band Boosters will meet tonight

Dimmitt Bobcat Band Boosters will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the Dimmitt High School Band Hall.

This meeting was rescheduled from last week. The agenda will include a discussion of upcoming activities during the 2001-02 school year.

All parents of band students in the fifth through 12th grades are urged to attend.

For more information contact Carolyn Harman at 647-2421.

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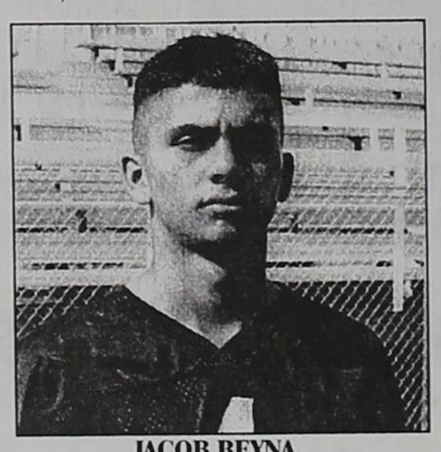
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Swifts will field quick, veteran lineup

Nazareth welcomes back a whole slew of lettermen and starters from a team that finished second in district behind eventual state champion Stratford in 2000, and those Swifts have one goal in mind—returning to and advancing deep into the playoffs.

Nazareth's only losses in 2000 were to Stratford in district and to Wheeler in the first round of the playoffs. The Swifts would like to avenge both of those losses this season.

But to get there, they'll have to be in top form against several other talented District 2-A teams hungry for a shot at last year's playoff qualifiers—Hart, Kress, Vega and Boys Ranch.

The Swifts are working under the guidance of new head coach Ricky Peacock, and so far, they have adapted well to his system.

Nazareth won't have tremendous size—only two players top the 200-pound mark—but the Swifts will be very quick.

"I think our team strength will be our overall quickness. We don't have the size we've had in the past, but the guys all get to the ball fast. They've got good reactions," Peacock said. "Our weakness is probably going to be a lack of depth at a couple of key positions."

Peacock welcomes 12 returning lettermen, including seven offensive regulars and seven defensive starters.

The returning offensive starters include almost all of the skill position players, except for leading rusher Matty McLain, who graduated in 2001.

The Swifts' biggest challenge this year will be filling McLain's shoes at linebacker and in the backfield, and finding players who can replace the talented offensive and defensive linemen who also graduated in 2001.

The offense will be built around six seniors who have grown accustomed to winning since they first put on a set of pads in the seventh grade—Daryl Pohlmeier, Blake Birkenfeld, Ky Wilcox, Kade Wilcox, Aaron Kern and Jase Merritt.

Taking over the bulk of the running back chores will be returning starter Kern, (5-10, 175), who gained 441 yards on the ground and scored eight touchdowns in 2000.

"Aaron had a good scrimmage against Anton Friday, breaking a couple of long runs," Peacock said.

"On offense, we'll work out of a Pro-I set and we'll break out into some single-back sets with Aaron as the running back," he said.

Also returning to direct the Swifts' Pro-I offense is quarterback Birkenfeld (5-10, 160), who threw for more than 1,000 yards and 11 touchdowns last season.

"Blake has been making some good decisions. He throws the ball well and does a good job of reading the option. He's getting more comfortable with the system," Peacock said.

On the receiving end of many of those passes were the Wilcox twins, Kade (5-10, 160) and Ky (5-10, 170) and their cousins, Pohlmeier (6-0, 175) and junior Eric Schilling (6-3, 174).

While the Wilcoxes lined up in the wide receiver slots last year, Pohlmeier and Schilling were the tight ends.

"The receivers have all been doing real well. They're just getting their routes down, but they've caught on well to what we're trying to do. They all had some good catches in our scrimmage," said Peacock.

The offensive front line will have a few new faces, including Pohlmeier, who will help anchor the line as a tackle this season along with veteran lineman Reece Hales, 5-11, 200-pound junior who will start at center.

Also expected to start on the offensive line are junior Koty Huseman, a 5-10, 230-pound tackle; and junior guards Evan Huseman (6-1, 170) and Ross Schulte (5-9, 175).

"Our line did good in the scrimmage. We're pretty green up front, but I was pleased with the way we protected the quarterback. That's always a concern when you throw the ball," Peacock said.

The Swifts will use sophomore Trey Robb (5-10, 151) as either a third receiver or a second running back, and he'll split time with sophomores Brock Birkenfeld (5-8, 140) and Jordy Rowland (6-0, 160).

Overall, Peacock said he's been pleased with his team's performance so far, and he says the Swifts are "a little farther along than I expected at this point in the year."

The Split-6 will be Nazareth's primary defense this season, and Peacock thinks the formation will give his quick team an advantage against bigger squads.

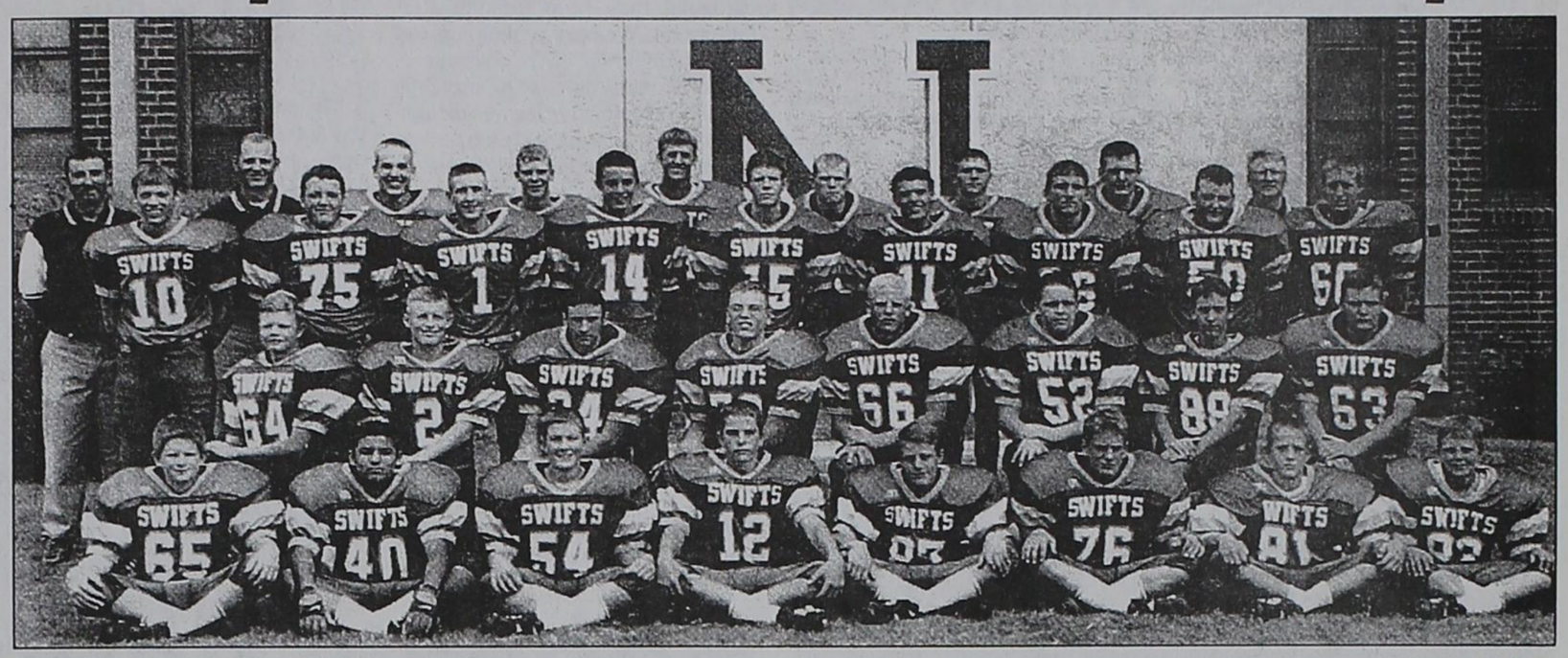
Anchoring the defensive line will be Pohlmeier and Schilling at the ends, and Evan Huseman and Hales at tackles.

Kern and Merritt (6-0, 165) provide the Swifts with a very quick, hard-hitting linebacker corps.

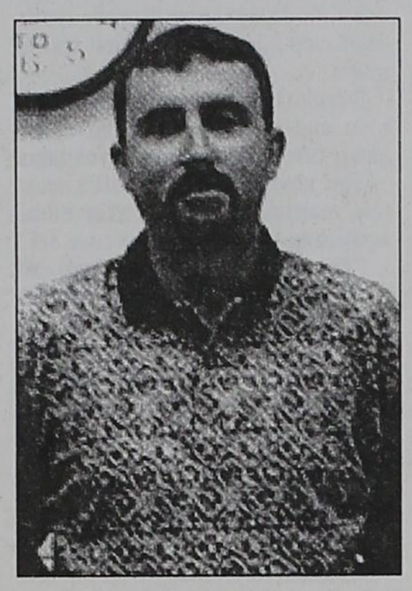
The Swifts will have a quick secondary featuring the Wilcoxes as halfbacks, Robb and junior Adam Acker (5-11, 150) at the corners and Blake Birkenfeld as the safety.

"We're teaching the guys a new defense this year," Peacock said. "We're trying to take advantage of our skill position kids and this utilizes their talents. In our scrimmage with Anton, the tackles and ends did a good job of controlling the line of scrimmage and they stopped Anton's option attack. Our linebackers played well—both of them made big plays. And our secondary couldn't have played better—it was a textbook effort. We recovered two fumbles and had an interception. We also caused a couple of other fumbles. Anton's varsity only had two first downs against our first-team defense."

Peacock said the Swifts' goals are simple—to continue Nazareth's tradition of success and to contend for a district championship.



THE 2001 NAZARETH SWIFTS have a solid corps of returning starters, including many skill players, and they hope to earn a return trip to the playoffs. Team members include (seated, from left) Trey Smallwood, Ricky Pena, Brett Hoelting, Tyson Schulte, Shelby Wilhelm, Dusty Tomlin, Shay Wilhelm and Jeremy Acker; (kneeling from left) Jason Wilhelm, Brock Birkenfeld, Stuart Sheffy, Michael Acker, Garrett Kleman, Adam Hunter, Chase Schulte and Ross Schulte; (third row, from left) Ky Wilcox, Koty Huseman, Blake Birkenfeld, Jordy Rowland, Jase Merritt, Kade Wilcox, Aaron Kern, Reece Hales and Adam Acker; and (back row, from left) Head Coach Ricky Peacock, Assistant Coach Colby Pohlmeier, Andrew Brockman, Monty Hoelting, Eric Schilling, Daryl Pohlmeier , Trey Robb, Evan Huseman and Assistant Coach Mike Scarbrough. *Photo by Micah Pohlmeier*



Ricky Peacock

Nazareth Swifts

2001 schedule

8-31	San Jacinto	Here	8 p.m.
9-7	Lubbock Christian	Here	7:30 p.m.
9-14	Hale Center	There	7:30 p.m.
9-21	Farwell	Here	7:30 p.m.
9-28	Open		
10-5	Claude	There	7:30 p.m.
10-12	Boys Ranch *	Here	7:30 p.m.
10-19	Hart *	There	7:30 p.m.
10-26	Kress *	Here	7:30 p.m.
11-2	Vega *	There	7:30 p.m.
11-9	Stratford *	Here	7:30 p.m.

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DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL

• Friday, Aug. 31: Pictures—football, cheerleaders, cross country teams.
• Wednesday, Sept. 5: ASVAR test for Seniors, 8:25 - 11:35.

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He and his wife, Connie, have three children and seven grandchildren.

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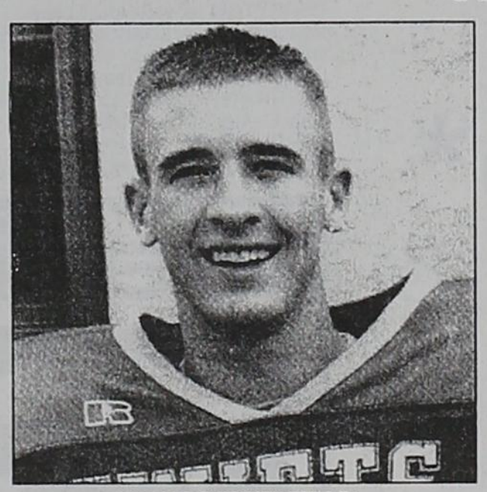
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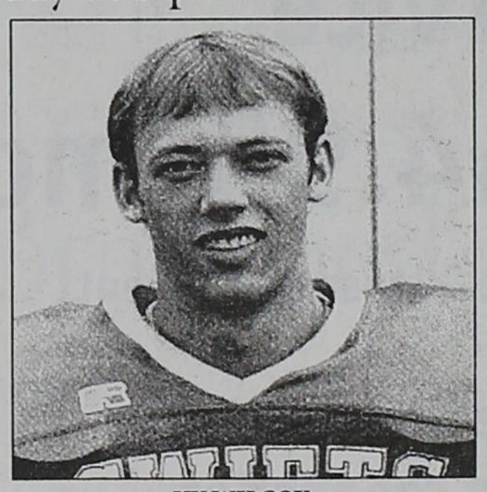
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Swifts, Horns kick off 2001 season Friday

The Hart Longhorns and Nazareth Swifts will open regular season play on the gridiron Friday night, and both teams are anxious to test their skills.

The Longhorns will travel to Meadow at 8 p.m. Friday for their season opener.

The Swifts will host San Jacinto Christian Academy Friday at 8 for their kickoff game.

The Dimmitt Bobcats will be idle this week, and will be preparing for their first game, which is against Springlake-Earth on Sept. 7.

Hart at Meadow

The Hart Longhorns have enjoyed implementing their new system through two pre-season scrimmages, and now they're taking their show on the road—all the way to Meadow.

The Longhorns will travel to Meadow Friday to face the Broncos in the 2001 season opener. Kickoff will be 8 p.m.

Meadow's team is in the second year of its 11-man football program, and this season the Broncos have a new coach in Cody Carroll, former assistant at Slaton.

The Broncos return 16 of 20 lettermen, including six offensive and seven defensive starters.

Meadow was 4-6 a year ago, but the 11-man game was new to the team. With a year of experience they are expected to be much-improved.

Leading the Broncos in their I-formation offense are senior quarterback Eric Perez (5-8, 150), senior fullback Jared Dewbre (5-6, 160), junior running back Clendon Henderson (6-3, 200) and sophomore tight end Stoney Streety (6-3, 200).

Other returning starters on offense include junior tackle Phillip Drake (6-0, 190), senior tackle Tanner Hogue (5-8, 150) and senior center Lyce Carroll (5-11, 150).

"They line up in an I formation on offense and they like the power running game. Their fullback and tailback are their stars on offense. I'd say they want to run the ball 80% of the time," said Hart Coach Jay McCook.

"We have to tackle them. They run hard and they keep running after they're hit. We have to wrap up and bring them down," McCook said.

The Broncos defense of choice is the 4-0 and defensive leaders include Henderson and Dewbre at linebackers, Carroll and Perez at defensive backs, and Hogue and Streety at defensive ends.

"Henderson is their best linebacker," McCook said. "They like to stunt quite a bit, so we're going to have to pick that up. The play of our offensive line is going to be the key for us this week."

McCook said Meadow has a couple of players with good size, including the tackles, and they've got good overall team speed.

San Jacinto at Nazareth

The Nazareth Swifts will kick off the 2001 season Friday night when they host Amarillo's San Jacinto Christian Academy. Kickoff in the Swifts' season opener will be 8 p.m. at Swift Field.

San Jacinto Christian is a private school that competes in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) division. The Pats are in their second year of organized football.

"San Jacinto is still pretty green," said Nazareth Coach Ricky Peacock. "They're still learning how to play the game. But I watched a film from their first game on Friday, and I've watched their game against us last year and they have improved a lot."

While the Swifts will be suiting up for their first game of the 2001 season on Friday, the Patriots will be playing their second game of the year.

Last week, San Jacinto fell victim to another TAPPS school, Midland Trinity, 57-20.

But the Patriots had several bright spots in that game, including a good running game that racked up 281 yards. San Jacinto's offense gained 308 total yards in the game.

The Patriots are led by running back Kyle McKinney, who scored on a 52-yard run and a 5-yard pass from quarterback Jeremy Anthony, against Midland Trinity. San Jacinto's other touchdown was scored by running back Ryan Reneau from 14 yards out.

Defensively, the Patriots gave up 568 yards to Midland Trinity's offense, and the bulk of that—473 yards—came on the ground.

"San Jacinto has some good athletes. They're doing a lot of things right," Peacock said. "They've changed their offense year and they go with more of a conventional, two-back set. They've simplified things a lot.

"On defense last week they gave up a lot of points, but they really didn't play that bad. Trinity just broke some big plays on them," Peacock said.

"This week we're going to stress to our kids that they need to try and improve in every area. Everything we're doing now is important."

Bobcats shuffle players as they learn new offense

The Dimmitt Bobcats are learning a new offense directed by a new quarterback, and by the time Sept. 7 rolls around, they will be ready for Springlake-Earth.

Matthew Wright has been tabbed as the Bobcats' new quarterback, according to Coach Glen Dunnam, and he started in the scrimmage against Abernathy Friday.

The Bobcats also implemented a new offense for that scrimmage, dropping the complex wishbone in favor of the simpler I formation.

"We had to make a lot of changes last week, and we only had 2-1/2 days to practice the new offense before our scrimmage," Dunnam said. "Considering that, I was very pleased with what the guys got out of the scrimmage. We didn't score, but they did really well with the I. A lot of our base plays were the same, we just made some adjustments."

Dunnam had to shuffle several players into new positions last week, and he said it's just going to take a little time for them to become used to those areas.

"We really made a lot of offensive progress through the scrimmage. We did move the ball—not as consistently as we'd like, but we were able to move down the field."

The brightest spot in the scrimmage was the play of Dimmitt's defense, which allowed just one touchdown.

"Our defense was outstanding. We gave up one touchdown—we had one little breakdown. But we really improved a lot from the first scrimmage."

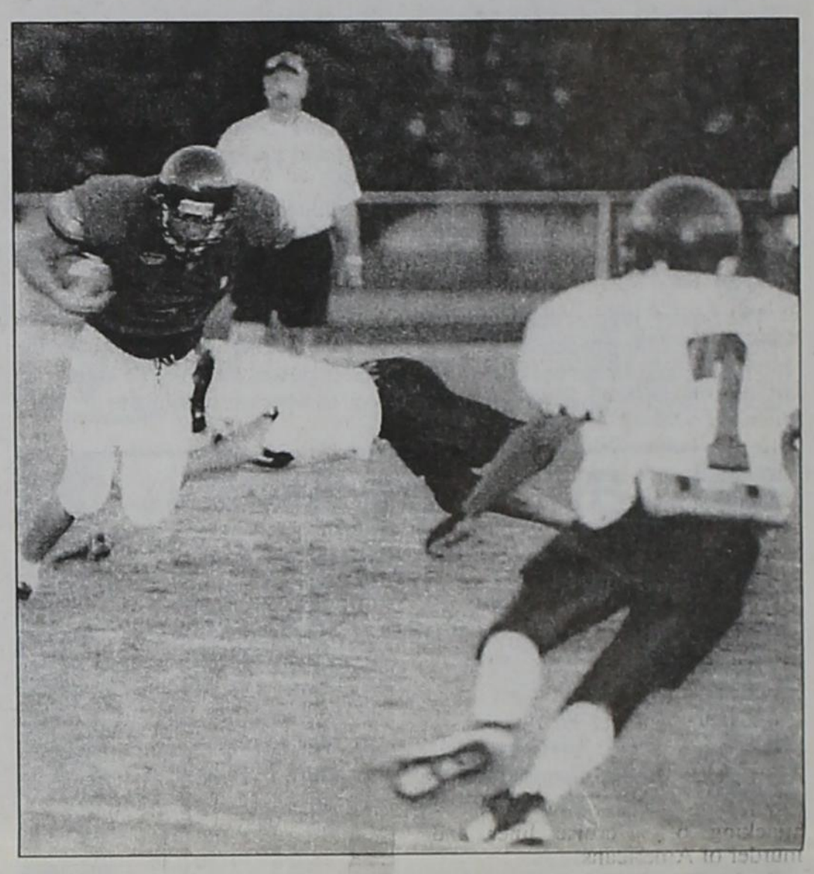
Dimmitt has eight returning lettermen and each of them started on either offense or defense a year ago.

The strength of Dimmitt's team this year is the players' work ethic, according to Dunnam.

"The guys are working hard, so the changes have been easier to adjust to this week."

Offensively, Dunnam said he would like his team to move the ball better on the ground, and right now he's looking at several potential running backs, including four fullbacks and three tailbacks.

"Defensively, since we are not real big, we have to tackle extremely well. We can't miss that first tackle. We have to wrap up initially and bring them down. We have improved in that area. Between our first scrimmage and the one with Anton, we did a lot better. Each day's getting better."



RUBEN ESPINOZA of Dimmitt eludes a tackler and gains a few extra yards before he's brought down Friday during action in the Bobcats' scrimmage with Abernathy. The Bobcats have an off week before they open regular season play on Sept. 7. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

Harris Picks

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

Hart 29 over MEADOW
NAZARETH vs. San Jacinto (not rated)
KRESS 12 over Whiteface
Paducah 23 over CROSBYTON
ROSCOE 35 over O'Donnell
Roby 15 over SPUR
Bovina vs. Hagerman (not rated)
Smyer vs. Lubbock Christian (not rated)
PERRYTON 9 over West Texas
New Deal 30 over LUBBOCK ROOSEVELT
GREENWOOD 3 over Stanton
LOCKNEY 13 over Slaton
ABERNATHY 7 over Springlake-Earth
Hale Center 28 over ANTON
TAHOKA 1 over Floydada
LORENZO 6 over Ralls
POST 2 over Hamlin
Amarillo 14 over PALO DURO
TASCOSA 8 over Dumas
ABILENE COOPER 23 over Coronado
LUB. MONTEREY pick vs. Andrews
Pampa 25 over DALHART
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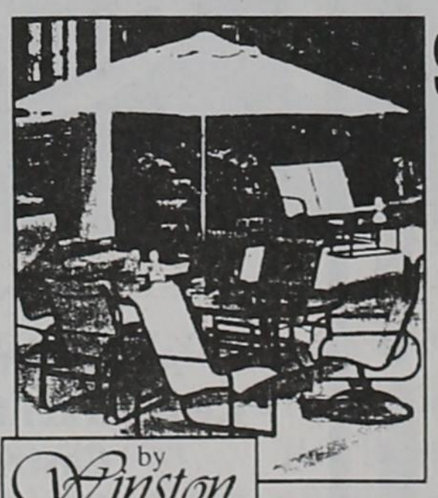
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SENIOR CHIEF JOE HILL with the Navy SEALS visits with members of the Dimmitt Middle School Gifted and Talented program during a special program last week. DMS students pictured include (from left) Shawn Ryan, Rye Patton, Anthony Jackson, Chelsea Gilbreath, Keisha Smith and Elizabeth Hill.

Courtesy Photo

DMS students hear about Navy SEALS

Don't quit and don't get hurt.

That's the advice Senior Chief Joe Hill of the Navy SEALS gives new volunteers, and that's the message he brought to the Dimmitt Middle School Gifted and Talented (GT) students on Aug. 22.

Senior Chief Hill addressed Sara Hill's fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade GT students.

He has been a Navy SEAL (Sea, Air and Land) since 1984. After graduating from Cleburne High School in 1981, he attended Southern Methodist University, then started a job that turned out to be "dull and leading nowhere."

Senior Chief Hill was always a patriotic American. He decided to join the Navy after watching evening news reports about how terrorists around the world were kicking Americans around, such as in "Bloody Sunday" in Beruit and the hijacking of a cruise liner and murder of Americans.

Senior Chief Hill decided he could help to "cut out the cancer of terrorism" that was threatening America and Americans by joining the Navy. He volunteered for the SEALS as soon as he was allowed to apply.

Of 1,000 men who apply for the SEALS, only 20 are accepted. Of those 20 men who are accepted, only 30%, or about six men, complete the training.

He said SEAL training, called BUDS, is one of the most strenuous of any training in the military. It involves hours of underwater training in cold water, as well as survival skills in the most difficult situations. There is a constant emphasis on teamwork.

He told the students that men between 20 and 26 who are unmarried are the most likely to be successful in BUDS.

The DMS students were enthusiastic as Senior Chief Hill related his experiences and training. He showed slides and pictures of his team members and outlined some of their activities for the students.

"Finally, I just had to tell the students, 'It's time to go. No more questions!" Sara Hill said.

Senior Chief Hill's wife, Laurie, is the youngest daughter of George and Carolyn Sides of Dimmitt. The couple have been married for 11 years and they have three children.

The Hills are moving from Kodiak, Alaska, where they lived for three years, to Virginia Beach, Va.

While in Alaska, Senior Chief Hill was a SEAL training officer for severe weather warfare. In Virginia Beach, he will be an instructor for the SEAL Training Command.

He says he is satisfied and happy with his career in the Navy.

Jackpot cook-off set in Littlefield

The Littlefield Early Risers Lions Club is planning an area jackpot cook-off for Sunday at the Ag Center grounds in Littlefield.

The cook-off is being billed as a local and area event in lieu of the huge statewide cook-offs held in the past. The decision to scale back from statewide competition was made, in part, because of a huge cook-off in Shreveport, which is guaranteeing up to $40,000 in prizes.

A survey of several of the teams which had traveled from Dallas and even Lubbock showed that most are going to Shreveport over Labor Day weekend.

This year's cook-off is being expanded; however, to offer even more categories of competition. Judging will be in the categories of brisket, chicken, ribs, chili, beans, salsa and dessert.

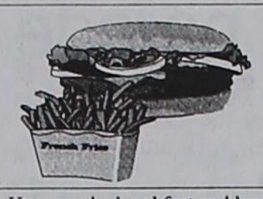
Entry fee is $25 per entry and the payback is a 60/40 split. First through third places will be awarded in each division.

Entry fees are $25 each in the brisket, chicken, ribs, salsa and dessert categories; $15 in the chili category; and $10 in the bean category.

Each division will be judged separately.

Plans are being made for a Saturday night cook's party, and a calcutta for all pit division entrants. That party will start at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Glen Dwyer at 385-7246 or visit the club's web site at www.whylittlefield.com/lions/



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the first week of school, Aug. 30 to Sept. 7.

DIMMITT

Pre-K to 12th Grades

Grab and Go Breakfast

THURSDAY: Carrot mini loaf, fresh apples and milk.

FRIDAY: Waffles with syrup, fresh banana and milk.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Banana mini loaf, fresh apples and milk.

FRIDAY: Cranberry muffins, orange wedges and milk.

Lunch

Pre-School to 1st Grades

THURSDAY: Shrimp poppers, hash brown potatoes, butter beans, white hot rolls, and white milk or chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing, candied sweet potato, mixed vegetable, ambrosia fruit salad, hot wheat rolls, birthday cake, and white milk or chocolate milk.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Steak fingers with gravy, potatoes au gratin, corn on the cob, tossed salad, hot cheese rolls, and chocolate milk or white milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, pork and beans, potato rounds, coleslaw and white milk or chocolate milk.

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.

2nd-12th Grades

THURSDAY: Choices of shrimp poppers, tuna salad sandwiches or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; white hot rolls, tortilla chips or Spanish rice; and white milk, chocolate milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choices of turkey and dressing, hot dog on a bun with chili or fajitas with onions and peppers; candied sweet potato, mixed vegetables or parsley buttered potatoes; ambrosia fruit salad; tossed salad or coleslaw; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or birthday cake; and white milk, chocolate milk or punch.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Choices of steak fingers with gravy, chicken enchiladas or beef and noodle casserole; potatoes au gratin, frijoles refreito or corn on the cob; tossed salad, guacamole salad or fresh spinach salad; hot cheese rolls, old fashioned cornbread or tortilla chips; and white milk, chocolate milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of hot dog on a bun with chili, chicken fillet strips or meat loaf with creole sauce; pork and beans, potato rounds or sweet potatoes and apples; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist rolls or Frito corn chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

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.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

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

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

MONDAY: No school.

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

WEDNESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

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

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

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Beef and bean chalupa or chef's salad, lettuce, Spanish rice, pears, gingerbread and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, cooked broccoli, applesauce and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * No school.

TUESDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, chocolate pudding and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Chicken fried steak with rolls or pizza; tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit cocktail, apple cobbler and milk or juice.

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.

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

HART

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, pancake syrup, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast, jelly and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, jelly and milk.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

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.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choices of hamburger with potato chips, burrito or enchilada casserole; chips, corn, salad, assorted fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of ham sandwich submarine sandwich or tuna salad sandwich; salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, sugar cookie, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Choices of chicken sandwich with chips, chef's salad or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajita; salad, pineapple, refried beans, sugar cookie, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

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.

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Don Nelson
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Chamber is taking entries for 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 Sept. 8.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Sept. 8 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.

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 intersection 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.



FATAL ACCIDENT SCENE—Castro County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Aleman looks over a 1997 Chevrolet pickup, which was involved in a fatal accident Saturday night south of Hereford near the Frio Draw. 34-year-old Kenneth Wayne Traylor of Hereford died in the accident. *DPS Photo*

Hereford man dies in rollover Saturday

Wet road conditions contributed to a one-vehicle accident Saturday night that claimed the life of 34-year-old Kenneth Wayne Traylor of Hereford.

The fatal accident occurred at 10:52 p.m. Saturday on US 385, about 3.4 miles south of Hereford near the Frio Draw.

A 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Ronda Morales, 38, of Amarillo, was traveling north on US 385 when Morales lost control of the vehicle.

Investigating officers said it was raining and there was water on the roadway at the time of the accident.

According to reports, the pickup was traveling north at a speed greater than road conditions would allow. Morales lost control of the vehicle when it hydroplaned. The vehicle went into a side skid into the bar ditch and flipped.

Morales and the middle passenger, 22-year-old Shannon Walker of Hereford, were taken to the Hereford Regional Medical Center where they were treated and released with minor injuries. Both were wearing seat belts.

Traylor was not wearing a safety belt and was ejected. He was killed instantly when the pickup landed on him.

The Texas Dept. of Safety (DPS) does not allow troopers to issue warnings for safety belt violations and continues to stress that the safest place for you to be during a crash is in your vehicle. The only way you can stay in your vehicle if you are involved in a crash is to buckle your safety belt.

Fiddlers' contest will draw talented musicians

Hand-clappin' and toe-tappin' music is guaranteed Sept. 8 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.



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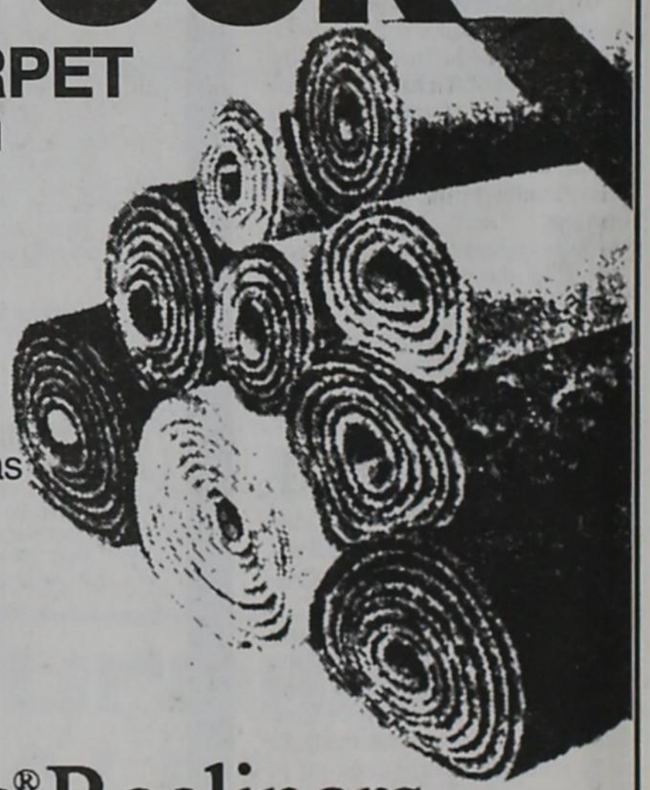
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Pokey to lead 'rodeo'

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 Sept. 8 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.



BILL SAVA of Dimmitt was presented with the Castro County 4-H's Outstanding Leader Award Monday night during the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet in Nazareth. Sava is accepting the award from 4-H Agent Suzanne Gibbs. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Schaeffers, Byrnes to be honored at WTAMU scholarship dinner

Since its inception nearly a decade ago, the President's Honor Scholarship Program has helped attract some of the area' best students to West Texas A&M University.

On Tuesday, the individuals and corporations responsible for establishing the endowed scholarships upon which the program relies will be honored at the President's Honor Scholarship Dinner. Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer of Dimmitt and their granddaughter, Rala Byrnes, formerly of Dimmitt will be among those honored.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Alumni Banquet Facility on campus.

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

This year a new endowment will be announced. The Rala Byrnes President's Honor Scholarship recently has been established in honor of Byrnes, a third-generation supporter of the University. She is the granddaughter of Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer, longtime supporters of WTAMU, and she will be recognized at the dinner.

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

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

Contributors of President's Honor Scholarships for the 2001-2002 school year and the recipients of each are as follows:

Aramark Scholarship—Kelli Bird, a freshman biology major from Amarillo; Kenny Bryan Memorial Scholarship---Brent Ferguson, a junior chemistry major from Claude; Louisa Miller Eldredge Memorial Scholarship—Audra Maness, a freshman undeclared major from Boise City, Okla.; Patrick McCuaig, a sophomore pre-medicine major from Happy; and Michalla Mechler, a sophomore computer science major from Claude; L.P. & "Pete" Gilvin Memorial Scholarship—Katherine Woltz, a senior education major from Canyon; O.V. Hodges Memorial Scholarship—Rosalia Mendoza, a junior accounting major from Turkey; Carl Clyde Periman Scholarship—Raychel McDonald, a freshman history major from Perryton; Mary Arless O'Keefe Periman Scholarship—Lindsey Arnall, a freshman mathematics major from Follett; Geneva Schaeffer Scholarship—Kayla Wyly, a junior computer information systems major from Friona; Shawn David Schaeffer Scholarship —Michaele Bell, a senior accounting major from Dimmitt; Stanley Schaeffer Scholarship—Dabney Arnold, a freshman accounting major from Kermit; Southwestern Bell Foundation Scholarship—Kyla May, a sophomore mathematics major from Vega; Barry B. Thompson Scholarship—Christin Brown, a sophomore agribusiness/equine industry major from Alva, Okla.; Dee Anne Trotter Memorial Music Education Scholarship—Kullen Fuchs, a junior music performance major from New Braunfels; Dee Anne Trotter Memorial Voice Scholarship—Melanie Peckenpaugh, a junior music major from Farnsworth; Dee Anne Trotter Memorial Theatre and Musical Theatre Scholarship—Jeffrey M. Dull, a freshman theatre major from Van; Charles Vaughan/Atmos Energy Corp. Scholarship—Monica Brady, a sophomore pre-medicine major from Seminole.

Other President's Honor Scholarship endowments that have been established at WTAMU include the Helen Cowan and Sam Wallas Huggins Scholarship; The Royce E. Wisenbaker Scholarship; The T.L. Roach Jr. Scholarship; and the W.K. and Minnie Savage Scholarship.

Quilt raffle concludes on Sept. 8

The Friendship Quilters' Guild of Dimmitt will announce the winner of its quilt raffle on Sept. 8 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, Sept. 8.

Pedal tractor pull returns to Dimmitt during Harvest Days

The competition is expected to be fierce next Thursday, Sept. 6, 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.

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.

DISD sets substitute sign-up

Dimmitt Independent School District will be signing up substitute teachers for the 2001-02 school year on Wednesday morning, Sept. 5.

Those interested in serving as substitute teachers this year are asked to sign up at the DISD Administration Office, 608 W. Halsell St., in Dimmitt, Wednesday at 9 a.m.

When applying, substitute teachers are asked to furnish their driver's license and Social Security card.

For more information contact Doricell Davis at the DISD Administration Office.

Pet show slated next Thursday

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 next Thursday, Sept. 6, 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.

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For the past 35 years, Don Nelson has chronicled the week-to-week history of our lives, our county and our communities.

His work has touched each of us as he wrote about those events that are important to us — our births, marriages and deaths; our individual and group accomplishments, elections and issues; our children's football and basketball games, track meets, school activities and competitions of all kinds; our business ventures; our church activities; the discussions and decisions of our local governing bodies. You get the picture.

And speaking of pictures, how many scrapbooks around here (and all around the country) include clippings of on-the-spot pictures that he has taken of us and our loved ones? Many of his news photos have become visual treasures in our family histories.

Through the years, Don has been a valuable ally of our hospital district. He has thrown his editorial support behind every hospital project—including an unpopular but life-saving property-tax increase—that he thought would improve the quality of health care here or keep the local hospital in the hands of the Castro Countians whom we serve, and out of the hands of some outside corporation.

His work has been recognized often through the years by professional associations at the regional, state and national levels.

We'd like to recognize his work at the local level, on behalf of all of us whose lives he has touched.

Thanks, Don, and happy retirement!

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THE CASTRO/SWISHER COUNTY Juvenile Probation Department is now accepting applications for the position of juvenile probation officer for Castro County. Qualifications include:

1. Be of good moral character.
2. Have acquired a bachelor's degree conferred by a college or a university accrediting organization recognized by the coordinating board, Texas College and University System; and
3. Have either one year of graduate study in criminology, corrections, counseling, law, social work, psychology, sociology or other field of instruction approved by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; or one year of experience in full-time case work, counseling, community or group work in a social service, corrections, or juvenile agency that deals with offenders or disadvantaged persons and that is determined by the commission to provide the kind of experience needed to meet this requirement; or
4. Be presently certified as a juvenile probation officer.

For an application and a complete list of the job description, please contact the Texas Workforce Commission at 310 W. Broadway, Tulia, Texas, or the Castro County Treasurer's Office, located on the second floor of the Castro County Courthouse.

Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation Department is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications will be accepted until Sept. 28, 2001. 20-22-2tc

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22—Notices

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
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594. 22-19-4tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

On behalf of the family of Florene Leinen, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to each and everyone who sent flowers, brought food, sent cards, offered prayers and were there for us in our time of pain. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God bless you.

R. DALE LEINEN & FAMILY
KATHY LEINEN WARNKE & FAMILY
SHIRLEY POPE & FAMILY
24-22-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you so much for all that was done for us during our recent loss. The meal was delicious and all the ladies were wonderful. The food, the calls, the visits, the cards, the memorials and especially the prayers on our behalf were greatly appreciated. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue in our daily lives. In Christian love, we thank you.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN LEE HRABAL
NELL HRABAL
DON HRABAL & SON
LYNDA HRABAL & FAMILY
WANDA & DONNY NELSON & FAMILY
JIM & ELLEN HRABAL & FAMILY
24-22-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

On behalf of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, we wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to everyone who are members, and especially everyone who are not members, of our parish family for assisting us with the meals that were served after the funerals of Eucebio Flores, Stacy Saenz, Casey Villanueva and Florene Leinen. Your time, talent and treasures given to extend sympathy to these families is greatly appreciated and we ask that the Good Lord will look upon you with favor and bless you many times in return. Thank you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
24-22-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls and love that you have shown to Jake and our family.

JAKE LAURENT
THE LAURENT-ALJOE FAMILY
24-22-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Please allow us to thank everyone who had come to us in our time of need through prayer, having brought food to share with our family members and ourselves, time in helping me with my work and all the visitors we had. Thank you for showering us with so many flowers and your contributions.

Thank you, Casey and Stacy, for having been such good children worthy to have left in God's graces. And a special thanks to Father Fern Couture and Bishop John W. Yanta for having been a part of them. God bless us all.

THE FAMILY OF
STEPHAN R. VILLANUEVA
24-22-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you all very much for your support on the recent death of our children, Stacy and Casey. We appreciated each and every one of you for being there for us. Thank you all for everything you've done for our families. Stacy and Casey will be missed. May God bless all of you.

THE SAENZ FAMILY
THE VILLANUEVA FAMILY
24-22-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of Eucebio (E.M.) Flores would like to express our sincere thanks to the medical staff of the Castro County Hospital District, the doctors, nurses, staff and all others who were thee when he became very ill. Your promptness was very appreciated.

Thanks to the whole community for your prayers, flowers and words of consolation during our great loss. Words cannot express how grateful we are. May God bless you.

LUCILA FLORES
ISMAEL & PAT FLORES
STEPHANIE, FREDDY
JANIE & ROBERT LOPEZ
MARCUS, YVONNE, ZACHARY
MARY HELEN FLORES
MICHELLE & MARCELLA
24-22-1tc

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District courtroom will get face lift

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picked up meet those guidelines. Also, the immigrants must be held in the county for 72 hours to qualify.

"If we get anything at all for housing them, it's more than we get now," Fitzgearld said. He added that when an undocumented alien is picked up, they usually reside in the county jail for two to three weeks because of pending charges filed against them.

This is the fifth year the federal government has had this program in place, but few people are aware of its existence, Haskin said.

County Judge Irene Miller said she would prefer to have County Attorney James Horton go over the contract before agreeing to work with Vertex. Commissioners agreed and tabled the matter until their next meeting.

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Fitzgearld, J.D. Parker and Doug Proffitt expressed concern to commissioners about the lack of warning signals at a railroad crossing on US 385 in north Dimmitt.

"I've checked with three different individuals and all of them are passing the buck," Fitzgearld said. "The railroad says its TxDOT's (Texas Dept. of Transportation) responsibility, and TxDOT says it's the railroad's responsibility. I also talked with someone at the Federal Railroad Administration and he said it's the county's responsibility.

"What we're hearing is that not enough people have been killed there to warrant putting up lights and cross-arms," Fitzgearld said.

Proffitt spoke up then, saying "I felt like I came close enough to getting killed there, and I feel like something needs to be done."

Proffitt and Parker were recently involved in a nighttime accident at the crossing, and both say they were unable to see the train, which was parked across the track, until they were almost upon it.

"We've got a lot of traffic on US 385 and I've had a lot of other people call in to say they've had close calls at that spot," Fitzgearld said.

"We need to figure out who's responsible and get something done," Proffitt said.

Miller agreed to try and find out who is responsible, starting with a call to a representative from the Texas Association of Counties.

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In other action, commissioners adopted an order "prohibiting the keeping of wild animals in unincorporated areas of the county; approved contracts with the Randall County Youth Center of the High Plains, Deaf Smith County Youth Home and Hemphill County Boot Camp; and agreed to accept bids from contractors on replacing the courthouse roof.

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Lubbock.

Contract 6073-62-001 for INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL DETECTORS in LUBBOCK County, etc., will be opened on Sept. 12, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of $48,165.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's List, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below.

Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project.

Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's web site at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 4381.

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin TX 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office (s)
Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79404
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

25-21-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CASTRO

ORDER PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF WILD ANIMALS, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 240, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND CREATING A CRIMINAL PENALTY

The Commissioners Court of Castro County hereby adopts the following order, pursuant to Chapter 240, Local Government Code:

1. The Commissioners Court hereby determines that wild animals, as defined in this order, are dangerous and in need of control in this country.

2. Wild animal means a lion, a tiger, an ocelot, a cougar, a leopard, a cheetah, a jaguar, a bobcat, a lynx, a serval, a caracal, a hyena, a bear, a coyote, a jackal, a baboon, a chimpanzee, an orangutang, a gorilla, a lesser panda, a binturong, a wolf, an ape, an elephant, a rhinoceros, or any hybrid of an animal listed in this definition.

3. The keeping of a wild animal in the unincorporated area of this county is hereby prohibited, except as otherwise specifically permitted by state or federal law.

4. A violation of this order is an offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.

5. A violation or threatened violation of this order may be enjoined by an action in district court.

Read and adopted this 27th day of August, 2001.

IRENE MILLER, County Judge
by JOYCE M. THOMAS, County Clerk
25-22-1tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Castro/Swisher 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/Swisher County Juvenile Board at its regular meeting scheduled to be held at the Swisher County Courthouse, Tulia, 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, Tulia, Texas, 79088.

The Castro/Swisher Juvenile Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all formalities for the best interest of the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation Department.

DENA BERRY
Director, Juvenile Probation
25-22-2tc

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Brockman and Bishop earn Gold Star awards

Jeremy Bishop and Thomas Brockman of Dimmitt took home the top honors at the Castro County 4-H Achievement Banquet Monday night, accepting the Gold Star Awards for 2001.

The annual event was held in the Nazareth School Cafeteria and started off with a meal featuring brisket, vegetables, salads and dessert.

In addition to their Gold Star Awards, Bishop and Brockman were honored for their numerous achievements during the past year. Bishop was given special recognition as the new District 2 and State 4-H President.

Holly Lane is this year's recipient of the *I Dare You* Award and she was presented a copy of William P. Danforth's book with the same name.

The Silver Star Award was presented to Michael Horn, the top Junior 4-H'er for the year.

Castro County 4-H'ers also honored Walt Hansen as the 2001 Friend of 4-H, and Bill Sava as this year's Outstanding Leader; and Walt Pohlmeier as the 2001 Distinguished Leader.

Also receiving a special award Monday was Sharon Brockman, who has served as an adult leader for 20 years.

County Extension 4-H Agent Suzanne Gibbs and Extension Agent Marilyn Neal also presented project awards to numerous 4-H'ers, and honored those youngsters who took their projects to the district and state level.

Gold Star

Jackie Odom announced Bishop and Brockman as this year's Gold Star winners, and she outlined the accomplishments of each through the years.

A seven-year member of the 4-H, Bishop has participated in many activities and completed several projects through his involvement in 4-H.

His projects have included Consumer Education, Food and Nutrition, Health, Public Speaking, Safety and Recreation.

Bishop's record book on Recration has placed in the top 10 in the state for three years.

Through 4-H, Bishop has honed his leadership skills through various workshops such as Electric Camp and Leadership Camp, and he served last summer as a teen counselor at Leader Lab. He has served as master of ceremonies at several District 2 4-H Events.

He has held many offices, including president of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club. He has been the third vice president for the District 2 4-H Council and currently serves as the district president. But his biggest achievement in 4-H is his most recent—being elected as state president of the organization that boasts a membership of more than a million.

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The second Gold Star recipient, Brockman, also has been active in 4-H for many years, participating in Consumer Decision Making, Share-The-Fun competitions and Sheep projects.

"He is a great team player, as evidenced by his success in advancing to state competition in Consumer Decision Making and Share-The-Fun Poetry," Odom said.

Brockman's record books have been among the top 10 in the state for two years.

He has served as president of the county's 4-H Consumer Decision Making Club and is the newly-elected president of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club.



CASTRO COUNTY 4-H *I DARE YOU* WINNER
. . . Holly Lane (right) accepts award from Suzanne Gibbs
Photo by Anne Acker

Silver Star

Horn is a member of the Nazareth 4-H Club and has been an active member for five years.

His projects have included Beef, Public Speaking, Gardening, Sheep, Woodworking, Leadership and Poultry.

Through 4-H, he has attended Electric Camp and participated in food shows, stock shows and the county fair.

He earned Rookie of the Year honors at his first food show and was the "gardening grand champion" at the county fair. His livestock project also made the stock show sale.

He also has presented Method Demonstrations, earning two first-place honors with his work at the district level.

Horn has volunteered for many radio spots as a public relations project and has presented Method Demonstrations for civic and church groups.

I Dare You

As Lane was announced as the *I Dare You* winner, presenter Patrice Hill described her as a "4-H member who shows great determination in accomplishing the tasks before her with a positive attitude."

Lane has been an active 4-H'er for eight years, working in Food and Nutrition, Clothing, Swine, Sheep, Public Speaking, Consumer Education and Veterinary Science projects. She has participated in Share-The-Fun, food shows, stock shows, fashion shows, Method Demonstrations, Leader Lab, County Camp, Electric Camp and the State 4-H Roundup.

She has held many offices including Election Committee chairman, Family Night Committee chairman, Harvest Days Committee member and Dunking Booth Committee member. She has served as vice president, secretary, historian and reporter for her club and serves as a County Council delegate.

Her most recent accomplishment was having her record book on Healthy Life Styles selected as the best in the state.

Friend of 4-H

Hansen was described as "not only a friend to 4-H, but also a friend to all in the community."

"His willingness to help the 4-H Parent-Leader Association with fundraisers like concession stands, luncheons and bake sales by ordering food and giving generous donations has benefitted many 4-H'ers through the years," said presenter Carole Bishop.

Outstanding Leaders

Sava and Pohlmeier each assisted 4-H'ers with different projects, and their volunteered service was appreciated by many this year.

Neal praised Pohlmeier for his willingness to help 4-H'ers with livestock projects, especially when she was the county's only Extension agent who by her own admission, knew very little about the stock show projects.

Sava volunteered to coach a group of 4-H'ers in the Share-The-Fun skit this year, and the group advanced to the state contest for the past two years.

More about

Dairy meeting . . .

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odor, dust, flies, mosquitoes and other insects toward Dimmitt most of the time.

They also expressed concern that this situation would depress property values in Southwest Dimmitt.

But Stanley Jones challenged the Robertsons' claims.

"We don't believe what's being said about the dairy is true at all," he said. "We've done this time and time again. . . . These dairies aren't like feedlots. These upper echelon folks at the dairy are going to control flies, and you simply aren't going to have the problems that some people are saying you'd have."

He added, "Dirt is just not a problem with a dairy. It's a whole different environment from a feed lot."

Having built dairies throughout New Mexico and Texas, Stanley Jones said, "This looks like a real developable area. You've got the geographical advantages here; you've got the water. Once you get one (dairy), it will continue to evolve and will do a trememdous amount of good for your economy."

He said that a 2,400-cow dairy will sell $2 million to $3 million worth of milk per year, will provide jobs for 15 to 25, will spend about $8,400 per day ($3.50 per cow) for feed, and will pay between $9,000 and $11,000 per year in property taxes.

Stanley Jones said he has "no doubt" that Castro County will have more dairies in the future.

As family dairies around the country continue to go under and as large dairies continue to move out of East Texas, the Midwest and California, he said, "I think West Texas and eastern New Mexico will be the dairy center of America."

One way or another, the dairy now under construction will go into operation as soon as it is completed, he said.

"We think we have this dairy sold, but if the sale doesn't materialize, we'll move our own guys in here and start milking," he said.

The market for the dairy's milk already is in place—a large processing plant in eastern New Mexico owned by Dairy Farmers of America.

Also, he said, a milk-hungry cheese factory "is definitely going to happen" in this area.

"They need another 25,000 cows being milked in the area," Stanley Jones said. "I anticipate they will locate in Hereford, and that's really going to help Dimmitt. You'll have processors competing for your milk then, and that will be a good market position for you."

Collins explained that before the state permit can be issued on the dairy now being built, a legal notice must be published in the News and a period of time allowed for anyone to challenge issuance of the permit.

He added, "We don't think Mr. Robertson's complaints have merit or that they will hold up with the TNRCC (Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission). There's virtually nothing that can stop the process. We should have it finalized within 60 to 90 days."

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Jon and Niki Riddle announce the purchase of Coleman Pharmacy from Garland and Susan Coleman.

We are pleased to announce that we have purchased Coleman Pharmacy, and that we look forward to serving the health needs of the fine people of Castro County. The business name will be changed to Dimmitt Pharmacy, but there will be no change in the store location or the level of professional dedication. We will continue to provide the same dependable service that the Dimmitt area has been accustomed to receiving from Coleman Pharmacy since 1977, and before that from the Carver Pharmacy since 1963.

Mary Ann Rodriguez, C.P.T., June Ewing, C.P.T., Jo Ann Peña, C.P.T., and Betty Acker will continue with the store. We congratulate Garland and Susan Coleman on their business success here and the great reputation their store earned during the last 24 years of service, and we wish them well.

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Garland and Susan Coleman announce the sale of Coleman Pharmacy to Jon and Niki Riddle.

The business will continue under the name of **Dimmitt Pharmacy.**
We wish Jon and Niki success, and hope that our customers will continue to be their customers.

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Twenty-four years ago, when we purchased the pharmacy from Joe Carver, he said: "Never has there been a business with more tolerant and loyal customers. NEVER have those friends and customers been more deeply appreciated." We now echo those sentiments. THANK YOU.

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