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# County proposes 8.5% raise in tax rate

At a public hearing Monday afternoon, the Castro County Commissioners announced the proposed tax rate for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, which is 56.3¢ per \$100 property valuation.

That is an 8.5% raise from the 51.9¢ rate that was set for last year. The increase represents the highest level the tax rate could be set without triggering a rollback election.

Out of the 56.3¢ tax rate, 42.5¢ will go to the general fund portion of

the budget and 13.8¢ will go to the road and bridge portion.

The commissioners set a meeting for Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. for a final vote on adopting the budget and setting the tax rate. The meeting will be held in the commissioners' meeting room on the first floor of the courthouse, and the public is invited to attend.

Proposed budget figures show estimated revenues of \$3,202,170 and projected expenses of \$3,509,613, leaving a deficit of

\$307,443, which will be taken out of reserve funds.

In their regular meeting Monday morning, the commissioners accepted a contract with a local probationer to act as contractor for a project to renovate the old Cobbs building in Dimmitt for use as a courthouse annex that will house the probation department, two classrooms and a GED lab.

A preliminary bid of \$14,932.54

was submitted. However, the man said there may be additional expense if another breaker box has to be added or if more is needed to be done to the heating/air conditioning system.

Although the commissioners said they could not give a cash advance on the job to cover purchase of materials, they did agree to authorize a letter to a local bank to guarantee a loan in the amount of the bid if the man so desired.

In other business, the commissioners approved renewal of the health insurance coverage for county employees under Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas through the Texas Association of Counties, even though the rates are increasing 18%.

Approval also was given for use of one of the former Extension offices in the basement to be used as a storage room by Justice of the Peace Tana Young. A new lock will be installed and available shelving will

be moved in.

In another matter, the commissioners agreed to contact Abel Vargas about making repairs or installing new heads on the courthouse sprinkler system. Vargas holds a contract with the county to perform yard work services.

Approval was given to renew contracts with the Hemphill County Detention Facility in Canadian for county use of the Juvenile Boot

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## Labor Day picnic is set Sunday

Holy Family Church in Nazareth will hold its annual Labor Day picnic on Sunday at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The day-long celebration will start with a parade at 10 a.m., followed by a roast beef dinner at the Community Hall.

The dinner, which will include roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and drink will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for those 12 and under.

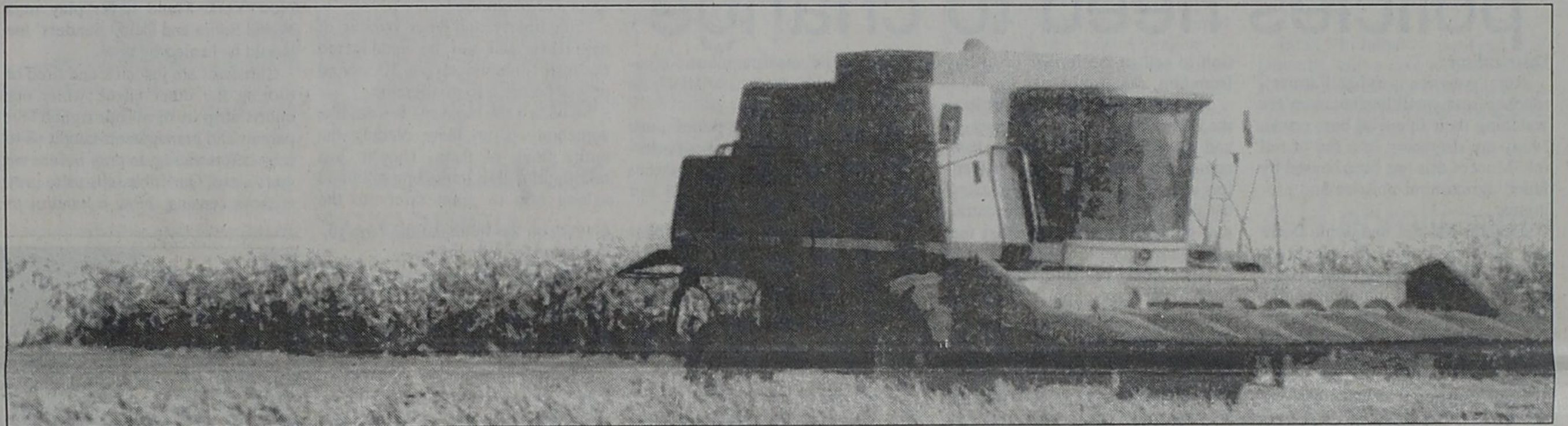
An arts and crafts display, raffle, horseshoe tournament, washer pitching tournament, auction and adult Bingo are on tap to keep adults entertained at the Community Hall during the afternoon.

Children's games and rides will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Livestock and goods donated by area businesses will be featured on the benefit auction, which is slated to start at 2 p.m. near the Community Hall.

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

The festivities will conclude that night with a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by the band, "South Forty." Admission to the dance will be \$5 per person.



A COMBINE PAUSES after making a test cut in a corn field east of Dimmitt Monday afternoon. Corn producers in Castro County are gearing up for harvest, which is getting underway this week. Hot, dry weather over the past six weeks has prompted an early

harvest this year for some. The first loads of corn were delivered to local elevators late last week and harvest is expected to be in full swing by the start of next week.

Photo by Anne Acker

# DISD adopts budget, sets tax rate

In two unanimous votes Monday night, the Dimmitt school board adopted the proposed budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year and set the tax rate at \$1.32 per \$100 property valuation.

The motion was made to adopt the budget by fund and function as set forth in the budget proposal.

The budget showed expected revenues of \$7,663,019, which is down \$167,843 from last year. A big part of the drop can be attributed to a decrease in revenue from the state, according to David Schaeffer, president of the school board. He said the state sent less money partly because of a drop in the average daily attendance for the Dimmitt schools.

Attendance figures from the previous year are used in funding formulas. Enrollment is down this year, too, according to Supt. Les Miller.

Total expenditures for the coming year are expected to be \$8,037,157, down from last year's expenses, but still more than the expected revenue, leaving a deficit of \$374,138.

The deficit will be made up out of

reserve funds.

Payroll costs make up the biggest percentage of the budget, with \$5,876,069 set aside for salaries. That amount is \$6,716 less than last year.

Setting the tax rate at \$1.32 represents a 4.7% hike over the \$1.26 that was set last year, but it is lower than the effective tax rate of \$1.358,

which would be required to raise the same amount of revenue and debt service as last year.

According to information from the Castro County Tax Appraisal District, the average increase in taxes would be \$17.97, based on the average home value of \$33,190 and taxed at a value of \$18,190, due to exemptions.

### Think rain!

|           | High | Low | Prec. |
|-----------|------|-----|-------|
| Thursday  | 92   | 60  |       |
| Friday    | 94   | 60  |       |
| Saturday  | 96   | 57  |       |
| Sunday    | 98   | 62  |       |
| Monday    | 95   | 62  |       |
| Tuesday   | 94   | 56  |       |
| Wednesday | 92   | 63  |       |

August Moisture ..... .15  
2000 Moisture ..... 11.61

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

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

You probably won't hear a public prayer before any of our high school football games again this season. But here's a pre-season article which may make you want to say, "Amen."

It was written last season by Nick Gholson, sports editor of the Wichita Falls Times Record News, and was passed on to me by Bobbi Bruegel:

### WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Some people, it seems, get offended too easily.

I mean, isn't that what all this prayer hullabaloo is all about — people getting offended? ...

Those of us in the majority are always tippy-toeing around, trying to make sure we don't step on the toes or hurt the feelings of the humorless. And you can bet there's a lawyer standing on every corner making sure we don't.

Take this prayer deal. It's absolutely ridiculous. Some atheist goes to a high school football game, hears a kid say a short prayer before the game and gets offended. So he hires a lawyer and goes to court and asks somebody to pay him a whole bunch of money for all the damage done to

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# Hospital tax rate set at 33.8¢

The hospital district's property-tax rate in the coming fiscal year will be 33.8¢ per \$100 assessed valuation.

The hospital board approved the rate at its August meeting last Thursday evening.

The 33.8¢ rate is what will be needed to raise the same revenue as the current 33.6¢ rate raised this year.

The difference is due to a slight decline in the appraised value of taxable property in the county-wide

hospital district.

The board could have increased the rate to as high as 34.7¢ without having to hold a public hearing.

Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan recommended keeping tax revenue at the same level during the 2000-01 fiscal year, "even though our government payments are going to be \$2 million less."

"We're meeting with every department manager (on the 2000-01 budget) in an attempt to keep costs in line and avoid any tax increase," Sloan told the board.

Sloan reported that two different medical firms have approached the hospital administration about providing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) service locally.

The service would be provided on a part-time basis by a mobile unit, as was the CAT-scan service before the district established its own full-time CAT-scan department in the hospital.

At present, Castro County residents must travel to Lubbock, Amarillo or Plainview for an MRI scan.

Providing MRI service here would require several thousand dollars' worth of electrical upgrading, but would result in revenue of \$375 to \$495 per scan, Sloan said.

The board authorized Sloan to research the market potential, hold discussions with both firms offering the service and come back with a

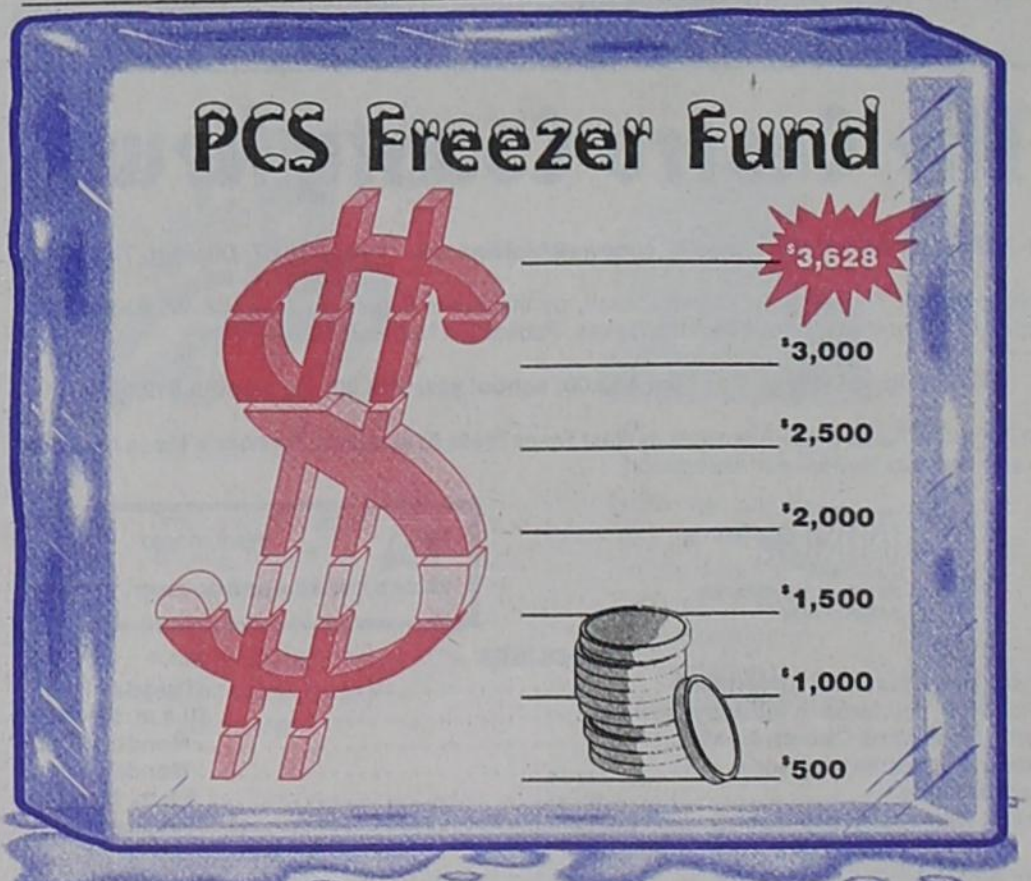
proposal or recommendation at the September board meeting.

Clinic visits so far this year are still running well ahead of last year, with 5,296 visits recorded this fiscal year to date, compared with 4,749 last fiscal year to date.

July patient visits at the Medical

Center of Dimmitt totaled 1,672, compared with 1,575 in July 1999.

However, hospital occupancy has dropped, with 997 patient days recorded this year to date, compared with 1,328 last year to date. Patient days at Plains Memorial in July totaled 324, compared with 463 in July 1999.



**FREEZER FUND**—More than \$1,520 in donations have already been received through a special "freezer" benefit fund for Panhandle Community Services' Food Pantry, but organizers of the fundraiser say \$3,628 is needed to pay for the freezers. Donations can be made at First United Bank.

Graphic by Paula Portwood

# Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



## Letter

# Time to 'Clean Up, Fix Up, Pride Up' for Harvest Days

**Dear Editor:**  
We are expecting many out-of-towners for the Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt, set for Sept. 8-9. This means it is time to CUFUPU—Clean Up, Fix Up, and Pride Up!

Look around. Dimmitt is a mess, but let's borrow the Castro County News motto, "Together We Can," and clean this place up.

Two prominent Dimmitt men have questioned me about how to do this. I called Karen Hutson at the Dimmitt City Maintenance Barn to inquire about the latest government regulations. The good news is that the Texas garbage disposal rules have been relaxed and keeping our town clean is now easier.

The City of Dimmitt will provide a flat bed truck for anyone who wants to get rid of a lot of unsightly junk. Just call Karen at the maintenance barn at 647-4492. She will

relay the message to Ed Sherman and Omar Sanchez. They will put your name and address on the list, and as soon as possible they will haul away your tree limbs, old appliances or almost anything that will not fit in the dumpster, except old tires. You, as a private citizen, are allowed to haul old tires to the dump. The city is not licensed to do this.

You can use the tan or green dumpsters in the alleys to dispose of anything that fits in them. Be sure that whoever takes the trash to the dumpster gets all of the trash in the dumpster and closes the lid. Bagging trash also helps to keep our town cleaner. Business bosses, take note—bag your trash and keep your alley litter-free!

Keep your limbs and junk on your own property. Do NOT drag it to the dumpster. Call 647-4492, give your name and address and the flat-bed truck will pick up items at your ad-

dress. The flat-bed truck comes down each alley once a month.

If you have an excess amount of large items that need to be picked up, call the maintenance barn, and the message will be relayed to Ed or Omar. They will bring the flat-bed truck to your house after 5 p.m. on weekdays or over the weekend, park it, take the keys and leave it there. You can load it, then they will return the next business day and haul it to the city dump for you.

Our city provides this service—let's use it!  
We'd like to say a word of appreciation to Ed and Omar for doing their jobs well and promptly. Thanks, guys, for your help.

I've heard that the pen is mightier than the sword, but I'm going to put down my pen, pick up my hoe and rake and get busy.

Please join me for a cleaner Dimmitt.

DOROTHY HOPSON



**ONE-VEHICLE ROLLER**—Levi Valdez, 15, of Dimmitt, was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital for overnight observation Tuesday after he suffered injuries when the 1977 Ford F-150 pickup he was driving rolled 2-1/2 times. Valdez, who is a licensed driver out of New Mexico, was traveling west on

County Road 614 when he lost control of the vehicle. According to investigating officers, the powdery, soft dirt on the road surface contributed to the accident. Valdez was wearing his seat belt and no citations were issued.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

## More about

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him. You would have thought the kid kicked him in the crotch.

Damaged for life by a 30-second prayer? Am I missing something here?

I don't believe in Santa Claus, but I'm not going to sue somebody for singing a Ho-Ho-Ho song in December. I don't agree with Darwin, but I didn't go out and hire a lawyer when my high school teacher taught his theory of evolution.

Life, liberty and your pursuit of happiness will not be endangered because someone says a 30-second prayer before a football game.

So what's the big deal? It's not like somebody is up there reading the entire book of Acts. They're just talking to a God they believe in and asking him to grant safety to the

players on the field and the fans going home from the game.

"But it's a Christian prayer," some will argue. Yes, and this is the United States of America, a country founded on Christian principles. And we are in the Bible Belt.

"According to our very own phone book, Christian churches outnumber all others better than 200-to-1. So what would you expect—somebody chanting Hare Krishna?"

If I went to a football game in Jerusalem, I would expect to hear a Jewish prayer. If I went to a soccer game in Baghdad, I would expect to hear a Muslim prayer. If I went to a ping-pong match in China, I would expect to hear someone pray to Buddha. And I wouldn't be offended. It wouldn't bother me one bit. When in Rome...

"But what about the atheists?" is another argument. What about them? Nobody is asking them to be baptized. We're not going to pass the collection plate. Just humor us for 30 seconds. If that's asking too much, bring a Walkman or a pair of ear plugs. Go to the bathroom. Visit the concession stand. Call your lawyer.

Unfortunately, one or two will make that call. One or two will tell thousands what they can and cannot

do.

I don't think a short prayer at a football game is going to shake the world's foundations. Nor do I believe that not praying will result in more serious injuries on the field or more fatal car crashes after the game. In fact, I'm not so sure God would even be at all these games if he didn't have to be. That's just one of the down-sides of omnipresence. If God really liked sports, the Russians would never have won a single gold medal, New York would never play in a World Series and Deion Sanders' toe would be healed by now.

Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating, to pray before we go to sleep. Our Bible tells us to pray without ceasing. Now a handful of

people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying.

God, help us. And if that last sentence offends you—well . . . just sue me.

# Merchants plan special 'fair deals'

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

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

## Letter

# Rural America dying, policies need to change

**Dear Editor:**  
Rural America is dying. Farmers, ranchers and small businessmen are watching their financial base erode. Many are drowning in a sea of red ink. Most of this has been caused by failed agricultural policies and programs.

General Motors and John Deere can cut back production when demand falls, and by so doing, keep their prices up and maintain profits or at least avoid losses. Individual farmers and ranchers can't affect the supply individually enough to affect price. Historically, government has, through supply management programs, been the tool that we have used to adjust agricultural supply to demand. However, we have put this tool away. It is in the tool box and our mechanics in Washington, D.C., refuse to take it in hand and use it. If we allow the production of our nation's food and fiber to fall into the control of a few large corporations which can manage supply to meet demand without government assistance, heaven help this nation.

Everyone who sells to the farmer and rancher or buys from them are merging and becoming fewer and larger. This has reached a critical point resulting in very little competi-

tion to sell to the farmer or to buy from him.

For instance, 80% of the cattle in the US are butchered by four packers and those four packers own or have contracted 25% of the cattle in feed-lots at any one time. These packers use this to effectively shut the cattle-man out of the market when they feel prices have gone too high.

Also, many of you have worked hard to increase export of agricultural products. However, our exports of grains and soybeans for the past 25 years have been basically a flat line—no increase. We are importing more meat and meat animals than we are exporting. The exports of cotton have grown, mainly because much of our textile industry has gone outside of the US and taken much of our market with it.

There are three major policy areas that are crucial to a successful, sustainable agriculture industry.

1. US Agricultural Programs for crops, dairy and livestock must be revised to provide an effective safety net during periods when market returns are inadequate.

2. The issue of market concentration and integration in agriculture must be examined. New policies must be implemented to ensure that

an accessible, transparent and competitive market place is available to all producers.

3. Agricultural trade policy must accommodate a broad range of priorities, including socioeconomic issues as well as market access and fair competition.

Mainly producers need a price for their product. One change in the agriculture program which we now have that might be of help is the flexible fallow proposal. The issue of price for agricultural products affects all of rural America.

Please write, call or fax both the majority and minority head of the US House of Representatives Agriculture Committee. They are listed here:

Congressman Larry Combest, 1026 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515; phone (202) 225-4005; and fax (202) 225-9615.

Congressman Charlie Stenholm, 1211 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515; phone (202) 225-6605; and fax (202) 225-2234.

RAY SAVAGE  
Seminole, Farmers Union member

## More about

# County proposes tax hike . . .

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Camp Program and juvenile detention facilities; and with the Youth Center of the High Plains in Amarillo for use of juvenile detention facilities.

Authorization for purchase of some new tables and chairs for use in the courthouse basement meeting room was tabled until maintenance supervisor Ruben Olvera could obtain some price estimates.

In the open forum session, the

commissioners heard from Jim Sartain, who represents a construction management firm. He suggested that the commissioners might want to specify "construction management at-risk" proposals when soliciting proposals to oversee the construction of a jail. He said that would require the management firm to bond the project 100% and to furnish any insurance required, rather than have those responsibilities fall on the

county. County Judge Irene Miller told the commissioners that the architect for the jail project recommended that the county use a construction management firm, but that the bond attorney said one is not necessary.

In a meeting last Thursday morning, the commissioners approved the salary and budget for County Auditor Marena Smithson, as approved by the judges of the 242nd and 64th district courts, Ed Self and Jack R. Miller, respectively. Smithson's salary was set at \$28,200 and her budget was set at \$46,385.

More than \$20 billion a year—that's what Americans spend on their pets.

The last United States train robbery took place in 1933.

It is just as unpleasant to get more than you bargain for as to get less. —George Bernard Shaw

**Last Puzzle Solution**



**'CARE VAN' VISITS**—Vivian Quiroz, 9-year-old daughter of Luciano and Monica Quiroz of Dimmitt, gets one of her state-required immunizations from Ruth Wayland, R.N., in the regional "Care Van," a specially equipped and decorated vehicle that visits communities throughout the Panhandle to provide free immunizations, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks and glucose checks. Operated by the regional Coalition of Health Services, Inc., the Care Van is sponsored here by Plains Memorial Hospital and is available to Castro County communities on a regular basis.

Photo by Don Nelson

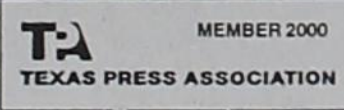
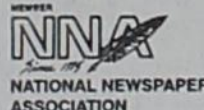
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**ACROSS**

- Bobby Darin's "\_\_\_\_\_ the Knife"
- "The eyes of TX are \_\_\_\_\_ you..."
- actor Robert De \_\_\_\_\_
- "fender bender" result
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ in the hole"
- TXism: "up a creek without \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "beller"
- Indian projectile in early Texas
- TX Willie's Farm Aid \_\_\_\_\_ was in '86
- Debra Winger's character in TX McMurry's "Terms of Endearment"
- TXism: "let sleeping dogs \_\_\_\_\_"
- dwarflike creatures
- TXism: "would jerk tears from \_\_\_\_\_" (sad)
- the law west of the Pecos (init.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ on" (study)
- Sen. Hutchinson assistant
- trade pact with Mexico (abbr.)
- long \_\_\_\_\_ once flew from Ft. Worth's Carswell
- "to \_\_\_\_\_ human"
- UT professor goal
- WWII celebratory occasion (abbr.)
- theater box
- Surfside Beach, TX event: Sand Castle \_\_\_\_\_ Sculpture Contest
- some say this language isn't spoken in TX
- guitarist Paul
- TX electronics co (abbr.)
- Houston-born jazz musician Cobb
- TX "Bandit Queen's" 2nd husband
- Tex Beneke played these for Glenn Miller
- saloon
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ high time!"
- TX Lucille \_\_\_\_\_ Sueur (Joan Crawford)
- ex-Astro reliever Henry
- this TX Larry was J.R. (init.)
- snakelike fish
- connecting tissues
- strong case for TX Racehorse Haynes
- TXism: "bad mouth"
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- full init. of TX Nolan
- gas company
- TXism: "wipe the \_\_\_\_\_ clean"

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- in Knox Co. on 277
- TXism: "just down the road \_\_\_\_\_"
- writer
- Otis Skinner
- TXism: "don't get your shorts in a \_\_\_\_\_"
- Big Lake football class
- Big Thicket National
- TXism: "he has short \_\_\_\_\_ and deep pockets"
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# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

It's been fun and educational for me to hear about and write about all of the wonderful vacations that the people of Castro County have enjoyed during these summer months.

It also gives me the yen to travel and see the beautiful place I've learned about. I just wonder if we aren't uniquely blessed here in our part of the country to get to go on such diversified vacations and participate in such great times during the summer.

Autumn is right around the corner and I anticipate that some of you will be taking fall foliage trips, hunting deer or elk in pretty places, or going out of town to watch the Denver Broncos or "America's team," the Cowboys.

Would you share these times with us? Call me at the phone number above (647-4579). I'd like to hear about your experiences.

Dr. Rob Lindsey took his mother, Doris Flynt, on a wonderful vacation to Mackinac Island, Mich., to celebrate her birthday. The travel brochures call this "the crown jewel of Michigan."

Dr. Rob and his wife, Evelyn, their son, Mark, and his wife, Katie, of Cleburne, had been there in recent months and he was eager to return so he could show his mom this special place that he'd enjoyed so much.

This is a small island about 3 miles wide and 2½ miles long. It is located between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. The island is a quaint "back in time" place where the only modes of travel are walking, riding a bicycle or renting a horse and carriage taxi.

There are lilacs everywhere. There is a special lilac festival every May. Doris and Rob stayed at the Lilac Bed and Breakfast.

The Grand Hotel that sits on a cliff above the harbor is one of the main tourist attractions. It was the location for the movie "Somewhere in Time," starring Christopher Reeve and Jayne Seymour. The movie was filmed around 1986-88.

Rob and Doris took a ferry from Mackinaw City to Mackinac Island. They rode by car across the Mackinac Bridge, which is the longest suspension bridge in the world and is considered one of the wonders of the modern world. This connects the upper and lower peninsulas.

Doris says that when the British settled this part of Michigan and were naming these places, they didn't know the French spelling and some places were spelled the French way and in other in English, but pronounced the same.

They saw a great show, "Lost in Follies," with music from the 50's. It was staged on the upper peninsula where Mackinaw City is.

Gene and Peggy Broadstreet took an extended trip through the southwest part of the US and on to points west. They spent a few days in Tombstone, Ariz., touring the historical courthouse, the O.K. Corral, where the big shoot-out took place, and then to Boot Hill where the losers of the fight are buried.

From Tombstone they went to Bakersfield, Calif., and enjoyed the Bellamy Brothers' country and western show at the Buck Owens Crystal Palace. They toured Buck Owens' radio and television station.

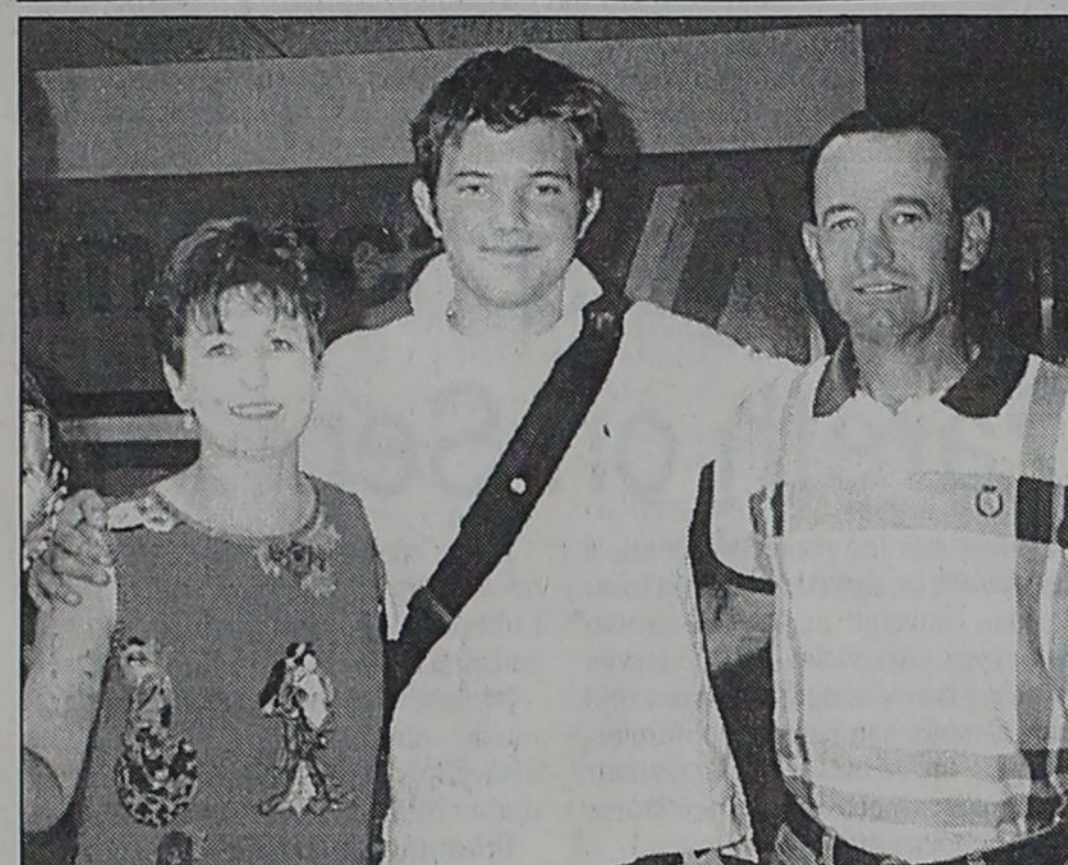
The Broadstreets visited Gene's brother, Glenn, in Chowchilla, Calif. Glenn is a former Dimmitt resident. Glenn joined Gene and Peggy and they traveled on to San Francisco. They had lunch at Fisherman's Wharf and did a lot of sightseeing. They especially enjoyed the architecture of the city government buildings.



AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE (AFS) exchange student Libor Cejna of the Czech Republic was welcomed at Amarillo International Airport last week by the Steve Buckley family of Dimmitt, his host family for the 2000-01 school year. Cejna is attending Dimmitt High School. Members of his

American family include (front row, from left) Vicky Buckley, Chelsea Buckley, Braden Buckley, Libor (Lee) Cejna and Derek Buckley; and (back row, from left) Dustan Buckley, Steve Buckley and Deacon Buckley. Not pictured is Brooke Buckley.

Courtesy Photo



WELCOME, PHILIP!—Philip Bergendahl (center), an American Field Service (AFS) exchange student from Sweden, is welcomed to America by his host parents, Teresa (left) and Kent Birkenfeld of Nazareth. Bergendahl is attending Nazareth High School this year. Other members of his host family are his American brothers, Blake and Brock Birkenfeld. This is the second time the Birkenfeld family has hosted an AFS student. Bergendahl and other AFS students from around the area attended an overnight orientation in Pampa last weekend.

Courtesy Photo

## Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A large crowd attended the "Meet the Swifts" gathering Sunday afternoon. Pictures were taken, then the varsity, junior varsity and junior high football teams were recognized. Also recognized were the high school and junior high cheerleaders. Everyone then enjoyed homemade ice cream and cookies.

Patsy Huseman and Sonny Evers attended the funeral of their aunt, Catherine Taldo, in Tontitron, Ark., on Aug. 26. Also attending were Charles and Elaine Evers of Cedar Hills and Donnie and Eugenia Evers of Alice.

After the funeral all enjoyed visiting with the many relatives in Springdale, Ariz.

Family members gathered at the Leonard Gerber home on Sunday to celebrate Paul Gerber's "45" birthday with his favorite, a hamburger cookout, cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sokora of Slaton visited with Evelyn Backus last weekend. Mrs. Sokora is Evelyn's sister-in-law.

They all attended the wedding of Vicki Lange and Wes Coile in Happy on Saturday evening.

On Sunday, Evelyn showed them the Nazareth Museum and the Senior Citizens Center, which they really enjoyed. They were also surprised to see all the beautiful new homes and those that are being built since their last visit to Nazareth. The Sokoras are retired farmers.

Imogene Drerup spent two weeks in Humble with her daughter, Tammy, who was injured in a boating accident. Both bones were broken in two places in her leg. A metal plate was put on the tibia and a Liseroth with seven wires holding the tibia in place was put on her leg. She also had a skin graft where the bone broke through the skin.

Tammy spent seven days in the hospital.

Bryan, Tracy, Treva and Tyler Ramsey spent a week with Tammy to help her, they also did a little va-

cautioning while there.

Camille Audrey Acker, infant daughter of Rex and Michelle Acker of Canyon, was baptized Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon. Her godparents are Cary and Kelly Buchanan, also of Canyon.

After the baptism, family and friends gathered at the Acker home for a celebration and cookout.

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

## Breast cancer screening set Sept. 12

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Sept. 12 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

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

ture of the city government buildings.

Peggy's granddaughter, Julianne Young, joined them in San Francisco. She had been on a mission trip to Mexico. Julianne and her family have been living in Hawaii, but have recently returned to the mainland. Gene and Peggy brought Julianne home to Albuquerque, N.M., and visited with Peggy's son, Darrell.

At Laughlin, Nev., Gene rode a ferry down the Colorado River. Peggy had been there and done that. She didn't choose to repeat the trip down the river.

Bill and Jan Glenn were treating son Jim and his wife T.J. and grandsons Jeffrey and Jamey of Canyon to an "all you can eat" seafood buffet in Dimmitt Friday night. They were celebrating Bill's birthday.

A flashback from Myrtle Sheffy's column dated April 11, 1968: "With Billie Kirby at the piano, Buford Newton playing the guitar, and Walker Floyd on the violin, lots of pretty music was provided for Dorothy Newton's birthday. Hosting this in their home were Bob and Joy Baker.

Joyce Davis gives this report on the early summer vacation she and Duward enjoyed with friends, John

and Diane Logsdan of Houston.

Joyce said she and Duward flew to Portland, Ore., on June 29, and that city served as their hub for four days. They took the Columbia River Gorge Scenic route, which circled around Mt. Hood.

They saw seven or eight large water falls on the trip. One day they visited the Rose Test Garden. They have over 500 different varieties of roses. Another day they went to West Coast. It was very pretty, but cold.

Their friends, whom they have vacationed with for 30 years, joined them that Saturday, and they toured Washington and most of Oregon.

They got to see some of the devastation of Mt. St. Helen. After 20 years, it is still very barren. They also went to Mt. Ranier. All the mountains were still covered with snow.

They took a ferry from Port Angeles, Wash., over to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. It was a beautiful town, with old buildings and beautiful flowers. They visited the Butchart Gardens in Victoria—a must see!

They came back to Sisters, Ore., to a large outdoor quilt show. About 800 quilts were hanging on the outside of the buildings in a small town (smaller than Dimmitt), with over 25,000 guests for that one day.

Milton and Sandra Bagwell enjoyed a trip to Marietta, Ga., to visit Sandra's sister, Nancy Coyte, and her husband, Don. Don has been recovering from a serious motorcycle

wreck that happened six weeks ago. They also visited with Nancy's daughter and family, Tonya and Joey Wyatt and their twin daughters, Emily and Alyssa. Surprisingly, the weather was only in the 80's and they enjoyed spending time outside.

They came back through Dallas and visited their son and his family, the Steve Bagwells, in Haltom City, outside of Fort Worth.

They visited Milton's sister, Nelda Fallwell, and her daughter, Kristin Ditto, and family. As they expected, it was very hot in the Dallas area.

Edna Reinhardt, formerly of Dimmitt, sent a note recently to say hello to all her Dimmitt friends. She is living at Carillon Retirement Center in Lubbock.

## 4-H enrollment underway now

A new 4-H year starts on Friday, and those who have not filled out a new enrollment card within the past three months are asked to stop by the Extension office and do so as soon as possible.

In order for a youngster to participate in 4-H activities such as the Food Show, Fashion Follies or stock shows, they must be a registered member of a club.

## Reunion planned

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1960 is planning its 40-year reunion Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8-9 during the Harvest Days celebration.

All former schoolmates and teachers are invited to join the class at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. for visiting and reminiscing.

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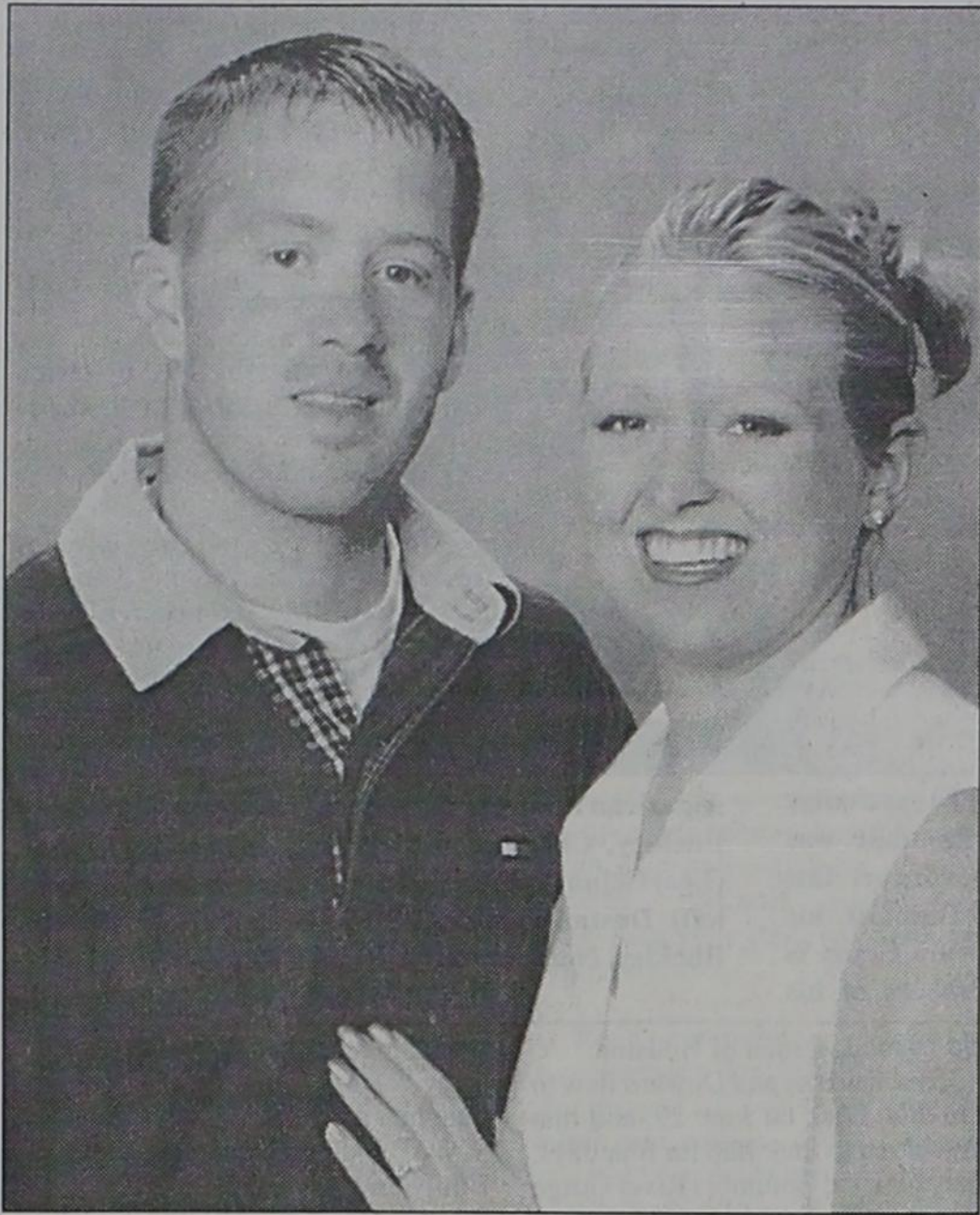
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# People



Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Waggoner  
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## Waggoner and Dorman exchange wedding vows

Jessica Dorman and Stacy Waggoner exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 19 in Fritch in the bride's parents' home. Darrell Trout officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Robert L. and Esther A. Dorman of Fritch. Parents of the groom are Jan Howell of Amarillo and Jim Waggoner of Lubbock.

Music for the ceremony was provided by the Crystal String Quartet.

The bride was given in marriage by Darrell Trout.

Maid of honor was Sulema Ball of Fritch, the bride's best friend. Matron of honor was Stephanie Shatt of Okinawa, Japan, the bride's sister. Bridesmaid was Pam Viner of Dumas, sister of the bride.

Best man was Forest Waggoner of Amarillo, son of the groom. Grooms-men included Greg Acklin of Amarillo, friend of the groom; and Casey

Jones of Dimmitt, the groom's cousin.

Ring bearers were Chayse Viner and Payten Viner of Dumas, nephews of the bride.

Flower girls were Lauren Shatt and Taylor Shatt of Okinawa, the bride's nieces.

Guests were seated by Brian Shatt of Okinawa and Jason Viner of Dumas, brothers-in-law of the bride.

After a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple returned Monday to establish their new home at 4315 S. Austin in Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of Sanford-Fritch High School. She attended Frank Phillips College and West Texas A&M University.

The groom is a graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended Amarillo College. He is employed by Circuit City.

## Barrera earns recognition

Amelia Barrera of Dimmitt received the fourth-highest academic ranking during recent vocational nursing pinning ceremonies for the South Plains College Plainview extension.

"I want to commend these graduates for their timeless hard work and dedication to both their classroom and clinical studies," said Donna Womble, program coordinator and assistant professor of vocational nursing for the Plainview extension.

The ceremony signifies the completion of classroom and clinical studies in the 12-month program.

## Shower fetes Laura Quiroz

A wedding shower honoring Laura (Bradford) Quiroz was held Saturday at the home of Cindy Adams.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Susie Bradford of Dimmitt. Her husband, Luciano, is the son of Luciano Sr. and Rosa Quiroz, also of Dimmitt.

Guests were treated to a menu of assorted breads, individual quiches, sugared bacon strips and almond tea.

The serving table had a mirrored top with individual crystal vases of alstroemeria, greenery and babies' breath.

Special guests included Mildred Bradford of Dimmitt, the bride's grandmother.

Out-of-town guests were the bride's aunt and cousin, Paula Bradford of Denton and Jamie of Amarillo; her aunt and cousins, Jean Whitehead, Paige and Claire of Amarillo; her great-aunt, Louise Lust of Littlefield; and the groom's aunt, Lus Pinon of Plainview.

The 34 hostesses assisting Mrs. Adams with the shower presented the honoree with a comforter set.



## Who's New

**PLAINS MEMORIAL**  
It's a girl, Tiffany Marin, for Luis Alfonso and Nora Marin of Bovina. The infant was born Aug. 23, weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces. Her older siblings are Luis Angel Marin and Clarisa Marin. Grandparents are Eulogio Marin of Houston and Jose and Maria Quiroz of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Sofia Camacho and Naty Estrada.



NAZARETH HIGH SCHOOL'S Class of 1950 held its 50-year reunion Sunday in Lubbock. Class members attending the reunion included (back row, from left) Gilbert Schulte, Jimmie Braddock Schulte, Jo Ann Heiman Bowen, Marilyn Hoelting Birkenfeld,

Patsy Bauman Entrekin and Luke Acker; and (seated, from left) Arnold Huseman, Ed Gerber and Cecil Hoelting. Those not able to attend were Emil Ehly, Jerome Birkenfeld and Calista Heck Huber.

Courtesy Photo

## German entourage schedules stop in Nazareth on Sept. 10

Busloads of German citizens, members of the Karl May Society, are planning a stop in Nazareth on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

The group will arrive at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth on Sept. 10, and will be welcomed by Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman and residents who would like to speak German.

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

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

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

The Germans will visit in Lubbock Sept. 7-12 and plan to participate in a multi-faceted program organized through a partnership of Texas Tech University and the Karl May Society.

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

Some members of the group will be making their fourth visit to the Lubbock area while others will be entering the US for the first time.

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

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

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

## Harvest Days 2000

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

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

Children of all ages will enjoy a pet show and pedal tractor pull next Thursday, Sept. 7, and a junior ranch rodeo and team rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 9.

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

#### Pet show

The Harvest Days pet show also will be held next Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Expo Building beginning at 5:30 p.m., just before the tractor pull.

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

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

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

#### Junior ranch rodeo

The junior ranch rodeo has been planned for Saturday, Sept. 9, at 2:30 p.m., following the fiddlers' contest.

#### Tractor pull

Registration for the pedal tractor pull will begin at 5 p.m. next Thursday, Sept. 7, and the contest will start at 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Team rodeo

The team rodeo and play day, sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Roping Club, will start at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena on East Street.

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

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

Courtesy Photo

## Friendship Quilters named finalist in international festival

The Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt has been named as a finalist in the International Quilt Association's annual judged show, "Quilts: A World of Beauty."

These quilters were among 350 finalists in the competition that had a total of 507 entries from around the world. There are more than 3,300 members of the International Quilt Association worldwide who are available to enter the contest.

The Friendship Quilters entered the "Group" category with their quilt, "Bluebirds in the Celtic."

All of the finalist quilts will be on display Nov. 2-5 during the 26th edition of the International Quilt Festival at the Brown Convention Center in Houston. Regularly attracting more than 53,000 quilts enthusiasts from all over the world, this year's festival was dubbed "The World's Fair of Quilts" by *Southern Living* magazine and ranked as the top convention in the city by the *Houston Business Journal*.

Finalists compete for \$69,500 in cash prizes for six master awards, 17 categories and a viewer's choice award. Categories range from traditional to art quilts, and include mixed techniques and wearables.

Sponsors of the \$69,500 in awards include the following:

- ◆ That Patchwork Place Best of Show Award, sponsored by That Patchwork Place/Martingale & Co., of Bothel, Wash., \$10,000 award.
- ◆ The Founders Award, presented by International Quilt Festival of Houston, \$5,000.
- ◆ The Robert S. Cohan Master Award for Traditional Artistry,

sponsored by RJR Fashion Fabrics of Gardena, Calif., \$5,000.

- ◆ The Pfaff Master Award for Machine Artistry, sponsored by Pfaff American Sales Corp. of Paramus, N.J., \$5,000.
- ◆ The Fairfield Master Award for Contemporary Artistry, sponsored by Fairfield Processing Corp., of Danbury, Conn., \$5,000.

- ◆ **THE QUILTERS ONLY** by Springs Industries Master Award for Innovative Artistry, sponsored by QUILTERS ONLY by Springs Industries of Rock Hill, S.C., \$5,000.

Category awards will be worth \$2,000 each. Cash prizes also will be paid for first-, second- and third-place quilts, in increments of \$1,000, \$700 and \$300, respectively.

Several other prizes will be awarded.

The International Quilt Association, founded in 1979, is the only international not-for-profit quilting organization dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting, the attainment of public recognition for quilting as an art form, and the advancement of the state of the art throughout the world. It not only sponsors the annual judged show at International Quilt Festival, it also supports a grant program that funds research and other quilt-related projects. In addition, the organization has sponsored the biennial Patchwork and Quilt Expo in Europe since 1988.

For more information about the International Quilt Festival, visit the web site at [www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com); or call (713) 781-6864.

## Still not too late to 'join in the parade'

Entries are being solicited for the Castro County Fair and Harvest Days Parade, which will wind through Dimmitt on Saturday, Sept. 9, beginning at 10 a.m.

Led by the Canon Air Force Base Honor Guard, this election-year parade will feature the theme "VOTE—For Castro County." Again this year, the Dimmitt Lions Club will officiate and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will furnish rosettes, ribbons and cash awards.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava suggests that organizations, businesses and individuals who are planning to have a parade entry contact him at the Chamber office, 115 W. Bedford Street to pick up an entry form or call him at 647-2524.

"If we know they're coming, it's just a lot easier to organize the parade," Sava said, "but we won't turn anyone down, not even on parade day."

"This is an excellent way to publicize a business, a candidacy, an ac-

tivity, an organization's projects, or simply to show interest in Castro County," Sava said.

For judging, entries will be categorized as business floats, civic floats, antique cars, antique trucks, antique tractors, horse-drawn entries, and "other" (for any that do not fit another classification).

Three cash awards will be presented to those selected as "Best in Parade" (first, second and third place).

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

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## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Aug. 31 to Sept. 8.

### DIMMITT Elementary Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: Banana nut loaf, apple juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Rice Krispie treats, orange wedges and milk.  
THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh bananas and milk.  
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.

### Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.  
FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, taco condiment salad, honeydew melon, corn tortilla and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Meat loaf with creole sauce, potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, tater tots, hamburger salad and milk.

### Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, barbecued chicken or fish nuggets; stir fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

### HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, jelly and milk.  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers

and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Sausage, buttermilk biscuit, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, Lucky Charms cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

### Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of spaghetti and meat sauce with toast or chef's salad; peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich

with chips, chef's salad or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes and gravy, assorted fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, cherry cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice 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: Choice of chef's salad, pizza or burrito; macaroni and cheese, peaches, corn, gelatin dessert, salad, ginger cookies, carrot sticks, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of chef's salad, spaghetti and meat sauce or lasagna with ground beef; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

### NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

### Lunch

THURSDAY: \* Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, pineapple and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Fish or steak fingers, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: \* Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, cookies and milk or juice.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Sloppy Joe or corn dog, tossed salad, fried okra, pears, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.  
THURSDAY: \* Chicken fried steak or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, peaches, Jell-O and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Barbecued sandwich or hamburger, potato cubes, lettuce, pinto beans, apricots, dessert and milk or juice.

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

## Lange gets scholarship

Mark Lange of Nazareth was one of several Panhandle-area students to receive a \$400 scholarship from the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

Each scholarship recipient is a carrier for the *Globe-News*. The publication has been presenting scholarships to carriers for 24 years.

Lange, the 17-year-old son of Jerry and Judy Lange of Nazareth, is a senior at Nazareth high school. He has been a carrier for the *Globe-News* since 1997.

A member of the FFA, Lange shows lambs. He also enjoys football, hunting and fishing.

After graduating from high school he plans to continue his education by majoring in animal science at Amarillo College.

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Tracer Insecticide, manufactured by Dow Agrioscience, may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label, as well as restrictions within the exemption notice.

Use was authorized to begin Aug. 18 and will remain in effect until EPA rules on the FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Specific Exemption that TDA will submit.

The following counties are among those included in the crisis exemption: Bailey, Castro, Hale, Lamb, Parmer, Swisher, in Extension District 2; and Deaf Smith and Randall in Extension District 1.

Other restrictions include:  
 ♦ Applications will be made only

by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators. All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in the possession prior to any applications.

♦ Tracer Insecticide may be applied by ground or aerial equipment at the rate of 1.5 to 2 fluid ounces (0.047 to 0.094 lbs.a.i.) per acre. No more than one application may be made between cuttings. Total rate of Tracer Insecticide must not exceed 14.4 fluid ounces per acre per crop season.

♦ Applications should be made in 10 gallons of water per acre for ground or aerial equipment.

♦ Treated field should not be entered within four hours after application. A three-day pre-harvest interval (PHI) must be observed.

For more information, contact your county Texas Agricultural Extension Office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the approval notice is located on the TDA web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/traceralf.htm](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/traceralf.htm)

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 -Mark Twain

*The official revival of the Olympics began in Athens in 1896. It was not until 1912 that women were allowed to compete.*



**CAPITOL DELEGATION**—These area students were among 1,300 students who took part in a Government-In-Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., recently. Mary Bradley of Dimmitt (left), Macy Hill of Hereford (center) and Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth (right) were sponsored on the tour by Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

*Courtesy Photo*

## Bradley, Hoelting take part in tour of Washington, D.C.

Mary Bradley of Dimmitt, Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth and Macy Hill of Hereford represented Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative during the 2000 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

The trio took the trip to the capitol June 15-June 27.

Each year, many of the nation's electric cooperatives send some of their "best and brightest" students to Washington, D.C. The trip is known as the Government-In-Action Youth Tour and blends good old fashioned fun with modern-day lessons about politics, electric cooperatives and life in general. This year's tour drew more than 1,300 students from all areas of the nation and included some from as far away as American Samoa.

Bradley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bradley of Dimmitt.

Hoelting is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoelting of Nazareth. Hill's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hill of Hereford.

Traveling with the 93-member Texas delegation sponsored by Texas electric cooperatives were 24 students from New Mexico electric cooperatives. Accompanied by 13 chaperones, the group traveled on three buses from Texas to Washington, D.C. This was the largest combined group from Texas and New Mexico to participate since the youth tour began in 1957.

While in Washington, D.C., the youth tour delegates visited with their congressmen and observed the legislative process in action.

Other highlights of the trip included visiting the many famous monuments, memorials and other attractions of Washington, D.C. Among these attractions were the White House, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, Ford's Theater, the Washington National Cathedral, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the National Archives, the FDR Memorial, Washington Monument, Supreme Court and the Jefferson, Lincoln, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials.

Special activities included a "Youth Day Town Hall Meeting," where the students voiced opinions and concerns about school violence. They participated in the wreath-laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers and toured Mount Vernon. The group also attended "The Dinner Party," a stage play starring John Ritter and Henry Winkler presented at the Kennedy Center.

The underlying theme for this year's tour was commitment to community and the responsibility of the youthful participants to become involved in their local communities.

## TSCRA urges ag producers to review regional water plans

Texas agricultural producers are urged to review the regional water plan for their area.

"It is crucial for the future of agriculture in Texas that producers be actively involved in determining the water infrastructure needs and solutions for each region of the state," said J. Mark McLaughlin, president of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA). "The opportunity for public comment on the 16-draft regional plans ends Sept. 30."

The 16 regional water plans are the framework of the "bottom up" water-planning process mandated by Senate Bill 1, the comprehensive water legislation enacted by the 75th Texas Legislature in 1997.

Regional water plans must be completed and adopted by Jan. 5, 2001, and the Texas Water Development Board must approve and incorporate the regional water plans into a comprehensive state water plan by Jan. 5, 2002. The water plans will be updated every five years.

The 16 regional water planning groups have been working for more than two years to prepare water plans for their regions. The initially-prepared regional plans were scheduled to be available for formal review and comment by the general public by today (Thursday), with public hearings running through September.

"Watch your local newspaper for announcements of public meetings in your area," urged McLaughlin.

Copies of each region's water plan will be available at least a month before the public hearing at the county clerk's office and at least one

public library in each county located within the region.

The submitted initial draft plans and scheduled meeting dates also are available online at <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/rwpg/main-docs/rwpg-main.htm>.

Each regional water plan includes information about water supplies and demand, water quality problems affecting water supply, social and economic characteristics of the region, and identifies water supply threats to agriculture and natural resources.

Information concerning current preparations for drought and the status of other water plans in the region also are reviewed. Each plan is designed to do the following:

- ♦ Determine water demands.
- ♦ Determine water supplies available for use during drought of record.
- ♦ Compare water demands and supplies to identify surpluses or needs.
- ♦ Determine social and economic impact of not meeting needs for additional water supplies.
- ♦ Develop plans that contain specific strategies to meet future near-term needs (less than 30 years) and options to meet long-term future needs (30 to 50 years).
- ♦ Identify ecologically unique river and stream segments.
- ♦ Identify unique sites for reservoir construction.
- ♦ Propose regulatory, administrative or legislative recommendations to improve water resource management in the state.

## Split-state status may save cattle producers \$1 billion

New tighter federal regulations dealing with cattle tuberculosis (TB) are scheduled to go into effect later this year, and the Texas Animal Health Commission has recommended splitting Texas into two rankings for the disease.

More than 99% of the state's 153,000 cattle producers could move their cattle across state lines without TB testing and tagging restrictions, according to information from the TAHC.

This "freedom of movement" could save producers up to \$1 billion over a five-year period, according to a US Dept. of Agriculture report. However, splitting the state will require federal review and approval.

El Paso County and a small portion of Hudspeth County are the only portions of the state that do not surpass federal requirements for being classified TB-free, according to Dr. Terry Beals, Texas State Veterinarian, and head of the TAHC.

"If the state is split, the El Paso area will have a lower TB eradication status, and the 88 beef producers and about a dozen dairy operators in the region could have to tag all cattle and test breeding stock before the animals move intra- or inter-state," Dr.

Beals said. "If we don't split the state, every Texas producer will face these restrictions, and it will cost producers up to \$1 billion during the next five years in extra livestock handling costs."

Negotiations are continuing at the federal level to purchase and depopulate the El Paso dairies in the historically TB-troubled area, according to Dr. Beals. He said the dairies would be depopulated over a two-year period, and if no new infection is detected in a three-year period following full depopulation, the El Paso area could gain TB-free classification, making all of Texas officially free of cattle TB.

"According to USDA rules, if we test and remove infected animals, we can't earn a 'free' designation in the El Paso area until five years after taking out the last infected animal," said Dr. Dan Baca, TAHC's TB epidemiologist. "We haven't found the last infected animal in 15 years, and frankly I don't think we can clean up the area through test and removal."

Producers who have questions regarding specific herd movement or grazing situations should contact Dr. Dan Baca at 1-800-658-6615.

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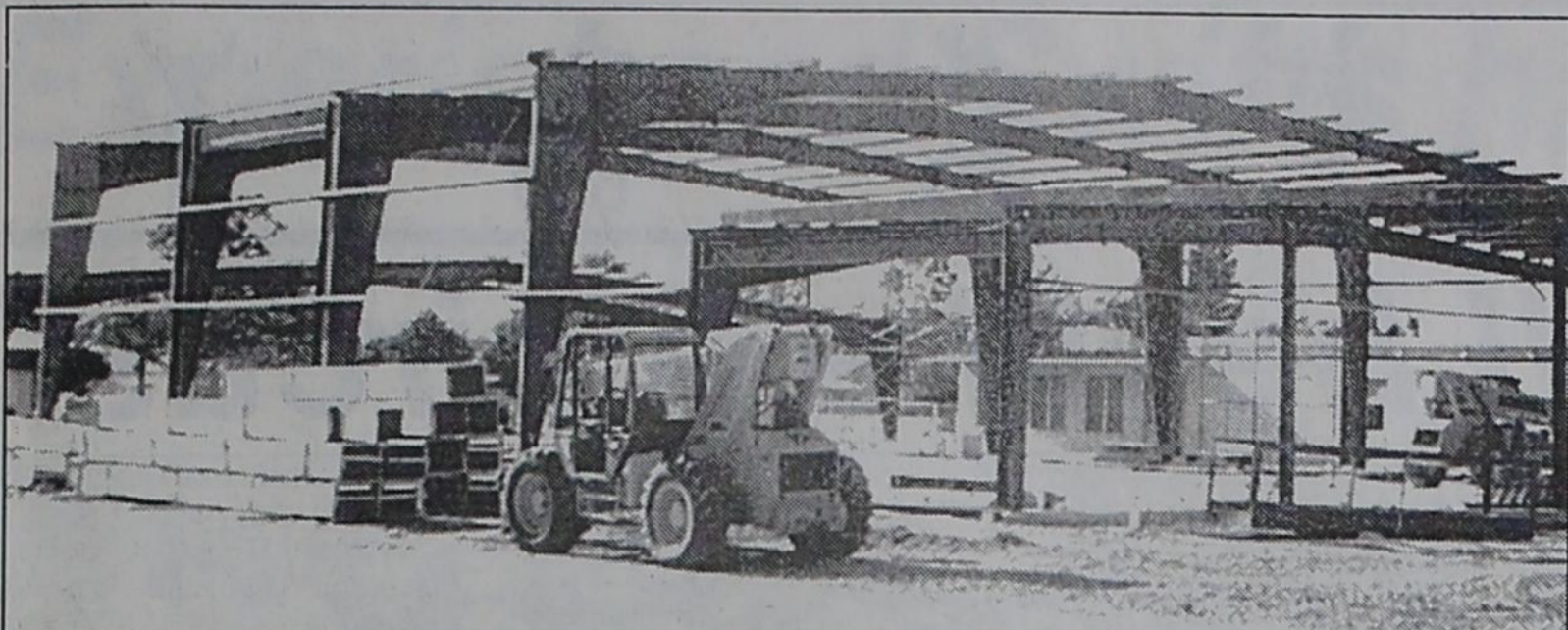
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**GOING UP!**—Construction is underway on a \$1 million physical education facility at Nazareth Independent School District. Voters approved a \$1 million bond issue and proceeds from the sale of the bonds, along with money from a state facilities grant which the school received, will be used to pay for the facility. A gymnasium, dressing rooms and more are included in the plans for the facility. Greg Huseman and Stephen Wilhelm are serving as construction managers for the project, which is expected to be

completed next March or April. In addition to the bond and grant money, the school district has received two large anonymous donations—one worth \$60,000 and another worth \$10,000—to help pay for “non-qualified expenses, such as seating in the gym and extra square footage,” according to NISD Supt. N. Dean Johnson. The NISD tax rate, expected to rise about 12¢ with the bond indebtedness, only increased 7.3¢, according to Johnson. *Photo by Anne Acker*

## Pesticide applications begin taking toll on beet armyworms

By **JOHNNA PATTERSON**  
County Extension Agent-IPM  
The past week brought a little relief as far as worm pressure, mainly because nearly everyone has made at least one pesticide application to control beet armyworms. Some have made two or more applications.

Aphid numbers really exploded during the past week.

On a good note, I saw some open cotton bolls this week. Some of the more drought-stressed fields are really beginning to pop open. The only problem is there's not much on these plants to open.

Silage harvest is in full swing. Corn harvested for grain is getting started and should be rapidly increasing in most areas.

Moth flight activity for beet armyworms and southwestern corn borers is still going strong.

### INSECTS & DISEASES Cotton

Castro County cotton fields range between 40% and 89% boll retention. Fields are really shedding fruit. Most of these fields are under irrigation, but for many it has been limited.

Last week, **beet armyworm** counts ranged between zero and 157,248 per acre. This week, counts from scouted fields range between 2,660 and 78,204 per acre. It just never seems to quit.

Some of these fields had older worms as well as new hits. We may have to contend with this pest into September, so producers are urged to continue monitoring their fields closely.

“The key is going to be whether the crop is still vulnerable,” said Dr. Jim Leser. “Please be realistic in assessing damage potential and yield potential from here on out in making control decisions. You all have considerable money in this crop and don't need to finish the season with bad decisions. Both fruit loss and defoliation are issues that need to be weighed in any decision, and of course, whether any harvestable boll is still vulnerable to attack.”

Last week we started to see an increase in **bollworm** larval infestations.

Reports from Castro County show an egg lay of 7,980 per acre in infested fields and 2,184 worms per acre.

I know a lot of producers who are spraying for bollworms, but the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) fields are still relatively clean and free from this pest. Some of my colleagues believe that this will change soon.

The difficult decision now is how much more can producers afford to spray. Most of the fields with high numbers of bollworm infestations also had high numbers of beet armyworms and aphids.

Producers must continue to monitor their fields for bollworms, especially if their fields have harvestable fruit which is vulnerable to attack and damage. Producers need to critically evaluate yield potential and insect control costs before making management decisions.

**Cotton aphids** are being reported in almost all IPM fields. Numbers last week ranged from zero to six per leaf in Castro County, and are between zero and 30 this week.

This explosion occurred almost overnight, and is really causing concern when added to the damage already caused by this pest.

Some fields look like the plants have been varnished. Some fields only have hot spots, but with continued pesticide applications, aphids may get out of control fast. Producers should hold to the 50-per-leaf threshold and spray in a timely manner or they could be looking at de-

creased yields or sticky cotton once bolls open.

Furadan, Bidrin, Lannate and Provado are all labeled for aphid control. Lorsban and Curacron also are listed, but usually provide less control than the other four.

Control has been somewhat inconsistent across the area. Bidrin continues to be erratic in performance, even at the eight-ounce-per-acre rate. Adding four ounces of Curacron often will enhance performance on difficult to control infestations. Furadan has not been the magic bullet as in years past, but still appears to be the best and the cheapest. Other materials listed in the cotton insect management guide such as Lannate, Lorsban or Provado provide even less control than the other methods.

Pyrethroids continue to flare aphid numbers, as do some of the other non-pyrethroid materials such as Steward. Pyrethroids increase aphid reproduction, kill beneficial insects and keep “beneficials” out of treated fields for a long time.

Other insecticides don't seem to affect reproduction, but do kill insect predators and parasites. Both Larvin and Steward can be pretty rough on lady beetles and there are a lot of lady beetles in some fields.

If aphid numbers blow by the treatment threshold of 50 aphids per leaf, the beneficials didn't succeed in controlling the population and an insecticide is needed.

Trap catches of **boll weevils** have really increased. Where active eradication programs are in place, weevil numbers are being held in check by Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) sprays.

The counties that caught the most weevils during the past week, in descending order, are Crosby, Lubbock, Floyd, Hale and Swisher. The counties catching the least number of weevils were Parmer, Terry, Deaf Smith, Castro, Bailey and Andrews.

Even Gaines County, with an average of less than two weevils per trap, was way below Crosby County, which had 33 weevils per trap. What a difference a year makes.

While boll weevil numbers were increasing dramatically in traps outside of active eradication zones, punctured square and boll counts also were going through the roof.

Without immediate control efforts, some of these fields will be lost. In fact, some have already been lost to weevils.

Once punctured boll counts move past 15%, a spray schedule will need to be set up immediately—if there are enough harvestable bolls left which can be saved to pay the aerial applicator.

### Corn

Last week was the final week for IPM scouts to check corn fields. Many fields are drying down rapidly now and harvest has started in some areas.

There are still a lot of moths flying and laying eggs and that could really hammer late-planted fields.

If you do not plan to spray for **southwestern corn borers**, make sure and get the corn harvested before it gets too dry and the plants begin to fall.

**Southwestern corn borer** activity continues to be steady. All of the scouts reported some level of infestation in all IPM fields. Counts ranged from 5 to 28% in Lamb County and 5 to 22% in Castro County. We continue to see holes in stalks, so watch how dry your fields get before you begin harvesting.

**Banks grass mites** were on the increase last week and one scout reported a field with mites clear to the top of the stalk. This field is very dry and will be cut soon.

Producers should pay close attention to fields that are late or that have been sprayed for southwestern corn borers.

## Farmers and ranchers will be offering ‘two cents worth’ of advice to congress

In an appeal for Congress to make long overdue changes to farm policy, Farmers Union members are offering their “two cents worth” in response to the failed Freedom to Farm legislation.

Over the next several weeks, family farmers and ranchers will meet with congressional representatives across the country to deliver their “two cents worth” message, along with bags containing approximately two cents worth of commodities produced on America's farms.

“Now is the time for all to call for a change to current farm policy,” said Wes Sims, state Farmers Union president. “It is time for rural citizens to stand up and add their ‘two cents worth’ so that our issues will be heard. It is time for members of congress to show rural voters where they stand on rural America. It is time to implement the policies that will allow farmers and ranchers to receive a fair price for their work and to prosper in the communities in which

they live.”

Farmers Union is reaching out to policy-makers with its “two cents worth” campaign to draw attention to the core agricultural issues faced today in rural America. The family farmer and rancher organization is calling for congress to pass legislation that will raise loan rates for commodities, increase dairy support prices, prohibit packer ownership of livestock and promote competitive markets.

“Since the passage in 1996 of Freedom to Farm, we have seen a decline in the conditions under which farmers must operate as well as the rural communities in which they

live,” said Sims. “Congress has tinkered with the 1996 law, but has not achieved the political will to scrap the failed policy. Without significant changes that influence price, fair markets and a safety net, those small changes are false solutions to the problems for the family-sized operation.”

The activities will culminate in a Sept. 10-13 fly-in at the nation's capitol, when Farmers Union members will visit each member of congress to express the urgency of the current price crisis on the farm and ranch. This theme sends a clear message about the changes needed in agriculture policy.

## Cody Annen graduates from auction school

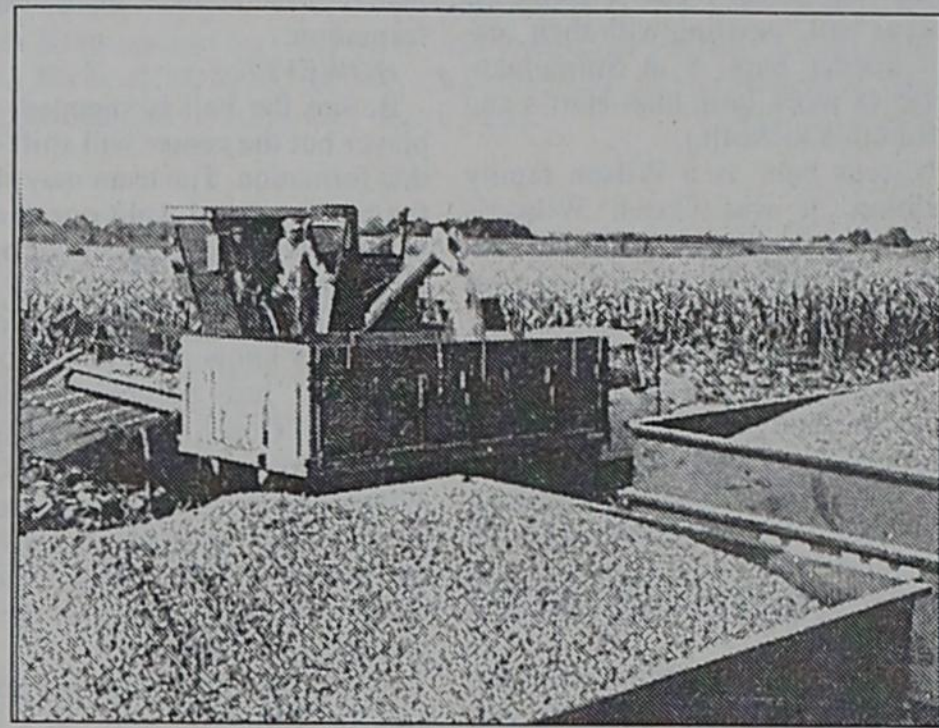
Earning the honorary title of “Colonel,” Cody Annen of Nazareth graduated recently from World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa.

Annen successfully completed the course of instruction and training covering all phases of auctioneering taught by 20 professional instructors at the college. Courses included conducting auctions ranging from automobiles and livestock to real estate, antiques and general consignments. Other subjects included business management, marketing and the development of an auction chant and bid calling.

During the training program, Annen also received the real-life experience of calling a public auction sale.

He is the son of Claude and Brenda Annen and he is a graduate of Nazareth High School.

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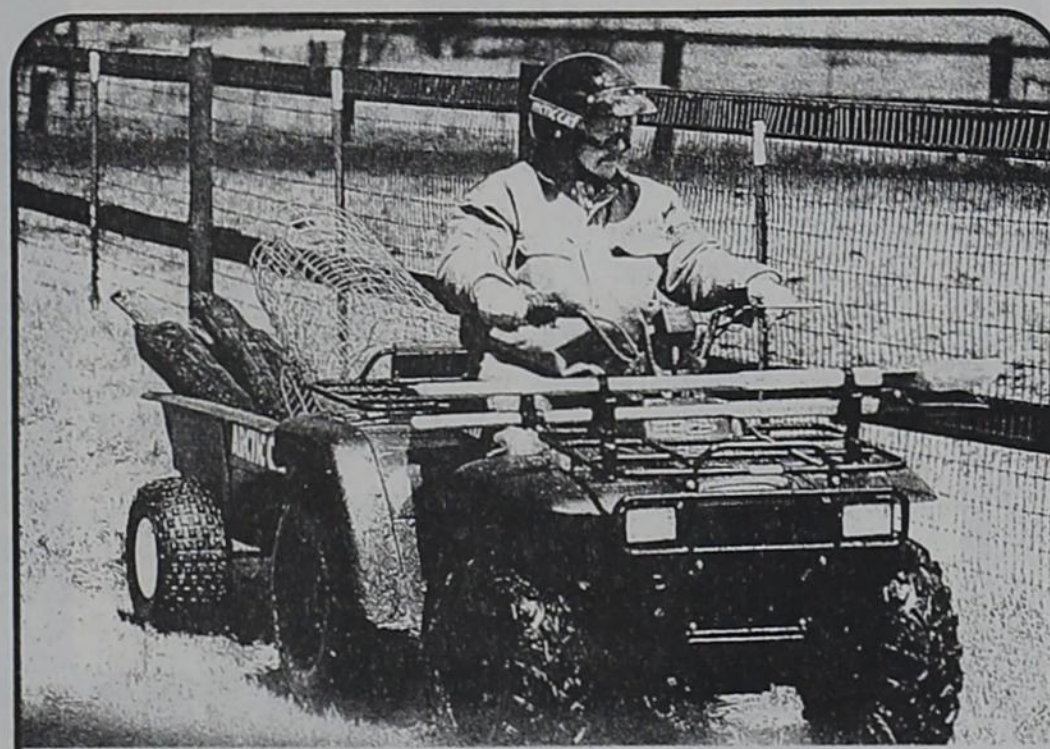
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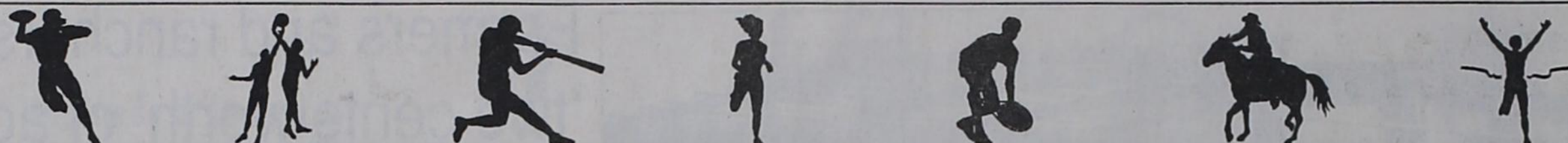
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# Sports



## Bobcat football will be 'like a circus'

By DON NELSON

Are you ready for some CIRCUS BALL? A Friday night PARTY-Y-Y-Y? The Bobcats will be givin' it, And their foes will never know Just how they're gonna line up Or where they're gonna go!

New coaches, new hope and a new brand of football are in store for Dimmitt fans when the Bobcats unleash what Coach Wade Wilson calls "circus ball," starting with their season opener Sept. 8 at Springlake-Earth (a week later than Hart's and Nazareth's kickoffs).

"Circus ball" is a Wilson family tradition. It was Coach Wilson's father, the late Jet Wilson, who devised the wide-open offense and gave it its name.

"My dad invented it in 1958 when he was coaching at Tulsa University as an assistant with Bobby Dobbs," Coach Wilson said. "At that time Tulsa was a small school, but they were able to compete with some of the bigger colleges by spreading it out and running all kinds of formations."

"Dad pretty much figured out that if the defense doesn't know how you're likely to line up on every snap

of the ball, you've got a much better chance of getting a good play off. He took bits and pieces here and there and incorporated them into the system."

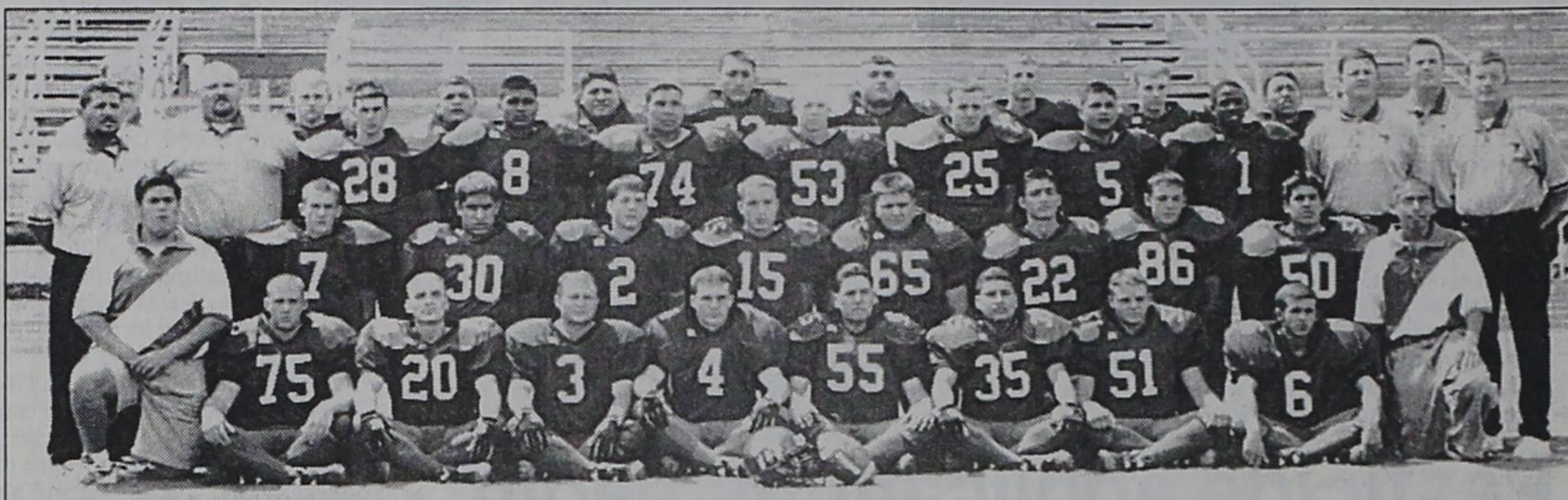
"Dad said he called it 'circus ball' because it reminded him of a three-ring circus, where there are so many things going on at once that you can't keep your eye on all of them at the same time."

When they break from the huddle on offense, the Bobcats will line up with two tight ends and a full four-man backfield—basically a straight-T formation.

HOWEVER... Before the ball is snapped, every player but the center will shift out of that formation. The team may shuffle the backs around, split out one, two or three wide receivers either or both directions, and reposition any or all of the linemen, "so that the defense will never know what they'll be facing until just before the ball is snapped," Coach Wilson explained.

It may look complicated, but Coach Wilson said it isn't. The offense uses a short list of basic plays, but forces the defense to line up against them in different patterns because of the wide variety of formations.

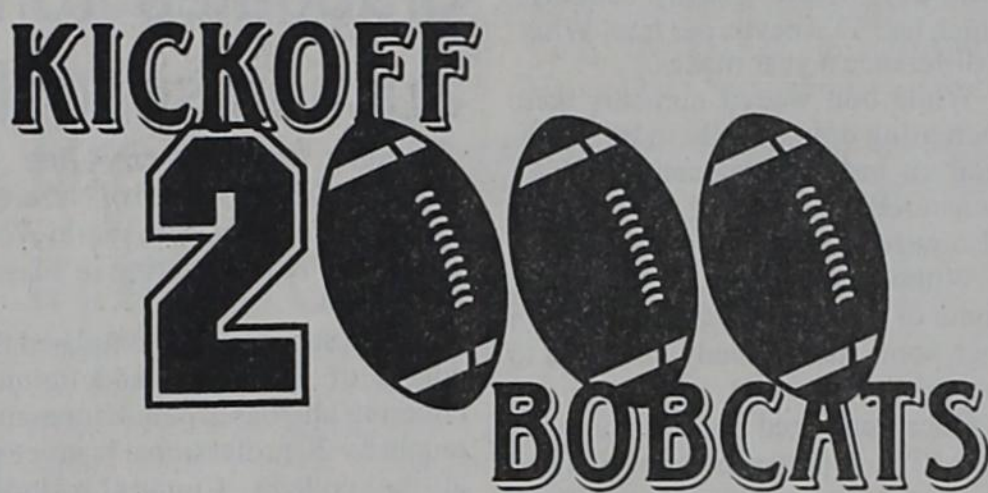
"It's a pretty easy system for the kids to learn," he said. "It's not a hard transition."



THE 2000 DIMMITT BOBCATS will open their season Sept. 8 at Springlake-Earth. Seated in front row, from left, are Thomas Brockman, Albert Campos, Jake Laurent, Bobby Hill, Samuel Espinosa, Emanuel Jaramillo, Jonathan Stevens and Mitchell Gentry. Kneeling, from left, are Team Manager Chris Paz, Brent Josselet, Ben Ruiz, B. J. Hill, Jason Reyes, Tanner Griffitt, Salvador Diaz, Joe Acevedo, Gus Correa and Manager Adam Guzman. In third row, from left, are Assistant Coaches

Jesus Quiroz and Jeff Smith, Wesley Harkins, Johnathan Jimenez, T. J. Reyna, Tanner Self, Jeremy Furr, Anthony Oltivero, Austin Sherman, Head Coach Wade Wilson and Assistant Coach Trent Wilson. In back row, from left, are Assistant Coach Hugh Farmer, Deacon Buckley, Juan Gonzales, Daniel Lopez, Matthew Sandoval, Julian Velo, Matthew Wright, Daniel Proffitt, Johnny Posada and Assistant Coach Anthony Howerton.

Photo by Don Nelson



Instead of the backs and receivers being designated by a position name or number, they're known by their colors. The quarterback is "red," the left halfback is "lime," the right halfback is "blue," the fullback is "pink," the tight end is "gold" and the split end is "silver."

"The red, lime, pink and blue are the colors of the birthstones of myself and my three brothers," Coach Wilson said. "He picked these colors because they're mostly single-syllable words, quick and easy to say and understand in the huddle."

So, when the quarterback calls an audible at the line of scrimmage—as he will be allowed to do at times—the other team's defense will hear a lot of colors being mixed, but because of the code it won't help them to know which color refers to which back.

If it's a wide-open offense, will there be a lot of passing?

"Actually, that depends on the players you have, and we're still evaluating our personnel," Coach Wilson said. "In my first year as an offensive coordinator at Clarendon, we had a really good tailback, and we ran the ball probably 80% of the time out of this same offense. But the following year, after that tailback graduated, we had a really good quarterback coming up, and a couple of good receivers, and I'd say we threw

it 80% of the time—all in the span of two years."

"So it's really up to the kids, what they start getting comfortable with. We can switch from a power running team one week to a wide-open passing offense the next."

"Circus ball" has proven itself over and over in schools throughout Oklahoma and Texas, Coach Wilson said.

"When my brothers and I started coming of age, our dad decided he really wanted to coach us, so he dropped down to the high-school ranks," the new head coach said. "He started out in schools in Oklahoma, and later coached in Houston, then at Canadian, White Deer and Leonard. My dad's brother, Paul, ran the same offense in Texas and Oklahoma. It's been pretty successful everywhere it's been run."

He added, "Canadian (where I graduated) is still running a lot of our offense."

Coaching was a family affair for Jet Wilson and his brother, Paul. It still is for Wade Wilson and his brother, Trent.

Trent serves as offensive coordinator. A graduate of Leonard High School and West Texas A&M, he coached at Oklahoma's Panhandle A&M his first year out of college, and has since coached at Vega, Kress and Amarillo.

Defensive coordinator is Hugh Farmer, a Tulia High School grad who played football three years at Cameron (Okla.) University before earning his degree from West Texas A&M. Farmer has coached previously at Clarendon and at Barnsdall, Okla.

Another new varsity assistant is Anthony Howerton, who also teams with Jesus Quiroz to coach the freshman squad. Howerton graduated from Decatur High School and the University of North Texas, and previously coached at Flower Mound. Quiroz, a West Texas A&M grad, is the staff's "old man" with five years here.

Jeff Smith, now in his third year here, is the special teams coordinator. A Dalhart native, Smith also played football at Panhandle State.

Jim Clark, junior high coordinator, and junior high coaches Brett Ramsey and Kris Krippa also serve as varsity assistants.

Football is popular in Dimmitt High School this year. There are 75 boys suited up, including 31 on the varsity squad, 26 on the junior varsity and 18 freshmen.

The varsity consists of 19 seniors, 12 juniors—and no sophomores for a change.

In fact, so many juniors came out for football this year that many of them are having to play on the junior varsity.

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The Castro County Commissioners Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Castro County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.5 percent on August 28, 2000 at 5 p.m.

The Castro County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 8, 2000, 10:00 a.m. at Castro County Courthouse, County Courtroom.

### FOOTBALL

#### Dimmitt Bobcats

#### 2000 schedule

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

\*Denotes district games.

## Reserve tickets can be reclaimed through Friday

Reserve tickets for Bobcat Stadium in Dimmitt for the 2000 football season are on sale now at the Dimmitt Independent School District administration building, 608 W. Halsell.

Those who held the reserve tickets last year will get a chance to renew their seating for this year, and will have through Friday to do so. Tickets may be renewed by coming by the administration office and paying for them.

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

Those that are not renewed by Sept. 1 will be made available to the public on a first come-first served basis, starting Tuesday.

The administration office is open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Swiftette runners earn No. 1 rank

The Nazareth Swiftettes are ranked No. 1 among Class A cross country teams in the Texas Track pre-season poll released last week.

The Swiftettes return several top runners from last year's state bronze medal team, including individual silver medalist Danette Ramackers.

While the Swiftettes earned the No. 1 rank in the poll, Miles earned the No. 2 mark, Priddy was third, Iraan was fourth and Alvord was fifth.

In the Class AAA girls' poll, Decatur nabbed the No. 1 spot while Burnet was second, Llano was third, Whitney came in fourth and Shallowater was fifth.

Boys' rankings in AAA include Decatur, first; Canton, second; Atlanta, third; Luling, fourth; and Whitney, fifth.

Class A boys' teams ranked include 1. Trenton, 2. Boys Ranch, 3. Sands, 4. Rankin, 5. Henrietta-Midway.

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# Experienced Swifts have big plans for 2000

The Nazareth Swifts have a little more size, strength, speed and depth than they've ever had, according to Coach Rick Price, and he hopes that will propel his team into the playoffs again.

A year ago, the Swifts reached the state quarterfinals before falling to Rankin. Several key players, including leading rusher Cameron McLain and linemen Stanton Wethington, Bo Hunter and Clay Hoelting were lost to graduation in May.

Those are big shoes to fill, but Price feels like this year's squad is up to the job.

"You always want to win district and make the playoffs, and this year the guys are hoping to advance farther (in the playoffs) than we did last year," said Price, who is beginning his 11<sup>th</sup> season as the Swift mentor.

"We have to replace three spots on the defensive line and if we can get that lined out I think we'll be pretty salty."

Nazareth returns eight starters on defense and 10 regulars back on offense, although some of those offensive veterans either split time or started part-time in 1999.

Offensive regulars back for the 2000 campaign include center Reece Hales, a 5-11, 210-pound sophomore; right guard Adam Schulte, a 6-0, 185-pound senior; right tackle Bryce Pohlmeier, a 6-2, 235-pound senior; tight end Daryl Pohlmeier, 6-1, 170-pound junior; tight end Eric Schilling, 6-3, 170-pound sophomore; quarterback Blake Birkenfeld, a 5-10, 140-pound junior; tailback Mattie McLain, 6-0, 180-pound senior; tailback Aaron Kern, 5-10, 175-pound junior; wide receiver Kade Wilcox, 5-10, 160-pound junior; and wide receiver Ky Wilcox, 5-10, 170-pound junior.

Newcomers to this year's starting lineup will be left guard Mark Birkenfeld, a 5-10, 160-pound senior; and left tackles Mark Lange (6-2, 235) and Nick Bermea (5-10, 225), both seniors, who will split

time at the position.

"We're going to spread it out on offense this year," Price said. "We've gone to a one-back system which we haven't run a lot in the past. We'll be in that one-back offense most of the time with Mattie and Aaron switching. Jason Huseman (5-8, 145-pound senior) also will be getting some playing time at fullback."

Price said his receiver corps should be dangerous and present problems for opposing defenses.

"We've got four dangerous receivers. They all run their routes quick and defenses are going to have to cover a lot of territory."

"Kade and Ky are fast and they've got good hands. Daryl and Eric are good run blockers and they are definite receiver threats as well. The fact that we've got so many good receivers is the main reason we went with the one-back offense."

"Our offense worked well against Anton in the scrimmage (Nazareth outscored the Bulldogs seven touchdowns to none), and we're hoping for a more balanced attack with this one-back system," Price said.

In the Anton scrimmage, Price said he was pleased with the way the Swifts moved the ball on offense, both on the ground and through the air.

"We moved the ball up and down the field against Anton," he said.

Birkenfeld is the gun behind the offense, and Price said he may not be the flashiest player you'll ever see, but he's got a strong arm and he reads coverages well.

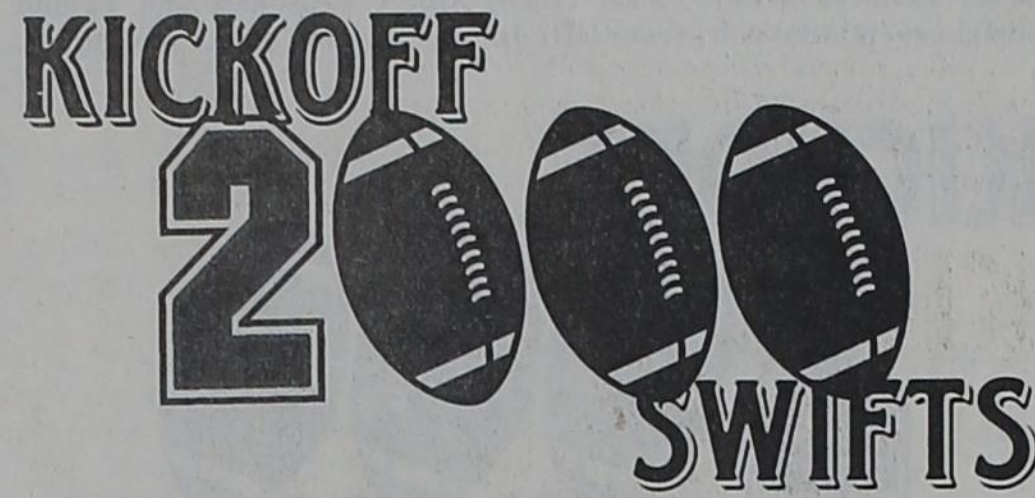
"Blake's an accurate passer. He's also a good leader. They guys are willing to let him run the offensive huddle and he does a great job. He split time at quarterback with Ky last year and he still passed for more than 900 yards."

The offensive line performed well in the scrimmage against Anton, too.



THE NAZARETH SWIFTS want a return trip to the playoffs and they want to advance deeper into post-season than they did a year ago. Members of this year's squad and their coaches are (standing, from left) Assistant Coach Buster Brown, Kade Wilcox, Head Coach Rick Price, Mark Birkenfeld, Luke Price, Jase Merritt, Mark Lange, Ky Wilcox, Mattie McLain, Monty Hoelting, Bryce Pohlmeier, Koty Huseman, Eric Schilling, Adam Acker, Phillip Bergendahl, Blake Birkenfeld, Andrew

Brockman, Trey Robb and Assistant Coach Mike Scarbrough; (kneeling, from left) Nick Bermea, Justin Kleman, Evan Huseman, Adam Schulte, Aaron Kern, Daryl Pohlmeier, Wade Price, Tyler Ehly, Reece Hales, Shane Kleman and Rey Bermea; and (seated, from left) Adam Hunter, Brock Birkenfeld, Ross Schulte, Chase Schulte, Jason Huseman, Shelby Wilhelm, Brett Hoelting and Ricky Pena. Photo by Anne Acker



"They (line) got a good push against Anton. They've been making some pretty big holes. We've got some guys on the line that have good size and they've got some experience."

On defense, Nazareth will line up in a 5-2 with Schulte, Bryce Pohlmeier and Hales anchoring the center from the noseguard, left tackle and right tackle positions. Schulte and Pohlmeier are returning starters.

Bermea and Mark Birkenfeld will also see action at right tackle. The ends will be Schilling on the left and either Luke Price (6-0, 170-pound sophomore), Wade Price (6-1, 170-pound senior) or Justin Kleman (6-0, 155-pound sophomore) on the right.

McLain and Kern are returning starters at linebacker while the Wilcox twins return at the corners. Daryl Pohlmeier is back at free safety and Huseman reclaims the strong safety slot. Trey Robb (5-10, 145-pound freshman) could split

time with Huseman at strong safety.

The defensive front five is a question mark yet, but we've got some good candidates fighting for the open spots. That's where we really miss last year's class. We're still going to have a good mix of guys with size and athletic ability," Price said.

The linebacker corps and secondary remain intact from a year ago and Price says this is the strength of his defensive unit.

"We feel like we should be able to mix up our coverages. The linebackers are quick, experienced and have good size. They're very mobile."

The Nazareth defense had a good showing against Anton in Friday's scrimmage, shutting down the Bulldogs and a speedy runner out of the backfield.

"Anton had some speed. They did get one big play and that was half of their offense for the night. But we were able to shut them down and prevent the run and pass so we felt

pretty good," Price said.

McLain will be the Swifts' punter this season, but the kicking job is still up for grabs. Price said it could be McLain, Kade Wilcox or Phillip Bergendahl (6-2, 180-pound senior).

Nazareth opens the first two weeks of the regular season with a pair of private schools in San Jacinto Christian and Lubbock Christian, then faces stiff competition in Hale Center, a Class AA school with a lot of speed and size.

After that Nazareth will face Farwell, which dropped from Class AA to Class A this year; and rival Claude, who the Swifts eliminated from the playoffs last year.

District includes Boys Ranch, Hart, Kress, Vega and Stratford. Two of those district opponents, Boys Ranch and Stratford, competed in Class AA a year ago, and Stratford advanced to the state quarterfinals before bowing out of the chase. The team is ranked No. 4 by the Associated Press in its pre-season poll.

"Stratford played 15 games in Class AA last year and everybody is looking toward them as the team to beat," Price said.

"Vega is going to be tough, too. They've got a lot of experience and speed. They were a good offensive team a year ago."

"Hart has tons of experience back and is going to be very much improved," Price said.

"Kress is undergoing some changes with a new coaching staff. Boys Ranch has a lot of kids out to select from."

## Swifts earn votes on AP Top 10 poll

The Nazareth Swifts, who reached the state quarterfinals a year ago, earned two votes in the Associated Press pre-season prep poll, released last week.

Here's the AP's pre-season rankings for Class AAA and Class A.

**Class AAA:** 1. Newton, 2. Lamesa, 3. Crockett, 4. Everman, 5. Cleveland, 6. LaGrange, 7. Marlin, 8. Sweeny, 9. Cuero, 10. Liberty-Eylau. Also receiving votes were Lindale, Aledo, Sealy, Daingerfield, Forney, Brownsboro, Atlanta, Gatesville, China Spring, Wilmer-Hutchins, Commerce, Kaufman and Sweetwater.

**Class A:** 1. Iraan, 2. Shiner, 3. Beckville, 4. Stratford, 5. Celeste, 6. Paducah, 7. Wheeler, 8. Rankin, 9. Bartlett, 10. Wortham. Also receiving votes were Karnack, Claude, Baird, Bremond, Evadale, Ranger, Charlotte, Lindsey, Nazareth and Detroit.

## FOOTBALL

### Nazareth Swifts

#### 2000 schedule

| Date     | Opponent          | Place | Time      |
|----------|-------------------|-------|-----------|
| Sept. 1  | San Jacinto       | Here  | 8 p.m.    |
| Sept. 8  | Lubbock Christian | There | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Hale Center       | Here  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | Farwell           | There | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Open              |       |           |
| Oct. 6   | Claude            | Here  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13  | * Boys Ranch      | There | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | * Hart            | Here  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 27  | * Kress           | There | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 3   | * Vega            | Here  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 10  | * Stratford       | There | 7:30 p.m. |

\*Denotes district games.

## NISD states football ticket prices for 2000

Nazareth Independent School District is selling season tickets for the 2000 football season and has announced ticket prices for the year.

Season passes for adults will be \$15 while student tickets will be \$10. Season passes will admit the holder into varsity and sub-varsity games for the season.

Season tickets may be purchased from either of the administrative offices at the school or at the main drive-in gate during the first game Friday.

Regular varsity game ticket prices

this year will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Admission to junior varsity and junior high games will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

For the first time, Nazareth will be charging a \$2 fee for each car that is driven into the football field area. This fee will be waived for service vehicles and for individuals working in the concession stand, unless the concession work elects to park his or her vehicle next to the fence.

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# Longhorns hope to establish winning tradition

Excitement is running rampant in Hart these days as the Longhorns prepare to open the 2000 grid campaign.

Hart has six seniors on this year's roster, so first-year coach Todd Bryant is counting on several underclassmen to fill some major slots. Many of those younger players gained varsity experience a year ago and with another year under their belt, the future looks bright for the Longhorns.

"We're excited. The kids want to do well. We're trying to gain experience and get the younger guys to step up," said Bryant, who served as an assistant coach at Hart last year.

"We're trying to build tradition and gain respect. We have a lot of coaches returning, and we've tried to stay with some of the schemes we worked on last year."

A year ago, Hart struggled through an injury-plagued season and several underclassmen were called on to step up and fill holes created by those injuries.

With a year of varsity experience under their belt, Bryant hopes those players will enjoy early success.

"Our goal is to have success early and stay injury-free. We're young, but I think the quicker we mature and get a few games in, it'll help us in the long run."

The Longhorns had two big, promising scrimmages, outscoring Smyer six touchdowns to one; then shelling Sudan, six touchdowns to two.

"The kids feel good, especially after the Sudan scrimmage. They're working hard," Bryant said.

He welcomes back 15 players who saw at least partial starting time a year ago, with nine veterans back on

each side of the ball.

Leading the returnees are several skill position players including sophomore quarterback Salvador Velasquez (5-9, 150), junior tailbacks Keith Finch (6-1, 195) and Joel DeLaFuenta (5-11, 165), junior wingback Jacob Reyna (5-10, 165) and senior split end/tight end Jeff Bennett (6-0, 165).

The offensive starting lineup this year also features junior tight end Albert Velasquez (6-0, 170), senior tackle Fabian Rodriguez (5-10, 315), sophomore tackle Corey Moore (6-2, 175) junior guards Eric Gutierrez (5-11, 215) and Marcial Mendoza (5-11, 170), and junior center Rene Rincon (5-9, 160).

Velasquez is tabbed as the starting signal caller, but Bryant said backup quarterback is Finch, and he could move into the starting roll. If that happens, then Velasquez will move to wide receiver.

"We'll be running a two-back set out of the Wing T that I picked up while I was at Seagraves," Bryant said. "It's more of a finesse-type game rather than power attack and we'll use a lot of trapping and misdirection. Later in the season we may go with a one-back set using Keith."

"We're going to try and pass the ball more, and if we do that, we may go with Keith at quarterback because he has a stronger throwing arm than Salvador," Bryant said.

"Our receiver corps is in pretty good shape. Jacob (Reyna) scored three touchdowns in our scrimmages. We wanted to utilize his good hands this season," Bryant said. "We've got three good kids that can catch the ball. We want to move defenses out some with the pass and try and open up the inside for our running attack."



**HOOK 'EM HORNS!** The Hart Longhorns are ready to kick off the new millennium on the right foot and begin a tradition of success on the gridiron. Leading the way for the Longhorns this season are players (back row, from left) Eric Gutierrez, Jeff Bennett, Marcial Mendoza, Corey Moore, Kenneth Wiley, Keith Finch, Albert Velasquez and Fabian Rodriguez; (middle row, from left) Jimmy Stewart, Javier Velasquez,

Salvador Velasquez, Joel DeLaFuenta, Jacob Reyna and Jose Avila; and (front row, from left) Frankie Chaparro, Daniel Carrasco, Rene Rincon, Leon Minjarez and Gabriel Gonzales. Not pictured is Anthony Reyna. Coaches for the Longhorns this season are Todd Bryant, head coach; and assistants Martin Parker, Brad Elam, Jeff Jones, John Curry and Bob Libby.

Photo by Anne Acker

## KICKOFF 2000 LONGHORNS

That running game will feature Finch and DeLaFuenta, who have been clocked at 4.5 and 4.7, respectively, in the 40.

"Our backfield is quick and fast. We've also got Leon Minjarez (5-8, 160) as a backup fullback if we decide to move Keith."

Bryant has built a strong-side line and a weak-side line to help with blocking schemes and he's cut down on the number of plays and blocking assignments in an attempt to simplify his offense.

That offensive line could create many problems for opponents. Each is strong and Bryant feels when the unit begins to gel, good things will happen.

"Some of those guys can bench 300-pounds plus," Bryant said.

"Against Sudan, we had four running plays we used. Last year we had 50 plays. We've organized a more structured workout to try and get individual players work so they can improve. We're working on building strength on each part of the team, then we'll put those parts together," he said.

Hart's 5-2 defense also is loaded with veteran players, but Bryant is still looking at several options.

He feels like his secondary is going to be one of the highlights of the defensive group, with Jacob Reyna and Albert Velasquez lining up at cornerbacks, Bennett filling the

strong safety slot and Finch covering deep territory at free safety.

"Jacob and Salvador are the two fastest guys on the team and we hope to be able to go with a lot of man coverage with them. We moved Keith from linebacker to free safety because of his speed," Bryant said.

Getting the start in the linebacker slots will be Gutierrez and Mendoza, and Bryant said the duo have done a good job so far this year.

"Our linebackers have average speed and they're learning the defense. They should do well."

Rodriguez is expected to anchor the good-sized defensive front five at one tackle position while tackle Kenneth Wylie, a 5-11, 285-pound sophomore, will block the other side.

Anthony Reyna will be the noseguard, and Bryant says he's "not big, but quick." He'll be backed up by Rincon.

The starting ends will be Albert Velasquez and Minjarez.

"I feel good about our defense right now," Bryant said. "Sometimes we'll shift and make one of the ends a linebacker and move into more of a 4-3 look."

"The strength of our defense is the secondary, but I don't think it'll be

long before our line and linebackers catch up. I don't really see a weakness on defense. Right now, that group is ahead of our offense, but that's how it should be early in the season."

DeLaFuenta will handle punting duties this year, junior but Gabriel Gonzales (160) could see action at the spot as well.

Kicking duties will fall to Finch, with senior Frankie Chaparro (5-7, 145) tabbed as backup.

"On our special teams we're going to go with speed this year. We'll have our 11 fastest guys on the field and we're excited about it."

Hart opens with Meadow Friday, then will face a quick Morton team. Anton, Claude and Farwell are on the schedule for the Longhorns before they open district play against Vega.

"I think Vega's going to be tough. They whipped Highland Park in a scrimmage. I don't know much about Boys Ranch and Kress is in a rebuilding mode. Nazareth and Stratford—their names speak for themselves," Bryant said.

"I think if we can compete with and beat Vega and Boys Ranch, I believe our key district game will be against Naz. And if we're healthy, I think we can hang with them and hopefully we can be there at the end."

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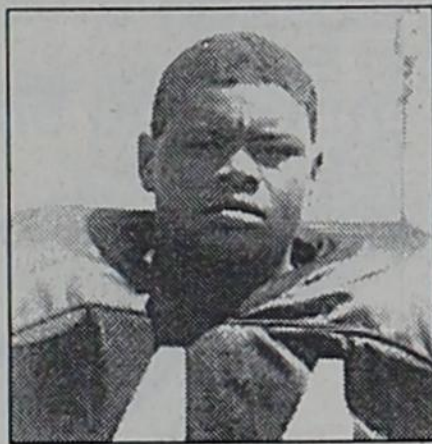
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### Hart Longhorns



#### 2000 schedule

| Date     | Opponent     | Place | Time      |
|----------|--------------|-------|-----------|
| Sept. 1  | Meadow       | Here  | 8 p.m.    |
| Sept. 8  | Morton       | There | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Anton        | Here  | 8 p.m.    |
| Sept. 22 | Claude       | There | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Farwell      | There | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6   | Open         |       |           |
| Oct. 13  | * Vega       | Here  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | * Nazareth   | There | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 27  | * Boys Ranch | Here  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 3   | * Stratford  | Here  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 10  | * Kress      | There | 7:30 p.m. |

\*Denotes district games.

## 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 8 over Meadow  
NAZARETH opp. San Jacinto not rated  
Kress 10 over Whiteface  
Paducah 41 over Crosbyton  
Roscoe 17 over O'Donnell  
Roby 18 over Spur  
Booker opp. Turpin, Okla. not rated  
Bovina opp. Hageman not rated  
Smyer opp. Lubbock Christian not rated  
Ralls 8 over Lorenzo  
Floydada 13 over Tahoka  
Springlake-Earth 1 over Abernathy  
Hale Center 23 over Anton  
Perryton 6 over West Texas High  
New Deal 24 over Lubbock Roosevelt  
Lockney 14 over Slaton  
Pampa 17 over Dalhart  
Big Spring 14 over Sweetwater  
Amarillo High 35 over Palo Duro  
Amarillo Tascosa pick vs. Dumas  
Abilene Cooper 13 over Lubbock  
Coronado  
Lubbock Monterey 3 over Andrews

#### WEEK 1 RANKINGS

**CLASS AAA TOP 10:** 1. Everman, 209; 2. Crockett, 208; 3. Lamesa, 207; 4. Newton, 207; 5. Sweeney, 206; 6. Cleveland, 205; 7. Lindale, 205; 8. Marlin, 205; 9. La Grange, 205; 10. Aledo, 204.  
**AREA CLASS AAA:** 56. Childress, 194; 71. Muleshoe, 191; 86. Amarillo River Road, 188; 92. Perryton, 187; 106. Seminole, 185; 107. Dalhart, 184; 113. Shallowater, 184; 116. Littlefield, 183; 123. Sanford-Fritch, 182; 140. Tulia, 179; 146. Lubbock Cooper, 178; 159. Dimmitt, 175; 178. Denver City, 170; 186. Slaton, 168; 198. Brownfield, 163; 210. Lubbock Roosevelt, 147.

**CLASS A TOP TEN:** 1. Iraan, 200; 2. Stratford, 196; 3. Shiner, 192; 4. Wheeler, 191; 5. Paducah, 188; 6. Bartlett, 187; 7. Baird, 186; 8. Beckville, 186; 9. Celeste, 185; 10. Rankin, 185.

**OTHER CLASS A:** 13. Claude, 184; 14. Sudan, 183; 17. Gruver, 182; 19. Nazareth, 182; 21. Springlake-Earth, 181; 24. Farwell, 180; 48. Petersburg, 170; 61. Bovina, 164; 73. Booker, 160; 77. Vega, 160; 84. White Deer, 156; 86. Motley County, 155; 87. Anton, 153; 89. Shamrock, 153; 93. Kress, 151; 96. Boys Ranch, 149; 99. Crosbyton, 147; 102. Spur, 147; 111. Hart, 143; 115. Whiteface, 142; 117. Lorenzo, 141; 123. Meadow, 135; 132. Smyer, 125.



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## Blood drives set this week

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The center is planning blood drives today (Thursday) and Friday between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. The drive on Saturday is planned from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It takes three gallons of blood to meet the needs of the entire nation for only one minute. It takes 500 units of blood every week to make the needs of patients in the Panhandle who are experiencing trauma or fighting cancer, leukemia and other life-threatening diseases.

The summer blood drought continued this year with low blood supplies in the Panhandle and nationwide. Last year preceding Labor Day, Coffee Memorial Blood Center experienced the lowest blood supply in its 50-year history.

In an effort to avoid the blood drought, Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary Clubs from Amarillo and Canyon have planned a friendly competition to see which service group can donate the most blood and they plan to do so between now and Saturday.

The public is also invited to give the gift of life during the blood drive. All donors will receive a plush red bloodhound as a thank you for donating.

## DHS class plans 50-year reunion

Dimmitt High School's Class of 1950 will gather for a 50-year reunion Sept. 22-24 at the Ramada Inn in Amarillo (north access road off of I-40, Exit 72A).

Organizers of the reunion have reserved a large room at the hotel for Saturday, Sept. 23, and those attending are allowed to bring food and drinks.

Plans for the reunion include having a group picture made on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m.

Also on Sept. 23, the group is planning to gather at the Country Barn for an evening meal.

Those planning to attend the meal at Country Barn should contact Floyce George at PO Box 7, Dimmitt 79027; phone (806) 647-5276 as soon as possible so reservations can be made.



**NAZARETH'S CASSIE BIRKENFELD** stands in front of the famous Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbor in Australia. Birkenfeld recently toured New Zealand and Australia with the American Sports Ambassador teams. She was a member of the American girls' basketball team. Birkenfeld's overseas adventure started near the end of July and she was gone for two weeks. She is the daughter of Sidney and Peggy Birkenfeld of Nazareth and she is a 1999 graduate of Nazareth High School. *Courtesy Photo*

## Early Settlers luncheon is set Sept. 9 in Dimmitt

The annual Dimmitt Early Settlers' luncheon, held in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration, will be held Sept. 9 at the Senior Citizens Center on West Jones. All former and current residents are invited to attend.

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

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

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

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

## Hospice training set

Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice is offering hospice volunteer training sessions, with eight free classes scheduled from Sept. 18 through Oct. 12.

The classes will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Monday and Thursday at the BSA Hospice Bldg. at 600 North Tyler in Amarillo.

The classes are for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice

care, and/or desiring personal growth and enrichment.

CEU's will be awarded by Amarillo College for those taking the classes.

To register, or for more information, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, at BSA Hospice, 212-8715.

Individuals taking the class to become hospice volunteers will be required to take additional training specific to their area of hospice service.

# Swifts, Longhorns kick off regular season play Friday

Hart and Nazareth will kick off the 2000 regular season Friday night at home, with the Longhorns hosting Meadow and the Swifts welcoming San Jacinto Christian to their stadiums.

Kickoff will be 8 p.m. in both contests.

The Bobcats will open their 2000 season on Sept. 8 when they travel to Springlake-Earth for a 7:30 p.m. showdown.

## San Jacinto Christian at Nazareth

San Jacinto Christian is a newcomer to the 11-man football ranks, but with tons of athletic ability, the team hopes to make its mark on the gridiron.

"They've got a lot of good athletes and I know they're baseball and basketball teams are great," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price, who is starting his 11<sup>th</sup> season as the Swifts' head coach.

"They like to operate out of the shotgun and they'll send five receivers on routes. They like to spread it out," Price said.

He expects the Patriots to throw the ball a lot and says that will present a defensive challenge for the Swifts as they adjust their coverage to shut down the aerial game.

San Jacinto played its first 11-man game in school history Friday night, falling to Midland Trinity, 47-7. In that game, the Patriots racked up 108 yards of offense—99 through the air and 9 on the ground.

Directing the shotgun offense is senior quarterback Curtis Reneau. His receiver corps includes juniors Josh McCreary, Jonas Fuller and Cooper, and a senior, Roberts.

The single back is a sophomore. Up front, the Patriots sport three sophomores and two juniors.

Price said the Swifts are little bigger up front than the Patriots are, and he hopes to take advantage of that Friday.

"It looks like they may have a problem matching up with us up front and in my experience, that's where games are won or lost. We want to try and be as physical as we can. It seems like when you're doing well up front, things tend to go your way," Price said.

Defensively, the Patriots line up in a 5-2 formation and they could pose some problems for the Swifts, according to Price.

"They like to stunt their linebackers quite a bit. We're going to have to pick up those guys."

## Meadow at Hart

The Hart Longhorns are healthy and ready to start the 2000 campaign off with a win, and they'll have to contain a solid Meadow Bronco offense for that to happen.

The Broncos are making the transition from six-man to 11-man football this season, and Hart Coach Todd Bryant said the team should present a good challenge for the Longhorns.

Bryant expects Meadow to run a double wing or Wing T set on of-

fense, although the Broncos have run the Triple I in a scrimmage against Olton.

One of Meadow's biggest threats is big tight end Shawn Ingram (6-5, 225).

"He's got a really good set of hands for a big boy," Bryant said. "What concerns us is his size. Jacob (Reyna) is 5-9 and Salvador (Velasquez) is 5-8 and they'll be covering him. We're worried about him going over the top."

Meadow's quarterback, Jacob Cuellar (6-2, 180) has been hurt in pre-season games and workouts, but he's expected to start Friday night, Bryant said.

The Bronco backfield includes Eric Perez, a 5-8, 250-lb. junior who Bryant says is very fast.

"He (Perez) broke a 70-yard run against Olton, so he's capable of making big plays. We've got to keep him contained."

Meadow's line is big, too, with the two tackles and the center weighing in at over 200 pounds. Both guards are in the 160- to 165-pound range.

"They're bigger than we are," Bryant said.

Defensively, the Longhorns don't know what to expect from the Broncos because Meadow has shown several different defenses in pre-season.

"They've run a 4-3, 5-3, 5-2 and 6-2. We don't really know what to expect," Bryant said. "They've got two defensive ends who are big kids and their linebackers are very quick. I think they're going to have a decent secondary, too."

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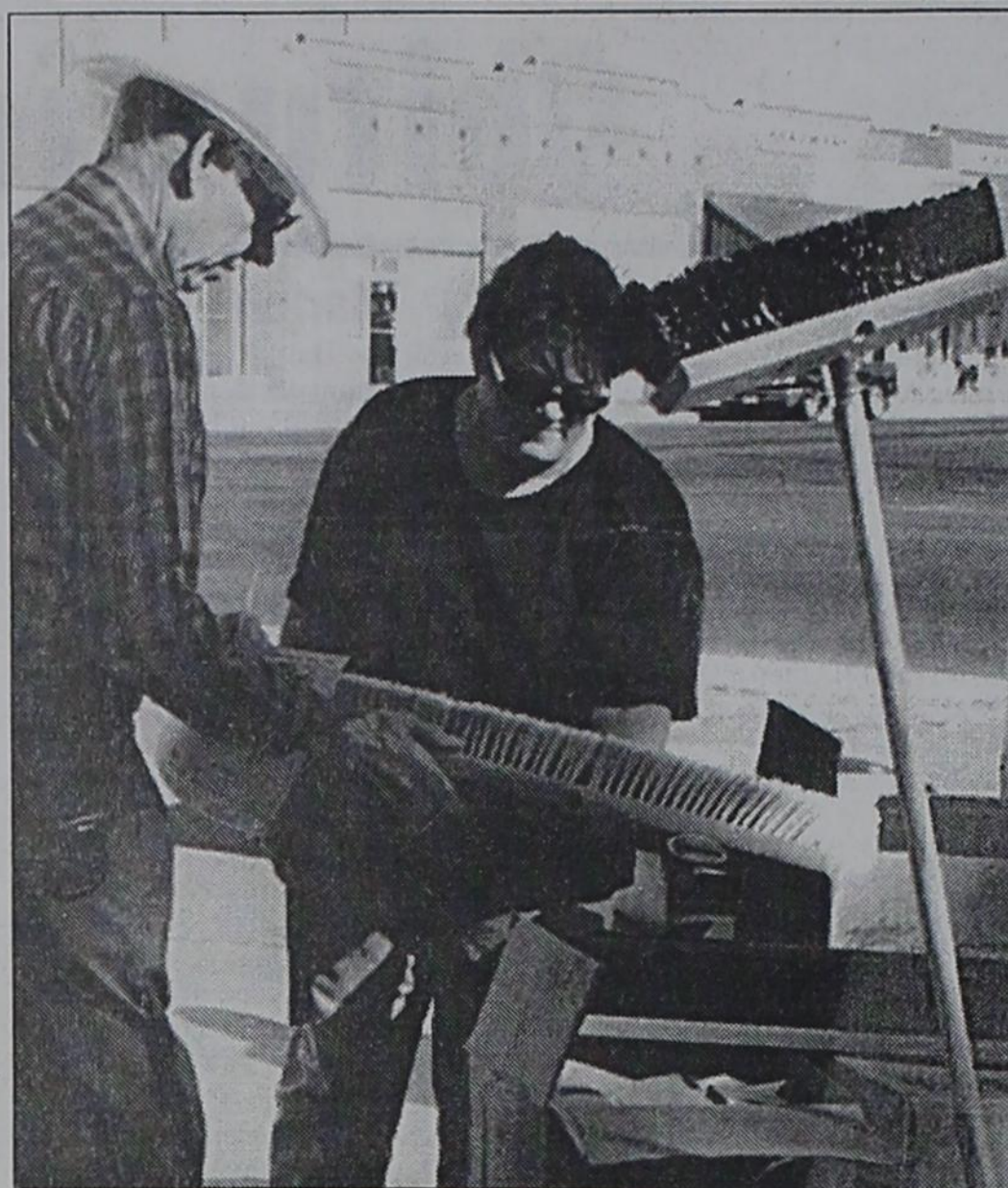
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| Justice of Peace       | \$23,160                      | \$24,360                  |                                              |
| Treasurer              | \$25,200                      | \$26,400                  |                                              |
| Tax Assessor/Collector | \$25,200                      | \$26,400                  |                                              |
| Constable              | \$16,512                      | \$17,712                  |                                              |
| Sheriff                | \$27,036                      | \$27,036                  | \$1,200 (uniform)                            |
| Commissioners          | \$19,464                      | \$20,664                  |                                              |

Officials are reimbursed for official travel by personal transportation at \$.28 per mile.  
 The proposed budget is on file in the Castro County Clerk's Office. A public hearing will be conducted on Sept. 8, 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Commissioner's Courtroom. At the close of the public hearing, the Commissioners Court shall take action on the proposed budget.

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
**STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO**  
 WHEREAS, by Judgment dated July 27, 1999, AMERICAN TURBINE PUMP CO., INC., as Plaintiff, recovered a judgment against A.L. SEARS and RONNIE SEARS, dba CASTRO COUNTY PUMP CO., Defendants therein, said judgment being recorded at Volume 245, Page 566 of the Real Property Records of Castro County;  
 WHEREAS, said judgment remains unsatisfied to the extent of \$19,300.01, together with interest therein at the rate of 10% per annum, together with the sum of \$701.00 costs of suit, and also the costs of executing this writ;  
 WHEREAS, by virtue of a writ of execution issued by the Clerk of the 64<sup>th</sup> District Court in and for Castro County, Texas, in cause number 99-05-A-7440-CV, the following property was levied on July 17, 2000, at 3:40 o'clock, p.m., as indicated on the undersigned officer's written declaration on the return of the writ of execution:  
 Lot 2, Block 115 of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas (also known as 602 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Dimmitt, Texas, consisting of a house and municipal lot in the City of Dimmitt in the amount of less than one acre, generally known as the Sears Place).  
**NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000, I will sell the property to the highest bidder for cash, at 10 o'clock a.m., or within three (3) hours of such time as provided by Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 646a, and such sale will be conducted at the door of the Castro County Courthouse.  
**WITNESS MY HAND** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.  
**JAMES DOBBS,**  
 Castro County Constable  
 25-19-4tc

*Boredom: the desire for desires.*  
 -Leo Tolstoy

*When frightened, the hoopoe bird will flatten itself to the ground and play dead.*



**BUT WILL IT GIVE ME A CLEAN SWEEP?**—Vea Simpson looks at a broom for sale at the annual Dimmitt Lions Club Broom Sale, held Tuesday on the courthouse square. Showing her the merchandise is Lions Club member Walt Hansen. The club holds the sale to benefit the Caravan Sales for the Blind, as well as gaining a percent of the proceeds for their club projects.  
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# Obituaries

## Alma Alice Boggs

Services for Alma Alice Boggs, 90, of Marlow, Okla., mother of Claudine Langford of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning at East Side Baptist Church in Marlow with the Rev. Gene Jorgenson officiating. Burial followed in Marlow Cemetery under the direction of Callaway-Smith-Cobb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boggs died Friday at Marlow Manor Nursing Home.

She was born Nov. 1, 1909, in Comanche Co., Okla. To Moore and Sara Belle Harris. She married Claud "Dick" Boggs on Jan. 3, 1930, in Lawton, Okla. He died on Nov. 13, 1977.

She moved to Marlow in 1950. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church in Marlow, Okla. She was a waitress and a housewife.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Boggs; a grandson, three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Claudine Langford of Dimmitt and June Elkins of Lindsay, Okla.; four grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rosie Ambrose, Bobby Greer, Buddy Cannady, Harold Wilkes and Dale Davis.

## Jay Cepica

Jay Cepica, 31, of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt, died last Wednesday at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services were held Saturday at Indiana Baptist Church in Lubbock with the Rev. Craig Taylor of Clear Lake Baptist Church of Houston officiating. He was assisted by Tom Cloberty of All Saints Catholic Church of Dallas. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

He was born May 22, 1969, in Dimmitt. He graduated from Lubbock Coronado High School in 1987 and from Texas Tech University in 1991. He married Dawn Penny on Sept. 23, 1995, in Duncanville. He worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Survivors include his wife; his parents, Marvin and Tommy Cepica of Lubbock; two brothers, Todd Cepica and Shannon Cepica, both of Lubbock; his paternal grandmother, Janie Cepica of Fort Worth; and his maternal grandmother, Thera Latimer of Paducah.

## Katherine Cole

Funeral services for Katherine Cole, 87, of Tulia, and a former Castro County resident, were held Monday morning at First Baptist Church in Tulia with Rev. Charles Davenport officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery of Tulia under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Cole died Aug. 25 at the Tulia Care Center.

She was born Nov. 18, 1912, in Montague County. She married Claude Cole on Jan. 31, 1929, in Tulia. He preceded her in death on May 14, 1970, in Tulia. She moved from Wichita County to the Union Hill Community in Swisher County, where she attended schools. She also attended schools in Tulia. Mrs. Cole had lived in the Arney Community in Castro County for a number of years. She moved to Tulia in 1960. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tulia.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marjoria.

Survivors include a daughter, Janice Cowart of Cedar Crest, N.M.; three sons, Wayne Cole of Ridgecrest, Calif., Fred Cole of Amarillo, and Larry "Happy" Cole of Tulia; a sister, Margaret Diller of Odessa; a brother, Jack Watts of Palo Pinto; five granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

## Bertha Doran

Graveside services for Bertha Doran, 85, of Dimmitt, were held Sunday afternoon at the East Mound cemetery in Matador, with Rev. Royce Jennings, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Matador, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Miss Doran died Aug. 24 at Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt, where she had been a resident.

She was born Nov. 20, 1914, in Whiteflat. She was a former resident of Motley County and had been a resident of Dimmitt for about 45 years. She was an elementary teacher and retired from the Dimmitt school system after teaching there for 27 years. She was a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by four nieces and five nephews.

## Marlene Hall

Marlene Hall, 61, of Dumas, former Dimmitt resident, died at 5:02 p.m. on Aug. 22 at Dumas Nursing Center.

Graveside services were held Wednesday afternoon at Olton Cemetery with Leon Talley, pastor of Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Hall was born March 10, 1939, in Olton. She moved to Friona in 1968 from Olton. She also lived in Dimmitt. She recently moved to Dumas. She was a cashier and a member of the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andy and Leola Powell; a brother, Jack D. Powell of Dumas; and a sister, Leslie Powell.

Survivors include a brother, Donald Powell of Dumas.

## Gene W. Faulkner

Funeral services for Gene W. Faulkner, 65, of Lubbock, a native of Castro County, were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Oakwood Baptist Church of Lubbock, with Rev. Cleve Haley and Rev. Stan Blevis officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery of Lubbock under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Mrs. Faulkner died Aug. 26 at her residence.

She was born Nov. 19, 1934 in Sunnyside, and was a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School. She married Eugene Faulkner on Feb. 10, 1961, in Lubbock. Mrs. Faulkner had been employed as office manager for West Texas and Highland Hospitals, as well as for Drs. Cobb, Woolam and Mangold. She served as a volunteer for Women's Protective Services and also with the American Cancer Society. She was a member of Oakwood Baptist Church, the Ruth Sunday School Class, and the XYZ Group.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Steve Stephens of Lubbock and Rod Faulkner of Dallas; three brothers, Bud Winders of Clayton, N.M., Dale Winders of Dimmitt, and Monk Winders of San Jose, Calif.; four sisters, Pauline Simmons of Amarillo, Jo Brinkerhoff of Denver, Colo., Madge Kennedy of Bryan, and Cleacy Layman of Lubbock; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, Box 53276, Lubbock 79453.

*The Kennedy/Nixon election was one of the closest in history. The electoral vote was 303 to 219.*

## Andrew "Andy" Schumacher

Funeral Mass was said for Andrew "Andy" Schumacher, 81, of Dimmitt, at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt, with Fr. Fern Couture, pastor, presiding. Fr. Harold Heiman was co-president, and John Nino was the Deacon assisting.

Burial followed at Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Vigil services had been held Friday at 7 p.m. in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Schumacher died Aug. 23 at 7:18 a.m. in Plains Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 4, 1919, in Muenster. He married Oleda Heiman on Sept. 16, 1940, in Hereford. He served with the US Army from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Schumacher was a self-employed custom farmer and a member of the Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by a brother, Ernie Schumacher, in 1981.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Charlotte Rentfro of Purcell, Okla., Yvonne Wilcox of Mineral Wells, and Nan Davis of Tulia; two sons, Glenn Schumacher of Plainview and Randy Schumacher of Amarillo; two sisters, Marie Loerwald and Adeline Loerwald, both of Hereford; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Trigg Rentfro, Ty Wilcox, Tracey Davis, Tucker Schumacher, Cody Davis, and Rod Schumacher.

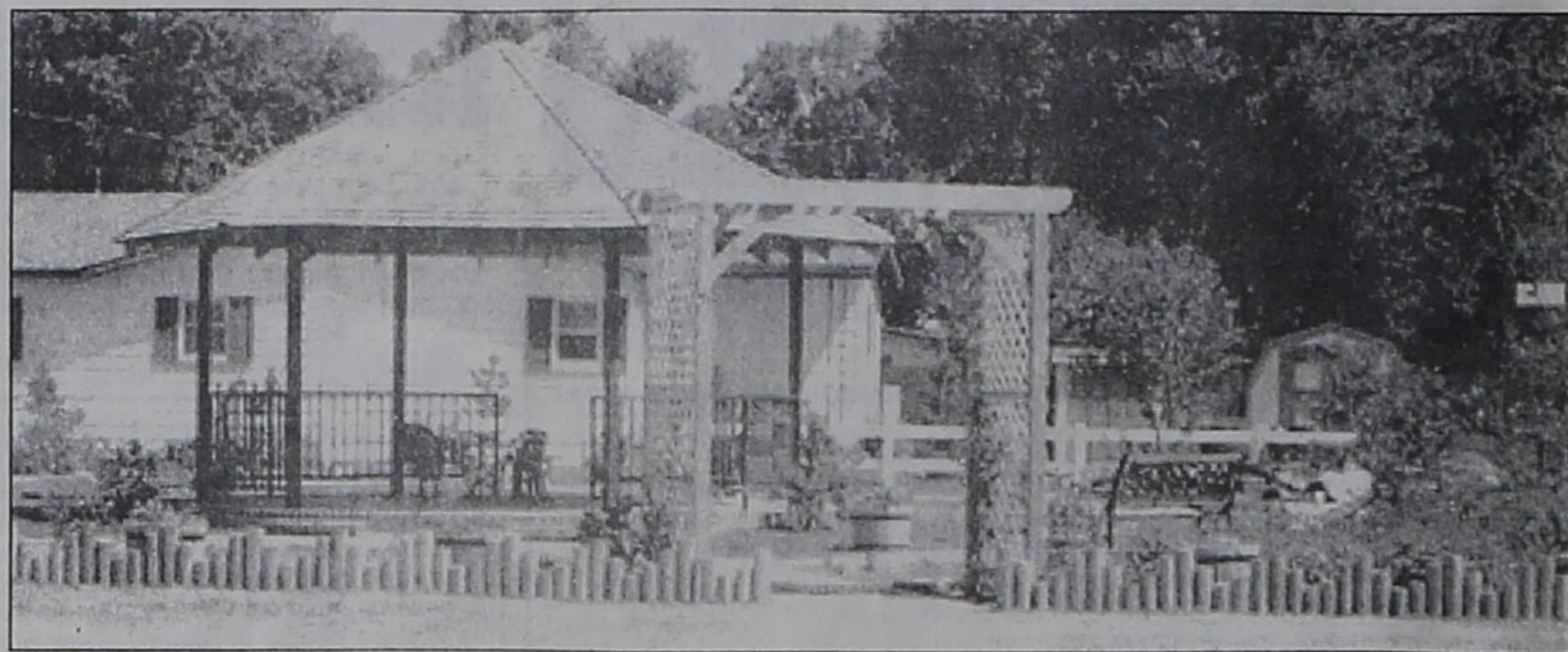
Honorary pallbearers were Troy Kirby, Lynn West, Ronnie Hoelting, Bruce and Craig Fuller, Kenneth Frye, Leander Reinart, and Charles Richard.

The family suggest memorials to the Diabetes Association or to Hospice Care, 213 W. Etter, Dimmitt 79027.

## DMS choir to perform at Harvest Days

The fifth and sixth-grade honors choir from Dimmitt Middle School will entertain with a 15-minute music and dance program Saturday, Sept. 9, during the Harvest Days celebration.

Scheduled to begin at 10:45 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt, the choir will perform three songs including *Hoedown*, *Boogie Woogie*, and *Down to the Bone*.



THE NEW CITY PARK in Nazareth will be officially dedicated Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. The park features a gazebo, park benches, several barrels of flowers, flower beds, trees, wooden fence, water

wheel, small pond and more. A portion of the funds for construction and landscaping of the park came from a grant. Photo by Anne Acker

# Police Calls

Two incidents of assault Class C were reported in Dimmitt Saturday.

At 1:27 a.m., a 32-year-old woman told police that a suspect in the 400 block of Southwest Second slapped her twice in an incident of family violence. At 10:57 p.m., a 17-year-old woman told police that a suspect in the 400 block of North Broadway punched her and then kicked her vehicle.

A Castro County resident told deputies Sunday afternoon that someone shattered the back windshield of his wife's car while it was parked at their home south of Nazareth. The damage apparently was done sometime between 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, when they noticed it. The man said he did not notice the damage when he came home at 1 a.m., but he was not sure if it had already been shattered at that time or not. The damage was estimated at \$600.

A 29-year-old Dimmitt woman told police Aug. 22 that someone took \$150 in cash out of her purse at her home on West Dulin.

A 24-year-old Amarillo woman was jailed Friday evening for evading arrest, failure to identify and driving while license suspended.

Sunday night, a Dimmitt man, 23, was jailed for driving while license suspended.

Jailed on warrants or probation or

court matters during the past week:

—Aug. 22, a Brownfield man, 21, on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; a 26-year-old Dimmitt woman on a warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500; and a Dimmitt man, 37, on a warrant for public intoxication.

—Last Thursday, a Hart man, 26, was jailed to serve time after court on charges of possession of marijuana over 2 oz. and under 4 oz.

—A Dimmitt man, 36, was jailed Friday for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

—Saturday, a 40-year-old Seminole man was jailed on a warrant for DWI, first offense, and a parole warrant.

### Jail Count

There were 13 inmates in the county jail on Tuesday morning, with another three farmed out for the week at an estimated cost of \$38 per day for each of them. However, it costs \$23 per day to keep prisoners in the Castro County Jail, so the difference in expense per day equals \$15 per prisoner. The extra cost of farming out three prisoners would be \$45 per day or \$315 for the week.

Aug. 23 at 5 p.m., a 1991 White Honda Accord driven by Maretta Smithson, 57, of Dimmitt, was struck by a 1994 Chevrolet Corsica driven by Amber Sweet, 25, of Dimmitt.

Police said Smithson was driving west in the 400 block of West Jones, when Sweet, who was heading south in the 100 block of Southwest Fourth, failed to yield right of way at a stop sign. The Corsica struck the right back quadrant of the Accord, causing light damage to both vehicles. No injuries were reported. Sweet was ticketed for an expired inspection sticker and failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

## Band boosters name officers

The Dimmitt High School Band Boosters met Aug. 21 and elected officers for the school year.

Selected to fill the office of president were Billy and Carolyn Harman, with Stacy Norman as vice president, Jerry and Carolyn Jansa as treasurers, Ruben Olvera as secretary, and Yvonne Hufhines as reporter.

The group will meet the third Monday of each month at the DHS band hall at 7 p.m. and all parents of band students are welcome to join.

The group discussed arrangements for the band to march in the Harvest Days Parade Sept. 9.

Those interested in helping work in the concession stand may call Carolyn Harman 647-2421.

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