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## Proud to be Americans!

These early childhood students at Richardson Elementary School wave small flags prior to a special assembly Friday in which the students and school remembered the victims and heroes involved in a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New

York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The ceremony included patriotic music performed by the Dimmitt High School Choir, displaying of several small flags by school children, and the release of red, white and blue balloons.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Grand jury returns nine felony indictments against Laurent

Nine felony indictments against 17-year-old Jake Laurent of Dimmitt have been returned by a Castro County Grand Jury.

Two Dimmitt students died and seven were injured on Aug. 19 when the pickup in which they were riding was involved in an accident. Laurent

was the driver of that pickup.

Laurent was indicted on two counts of intoxication manslaughter and seven counts of intoxication assault in connection with the accident that killed 18-year-old Stacy Saenz and 16-year-old Casey Villanueva.

Officers say high speed and alcohol were contributing factors in the accident.

The teenagers were reportedly returning to Dimmitt after meeting at the "Forest," a wooded area south of Dimmitt where teens have gathered for years. Alcohol is often consumed by those gathered.

DPS officers say Laurent was driving his pickup north on County Road 511 at a speed in excess of 95 miles per hour when it struck a utility pole. Laurent and eight passengers, including six riding in the pickup's bed, were ejected.

Saenz was trapped inside the vehicle. Villanueva was riding in the back of the pickup and was one of those ejected.

The other eight passengers were all injured, some critically. They have since recovered.

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

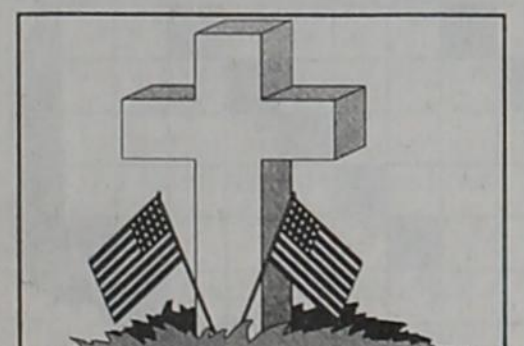
## Lions to serve barbecued beef lunch on Saturday

The Dimmitt Lions Club will serve brisket lunches on Saturday on the courthouse square in an effort to promote Castro County beef.

Beef Promotion Day will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the west side of the square. Plates will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, 10 and under. Carry-out plates will be available.

The menu will include brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, bread and soft drink.

This will be the Lions' 15<sup>th</sup> annual

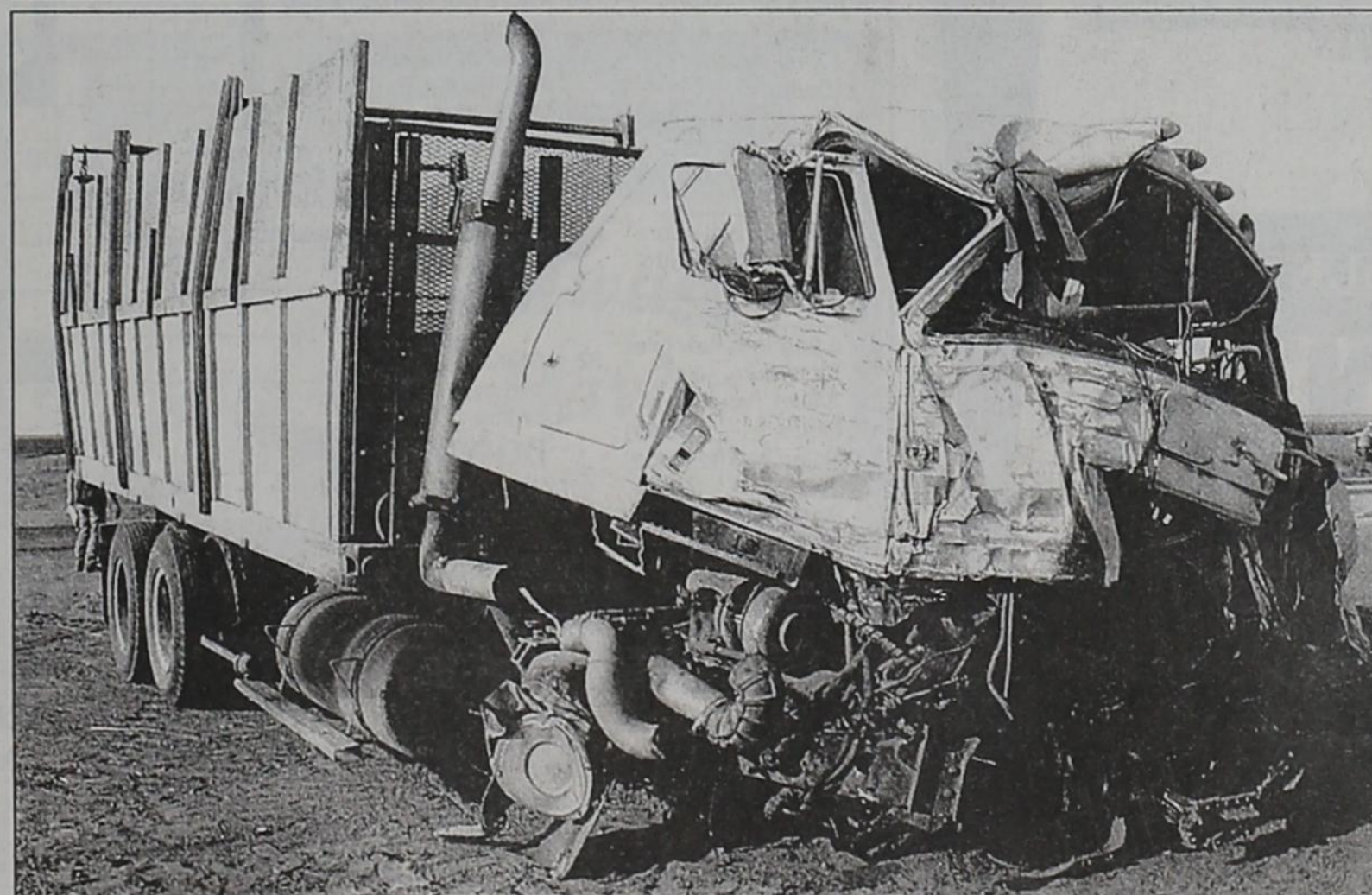


### We Stand United!

Patriotic gatherings, prayer sessions, food drives and more have been organized around the area as the nation mourns for the thousands killed in the terrorist attack on America, Sept. 11, in New York and Washington, D.C.

From schools to 4-H Clubs to the local food pantry, the public rallies in support of America.

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THIS 1977 INTERNATIONAL SILAGE TRUCK driven by Gerardo Soto, 24, sustained heavy damage last Wednesday after it ran the stop sign at the intersection of County Road 518 and FM Road 145

and struck a 1999 Western Star truck driven by Constantino Quintero, 44. Both drivers were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital with non-incapacitating injuries. Citations were issued to both drivers.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

## Corn harvest beginning to wind down in county

Rising production expenses, a prolonged drought and lower market prices have resulted in a sparse corn crop this year, and it won't be long before the crop is out of the field.

County farmers were thrilled when spring rains provided a good moisture base that helped their crop spring to life, but then Mother Nature shut down the natural water supply. The only moisture the crop received during the crucial months of June and July was pumped from irrigation wells, and that was costly.

Pumping that water hiked farmers' expenses for electricity and/or gas, and placed an additional strain on their budgets.

"The bulk of this corn crop was irrigated and with commodity prices where they are, farmers are struggling to stay within their budgets," said Robert Boozer with AgriFarm Industries in Dimmitt.

Another uncertainty farmers face now involves commodity futures.

Terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. on Sept. 11 killed thousands of Americans and sent the nation into a tailspin. The stock market dropped sharply Monday, and the already-depressed commodity prices took another hit.

"With this attack on America, nobody is certain what to expect from commodity futures," Boozer said.

Harvest is in full swing around the county now, and elevator operators say most of the corn will be out of the field within the next two weeks.

"We've had a lot of corn delivered to the elevator," said Buddy Seago at Cargill AgHorizons in Hart. "Harvest is beginning to wind down now, though."

"I hope we're only halfway through with harvest, but realistically, I think we're about two-thirds finished," Boozer said.

"Harvest is starting to taper off," said Rodney Hunter of DeBruce

Grain. "It started off so slow, but once it picked up it didn't take long. We expect harvest to wind down in another 10 days."

This year, Texas District 1-N, which includes Castro County, has seen planted and harvested acres of corn drop from 2000 totals.

A year ago, a total of 844,000 acres of corn were planted in that district, compared with only 600,000 acres in 2001. Of those acres, 781,000 were harvested in 2000, and only 535,000 acres are expected to be cut this year.

Castro County farmers planted 21,000 fewer acres of corn this year, and a lot of the corn planted was cut for silage.

"I know the number of acres of corn in Castro County is down this year, and it seems like more the crop went into silage than in the past," Hunter said. "Last year on the first day we took in 143 loads of corn. We didn't see that much this year, though. The expenses involved with raising this crop were higher. I also think the price for silage is better than the corn price."

"The producers that bring us grain

have cut back on the numbers of acres they planted to corn this year, but we're on target with what we expected to receive here at the elevator," Boozer said. "A lot of corn acres did go to silage this year."

"I've heard of some producers with great yields and some with not so great yields," Boozer said, adding that the lowest yield he's heard has been less than 100 bushels per acre while the best has been 266 bushels.

"Some farmers say their yields are off, but some say the yields are better than ever," Hunter said. "The test weight is good and moisture has been running between 22 and 23."

According to Seago, the corn received at Cargill AgHorizons has been testing 19.9 to 22 on moisture content, and yields have ranged between 8,500 and 9,700 pounds.

"The quality looks good. There has been some mite damage, and some cobrot damage, but for the most part it's okay," Seago said.

"Everybody just wants to get this year over with and start over fresh next year," Hunter said. "This has been a very expensive crop to raise."

## County adopts budget and okays 3% tax hike

Castro County Commissioners unanimously approved a \$3,578,176 budget, then set the tax rate at \$.581 to help fund the expenditures during the 2001-02 budget year.

The budget and tax rate were approved during a called meeting Friday afternoon.

The budget includes an estimated \$2,440,293 in expenses for the general fund and another \$1,137,883 for the road and bridge fund.

The effective tax rate for 2001-02 is \$.564. Commissioners elected to raise that rate by 3%, up to \$.581, three cents shy of the rollback rate.

The 3% increase will raise an additional \$47,670 for the general fund and another \$7,188 for the road and bridge fund.

Of the \$.581 rate, \$.441 will go into the general fund and \$.140 will go to the road fund. The money raised from the \$.140 will be divided between the county's four precincts, as follows: Precinct 1, 29%; Precinct 2, 24%; Precinct 3, 24%; and Precinct 4, 23%.

The new tax rate is expected to raise a total of \$1,630,130 for the general fund and another \$512,940 for the road and bridge fund.

With other revenues and a carry-over of \$659,010.76 in the general fund, the county has estimated revenues at \$2,876,111.76 for the coming year.

The revenues predicted for the road and bridge fund total \$1,015,820.

## Grandson of Nazareth natives survives attack on World Trade Center

Terrell Pohlmeier raced for his life and won on Tuesday, Sept. 11, after hijacked planes crashed into and destroyed the twin towers at the World Trade Center in New York City.

Pohlmeier, son of former Nazareth residents, Ralph and Emaline Pohlmeier, now of Yukon, Okla., was in the second tower, attending a class on the 64<sup>th</sup> floor, when the attack occurred. He is the grandson of Arnold and Catherine Huseman and Phillip and Dora Pohlmeier of Nazareth.

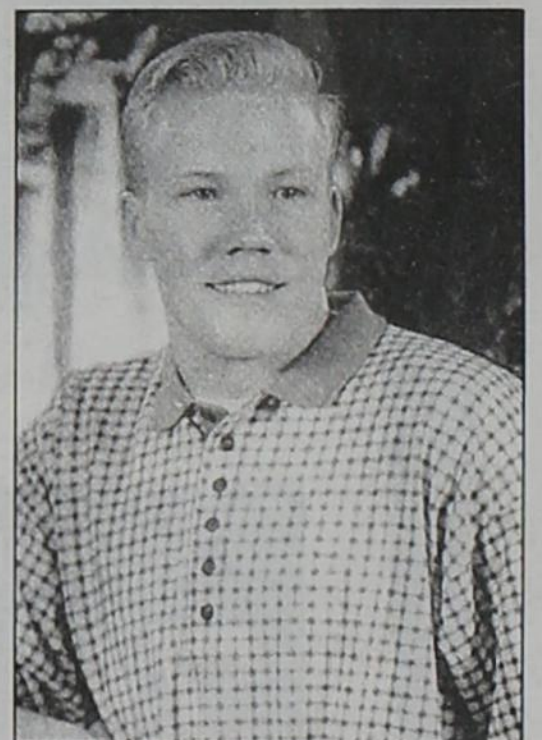
Pohlmeier and six other people he knew were taking a training course for Stanley and Morgan Co., a company in Tulsa, Okla.

"Terrell saw the first building hit and he started running as fast as he could down the steps," said Mrs. Huseman. "When he was about halfway down, the plane hit the second building. He said everything went dark and the heat was unbelievable."

She said Pohlmeier stumbled his way down the remaining flights of stairs in the dark, fighting the heat that enveloped the area. He eventually reached the bottom, escaping before the buildings collapsed.

"He ran for three miles to the hotel in which he was staying," Mrs. Huseman said.

Pohlmeier called Stanley and Morgan Co. in Tulsa, where he works, and told them to notify his family that he was okay."



TERRELL POHLMIEIER

... Escaped from WTC tower

Officials with Stanley and Morgan called Pohlmeier's parents in Yukon to let them know he was okay. About three hours later, the Pohlmeiers received a call from their son.

"He had a cell phone that worked—it was the only one that would work," Mrs. Huseman said.

Pohlmeier was finally able to return home to Tulsa and enjoyed a happy reunion with his wife, Aimee, on Friday. But Mrs. Huseman says he's still having a difficult time sleeping.

His family is just grateful that he's home and safe.

"He was definitely one of the lucky ones," Mrs. Huseman said.

Letter

# Freedom has taken new meaning

**Dear Editor:**  
Freedom has taken a new meaning for this nation as of Sept. 11, 2001. Our nation has endured many hardships and yet we continue to survive as the greatest nation on earth.

The idea of "freedom" has been around since the beginning of time for mankind, and on July 4, 1776, that dream became a reality for this great nation. Since then, we as a nation, have fought many hard battles near and far to keep that dream real and alive.

When you hear the word "Patriot" or you look at the American flag, what comes to mind? For most people, we are reminded of the courage and bravery of the many men and women who have died for what the flag stands for. For most of us, it is a symbol of freedom for this great nation that says proudly, "We have survived."

Many dates are etched into America's memory, but this date of Sept. 11, 2001, will be remembered more than any other, just because of the magnitude of this horrific tragedy.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked and America was awakened. The result—Hiroshima. We can only

pray that we will not experience that kind of magnitude of retaliation in our lifetime.

We, as Americans, need to come together as a nation and go about solving the problems in a civil and moral way. As Jesus died for our

spiritual freedom, we are fighting the battles of physical freedom, and we are reminded that it is not yet through. The spirit of America will not be broken!

JAKE WRIGHT  
Sophomore, Dimmitt High School

Letter

# We are not here to judge but to be judged

**Dear Editor:**

As I sat in front of my computer one morning, I started to cry as I prayed, with a heavy heart and with tears in my eyes for all the victims and their families of Black Tuesday. It was a black, horrible, tragic day for all Americans. The cowards brought us to our knees, but only for a little while.

Then I got really very angry and I started asking myself, where was airport security? Sleeping, out to lunch ... what? To make a mistake once is human, but four times?

Then one morning while sitting at my desk at work, I happen to glance out my office window and saw our flag flying in the wind. An old song came to mind—that when the battle raged on and after it was over the next day, our flag was still there. At that moment I felt even prouder to be an American. To be part of a land where freedom, liberty and justice prevails. We may bend a little but we will never break.

My heart goes out to all the victims and their families. I remembered I was not here to judge, but to be judged. To take it out on other people because they are different and happen to live in our country makes us no better than the faceless cowards (to quote the president). We did this horrible act. So brothers and sisters in Christ, let us hold our heads up high and let justice prevail, if not here on earth, then in heaven. But be assured it will come to be.

A concerned but very proud American—  
JANIE BUGARIN

# Op-Ed

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Guest editorial

# May we never forget

I've been known to burn my finger or cut myself at times, but after a while, no matter how bad the pain was, I usually forget about the injury.

Like all parents, there are times that I must discipline my children. Although this is not much fun for them or me, after a little while they always seem to forget about the incident.

It's certainly not unusual for two friends to have a disagreement or even at times a bad argument, but it seems that most of the time, after a little time has passed, they forget about the problem.

It is interesting to me how time has a way of healing wounds and even helping us to forget the unfortunate things that occur in our lives.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, was one of the most unfortunate days in our nation's history. For it was on that Tuesday morning that terrorists hijacked and plunged our American planes into two of the World Trade Center Towers in New York City.

As if that were not tragic enough, two more planes were hijacked and crashed, one into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the other in Pennsylvania. I remember watching on video the second plane as it crashed into the World Trade Center.

How could they? Why would they?

Tuesday, Sept. 11, will be a day that goes down in the history of our nation as one of the most tragic days our country has ever seen. Although the tragedy is now a week old and many of the wounds are beginning to heal, that day will not soon be forgotten.

Will we ever forget that tragedy? I assume that after the dust settles and the rescue efforts have come to a halt, that we will bury this tragedy in the back of our minds with the many other memories. Maybe it would be best to forget this tragedy, if we can.

Whether or not we forget this tragedy will not change in any way the future; however, there is one aspect of this tragic scene that I pray we as a nation will never forget.

What I'm referring to is the way we, as a nation, have come together and hit our knees in prayer to God. It seems that in a week's time we have learned to trust in God again. I say that because until now it certainly didn't seem like the eyes of our nation were on God.

What we as a nation need to know is that God wants us to trust Him.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.* (Proverbs 3:5-6).

God doesn't desire that any of us be scared or uneasy during this time, just trust Him. *Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.* (Psalms 37:1-3).

That's exactly what our nation has

done! Since we first heard of the tragedy last week, we as a nation have pulled together and trusted in God and prayed that He would see us through.

Probably, some that have never prayed before are praying now. Probably, some that have never given any consideration to the Father in Heaven are now looking to Him for strength.

I don't know about you, but I praise God for that.

Can't you see it? Things are happening in the United States that haven't happened in many years. All collegiate and professional sporting events were canceled this past weekend, and I firmly believe this was a very noble decision.

President Bush declared last Friday as a National Day of Prayer. I saw a clip of the Indianapolis Colts football team circled up together on their knees at noon Friday joining the nation in prayer.

We have a country full of people that are praying. Kids have been praying in their schools. Can you believe it? Prayer in schools! I heard of one Dimmitt High School class that held hands and prayed together right in the classroom. I stand and applaud those students and teachers.

I am so thankful that we have, for at least a week, decided to overlook those silly and ridiculous rules and laws that won't allow our kids to pray in school. How dare anyone tell our kids that they can't pray at school!

I realize that in the 1960s prayer was taken out of schools, but do you realize what has happened in our schools since then? Do you realize what has happened in our nation since then? When we said there will be no more prayer in school, we were pretty much cutting God out of the picture. It was as if we were telling God that we, as a nation, didn't need him. What in the world could be further from the truth?

There's not a soul who is reading this newspaper that doesn't need God. If you think we don't need God, then why have we spent so much time talking to Him this past week? Don't get me wrong, God wants us to talk to Him and we do that through prayer.

*But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.* (Matthew 6:6)

Notice the verse says, "when you pray," as if to say, I expect you to pray and I want you to pray. Paul says, *pray continually.* (Thessalonians 5:17). That's exactly what we, as a nation, have been doing. We must continue to pray for the rescue efforts and, of course, the leaders of our nation.

*I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.* (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Jesus prayed three times in the garden the night before his death, asking the Father to rescue him from the cross. Prayer is absolutely essential to our lives!

As time heals our wounds and helps us to forget this tragic attack on America, it is my fervent prayer that we never forget how we, as a nation, have leaned upon and trusted in God through prayer.

Our nation has been brought to its knees in prayer and I hope that we will stay that way. In a few weeks and even months I hope we are still praying and trusting in God like we are now. I hope, in the months to come, when a few of our students circle the flag pole at school and pray, that they are not interrupted and told that they can't do that anymore at school because the tragedy is over.

If they have the freedom to pray and read scriptures at school when our nation is under attack, surely they have the freedom to pray and read the Bible at school while we enjoy our good freedom.

Who knows? Maybe, just maybe, this will be the event that helps us to get prayer put back in school and the Bible back on the bookshelves of our school classrooms.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble; therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters soar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.* (Psalms 46:1-4).

May our nation continue to trust in the Lord and may we continue to drop to our knees in prayer to the Father.

CHUCK BALL, Minister  
Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ  
Dimmitt

*I am America.  
I am compassionate and caring.  
I help those who need me,  
And I ask for nothing in return.  
I will feed your hungry, clothe your poor,  
Defend you when you are attacked.*

*I am America.  
I am proud, yes, even arrogant.  
I have worked hard and sacrificed  
To acquire what I have.  
I am spoiled and sassy,  
But I stand on a solid foundation.*

*I am America.  
I might give all that I have to you,  
But never try to take it from me.  
I will welcome you into my home with open arms,  
But you must never, ever hurt my family.*

*I will face any enemy,  
Right any wrong.  
I have dignity and courage.  
The fire of liberty burns with me.  
I will meet any challenge, and I will win because  
I am America.*

— B. Durrett

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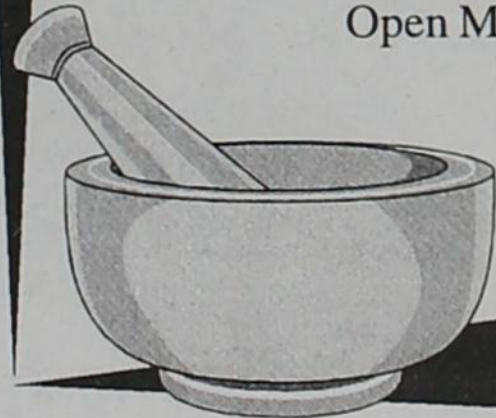
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- Site of Fort Bliss: Lanoria
- TXism: "\_\_\_ dance to that tune" (agree)
- Houston Galleria store: \_\_\_ & Taylor
- TX-made film: "Daddy's \_\_\_ Who's Got the Will?"
- TX-made V-22 Osprey is a tilt-
- D/FW arrival abbr.
- TX Pilgrim's Pride "won't sell \_\_\_ chicken"
- a flag that flew over TX: fleur-\_\_\_is
- TXism: "couldn't beat a \_\_\_ (loser)"
- Nolan had no-trade \_\_\_ in his final Rangers contract
- TX Steve Martin in his early career
- cake layer
- TXism: "gave his pall bearers the \_\_\_ (recovered)"
- TX Trini (init.)
- early TX female astronaut
- TXism: "red as a \_\_\_"
- this Farley began TX Boy's Ranch
- Astros foe Los \_\_\_ Dodgers
- TXism: "stay on your \_\_\_ (alert)"
- green gemstone
- TXism for "toilet"
- some "new" cars
- TXism: "play possum"
- TX McMurry's "The \_\_\_ Picture Show"
- "\_\_\_ on" (takes a job)
- to Dublin from Comanche
- Moore Co. town is named for the \_\_\_ Co.
- Dallas area named after Gen. Robert E. (2 wds.)
- TXism: "hotter than \_\_\_-bellied stove"
- Atlanta, TX AM radio
- TX h.s. sports org. (abbr.)
- a Star, Cowboy, or Astro
- TX Joan Crawford won Oscar for this film
- Looney Tunes character: Wile \_\_\_
- seat of Kenedy Co.
- TXism: "he's all beer \_\_\_ foam"
- less common
- TXism: "\_\_\_ piece" (far)
- TX Lyle Lovett's "Here \_\_\_"
- TX actor Rip (init.)
- police patrol State Fair on motor \_\_\_
- started a fire again
- TXism: "tame as \_\_\_ dog"
- George H. ailment on '92 Japan trip
- tortillas fried in fat
- property of actor Orson \_\_\_ was auctioned in Dallas
- engines in Denton's Peterbilt trucks
- LBJ's opening line: "\_\_\_ fella Murkins"
- TXism: "bend \_\_\_ elbow" (drink)
- rape evidence (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ hunt with an empty gun"
- X-mas tree grown in TX: \_\_\_ pine
- Davy's advice: "Be sure you're right \_\_\_ go ahead"
- TXism: "she has \_\_\_ on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- Dallas mayor who supported D/FW: \_\_\_ Jonsson
- common name south of the border
- TX Costa produces Christian \_\_\_ line
- JFK spent last night in \_\_\_ Regency in Fort Worth
- "Houston, we've got a problem" (\_\_\_ 13)

# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Dan and Oma Dee Heard of Graham have been in Dimmitt lately tending to their farm land and visiting grandchildren. Billie Kirby and I persuaded Oma Dee to tell our ladies Sunday school class about their mission trip to Spain this summer.

The adult choir from the First Baptist Church in Graham was invited to go to Spain as part of an ongoing partnership mission effort with 18 other Texas churches.

The group of 50 people flew to Madrid, Spain, spent a couple of days there in orientation and sight seeing. Their destination was Denia, Spain, located on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. At Denia they were to work with Jorge Pastor, head master at Alpha & Omega, the only Protestant Christian school in Spain.

The land where the school is located belonged to Jorge's family many years before, but was confiscated by the government. In recent years with a more relaxed government regime, Jorge was allowed to buy the land back and build this school.

The mission volunteers from Graham were restricted in their teaching. They could not teach Bible stories, but they could teach the children songs about Jesus.

Oma Dee worked with the nursery age children. The ones working with the older children simply put their regular Vacation Bible School stories aside, and used activities and games to show God's love. The older children wanted to learn how to play football and the missionaries that were Texas school coaches did just that.

Dan worked on a much neglected prayer garden on the school grounds. The men on this project bought park benches, flood lights, built a wooden cross, cleared old growth and planted new plants. Every variety of fruit trees grow there including olive, orange and almond.

The Graham choir sang at a different church each night. The mayor of each little village personally extended a warm welcome as did all of the Spanish people.

Oma Dee said, "The streets were narrow, the cars ... even the ambulances were mini sized, but the hearts of the people were big and warm!" It was a worth while endeavor. God blessed us all.

The question of the week has been, "Where were you on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 when you heard about the unbelievable tragedy of terrorism in the United States?" This

seems like a bad dream, has broken our hearts and moved us to tears. The positive effect is it has helped us to become more united than we've ever been.

Some of our acquaintances, former Dimmitt residents, friends and even kinfolk have been stranded or delayed because of grounded planes. These are people that I know about who've been inconvenienced:

Jewell Connell's grandson, Gary Pierce, formerly of Earth is a travel agent in Jacksonville, Georgia. He was guiding a large tour group to points of interest in Canada on "Terrible Tuesday." Jewell is not real sure how he managed to keep his group of 30-40 people fed and lodged for the extra days it took to get home.

The group from Georgia had gotten back on United States soil in Michigan on Sunday. That was still a long way from their home.

Gary's wife is a consultant for the airlines and a frequent flyer. Perhaps she was helpful in getting the group back to Georgia.

Kip Yates, son of Dee and Bill Brisco works only four blocks from the World Trade Center. On Tuesday, September 11, 2001 he was already at work. By 8:30 a.m. Texas time Kip had contacted his mother with the assurance he was all right. Kip's wife, Jamie, was still at their home 12 blocks away when the attack occurred. Kip's building was cleared of people, but because of the debris it took him and hour and a half to walk the 12 blocks home.

Kip is a proof reader of legal documents that are put on the internet. His title is assistant supervisor. Jamie works as a physical fitness instructor. They met at Texas Tech and moved to New York City four years ago.

Dee's other children are Brad, who lives in Memphis, Tennessee; Kyle of Arlington and Rick of Fountain, Colorado who is stationed in the Army at Fort Carson. Rick is grounded to his home and on the highest alert.

Sharon Barker, RN, daughter of Elvis and Joy Barker, lives in Austin. She is a volunteer who works with middle-east University of Texas students. She helps them with English and tutors them as necessary.

Sharon worked in Pakistan for many years in a children and women's hospital. In connection with her work in Texas, Sharon flew to Baltimore, Maryland on a Southwest airplane to Keswick, New Jersey for an Interserve Mission conference and on to Philadelphia for a mission board meeting. She was due back in Baltimore for a flight back to Austin at 11:10 Tuesday, September 11. Of course all flights were grounded.

She secured a hotel room in Baltimore and received the same answer from Tuesday until Friday, "maybe tomorrow," from the airlines. She was expected back to Austin on Friday.

Friday morning, Sharon rented a car and drove from Baltimore to Nashville, Tennessee where she boarded a flight out of there and arrived back in Austin on Saturday.

Cody and Kelly Fry, children of Van and Carole Hopson, flew to Cancun, Mexico on a long awaited vacation. They were snorkeling in crystal clear water in the Gulf of Mexico when another group of vacationers in a small boat sailed by and told them about the tragedy.

They spent three days longer in Cancun than they had planned. They arrived back at their home near Pilot Point on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 3:00 a.m. Grandmother Carole was in Pilot Point with Taylor, the Fry's four-year-old daughter.

Pam Strickland, wife of Butch Strickland of Independence and daughter-in-law of Bessie Strickland, had returned to Maraicoba, Vene-

zuela where she and Butch had served as missionaries for 12 years. She had gone to retrieve linens, dishes, etc. that they had in storage there. She had been visiting friends there. Butch said she would be loved and cared for during her extended stay, but this Monday, as far as Bessie knows, she is in Caracas awaiting a plane.

Bessie Strickland has received an email from her cousin, Dot Norman. Dot's daughter of Rhome is a flight attendant on one of the planes that was used as a weapon to destroy one

of the towers of the World Trade Center. At the last minute Tuesday she was transferred to a different flight. She narrowly escaped being a victim of tragedy.

Four members of the Town and Country Texas Extension Education Association attended the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 74<sup>th</sup> annual state conference in the Hilton Hotel Conference Center, College Station. It was only the 74<sup>th</sup> conference because during World War II the gasoline shortage didn't allow women to gather from across the state.

Those attending from Castro County were Patsy Entekin, president; Sandra Bagwell, vice president; Ferne Jones, treasurer and Jackie Edwards, member-at-large.

Jackie reports that it is 1,111 miles to College Station from Dimmitt and back. (That includes a brief retracing when they missed a turn.)

The group was in their hotel early Tuesday morning when they heard the bad news. Meetings were held Sept. 11, 12 and 13. The theme for the meeting was "Celebrating Texas Legacy." There were representatives from all 12 districts of the state, 836 registered guests and 379 voting

delegates plus the executive board and guests.

In the "Pennies for Friendship Collection," \$1,352.35 was donated and will be sent to help the disaster relief in New York City.

Claudine Langford of Dimmitt donated an afghan for the silent auction, and it was purchased by Nell Howard from Schulenburg. The programs were diversified and interesting. The Texas A&M Wranglers presented a fast moving dance program at the banquet that was held on the closing night of the convention.

Jackie invites everyone to come and join the Town and Country Club. The ladies will meet Friday, September 21 at 10 a.m. at the Castro County Extension office.

These are such minor inconveniences compared to the sufferings everywhere, but I considered these human interest stories to be of interest to those of you who read "On the Go."

As I walked into church Sunday and embraced a long time friend, we spoke of the horrible week. We were no longer a Democrat and a Republican, but proud citizens of the United States of America.

God Bless America!

## Fashion Follies slated Saturday

South Plains 4-H'ers who have completed clothing and textile projects this year will gather Saturday at the Texas Tech Human Sciences Building to compete in the 2001 fashion show, and several Castro County 4-H'ers are among those who will participate.

The show is slated to begin at 10 a.m.

County 4-H'ers entered in the Fashion Follies are Whit Whitaker and Will Whitaker, both from the Hart 4-H Club; and Beth Horn of Nazareth 4-H.

Senior 4-H'ers from Castro County who will be assisting at the district Fashion Follies show are State President Jeremy Bishop and Jaci Bishop of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club, Susan Kern and Michael Horn of the Nazareth 4-H Club and Whitney Mitchell of Hart 4-H.

"These youngsters represent 4-H Clubs from the 20 counties in our district. These 4-H'ers earn the right to compete in the district show by winning fashion awards in their home counties," said Brad Davis, Extension 4-H program specialist of Lubbock.

This year's show will include two competition categories—construction and buying. The construction division emphasizes sewing and construction skills, and garment appearance. In the buying division, entries are judged on appearance, quality of workmanship, wardrobe, coordination, appropriateness of care requirements, and the use of comparison shopping techniques.

There are four classes of competition in each category: casual, dressy, specialty and embellished-recycled—a new competition class.

Afternoon activities will take place at the South Plains Fairgrounds, beginning at 2 p.m. with the Fashion Follies on the outdoor stage between the Merchants and Women's Buildings.

Theme for this year's 4-H Fashion

Follies will be "4-H Clothing Carnival." During this event, 4-H'ers who participated in the morning competition will take the stage alongside other junior and senior club members who completed a clothing and textiles project this year. They will model their projects in three classes—purchased, constructed or recycled-embellished.

4-H is the youth development and leadership component of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, part of the Texas A&M University System's Agriculture Program. Texans can get more information on 4-H Activities and clubs by contacting their County Extension Office or on the Internet at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

**Nazareth**  
with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

It's very hard for me to put my mind to our Naz news this week. I quote a Texas Tech advisor, "I've never looked at my freedom that much. It's taken this to realize how we have taken our freedom for granted."

Prayers are asked for Francis Wilhelm; Virgil Brockman; Anna Huseman Lee; Edith Huseman; Lori Huseman; Margaret Brockman; May Hochstein; Greg Hoelting; James Wilhelm; Leona Maurer; Jerome Birkenfeld, who is a stroke patient in Amarillo at the VA Hospital; and Lou Herring, Katherine Huseman's father in Amarillo.

Linda Kendrick, Rebecca and Madison Kendrick of Desota and Lisa Pohlmeier of Dallas spent the weekend here with parents, LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier. They arrived in Hale Center Friday evening to watch the Naz Swifts and Hale Center football game.

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# People



## Clinton will direct county spelling bee

Across the area, county spelling bee directors are being named to coordinate the 2002 National Spelling Bee, and Castro County's director will be Deborah Clinton, principal for the Nazareth Independent School District.

The annual spelling bee is sponsored by the *Amarillo Globe News* and West Texas A&M University.

The 2002 regional event will be held on the WTAMU campus April 6, and the deadline for reporting all county champions to Jeane Bartlett, spelling bee editor of the *Amarillo Globe News*, will be March 23.

The national sponsors, the Scripps Howard Newspapers, permit students from public, parochial, charter, private and home schools to participate. Students normally begin in a classroom competition, school competition and advance to the county level. There must be at least five finalists in a home school elimination. Scripps Howard rules state that a contestant cannot be in a grade higher than the eighth before Feb. 1, 2002, and a speller cannot be older than 16 by the date of the national finals on May 19, 2002.

The *Amarillo Globe News* and West Texas A&M University bee offers two levels of competition. The junior bee is for students in grades five and below. The senior bee is for grades eight and below.

Any director has the option of combining the two levels if he or she so chooses; however, each county in the assigned area can have only one representative in the April 6, 2002, regional contest.

Each county may select a junior winner in addition to the senior champion, but the elementary grade student will not compete in the area's final spell-down unless he or she wins the county's senior title.

The sponsors will recognize each county junior winner and each county senior winner at a luncheon preceding the regional competition.

The *Amarillo Globe News* will provide an expense-paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., where the 2002 area champion will represent the area sponsors in the National Spelling Bee beginning May 26, 2002.

The top prize at the national level will be \$10,000.

Most schools and students in the area study from the Scripps Howard booklet, "Paideia," which contains a collection of over 3,500 words grouped in 29 categories at three difficulty levels—beginning, intermediate and advanced. This booklet is available from the *Amarillo Globe News* at a price of \$1 per copy. To order the booklet contact Bartlett.

Bee coordinator is Amy Gibbons, instructor, division of education at WTAMU in Canyon.



Mario Piña and Monica Arce

## November wedding planned

Saul and Elisa Arce of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Monica Arce, to Mario Piña, son of Roberto and Eva Piña of Friona.

The couple are planning to exchange wedding vows on Nov. 24 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is currently employed at Quality Inn of Amarillo.

The prospective groom graduated from Friona High School in 1997. He is employed by Affiliated Foods of Amarillo.

## Hospital Auxiliary holds fall brunch

Members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary enjoyed a fall brunch last Wednesday at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The event opened with a prayer recited by the 16 members in attendance. The brunch was served to the group by Linda Rasor, Trudy Jackson and A'llan Bradley.

The brunch and ensuing meeting kick off the auxiliary's new year, and the membership committee reported that several new members have joined the group over the summer.

Treasurer Gertie Waggoner reported that the "isolette" and "Pig-o-stat" ordered for the hospital nursery have been received and the \$9,097.10 bill has been paid by the auxiliary.

Claudine Langford and Edna Reinart attended the state auxiliary meeting in Austin last June. They reported it was a good, informative meeting with 244 auxiliary members from around the state present. A total of 37,820 auxiliary members with

5,704,636 hours of volunteer service have resulted in \$6 million for hospitals.

The district meeting will be held Friday at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Six Auxiliary members from Dimmitt are planning to attend.

They also discussed an ongoing quilt raffle, and tickets this raffle can be purchased from any auxiliary member or from the clerk at the hospital gift shop. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The quilt will be awarded Nov. 16 at the auxiliary's turkey dinner and bazaar.

## Breast cancer screenings set

Breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Friday, Oct. 4.

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

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

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

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

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



## Who's New

### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Margarita and Ramon Torres of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Timothy Maurice, who was born at 12:23 a.m. on Sept. 15 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Timothy has four older siblings including Richard Torres, 7; Austin Torres, 5; Jonathon Torres, 3; and Kimberly Torres, 1-1/2. His paternal grandparents are Cruz and Rosa Ayala of Hart. Maternal grandmother is Maria Padilla of Mexico.

### OUT OF TOWN

Eric and Stacy Kinser of Lampasas are the parents of a baby boy, Wyatt Olson, who was born at 2:12 a.m. on Aug. 30 in Killeen. He weighed in at 9 lbs., 9.6 ozs., and was 23 inches long. He has two big brothers, 5-year-old Gabriel and 4-year-old Seth. Maternal grandparents are Shirley Abney and John Abney of Lampasas. Paternal grandparents are Leroy and Sharon Kinser of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Kathleen Farquhar.

It's a boy for Ben and Melanie Holcomb of Wellington. Their son, John Michael Holcomb, was born at 6:18 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Childress Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs., 12-1/2 ozs., and was 21-1/2 inches long. His big brothers are Brad Holcomb of Lubbock, the late Ben Ray Holcomb, Tanner Jeffery of Arlington and Zachary Jeffrey of Wellington. His grandparents are Laura Geneva "Sadie" Holcomb of Plano and the late J.T. "Bus" Holcomb, and Charles Ray "Dick" and Margaret Pendleton of Wellington.

## Adult leaders sought for 4-H food projects

The Castro County 4-H is seeking adult leaders who would be willing to help youngsters with food and nutrition projects.

"I would love to show you how easy this is," said Castro County

Extension Agent Marily Neal. "It has a limited time commitment and you get to eat the results!"

Neal is planning a training session for adult leaders willing to work with 4-H'ers on food and nutrition projects. It will be held next Thursday, Sept. 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

Neal also has scheduled classes for 4-H'ers who will be competing on a quiz-bowl team, and for those planning a food and nutrition project.

The quiz bowl training will be Oct. 3, 10 and 24, and on Nov. 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. each day, at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

The food and nutrition classes have been scheduled for Oct. 9 and 30, and for Nov. 6 at the Extension office. These classes will run from 4 to 5:30 p.m. each day.

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Eliza Ortiz Rodriguez

## Rodriguez named teacher of year

Eliza Ortiz Rodriguez, daughter of Natividad and Olivia Ortiz of Dimmitt has been selected as "Teacher of the Year" for 2001 from Rockwall Elementary in Rockwall.

Rodriguez has taught bilingual education for 21 years. She is currently a kindergarten bilingual education teacher in Rockwall.

She was also selected as bilingual teacher of the year in 1998 at Gilbert Cuellar Elementary and as Teacher of the Year in 1996 at William Anderson. Both schools are located in the Dallas Independent School District.

She attended South Plains College and West Texas State University.

Rodriguez says her "inspirations and successes have come from her supportive and loving parents and the wonderful teachers who guided her in Dimmitt."

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**CARE CHAIN**—Castro County 4-H'ers (from left) Rose Wilhelm, Jaci Bishop, Susan Kern, Whitney Mitchell and Jeremy Bishop, who is state president, show off the monstrous paper chain, created by 4-H'ers and local youngsters last week at the District 4-H meeting in Lubbock. The chain is being created in support of the victims of terrorist attacks on New

York and Washington, D.C. on Sept. 11. Green links were created by 4-H'ers from 20 counties in the Panhandle and the rest were created by others. Each paper link has a message and the name of its creator, and the completed chain will be forwarded to the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

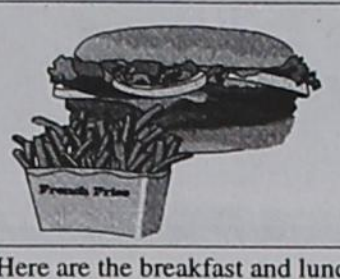
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# 4-H'ers construct 'care chain' for terrorism victims

Castro County 4-H'ers are creating a paper chain in honor of the victims of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., and they plan to send their goodwill message to the National 4-H Center in Washington. On Sept. 11, terrorists hijacked four commercial airliners and used them to attack the World Trade Center's twin towers and the Pentagon. Thousands are feared dead from the attacks. "There aren't a lot of things kids can do in this situation, but they can let people know that they do care," said County Extension Agent Suzanne Gibbs. 4-H'ers are asked to form a link for the chain using green paper. Others are invited to make links as well, according to Gibbs. "This could turn into a statewide project," Gibbs said. "There are 20 counties in the Lubbock District, and

we hope all of them will participate. Our district president and the state 4-H president is Jeremy Bishop from Dimmitt, so we may be able to turn this into a statewide project. County 4-H'ers worked on assembling links for the chain Saturday during a district meeting in Lubbock. The project started in Castro County last week, with construction sessions at the Immaculate Conception Church in Dimmitt and in Hart. "This is just a way for the kids to send their goodwill to the victims of this tragedy," Gibbs said. If you would like to participate, here's how it works. Each child puts his or her name, age and hometown on a 1" x 8-1/2" long strip of paper. Green is the only color with special meaning, and 4-H'ers making a link are asked to use this color. All other colors are open

for other youths. The Castro County 4-H will collect links through next Thursday, Sept. 27. "Please don't connect the chain yet. It may be easier to ship as paper strips," said Gibbs. "We will have to ship it to the National 4-H Center in Washington to be placed in whatever memorial they set up there. "The youth of this area can make a difference with their prayers and positive thoughts. Please help us show our collective support of the victims, survivors and rescuers during this tragedy," Gibbs said. For more information, contact the Extension office at 647-4115.



# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Sept. 20-28.

**DIMMITT**  
Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
**Grab and Go Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, chilled fruit cocktail and milk.  
FRIDAY: Egg and cheese Hot Pocket, peaches and milk.  
MONDAY: Honey bun, pineapple juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Fruit Loops cereal, chilled fruit cocktail and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Rice Krispie treats, orange wedges and milk.  
THURSDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Blueberry muffin, assorted fruit juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
Pre-School to 1<sup>st</sup> Grades  
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, vegetable medley, Fideo Mexicano, orange gelatin surprise and chocolate milk or white milk.  
FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, corn on the cob, tossed salad, applesauce and chocolate milk or white milk.  
MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, French fries, taco condiment salad, orange wedges, and chocolate milk or white milk.  
TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, jellied cranberry sauce, garlic bread and chocolate milk or white milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, mixed vegetables, pineapple sunset salad, hot cheese rolls and chocolate milk or white milk.  
THURSDAY: Nachos with ground beef, refried beans, apple slices and chocolate milk or white milk.  
FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, Mexipinto beans, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin, birthday cake and chocolate milk or white milk.

2nd-12th Grades  
THURSDAY: Choices of nachos with cheese, tuna and noodles or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, baked potato or sweet potato and apple; tossed salad, honeydew melon or orange gelatin surprise; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and white milk, chocolate milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: Choices of pepperoni pizza, grilled cheese with soup or red beans and rice; potato wedges, corn on the cob or broccoli and cauliflower; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or applesauce; angel flake biscuits, cornbread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
MONDAY: Choices of hoagie submarine sandwich, steak fingers with gravy or beef taco; French fries, savory peas or corn and

green beans; orange wedges, tossed salad, taco condiment salad or tomato salad with cucumbers; hot rolls, tortilla chips or stir fried rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
TUESDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with onions and peppers or poor boy steak; country rice dressing, parsley buttered potatoes or butter beans; tossed salad, jellied cranberry sauce or pea salad; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls or tortilla chips; and white milk, chocolate milk or punch.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken strips, beef stew or macaroni and cheese with ham; French fries, mixed vegetables or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, cornbread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with ground beef, grilled chopped steak or pigs in a blanket; Chinese style vegetables, refried beans or lyonnaise carrots; tossed salad, apple slices with cinnamon or fruit fantasy; hot cheese rolls, sliced bread or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, fish burger or salmon casserole; tomato and okra gumbo, baked potato or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; Frito corn chips, crackers or birthday cake; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**NAZARETH**  
**Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Breakfast pocket, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
MONDAY: Blueberry muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Breakfast pocket, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: \* Frito pie or pizza, cornbread, tossed salad, corn, banana, peach cobbler and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, chicken rice, fruit cocktail, gingerbread and milk or juice.  
MONDAY: \* Nachos or corn dogs, tossed salad, peas, pears, dump cake and milk or juice.  
TUESDAY: \* Chicken spaghetti and roll or chef's salad, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, chocolate pudding and milk or juice.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, corn, applesauce and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: \* Soft taco or chicken fajitas, lettuce, Spanish rice, apple, peanut butter bar and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Barbecued sandwich or hamburger, potato cube, lettuce, cauliflower, fruit cocktail  
\* Items designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students.

**HART**  
**Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Pancakes with syrup, sausage, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, variety of cereal and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.  
MONDAY: Buttermilk biscuit, sausage, variety of cereal, graham cracker, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, pizza or lasagna with ground beef, Texas toast, gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches, whole wheat sugar cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked potato, salad, ranch dressing, sour cream, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.  
MONDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, chef's salad or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes and gravy, assorted fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, applesauce, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.  
TUESDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza hot pocket or large slice of pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, white cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, ham sandwich or barbecued chicken; rolls, baked potatoes, fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, white cake with strawberry topping and milk.  
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, toasted cheese sandwich or enchilada casserole; chips, tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or hot dog on a bun with chili; pinto beans, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, applesauce, gelatin dessert, brownie and milk, punch or tea.

# Food drive underway for victims of terrorist attack

Panhandle Community Services centers across the area, including the Dimmitt office, are gathering food items which will be forwarded to New York City and Washington, D.C., where thousands died after terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. Several local citizens have expressed an interest in assisting the victims by donating food and other items. Food collected through Sept. 28 will be forwarded to the High Plains

Food Bank in Amarillo, which in turn will forward the food to the disaster locations. Items needed include bottled water, protein or snack bars, high energy items, ready-to-eat meals and paper or plastic items. Cash donations also are being accepted, and will be presented to the High Plains Food Bank or the American Red Cross. "The terrible events of the past week have awakened all of us to the fact of just how vulnerable our nation is," said Stella Devers, coordinator of the Dimmitt Panhandle Community Services office. "The freedoms with which we are so blessed become more precious when we witness the horrors of hate and destruction. We may never know how many families and relatives have been affected from the events of this past week. God bless us all."

# Matthews earns bachelor's degree

Tawnee Lynn Matthews of Dimmitt graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor of arts degree in speech communication. Matthews was one of 2,006 Texas A&M University students to receive a degree during summer commencement services.

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Bennie Wright.....647-5712

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## Complaints of price-gouging flood attorney general's office

Consumers from across the state have been notifying Texas Attorney General John Cornyn of suspected incidents of price gouging since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

"There is an artificial fear out there

that our nation's fuel supply is in danger," said Attorney General Cornyn. "I find it despicable that some business operators want to profit from that fear. Texas consumers are on notice, and they are giving us helpful leads on

unscrupulous business operators. Violators shouldn't be surprised if the phone rings and they find one of my staff members on the other end of the line."

More than a thousand complaints had been received by the attorney general's consumer protection division by 11 a.m. last Thursday. Investigators are following up on the reports and are consolidating them where necessary.

In most cases, the confirmed price gouging incidents are resolved with a phone call; however, the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act gives the attorney general authority to take legal action when necessary. Price gouging violators could face fines of up to \$10,000 per incident, and be forced to pay attorney fees and restitution.

Any suspected incidents of gouging should be reported to the attorney general's office at 1-800-337-3928, or 1-800-252-8011. Complaints can also be registered on the Internet at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

Cornyn also cautions consumers to be aware of unscrupulous groups and individuals who may try to scam generous Texans who think they're donating money to the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attack.

## Ranchers must renew brands with county clerk

Livestock producers are required to renew their brands with the county clerk's office, and they must do so by Feb. 28, 2002.

Castro County Clerk Joyce Thomas began processing requests for brand registration renewals on Aug. 30.

The recording fee will be \$11 per brand, per location, according to Thomas.

Producers have until Feb. 28,

2002, to renew their brand registration.

Brands that are not renewed by March 1, 2002, become void and will become "open brands," available for registration by the general public.

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Jim supervises the Clinic which handles 'walk-in' care. Care that might be handled in the clinic would be minor emergencies, worker's comp, physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Anything of a more serious nature would enter the hospital through the emergency room. There are five doctors affiliated with the clinic.

Jim sees the unofficial mission statement of the clinic as "Providing quality health care to every member of the community with a facility that is looked on with pride by the community it serves."



**Wiley Haydon**

Director of Quality Assurance

Wiley Haydon is our new Director of Quality Assurance. Wiley is married to Cristi and they have four children, Jesse, 8; Joe, 13; Kim, 19; and Wiley III, who is 21. Wiley graduated from West Texas A&M University, Canyon, in 1992. He is a registered nurse.

As Director of Quality Assurance, Wiley is responsible for seeing that the facility delivers the highest quality of care and remains complaint with state and federal regulations.

Another area Wiley supervises is Infection Control for the entire hospital.

Wiley's responsibilities bring him into a working relationship with each of the departments in the hospital, hospice, home health, the clinic, etc.

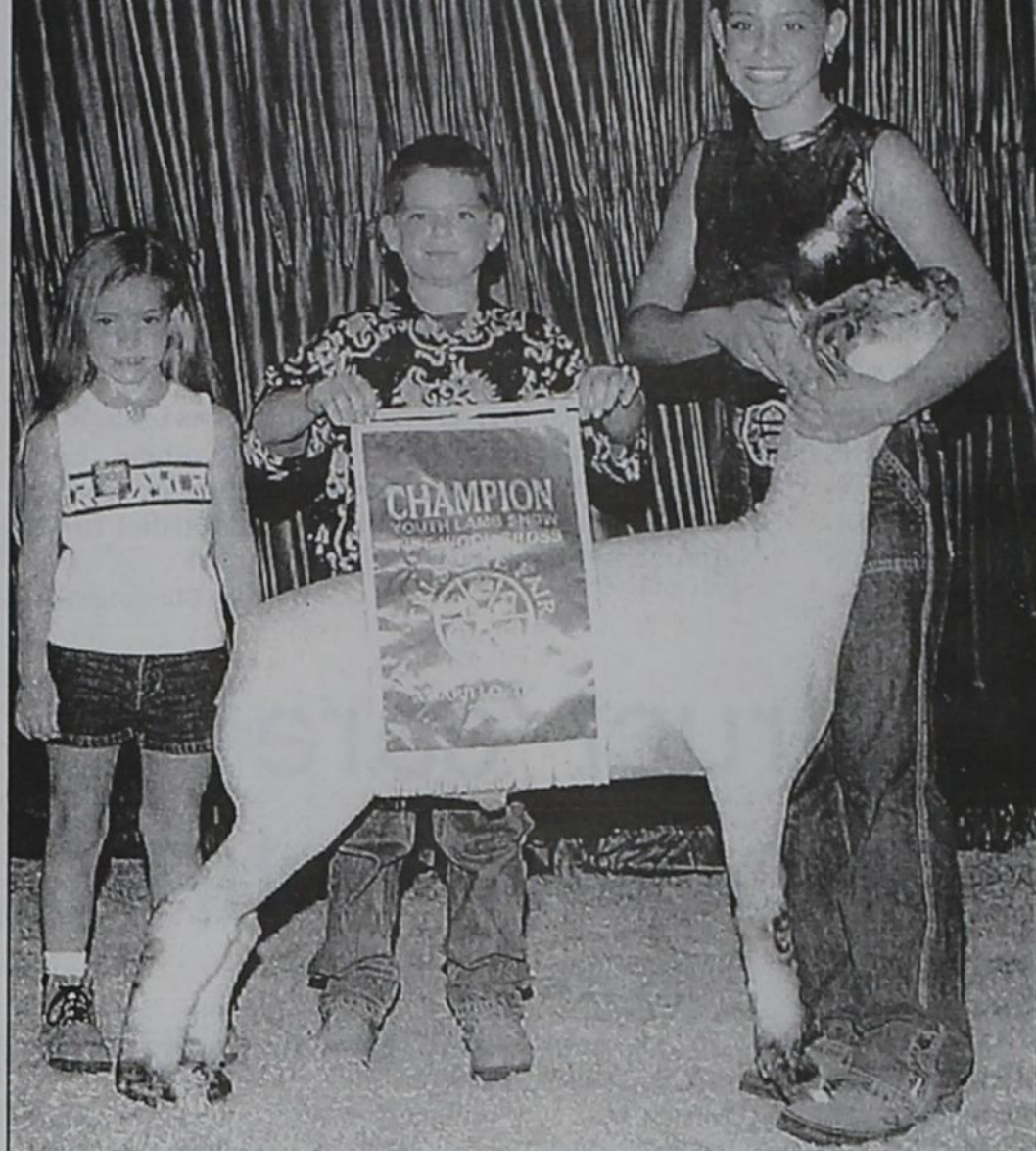
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## TRI-STATE FAIR 2001



**CHAMPION SHOWMAN**—Castro County 4-H'er Raynee Bradley (right) showed her Finewool Cross to the breed championship Sunday in Amarillo's Tri-State Fair, and she also won the senior showmanship title. Pictured with Bradley are her sister and brother (from left) Taylor and Beau Bradley.

Courtesy Photo

## Bradley wins Tri-State showmanship honors

Castro County 4-H'er Raynee Bradley was named the top senior lamb showman in the Tri-State Fair Sunday, and she also exhibited a breed champion Finewool Cross.

Several lamb exhibitors from Castro County fared well in the Tri-State Fair's youth lamb show Sunday.

Bradley not only exhibited the top Finewool Cross lamb in the show, she placed with several others, including two first-place Medium Wool lambs.

Shae Odom of Dimmitt FFA showed the reserve breed champion Southdown and placed with other lambs.

Beau Bradley, a Castro County 4-H'er; and Jinna Wright of Dimmitt FFA also exhibited first-place lambs in the show.

Here's how county youths fared in the lamb show Sunday:

### FINEWOL

Class 1: 3. Beau Bradley, Castro County 4-H.

Class 2: Jinna Wright, Dimmitt FFA.

### FINEWOL CROSS

Breed Champion: Raynee Bradley, Castro County 4-H.

Class 1: 2. Raynee Bradley.

Class 2: 1. Jinna Wright.

Class 3: 1. Raynee Bradley; 8. Beau Bradley.

### SOUTHDOWN

Reserve Breed Champion: Shae Odom, Dimmitt FFA.

Class 1: 1. Shae Odom.

### MEDIUM WOOL

Class 1: 1. Beau Bradley; 2. Beau Bradley; 4. Cutter Standlee, Castro County 4-H; 7. Jenna Acker, Castro County 4-H.

Class 3: 5. Beau Bradley.

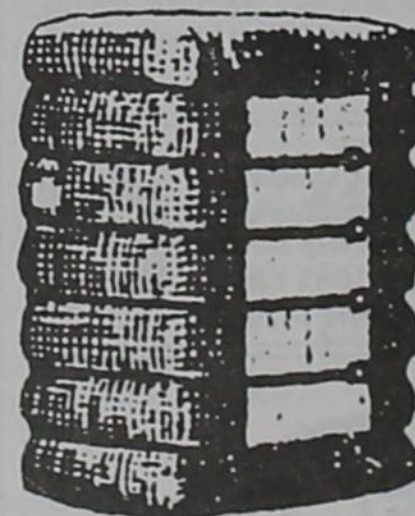
Class 4: 5. Shae Odom.

Class 5: 9. Adam Acker, Castro County 4-H.

Class 6: 1. Raynee Bradley; 9. Jinna Wright.

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## Entomology team training slated Oct. 4

4-H'ers between the ages of 8 and 13 interested in expanding their insect knowledge can join an entomology team and attend a training session on Oct. 4.

The class will be conducted by County Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Agent Emilio Nino, and will be held from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

Team members will meet about once a month and will compete in contests.

If you are interested but cannot attend the Oct. 4 meeting, call the Extension office anyway, so they will know if there is enough interest to form a team.

## Jones's bull featured in Angus report

Worth Jones of Dimmitt owns one bull that is listed in the 2001 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 5,999 sires. The report is accessible at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," said John Crouch, American Angus Association's director of performance programs.

"Of the sires listed in the main report, 76% have expected progeny differences (EPD) for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product." EPD are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

Traits in which EPD are available include birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference, as well as carcass traits including carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail product.

The analysis for the sire evaluation report is conducted by Iowa State University, by Dr. Doyle E. Wilson and Dr. Abebe Hassen.

## 4-H livestock judges place at Tri-State Fair

One junior 4-H livestock judging team from Castro County finished fourth overall in the Tri-State Fair Saturday, and three county 4-H'ers placed among the top 10.

The team of Eric Odom, Beau Bradley, Dennis Underwood and Chauncey Gilbreath finished fourth, with Odom placing ninth among individuals and Underwood finishing 10<sup>th</sup>.

Lacey Acker was the top county individual, finishing eighth overall in the contest.

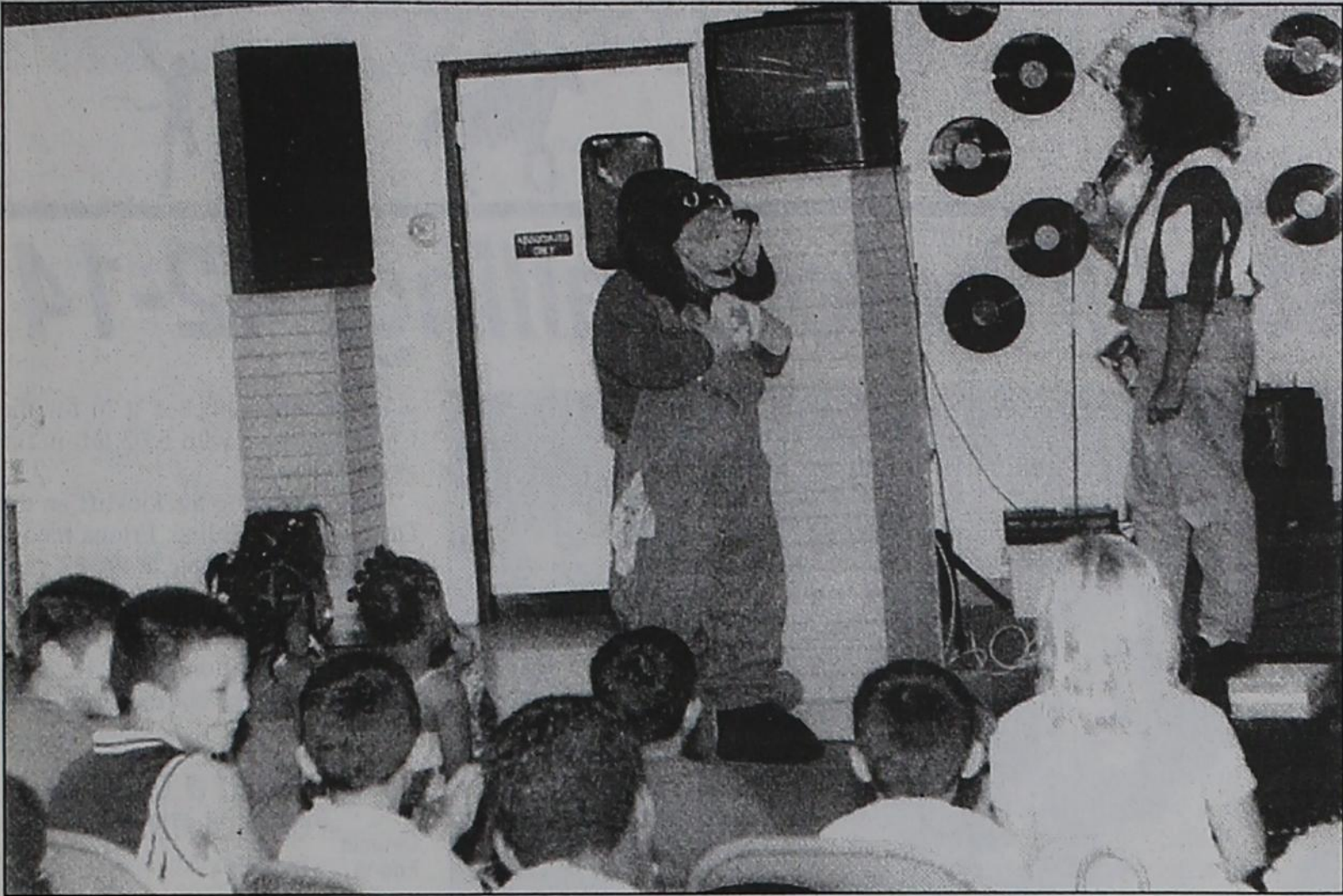
Acker was on a second county team that also included Keisha Smith and Brooke Parker, but the team wasn't among those that placed.

## Porsch leads Dimmitt FFA in judging

Jake Porsch finished with the 11<sup>th</sup>-best score in the senior livestock judging contest Saturday at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo, and he was the top scorer among members of the Dimmitt FFA team.

Porsch was joined on the livestock judging team by Dimmitt FFA members Shae Odom, Jeff Corbitt and Holly Lane.

**Classifieds get results!**



ANGIE TREVINO OF TULIA speaks to over 100 youths with the help of Rover. Rover is actually David Trevino, Angie's husband. Angie and Rover bring Christian messages to youth gatherings. This group is gathered at the youth center in the old

Beall's building on the east side of the courthouse in Dimmitt. The center is sponsored by the Abundant Life Family Church of Dimmitt, where Tom and Kay Mullins pastor.

Photo by Chris Bradford

## Teen center offers entertainment

Tom and Kay Mullins pastor the Abundant Life Family Church in Dimmitt. In turn, the church sponsors a place for kids and youths of all ages to go where they can listen to Christian music, enjoy free snacks, play games, skate board ramps and enjoy a risk-free environment. All of this is available in the old Beall's building on the east side of the courthouse on selected

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Every other Wednesday, pre-teens can visit from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The center is open to teens each Friday from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The center is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On nights when Dimmitt plays a home football game, all high school students are invited to a "5<sup>th</sup> quarter."

This takes place from 10:30 to 11:30 after the game.

The center is funded by donations from area churches and individuals.

Any donations can be sent to:  
**Abundant Life Family Church**  
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PO Box 187  
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## Sorghum yield contest underway

The 2001 National Grain Sorghum Yield and Management contest is underway and farmers who are 30 or more days from harvest still have time to enter.

Producers who are interested in entering should contact the National Grain Sorghum Producers at (806) 749-3478 or [ngsp@sorghumgrowers.com](mailto:ngsp@sorghumgrowers.com). Entry forms also are available at NGSP's web site. That address is [www.sorghumgrowers.com](http://www.sorghumgrowers.com).

Sorghum growers from across the US compete each year to determine how their sorghum yields stack up on the county, state and national levels. Winners of the contest, which includes five divisions, are determined by the amount a contestant's yield exceeds the five-year average yield in that contestant's county as determined by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The contestant's score is the difference between their yield and

the county five-year average. Winners are determined by high scores in each division.

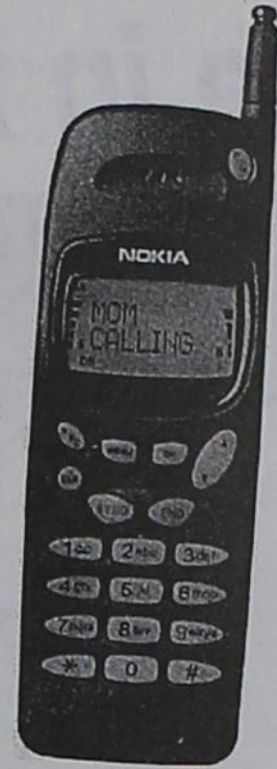
The contest's five divisions are non-irrigated conventional tillage, irrigated conventional tillage, non-irrigated no-till, non-irrigated mulch-till and irrigated reduced-till. Based on scores, state and national winners are named in first, second and third places in each division. State first-place winners go on to compete for national honors.

Producers may enter as many contest plots as they wish. A \$35 non-refundable entry fee must accompany each entry or contest plot. Contestants must be a member of the National Grain Sorghum Producers; however, dues may accompany the entry.

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# Sports



## Bobcats keep it close in first half before falling, 42-14

In a football game that indeed had two halves, the Friona Chieftains defeated the Dimmitt Bobcats by a 42-14 count.

Dimmitt matched the Chieftains hit for hit in the first half scoring on a pass play with no time left in the first half to knot the game at 14-14. The second half was a complete reversal with the Chieftains scoring 28 unanswered points.

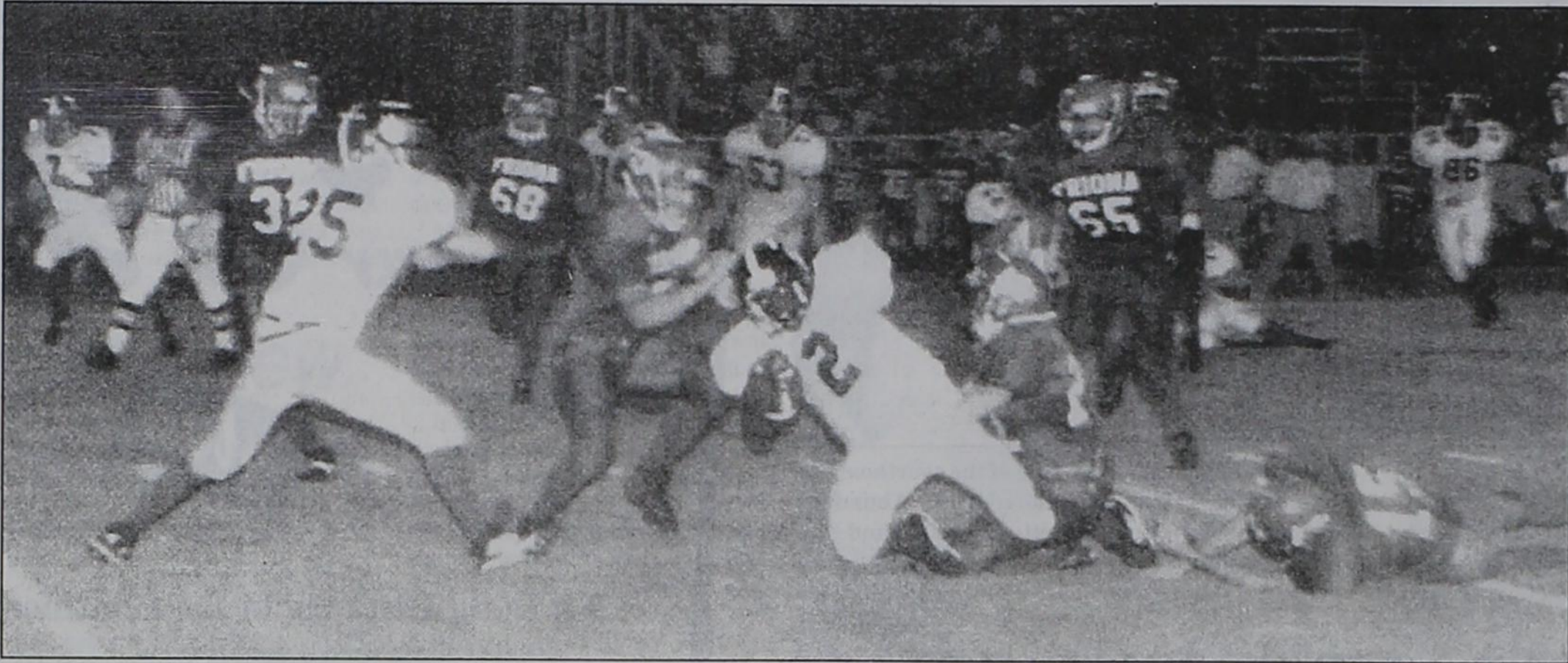
Friona took the opening kickoff and quickly stuck the ball in the end zone on the strong running of junior running back Nathan Haile. He picked up 201 yards for the game.

Following an offsides flag against Dimmitt, Haile ran 40 yards to the five, scoring two plays later with 9:16 left in the first quarter.

After receiving the kickoff, Dimmitt put the ball into play from their own 36 yard line. Senior quarterback, Matthew Wright looked good all night throwing the ball with precision. For the night, he was 12 completions for 21 attempts with two interceptions.

Two carries later Dimmitt is in business on the Friona 49. Wright passed to Austin Sherman down to the Friona 35. Three plays later, Wright keeps down to the 25 to set up a fourth and inches. A quarterback sneak by Wright results in a Dimmitt first down just inside the 25. Four plays later, Wright scores from the four yard line on a quarterback keeper with 5:56 left in the first quarter.

After trading offside penalties,



DIMMITT RUNNING BACK LEE BROWN (2) finds himself dragged down by a host of Friona tacklers after gaining a few yards Friday night in a non-district game between the Bobcats and Chieftains. Trying to open a hole for Brown is teammate Jake

Porsch (25). Dimmitt kept it close in the first half, but Friona exploded in the second half, and scored 28 unanswered points to take a 42-14 victory.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Hailes runs for 64 yards for the Friona touchdown to make the score 14-7, Friona.

Friona covers the following offsides kick and sets up their offense on the Dimmitt 43. The Dimmitt defense took over and forced Friona to punt. After the punt goes out of bounds at the Dimmitt 5 yard line,

Dimmitt is unable to move and punts from deep in their own end zone to end the first quarter.

An apparent Chieftain touchdown is wiped out by a penalty against the Friona quarterback for passing after crossing the line of scrimmage. The penalty comes with a loss of down and Friona punts down to the Dimmitt 7 yard line.

Two running plays and a time out by Friona with 1:01 left in the half finds Dimmitt at their own 11. Lee Brown carries out to the Friona 35 yard line after a fake reverse. After Wright passes the Bobcats down to the Friona 12 yard line, Dimmitt calls time out with :02 left in the half. A leaping reception by sophomore, Nicky Gauna and the point after kick gives Dimmitt a 14-14 tie at the half.

Dimmitt receives to start the second half. The Bobcat offense can't move and is forced to punt. Friona sets up business on the Chieftain 24 yard line. Five plays later, the Chieftains have a first down on the Bobcat

25. This is all Haile needs as he rambles in from the 25 to make it 20-14 with 9:32 left in the third quarter. A successful kick makes it 21-14.

The Dimmitt offense starts from their own 20 yard line. The Bobcats grind out two first downs out to the 40 yard line. After a loss on a running play and a quarterback sack, Dimmitt is forced to punt from their own 37. Friona covers the ball after a bad snap from center and puts its offense in business from the Dimmitt 20 yard line. Sophomore Brock Field scores from the 19 to make the score 27-14. The kick widens the Friona margin to 28-14.

Dimmitt receives the ball on the Friona 23 yard line. A pass from Wright to Brown results in a 14 yard gain out to the 37 yard line. After two more completions, Wright targets Brown and the Chieftain defense is flagged for pass interference to put the Bobcats in business on the Friona 32 yard line. Wright hits Brown with two quick completions to move the ball to the Chieftain 25

yard line. On the next play, Chieftain Adam Bandy intercepts Wright and returns the ball out to the Friona 33 yard line as time runs out in the third quarter.

Four plays later, Chieftain, Brock Field hits Cody Grimsley for the Friona touchdown to make the score 35-14 with 10:30 left in the fourth quarter.

Dimmitt sets up on its own 23 after an unnecessary roughness penalty. A pitch to Lee Brown moves the ball out to the 33 yard line of Friona. A fourth down attempt is unsuccessful and the balls goes over to Friona on downs on the 38 yard line.

Relying on the legs of Haile, Friona drives to the Dimmitt eight

### Here's how our opponents fared

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

#### Dimmitt opponents

SPR LAKE-EARTH (1-2) lost to Sundown, 23-7  
DENVER CITY (2-0)  
RIVER ROAD (1-1) beat WT High, 32-13  
ROOSEVELT (2-1) lost to Brownfield, 19-13  
SHALLOWATER (0-2) lost to Idalou, 17-2  
COOPER (1-1) beat TULIA (0-2), 26-18  
LITTLEFIELD (1-1) beat Levelland, 35-32  
MULESHOE (2-0) beat Slaton, 36-18

#### Nazareth opponents

FARWELL (0-2) lost to Portales, 14-12  
CLAUDE (1-1) beat Highland Park, 19-6  
B. RANCH (1-1) beat SAN JAC (0-4), 48-15  
HART (3-0) beat Anton, 49-27  
KRESS (1-2) beat LCHS (0-3), 36-0  
VEGA (0-2) lost to Panhandle, 26-0  
STRATFORD (2-0) beat Dalhart, 41-2

#### Hart opponents

MEADOW (2-1) beat Hereford JV, 34-13  
MORTON (1-1) beat Lorenzo, 39-6  
CLAUDE (1-1) beat Highland Park, 19-6  
FARWELL (0-2) lost to Portales, 14-12  
VEGA (0-2) lost to Panhandle, 26-0  
NAZARETH (2-1) lost to Hale Center, 29-19  
BOYS RANCH (1-1) beat San Jacinto, 48-15  
STRATFORD (2-0) beat Dalhart, 41-2  
KRESS (1-2) beat LCHS, 36-0

where Bandy punches it in for the Chieftain score with 6:02 left in the game.

After receiving the kickoff on the Dimmitt 35 yard line, Friona recovers a Dimmitt fumble at the 32 yard line.

Friona mercifully ended the game with an interception with 1:18 left in the game and ran out the clock from there.

### Game at a Glance

Bobcats 14, Friona 42				
Dimmitt	7	7	0	0-14
Friona	14	0	21	7-42
First Downs	DIM	FRI		
	10	15		
Yards Rushing	109	328		
Yards Passing	148	38		
Total Yards Gained	257	366		
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	12-21-2	2-3-0		
Punts-Avg.	2-37	4-34		
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0		
Penalties-Yards	7-40	14-115		

### Scoring By Quarters

**First Quarter:**  
FRIONA—Nathan Haile 1 run (Brian Wiseman kick)  
DIMMITT—Matthew Wright 4 run (Ruben Espinoza kick)  
FRIONA—Haile 23 run (Wiseman kick)  
**Second Quarter:**  
DIMMITT—Austin Sherman 8 pass from Wright (Espinoza)  
**Third Quarter:**  
FRIONA—Haile 64 run (Wiseman kick)  
FRIONA—Brock Field 19 run (Wiseman kick)  
FRIONA—Cody Grimsley 20 pass from Field (Wiseman kick)  
**Fourth Quarter:**  
FRIONA—Adam Bandy 8 run (Wiseman)

## Nazareth Homecoming plans are made

Nazareth High School will cap off Homecoming activities this week with a football game with Farwell on Friday, and crowning of Homecoming and band royalty.

The Student Council designated each day this week as a special dress-up day. Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday was Rock Star Day, Wednesday was Geek/Nerd Day, Thursday will be Blue and Gold Day and Friday will be Dress Up Day.

The Homecoming Pep Rally will be held tonight (Thursday) at Swift Field. During the pep rally, the Spirit King and Queen will be crowned.

Spirit candidates are seniors Megan Hoelting and Quentin Jones, juniors Meagan Schulte and Reece Hales, sophomores Tanya Herring and Brock Birkenfeld, and freshmen Jamie Black and Garrett Kleman.

A chili supper is planned prior to the pep rally, and will continue after the event. Cost for the meal is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. The menu will include chili and the trimmings, along with homemade desserts.

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned prior to the Sept. 21 football game, and the Swift Band will crown its royalty at halftime.

Candidates are seniors Mandy Hoelting, who will be escorted by Blake Birkenfeld; Marsha Black, who will be escorted by Daryl Pohlmeier; and Danette Ramaekers, who will be escorted by Aaron Kern.

Homecoming princesses and their escorts will be juniors Teri Ramaekers and Justin Kleman; sophomores Sarah Ellison and Andrew Brockman; and freshmen Jamie Birkenfeld and Tyson Schulte.

The band king and queen will be crowned at halftime of the football game Friday.

## DHS runners place in Tulia

Two Dimmitt High School runners placed among the top 14 individuals in a boys' cross country meet in Tulia Saturday, while the girls' team finished seventh out of 14.

Aaron Saenz had the best time for the Bobcats in the race, completing the three-mile course in 18 minutes and 40 seconds. Finishing on his heels was teammate Adam Guzman, who finished 14<sup>th</sup> with a time of 18 minutes and 48 seconds.

The Bobbies didn't have a runner in the top 10, but had several with good finishes in the meet. That boosted them into seventh place among teams.

Individual results from the girls' race were unavailable at press time.

The Bobbies' junior varsity team finished sixth among the 15 teams competing in Tulia.

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### CALENDAR EVENTS

- Thursday, Sept. 20—**
  - Football: Junior High Pep Rally—3:00
  - 7th Grade Bobcats vs. Denver City, Here—4:00
  - 8th Grade Bobcats vs. Denver City, Here—5:30
  - DHS JV Bobcats vs. Denver City, There—7:00
- Friday, Sept. 21—**
  - Football: DHS Pep Rally—3:15
  - DHS Varsity Bobcats vs. Denver City, Here—7:30
- Saturday, Sept. 22—**
  - DHS ACT Test—8:00-12:00
  - Cross Country at Olton
- Tuesday, Sept. 25—**
  - DHS Homecoming Queen & Flame King & Queen Elections
- Wednesday, Sept. 26—**
  - DHS Student Council Workshop, Amarillo

### CAMPUS EVENTS

- RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY**
  - On Tuesday, Sept. 25, there will be a parent "Make & Take" night in the Cafeteria from 6:30-7:30.
  - Several teachers will be attending workshops throughout the week with an emphasis in ready and balanced literacy.
- DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL**
  - Approximately 90, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are currently enrolled in a reading lab to actively work on software programs designed to diagnose reading problems and to prescribe activities to help students address these problems.
  - The DMS Band will begin a fund-raiser on Friday, Sept. 25.

- DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL**
  - FCCLA is sponsoring a "Fill the Bus" activity to help send supplies to the rescue workers in New York City. All students in the district are encouraged to donate ready-to-use foods through Thursday, Sept. 20.
  - On Tuesday, Sept. 25, a cookout will be provided by the Dimmitt Rotary Club to begin the DHS Interact Club. A meeting to plan yearly events and elect officers will be held immediately afterward.

- DIMMITT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**
  - The Dimmitt ISD board of Trustees will be attending the TASA/TASB School Board Convention, Sept. 22-24. Several good training sessions and the annual delegate assembly will highlight this year's convention.
  - The Dimmitt ISD Board of Trustees will be attending Level I, Part II School Board Training in the Video-Conference Room at DMS on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

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### DENVER CITY MUSTANGS

7:30 p.m.



# 1470 A.M.



# Hart, Nazareth preparing for Homecoming games

Hart and Nazareth are gearing up for Homecoming this week, while the Bobcats are getting ready to face one of the toughest AAA teams in the state Friday night.

Dimmitt will meet Denver City Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium.

Nazareth will host the Farwell Steers for its Homecoming game. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m., just after pre-game Homecoming ceremonies.

The Hart Longhorns will square off against Claude in their Homecoming game at 8 p.m.

## Denver City at Dimmitt

Shutting down the option will be the primary focus for the Dimmitt Bobcats this week as they host the Denver City Mustangs and talented quarterback Armando Galvan (5-10, 190).

Galvan passed for 589 yards and rushed for another 632 in 2000 and he'll be taking the snaps for the Mustangs for the third straight year.

In Denver City's 23-14 win over Post, Galvan proved he could throw with the best of them, completing four passes for touchdowns. He connected with three different receivers on those scoring strikes of 44, 27, 59 and 8 yards.

"We're going to have to shut down the run and contain their quarterback on play action," said Dimmitt Coach Glen Dunnam. "If he has time to sit

back in the pocket, then scramble around, he's going to find someone open. He can really hurt you if he has time."

The Mustangs are 2-0 on the season, knocking off Portales, N.M., 15-6; then beating Post on Sept. 7. They had an open date on Friday.

The Denver City I-formation offense is highlighted by Galvan, fullback Pat Barber (6-0, 200), and split end Jacody Huckaby (6-0, 160).

"They use quite a bit of motion in their offense, and they run well. They'll pass off of play action, and Galvan is good at taking advantage of breakdowns on defense."

Denver City returns nine offensive starters, including the trio mentioned above. Others are linemen Omar Arzate, (6-3, 230) Miguel Barnabar, (6-1, 220) Fernando Escalante (5-8, 205) and Kyle Ply (5-9, 191); and wide receivers Mike Gonzales (5-9, 160) and Goi Porter (5-6, 165).

Defensively, Denver City runs a split formation featuring Escalante and Ply on the line; Huckaby and Porter in the defensive backfield and Galvan at linebacker.

"Denver City is a good team. They are big and they play good defense. They've got great overall team speed and they can get to the ball in a hurry," Dunnam said.

"We're going to have to stay balanced like we were last week. We have to execute. If we can run the ball well, it'll help open up our passing game."

## Farwell at Nazareth

The Swifts hope to get back on the winning track this week when they host Farwell in their 2001 Homecoming game.

Nazareth suffered its first loss of the season Friday at Hale Center, and the physical game left the Swifts a little banged up.

Wide receiver and secondary man Ky Wilcox didn't play Friday and is out for the year with a shoulder injury.

Another secondary player and receiver, Trey Robb, suffered a shoulder injury Friday and is questionable this week.

Starting tight end and defensive end Eric Schilling is still battling back problems and running back-linebacker Aaron Kern suffered a wrist injury Friday. Schilling and Kern hope to play against Farwell, though.

Farwell is 0-2 on the year with a 21-0 loss to Petersburg and a 14-12 loss to Portales, N.M., on its record.

The Steers are working under new head coach Jacob Thompson and they line up split backs most of the time. A big offensive line makes the offense click.

That line is anchored by 6-3, 314-pound Luke Schwertner, who started for the Steers a year ago. Joining Schwertner on the line are veterans Brice Hunt (5-9, 187), Casey Meeks (6-2, 187) and Ben Oppliger (5-11, 185).

The Steers have a few players back at the skill positions, too, including split ends Landon Meeks (5-11, 165) and Taylor Nichols (5-10, 160). Nichols shifted to the backfield this season, where he's taken over the quarterback duties for the steers. Running back Thomas Ortiz (6-0, 182) rounds out the list of returning starters.

The quarterback is the key to Farwell's offense, according to Nazareth Coach Ricky Peacock.

"He's probably their best athlete. He's accurate when he throws the ball, and he's their leading rusher, too. He's dangerous. We have to contain him."

In its season opener, Farwell gained 135 yards on the ground and another 38 through the air, but couldn't score against Petersburg. Farwell rushed for 219 yards against Portales and Nichols broke a 63 yarder to score.

The Steers' split defense is similar to Nazareth's and the unit has allowed a combined 432 yards rushing in those games.

The defense features Hunt, Casey Meeks, Landon Meeks and Schwertner on the line; Nichols at defensive back and Ortiz at linebacker.

## Claude at Hart

Hart will have a tough challenge in its Homecoming game when the Claude Mustangs come to town Friday.

Kickoff in the Hart-Claude game will be 8 p.m.

Claude (1-1) lost a heartbreaker to tough Class AA Clarendon in the season opener, allowing the Broncos to score three fourth quarter touchdowns for a 35-34 win. In the second week, Claude handed Highland Park a 19-6 loss.

Claude's regular starting quarterback is Jared Heck (6-0, 161), but he suffered a broken arm, so Eric Eddleman got the nod at the signal caller position against Clarendon. He passed for 114 yards and ran for another 242. Against Highland Park, he picked up 124 yards rushing, passed for 54, and scored one rushing touchdown. He is expected to be the starting quarterback against Hart.

Running backs are Geoffrey Lemons (5-8, 164) and Jed Hudson (5-8, 156).

Junior tight end D.R. Crowell (6-7, 237) and split end Marcus Haggard (6-1, 182) give Eddleman two good targets to aim for when the Mustangs find themselves in passing situations.

Claude's front line is massive, anchored by Jesse McClellan (6-0, 232) and Lee Eddleman (5-11, 218), with Gabe Hanson (6-0, 190) and Ben Cox (6-0, 183).

"Claude is huge. They're a very scary team because their offense is so unconventional," said Hart Coach Jay McCook. "It's hard to defend them. They like to spread it out and they'll run out of the shotgun 80 to

90% of the time." McCook said containing Eric Eddleman is the key to shutting down the Mustangs' potent offense. "We have to contain him and we have to tackle. He was their tailback last year, but since then he's moved to quarterback."

Defensively, Eric Eddleman is a returning starter at linebacker, and Lemons and Hudson join him in the corps. Lee Eddleman, Crowell and McClellan are featured on the defensive front line.

Key players line up in the secondary, and they all have experience. They are Haggard and Lucas Minkley (6-1, 166) at the corners, and Heck as the safety.

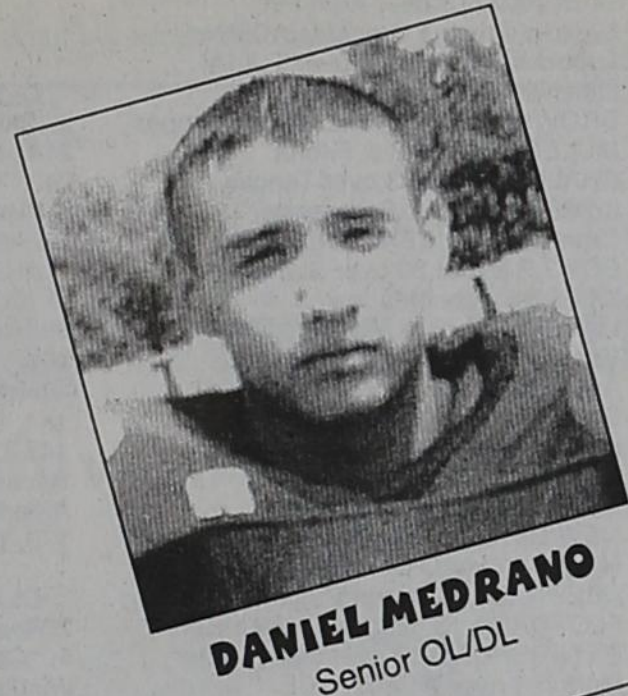
"Offensively, I think we can move the ball against Claude. They're big, but I think we're quicker and we want to use our speed to our advantage," McCook said. "We can't have turnovers like we've been having and we need to cut down on our penalties and mistakes. We've won three games, but we can't afford to have a letdown."



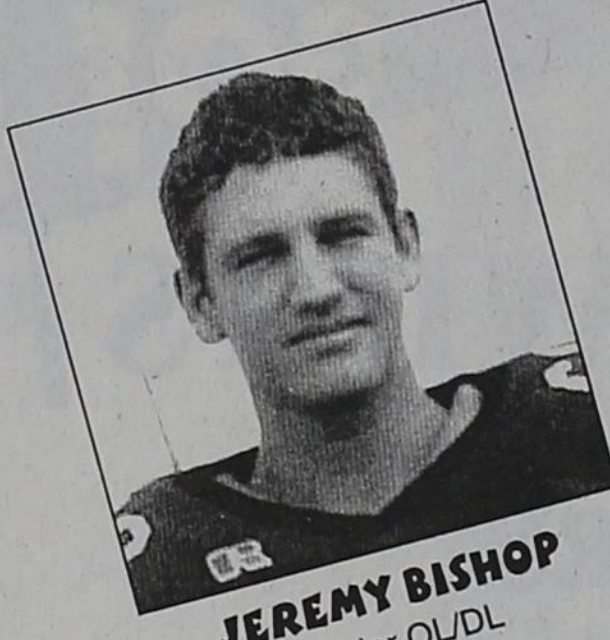
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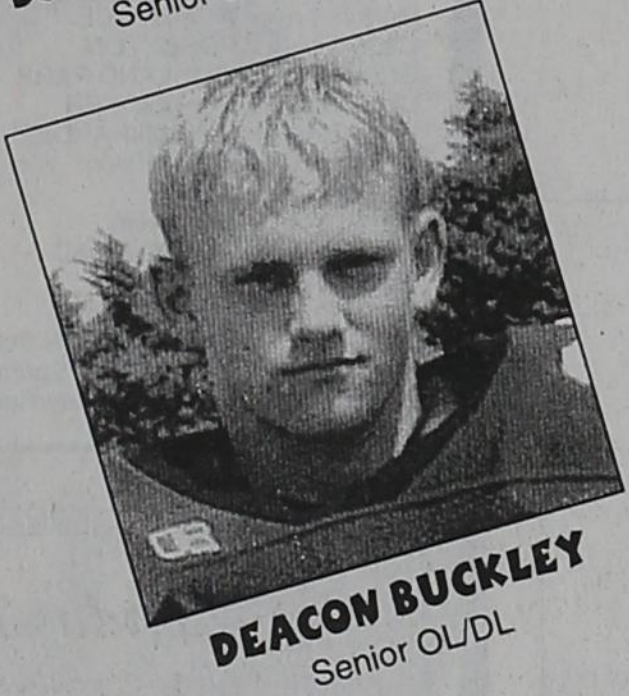
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<b>VARSITY</b>			
Bobcats 14, Springlake-Earth 20			
Bobcats 14, Friona 42			
Sept. 21 Denver City			
Sept. 28 River Road	Here		
Oct. 5 Tulia (Homecoming)	There		7:30
Oct. 12 *Lubbock Roosevelt	Here		7:30
Oct. 19 *Shallowater	There		7:30
Oct. 26 *Lubbock Cooper	There		7:30
Nov. 2 *Littlefield	Here		7:30
Nov. 9 *Muleshoe (Parents Night)	There		7:30
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<b>JUNIOR VARSITY</b>			
JV Bobcats 0, Springlake-Earth 8			
JV Bobcats 6, Friona 16			
Sept. 20 Denver City			
Sept. 27 River Road	There		
Oct. 4 Tulia	Here		7:00
Oct. 11 *Lubbock Roosevelt	There		7:00
Oct. 18 *Shallowater	Here		7:00
Oct. 25 *Lubbock Cooper	Here		7:00
Nov. 1 *Littlefield	There		7:00
Nov. 8 *Muleshoe	Here		7:00
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<b>SEVENTH AND EIGHTH</b>			
8th Grade Bobcats 24, Friona 30			
Sept. 20 Denver City			
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# Owls rally to snatch win from Swifts

**By MEGAN SCHULTE**  
Hale Center took advantage of Nazareth turnovers Friday, scoring 16 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to claim a come-from-behind win, 29-19, in a hard-hitting contest at Owl Stadium.

The Owls jumped out to a 13-0 lead in the first half before Nazareth came back to score the next 19 points of the game for a 19-13 lead headed into the fourth quarter.

But a couple of big plays by Hale Center, including a 25-yard fumble recovery that was returned for a touchdown, deflated the Swifts in the fourth quarter.

"We played hard last Friday," Nazareth Coach Ricky Peacock said. "Our effort was good, but our execution was not."

The Swifts were unable to do many things on the offensive side of the ball, and lost some key opportunities to score. They turned the ball over five times—three on interceptions and another two times on fumbles.

Nazareth rushed for 194 yards, and added another 79 yards passing for a total of 273 yards.

Leading the Swifts ground force was senior Aaron Kern, who carried the ball 20 times for a total of 177 yards, also joining the force was senior Daryl Pohlmeier, who carried the ball for 12 yards.

Hale Center rushed for 260 yards, and passed for 54 yards—a total of 314 yards.

"We made too many mistakes against a good team to win," Peacock said. "When you turn the ball over five times you cannot expect to beat good teams."

Nazareth fumbled the ball four times, and two were recovered by Hale Center. The Owls had three fumbles, all of which were recovered by the Swifts.

Leading the defensive force was Kern, who made 15 tackles. Following him were junior Reece Hales, and Jase Merritt, who had 12 and 10 tackles, respectively.

Missing from the Swifts' lineup Friday was starting wide receiver and defensive halfback Ky Wilcox, who is nursing a shoulder injury. He'll be out for the rest of the season.

Nazareth also lost cornerback Trey Robb for part of Friday's contest

after he suffered a shoulder injury during the game. Kern injured his wrist and Eric Schilling was suffering from back problems during Friday's game.

Hale Center kicked off to Nazareth Friday night, but the Swifts couldn't

move the ball, running just three plays before Hale Center intercepted a pass from quarterback Blake Birkenfeld that was intended for Kade Wilcox.

Each team ran six plays before punting the ball away, then the Owls took over for what would be the

game's first scoring drive.

Hale Center slowly worked its way into Swift territory using a solid running attack.

The first Owl score came with only 44 seconds left in the first stanza when Joseph Bernal hauled in a 14-yard touchdown pass from

quarterback Jacob Rieff. The extra-point kick by Danny Ortiz was good and Hale Center took the lead, 7-0.

Nazareth continued to struggle on offense, and had punt after failing to convert on third down.

Hale Center fielded that punt, then went to work on adding another touchdown to the board. This time the ground game capped the drive when Willie Joe Johnson rushed across the goal line for a five-yard touchdown. The kick failed, but the Owls had jumped out to a 13-0 lead with 4:47 left in the half.

Nazareth worked its Hale Center territory, and fourteen plays later hit pay dirt.

A 13-yard scamper by Kern moved Nazareth to the Hale Center 7, but he was six yards short of the first down, bringing up a third-down situation. On the next play, Blake Birkenfeld found tight end Eric Schilling in the end zone for a 7-yard touchdown strike. The extra point by Kade Wilcox failed to split the uprights, but Nazareth had trimmed the Owl lead to seven, 13-6.

The ball changed hands three times before Nazareth scored again on a 25-yard run by Kern. Wilcox's point-after was good, tying the score at 13 with 4:06 left in the third quarter.

Hale Center ran two plays before Nazareth forced a fumble, which was recovered by Reece Hales.

On the next play, Kern took the handoff, weaving his way through the Owl defense until he reached the end zone, scoring on a 46-yard run with 1:56 left in the third quarter. Nazareth came up short on its two-point conversion attempt, but the Swifts had taken a lead for the first time in the game, 19-13.

Hale Center retaliated though, and took the lead two minutes into the final stanza with a 17-yard

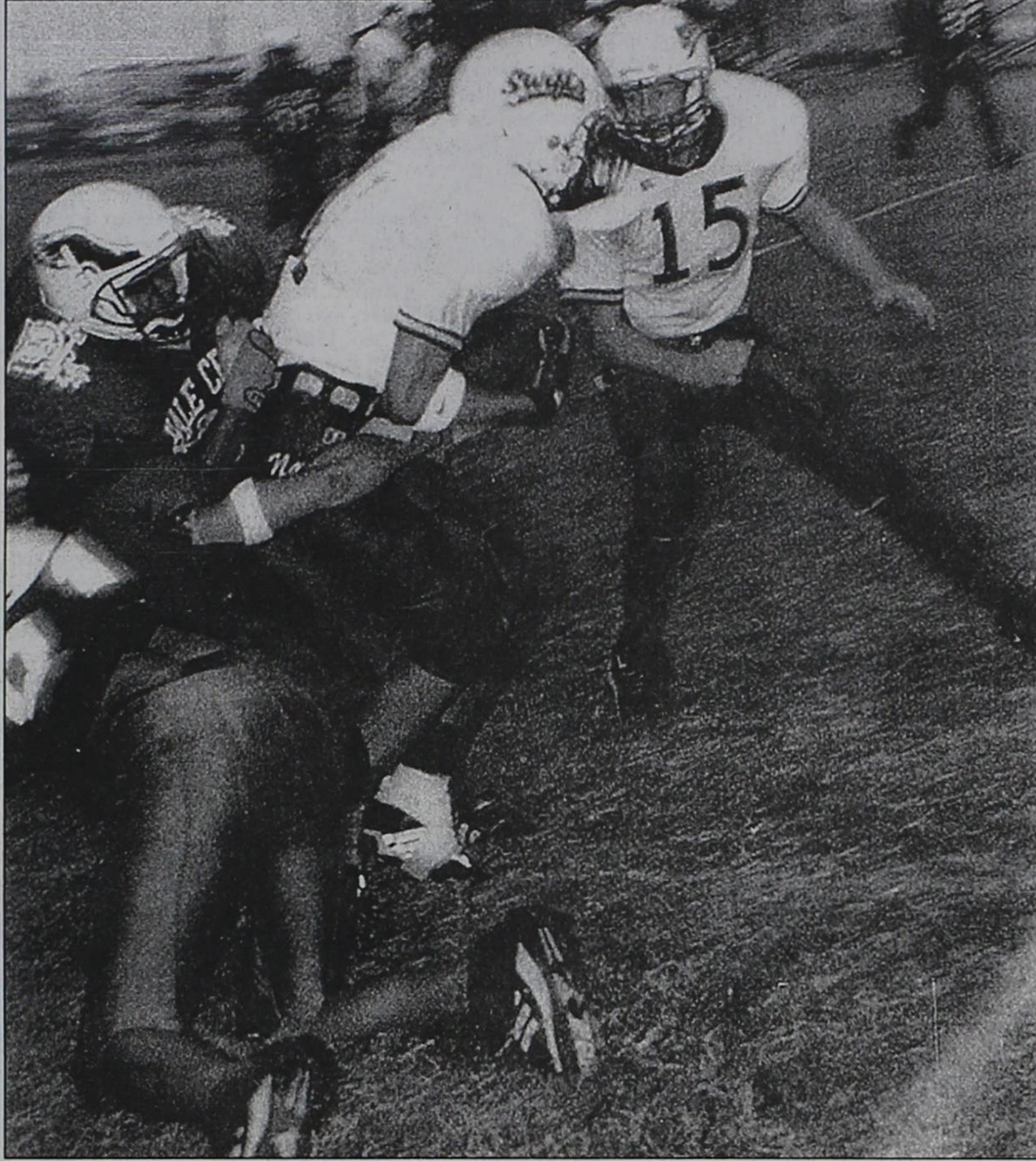
touchdown run. Rieff connected with Larry Espinosa for the two-point conversion, giving the Owls the lead, 21-19.

The final nail came with 4:44 left in the game, when Espinosa recovered a Nazareth fumble and returned it 25 yards for the touchdown. Espinosa and Rieff teamed up for another two-point conversion to give Hale Center its final victory margin, 29-19.

Nazareth recovered a Hale Center fumble late in the game, but time ran out before the Swifts had time to score.

"We will try to regroup this week and work hard to cut down on our mistakes," Peacock said.

Nazareth will host Farwell this Friday night at 7:30.



**LOOKING FOR AN OPEN LANE** is Nazareth kickoff return man Kade Wilcox (11), who fights to escape the clutches of an aggressive Hale Center Owl defense Friday night. Teammate Jase Merritt (15) comes in to provide blocking support. The Swifts fell

behind, 13-0, in the first half before rebounding to take a 19-13 lead headed into the final stanza. The Owls rallied in the fourth quarter to claim a 29-19 win. Nazareth dropped to 2-1 with the loss.

*Photo by Dwayne Acker*

## Game at a Glance

Swifts 19, Hale Center 29				
Nazareth	0	6	13	0-19
Hale Center	7	6	0	16-29

	NAZ	HC
First Downs	13	17
Yards Rushing	194	260
Yards Passing	79	54
Total Yards Gained	273	314
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	11-24-3	6-14-0
Punts-Avg.	4-25	3-27
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-3
Penalties-Yards	4-25	4-35

## Scoring By Quarters

**First Quarter:**  
HC—Joseph Bernal 14 pass from Jacob Rieff (Danny Ortiz kick)  
**Second Quarter:**  
HC—Willie Joe Johnson 5 run (kick failed)  
NAZARETH—Eric Schilling 7 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (kick failed)  
**Third Quarter:**  
NAZARETH—Aaron Kern 25 run (Kade Wilcox kick)  
NAZARETH—Kern 46 run (kick failed)  
**Fourth Quarter:**  
HC—17 run (Larry Espinosa pass from Rieff)  
HC—Espinosa 25 fumble return (Espinosa pass from Rieff)

## Harris Picks

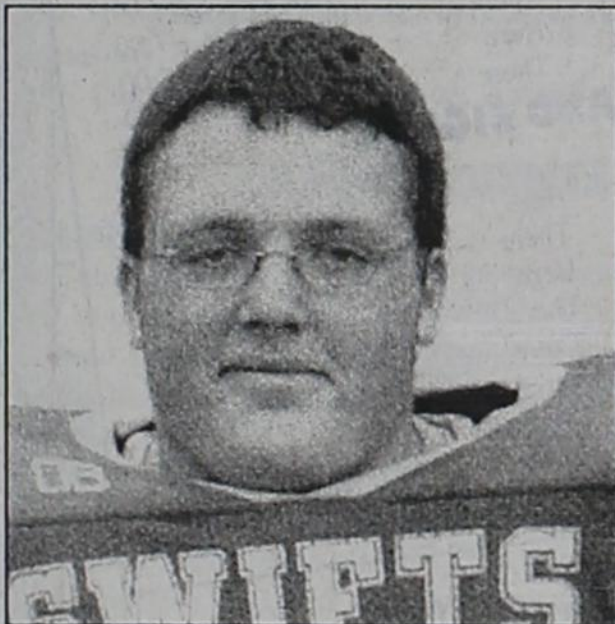
Here are Jon Harris's predictions for this week's games in the area, and his ranking of area teams, based on his unique "Power Rating" system.

- Denver City 20 over DIMMITT
  - NAZARETH 7 over Farwell
  - HART 8 over Claude
  - SPEARMAN 3 over Perryton
  - Sanford-Fritch 1 over CANADIAN
  - Lubbock Roosevelt 3 over TULIA
  - Littlefield 11 over SLATON
  - BROWNFIELD 1 over Lubbock Cooper
  - MULESHOE pick vs. Friona
  - SHALLOWATER 3 over Tahoka
  - LAMESA pick vs. Sweetwater
  - Crane 30 over SEMINOLE
  - BOYS RANCH 20 over Shamrock
  - KRESS 6 over Meadow
  - LORENZO 1 over Motley County
  - Vega vs. San Jacinto (not rated)
  - Anton vs. LCHS (not rated)
  - Smyer vs. Plainview JV (not rated)
  - Bovina is open
  - SUNDOWN 3 over Plains
  - IDALOU 17 over Seagraves
  - NEW DEAL 6 over Lockney
  - RALLS 4 over O'Donnell
  - ABERNATHY 23 over Sudan
  - FLOYDADA 13 over Springlake-Earth
  - PETERSBURG 10 over Hale Center
  - Morton 1 over WHITEFACE
  - Olton 7 over CROSBYTON
  - Gruver 8 over HIGHLAND PARK
  - Clarendon 21 over BOOKER
  - White Deer 7 over PANHANDLE
  - Stratford 17 over SUNRAY
  - Wellington is open
  - West Texas High is open
  - Caprock 8 over RIVER ROAD
  - DUMAS 20 over Dalhart
  - Frenship 6 over HEREFORD
  - PALO DURO 10 over Lubbock Estacado
  - ABILENE WYLIE 9 over Big Spring
  - FORT STOCKTON 4 over Levelland
- WEEK 3 RANKINGS**  
CLASS AAA TOP 10: 1. Fomey, 217; 2. China Spring, 214; 3. Abilene Wylie, 214; 4. Everman, 213; 5. Cameron Yoe, 213; 6. Sealey, 212; 7. Newton, 211; 8. Rice Consolidated, 210; 9. Sinton, 210; 10. Atlanta, 210.  
AREA CLASS AAA: 28. Lamesa, 206; 41. Childress, 202; 48. Perryton, 201; 84. Sanford-Fritch, 193; 87. Denver City, 192; 91. Muleshoe, 192; 114. Shallowater, 188; 120. Littlefield, 186; 141. Brownfield, 182; 142. Dalhart, 182; 143. Lubbock Cooper, 182; 169. Lubbock Roosevelt, 176; 172. Slaton, 175; 178. Amarillo River Road, 173; 180. Dimmitt, 173; 185. Tulia, 173; 188. Seminole, 172.  
CLASS A TOP TEN: 1. Stratford, 205; 2. Roscoe, 204; 3. Iraan, 200; 4. Iola, 196; 5. Celeste, 194; 6. Shiner, 194; 7. Windthorst, 193; 8. Beckville, 193; 9. Collinsville, 191; 10. Bosqueville, 191.  
OTHER CLASS A: 12. White Deer, 190; 16. Paducah, 185; 20. Hart, 182; 22. Petersburg, 181; 24. Springlake-Earth, 181; 38. Claude, 174; 41. Crosbyton, 173; 42. Wheeler, 173; 47. Nazareth, 171; 53. Gruver, 169; 57. Farwell, 167; 60. Anton, 166; 63. Sudan, 165; 64. Whiteface, 165; 84. Kress, 156; 89. O'Donnell, 154; 97. Smyer, 151; 98. Boys Ranch, 150; 100. Meadow, 150; 103. Bovina, 149; 120. Spur, 138; 122. Lorenzo, 132; 125. Shamrock, 130.

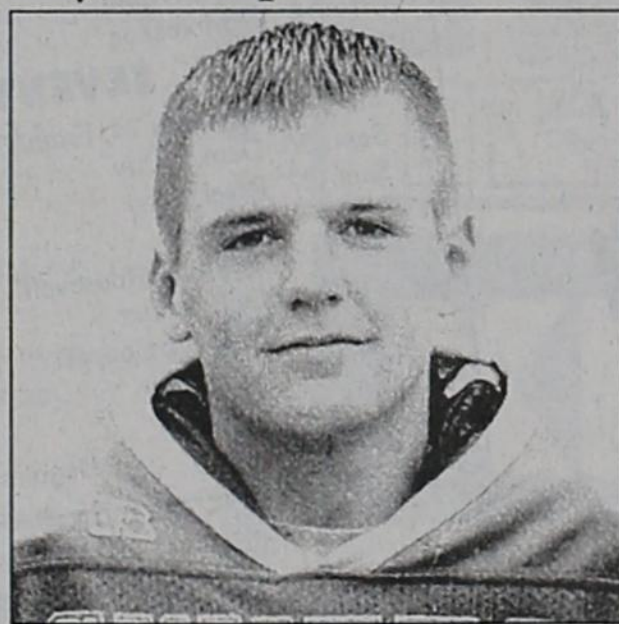
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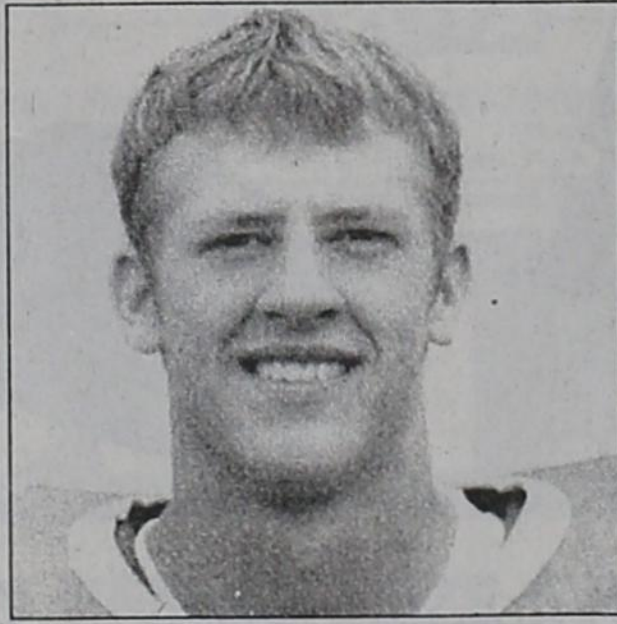
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# Country Club of Dimmitt

# Horns chase Bulldogs to pound, 49-27

By BRAD ELAM

The final score resembles a blow-out, but the game was anything but that Friday when Hart and Anton squared off in a non-district game.

Hart came away with a 49-27 win, but it was a close battle until the fourth quarter. That's when Keith Finch and the Longhorns took over and pulled away one touchdown at a time.

Prior to Friday night's game, there was a solemn gathering of patriotic Americans from both teams at the 50-yard line to honor the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on America.

"Playing a football game after the tragedy, and with the possibility of war looming in the future was extremely difficult," said Hart Assistant Coach Brad Elam. "When something like this happens, playing a football game almost seems trivial."

The score was tied at 14 after the first period, and Anton held a one-point lead at halftime. Hart was in control of a one-point edge after three quarters had expired, but the Longhorns blew the game wide open in the fourth.

Hart racked up an impressive 725 yards on offense, including 502 yards rushing. Finch was the team's leader on offense, rushing 22 times for 267 yards and four touchdowns. He also passed for 121 yards and a touchdown, passed for a two-point conversion and rushed for another.

For his effort, Finch was named the *Amarillo Globe News*' Player of



**HART'S KEITH FINCH finds running room around the right end and evades several Anton Bulldogs as he races for the goal line Friday night. The Longhorns and Bulldogs enjoyed a close battle until Anton lost its quarterback and leading tackler to an injury in the fourth quarter. After**

the Week.

"This just shows you what type of player Keith really is," Hart Coach Jay McCook said. "With the offensive linemen's help, Keith was able to rack up the yards. He is also a heck of a tackler. He is definitely one of the best Class A players in the state."

Jacob Reyna carried the ball 12 times for 159 yards and a touchdown. He also caught five passes for 103 yards.

"Our offensive line had their best game today," McCook said. "Corey Moore, Marcial Mendoza, Rene Gonzales, Matthew Gonzales, Eric

Gutierrez and Albert Velasquez have been whipping people up front. They are definitely the keys to our winning.

"Jacob Reyna gave an outstanding effort offensively against Anton. Salvador Velasquez also played a great game leading the team at quarterback."

Anton received the opening kickoff and marched down the field.

Quarterback Beau Riker scored early, rushing in from three yards out to give Anton a 7-0 lead after Andre Stewart added the extra point.

Hart wasted little time responding, when Finch connected with Albert Velasquez for a 68-yard touchdown pass. The kick failed, leaving Anton with a one-point lead, 7-6.

Hart scored on its next possession when Finch scampered 42 yards for the score. He then pitched the ball to Roy Robledo for a two-point conversion, giving Hart a 14-7 lead.

Anton answered on its next possession, scoring Riker on a one-yard plunge. Stewart's kick was good to knot the score at 14.

The second quarter wasn't as explosive as the first, with both teams finding the end zone just once.

After Riker's touchdown run, Hart drove the field and capped the drive with a three-yard run by Finch for a 20-14 lead.

Anton scored late in the quarter when Riker connected with Stewart

for a seven-yard pass play. Stewart's kick was good, and that gave Anton its 21-20 halftime lead.

Hart completed two pass plays before time ran out in the half. Salvador Velasquez found Jacob Reyna on a 20-yard pass play. Reyna somehow managed to catch the ball as he was falling down with a Bulldog draped all over him. A second pass from Velasquez found its way into Leon Minjarez' hands for a 16-yard gain as time expired.

Hart scored first in the second half. As Anton keyed on Finch during the first drive, Hart switched its offensive focus, handing the ball to Bo Gonzales, who scored on a four-yard run for the go-ahead touchdown. Salvador Velasquez connected with Albert Velasquez for the two-point conversion, giving Hart a 28-21 lead.

That lead wouldn't last long, though. On the ensuing kickoff, Stewart returned the ball 82 yards for a touchdown. Hart blocked the extra point, but Anton had pulled within one, 28-27.

Riker, the Bulldogs main threat on offense and leading tackler on defense, was injured early in the fourth quarter and wouldn't play most of the stanza. That deflated the Bulldogs.

During the fourth quarter with Riker out of the game, Finch dominated. He scored two touchdowns on runs of 17 yards, and he passed to

## Game at a Glance

Longhorns 49, Anton 27				
Hart	14	6	8	21-49
Anton	14	7	6	0-27
<b>HART</b>				
First Downs	20	13		
Yards Rushing	502	178		
Yards Passing	223	168		
Total Yards Gained	725	346		
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	10-16-2	7-18-0		
Punts-Avg.	0-0	2-24		
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-2		
Penalties-Yards	8-65	9-90		

## Scoring By Quarters

**First Quarter:**  
 ANTON—Beau Riker 3 run (Andre Stewart kick)  
 HART—Albert Velasquez 68 pass from Keith Finch (kick failed)  
 HART—Finch 42 run (Roy Robledo run)  
 ANTON—Riker 1 run (Stewart kick)

**Second Quarter:**  
 HART—Finch 3 run (pass failed)  
 ANTON—Stewart 7 pass from Riker (Stewart kick)

**Third Quarter:**  
 HART—Bo Gonzales 4 run (A. Velasquez pass from Salvador Velasquez)  
 ANTON—Stewart 82 kickoff return (kick blocked)

**Fourth Quarter:**  
 HART—Finch 17 run (Joel DeLaFuente pass from Finch)  
 HART—Finch 17 run (Robledo kick)  
 HART—Jacob Reyna 7 run (kick failed)

Photo by Vanessa Ellis

## HHS celebrates Homecoming

Hart High School students will celebrate Homecoming next week, highlighted by a pep rally and crowning of the Bonfire King tonight (Thursday), and the football game and coronation of the Homecoming Queen on Friday.

The Homecoming pep rally will begin at 8:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the Centennial Pavilion in Hart.

Following the pep rally, at approximately 9 p.m., the student body will gather south of Longhorn Stadium for the annual Homecoming bonfire. That's when the 2001 Bonfire King

will be crowned.


Candidates for Bonfire King are Keith Finch, Rene Rincon, Marcial Mendoza and Joel DeLaFuente.

On Friday, the Longhorns will tangle with Claude in their Homecoming football game. Kickoff in that game will be 8 p.m.


The halftime show will feature coronation of this year's Homecoming Queen. Candidates are Dahnne Castillo, Dolores Rocha, Isadora Anzaldua and Heather Gonzalez.

Additional activities have been held throughout the week, including a series of "dress-up" days.

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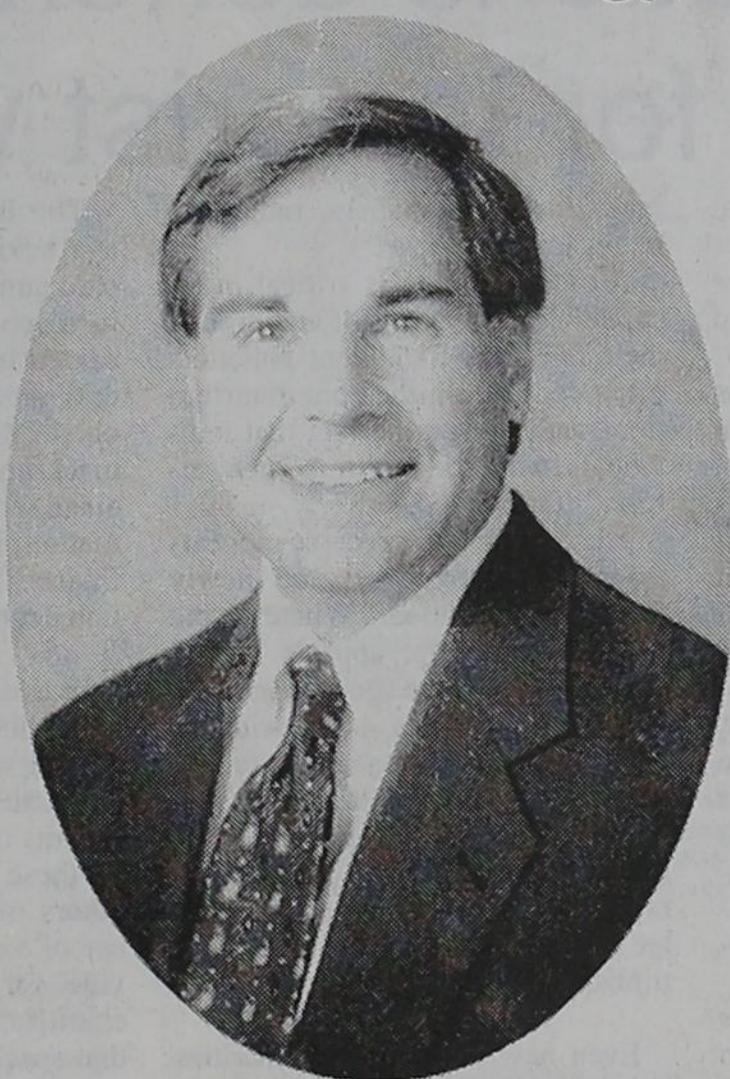
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# Obituaries

## Irene E. Gidden

Irene E. Gidden, 77, of Canyon, former Nazareth resident, died Sunday in Amarillo.

A rosary was recited Tuesday in Brooks Chapel.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon with the Rev. Phu Phan, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Brooks Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gidden was born Jan. 14, 1924, in Nazareth to Andrew and Katherine Paetzold Acker. She graduated from Nazareth High School, then received her nursing degree at St. Anthony's Hospital. She began her career at Truth or Consequences, N.M. She moved to Canyon in 1945.

She married Joe H. Gidden of Canyon on Sept. 17, 1946.

She had worked as a nurse for 32 years. She was a bedside nurse for 12 years. She worked for Dr. Neblett for 10 years, and then for Dr. Nester for the next 10 years. She retired in 1978.

She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and she was a Life Master Bridge Player.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Acker and Charles Acker.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Dr. Howard Gidden of Baton Rouge, La., and David Gidden of Tulsa; a daughter, Maureen Hood of Amarillo; three brothers, Robert Acker of Dumas, and James Acker and Jerry Acker, both of Nazareth; six sisters, Lorene Dick of Florida, Bernice Brewer of Alabama, Regina Warren of San Antonio, Aurelia Schoenenberger of Happy, Mary Ann Walterscheid of Hereford, Josetta Heinrich of Slaton; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Leo Henry Herring

Services for Leo Henry Herring, 86, of Amarillo, father of Katherine Huseman of Nazareth, were held Friday afternoon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo with Msgr. Francis Smyer officiating. Burial followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Herring died last Wednesday, Sept. 12.

He was born June 16, 1915, in Rhineland. He graduated from Rhineland High School. He married Bertha J. Schumacher in Rhineland. She died in 1964.

The couple moved to Amarillo in 1939. He worked for Asarco until his retirement. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the Amarillo Senior Citizens Association.

Survivors include two sons, Martin Herring of Austin and Kenneth Herring of Evergreen, Colo.; four daughters, Katherine Huseman of Nazareth, Sylvia Randolph of Chandler, Okla., Nancy Handing of Dalhart and Jeanette Herring of Amarillo; a sister, Cleo Askins of Fort Worth; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Mary's Building Fund, 1200 S. Washington St.; the Senior Citizens Association, PO Box 31180, Amarillo 79120; or Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo 79101.

## Pohlmeier, Heard earn BGS degrees

Nazareth residents Colby Pohlmeier and Jaime Heard earned bachelor's degrees in general studies from West Texas A&M University in August.

The two were among 258 WTAMU students who graduated during summer commencement exercises on Aug. 17 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

## Omission

In the article and photo about Nazareth High School's Class of 1981 reunion in the Sept. 13 issue of the *News*, Lester Backus's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of classmates submitted to the *News*.

He was present for the reunion, but was not pictured in the photo.



**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**—Flags, red, white and blue ribbons and balloons and patriotic music highlighted a special assembly at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt Friday morning. The assembly was organized in honor of the thousands of Americans who were

killed on Sept. 11 when terrorists hijacked four jet liners and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Photo by Anne Acker

## County producers may qualify for emergency loans

Castro County farmers who suffered losses because of a natural disaster may qualify for a low-interest emergency loan from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The loan must have occurred because of a natural disaster from Jan. 1, 2000 through Jan. 1, 2001. Producers will only be eligible for these low-interest emergency loans if they are unable to get financing from another source.

The loans will carry an interest

rate of 3.75%.

Loan applications will be accepted at the FSA office through Oct. 12.

Eligible farmers can also use emergency loan funds to recover a portion of losses on growing crops that were destroyed by a natural disaster.

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