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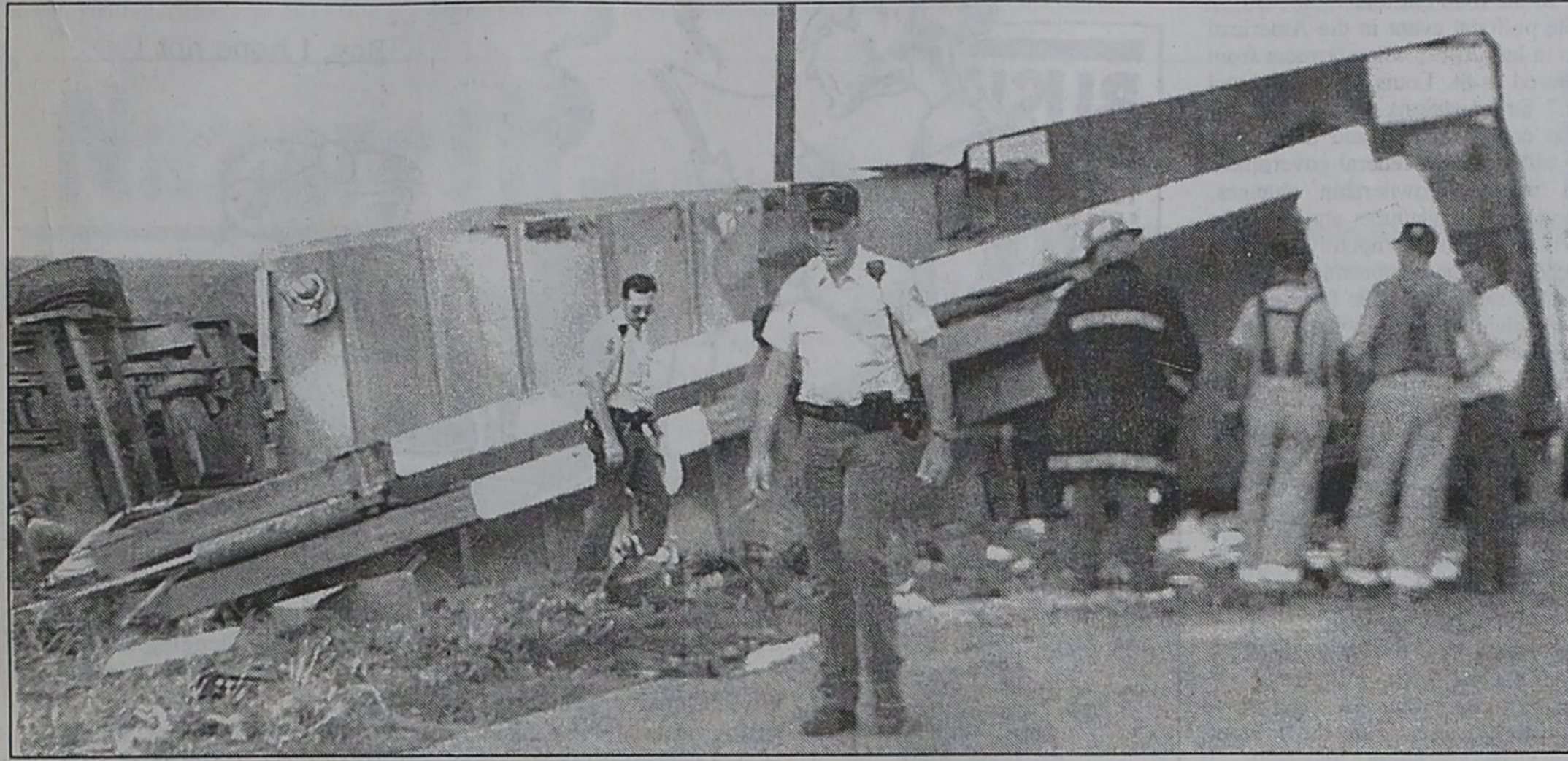
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Dimmitt man critical after accident



LAW OFFICERS and firemen investigate the accident scene on FM 2359 where 40-year-old Ruben Lopez of Dimmitt was injured critically Tuesday evening. This is the topside view of the Asplundh Corporation's large GMC aerial-lift truck which Lopez was driving. Below the boom at right is a flat working platform that's fitted over the truck's cab;

Lopez was pinned under the cab and platform frame (near where the firemen are standing) after the rig did a three-quarter rollover. Lopez was transported by helicopter to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where he was reported to be in critical but stable condition Wednesday morning.

Photo by Don Nelson

A Dimmitt man was injured critically Tuesday evening when the Asplundh aerial-lift truck he was driving skidded and overturned on the Easter Road north of Dimmitt.

Ruben Lopez, 40, was thrown out of the vehicle and pinned under its cab and "headache rack" (a working platform over the cab) when the large tree-trimming rig came to rest on its side.

State Trooper Ron Mann, who investigated, said the big GMC rig first veered off the road into a muddy bar-ditch, then went into a side skid after Lopez overcorrected, then overturned three-fourths of a full roll, coming to rest on its right side.

Sometime during the rollover, Lopez was ejected from the cab. Trooper Mann said that the cab was not heavily damaged, and that if

Lopez had been wearing a seatbelt he would not have been ejected.

A co-worker and a passerby, the first persons at the accident scene, jacked up the cab and platform frame to take pressure off of Lopez, and when Dimmitt firemen arrived, they used airbags to lift the truck further and pull him free.

An AeroCare helicopter from Lubbock arrived at Plains Memorial Hospital about the same time as the ambulance got there with Lopez aboard. He was airlifted in "extremely critical" condition to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

His condition Wednesday morning was reported to be critical but stable.

The accident occurred shortly after 6 p.m. on FM 2397, two miles west of US 385. Lopez had been working

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2,4D use sparks a public hearing

At their Sept. 13 meeting, the Castro County Commissioners will set a date for a public hearing in October concerning the use of 2,4D, a herbicide.

Carl King of the Texas Corn Growers Association and local farmer Brian Armstrong requested the commissioners take action on the regulation of the chemical. They spoke at the Monday meeting of the Commissioners Court.

County Judge Irene Miller said that a public hearing must be held to determine if there is a need for regulating its use in the county. If the commissioners decide there is a need for regulation, Miller said the state will come in and set the ground rules for its use, along with penalties for any misuse.

Hamilton said that persons who use the chemical should be required to show that they have liability coverage for its use.

Miller said that after the public hearing, any regulations adopted would go into effect after Jan. 1.

In another matter, the commissioners heard a plea from Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain for county help in working on streets in Hart. She said there is an area in the northwest part of the town that needs extensive dirt work to improve the drainage.

She said the city would greatly appreciate any help the county could give in the way of machinery or labor.

McLain said the bar ditches along both sides of Hawkins Street, Eighth Street, and a few others streets in that section of town need to be dug out so that water will flow more easily. She said some trees also need to be taken out where the water drains through a culvert that passes under the railroad tracks.

Miller said that at a recent county government conference one of the speakers said that counties may help cities in that way, but she added that the speaker cautioned that the county had better be ready to help every other community in the county, as well.

County Commissioner Pct. 4 Dan Schmucker said he would like to see the county be able to help. Pct. 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron said he was against it, because it wouldn't be a "one-time deal."

The commissioners voted to table the matter until a later meeting. In open forum, Miller told the commissioners that Danny Newton gave an estimate of \$64,000 for the air conditioning project at the courthouse.

NISD is beneficiary of Birkenfeld estate

The lines of communication between teachers, students, administration and others involved in the Nazareth Independent School District are a little clearer this year thanks to a newly installed intercom system, courtesy of the late Petronilla Birkenfeld.

Birkenfeld, who died on April 18 this year, had named the school as the beneficiary on an annuity, and as a result, Nazareth ISD inherited \$35,000 from her estate.

A portion of that \$35,000 was used to install the intercom system, according to Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson.

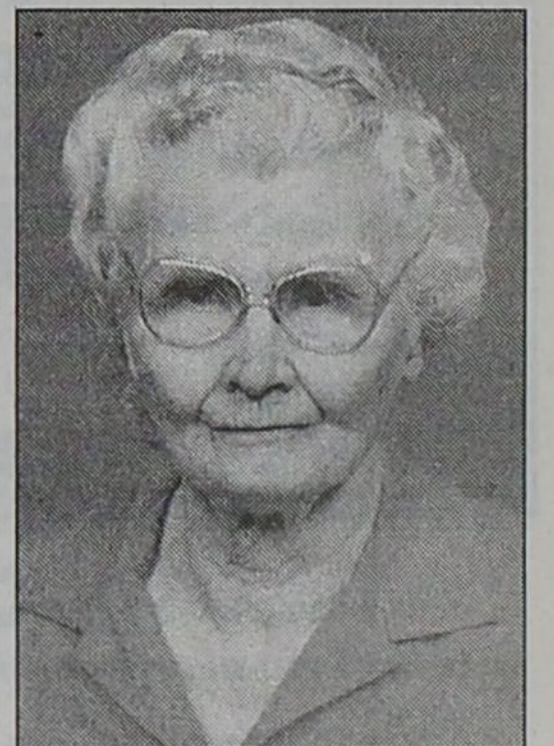
"Now the teachers will be able to call the office in the event of an emergency," Johnson said. "We felt like the intercom system was something that every teacher and student could benefit from. It's part of our emergency preparedness plan."

Johnson said plans for the rest of the money "are still up in the air, but hopefully it will be used to benefit all of the students educationally."

Birkenfeld, daughter of Ben and Lizzie (Leinen) Birkenfeld, was born April 4, 1917. She graduated from Nazareth School in 1936. When she graduated, the state required Nazareth students to take a state test because at that time the school wasn't accredited.

Birkenfeld trained in nursing at Jonesboro, Ark., because it was the closest nursing school to Nazareth then. She graduated from the school in 1939 as a registered nurse. She worked her way through her nurse's training.

She worked for one year as a nurse



Petronilla Birkenfeld

at Arkansas, then got a job at Veterans Administration in Knoxville, Iowa (it was a war veterans' mental hospital).

She worked in Iowa until 1972, when she retired and moved back to Nazareth.

"Pet believed in education," said Dora Pohlmeier, one of Birkenfeld's sisters. "She said anytime one advances in education, that is never lost. She loved to crochet, quilt, tole, sew and do things for the church, city and charity."

Birkenfeld's other siblings are Mary Hoelting of Olpe, Kan., Julianna Brockman of Plainview and John Birkenfeld of Hereford. She was preceded in death by three other siblings including Marcella Birkenfeld, Walter Birkenfeld and Thomas Birkenfeld.

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By Don Nelson

Weather map makers like to have fun, too.

While in the Metroplex a couple of weeks ago, Oscar and Doris Wylie bought a copy of *The Dallas Morning News*.

Oscar checked the weather page. (You know how most dailies now use the format pioneered by *USA Today*—a full page of full-color maps, boxes, lists, symbols and gee-whiz graphics.)

On the national map, the state of Texas had six landmarks designated: Houston, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, and — in the Panhandle, with its own star — "Dodd, pop. 35."

Virgil Morton at the Dodd Gin says that population figure is a little inflated.

Dodd's correct census count, Virgil says, is five.

During ginning season, though, it probably seems like 35.

Last week we reported on the Texas Education Agency's academic ratings for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools.

Nazareth's elementary and high schools both earned the highest rating of "exemplary."

The schools in Dimmitt and Hart

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Hospital tax rate to be 33.8¢

The hospital district's property tax rate during the coming fiscal year will be 33.8¢ per \$100 of valuation, a tenth of a cent lower than the current rate.

According to figures compiled by Jerry Heller, the county's chief tax appraiser, that's the "effective rate" needed to raise the same amount of tax revenue as the current 38.9¢ rate.

The hospital district's tax base increased from \$372.2 million to \$373.6 million during the last fiscal year.

The hospital board adopted the tax rate at its August meeting Tuesday night.

Mayor 'flames' Energas on rate increase request

The Dimmitt City Council adopted a resolution Monday night to suspend a rate increase request from Energas Co. until Dec. 8 to give the affected communities time to study the request.

But before the resolution was adopted, Mayor Wayne Collins held Energas's corporate foot to the fire, demanding to know why the company closed its local office shortly after the city approved its last rate hike.

Alan Foster of Hereford, operations manager for Energas, appeared

before the council on behalf of the company in presenting its request for an 8.8% increase.

He said the company has made lots of investments and improvements in equipment and pipeline technology. He added that as a result of "catholic protection" of gas lines, leaks have been virtually non-existent.

"The last rate increase, you said it was specifically for catholic protection. We're getting mixed signals here," said Mayor Collins.

"You can't ask for rate increases based on what you expect expenses

to be," Foster said. "We probably needed it to pay for what had been done."

Collins brought up the fact that Energas closed its local office shortly after the company was granted its last rate increase more than three years ago.

"We feel the rate increase was negotiated in bad faith. Many cities would not have approved the rate increase knowing offices in all the towns around here would be closed," Collins said. "When someone calls an 800-number now, where is that call routed to?"

Foster said the calls from Energas customers are now answered in Amarillo.

"The timing of the last rate increase and the office closings were terrible, but they weren't related," Foster said.

"Don't you think the fact that the company waited until a month after the rate increase to close the offices was unfair?" Collins asked.

"In the rate increase you're asking for, what specifically would be the minimum residential change?" Collins pressed.

Foster said he did not know the specifics, but could find out.

"It appears to me that residential customers could be in for a jolt under the proposed new rates," Collins said. He added, "Our concern is not with the personnel; it's with the policies of Energas, and we're not happy

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DISD adopts budget, sets tax rate hearing

The Dimmitt School Board voted 7-0 last Thursday to adopt the proposed budget for the 1999-2000 school year, but disagreed as to how to raise the money needed to meet the proposed expenses.

With estimated revenues set at \$9,228,350 and planned expenditures estimated at \$9,686,996, the budget shows a deficit of \$458,646.

Board members voted six to one to propose a 5 cent increase over last year's tax rate of \$1.21. Voting against was board member Earl Behrends. Those in favor were Paul Garcia, John Nino, Chevo Lumbrera,

David Schaeffer, and Greg Odum.

A proposal from Garcia to set the rate at a 4-cent increase died for lack of a second, and an earlier motion to set the rate at an increase of 3.5 cents was defeated by a one to six vote, with Garcia the only one in favor.

Even with the 5-cent increase in the tax rate, the district will need to dip into reserve funds in the amount of \$266, 010 to cover the expected deficit.

DISD Supt. Les Miller said that the biggest part of the increase in the budget over last year comes from salaries, with each teacher getting at

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AND WHAT WILL BECOME OF ESTELLE?—The announcer dramatically asks the question at the climax of "As the Stomach Turns," one of the skits performed for the Follies presentation in Dimmitt

Saturday and Sunday. Portraying Estelle is Kaye Stevens (center). Other players are (from left) Chuck Braafladt as the man from the auto club, Trudy Jackson as Joyce and Cheryl Pybus as Marian.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	93	60	
Friday	89	60	
Saturday	92	61	
Sunday	94	63	
Monday	97	64	30
Tuesday	87	60	20
Wednesday	88	60	

August Moisture 8.20
1999 Moisture 27.33

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

Op-Ed Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



Guest editorial

Dinner for one sign of the times

By BILL BISHOP

There is more coupling and mating in the food business than on a TV soap opera.

Case merges with New Holland; two of the largest farm-equipment manufacturers will become one.

The result, according to University of Missouri professor Bill Heffernan, is that by the time all mergers and acquisitions are complete, there will be just four conglomerates controlling most of the nation's food supply.

The companies will be vertically integrated, from genetically engineered seed to pre-packaged frozen casserole.

In the new agriculture, all farmers will work for "the man." They'll raise his chickens, turkeys, cattle, corn, tobacco, wheat and hogs.

Consolidation in the food industry is not a fit political subject, and so it's not been much an issue during the current presidential campaign.

In farm country, however, the issue of prices and fair competition is taking on some weight.

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In Mississippi, a retired military man, Fred Stokes, has put together the Organization for Competitive Markets.

A most remarkable political event in the American heartland took place in late April, when farmers from 29 associations gathered in St. Louis for a "national agricultural summit."

They are all facing the same economic future: a life working not as independent business owners, but as skin-of-the-teeth contractors for a ConAgra or an Archer Daniels Midland.

If you think this isn't a resonant political issue, consider Kentucky's tobacco farmers.

The farmers went mad-dog crazy. They said if Philip Morris contracted tobacco acreage, they would support President Clinton's dollar-a-pack tobacco tax.

It is the classic American issue: one not about class, but about the structure of the economy and the limits of democracy.

And don't look for heroes in a presidential year. Sprawl is a better issue, or graduation standards or Internet porn.

Bill Bishop is an editorial page columnist for the Lexington, Ky., Herald-Leader.

More about

Mayor 'flames' Energas . . .

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The company has filed notice with 67 cities, including Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth, requesting additional \$9.8 million from its West Texas customers.

The company has stated that if the request is approved, the average customer will see an increase of about \$3.64 in their monthly gas bill.

The council also was scheduled to consider the tax rate Monday night; however, council members asked City Manager Don Sheffy why they were considering the tax rate before adopting the budget.

"I always thought that the budget ought to come first, but I was told last year to come up with a tax rate first and a budget later, so that's what I'm doing," Sheffy said.

Council members Charles Richard and Roger Malone said it would probably be better to go back to adopting a budget first.

Sheffy presented a proposed budget to the council members and suggested they study it and discuss it at a later meeting.

The council voted to table consideration of the tax rate until after studying the budget.

In his manager's report, Sheffy told the council that he and the city's engineering firm have been concerned about the progress on the new water tower in southeast Dimmitt.

Sheffy said the engineering firm wrote a strong letter to Caldwell Tank, which erected the tower, reminding them of a contract provision

that says the firm may be fined \$500 per day for each day the project goes past the mid-October deadline.

Malone told the council he has had another complaint about someone slaughtering an animal in the city limits and allowing the blood to run down the street.

Sheffy asked why individuals don't call the police instead of council members or himself.

Malone said this individual said he did call the police but nothing was done about it.

Sheffy asked City Attorney Jack Edwards if the city has an ordinance against the practice.

Following an executive session, the council voted to fully fund the Teen Court program for the coming year and pay up to \$500 for Debbie Annen, director of the program, to attend an annual Teen Court Conference.

MDA drive set Friday

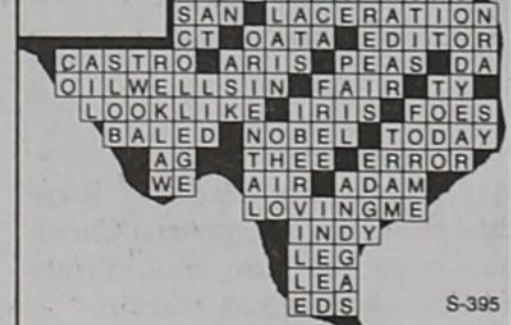
Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. members will be participating in the 1999 "Fill the Boot" program Friday in Dimmitt.

They will be joining other firefighters across the nation in helping raise money this weekend to help benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

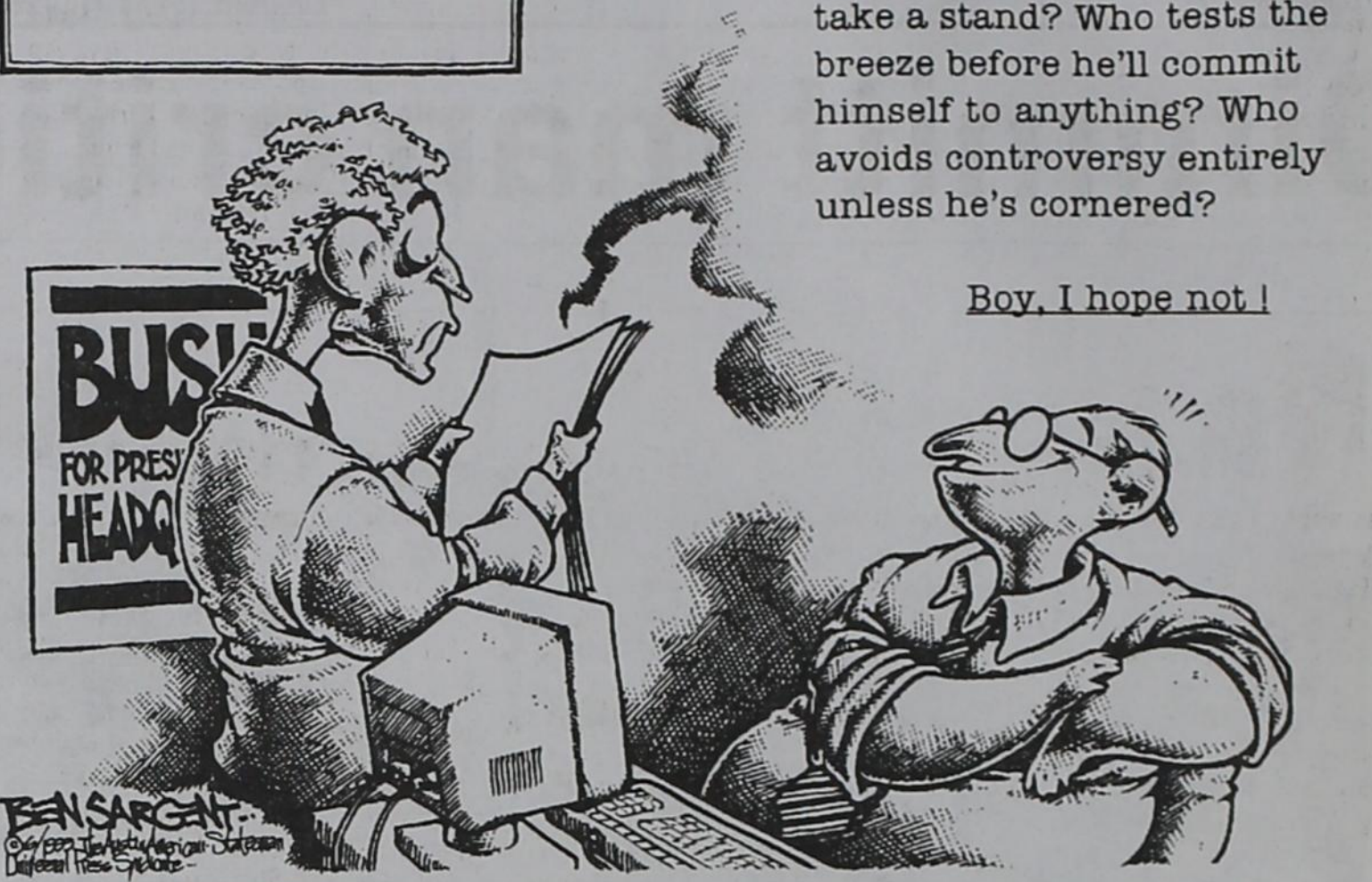
Firefighters will be stationed at the signal light at the intersection of Broadway and Bedford and will be accepting donations from passing motorists.

Last year, the project raised over \$40,000 throughout the area, and the money was used to benefit over 200 local patient families.

Last Puzzle Solution



Twilight of a Speechwriting Career



HIGHLIGHTS

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AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush reviewed 11 candidates for state commissioner of education and last week appointed James E. Nelson of Odessa to the post.

Nelson, a 49-year-old lawyer who has no experience as a public school teacher, will replace Commissioner Mike Moses on Sept. 3.

Nelson has served as a trustee of Ector County (Odessa) Independent School District, including two terms as president, and currently is chairman of the State Board for Educator Certification, the agency that licenses teachers.

"I wanted somebody who understands that when we find success, we praise it, and when we find failure, we are willing to challenge the status quo. I believe Jim is that person," Bush said.

Nelson's annual salary as commissioner will be \$164,748. His appointment will expire in January 2003.

Benchmark Rate Hearing Set

Texas Insurance Commissioner

ACROSS 1 pig product (2 wds.) 49 TXism: "try your hand"

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Jose Montemayor will decide whether to increase the benchmark rate for auto insurance after a Sept. 8 public hearing in Austin.

Texas insurance companies cite growing costs of vehicle repairs in asking for an 11.4 percent increase in standard rates for insurance.

Among those companies asking for a benchmark increase are Farmers and State Farm, the two largest auto insurers in Texas.

But the state's consumer advocate, the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, says the rates should decrease by 4.8 percent because profits are up and insurance losses are down.

The benchmark represents a premium under which companies are supposed to be able to earn a reasonable profit.

On the other hand, county mutual auto insurers, which don't turn away drivers with less than perfect driving records, operate independently of the benchmark rate.

Jonathan Klein, a spokesman for Progressive Insurance, a county mutual, said his company has no plans to increase rates.

Accountability Ratings Released New ratings through the Texas Education Agency's school accountability system are available online at www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/99/index.html.

The 1999 accountability ratings are based on dropout rates, student passing rates in the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills and attendance figures.

Data tables show information used to determine the ratings for any campus or district.

Searchers simply "click" on campus, district or state data tables to get the information.

Information on charter schools also can be accessed.

Judge Rules for Early Voting

U.S. District Judge David Hittner of Houston has thrown out a lawsuit challenging the right of Texans to vote early in federal elections.

Texas Secretary of State Elton Bomer, the state's chief elections officer, praised the judge's decision.

"Early voting in Texas generally accounts for about 30 percent of the ballots cast on a general election day.

"More important, early voting provides Texans a convenient means of letting their voices be heard. I am happy the court agreed early voting in Texas enhances our right to vote," Bomer said.

Other Highlights

More than 1.7 million Texans are expected to be on the Medicaid rolls in the fiscal year that begins Sept. 1, according to the state budget.

Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) system time will roll over at midnight on Aug. 21-22, 132 days before the year 2000, according to a U.S. Coast Guard news release.

Many GPS receivers will claim it is Jan. 6, 1980. Some manufacturers of GPS equipment have solved the problem and some have not.

Hunting and fishing licenses for 1999-2000 went on sale statewide Aug. 11.

If approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission this month, waterfowl hunters will get a 107-day season and 20-bird daily bag limit for light geese and a 74-day season and six-bird daily bag limit for ducks across most of the state.

More than 529,948,148 meals served. School Menu table with columns for Lunch and Breakfast Total.

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On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Delores Heller took me to Muleshoe Tuesday afternoon. We enjoyed visiting and catching up on our kids.

Recently, the Kirby families all met in Jackson Hole, Wyo., for a family reunion. This is an event that they celebrate every four years. All nine of the children and spouses were present, except the wife of Clifford Kirby, who was ill.

There was a very enjoyable time of travel, visiting, eating and just being

together. They enjoyed the city of Jackson Hole, Yellowstone Park, and the Grand Teton Mountains. Those attending from Dimmitt were Vaden and Aline Kirby and Troy and Billie Kirby. Winston and Twila Lester of Breckenridge met here and drove through with the others. Vaden and Aline have been ill, but made the trip well. The weather was beautiful, and the group had a very nice trip.

Dwight Joiner was high scorer and

dude McLaurin was second high at the Thursday Bridge Club. Martha Dannevik and Retta Cluck were guests. We enjoyed them and appreciate their help. They are a lot of fun!

Deanne Clark was in town Saturday to hear Mac Thornberry. Approximately 50 people came to hear him speak on Social Security. Following his speech, he had a question and answer session. Hart, Plainview, Hereford and Dimmitt were well represented by their attendance.

Doris Flynt picked up Carolyn Jones and me for Friday night dinner at K-bob's. Percy and Margaret Parsons, George and Carolyn Sides, Dorothy and V.C. Hopson, and Margaret's sister, Florene, from Oklahoma, joined us for dinner.

Jo drove in Friday night to spend the weekend. We had a fitting for her dress on Saturday. With any luck, maybe it will fit next time. Bill drove in Saturday night and Leigh and Aubrie came over for dinner.

Doris and Max Swinburn held the membership drive for the Texas Tech Ex Students' Association in their backyard recently. Their yard is just gorgeous. It looks just like a city park. Doris made a Red Raider out of clay pots.

After church on Sunday night, Dorothy Hopson had Billie Kirby, Irene Carpenter, Merle Morgan, Charlene Howell and me over for coffee and visiting. Dorothy also has a beautiful yard.

Phillip Durbin was in town recently for the wedding of his sister, Lena, to Ben Deusterhaus. Phillip is stationed in London, but was previously stationed in Hawaii. While he was here, his sisters took him shopping for warmer clothes.

The Alex Linskyi family called the Freemans last week to report that they are happily settled in an apartment in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They have applied for their driver's licenses, and work permits. They said there are lots of others from Russia and the Ukraine there, so they will make lots of friends.

Serge said he will be attending the

University at North Bay, Ontario.

They are very appreciative of the friends and Dimmitt community and all of their help. They would be pleased to hear from all of you.

Their new address is: Alexei, Tonya and Sergei Linskyi, 18 Cedarcross Blvd. West, Apt. 1107, Toronto, Ontario M2, R2, Z2 Canada

Everyone is invited to hear June Neal of Amarillo, a noted Bible teacher, speak on "End Time Prophecy" on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Abundant Life Family Church (next to Beall's). There will be a time of fellowship before the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Good-sized crowds attended this year's production of the Follies, with Saturday night and Sunday afternoon performances.

The three skits that were presented all brought big laughs, with some witty ad libs referring to local things.

Special awards were presented to Chuck Braafladt and Ysleta Ball for their many years of participating in the Follies.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Welcome visitors in Nazareth this weekend were Sister Norbert Hoelting, who visited with her brother and sister-in-law, Greg and Tinie Hoelting; and Sister Adrian Wewers, who visited with everyone she saw.

They had supper at Francis and Betty Wilhelm's home the first evening they were here. They also enjoyed seeing the production, TEXAS, while they were here. We wish they could have stayed longer.

Sister Adrian taught school in Nazareth for many years. Both are now at St. Scholastica Convent in Arkansas.

There was an Annen-Huseman Reunion in Nazareth last weekend. It was a combination reunion, birthday and anniversary party for members of the Raymond and Cecilia Annen family. It was hosted by Rubye Mae Hubbard Musser, Gladys Gipson and Faye Spencer at the home place of Thomas and Cornelia Annen.

The 50 attendees enjoyed lots of visiting, games and watching the children climb and roll on a huge mound of dirt.

Johnnie Faye Annen Jones and her husband, Darryl, traveled the greatest distance to attend the reunion.

Gladys Gipson and Martha

(Phillip) Huseman had four generations of their families in attendance.

Rubye Mae, Gladys, Faye and Patsy entertained the family and Carolyn Ringo completed the day by hosting a slumber party.

Congratulations to Todd and Misty Hill on the birth of a baby girl, Brynlee Shea, who was born on Friday, Aug. 20. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 ozs., and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Charley and Beverly Hill and Phil and Darleen Sullins. Great-grandmother is Virgie Gerber.

Congratulations to Anthony and Dana Johnston on the birth of a baby boy, Kade Anthony. He was born on Wednesday, Aug. 18, and he weighed 8 lbs., 5 ozs. Proud grandparents are Floyd and Dorothy

Schulte of Nazareth and Sandra Johnston of Shamrock. Great-grandparents are Louise Braddock of Nazareth and Viola McLemore of Lela.

Enjoying the weekend at Red River, N.M. were Joel and Mary Beth Gerber, Rex and Vera Ramaekers, Roger and Glenda Gerber, and Dan and Karen Gerber. They enjoyed the jeep trails.

Glenda proved to be the most trusting driver and Mary Beth, Vera and Dan were the multi-talented group for the karaoke contest.



IN RECOGNITION of years of service to the Dimmitt Follies, Cheryle Pybus (left) presents a plaque to fellow cast member Chuck Braafladt after one of the skits presented at the Follies '99 performance Saturday night at Dimmitt High School Auditorium. Photo by Linda Maxwell

4-H leader training set

4-H club managers and adult leaders are asked to attend a training workshop on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the assembly room at the courthouse in Dimmitt.

A parent/leader meeting will follow the club manager training, and should start around 7 p.m.

Club managers are asked to bring their training manual to the workshop.

All 4-H adult leaders are encouraged to attend.

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 Kelly Inman.....938-2462
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 Rusty Dickerson.....647-4106

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Praise to thee, my Lord, for all thy creatures.
 —St. Francis of Assisi

Attend the Church of Your Choice

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 647-4435
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 407 NE 4th, Dimmitt
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
 9th and Etter, Dimmitt
 Antonio Rocha

- Abundant Life Family Church**
 113 SE 2nd, Dimmitt
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- First Assembly of God**
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Lewter and Dyer exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

LaTrice Lynn Lewter of Dimmitt and Dustin S. Dyer of Hart, exchanged wedding vows Aug. 14 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hereford.

The bride is the daughter of Jay A. and Edie M. Lewter of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Stanley and Rhonda Dyer of Hart.

Father Charles Wilson officiated at the nuptial ceremony.

The church was decorated with sunflowers and white netting, yellow and white daisies and white mums.

Organist Linda Gilbert of Hereford provided music for the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a beaded satin wedding gown. She carried a bouquet of white larkspur, which is her birth flower, and babies' breath. Yellow lilies accented the bouquet.

Stacie Lewter of Amarillo, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaid was Heather Jeter of Dimmitt, friend of the bride.

The bridal attendants carried bouquets of sunflowers and white larkspur.

Best man was Justin Hawkins of Hart, friend of the groom. Groomsman was Brady Nelson of Hart, friend of the groom.

Ring bearer was Dallas Walters of Loop.

Demmi Newsom of Cumby was the flower girl.

Sehrena Davis of Hereford and Chris Hull of Hereford served as candle lighters.

Ushers were Arlie D. Lewter and Alan B. Lewter of Dimmitt, brothers of the bride.



MRS. DUSTIN S. DYER
... nee LaTrice Lynn Lewter

Antonio, the couple have established their home in Amarillo.

The bride is a sophomore attending

Amarillo College.

The groom attended the Amarillo Firefighting Academy.

Nazareth schedules Labor Day celebration

Nazareth's annual Labor Day picnic and parade will be held Sunday, Sept. 5, and the day's celebration

will be highlighted by a parade, roast beef dinner, auction, and variety of kids' and adults' games. A hamburger supper and a dance will wrap up the festivities that evening.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m., and is expected to feature floats by several organizations.

A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Tickets for the meal will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for those 12 and under.

The arts and crafts show, a raffle and adult bingo will begin after the parade and will continue throughout the afternoon.

Children's games and rides are planned from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

A washer pitching and horseshoe tournament are slated for the afternoon.

Beginning at 2 p.m., an auction featuring livestock and goods donated by area businesses will be held close to the Community Hall.

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

The Nazareth Community Hall will sponsor a benefit dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the hall. *Southern Sky* will provide music for the dance. Admission is \$5 per person.



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

It's a boy for Anthony and Dana Johnston of Amarillo. Kade Anthony Johnston entered the world at 4:29 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 ozs. Grandparents are Floyd and Dorothy Schulte of Nazareth and Sandra Johnston of Shamrock. Great-grandmothers are Louise Braddock of Nazareth and Viola McLemore of Lela.

Big reunion planned for DHS alumni

Dimmitt High School alumni from the classes of 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950 are invited to a reunion on Oct. 1 and 2 at the Fifth Seasons Inn in Amarillo.

Organizers of the event are Bill Birdwell, Billy Hackleman, J.E. Harmon, Dorothy Dee, Thomas Harrison, Clydene English Damron, Wayne Gipson, Phyllis Mooney, J.R. Fulfer, Lewis Martin, Tiny Rice and Floyce George.

The initial planning has been completed and those planning to attend the reunion may reserve a room by calling Sandra Henderson at the hotel at (806) 358-7881 or toll-free, 1-800-858-2223. Room rates are \$40 for a room with double beds or a room with one king-sized bed, or \$45 for a suite with a king-sized bed. All guests will receive a continental breakfast.

Guests are expected to begin arriving for the reunion on Friday, Oct. 1, and check-out will be around noon on Sunday.

There is no formal agenda of events planned for the reunion.

The hotel's formal ballroom will be the reunion headquarters and will serve as a meeting place for those wishing to visit and/or reminisce. Tables with snacks, drinks and other goodies will be set up in the ballroom during the reunion.

A general business meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. Future plans will be discussed at that time.

Two class coordinators and a general reunion chairman will be named. A financial report will be given and donations to help meet expenses of the next reunion will be accepted.

For more information, contact Lewis Martin, 1999 reunion chairman, at (806) 355-7977.

Fall recognition luncheon is set

District 2 4-H has planned its fall recognition luncheon for Saturday at 12 noon at the Texas Tech Human Sciences College in Lubbock.

The adult leader officers and 4-H Council members will be installed and honored at the luncheon.

Castro County's two leader delegates and two district council members should plan on attending the event. If you need transportation, call the Extension Office at 647-4115.



Warner Bill Settle and Jo Hyman

Hyman to wed Settle

Martha Jo Hyman and Harold Hyman of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jo Hyman, to Warner Bill Settle, son of Mike and Billy Settle of Tulia.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on Sept. 25 at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Dimmitt High School. In 1993, she graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station with a degree in accounting. She holds a degree in finance from West Texas A&M University, graduating in 1995. She is employed as a loan officer for McAfee Mortgage-Plains National Bank in Amarillo.

The prospective groom graduated from Silvertown High School in 1981. He earned a degree in agribusiness from West Texas A&M University in 1988. He is employed by Cactus Feeders-Southwest Feedyards of Hereford.

Tuckness concert will be Sept. 3 in Nazareth

It takes time to bring dreams to fruition.

One year after purchasing the vacated Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth, the Promised Land Network (PLN), an ecumenical rural outreach, continues to work with local volunteers to renovate the historical structure into a community center.

The interior building has been completely gutted in order to add an office, kitchenette and restrooms. Workers have now graced the former grocery store with a beautiful, antique wood performance stage, plus comfortable tables and chairs to seat 70 people.

To commemorate this first year of achievements, the PLN has planned a "Celebrating Labor" concert featuring Amarillo singer Tennessee Tuckness on Sept. 3 at 8 p.m. Admission to the concert is \$10 per person, and that includes all refreshments. For more information, or to reserve tickets for the show, call (806) 364-4445.

Tennessee Tuckness (her real name since birth) is a spirited singer-songwriter who captivates her audiences with a sultry bluesy-country flavor and a radiant presence. In the past year she has maintained a steady schedule of weekly performances at venues in Amarillo and Lubbock as well as being a featured performer for the past two summers at Amarillo's Polk Street Block Party.

Tuckness began her professional music career in the mid 1980s, studying at North Texas State University in Denton. She performed at Dallas-area venues such as the Deep Ellum District, the Hard Rock Café and the Texas State Fair—occasionally sharing the stage with cutting edge acts such as the Rev. Horton Heat, Tripping Daisy, The Toadies, and Eddie Brickell and The New Bohemians. The early 1990s brought Tuckness to Los Angeles where she lived, performed and began writing her own music along with other aspiring artists.

Now back home in Amarillo, married and a mother of three, Tuckness is continuing to craft her unique musical style, having released 10 original tracks on an album entitled, *I Am Not Forsaken* in 1998. Songs from her album are currently in regular rotation on several local radio stations.

With continued work, local volunteers foresee the Home Mercantile Building as a wonderful place to enjoy local music, to celebrate regional history and culture, and to sustain the rural arts and lifestyle for many years to come.

Food safety class is today

General food safety will be addressed at a special workshop today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m.

"If you are ever involved in serving food to the public (working at church dinners, concession stands, etc.) you should plan to attend this meeting," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "Every club should have at least one representative at this meeting."

The meeting will last approximately two hours and those planning to attend should contact Neal at the Extension office, 647-4115.

Bazaar will be held in Muleshoe

The Moonlight Extension Club in Muleshoe will hold its 21st annual Christmas bazaar Nov. 12 and 13 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Applications for booth space will be accepted until Nov. 1. To request an application form, contact Linda Huckaby, 902 West Eighth Street, Muleshoe, 79347.

After the wedding, a reception honoring the newlyweds was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Hawkins of Hart. The Hawkins' yard was decorated with white lights.

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What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for August 26 through Sept. 3.

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie cereal, fresh bananas and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, pineapple juice and milk.
MONDAY: Scrambled eggs with biscuit, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Rice Krispie cereal, apple slices and white milk.
WEDNESDAY: French toast with syrup, pineapple juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, orange wedges and milk.
FRIDAY: Toasted English muffin, apple juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, tossed salad, peaches, hot cheese rolls and milk.
FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.
MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, white milk and jalapeno peppers.
TUESDAY: Steak fingers, onion rings, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, corn on the cob, tater tots and milk.
THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortillas; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, chicken fried steak or enchiladas; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexipinto beans or jellied applesauce; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, macaroni and cheese or turkey fajita with onions and peppers, onion rings, refried beans, spinach, tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; cornbread, wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, southern fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato with apple; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread sticks or potato chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, chicken baked Italiano or vegetable pasta Alfredo; stir fried rice, peas, Italian vegetable salad, tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, tomato and cucumber salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: French toast sticks, Canadian bacon, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Variety of muffins, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY: French toast sticks, Canadian bacon, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Elementary Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or fish strips; cornbread, tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, salad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or hot dog on a bun with chili; pinto beans, fresh fruit, corn chips, gelatin dessert and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket; sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, salad, cake and milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or cheeseburger pocket; lettuce, tomato, pickle, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, potato chips, ice cream and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito or nachos with ground beef; dill pickles, pinto beans, salad, gelatin dessert, pears, jalapeno peppers and milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownie, pineapple and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or spaghetti and meat sauce; Texas toast, corn, salad, brownie, gelatin dessert and milk.

Junior High/High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or fish strips; cornbread, tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, salad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of brisket, hamburger basket or baked potato; wheat rolls, pinto beans, sliced cheese, salad, Longhorn cookie and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket, sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, peaches, salad, cake, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or cheeseburger pocket; lettuce, tomato, pickle, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito or nachos with ground beef; dill pickles, pinto beans, salad, gelatin dessert, pears, jalapeno peppers and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple, and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of brisket, hamburger basket or baked potato; wheat rolls, pinto beans, sliced cheese, salad, brownie, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, blueberry muffins, cereal, juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Chicken spaghetti or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, pudding and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Frito pie or pizza, cornbread, Mexican salad, beans, peaches, apple crisp and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, corn, fruit cocktail, peaches and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Beef taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, Mexican-style beans, pears, fruit pan dowdy and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Chalupa or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, green beans, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, oranges, cookie and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Chicken fried steak with roll or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pineapple, applesauce and milk or juice.

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

Dogs are available from pound

Need a family pet? Dimmitt's animal control officer Ty Lively said the pound has several dogs available for adoption to good homes.

An assortment of breeds and ages is available. Each one must have a rabies shot before it will be released, and the cost of the shot must be paid by the person who adopts the pet.

For more information, contact Lively at the Dimmitt Police Dept. at 647-4545.



WEST AVE—A group comprised of (from left) Casey Jones and Caleb Dickerson, along with Todd Jansa (not shown), presented *Soul Man* and *Wild Thing* at the performances of *Follies '99* Saturday and Sunday at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Food and nutrition workshop set for 4-H

There will be a meeting on the 1999-2000 food and nutrition program for Castro County 4-H'ers on Monday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. "We will be planning program activities and setting dates for fall projects," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agents. Any adult leaders interested in helping with the food program should also plan to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Neal at the Extension Office, 647-4115.

Marriage enrichment weekend starts Friday at First Baptist Church

The public is invited to attend a Marriage Enrichment Weekend on Friday and Saturday, hosted by Dimmitt's First Baptist Church. Leading the seminar will be Mike and Mary Stedham of Abilene. They are both Licensed Professional Counselors in the state of Texas, and Mike also is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Activities for the weekend will start with a meal Friday at 6 p.m., followed by a session. Saturday, the church will host a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by meetings, which will conclude at noon. Childcare will be provided for all the sessions. Persons planning to attend are asked to call the church office at 647-3115 for advance planning and meal purposes.

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DMS receiving \$78,000 TIF grant

Dimmitt Middle School is receiving one of 1,081 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grants being distributed to Texas public school districts and campuses. The DMS grant is for \$78,097.

DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill said the grant money will be used to purchase computer equipment and help pay for the installation of a local area network at the middle school.

The Technology Advancement and Distance Learning grant, a non-competitive grant, was awarded by the TIF Board. These grants allow Texas

public schools to enhance existing Internet connections and to purchase equipment for video-conferencing, workstations, networking hardware, ISP costs and other related telecommunications costs. The grant projects will begin Sept. 1.

"This grant reaches Texas public school districts and campuses," said Arnold Viramontes, executive director of the TIF Board. "Grantees will extend existing telecommunications infrastructure so that Texas public schools can further assist their students to become the leaders of tomorrow. Our vision is to improve access to the Internet and make distance learning a reality."

The public school applicants were required to complete a detailed application. These public school districts and campuses also were required to provide, in matching funds, a minimum of 10% of the funds requested from the TIF Board.

Since its creation by the 74th Texas Legislature in 1995, the TIF Board has awarded approximately \$202 million in telecommunications grants to 1,018 school districts and charter schools (out of 1,145), in addition to colleges, libraries, health-care facilities and collaborative projects. The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a 10-year period.

DISD sets in-service for substitutes

Those planning to serve as substitute teachers for the Dimmitt Independent School District must attend a special in-service workshop.

A session will be held Wednesday (Sept. 1) at 9 a.m. at the DISD Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.

New substitutes are asked to bring their Social Security card and driver's license when reporting for the workshop.

Those who have already taken a training session for the 1999-2000 school year do not have to attend another session.



AWARD OF APPRECIATION—Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava (left) presents a plaque to Ysleta Ball for her years of participation in the Dimmitt Follies. The presentation was made at the Saturday performance of Follies '99 at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Lean ground beef contest returns to fair

Some of the tastiest ground beef recipes from local cooks were entered in a special contest at last year's Harvest Days celebration and county fair, and the event was such a hit that the Fair Committee has elected to sponsor it again.

The second annual lean ground beef contest will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, and rules and guidelines are available at the Castro County Extension Office.

The cooking project has been expanded this year to include a homemade pie baking contest.

Homemade fruit pies will be judged by well-known judges during the fair.

Rules for the pie contest will be available soon.

It's time to plan for the fair

It's county fair time, again, and those interested in entering any of the competitions can get a jump start on their projects by picking up a fair book, which includes the rules, deadlines and more.

Fair books are now available at the County Extension Office, at the Chamber of Commerce Office, and at businesses around the county.

"Almost any project or hobby in which you are engaged can be exhibited at the fair," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "Your club might be interested in having a float in the parade or in having a booth at the carnival."

For more information about the fair or other Harvest Days activities, contact Neal at 647-4115 or Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524.

Martinez named outstanding new Extension agent

Castro County Assistant Extension Agent Benny Joel Martinez was one of 12 county agents recognized as tops in the state during a recent meeting of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

Martinez earned a "New Agent Recognition Award," which honors outstanding county agents with less than five years of career service in Extension.

Chamber hopes to attract many floats for HD parade

It's time for a celebration in Dimmitt and Castro County, and a big parade is a great way to begin festivities.

The Castro County Harvest Days celebration has been planned for Saturday, Sept. 11, and the annual parade through the streets of Dimmitt will kick off the day's celebration.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce hopes that this year's parade—the last one of the millennium—will be the biggest and best ever, but they need your help to make that happen.

The Chamber is asking for all civic clubs and organizations to enter some type of float or other entry in the parade.

Theme for this year's parade is "Be a Sport—Support Castro County."

The parade will begin Sept. 11 at

11 a.m. and it will start at the Dimmitt Post Office on 205 South-east Second Street.

The Dimmitt Lions Club will direct the parade and will serve as judges for the event. Cash prizes and ribbons will be presented to winners. Best of Parade winners will receive \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

Those planning to enter the parade should call the chamber at 647-2524 by 12 noon on Sept. 9.

Parade entries must be lined up by 9:15 a.m. on Sept. 11 in order to be judged.

There are several divisions in the parade, including the following: Business float, civic float, antique car, antique truck, antique tractor, horse-drawn wagon and other (describe).

Farm Bureau contest will honor young farmer

The Texas Farm Bureau is accepting applications for its 1999 Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher award and the deadline for applications is Sept. 17.

"The purpose of the award is to surface, identify and reward exceptional young people in agriculture," said Lonnie Robb, president of Castro County Farm Bureau. "This is a tremendous opportunity for young farmers and ranchers with very lucrative prize packages."

The winner of the competition will receive a 2000 Dodge ¾-ton quad-cab 4x4 truck with a Cummins diesel engine, \$500 cash, 150 hours use of a Case IH tractor and an all-expense paid trip to the Texas Farm Bureau state convention in Corpus Christi. The winner also represents the state's largest farm organization in the American Farm Bureau achievement competition.

Runners-up in the contest will receive great prizes, including trans-

portation, two nights lodging and meals to the annual meeting, and complimentary use of a 2000 quad-cab pickup from December 1999 to November 2000. Both the winner and runners-up will be presented a plaque and belt buckle representative of the award.

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Those having reserved seats may go by the Dimmitt Independent School District Administration building at 608 W. Halsell and speak with Roxie Loudder. The cost is \$20 per seat for the five home games scheduled.

The reserve seats will be available for sale to the public starting Monday. Those interested may go by the administration building.

4-H'ers asked to help with center clean-up

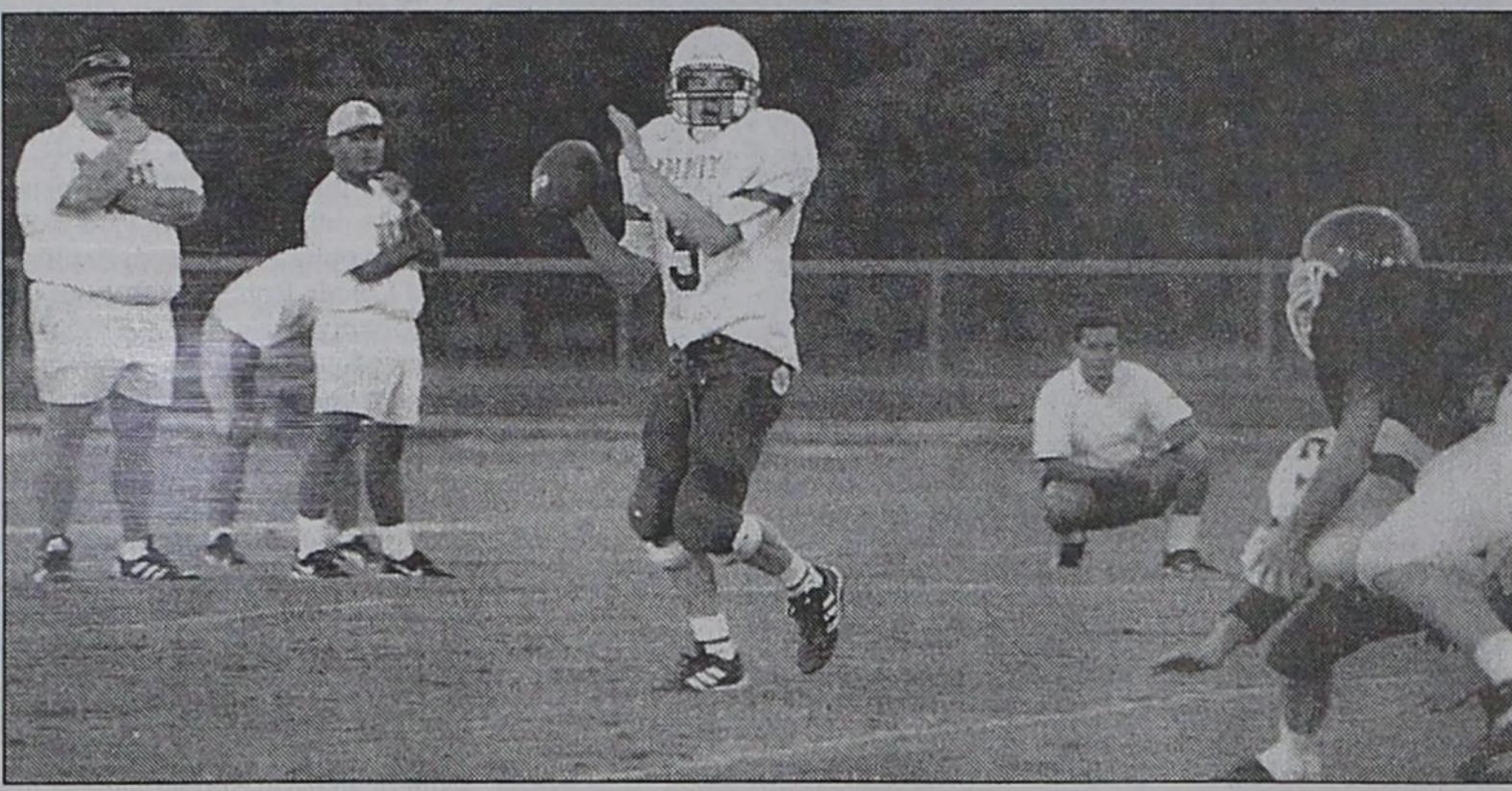
Castro County 4-H has scheduled a clean-up day at the 4-H Center for Saturday and all 4-H'ers are asked to lend a hand with the chores.

Work will begin at 8:30 a.m. and chores including hoeing weeds around the swine and lamb pens as well as sweeping and washing the floors at the 4-H Center. Everyone is encouraged to bring hoes, rakes and shovels.

Work clothes and a good pair of working gloves are recommended.

"Everyone who plans on housing their livestock projects at the 4-H Center must attend at least two clean-up days during the showing season," said Pammy Millican, Castro County Extension Agent.

For more information, contact Millican or Benny Martinez at the Extension Office, 647-4115.



DROPPING BACK—Dimmitt quarterback B. J. Hill looks for a receiver while Lockney defenders pursue him during the Bobcats' first intersquad scrimmage here Friday evening. In background, Dimmitt coaches study the offensive blocking as the play develops. The

Bobcats will have their second pre-season scrimmage here Friday night against Abernathy's Antelopes, and will officially open the season with a home game against Sundown Sept. 3. Photo by Carter Townsend



BREAKING THROUGH on a scoring run against Lockney during Friday's scrimmage here is Dimmitt fullback Jake Laurent (30), who gets a clearing block by Cory Lane (72). The first pre-season scrimmage

was combined with the annual "Meet the Bobcats" night and ice cream supper, sponsored by the Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club. A second pre-season scrimmage is set here Friday. Photo by Carter Townsend

Preseason spotlight

Finch, George spark Hart in scrimmage

Big plays of 80-plus yards by Hart's Keith Finch and Chris George, coupled with five-yard touchdowns by each, allowed Hart to outscore Lubbock Christian four touchdowns to none Friday in the first scrimmage of the 1999 season.

Hart will continue its pre-season drills this week and will cap off the scrimmage schedule Friday when it travels to Memphis for the second scrimmage.

This week's practice will open with the junior varsity squads running 20 plays both ways. Then the Longhorn varsity will run 20 offensive and defensive plays, followed by

the second-team varsity, which will run 15 and 15.

Hart and Memphis will play a live quarter to conclude the scrimmage.

In Friday's first scrimmage, Finch broke free from the Eagle defense for an 85-yard touchdown early in the scrimmage, then capped off a successful performance with another touchdown, this time from five yards out.

George's two touchdowns were both pass receptions from quarterback Jeremiah Velasquez. The first was an 80-yard reception that was good for a touchdown and the second

was a five-yard catch in the end zone.

Hart also scrimmaged Tucumcari, N.M. Friday, and gave up one touchdown to the out-of-state visitors. Hart never scored against Tucumcari, but the Longhorns still turned in a strong performance.

"Our scrimmage went really well," said Hart Coach Bryan Welps. "We shut out Lubbock Christian and we stood toe-to-toe with Tucumcari, and they were really big and fast. Overall, it was a good scrimmage for us."

Welps said he was encouraged by his team's performance, especially

the offense, which didn't turn the ball over once.

That was a problem Hart struggled with a year ago, and it's one Welps hopes to eliminate this year.

"Our offense has come a long way (from last year). We didn't turn the ball over and we really didn't make many mistakes. We had a couple of problems late in the scrimmage when the guys were getting tired, but we looked good."

Welps said Hart's defense played well all night. The Longhorns gave up just one first down against Lubbock Christian and the unit stopped Tucumcari on three strong drives.

Welps said he was pleased with the play of the entire team, and said he was really happy with the effort put forth by Finch, George, Jacob Reyna and Fabian Rodriguez.

Preseason spotlight

Dollar pleased with Bobcats' scrimmage

While he hesitates to single out individual performers, Dimmitt Coach Bruce Dollar is quick to praise his overall team for effort on both sides of the ball in Friday's scrimmage with Lockney.

"We did well on offense and defense," Dollar said. "We got to look at players on both sides of the ball and see the things we needed to work on."

Dollar said the Bobcats' offense had a few problems moving the ball early in the scrimmage, but after some adjustments were made, they began driving down the field.

Dimmitt's defense also played well against Lockney, and Dollar said the unit came up with an interception.

"We saw some things that we needed to work on in this scrimmage, and we'll be trying to improve on those things this week," Dollar said.

Dimmitt will scrimmage Abernathy Friday at 6 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium to close out its pre-season practice schedule.

"We're going to try and improve on our technique at various positions and we'll try and improve our execution," Dollar said.

Preseason spotlight

Swifts outrun Anton in Friday scrimmage

The Nazareth Swifts outscored Anton three touchdowns to one with the starting unit and 3-0 with the second string Friday in the season's first scrimmage.

Each of Nazareth's six touchdowns came from its running game, but Nazareth's offense wasn't restricted to the ground attack. Coach Rick Price said he was happy to see success with the team's passing game as well.

The Swifts hope to iron out the rest of the wrinkles in their game plan tonight (Thursday) when they scrimmage Smyer at 6 p.m. at Swift Field.

This week's scrimmage will feature a live quarter and an overtime period by the varsity units.

than we did."

Price said after watching the film of Friday's scrimmage, he and his coaching staff were pleased with the Swifts' defensive effort.

"Anton runs the option well and they gave us some problems early, but we were able to adjust and shut them down. When we watched the film, we saw more good than bad."

The Swifts' defense managed to pick off a couple of interceptions and recovered a fumble.

The second string offense also scored three touchdowns, with Jason Huseman scoring on a 30-yard run, and Ky Wilcox and Aaron Kern each scoring on 15-yard runs.

One of the biggest holes the Swifts have to fill this year is at quarterback, and Price is looking at a pair of sophomores, Blake Birkenfeld and Ky Wilcox, to fill the spot.

Both saw quite a bit of action Friday.

Six different Swifts scored rushing touchdowns against Anton.

The starters scoring included Matty McLain scored on a 70-yard run, Cameron McLain picked up a touchdown on a 45-yard scamper and Kade Wilcox broke free for a 20-yard touchdown.

"We found some bright spots in this scrimmage, but we did notice some frayed edges, too," said Price. "I think we could have scored more

Lubbock pair win CCD Invitational

Mike and Matt Montoya of Lubbock took first place in the Championship flight of the 1999 Invitational Tournament at the Country Club of Dimmitt Saturday and Sunday. The pair recorded scores of 62 and 69 for a total of 131.

Second place went to the Carrolton team of Vince Record and Brad Roberts with scores of 64 and 68, for a total 132. Third place in the flight went to Mickey Bishop and Terry Widick of Dimmitt, 63-70-133.

In the First Flight, Joe Wright and George Simmons of Clovis, N.M., took first with 68-67-135; Leroy Henry and Lanny Savage of Plainview were second, with 68-69-137; and tying at third place were the

teams of Chris Kelley and Chad Snider, 68-71-140; Jerry Watts and Jobey Claborn of Dimmitt, 70-70-140.

First in the Second Flight was the Clovis team of Manual Quintana and Tommy Gonzales, 71-69-140; second was the Tulia team of Buttons Bozeman and Chris Watson, 72-70-142; and third went to Jack Glover and Scott Calvert of Lubbock, 71-72-143.

In the Third Flight, first went to Joe Saucedo and Marin Rivas of Hereford, 74-72-146; and second place was a tie between the teams of Jerry Ivy and Corey Boyd of Amarillo, 74-74-148, and Bobby Roberts and Martin Griego of Clovis, 75-73-148.

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Obituaries

Buster Hanna

Services for Buster Hanna, 86, of Turkey, father of Dolan Wayne Hanna of Dimmitt, will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church in Turkey with the Rev. Jim Samatis and the Rev. Melvin Clinton officiating. Burial will follow in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Home of Turkey.

Mr. Hanna died Monday. He was born in Comanche County and moved to Turkey in 1924. He married Gladys Young in 1934 in Turkey. He served on the Turkey School Board and the Farmers Home Administration County Committee. He was a Turkey city councilman and was an active civic leader. He was a farmer for many years. He belonged to the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Bobby Keith Hanna of Vernon and Dolan Wayne Hanna of Dimmitt; a sister, Opal Cooper of Pima, Ariz.; two brothers, Clifton Hanna of Wichita, Kan., and Lowell Hanna of Wichita Falls; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



Julian Acevedo Sr.

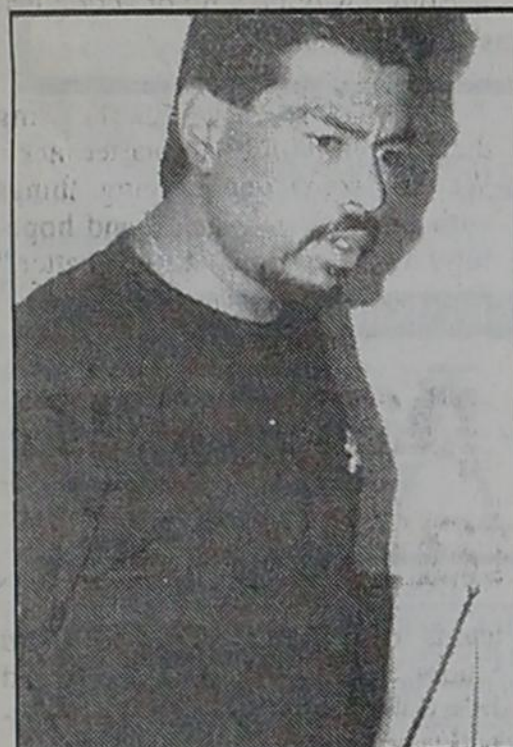
Funeral services for Julian Rojas Acevedo Sr., 71, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt, with Rev. Fern Couture officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Acevedo died Aug. 20 at 10:10 p.m. in Lubbock.

He was born Jan. 9, 1928, in Bertram. He married Edith Rollins on April 14, 1949, in Rio Grande City. She preceded him in death on Dec. 18, 1995. They moved to Dimmitt in 1956 from Georgetown. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where he was a member of the Sacred Heart Association, and he was a Cursillista. Mr. Acevedo was a welder and a ginner. He built many gins around the area, including some in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. He was the owner of A&F Welding.

He is survived by two daughters, Mary Helen Flores and Maria Fuller, both of Dimmitt; four sons, Julian Acevedo Jr. of San Antonio, Robert Acevedo of Levelland, Ace Acevedo of Pampa and Albert Acevedo of Dimmitt; three brothers, Mike Acevedo of Earth, Sabastian Acevedo of Dimmitt, and Feliciano Acevedo of Donna; four sisters, Micaela Sandoval of Donna, Catarina Torres of McAllen, Maria Flores of Austin, and Juanita Riojas of Georgetown; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



Richard Bellegas

Services for Richard Bellegas, 25, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Fern Couture, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

A rosary was recited Friday evening at 1002 W. Andrews in Dimmitt.

Mr. Bellegas died at 4:50 a.m. last Wednesday, Aug. 18, in Amarillo.

He was born Sept. 30, 1973, in Floydada and he grew up in Dimmitt where he attended school. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Maria Ouiedo, on Jan. 30, 1999.

Survivors include three brothers, Rene Villegas and Marcus Ouiedo, both of Dimmitt, and Simon Villegas of Clovis, N.M.; five sisters, Rachael Villegas of Muleshoe, Alicia Villegas of Dimmitt, Maria Ampro Mendoza of Friona and Maria E. Ouiedo and Cuca Sanchez, both of Floydada; his grandparents, Jose Santos Alvarez and Celia Reyes Alvarez of Dimmitt; and four uncles and aunts.

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Photo by Linda Maxwell



Three enter guilty pleas

Three men entered pleas of guilty in 64th District Court with Judge Jack Miller presiding. Judgments on the three were entered on Aug. 6, and signed Friday.

Randy Dwayne Powell entered a guilty plea to charges of DWI, third offense, a third degree felony, in connection with his arrest April 19. Terms of his plea bargain included that he would serve four years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated for four years and including one year of county jail with work release; a \$500 fine; \$266.25 in court costs; a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line; and 300 hours of community service.

David Parker pled guilty to charges of possession of marijuana over 5 pounds, a third degree felony, in connection with a Feb. 24 incident. The terms of his plea included five years in the IDTDCJ, probated for five years; a fine of \$1,000, restitution of \$140 to the Dept. of Public Safety, \$261.25 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, and a \$50 donation to Crime Line; and 400 hours of community service.

Possession of a controlled substance under 1 ounce, a state jail offense, was the charge against Danny Dones in connection with a Jan. 24, 1998, incident. He pled guilty in exchange for a sentence of two years in a TDCJ state jail facility, probated to two years; a fine of \$1,000, restitution of \$140 to the DPS, court costs of \$251.25, a \$50 donation to Crime Line; and 200 hours of community service.

More about

DISD adopts budget . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

least a \$3,000 raise. Miller said the \$3,000 per teacher is being funded by the state, but the district still must cover the step increases.

The payroll cost for professionals is estimated at \$4,810,001 and another \$1,077,784 is allowed for paraprofessionals, together accounting for over 70% of the total budget.

Miller also said the district is expected to receive less state funding because of a decline in the average daily attendance (ADA) due to a drop in enrollment last year. Some state funding formulas are based on ADA from the previous year.

Another budget item is the new drug testing program that is expected to cost \$20,000 for the school year, accounting for .2% of the total budget for the year.

A public hearing on the tax rate for the school district will be held Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. Following the hearing, the board will hold a meeting to vote on the tax rate. The board's regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

In other business last Thursday, the board voted to raise the prices for adult lunches and breakfasts at the school cafeterias, raising each 25 cents. Breakfasts will now cost \$1.25 and lunches will be \$2.25.

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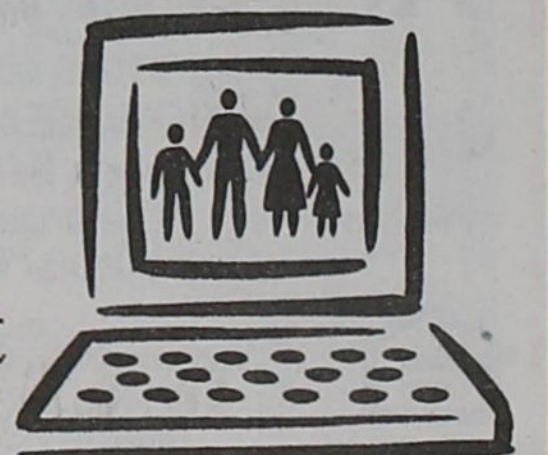
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20—Help Wanted

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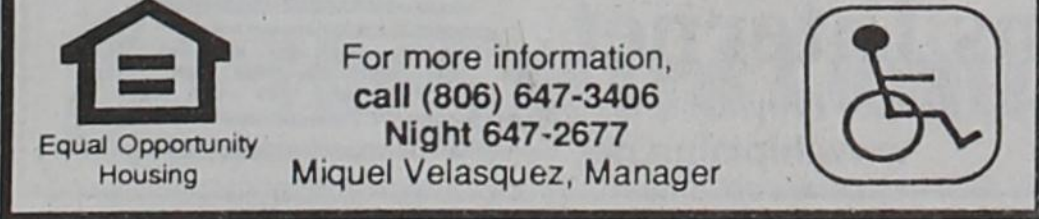
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22—Notices

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24—Card of Thanks

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is requesting proposals and specifications on group health, life and accidental death and dismemberment benefits for all eligible employees. Bids will be received by City Secretary Don Sheffy by 5 p.m. Sept. 1, 1999, with intention to submit recommended bids to the governing board at its regular meeting following Sept. 7, 1999. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid deemed advantageous to the City of Dimmitt. 25-20-2tc

PUBLIC AUCTION

Storage unit contents to be auctioned off for delinquent rent charges. The last known names on the units are: Maria Fuller, 202 B W. Halsell Street, Dimmitt; and Betty Vasquez, 114 NW 9th Street #9, Dimmitt. Auction will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 5 p.m. at West Texas Mini Storage. 25-20-2tc

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

TPDES Permit No. 02330 APPLICATION: RAFTER 3 FEEDYARD INC., PO Box 1127, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for TPDES Permit No. 02330 to replace and renew state permit authorizing the applicant to operate an existing beef cattle operation at a maximum capacity of 40,000 head in Castro County, Texas. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this Permit. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The existing facility is located on the east side of FM 1055, approximately one and one-half miles south of the intersection of FM 1055 with State Highway 86 in Castro County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. Written public comments and requests for public meeting may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment, and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TNRCC may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: 1. Your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; 2. Applicant's name and permit number; 3. The statement, "I/We request a contested case hearing." 4. A brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and 5. The location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application or permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

INFORMATION: Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. For additional information, please contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us. Issued: Aug. 18, 1999.

LaDONNA CASTANUELA, Chief Clerk Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission 25-15-1tc

Police Calls

A 19-year-old Hart man was jailed Aug. 17 in an incident of family violence/assault, a Class A misdemeanor.

Raymond Ramirez Jr. of Olton told deputies Aug. 17 that he was assaulted by suspects on July 31 in the Hacker Division of Hart. He said the suspects struck him with their hands and fists.

A resident of Coronado Acres told deputies Monday that someone entered a storage building on the south end of Lots 81 and 82 at Coronado Acres and removed a motorcycle. Investigation revealed that the man's spouse had removed the vehicle after the pair had separated.

Michael Edwin Axe of Hereford told deputies that two CB radios were taken from some trucks west of Easter sometime between July 27 and Aug. 17.

Three women were jailed Friday on charges of theft by check: at 11:45 a.m., a 22-year-old from Parkston, S.D.; at 11:03 p.m., a Dimmitt woman, 32, on a warrant; and at 11:47 p.m., a 33-year-old from Dimmitt, for theft by check over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Sunday, a 53-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for driving without a license.

Alcohol-related arrests included: a 19-year-old Dimmitt man early Monday on DWI charges, first offense. Early Sunday a suspect was arrested for being a minor in consumption of alcohol.

Jailed on warrants during the past week were:

—An Amarillo man, 20, on Aug. 17 on a warrant for delivery of marijuana, 1/4 ounce or less.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 54, on a warrant for a bond surrender; an 18-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for Class C assault/bodily injury; and a Hereford man, 28, on a warrant for theft.

Last Thursday at 4:49 p.m., a 1985 Peterbilt tractor pulling a 1997 Wilson trailer, was struck by a 1994 Ford Escort driven by Kevin Earl Reed, 30, of Dimmitt. Jesus Guterrez, 24, of Dimmitt, the driver of the truck-trailer rig, was heading north, when he attempted to turn left onto West Stinson, pulling into the path of Reed's vehicle, which was heading south in the 300 block of South Broadway. Reed struck the trailer, which had no damage. Guterrez was listed with no injuries, and he was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way turning left. Reed was listed with possible injuries and his vehicle had moderate to heavy damage.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m., a 1983 brown Chevrolet Caprice driven by Pedro Torres Ojeda, 72, of Loveland, Colo., ran off the roadway .2 miles north of Dimmitt on US 385. According to the DPS report, a malfunction in the vehicle's steering caused it to suddenly steer left, out of control, and into a ditch, coming to rest in a parking lot on the west side of the highway. Ojeda was listed with possible injuries and his vehicle had light to moderate damage.

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received "acceptable" ratings. Ray Joe Riley reminded me that there's another local school system that deserves recognition.

All three Springlake-Earth schools received an "exemplary" rating this year.

That's partly because of the Castro County kids who attend the S-E schools.

According to Supt. Robert Conkin, Springlake-Earth has 23 students from Castro County. Thirteen of them live in the Springlake-Earth School District, and the other 10 are voluntary transfers.

The northern portion of the Springlake-Earth ISD includes several sections of Castro County land, Ray Joe explains.

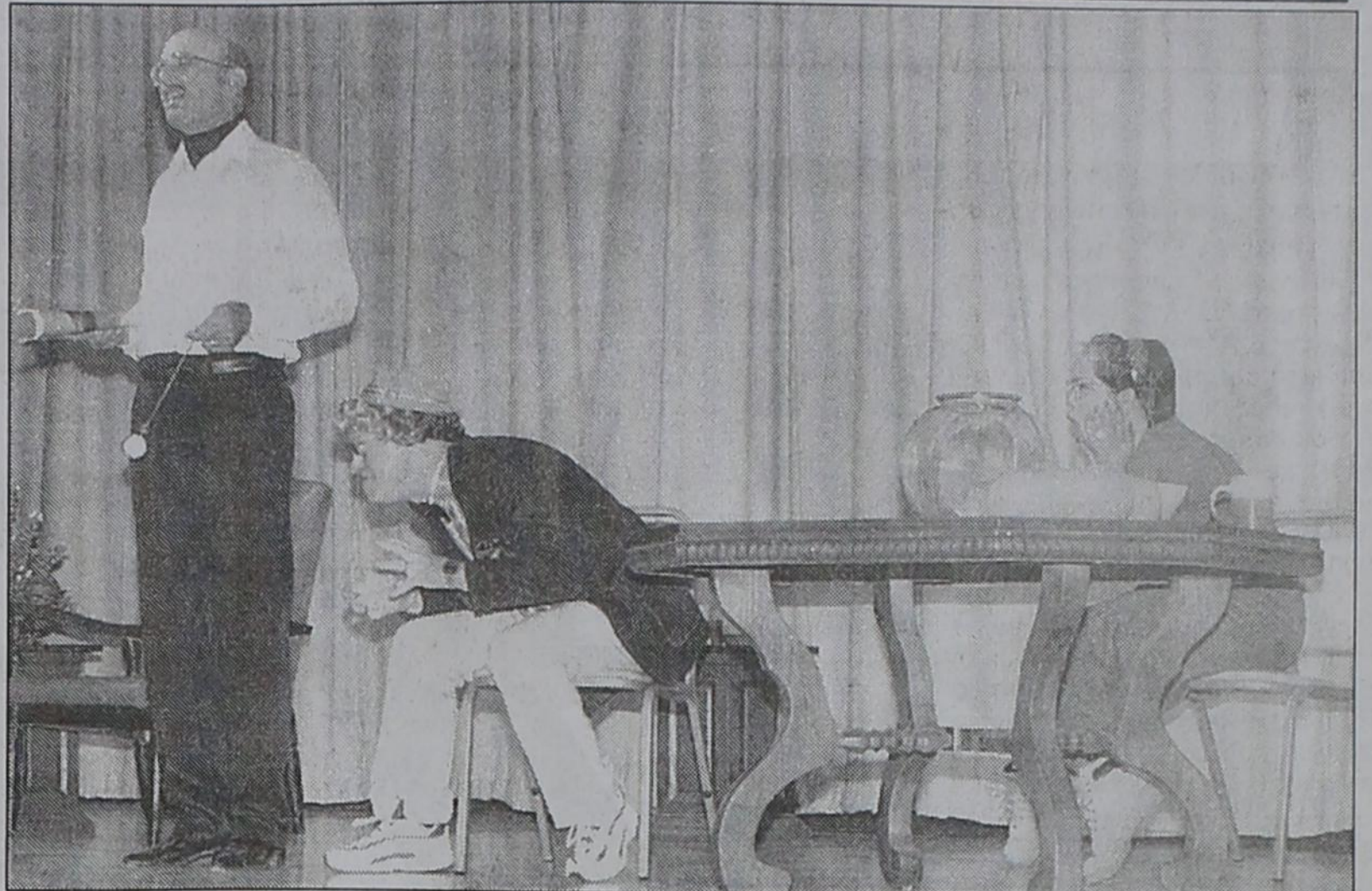
"This is due largely to the preference and hard work by Norman Cleavinger, Ray Axtell,

Dwight Axtell, O. C. Axtell, Roy Haber, P. L. 'Posey' Cunningham, L. D. Winders, George Abbott, Thurlo Branscum, Ray Riley and others, when the county redistricting was done in the 1940s," Ray Joe explains.

Ray Joe graduated from Springlake High School himself (back in the dark ages, before it was called Springlake-Earth), and his family property on the southern edge of the county is situated in such a way that he pays taxes to three school districts—Hart, Dimmitt and Springlake-Earth.

Sometimes we overlook the fact that some of the students at Springlake-Earth and Lazbuddie, besides being relatives or neighbors, also are Castro County residents.

If Castro Countians can in any way take credit for Springlake-Earth's "exemplary" rating, or share the glory, let's do it!



READY TO POUNCE—Wayne Proffitt (center) portrays a man overcome by the urge to act like a cat at the inopportune time of being introduced to his fiancée's father. Stella Devers (right) played the fiancée and Charles Axtell (left) played her father. The skit, "The Howl and the Pussycat," was a part of Follies '99, presented Saturday and Sunday. Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

Dimmitt man critical . . .

(Continued from Page 1) just two miles west of the accident site and was en route home after completing the day's shift, his foreman said.

Brett Donis, a fellow Asplundh employee, was driving a company pickup ahead of the aerial-lift rig when Lopez lost control of the vehicle.

"I saw him go off of the road onto the shoulder," Donis said, "and the next time I looked, I saw the truck lunging back onto the road, then it flipped."

Donis and a passing farmer worked frantically to help Lopez, who was pinned under the truck and bleeding from a serious head injury.

"He was mostly pinned under the ladder to the headache rack," Donis said. "When I first got there, he looked at me and pointed at his throat. Then he stopped breathing for three to five minutes. I worked on him a minute and he started gulping for air."

The two men placed jacks under the headache rack's frame and were able to raise the rig enough to ease the pressure on Lopez until firemen arrived.

Lopez, a groundsman for Asplundh, had been employed by the company almost two years, according to his supervisor, Doug Bruner.

The large yellow Asplundh aerial-lift rig is a specialty vehicle that includes a "zoom boom" and bucket, an over-the-cab working platform, or "headache rack," and an attached wood chipper. The rigs are used mainly for trimming tree limbs away from highline wires.

Friends of Lopez said he was sub-

ject to seizures as the result of an accident when he was a boy. Law officers reported that he had a medical restriction on his driver's license.

Trooper Mann said Lopez did not have the commercial driver's license required to operate the rig, and his supervisor said that he "wasn't supposed to be driving it."

Lopez's oldest son, Ruben Lopez III, 17, was killed in a one-car roll-

over last Nov. 21 on US 385 north of Hereford.

Trooper Mann commented that after the death of Lopez's son, "I saw him several times at the cemetery when I would drive by. He would just be sitting there."

Lopez also has two other sons. A 1979 graduate of Dimmitt High School, he is the son of Ruben and Modesta Lopez of Dimmitt.

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