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## Jail bond vote set

The Castro County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to issue an order calling for a bond election on Nov. 7.

The bond issue would be used to construct a jail and office space for the sheriff's office and Dept. of Public Safety, and is not to exceed \$3 million in general obligation bonds. The issue would be set up on a 20-year repayment term.

The tax rate that would be needed to cover the interest and sinking fund was estimated at 7.25¢ per \$100 property valuation, if the debt service can be financed at about 5.75%.

The commissioners also gave approval for the bond issue to be on the same ballot as the Nov. 7 general

election to save on election costs.

If the bond election passes, the county will take bids on the bonds from the open market, awarding the bond sale to the bidder offering the lowest interest rate. The bond issue must then be submitted to the attorney general for approval.

So it would be at least 60 days after the election before the county would have the funds in hand to start construction.

In the same Monday meeting, the commissioners voted 3-1 to designate A&S Steel Construction of Amarillo as the construction manager "at risk" for the jail project. Commissioners Newlon Rowland,

Bay Baldrige and Dan Schmucker voted in favor of A&S, while Clyde Damron voted against. He said he preferred Jim Sartain.

Ken Burns, AIA, CSI, the county's architect for the project, reviewed the proposals for construction management with the commissioners and evaluated the firms on their qualifications.

The majority of the commissioners ranked A&S at the top of the list, followed by Sartain, then West Texas Contractors of Amarillo, and CIB of Amarillo.

The commissioners have set a meeting with the Citizens Jail Committee for Monday (Sept. 18) at 7

p.m. to discuss how the project should be presented to the public.

Three public meetings have been scheduled, one in each incorporated city in the county. A meeting will be held Oct. 2 in Hart at 7 p.m. The Nazareth meeting will be Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m., and the Dimmitt meeting will be Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

Burns told the commissioners that he would be glad to attend the meetings and help explain the project and the bond process. Financial advisor Vince Viaille also said he would attend and help with needed information.

Burns said it would be helpful to obtain figures on the cost of housing (Continued on Page 9)

## Drought, price dampen harvest hopes

A record corn crop of 10.369 billion bushels is being forecast by the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), but it's an expensive crop and most producers will be forced to sell their crop at one of the lowest prices recent memory.

USDA estimates corn prices at the farm gate could be the lowest in 28 years. Coupled with increased irrigation, fertilizer and chemical expenses, the profit outlook is bleak for corn growers.

A severe drought has plagued this area for more than two months now, forcing farmers to pour the water on their crops.

Even after heavy irrigation, many fields are still dry and so are farmers' pocketbooks.

"If we'd just gotten a good rain in July or August, it would have made a big difference," said Jarrel Sewell, general manager at Cargill AgHorizons in Hart. "We don't need any more years like this one from a standpoint of weather."

The hot weather and dry winds caused the crop to dry down a lot faster than usual and that resulted in an earlier-than-normal harvest.

"I've talked to some growers who said they don't remember having a corn harvest that wasn't interrupted by at least some rain," said Rodney Hunter at DeBruce Grain.

The lack of moisture isn't the only problem growers have faced in recent weeks. According to Hunter, spider mites attacked some fields and have damaged the crop. Beet armyworm infestations also have created problems.

"The long drought affected a lot of things. It really had a snowball effect. We've seen increased insect pressure. The farmers had to pump (water)

harder and they spent more on fertilizer and other chemicals," said a spokesperson for AgriFarm Industries in Dimmitt.

The added expenses of raising this year's crop may be too high compared with what the farmers will get when they sell their crop.

"Everybody has a different scenario," said Sewell. "I just know it's going to be tough year, due to the price mainly."

Corn harvest is about 60 to 70% complete in many areas of Castro County and yields vary from field to field.

"Quite a few people say their crop's really good, but some aren't very happy. I guess I'd say it's about an average year," said Hunter.

Hunter said yield reports from producers have been ranging between 10,000 and 11,000 pounds.

Sewell has also heard conflicting reports from producers in his area.

"I've heard some yields are pretty good and some are not. Generally, I'd say yields are lower than normal. The test weights are down on a lot of it because of the long, dry spell," Sewell said, adding that the best yield report he's heard to date is 12,000 pounds.

"There's a lot of corn still out there—at least we hope there is. There have been some really good yields and some not so good yields, depending on where there was more water," said an AgriFarm spokesperson. He added that the best yield report has been around 16,000 pounds on a small acreage. Average estimates have been around 180 bushels per acre.



A HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR—Meggie Lemons of Dimmitt rides a purple horse Saturday morning in the Harvest Days Parade and carries the flag of the First United Bank of Dimmitt. The horse was turned purple by a medicinal salve that washes right off and does not harm the animal in any way.

DigiPhoto by Linda Maxwell

## Tijerina draws three years on drug charges

Raul Tijerina, 36, of Dimmitt, was sentenced Aug. 31 to three years in jail on charges of possession of a controlled substance over 4 grams and under 200 grams.

Tijerina entered a plea of guilty before 64th District Court Judge Jack Miller, who signed the judgment on Sept. 5.

In addition to serving three years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, Tijerina was assessed a fine of \$7,000, court costs of \$237.25, and restitution of \$140 to the Dept. of Public Safety.

The judgment stated that Tijerina was to be credited with 256 days already served.

He had been indicted June 29, 1999, by the Castro County Grand Jury on the drug charges. Over 460

grams of methamphetamines were found in three locations on his property during the execution of a search warrant June 17, 1999.

The search had also turned up vehicles with altered Vehicle Identification Numbers, and Tijerina was sentenced in federal district court to serve eight months in prison on charges related to that.

In 242nd District Court action on Aug. 24, Judge Ed Self sentenced Manuel Cordova, 59, of Olton, to two years in a Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, State Jail Facility after Cordova entered a guilty plea to charges of forgery in connection with an Oct. 16, 1999, incident.

Cordova also must pay a \$1,000 (Continued on Page 8)

## City holds line on tax rate

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to adopt the "effective" tax rate of 23.7¢ per \$100 valuation for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, which would raise the same amount of ad valorem tax revenue as last year's rate of 23.4¢.

The budget for the coming year

also was approved, allowing for revenues of \$876,874 in the general fund portion of the budget, with just over \$300,000 of that coming from property taxes. General fund expenses are estimated at \$1,126,874, leaving a general fund deficit of \$250,000, which will be taken out of reserve funds.

Another \$1,129,800 in revenue is expected for the utility portion of the budget, with planned expenditures of \$1,129,800.

Capital outlay items included in the general fund portion of the budget included \$280,000 for seal coat-

ing in the street and alley department, \$28,000 for the police department, and \$11,600 for the airport.

In the utility portion of the budget, \$55,064 was allowed for capital outlay in the sewer department, and \$92,000 for a new trash truck in the sanitation department.

Most areas of the budget were set at a level comparable to last year's expenses.

Total expenses for the governmental department were estimated at \$94,275; administration department, \$76,887; city hall, \$13,535; fire department (Continued on Page 9)

### Pray for rain!

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|-----------|------|-----|-------|
| Thursday  | 89   | 60  |       |
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| Saturday  | 93   | 55  |       |
| Sunday    | 97   | 55  |       |
| Monday    | 100  | 57  |       |
| Tuesday   | 98   | 57  |       |
| Wednesday | 90   | 56  |       |

September Moisture . . . . . 0.00  
2000 Moisture . . . . . 11.61

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

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THE WINNERS' CIRCLE at Ruidoso Downs, N.M. was packed with people on Labor Day after Eyesa Special, a 2-year-old colt owned by Bud Hill of Dimmitt, Terry Bell and John Pitts, won the \$2.2 million All-American Futurity in record time. The horse is trained by Jack Brooks (holding halter) and

Hill is peeking out from behind Brooks. It only took 21.097 seconds for Eyesa Special to cross the wire two lengths in front of all challengers. That time not only set a stakes record, but ranks fifth among the top times in any 440-yard quarter horse race.

Courtesy Photo

## 'Dream of a lifetime'

By ANNE ACKER

Bud Hill will always have a special spot in his heart for Eyesa Special, the 2-year-old colt that broke records as it won the \$2.2 million All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, N.M. on Labor Day.

Hill, who co-owns the horse with partners Jim Pitts of Burkburnett and Terry Bell of Lawton, Okla., believed Eyesa Special had a good shot at winning the All-American Futurity. He was there on Sept. 4, cheering the colt on for 21.097 seconds, just long enough for the horse to cross the wire two lengths ahead of the field and in record time.

Hill said he can't remember how high he jumped when the horse was declared the official winner.

"How high did I jump? I don't know, I can't remember," said a laughing Hill. "That's probably why my foot's been sore every since, though."

The win fulfilled one of Hill's fondest dreams and he will savor the victory for some time to come.

"It's the Super Bowl and the Kentucky Derby. It's the whole thing," Hill said. "To have a part in it is a

lifetime dream of any horseman. That was my thinking. I really can't describe it.

"This colt is such a tremendous individual and a tremendous animal and I feel honored and fortunate to be a part of his life and career," Hill said. "We feel like this is not just our horse now—he belongs to the public and the quarter horse industry because of what he has accomplished."

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"The race went as smooth as any All-American Futurity I've ever

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—Bud Hill, co-owner of Eyesa Special, 2000 All-American Futurity Champion

seen. It was a good, clean race all the way," Hill said.

"Watching him (Eyesa Special) in the paddock, he's a real quiet, calm individual. While the other horses were stomping, kicking and prancing around, he was just standing there. He's just as gentle and quiet as he can be, but the minute he walks out on that track his ears go up and business takes place. He's special."

The 21.097 second finish was the fastest 440 yards in the history of the All-American Futurity. It also ranks as the fifth-fastest time for 440 yards in the history of American Quarter Horse racing.

Hill said he expected Eyesa Special to win the race, but the record was an extra pleasant surprise.

"Yes, it (the record) was a surprise in a way, but we knew he was fast. I think he could have gone faster if we'd have pushed him."

There was no need. Eyesa Special easily outdistanced the field, including media favorite Copper Bug, which wound up fifth. Hill said Copper Bug was considered to be Eyesa Special's biggest chal-

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# Fair winners are announced

This year's Castro County fair, held during the annual Harvest Days celebration, drew a good number of entries, especially in the farm and garden, crafts and canned fruit and vegetable sections.

Here are this year's winners.

## CLOTHING

**Best of Show:** Sharon Ewing (adult) and Elizabeth Hill (youth).

### Adults

**Coordinates:** 1. Ewing.  
**Dresses:** 1. Sharon Brockman.  
**Holiday Apparel:** 1. Debbie Horn.  
**Skirts:** 1. Ewing.  
**Suits:** 1. Ewing.

### Youth

**Sleep Wear:** 1. Hill.  
**Skirts:** 1. Beth Horn.

## FARM AND GARDEN

### Adult

**Sunflower:** 1. Edward Randolph.  
**Apples:** 1. Emma Jean King, 2. Billie King.  
**Bell Peppers:** 1. Ethel Fry.  
**Cabbage:** 1. Dorothy Guggemos, 2. Fry.

**Cantaloupe:** 1. Fry.  
**Okra:** 1. Guggemos, 2. Inez Battles.  
**Onions:** 2. Emma Jean King.  
**Peppers:** 1. Emma Jean King.  
**Squash:** 1. Emma Jean King.  
**Tomatoes:** 1. Ethel Fry, 2. Inez Battles.

**Black-eyed Peas:** 1. Ethel Fry.  
**Other Beans:** 1. Ethel Fry.

### Youth

**Cantaloupe:** 1. Bradley Lane.  
**Carrots:** 1. Jinna Wright, 2. Adam Wright.  
**Gourds:** 1. Carter Hill.  
**Okra:** 1. Adam Wright, 2. Jinna Wright.  
**Onions:** 1. Alan Gerber.  
**Peppers:** 1. Jinna Wright, 2. Matthew Wright, 3. Adam Wright.  
**Pumpkins:** 1. Megan Davis, 2. Adam Wright, 3. Jinna Wright. Also entering were Carter Hill, Berkeley Kirby and Callie Crum.  
**White Pumpkin:** 1. Megan Davis.  
**Squash:** 1. Jinna Wright, 2. Cliff Wright, 3. Shayla Kenworthy, 4. Adam Wright.  
**Tomatoes:** 1. Jinna Wright, 2. Bradley Lane, 3. Adam Wright.  
**Watermelon:** 1. Shayla Kenworthy, 2. Adam Wright.  
**Black-eyed Peas:** 1. Adam Wright.  
**Other Beans:** 1. Jinna Wright.

## HORTICULTURE

**Best of Show:** Brenda Bruton (adult).

### Adult

**African Violet:** 1. Betty Freeman, 2. Emma Jean King.  
**Floral Arrangement:** 1. Irene Blanton, 2. Faye Mohon, 3. Ethel Fry.  
**Flower, One Stem:** 1. Brenda Bruton, 2. Jeanne Howell.  
**Potted Plant:** 1. Mattie Seale, 2. Emma Jean King, 3. Betty Freeman.  
**Other:** 1. Mattie Seale.

## CRAFTS

### Adult

**Applique:** 1. Sharon Ewing.  
**Crochet:** 1. Betty Freeman.  
**Cross Stitch:** 1. Carole Bishop, 2. Laquetta West.  
**Dolls:** 1. Laquetta West.  
**Embroidery:** 1. Sandra Bagwell, 2. Edna Sanders, 3. Lucille Follis.  
**Jewelry:** 1. Faye Mohon.

**Knitted Items:** 1. Betty Freeman, 2. Sandra Bagwell.  
**Baby Items, Kit:** 1. Debbie Horn.  
**Tablecloths:** 1. Laquetta West.  
**Fabric Crafts:** 1. Laquetta West, 2. Maria Rivera.

### Youth

**Pen and Ink Drawings:** 1. Jeremy Bishop.  
**Pencil Drawings:** 1. Cliff Wright, 2. Dusty Horn, Jeremy Bishop and Ismael Rodriguez; 3. Kimberly Brockman.  
**Pastel Drawing:** 1. Jeremy Bishop.  
**Charcoal Drawing:** 1. Jeremy Bishop.  
**Crayon Drawing:** 1. Reagan Mendoza.  
**Paper Crafts:** 1. Kimberly Brockman.  
**Glass Etching:** 1. Lesley Brockman.  
**Other Drawing:** 1. Michael Horn and Dusty Horn.

**Painting:** 1. Jeremy Bishop, 2. Jeremy Bishop.  
**Bird Houses:** 1. Beth Horn.  
**Pillows:** 1. Elizabeth Hill.  
**Stenciling:** 1. Jaci Bishop.  
**Wood:** 1. Cliff Wright, 2. Jinna Wright, 3. Michael Horn, 3. Dusty Horn.  
**Fabric Crafts:** 1. Jaci Bishop.  
**Other Crafts:** 1. Dusty Horn.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

**Best of Show:** Leta Dennis's Still Life.

### Adult

**Animal:** 1. Leta Dennis, 2. Brenda Bruton, 3. Percy Parsons.  
**Building:** 1. Leta Dennis and Brenda Bruton, 2. Faye Mohon.  
**Landscape:** 1. Leta Dennis, 2. Faye Mohon, 3. Brenda Bruton.  
**People:** 1. Carter Townsend, 2. Sharon Ewing, 3. Brenda Bruton.  
**Sequence:** 1. Leta Dennis, 2. Sharon Ewing, 3. Brenda Bruton.  
**Sports:** 1. Sharon Ewing, 2. Brenda Bruton.

**Still Life:** 1. Leta Dennis, 2. Brenda Bruton.

**Transportation:** 1. Faye Mohon, 2. Leta Dennis.

**Other:** 1. Brenda Bruton, 2. Leta Dennis, 3. Faye Mohon.

**Enlargement-Animal:** 1. Neoma Williams, 2. Faye Mohon.

**Enlargement-Building:** 1. Faye Mohon.

**Enlargement-Landscape:** 1. Faye Mohon, 2. Carolyn Roberts, 3. Edna Sanders.

**Enlargement-People:** 1. Faye Mohon.

**Enlargement-Sequence:** 1. Edna Sanders, 2. Faye Mohon.

**Enlargement-Other:** 1. Faye Mohon, 2. Edna Sanders.

### Youth

**Animal:** 1. Bradley Lane.

**People:** 1. Michael Horn.

**Enlargement-Animal:** 1. Bradley Lane.

## BAKING

### Adult

**Cookie Bars/Squares:** 1. Tom Sanders, 2. Jackie Edwards, 3. Jeanne Howell.

**Biscuits:** 1. Faye Mohon.

**Brownies:** 1. Tom Sanders, 2. Sharon Ewing.

**Candy:** 1. Faye Mohon, 2. Sharon Ewing.

**Candy, Molded:** 1. Faye Mohon.

**Cornbread:** 1. Jeanne Howell, 2. Faye Mohon.

**Hot Rolls:** Jackie Edwards.

**Cake:** 1. Ethel Fry, 2. Jackie Edwards, 3. Sandra Bagwell.

**Pies:** 1. Tom Sanders, 2. Jeanne Howell, 3. Ethel Fry.

### Youth

**Biscuits:** 1. Beth Horn, 2. Dusty Horn.

**Cookies:** 1. Jaci Bishop.

**Cake:** 1. Michael Horn.

## CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES

### Adult

**Apples:** 1. Ethel Fry.

**Peaches:** 1. Emma Jean King.

**Pickled Beets:** 1. Ethel Fry, 2. Sharon Brockman, 3. Phyllis Cook.

**Bread and Butter Pickles:** 1. Jeanne Howell.

**Cucumber Dill Pickles:** 1. Sheryl Brown, 2. Jeanne Howell, 3. Ethel Fry.

**Hot Sauce:** 1. Randall Keeney, 2. Sharon Brockman, 3. Sheryl Brown.

**Okra Pickles:** 1. Randall Keeney, 2. Sheryl Brown, 3. Phyllis Cook.

**Pickled Peppers:** 1. Debra Huseman, 2. Jeanne Howell, 3. Edward Randolph.

**Relish:** 1. Faye Mohon, 2. Jeanne Howell.

**Corn Relish:** 1. Phyllis Cook.

**Pickled Tomatoes:** 1. Ethel Fry.

**Other:** 1. Edward Randolph, 2. Randall Keeney, 3. Phyllis Cook.

**Green Beans:** 1. Emma Jean King, 2. Debbie Horn, 3. Sheryl Brown.

**Beets:** 1. Phyllis Cook.

**Black-eyed Peas:** 1. Sheryl Brown, 2. Emma Jean King.

**Tomatoes:** 1. Phyllis Cook, 2. Jeanne Howell, 3. Emma Jean King.

**Tomato Juice:** 1. Ethel Fry, 2. Phyllis Cook.

**Other Vegetable:** 1. Phyllis Cook.

## Jams, Jellies & Preserves

**Apple:** 1. Ethel Fry.

**Apple Butter:** 1. Ethel Fry.

**Apricot:** 1. Jeanne Howell, 2. Ethel Fry.

**Grape:** 1. Phyllis Cook, 2. Ethel Fry.

**Peach:** 1. Ethel Fry.

**Other:** 1. Ethel Fry.

## QUILTS

**Best of Show:** Yvonna Hays' machine-

quilted entry.

**Children's Quilts:** 1. Jean Robb, 2. Ina Cleavinger, 3. Lucille Drerup.

**Combination-Technique:** 1. Doris Lust.

**Embroidery, Other Needlework:** 2. Payton Robb.

**First Quilt:** 1. Traci Robb.

**Group Quilt:** 1. Joyce Davis, 2. Darrene Collins.

**Hand Appliqued:** 2. Lucille Drerup.

**Machine Appliqued:** 2. Logan Robb.

**Machine Quilted:** 1. Yvonna Hays, 2.

Doris Lust, 3. Tommie Nisbett.

**Miniature Quilts:** 1. Yvonna Hays, 2. Doris Lust, 3. Coby Lassiter.

**Pieced (Hand-Quilted):** 1. Carol and Rex Lust, 2. Yvonna Hays, 3. Ina Cleavinger.

**Quilt Tops:** 1. Yvonna Hays, 2. Doris Lust, 3. Darlene Collins.

**Small Wall Quilts:** 1. Ina Cleavinger, 2. Coby Lassiter, 3. Doris Lust.

**Specialized Method:** 1. Darlene Collins, 2. Sharon Ewing, 3. Mae Hargrove.



**OLDEST ATTENDEES** at the annual Early Settlers Reunion Saturday were Retta Cluck, 94, of Dimmitt, and Curtis Tate, 92, of Amarillo. Other award winners were Earline Lust Settle of Old Hickory, Tenn., person traveling the farthest; and Aleene Phillips Maynard of Littlefield, person with the most family members present. More than 60 attended the reunion and covered dish luncheon in the Senior Citizens Center.

Photo by Don Nelson

# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

More than 60 Nazareth residents attended the dedication of the Nazareth Family Park on Labor Day.

The Nazareth Swift Band's Brass Ensemble played several selections. Father Peter Otto, pastor of Holy Family Church, blessed the park, then the National Anthem was played while members of the Park Committee mounted six flags on the gazebo. The flags were donated by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mayor Ralph Brockman welcomed the crowd and thanked everyone who helped make the park a reality.

Jerome Brockman, one of the park committee members, gave a report on its progress and thanked everyone who gave donations.

The park owes its existence in part to a \$10,000 grant from the Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification Project, a partnership between the Amarillo Globe-News and the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation.

The park committee then had the

first-ever ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by entertainment, provided by Greg, Glenda and Jason Birkenfeld.

Everyone enjoyed ice cream and cookies, served by the park committee.

Greg and Tinie Hoelting recently enjoyed a visit with two of their granddaughters, Heidi and Gretchen Hoelting, who came from Denver, Colo., to spend the weekend.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 7 for Harold Pohlmeier, 78, of Corpus Christi. Services were held in Pope Pius X Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife, Karen; a son, Hoelt; and a daughter, Leigh.

Attending the services were his brother and sister-in-law, Leroy and Dorothy Pohlmeier of Nazareth; and his nephews, J.C. Pohlmeier of Nazareth, Walt Pohlmeier of Tulia and Bryan Pohlmeier of Plainview.

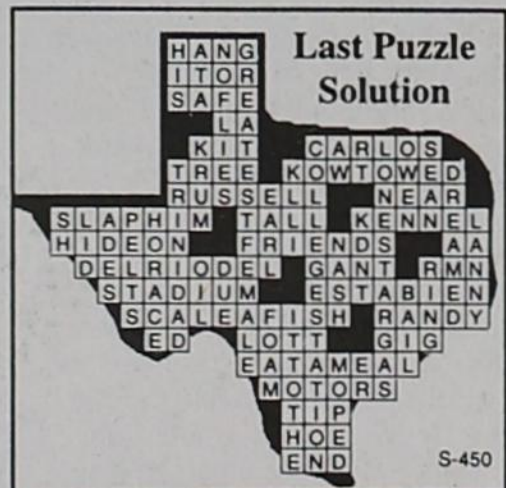
Denny and Dolores Heiman enjoyed the weekend with the Werner and Kay Halfmann family and Harold Gerber. They were given an extensive boat tour of Lake Ivey. They all went to Lowake to enjoy their famous steaks, then traveled on to San Angelo for an anniversary party. It was a fun, relaxing weekend.

About 30 Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed a great meal at the center Sunday evening.

President Jimmie Schulte had brochures for everyone interested detailing information about a trip to Memphis and Tunica, Tenn. Everyone enjoyed playing cards and dominoes after the meal.

Jimmie Schulte and Virgie Gerber joined a group of friends from Tulia who flew to Elko, Nev., last Thursday afternoon. They returned home on Saturday afternoon. They spent some really fun time at the Red Lion Casino and Hotel, spent a couple of hours touring downtown Elko and met new people from all over the US who all sympathized with them when they said they were from Texas. They all knew how badly we need rain.

Funeral services were held for Mattie Endres, 87, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Muenster. Attending were her brother, Vic Brockman of Midland; her nieces, Nellie Wilhelm and Norma Schacher of Nazareth; her nephews, Gerald Brockman of Midland, Ralph Brockman and Art and Jeanette Brockman of Nazareth, Mark Brockman and daughter of Houston, and Leonard and Shirley Brockman of Austin.



## ACROSS

- 1 Valley tree
- 5 computer person
- 6 TXism: "whipper snappers"
- 7 TX county named for \_\_\_ Lamb
- 8 historic Galveston hotel
- 17 TXism: "no flies on \_\_\_ (pretty)"
- 18 this Fort Worth zoo is oldest in TX
- 21 boot width
- 22 TXism: "happy as a pig in \_\_\_"
- 23 Academy Award statuette was named for this TX Oscar
- 24 "give me a \_\_\_ tobacco"
- 29 TXism: "wouldn't touch that with \_\_\_-foot pole"
- 30 Dallas news radio AM station at 1080
- 31 TX-born admiral Nimitz (init.)
- 32 TXism: "she could charm a bird \_\_\_"
- 34 TXism: "high tail it" \_\_\_ Ormy, TX
- 36 in Rockport, TX \_\_\_ Museum
- 37 TX students aren't allowed to \_\_\_ in school
- 38 kitchen flooring
- 39 TXism: "\_\_\_ you can blink an eye"
- 41 tire grooves

## The Original

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 53 indicating the starting positions for the clues. The grid is shaped like the state of Texas.

## DOWN

- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ of the fire"
- 2 TXism: "smart \_\_\_ full of owls"
- 3 Ballinger newspaper or accounts book
- 4 TX Sam Rayburn nickname
- 9 film: "The Trial \_\_\_ Harvey Oswald"
- 10 classic western: "High \_\_\_"
- 11 TX Supreme Court Chief Justice Phillips (init.)
- 12 TXism: "\_\_\_ blazes a wide trail" (fat)
- 13 fish-eating hawk
- 14 useful
- 15 raced
- 16 TXism: "cute as a bug's \_\_\_"
- 19 soft drinks
- 20 TX Jaclyn Smith TV movie: "Jacqueline Bouvier \_\_\_"
- 22 TXism: "as much chance as a \_\_\_ a packing plant"
- 24 Bexar or Harris (abbr.)
- 25 AC sound in July
- 26 TXism: "as welcome as a skunk \_\_\_ picnic"
- 27 Great Storm of 1900 was \_\_\_ natural disaster in TX history

- 28 Hayden Fry left UNT for the
- 29 TXism: "\_\_\_ to the teeth"
- 30 hooded group Ku Klux \_\_\_
- 33 TXism: "\_\_\_ horn" (amateur)
- 34 scrambler QB Tarkenton
- 35 capital of Austria
- 37 reproduction
- 38 mesquite and maple
- 40 TX talk in the Texas Crossword
- 41 Sam Houston wed Tiana, daughter of chief Ole-loo-\_\_\_
- 44 TXism: "you \_\_\_ out your welcome"
- 47 golfer's bronzing
- 49 insensitive person

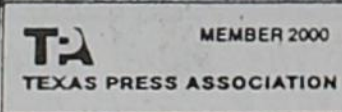
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## DEADLINES

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| Display and Classified Advertising    | Tuesday Noon   |
| Agriculture, Business & Industry News | 10 a.m. Monday |
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# Millennium reunion brings together Dimmitt alumni

Dimmitt High School alumni along with their guests enjoyed a reunion in Albuquerque, N.M., recently.

The party started with registration on Aug. 18, then continued with a family-style barbecue dinner at The Quarters. Attendees pursued various interests after the dinner.

The celebration on Aug. 19 started with coffee and bagels before the group departed for the Albuquerque Aquarium and Old Town's La Hacienda for lunch and browsing. Some visited antique shops, casinos and shopping malls.

A group banquet was held Saturday evening at the Wyndham Albuquerque Hotel.

Judy Mobley created centerpieces using old-fashioned soft drink bottles, colored streamers, M&Ms, peanuts, etc.

Kaye Stevens borrowed purple and white pom poms and decorations from the Bobcat Booster Club and made individual placemats from pages out of the 1955-1957 annuals. She also decorated the hospital room and put 1950s newspaper clippings on the walls.

Don Mobley served as master of ceremonies and recognized classes for the years 1954 through 1964, special honors, etc., and Barbara Wheat made sure everyone received a door prize. Some of the door prizes included a piece of American Tourister luggage, donated by Wannie Stevens; Tupperware, donated by Barbara Noble.

Bryce and Darlene Dowell were honored for having the longest marriage. Regene Blair received the award for coming the longest distance (California). Alton and Belva Bates have the most grandchildren and Georgia Derrick has the most great-grandchildren.

"New business" discussed during

a meeting included thoughts about the next reunion and the group decided to plan it for 2002 in San Antonio. Shirley and Robert Baldwin will organize the event and it will include all classes from the 1950s.

After the banquet, everyone gathered in the hospitality suite and continued to visit, remember old times and renew friendships until the wee hours of the morning.

A breakfast on Aug. 20 was held at the hotel, then everyone said their farewells and departed for home, vowing to meet again soon.

Those attending the reunion were: **Class of 1954**—Gerald Aldridge of Albuquerque, N.M. and David Burkett of Scottsdale, Ariz..

**Class of 1955**—Regene (Reynolds) Blair of Bakersfield, Calif., Charles and Wanda Brown of Los Alamos, N.M., Bryce and Darlene (Carpenter) Dowell of Granbury, Gwen (Smith) Elkins of Aztec, N.M., Ted and Marlene Godfrey of Pecos, Ronald Henderson of Calhan, Colo., David and Saundra (Hance) Honea of Plano, Louise (Simpson) Nelson of Granbury, Jerry Noble of Lubbock, Troy Stafford of Bartlesville, Okla., and Darlene (Cates) and Bob Walters of Dimmitt.

**Class of 1956**—Shirley DeLozier and Robert Baldwin of Kerrville, Alton and Belva (Warren) Bates of Buffalo, Mo., Sharon (Wesson) and Richard Blackmore of The Woodlands, Claude Ray and Lillian Blocker of Amarillo, Jimmy Jack Butler of Ruidoso, N.M., Joy (Kirby) and John Byers of Euleus, Georgia (Adams) Derrick of Alba, Rita (Holcomb) Emmons of Dallas, Billy Mac Gafford of Owasso, Okla., Myrle (Trimble) Johnson of Lubbock, Don Mobley of Farmington, N.M., Barbara (Rogers) Noble of Lubbock, Tommy Roberson of

Oklahoma City, Okla., Barbara (Stevens) Wheat of Albuquerque, N.M., and Alton Whitworth of Jennings, Okla.

**Class of 1957**—Monty and Sue (Bagwell) Boozer of Dimmitt, Freda (Holbrooks) Henderson of Calhan, Colo., Richard and Sissy Hunter of Dimmitt, Jimmie Johnson of Lubbock, Judith (Cleavinger) Roberson of Oklahoma City, Okla., Kaye (Killingsworth) Stafford of Bartlesville, Okla., and Mary (Coke) Whitworth of Jennings, Okla.

**Class of 1958**—Sandra (Simms) Gafford of Owasso, Okla., Hazel (Rogers) Green of Ashdown, Ark., and Judy (Boothe) Mobley of Farmington.

**Class of 1960**—Joe Burkett of Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Class of 1964**—Kaye (Williams) Stevens of Dimmitt.

## DHS class plans 50-year reunion

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

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

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

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

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

# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Harvest Days 2000 was a great time in the little community of Dimmitt.

I had a ball seeing so many people that I haven't seen in years, and meeting some people that had come back home for the celebration—including a few that I've never seen before.

The Dimmitt High School graduating class of 1940 began its celebration on Friday night with supper at K-Bob's, then enjoyed desserts and reminiscing at Irene Bradley's home.

1940 was the year that World War II had begun in Europe. Hitler seized Czechoslovakia and continued his "reform." England was forced into war and the new prime minister, Winston Churchill, made his famous statement, "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, but we shall never surrender."

In the United States, Congress voted to remain neutral. A law had been passed in 1935 that forbade the US to sell arms to a country engaged in a war.

Roosevelt promised the American parents in his 1940 bid for re-election as US president that "Your boys will not be sent into any foreign wars."

The clouds of war loomed big, but the senior Class of 1940 graduated in peace time.

Contrary to the president's promise, there are some of the men from the Class of 1940 who served in the armed services—many of them on foreign soil. They include Houston Lust, Otis Hastings, Herbert Mayfield, C.J. Johnson, Trellis Summers, Billy Brooks Sinclair, Skeeter Borden and Doyle Houtchens.

One of the popular songs that everyone was humming in 1940 was the title song from the movie "Alexander's Ragtime Band," starring Don Ameche and Alice Faye. Remembering "way back when" is fun when you are our age.

Irene Bradley said there were 13 of 40 members of the Class of 1960 here for a 40-year reunion.

Earline Lust Settle was recognized for traveling the farthest. She came from Old Hickory, Tenn.

Things began to come together and I realized this Harvest Days celebration would be a special time when Jimmie Glenn of Canyon said, "I've got to cut this telephone visit short. I

am on my way to get my brother, Jerry Hyatt, at the airport." He was coming from California to Dimmitt for the Class of 1960's reunion. Jerry was elected as DHS Smile King and his favorite song was *Blue Denim*.

Sometime later I received a call from Diane Smith Wright of Indianapolis, Ind., and she said that she and her husband, Herschel, would be in Dimmitt for her 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion. We made our plans to meet at the Expo Building for lunch.

Reunions are so much fun! Diane's father, M.A. Smith and his wife, Cleo, were the first pastor's family at First Baptist Church when V.C. and I moved here in 1959.

In 1960 I attended the graduation exercises for my first time in Dimmitt. I had to sit in the balcony of the old Dimmitt High School that is now a part of Dimmitt Middle School. I was really impressed.

Pat Norris Waller, Zetha Ivey and one other sang *We Will Have These Moments to Remember*.

Norma Battles gave the valedictory address and Hal Ratcliff presented the salutatorian's address. Class sponsors were Inez Robinson and Rosy Bates.

These were the days when an Amarillo paper had headlines, "Dimmitt's football opponents would've won, but Dimmitt's Coffey was too strong." This is in reference to our all-state football player, Junior Coffey.

Senior classes still took senior trips to Colorado Springs. Clinton Smithson's favorite thing on the trip was winning the other boys' money. Benny Scott liked walking 212 steps to the Cave of the Winds—this was Ruthella Di Cuffa's least favorite thing.

Ruthella was president of the National Honor Society, and Stanley Nelson was president of the DHS Bobcat Band.

Wade and Walter Maynard helped to host the 1960s exes. They took the Herschel Wright family to lunch after church Sunday and made many of the others feel welcome.

"This was one of the best times I've ever had and I'm only the wife of one of the members of the Class of 1960," Walter said.

Others taking in some of the activities at the Expo Building were the Dan Heard family. Dan and Oma Dee from Graham and their son, Danny, of Port Lavaca, were visiting Danny's children, Alicia, Nicole,

Brittany and Austin. They enjoyed the food, the crafts and programs, but were especially glad to see so many people they hadn't seen for a long time.

Doris Jean Hill of Hale Center and mother of Lee and Patrice Hill of Dimmitt was taking in all of the festivities. Doris and I are longtime friends from Hereford.

She shared some details about an exciting trip she had taken on a river boat down the European River. They floated through the Lochs to the Danube. They docked every day and spent half of each day on guided tours through the cathedrals, beautiful old cities and gorgeous scenery. This trip was sponsored by the Grand Circle Cruise Line.

It seems that a longtime dream of Patricia Barrera, 11, has been riding in the parade. We learned that Pokey the Clown was looking for passengers for his Cowherd Train. Patricia not only got to ride in one of the cars, but she got to watch Doug Smith from Panhandle change to Pokey the clown as he skillfully applied makeup.

We appreciate his kindness during the parade as he made an extra circle on his train so we could get a good picture of Patricia fulfilling her dream.

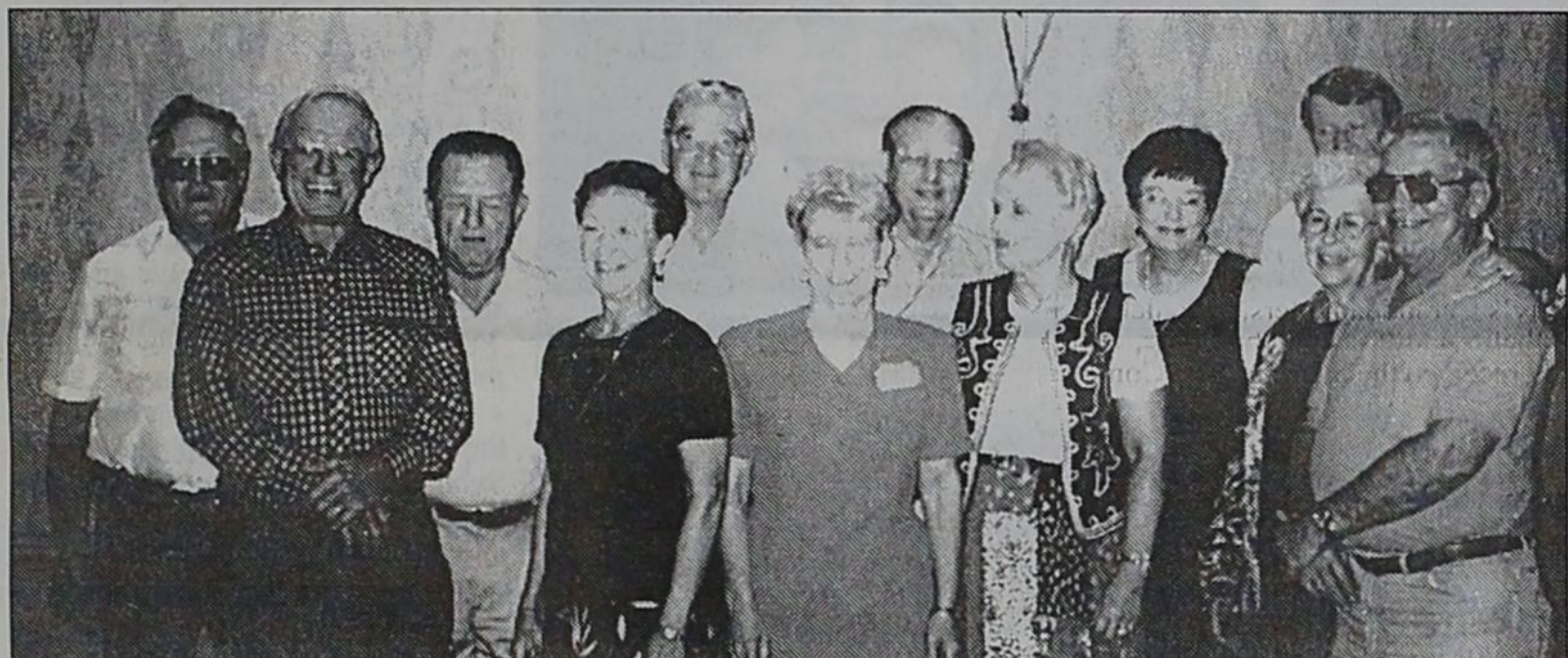
Congratulations to the Republican group who decorated the float that won a first-place award in its category at the Harvest Days parade.

Deanne Clark of Lubbock will be happy to know this. This was a first for a first for the GOP.

Congratulations also are in order for Georgie Wall. She has a new grandbaby. It's a girl. The other information is in the "Who's New" column in this week's News.

Kim Lindsey Holland of Rockwall has been visiting her mother, Doris Flynt, while her husband, Bill, was hunting dove near Brownwood. Kim and Doris shopped, and had Mexican food with Kent, Teresa and Kris Lindsey. She spent time with friends Steve and Karron Smith and enjoyed seeing many old friends at the Methodist Church on Sunday.

Bill and Katherine Birdwell visited recently with Katherine's cousin, J.B. Cooper and his family, in Rosco.



**DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 1955**

Class members include (from left) Ronald Henderson, Ted Godfrey, Bryce Dowell, Darlene Carpenter Dowell, Charles Brown, Darlene Cates Walters, David

Honea, Saundra Hance Honea, Louise Simpson Nelson, Troy Stafford, Regene Reynolds Blair and Jerry Noble.

Courtesy Photo



**DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 1956**

Class members include (front row, from left) Billy Mac Gafford, Belva Warren Bates, Barbara Stevens Wheat and Rita Holcomb Emmons; and (back row, from left) Tommy Roberson, Jimmy Jack Butler, Myrle Trimble Johnson, Claude Ray Blocker, Geor-

gia Adams Derrick, Alton Bates, Alton Whitworth, Joy Kirby Byers, Sharon Wesson Blackmore, Shirley DeLozier Baldwin, Barbara Rogers Noble and Don Mobley.

Courtesy Photo



**DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 1957**

Class members include (front row, from left) Mary Coke Whitworth, Freda Holbrooks Henderson, Sue Bagwell Boozer, Judith Cleavinger Roberson; and

(back row, from left) Jimmie Johnson, Kaye Killingsworth Stafford, Monty Boozer and Richard Hunter.

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# People



## More than 30 exhibits expected at 2000 International Quilt Festival

The International Quilt Festival continues to grow and recently was named Houston's largest convention for the second year in a row.

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual event, set for Nov. 2-5, will attract more than 53,000 people to the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Among the quilts which will be featured at this year's show is "Bluebirds in the Celtic," a creation of the Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt.

The Friendship Quilters Guild's work was selected as a finalist in the International Quilt Association's annual judged show, "Quilts: A World of Beauty."

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

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

All of the finalist quilts will be on display at the festival.

This year there are more than 10 special exhibits planned for the show. Quilt enthusiasts from all walks of life can enjoy antique and art quilts, wearable works, cloth dolls and more than 1,000 pieces of quilt art which will be on display.

For those who enjoy antique

quilts, the special exhibit "America Collects Quilts: Twenty-Five Years of Esprit Quilts" sponsored by the Warm Company and curated by Julie Silber of the Quilt Complex, is sure to please. A portion of the Esprit de Corp collection on display at the festival will feature Baltimore Album quilts and other high-style 19<sup>th</sup> century appliques, along with a number of quirky, rule-bending Maverick quilts.

The New England Quilt Museum will coordinate the exhibit, "Mood Indigo: Antique and Contemporary Indigo Quilts," sponsored by Classic Cottons and Coats and Clark. Indigo-dyed textiles were a favorite among quilters of yesteryear who reserved the materials for their best quilts. Contemporary quilters agree that indigo is still the best and most reliable blue dye available.

The exhibit will combine the early quilts with recent works selected from a juried national contest.

Other special exhibits include

International Quilt Festival's "Millennium Quilt Contest," "Hand-Painted Balis—A Color Revolution," and "Sunbonnet Sue."

A number of hands-on and educational exhibits will include supervised areas for children and adults to learn how to sew and a quilt conservation booth. Free teacher demos also will run continuously on the show floor.

Daily admission to the quilt show is \$9 per person. Senior Citizens 65 and over will be admitted for \$7. Children 10 and under will be admitted free with a paying adult.

A preview night to see the quilt exhibits and to shop is planned for Nov. 1 from 7 to 10. Admission to preview night is \$9 and the ticket is good for one return visit to the festival.

For more information about the festival call (713) 781-6864; fax (713) 781-8182 or send an e-mail to [shows@quilts.com](mailto:shows@quilts.com).

## 'My Fair Lady' to be presented by Amarillo Opera on Saturday

The Amarillo Opera will present the musical comedy *My Fair Lady* on Saturday in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

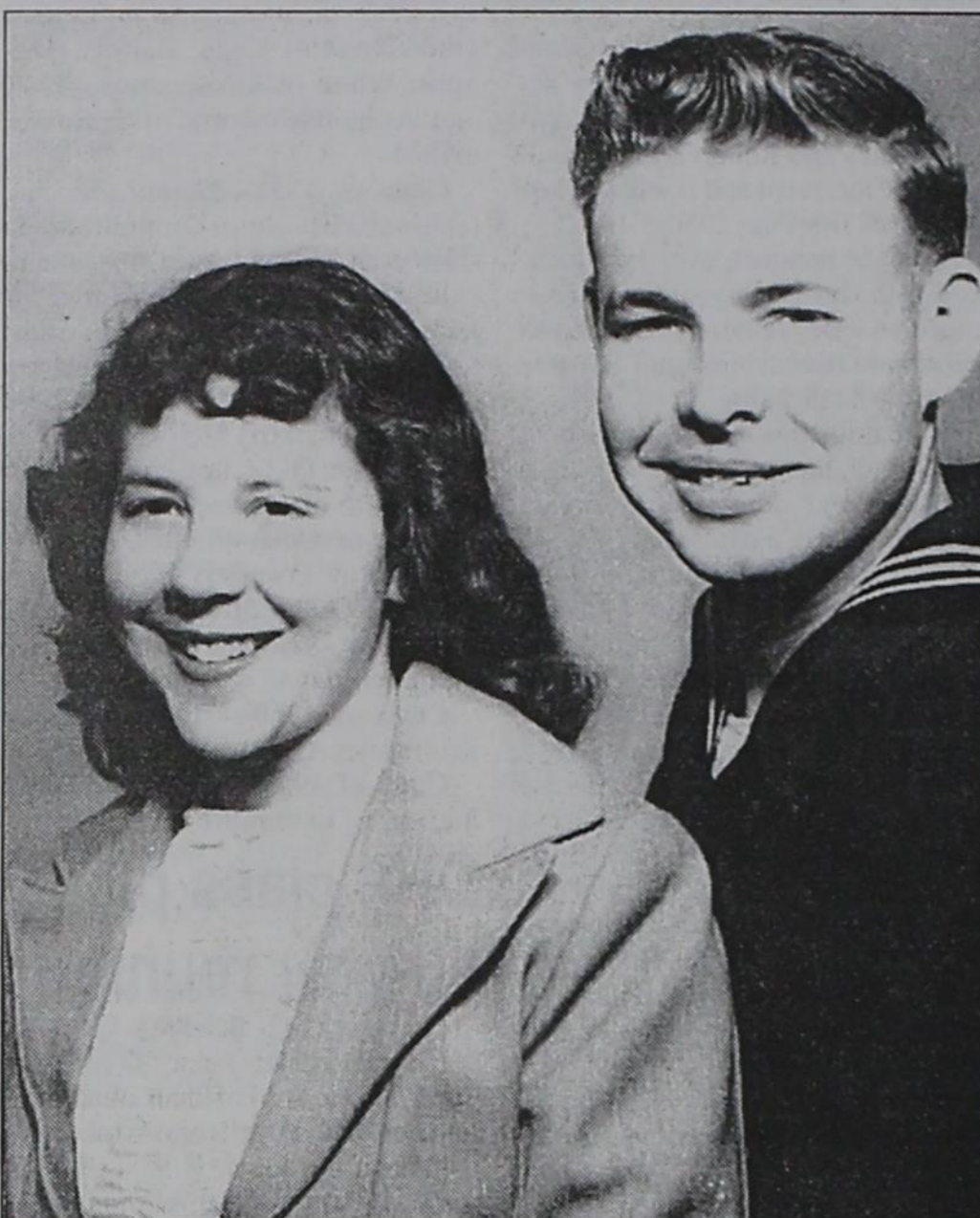
The show is slated to start at 7:30 p.m.

*My Fair Lady* is the classic tale of self-proclaimed misogyny and the caution against setting out to "prove ones point." George Bernard Shaw's musical retelling of the myth of Pygmalion and Galatea brings the point home in *My Fair Lady*.

Sung in English, *My Fair Lady*, will feature Keralee Crume Johnson, returning from New York as the unforgettable Eliza Doolittle.

The musical features many well-known favorite songs such as "On the Street Where You Live," and "I Could Have Danced All Night."

For ticket information, contact the Amarillo Civic Center Box Office at (806) 378-3096.



## AFS program book available at DHS library

The American Field Service (AFS) program booklet for semester or year study abroad is available at the Dimmitt High School library.

Lee Cigna of Czech Republic is the AFS student attending Dimmitt High School this year. He is hosted by the Steve Buckley family of Dimmitt.

AFS features summer homestays, community service and language studies as well as the school study program, with 128 programs in 44 countries for students ages 15 to 24.

Applications are being taken now. A German scholarship worth \$2,300 is available to students with 2.8 grade-point averages.

Programs are available to all students, regardless of financial ability, whose academic performance and community involvement reflect the goals and mission of AFS.

AFS is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization founded in 1947 by the American Field Service volunteer ambulance drivers from World War I and World War II. They believed that the way to ensure future peace was to enlighten world leaders through student exchanges.

AFS serves over 10,000 students in 54 countries each year.

For more information call 1-800-AFS-INFO or visit the web site at [www.afs.org/usa](http://www.afs.org/usa).



THEN AND NOW

... Garner and Ysleta Ball on their wedding day and after 50 years

## Golden anniversary nears for Garner and Ysleta Ball

Garner and Ysleta Ball of Dimmitt will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept. 23.

The couple's children, Randy Ball of Logan, N.M., and Debra Ball of Dimmitt, invite friends of the couple to join in the celebration by sending a card to 729 Oak, Dimmitt 79027; or by calling the couple at (806) 647-3140.

Mr. Ball was a lifelong resident of Olton until he and his family moved to the Sunnyside community in 1968.

Mrs. Ball was raised in Earth where she resided until she and Garner married in 1950.

He was in the Navy for the first four years of their marriage and was

stationed in San Diego, Calif., and the Philippines. They returned to this area in August 1954, moving to Olton.

Mr. Ball has been involved in agricultural businesses in some form since 1954. He currently serves as the city judge of Dimmitt. He also sells seed and takes pictures for various functions in the surrounding area.

Mrs. Ball is a housewife and mother.

The couple are members of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

*No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.*  
-Charles Dickens

## Breast cancer screening is set Oct. 5

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Oct. 5, and appointments are being accepted.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 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 that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

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

**OUT OF TOWN**  
It's a girl for John and Haylei (Wall) Rodgers of Farnsworth. Their daughter was born on Aug. 27 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and has been named Caitlin D'Nae Rodgers. Grandparents are Denis and Linda Rodgers of Farnsworth. Great-grandmother is Georgie Wall of Dimmitt.

Lupe and Belia Galvan of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Elaina Abigail, who was born at 8:53 a.m. on Sept. 8 at Covenant Hospital in Plainview. Elaina entered the world weighing 7 lbs., 3.6 ozs. Her grandparents are Adolfo and Dolores Ruiz of Earth and Pete and Alice Galvan of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents include Thomas San Miguel of Earth and Nicholasa Espinoza of Dimmitt.

Frank and Kristi Cox of Houston are the parents of a baby girl, Kathryn Elizabeth. The Cox's first child was born Sept. 5 at 8:37 p.m. weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs. She was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Ewell and Nell Kelley of Dimmitt and Dalton and Juanita Cox of Brownwood.

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647-3115.



ADRIANA GIL shows off the "Best Dressed Dog," Trixie, at the Harvest Days pet show last Thursday afternoon at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. The annual pet show and kids' pedal tractor pull were planned that afternoon and the events officially kicked off the annual Harvest Days celebration and county fair.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

## Lizard, cats, dogs and more are featured at HD pet show

Pets in all shapes, sizes and breeds were shown by proud owners last Thursday during the Harvest Days Pet Show in Dimmitt. Each entrant was awarded a special ribbon and pet food. Here are complete results from this year's show:

**Best Eating Dog:** Cassie Gabel and "Tyke."  
**Best Red Raider Fan Cat:** Wendy Bradford and "Tiger."  
**Best-Dressed Hat Cat:** Molly Bradford and "Spitz."  
**Best Runaway Cat:** Houston Sutton and "Rihger."  
**Best Black and White Cat:** Landon Carpenter and "Figero."  
**Best Fluffy Kitten:** Lauren Carpenter and "Cali."  
**Best Remote Dog:** Macy Smith and "Pringles."  
**Best Bandana Chihuahua:** Monique Marmeljo and "P.J."

**Cutest Chihuahua:** Ruby Sanchez and "Tiny."  
**Best Black-eyed Dog:** Johnny Marmeljo and "Petey."  
**Best Dressed Dog:** Adriana Gil and "Trixie."  
**Best Cowboy Dog:** Ivy Sanchez and "Toby."  
**Best Dwarf Hamster:** Keshia Smith and "Diamond."  
**Best Nails in Town:** Jessica Capley and "Molly."  
**Best Cat Chasing Dog:** Brandi Smith and "Jewell."  
**Best Sprinted Dog:** Dennis and David Underwood and "Sheba."  
**Calmer Dog:** Maverick Gfeller and "Sue."  
**Best Leopard Collar Dog:** Susie Oltivero and "Princess."  
**Best Tiniest Lizard:** Jazz Sepeda and "Lizzie."  
**Biggest Black Dog:** Sara Wall and "Axel."

## First Baptist Church float claims 'Best of Parade' honors Saturday

The First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, Castro County 4-H and Republican Organization for Women (ROW) earned the top prizes at this year's Harvest Days parade, which was held Saturday morning. The First Baptist Church's float earned a \$75 cash prize as "Best of Parade" while the 4-H Club finished second to win the \$50 prize. ROW earned \$25 for its third-place finish. Floats and other entries in Saturday's parade received ribbons and rosettes for placing in their respective divisions. Those division winners included:

**Antique Cars:** 1. Clea Wilkerson and Troy Cleper, 2. James Davis, 3. N.C. White.  
**Antique Trucks:** 1. Cascedro

Alfaro.  
**Antique Tractors:** 1. J.M. Harris, 2. Eddie Waggoner.  
**Club and Organization Floats:** 1. First Baptist Church, 2. Dimmitt High School Football, 3. Dimmitt High School Basketball.  
**Three-Wheelers, Go-Carts, Etc:** 1. Molly Bradford, 2. Adam Reinart, 3. Lana Reinart.  
**Bicycles:** 1. Stephanie Castro, 2. Jill Miller, 3. Megan Davis.  
**Commercial Floats:** 1. Republican Organization for Women, 2. Mr. Burger, 3. Cerestar.  
**Wagons:** 1. Edgar Dennis.  
**Riding Clubs:** 1. Randy Shaw, "Best Dressed Cowgirl", 2. Chance Schilling, "Best Dressed Cowboy."

## Pedal tractor pull winners are listed

One of the most popular events for kids at this year's Harvest Days celebration was the pedal tractor pull, sponsored by the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Held last Thursday at the Expo Building, the event drew several children between the ages of 4 and 12.

Medals and ribbons were awarded to participants in nine age categories between the ages of 4 and 12.

First-place medals were awarded to Jared Shaw, 4-year-old; Tyler Essary, 5-year-old; Michael Oltivero, 6-year-old; Wendy Bradford, 7-year-old; Brandon Nelson, 8-year-old; Lindsey Cates, 9-year-old; Brad Lane, 10-year-old; Houston Sutton, 11-year-old; and Chauncey Gilbreath, 11-year-old.

Other youngsters who qualified to advance to the Texas Pedal Pull Association's next event in Lockney were Carsyn O'Brien, 4-year-old; Lauren Carpenter and Jill Huseman, 5-year-old; Kelsey Schilling and Michelle Wait, 6-year-old; Kaile Huseman and Kale Johnson, 7-year-old; Cody Essary and Keila Schilling, 8-year-old; Ethan Wales and Bailey Nutt, 9-year-old; Lana Reinart and Chance Schilling, 10-year-old; and Dennis Underwood, 11-year-old.

"The top two boys and the top two girls in each age group are eligible to advance to Lockney," said Roy Ray of Lockney, coordinator of the event. Kiwanians Mike Huseman, Roger Malone, W.J. Patton, Don Sheffy and Johnny Vick, along with fathers of many of the participants, assisted Mr. Ray in conducting the

competition in which youngsters pedal miniature tractors to see which can pull the greatest amount of weight for the longest distance.

Here are complete results from this year's tractor pull:

**4-YEAR-OLD:** 1. Jared Shaw, 2. Tristen Huseman, 3. Carsyn O'Brien, 4. Jake Shaw.

**5-YEAR-OLD:** 1. Tyler Essary, 2. Colton O'Brien, 3. Jill Huseman, 4. Lauren Carpenter, 5. Chase Summers.

**6-YEAR-OLD:** 1. Michael Oltivero, 2. Adam Reinart, 3. Coby Venhaus, 4. Kelsey Schilling, 5. Josiah Burzynski, 6. Michelle Wait, 7. TeAnn Lively, 8. Carly Gilbreath, 9. Briana Prieto, 10. Cassidy Nutt.

**7-YEAR-OLD:** 1. Wendy Bradford, 2. Sam Wales, 3. Kaile Huseman, 4. Kale Johnson, 5. David Underwood.

**8-YEAR-OLD:** 1. Brandon Nelson, 2. Kayla Lively, 3. Cody Essary, 4. Chris Stanley, 5. Keila Schilling, 6. Phylissa Kinser.

**9-YEAR-OLD:** 1. Lindsey Cates, 2. Shawn Ryan, 3. Ethan Wales, 4. Taron Clark, 5. Bailey Nutt, 6. John Wait III.

**10-YEAR-OLD:** 1. Brad Lane, 2. Molly Bradford, 3. Chance Schilling, 4. Lana Reinart.

**11-YEAR-OLD:** 1. Houston Sutton, 2. Chauncey Gilbreath, 3. Dennis Underwood, 4. Justin Lively, 5. Edward Wait.

**12-YEAR-OLD:** 1. Brandy Stanley.

*In the 2000 Olympics, women will be competing in water polo, the modern pentathlon, the pole vault and the hammer throw for the first time.*



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

Photo by Joyce Nelson

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—St. Francis of Assisi

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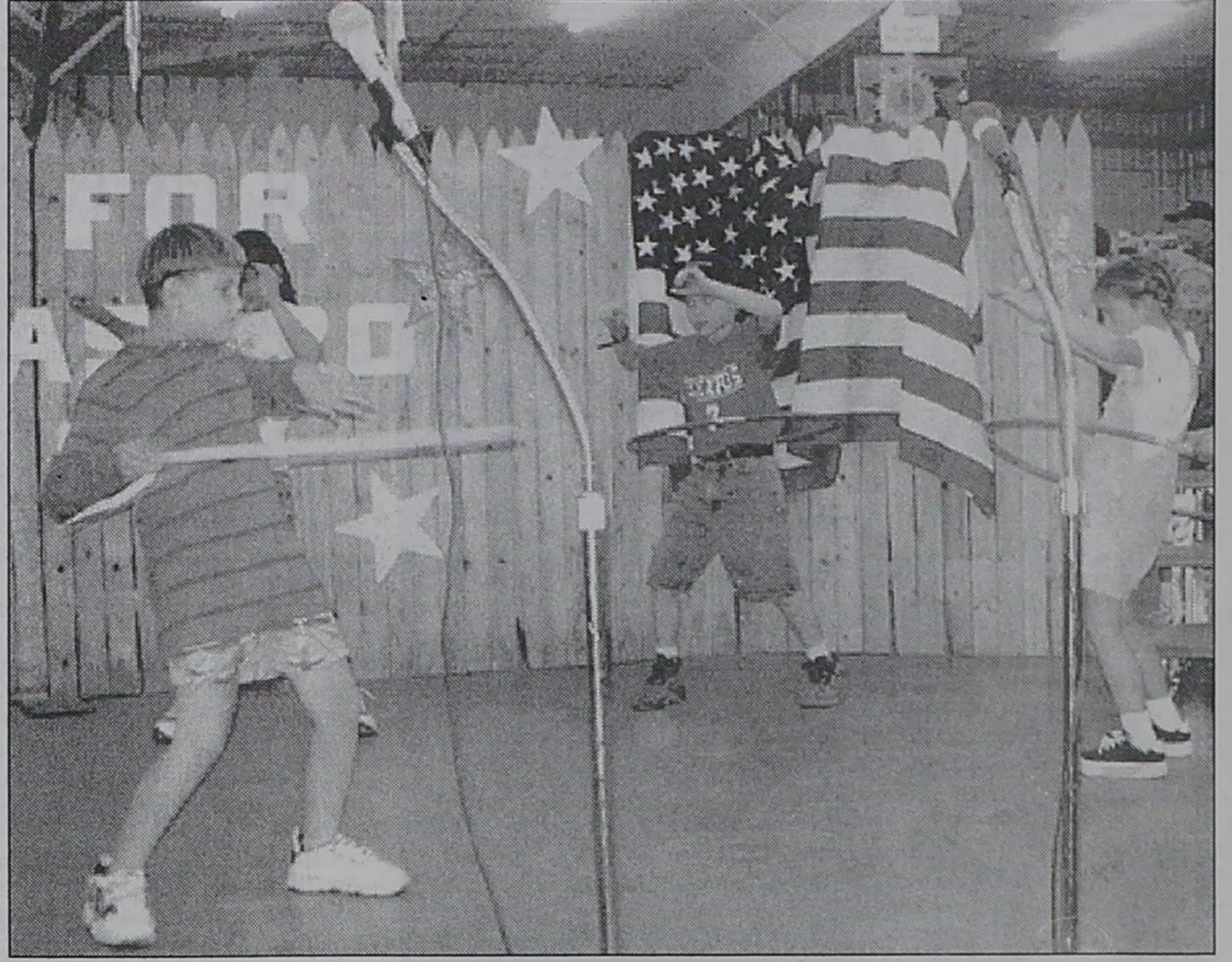
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**JUMPING UP AND DOWN FOR CANDY** ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE SATURDAY MORNING ... Local youngsters enjoy one of the highlights of the annual Harvest Days celebration.



**KEEP IT SPINNING**—Youngsters participate in the Harvest Days hula hoop contest held Saturday morning at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Winners received ribbons. *DigiPhoto by Linda Maxwell*



**FIRST PLACE IN THE PIE BAKING CONTEST** at harvest Days went to Jeanne Howell (right). She won a gift certificate for Castro County beef, presented by Marilyn Neal, CEA-HE. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

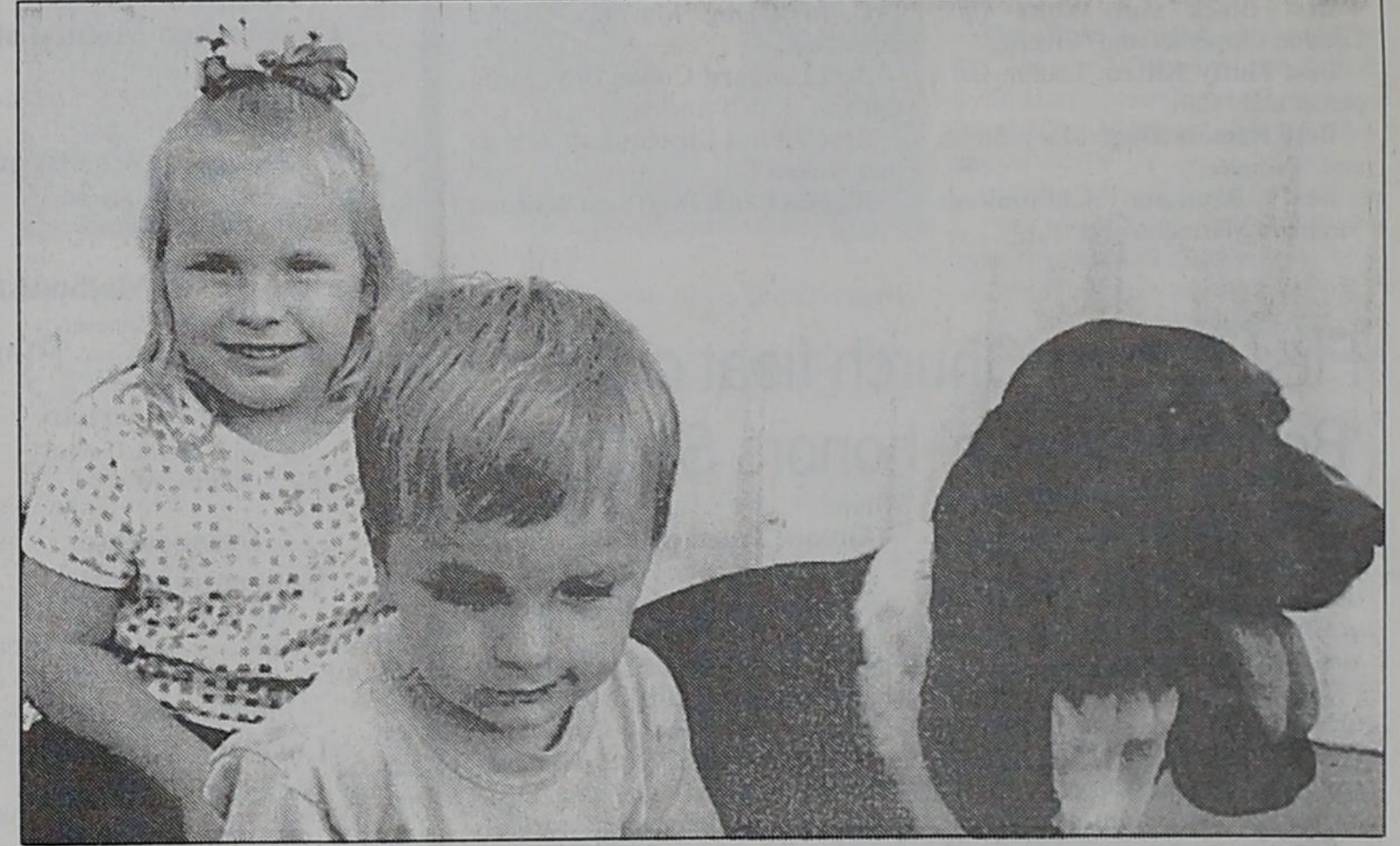
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**ZERO HOUR** performed for the crowds attending the Harvest Days activities Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Members of the group include (front, from left) Justin and Joshua Roberts, natives of Dimmitt, and Paul Sirmon; and (back) drummer Nick Bell. *DigiPhoto by Linda Maxwell*



**LEAN GROUND BEEF COOKING CONTEST** winner is Betty Freeman (right). Marilyn Neal, CEA-HE, presented her with a gift certificate for Castro County beef. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*



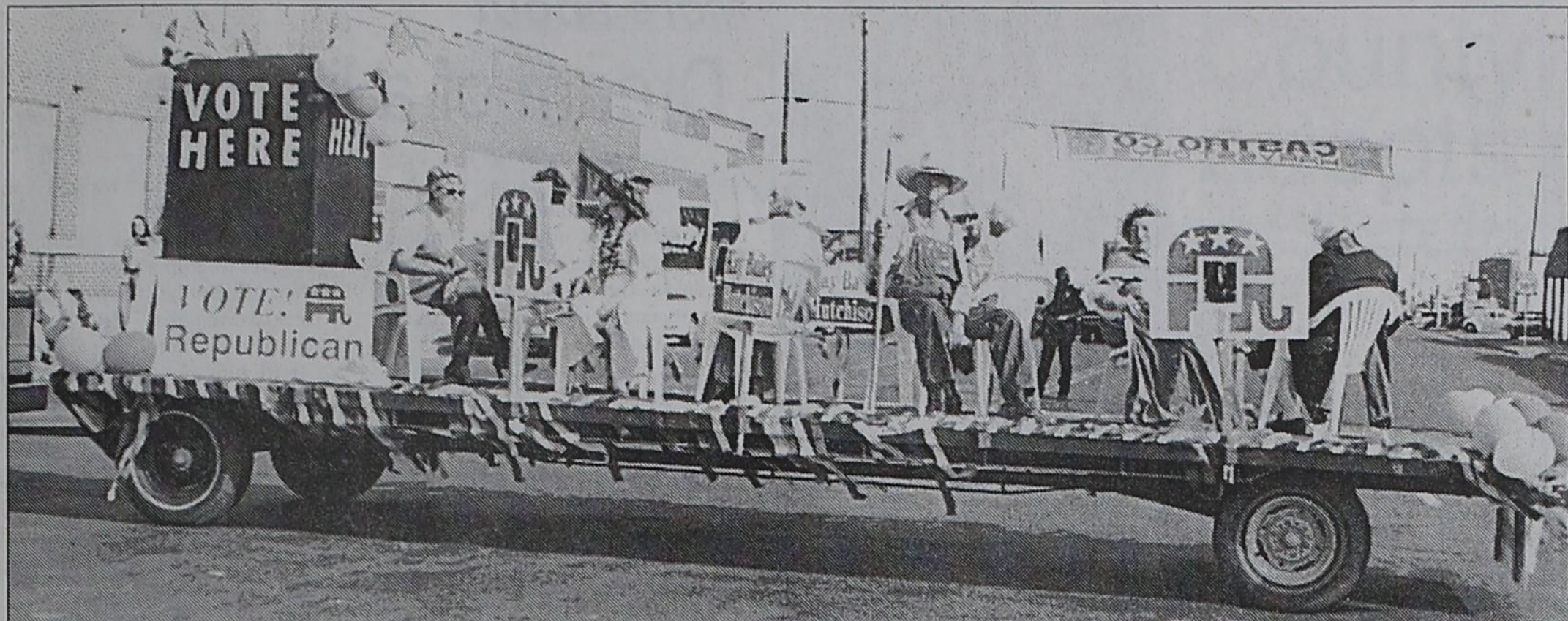
**BEST EATING DOG, "TYKE"** ... Prized Harvest Days pet show entry of Cassie and Clay Gabel *Photo by Joyce Nelson*



**FARM AND GARDEN, HORTICULTURE, AND CANNING ENTRIES** ... Castro County citizens show off their best at the annual County Fair during Harvest Days.



**PUTTING BEANS ON HER FORK** at the Castro Masonic Lodge barbecue dinner Saturday night is McKenzie Rhoades, 3½, great-granddaughter of Laverne (shown) and Tom McLain, and the daughter of Ryan and Robyn Rhoades of Friona. *DigiPhoto by Linda Maxwell*



**REPUBLICAN PARTY ENCOURAGES VOTING**  
 ... Political float earns runner-up honors for "Best of Parade" Saturday at Harvest Days

Photo by Anne Acker



**RED, WHITE AND BLUE—** Katy, 5, and Kirsty, 3, daughters of Flip and Kelly Taylor of Dimmitt wait anxiously for the start of the Harvest Days Parade in Dimmitt Saturday morning.

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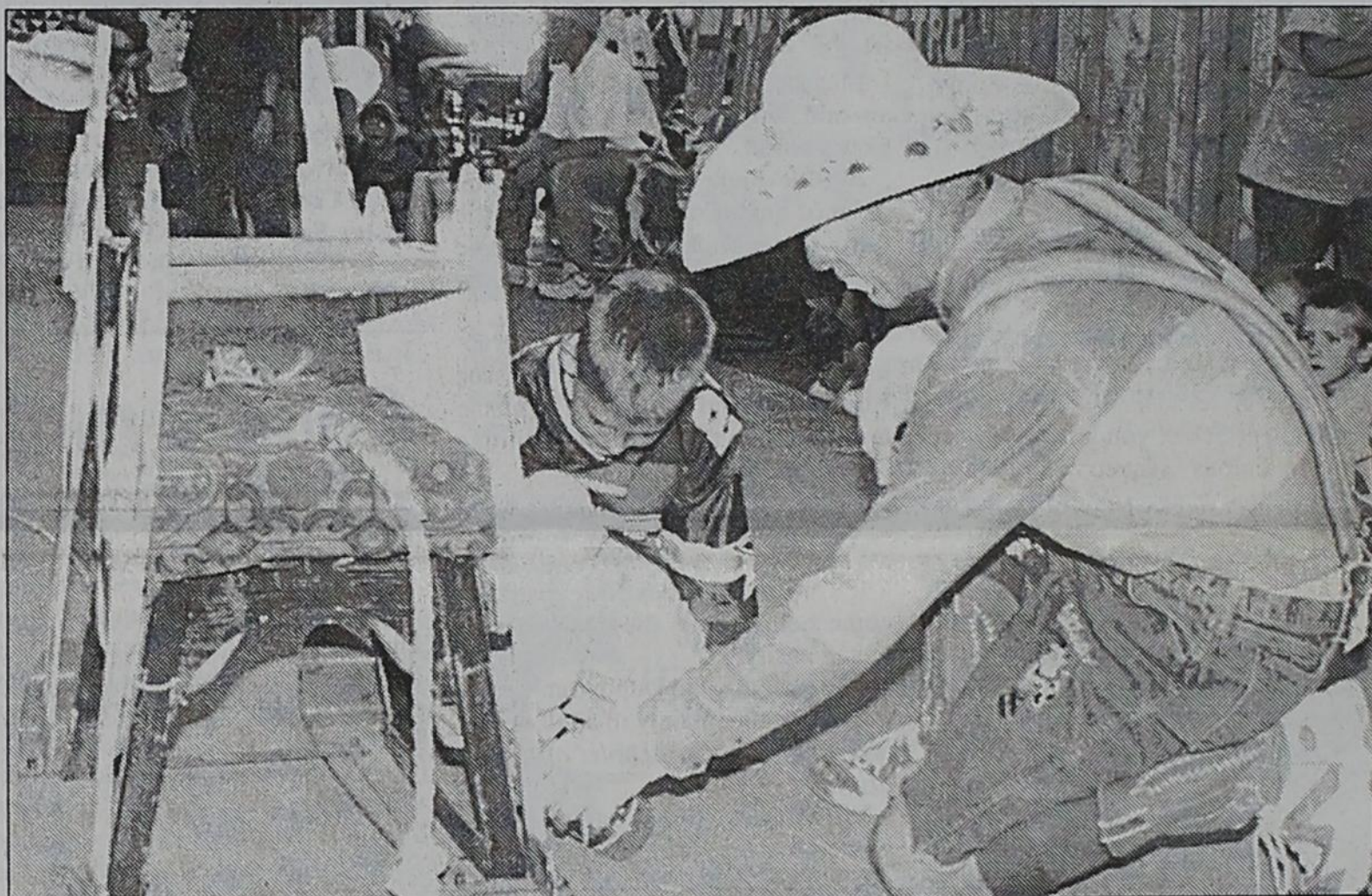
**'VOTE FOR JESUS' IS THE FOCUS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH'S HARVEST DAYS FLOAT**  
 ... Entry earns church "Best of Parade" honors Saturday morning in Dimmitt

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**FEEDING A LAMB AT THE PETTING ZOO**  
 ... The Dimmitt FFA sponsored the activity for a Harvest Days booth.

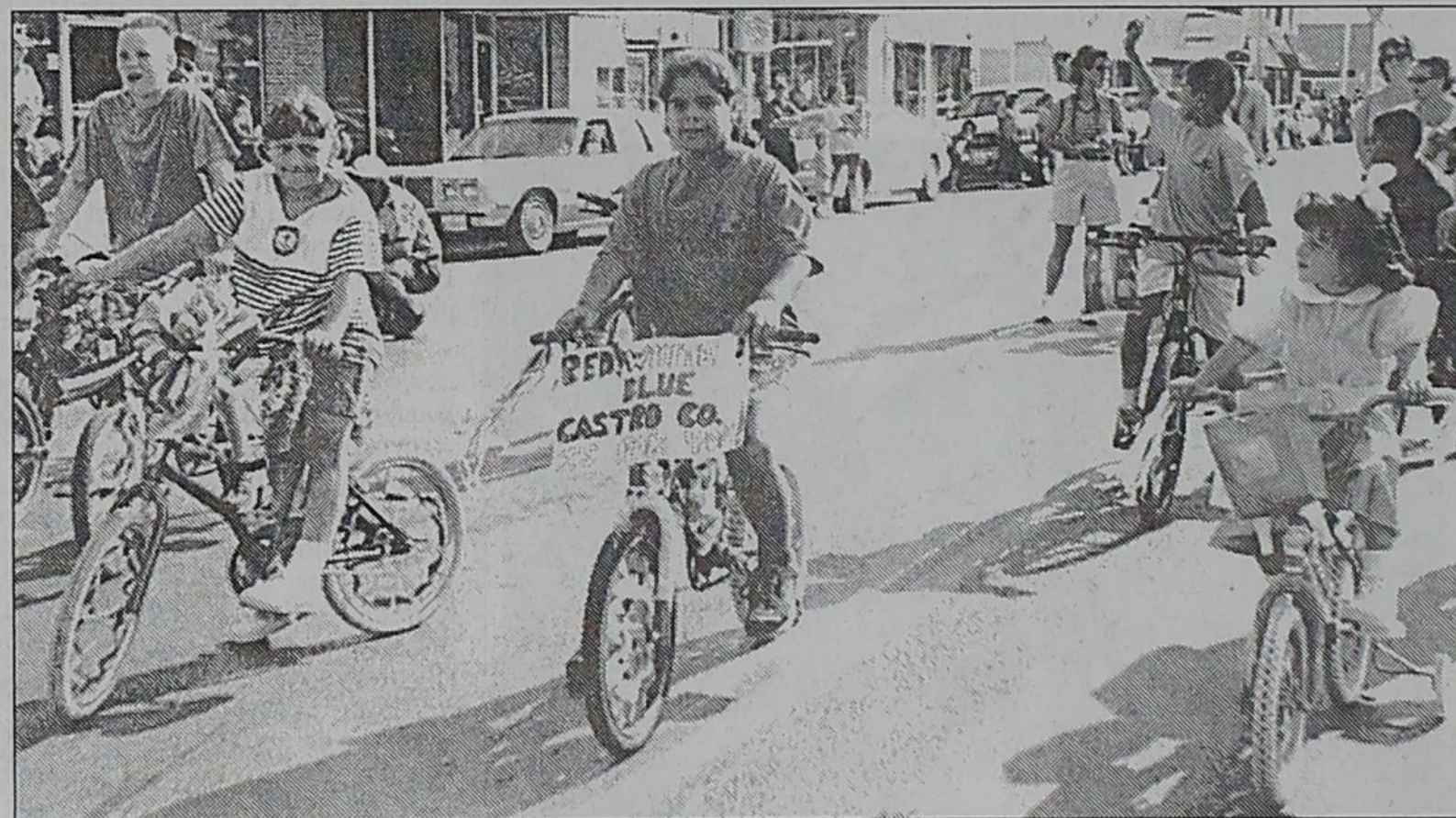
**"Vote for Castro County" during Harvest Days 2000**



**HERE'S HOW TO MILK A WOODEN COW**  
 ... Pokey the Clown shows a youngster how it's done in the Junior Ranch Rodeo Saturday afternoon.



**THE PONY EXPRESS RACE IN THE JUNIOR RANCH RODEO HELD SATURDAY AT THE EXPO**  
 ... Taylor Bradley hurries around the barrels in her leg of the race for the "Bronco Barbies."

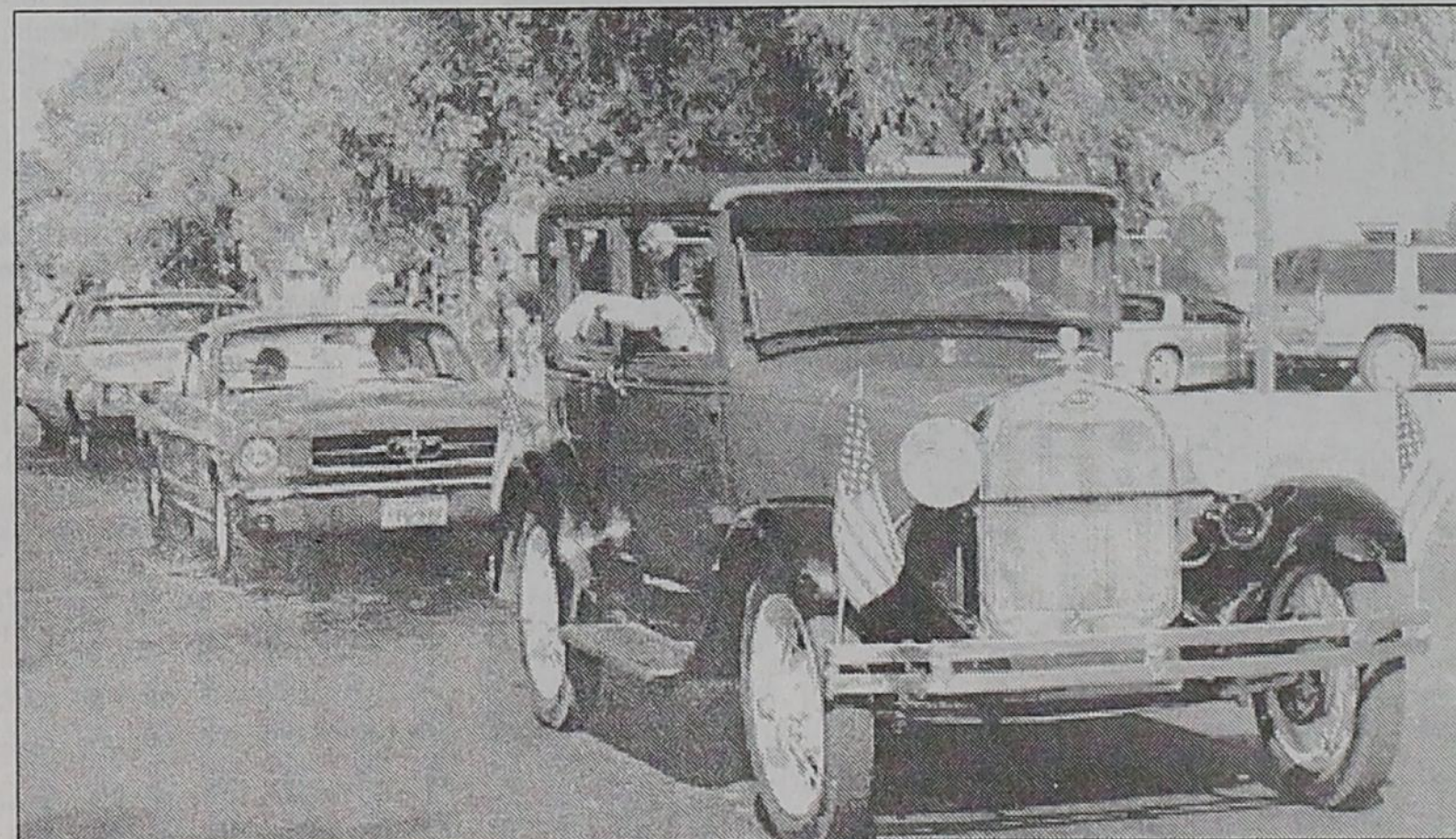


**STARS AND STRIPES, BALLOONS AND STREAMERS—HARVEST DAYS BIKES HAD IT ALL**  
 ... Bicycle winners included Jill Miller, second; Stephanie Castro, first; Megan Davis, third

Photo by Anne Acker



**THE DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL HARVEST DAYS BOOTHS**  
 ... Included a "jail" and selling "Beanie" Bobcats.



**FIRST-PLACE ANTIQUE CAR AT HARVEST DAYS**  
 ... Entered in parade by Cleta Wilkerson and Troy Cleper

Photo by Anne Acker

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By Don Nelson

I have this great desire, and this even greater need, to print a retraction of part of last week's column.

My dear wife, Verbie, did NOT, technically, forget our 46th wedding anniversary on Monday, Aug. 28.

Well, maybe she did actually forget it on Aug. 28, but she had already remembered it on Aug. 24, 25, 26 and/or 27.

So that, technically, means that she remembered it.

Since it was a Monday anniversary and we in the weekly newspaper game don't do Monday anniversaries any more than we do Monday holidays, it didn't really matter that she actually forgot it on the actual day because she already had technically remembered it on the 24th, 25th, 26th and/or 27th, and we had decided that we wouldn't do anything special that Monday anyway.

And besides, we did do something special on Sunday the 27th. We went with Wayne and Darlene Collins to Amarillo for the First Presbyterian Church's annual "Kirking of the Tartan" at Elwood Park. And afterward, we went to lunch with the Collinses and with Vernon and Jane O'Kelly, and we announced then and there, in full presence of all those impeccable witnesses, that this was our anniversary outing.

So just because she may have actually forgotten on the 28th that it was our anniversary, she already had technically remembered it on the 27th—as well as on the 24th, 25th and/or 26th.

When I wrote last week that I reminded her of our anniversary the next day when I remembered it, I thought at the time, "This is funny." But I was mistaken, and I wish now to publicly retract that thought. I should have thought, "This is funny, depending on what your definition of is is."

Whew.

The "Kirking of the Tartan," by the way, was quite impressive. It's basically an outdoor worship service, Scottish style.

Ancient Scots, you know, devised an ingenious system of clothing themselves in specific tartans (plaid patterns) to identify their different clans, military units, etc.

Every tartan plaid bears a family name, so if you can identify the pattern in a Scotsman's kilt or cap or scarf, or in a Scotswoman's skirt or shawl, then you'll know what clan he or she belongs to, without having to ask.

When you start studying Scottish plaids, it seems there are as many different patterns as there are flowers of the field, and they're all distinctive and attractive.

The patterns themselves obviously have something to do with that famous Scottish pride.

As I understand it, when Scots in ancient times would have a gathering of the clans for any reason, each clan would post its tartan—that is, put up a plaid banner on a pole—to show the clan's presence and location.

And that's what they did at the kirking of the tartan.

"Kirk" is the Celtic word for church, so "kirking the tartan" means taking the family banner to church.

The outdoor service started with a colorful and impressive procession by a drum major, bagpipers and drummers all dressed to the hilt in traditional Scottish attire.

Behind the music corps came representatives of the church's different families of Celtic background, marching two abreast, each carrying his or her clan tartan banner, which they posted in a row in front of the congregation.

I understand that they sometimes have a roll call of the clans, identifying the patterns, but they didn't this time.

The only patterns I recognized were the Campbell, the Black Watch and the Sutherland. It's been a long time since I've seen a tartan chart.

One of the musical highlights of the service was the congregational singing of "Amazing Grace" to the accompaniment of the bagpipes.

The outdoor service was kept informal, and ended with a recessional of the bagpipes and banners.

The service was so impressive and the Scottish and clan pride so notable that it made me wish I knew something about my own Celtic background.

Most Americans of Anglo-European origin could probably find a Celt in the tree back there somewhere.

I learned quite a few years ago, in an odd way, that evidently I have Celtic blood.

A little hickey developed on the palm of one of my hands, below the third finger. It looks like a dimple with a semicircular tuft of skin below it.

It's called a "Dupuytren's contracture," formed when a nodule of tissue springs up and sprouts a tentacle under the skin that attaches itself to a finger tendon.

In recent years I've developed a second, identical, one on the palm of the other hand.

It's no big deal. If they ever become bothersome, they can be corrected easily.

I've read that the Dupuytren's contracture occurs mainly in adult males, and only among people of Celtic origin.

Listening to those bagpipes and witnessing the kirking of the tartan on that gorgeous Sunday morning made me yearn just a bit to search beyond my grandparental names of Nelson, Thompson, Bien and Patzke, and ferret out that Celtic ancestor, whoever he or she may have been.



**COLOR GUARD**—Leading the annual Harvest Days Parade in Dimmitt Saturday morning were these airmen from Cannon Air Force Base outside of Clovis, N.M. They are (from left) Senior Airman Hans Geineder, Master Sgt. Michael Tapp, and Airman Che Alaniz. Their appearance was arranged through Sgt. Tygh Freeman, honor guard superintendent.

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## County runners among the best in Plainview race

When it comes to cross country running, fleet-footed athletes from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth can compete with the best and they proved it Saturday at the Plainview Invitational.

The long races were held at Running Water Draw Park in Plainview and the Nazareth Swiftettes and Dimmitt Bobbies claimed the second- and third-place team titles, respectively; while the Hart Longhorns finished third overall in the boys' contest with 84 points. Hart's Lady Horns placed 12th among the 26 teams entered in the race. There were about 225 runners in the girls' race.

The Swiftettes finished with 141 points, second only to meet champion Sundown, which scored 81. The Bobbies finished with 153 team points. Hart's girls had 351 points.

The county's top individual runner among the girls was Nazareth's Danette Ramaekers, who finished sixth in 14 minutes and eight seconds. Following close behind her was teammate Stephanie Thiel, who posted a time of 14 minutes and 10 seconds for eighth-place honors. Rounding out the varsity roster were Erica Gerber, 36th in 15:15; Mandy Hoelting, 41st in 15:23; Marsha Black, 54th in 15:41; Teri Ramaekers, 65th in 15:50; Lindsey Gerber, 74th in 15:58; and Whitney Hoelting, 86th in 16:05.

Cherie Norman of Dimmitt paced her team with a 12th-place finish Saturday, crossing the line in 14 minutes, 20 seconds. She was followed by teammates Jenna Steinle, who was 24th in 14:48; Morgan Hazel, 33rd in 14:55; Sheena Ehly, 39th in 15:05; Kelsey Welch, 50th in 15:18; Sally Stahl, 57th in 15:30; Sadra Daniels, 73rd in 15:42; Lyndee Behrends, 77th in 15:58; and Crystal Nino, 78th in 16:00. Shayla Kenworthy, who usually runs with the varsity, was sick Saturday and did not compete.

"We competed well for our first meet," said Dimmitt Coach Tim Gilliland. "The team has set some lofty goals for this season and they are certainly giving the effort needed to achieve those goals."

In the boys' race, Nazareth's Robb brothers, Trinity and Trey, came in seventh and eighth, respectively. Trinity posted the better time of 19 minutes and four seconds, but Trey's time was just three seconds slower. Two other Swifts raced Saturday, including Quentin Jones, who was 32nd in 20:27; and Kade Wilcox, who placed 62nd in 21:47.

Hart's Roy Robledo and Dimmitt's Aaron Saenz claimed the 11th and 12th places with times of 19:14 and 19:20, respectively.

Other top 20 finishers among the boys were Hart's Manuel Barron, who was 15th in 19:26; and Isaias Garcia, 19th in 19:40.

Dimmitt's Adam Guzman was 24th in 20:57; and Ruben Casas placed 26th in 21 minutes.

Rounding out Hart's runners (including places and times) were Joey Pantoja, 29th, 20:19; Thomas Chia, 56th, 21:27; and Marcus Reyna, 69th, 22:02.

The top finisher among the Hart girls was Kellie George, who finished 46th in 15:28. Other team members and their places and times were Vanessa Carrasco, 90th, 16:07; Sonia Garcia, 91st, 16:09; Dalila Longoria, 126th, 16:56; Angie Mata, 129th, 17:02; Mariza Mendoza, 168th, 18:00; Valerie Ellis, 180th, 18:40; and Brenda Diego, 182nd, 18:43.

## DISD seeking vehicle bids

The Dimmitt school board voted Monday night to seek bids on at least two new or used pickups and two new mini-vans for the district.

In setting up the budget for the school year, the board had agreed to purchase these types of vehicles rather than a new bus.

Supt. Les Miller said that there will probably not be enough in the budget to purchase all four vehicles, but the bids will be examined before deciding which way to go.

Miller told the board that it is impractical for the district to buy passenger cars any more. He said it is better to buy seven passenger mini-van type vehicles so that more people may be transported when needed. He also told the board that the transportation department needs at least one full size pickup, but if two are purchased one of them could be a small to mid-sized pickup.

The board agreed to advertise for new or used vehicles, as long as the vehicles are not more than two years old, with no more than 20,000 miles on them.

In other business, the board made a change in the local policy manual covering make-up work for student absences. The change states that students shall receive a zero for assignments and tests missed because of truancy. All other absences up to

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lenger in the race.

The biggest challenge, however, came from second-place finisher Fashionisattitude, owned by Joe Kirk Fulton of Lubbock. Eyesa Special had only competed against one of the Futurity qualifiers in a previous race and that was First Down N Surfin, who finished third on Labor Day.

"He (Eyesa Special) took the lead 30 to 40 feet out of the gate and started pulling away," Hill said. "After about three or four jumps out of the gate it was all over," Hill said. "Jacky (jockey Jacky Martin) hit him a couple of times with his whip, then he started pulling away from the rest of the horses and just kept going. There was no question about it after that."

Hill said he has co-owned horses with both Pitts and Bell before.

"I know Mr. Pitts. We've partnered on another horse and have become good friends. I trust his judgment. I didn't even see the horse until after we'd bought him. He offered to let Terry (Bell) and me have a half interest in him. Terry and I have become friends in this business and he's special. He's one of my best friends."

The trio acquired Eyesa Special for \$15,000 a year ago from breeders Marvin Selig and Allen Moehrig of Seguin.

Eyesa Special's second dam, Jetta O Toole, is a winning daughter of 1981 All-American Futurity winner Special Effort, so winning is in the colt's blood.

In just four races this year, the gray colt has posted the winning time three times, including the Futurity win.

Prior to the Labor Day event, Eyesa Special had earned \$6,595 in two wins. His purse for the All-American Futurity was a cool \$1 million.

In his career debut at Remington Park on April 14, Eyesa Special was

impressive as he topped the field—minus a shoe.

"He had a little wreck coming out of the gate, tore up a foot and jerked his shoe off. But he still won the race by over two lengths," Hill said. "We knew we had something special then. We held him out until we got to Ruidoso and we've been working toward this All-American race all year."

Eyesa Special's second race was in July at a trial to the Rainbow Futurity, but he had some problems and didn't qualify with a sixth-place finish.

It all came together in August, though.

At the All-American Futurity Trials in Ruidoso on Aug. 17, Eyesa Special won the fifth of 17 trials by 1-1/4 lengths, in the fastest qualifying time of 21.526 seconds.

"This colt is a special individual. He sticks out from anything we've ever owned," Hill said. "And he's just a baby. If he stays sound, I believe he's still got a lot of wins left in his future."

Eyesa Special isn't the first horse Hill has qualified for the All-American Futurity, but this was his first win in the race.

In 1996, Hill and Bell co-owned the horse, Ravin Maniac, which qualified for the Futurity finals. Ravin Maniac finished fifth.

"Eyesa Special is faster than she (Ravin Maniac) was," Hill said. "She was a great runner, but she was a very nervous horse. She pretty well wore herself out before the race or I think she would have had a pretty good shot of winning that race."

Hill said he plans on chasing the All-American Futurity crown again next year and already has a horse in training—it's a cousin to Eyesa Special. He added that he has some "pretty nice horses of my own that I'm expecting a lot from."

## Police Calls

Early Friday, a 27-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI, second offense.

Early Saturday, a 19-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI with license suspended/invalid.

Last Thursday, a Dimmitt woman, 25, was jailed on a Potter County warrant for theft by check, over \$20 and under \$2,000.

Sunday night, a Hereford woman, 26, was jailed to serve time after court on charges of theft over \$50 and less than \$500.

Monday afternoon a 24-year-old Round Rock man was jailed on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

Last Thursday at 4:10 p.m. a 1995 Ford Windstar van driven by Nora Villarreal, 29, of Hereford, struck a 1989 Chevrolet Celebrity driven by Lucille Drerup, 82, of Nazareth. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported. Police said Villarreal had stopped at the stop sign on West Halsell at the intersection with North Broadway, but she then pulled into the intersection and struck Drerup's vehicle. According to police,

Villarreal said her vision was obstructed by a truck. She was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Last Thursday at 7:53 p.m., Regina Montiel, 17, of Dimmitt, was backing a 1997 Chevrolet pickup out of a driveway in the 600 block of Northwest Sixth when 1-year-old Diana Lucet Ontiveros ran behind the pickup and was knocked down. The child was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital with non-incapacitating injuries, according to police.

Saturday at 3:33 p.m., a 2000 Cadillac DeVille driven by San Rhodes, 61, of Amarillo, was rear-ended by a 1998 Chevrolet pickup driven by Buckle Lynn Dobson, 23, of Whiteface. Both vehicles had light damage and no injuries were reported. Police said the car braked for a dog in the roadway, and was struck by the pickup as they both were heading north in the 300 block of North Broadway in Dimmitt.

**Jail Count**  
The jail population as of Tuesday morning was 10, with two farmed out. The estimated cost of farming out prisoners is \$38 per day, but the cost of keeping a prisoner in the local jail is \$23 per day, for a difference of \$15 per day extra expense per prisoner for those farmed out. The extra cost for two prisoners would be \$30 per day, or \$210 for the week. In addition, the department must bear the cost of delivering the prisoners to whatever prison system is housing them and pick them up for any court appearances, etc.

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fine, \$237.25 in court costs, and \$775 restitution to Dimmitt Thriftway. Self ruled that Cordova should be credited with 126 days already served.

Self also ordered probation revoked for Michael Diaz, 26, of Hart. He had been charged with possession of marijuana over 2 ounces and under 4 ounces on Jan. 1, 1997, and was originally sentenced to one year in the county jail, suspended in favor of two years of community supervision, along with a fine of \$1,000, and court costs of \$242. However, court documents stated that Diaz failed to complete the 100 hours of community service he had been assigned.

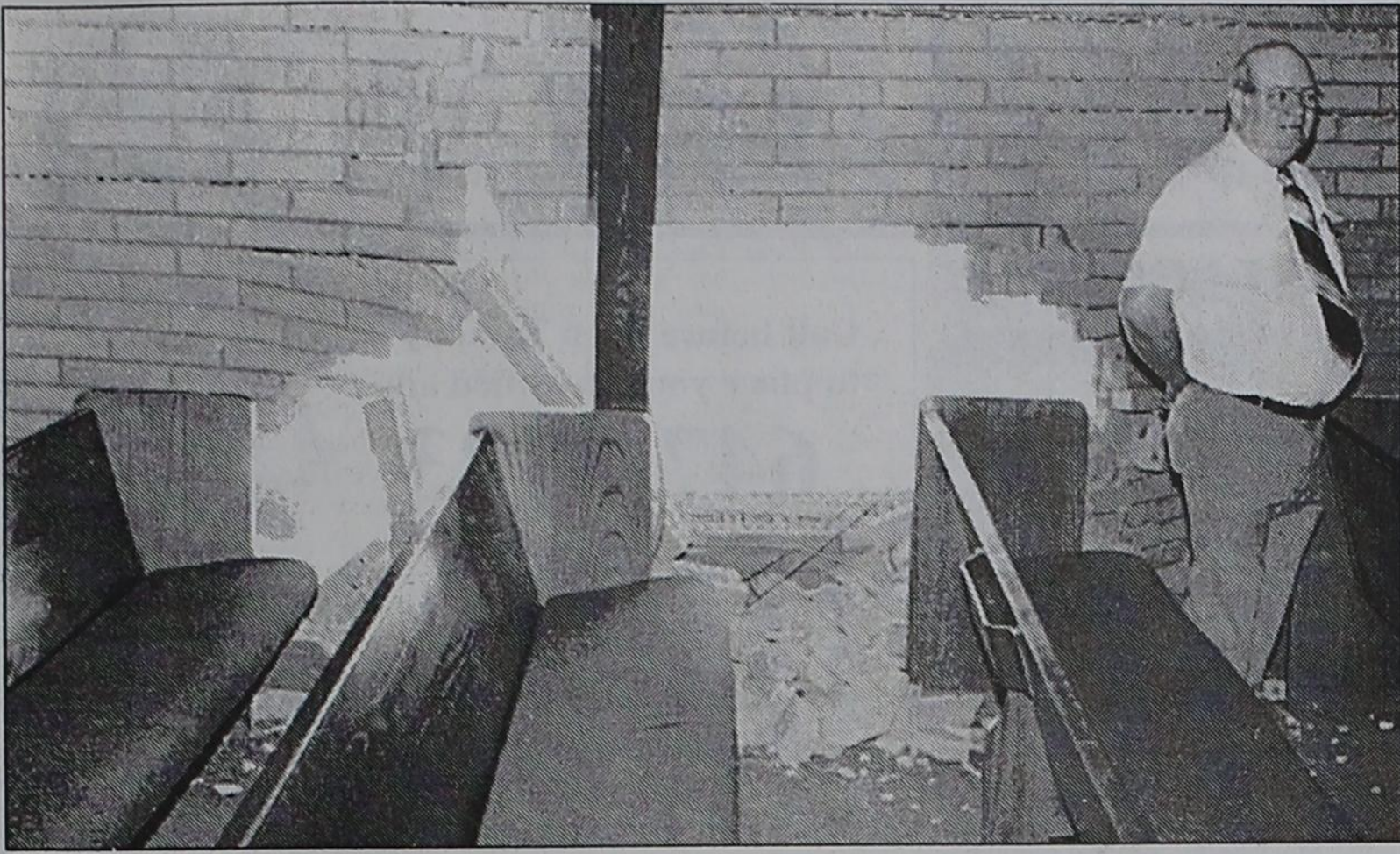
Self ordered that Diaz's community supervision be revoked and the original judgment become operative, with his confinement in the county jail to begin Aug. 24, with 14 days credited.



**SONG AND DANCE ACT**—Jessica Chaney (left) and Angela Gomez of Dimmitt perform during the karaoke session that was a part of the Harvest Days activities at the Expo Building in Dimmitt Saturday.

Photo by Linda Maxwell





JOHN WAITE shows where he was standing when a driverless 18-wheel grain truck crashed through the north wall of the First Assembly of God at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday. "I started edging away from the noise," Waite said, "and then I saw the truck's grille come through the wall."

Photos by Don Nelson

# County raises tax rate, adopts proposed budget

In a called meeting Friday, the Castro County Commissioners voted unanimously to set the county tax rate at 56.3¢ per \$100 property valuation for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, and approved the proposed budget.

Of the 56.3¢ tax rate, 42.5¢ will go to the general fund and 13.8¢ will go to the road and bridge fund. The road and bridge funds will be divided between the four precincts, with Pct. 1 receiving 30%, Pct. 2 getting 23%, Pct. 3 allotted 22%, and Pct. 4 receiving 25%.

Revenues have been estimated at \$3,202,170 and expenses are projected at \$3,511,613, leaving a deficit of \$311,443, which will be taken out of reserve funds.

Estimated expenditures for the various departments of the general fund portion of the budget include \$101,744 for the county judge's office; \$122,663 for the county clerk's office; \$5,725 for the veterans' administrator; \$5,325 for election expense; \$43,435 for 242nd District Court; \$43,435 for 64th District Court; \$65,382 for the justice of the peace's office; \$44,860 for the county attorney's office; \$46,385 for the county auditor's office; \$46,190 for the county treasurer's office; \$99,735 for the county tax assessor/collector's office; \$347,731 for the courthouse, including \$70,000 for capital outlay; \$35,250 for the annex, with \$20,000 of that for capital outlay; \$120,000 for the jail; \$42,900 for the fire departments; \$31,922 for the constable's office; \$710,625 for the sheriff's office; \$12,015 for the DPS office; \$5,250 for MH/MR Center; \$13,008 for health and welfare; \$38,925 for the library and historical commission; \$84,751 for the Extension Service; \$38,810 for the Expo building; \$158,271 for intergovernmental; \$12,800 for non-departmental; \$141,500 for professional services; and \$18,000 for benefits.

In the road and bridge portion of the budget, \$285,474 is allotted for Pct. 1; \$240,634 for Pct. 2; \$253,944 for Pct. 3; and \$296,924 for Pct. 4.

commissioners denied a request for new tables and chairs for the courthouse basement meeting room. Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland said that the county is trying to get away from having meetings in the basement, so it would be counterproductive to make the purchase.

The commissioners also declined an option to participate in an on-line salary survey conducted by the Texas Association of Counties. It would have cost at least \$180 to be included, according to Janice Shelton, county treasurer.

An offer to paint the two flag

poles in front of the courthouse for \$275 also was turned down after commissioners gave them a visual inspection and decided that the maintenance item could wait until another year.

The commissioners did approve a contract with Davis, Kinard & Co. for performing the outside audit for \$10,200.

In open forum, the commissioners were informed that the old highway department facility on SH 86 on the east edge of Dimmitt will be offered for sale.

## Truck interrupts service

By DON NELSON

And it came to pass that, as Rev. Leonard Broseker was offering the closing prayer at the Sunday morning service of the First Assembly of God in Dimmitt, an 18-wheel grain truck smote the north wall of the sanctuary.

And an ample portion of the brick wall came tumbling down, even against some of the pews where worshippers were standing in prayer.

And the worshippers knew not at first what to think of this sudden disturbance of the peace.

"My first thought was that it was a noise of some kind in the P-A system," said Rev. Broseker. "My second thought was that it was an explosion.

"Then I saw that truck's front bumper coming through the wall. I thought some driver must have fallen asleep at the wheel."

However, the truck was driverless. It had been parked on the south side of Hi-Plains Oil Co., across the street north from the church, and was having a wheel bearing replaced, when something in its air-brake system failed and it started rolling.

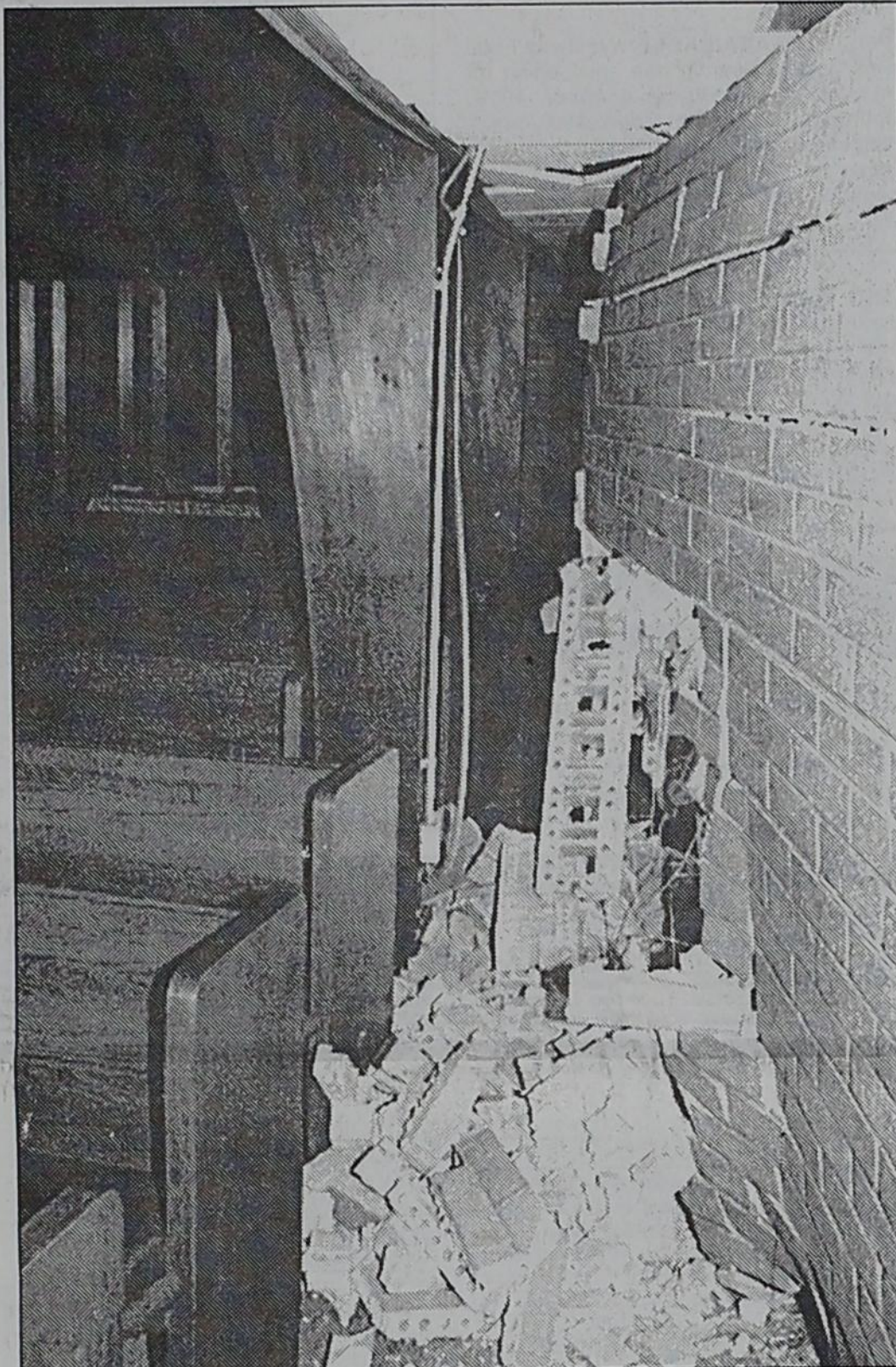
The big grain rig—a Ford diesel—built enough momentum as it rolled across East Belsher Street that when it hit the church it caved in a 25-ft. length of the brick wall, including an open hole 12 ft. wide and 4 ft. high.

About 35 worshippers were in the sanctuary when the accident occurred at 12:30 p.m., according to John Waite, whose family was in a pew near where the truck's grille crashed through the wall.

"Some thought that it sounded like a bomb going off," Waite said, "or like lightning had hit, or like a gas explosion.

"The truck just hit and bounced back," he added.

The truck's owner, Kennen Howell, was inside Hi-Plains Oil Co. across the street, washing his hands,



WALL OF CHURCH IS BADLY DAMAGED ... But no one was injured in the crash

when the accident occurred, and knew nothing about it until a member of the church backed his truck back onto the Hi-Plains lot afterward.

Howell said his truck was barely scratched.

An insurance adjuster investigated

the damage to the church Tuesday, but no repair estimate was available by Wednesday morning.

Incidentally, "the closing prayer got finished, yes," despite the disturbance, Rev. Broseker said.

### More about

# Jail bond vote set . . .

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prisoners vs. the cost of "farming them out." He said the cost of transporting them also should be figured in. He also suggested showing what it would cost the county if the State

Jail Standards Commission closes down the county jail completely. The county has been cited repeatedly for violations of jail standards in the past due to space and staffing limitations and other problems with the county jail.

County Judge Irene Miller said that some people have the mistaken notion that the county could get along without a jail. She said detention facilities are still needed for temporary holding until prisoners could be transferred to a permanent facility and there has to be a place to keep prisoners when they are brought to the county for court appearances.

Burns pointed out that it would cost the county more, because the sheriff's office would have to have a person dedicated just to transporting prisoners, plus the expense of transporting them.

The architect's schematic plan for the jail calls for a 48-bed facility all on one level. It also includes office space for the sheriff's department and the DPS.

"You will not see bars in this jail," Burns told the commissioners at a meeting Sept. 6. "It has concrete block walls with reinforcement and detention glass."

He said it also would have a limited amount of bullet-proof glass in crucial areas.

It would have four multiple occupancy areas that would hold eight inmates each, and three that would hold four each. There also would be five separation cells, two holding cells and one each for violent prisoners and for detox. A kitchen and laundry also are included in the plan.

A feature of the plan is the electronic controls for security and ease of operation.

The plan also includes training and exercise areas for officers, a communications area that would house the 911 system, and seven separate office areas.

### More about

# City . . .

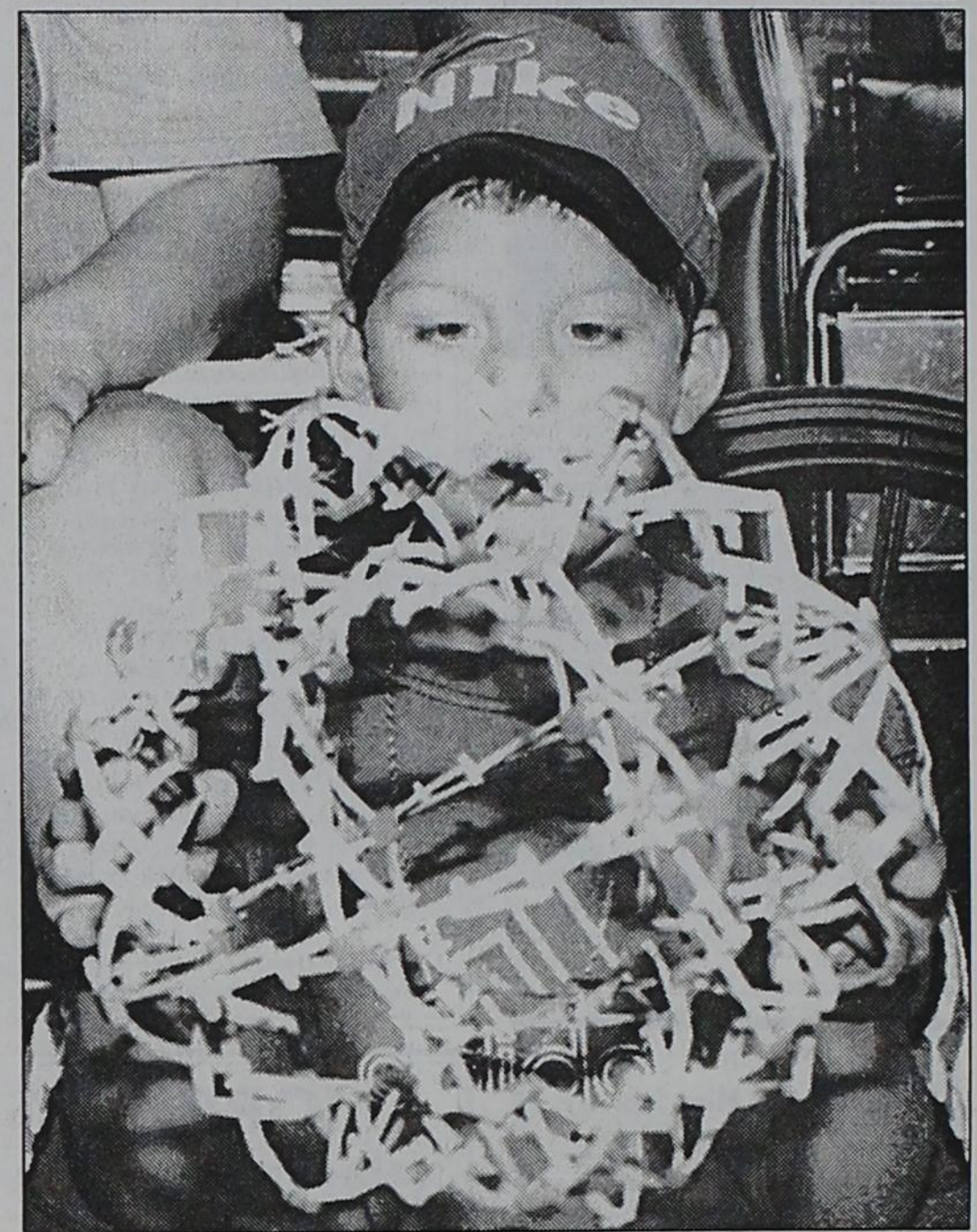
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partment, \$77,246; police department, \$346,477; city judge department, \$20,657; parks and recreation, \$59,890; airport, \$17,450; aged and public health department, \$68,715 (which includes the city's \$38,700 portion of the library budget); and the street and alley department, \$351,742.

In the utility portion of the budget, expenses for the water department were estimated at \$528,965; shop and warehouse department, \$41,407; sewer department, \$141,720; sanitation, \$298,214; and landfill, \$119,494.

In other business, the council gave final approval to the annexation of the Shirley Wise property into the city, and also had the final reading on the franchise agreement with Energas Co.

Council members agreed to table discussion on a self-insurance proposal for the employees' health insurance until the next meeting of the council, set for Sept. 18.



EXPANDING GLOBE—John David Ortiz, 8, the son of David and Rosalinda Martinez of Dimmitt, examines his souvenir purchased from one of the vendors who was at the Expo building Saturday for the Harvest Days activities.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

### RES plans read-a-thon

Second and third graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School will hold a read-a-thon on Sept. 22 to raise money for the school's reading program.

Students will gather pledges from family and community members who pledge to pay a set amount for each book the student reads at school on the day of the read-a-thon.

Businesses also are being asked to donate prizes or incentives for the students to work for.

"Please support our school in this way," an organizer of the event said.

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## DMS outdoor classroom dedication ceremony set

A dedication ceremony is set for today (Thursday) at 11:45 a.m. at Dimmitt Middle School for the newly completed outdoor classroom, and the public is invited to attend.

The Eighth Grade Class of 2001 is hosting the event, which also will honor the Eighth Grade Class of 2000, which initiated the project of building the outdoor classroom.

Eighth grade earth science teacher Kathy Lust led the students in planning, seeking grant funding, and implementing the project, which took an unsightly patio area at the middle school and transformed it into an attractive nature and environmental study area.

Part of the project also included planting trees and shrubs at the South Lake Park in Dimmitt.

The project incorporated many areas of learning, including math, English, and art, in addition to science. Students conducted a survey asking what students and teachers at the school would like to see included in the project.

The eighth graders learned about surveying and plan-drawing, and did plenty of measuring and figuring.

Much of the labor for the project was done by the students themselves, and they also had a side project of selling Bobcat paw stepping stones to raise additional funds.

In cooperation with the City of Dimmitt, Lust's application netted a \$10,000 Amarillo Area Beautification grant. Other money was given by local civic clubs and organizations.

Students from the middle school and nearby Richardson Elementary School will have access to the outdoor classroom, and local citizens are encouraged to enjoy it, as well.



### DHS Class of 1960

Twenty-seven members of Dimmitt High's Class of 1960 gathered here for their 40th anniversary class reunion during Harvest Days weekend. Meeting with the class at the Senior Citizens Center Saturday afternoon was Cleo Forson (standing, second from right), who was their second-grade teacher. Class members seated, from left, are Peggy Gilbreath Curtis of Hobbs, N.M., Derryl Dodd Palmer of Boise City, Okla., Nancy Mauk English of Lubbock, Aundrea Boothe Frye of Friona, Mary Nell Dowty Henley of Lubbock, Sammie Moore Hughlett of Lamesa, Pat Norris Waller of Grand Prairie, Ruthella DiCuffa Esche of San Angelo, Gwen Dunn Hopper of Mesa, Ariz., and Linda Waller Minchew of

Hereford. Standing, from left, are Glen Polk of Prosper, James Collins of Dimmitt, Carole Cowser Farris of Dalhart, Ben G. Scott of Dimmitt, Carl Lee Kemp of Amarillo, Joe Burkett of Scottsdale, Ariz., David Hays of Dimmitt, Jimmy Curtis of Hobbs, N.M., Wade Maynard of Dimmitt, Jack Ragland of Odessa, Hal Ratcliff of Amarillo, Earlyne Taylor Gee of Austin, Clinton Smithson of Rockwall, Jerry Hyatt of Hayward, Calif., Mrs. Forson, and Diane Smith Wright of Indianapolis, Ind. Also attending but not present for the picture were Wayne Holbrooks of Spur and Lorene Tate Brazzel of Albuquerque. Photo by Don Nelson

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### 23—Lost & Found

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### 24—Card of Thanks

#### CARD OF THANKS

The Early Settlers Association would like to thank the following merchants for donating items to be presented at our luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 9. Your generosity is helping spread the good name of Dimmitt all around the country.

Thank you to AgriFarm Industries, LLC, First Bank of Muleshoe—Dimmitt Branch, First United Bank, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co., First Texas Federal Land Bank, K-Bob's, State Farm Insurance, Texas Equipment and Agro Distribution. EARLY SETTLERS ASSOCIATION 24-24-1tc

#### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who assisted me when I had a wreck near Nazareth recently. A special thank you goes to Bernice Hoelting, Jimmy Hochstein, Richard Franks and Patty Kern. Everyone acted so quickly and was so kind.

I am thankful that I was protected by the Lord and that I was wearing my seat belt. Thank you again.

RACHEL WALL  
24-24-1tc

#### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Bill and Ann Henderson would like to express our thanks for the wonderful outpouring of love and concern by the community during his illness and his current hospitalization in Houston. For your prayers, your many cards, flowers, calls and other expressions of love, we are very grateful.

We owe a special thanks to the Senior Citizens of Castro County for both of the fund-raisers they have conducted, and to those responsible for choosing Bill and Ann as the marshals for this year's Harvest Days Parade. It touches all of us to know that they are so special to you also. You have been great to them. God bless you all.

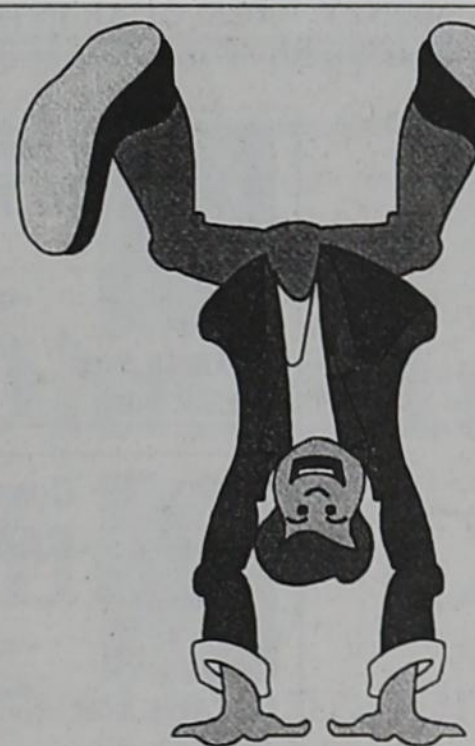
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GETTING A BETTER LOOK—Jacklyn Escamilla, 2, the daughter of Alicia Sanchez and Jerry Escamilla, and the granddaughter of Linda and Ben Reyes of Dimmitt, peeks over her sunglasses to get a better view of the spectacle offered by the Harvest Days Parade in Dimmitt Saturday morning. DigiPhoto by Linda Maxwell

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LOTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY—There were plenty of activities, food, games, crafts, fair exhibits, entertainment, and more at the Expo Building in Dimmitt Saturday for the Harvest Days celebration. Here, family members sit down to enjoy

the food from the concession at the Expo, sponsored by the Family and Community Educators clubs. Menu items included a full spaghetti dinner, nachos, pies, whole or by the slice, soft drinks, and more.

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### DHS Class of 1940

Sixty years after their graduation, members of Dimmitt High's Class of 1940 enjoyed renewing acquaintances and sharing memories during the Early Settlers Reunion Saturday in the Senior Citizens Center, with 11 class members present. Seated, from left, are Irene Dixon Bradley of Dimmitt, Dorothy Sinclair Shannon of Amarillo, Veronica Beckman

Stanley of Cañon City, Colo., Earline Lust Settle of Old Hickory, Tenn., Ellen Ivey Wall of Levelland, and Mildred Adams of Colony, Okla. Standing, from left, are Doyle Houthens of Gravette, Ark., Trellis Summers of Dimmitt, Houston Lust of Dimmitt, Glen Exter of Olton and Herb Mayfield of Dimmitt.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Obituaries

### Daniel Richard McCrary Hamilton

Memorial services for Daniel Richard McCrary Hamilton, 48, of Pacific Grove, Calif., were held at the Living Hope Church in Monterey, Calif., Friday afternoon. Arrangements were under the direction of The Paul Mortuary in Pacific Grove.

His wife, Paulette, is the daughter of former Dimmitt residents Darryl and Nell Kenmore, now of Lubbock.

Mr. Hamilton died Sept. 4 at his home.

He was born Oct. 4, 1951, in San Antonio. He had lived in Pacific Grove for two months. Prior to his move to California he had lived in Phoenix, Ariz., and Dallas. He worked for Bank of America and after moving to Pacific Grove he worked in management with Household Credit Company in Salinas, Calif. He was a former member of the Concord, Calif., and Scottsdale, Ariz., Wards of the LDS Church. He served in the US Army for over 20 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

He was a computer genius. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of California at Berkeley and was doing graduate work toward his masters and doctorate degrees at Phoenix, Ariz.

He was a certified umpire in softball, working in both children's and adults' leagues. He was a former boy Scout leader. He enjoyed playing golf and was an avid Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers football fan.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Richard Daniel, Phillip David and Lee Michael Hamilton, all of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a daughter, Victoria Lynn Hamilton of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two stepsons, Matt Wagner and Ryan Bast, both of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two brothers, John Day Hamilton of Washington and David (Uwe) Hamilton of Germany; four sisters, Melanie De Angelis of Wilton, Calif., Melissa Noel of Marysville, Calif., Anna-Maria Daulton of Little Rock, Calif., and Kristianna Plunkett of Olivehurst, Calif.; and his parents, Dr. Richard and Nell Hamilton of Rockwood, Tenn.

### Kenneth Jackson

Funeral services for Kenneth Jackson, 73, of Dimmitt, were held Sunday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Jackson died Friday in Lubbock.

He was born Oct. 27, 1926, in Dickens County. He attended Dimmitt schools and West Texas State University. He was a US Navy Veteran.

He married Ruth Sheffy on Jan. 1, 1950, in Clovis, N.M. He was a farmer and owned and operated Kenneth Jackson Ditching Service.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Richard Jackson of Dimmitt; two daughters, Nancy Fuller and Patti Cartwright, both of Dimmitt; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund, 110 Southwest Third, Dimmitt 79027.

### Jose Sanchez

Jose Sanchez, 70, of Dimmitt, died at 9:43 p.m. Monday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

A vigil service will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Services will be held Friday morning at 10 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Fern Couture, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Sanchez was born on July 7, 1930, in Poth. He married Lydia Garza in 1957 in Lamesa.

He grew up in Poth and moved to Dimmitt in 1978. He was a farmer. He retired in 1991. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife; nine daughters, Gracie Rocha of Poth, Eva Rodriguez and Lydia Lopez of Amarillo, Linda Rodriguez of Hereford, Adela Gil of Dimmitt, Diana Ojeda of Dumas, Martha Galvan and

Mary Ann Galvan of Hereford and Georgia Perez of Friona; five sons, Jose Sanchez Jr. of Snyder, Jose Alfredo Sanchez of Friona, Rudolph Sanchez of San Antonio, Javier Sanchez of Amarillo and Fermin Sanchez of Dimmitt; three sisters, Lupe Silva of Seguin, Angelita Salinas of Poth and Lillian Rosales of Rosenberg; three brothers, Sisto Sanchez of Poth, Paul Sanchez Jr. of Lamesa and Mike Sanchez of Fresno, Calif.; 41 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### J.L. Small

J.L. Small, 82, of Olton, father of Randall Small of Dimmitt, died at 2:30 a.m. Monday at his home.

Graveside services were held Wednesday morning at Olton Cemetery with Chris Craig, chaplain of Vistacare Hospice, officiating. Burial was under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mr. Small was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Cooper. He married Ellen Smiddy on Aug. 28, 1939, in Cooper.

He moved to Olton in 1949 from Cooper. He was a ginner.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Randall Small of Dimmitt; two daughters, Patricia Conrad of Arlington and Laquita Knowles of Olton; a sister, Mabel Preas of Cooper; a brother, Howard Small of Dallas; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Olton Volunteer Ambulance Association, Drawer B, Olton 79064; and the Olton Cemetery Association, PO Box 1055, Olton 79064.

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## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Sept. 14-22.

### DIMMIT Elementary Breakfast

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.  
MONDAY: Apple-cinnamon cereal bar, apple juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Apple danish, applesauce and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Donut sticks, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.

### Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno peppers and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.  
MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, savory green beans, honeydew melon, relish cup and milk.  
TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, French fries, pineapple sunset salad, hot rolls and milk.  
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.  
FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk.

### Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, salmon patties or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; and cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
MONDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, beef and bean burrito with chili or beef taco; mashed potatoes, baked potato or savory green beans; hamburger salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
TUESDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with sauteed onions or poor boy beef steak; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or butter beans; tossed salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole;

French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued rib patty or pork tamales; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchilada, Chinese chicken plate or fish nuggets; baked potato, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

### HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: McMuffin, Lucky Charms, tost, fruit juice, raisins, banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled egg, sausage, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, Cheerios, graham crackers and milk.  
MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice, raisins and milk.  
TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Biscuits, sausage, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, raisins, graham crackers and milk.  
THURSDAY: Breakfast stick, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice, raisins and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, Cheerios, graham crackers and milk.

### Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, hamburger with potato chips or chicken fajita; salad, ranch dressing, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, chef's salad, chili and hot dog on a bun or baked potato; salad, dill pickle, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots, vanilla ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
MONDAY: Choice of pork chop, chef's salad or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes and gravy, lettuce, tomato and pickles, green beans, cherry cobbler, fresh fruit, ice cream, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; salad, corn, fresh fruit, ice cream, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or pork chop, dill pickles, Texas toast, macaroni and cheese, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, salad, ice cream, ginger cookies, and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or steak finger basket; peaches, corn, salad, cherry crisp, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Steak, dill pickles, toast, salad, baked potato with cheese, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

### NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast tacos, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Waffle stick and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

### Lunch

THURSDAY: \* Spaghetti with roll or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, pudding and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: Beef taco or pizza, lettuce, corn, beans, pears, brownies and milk or juice.  
MONDAY: \* Burrito or baked potato, tossed salad, chili, corn, pears, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.  
TUESDAY: \* Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, beans, peaches, cookies and milk or juice.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Nachos and oil or chef's salad, Frito salad, peas, applesauce, cobbler and milk or juice.  
THURSDAY: \* Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, fruit salad, pineapple and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Chicken spaghetti and roll or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, cooked carrots, peaches, Jell-O and milk or juice.

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

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A FUNNY HUG—Robin Pebsworth of Hart, representing Brooke Insurance, cheered up spectators along the route of the Harvest Days Parade in Dimmitt Saturday. Here, she gives a hug to Oscar Wylie as he sits along Jones Street, enjoying the procession. *DigitPhoto by Linda Maxwell*

# ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



## Technical analysis workshop focuses on 'reading the charts'

Agricultural producers and agribusiness persons can learn how to read, interpret and understand futures market price charts at an Oct. 16 technical analysis workshop at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

The seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the center, which is located one-half of a mile east of I-27 on FM 1294 south of Lubbock.

"A lot of commodities trading is done solely on the basis of chart information, so it is really useful to understand the basics of charting," said Jackie Smith, Extension economist based in Lubbock.

Alan Brugler, senior analyst with DTN's AgDaily News Division, will share his expertise on the right way to read price charts.

"Brugler is the person who provides daily charting information for DTN subscribers," Smith said.

"Many producers believe supply and demand factors and fundamental

analyses are the driving influences behind commodity price movements. That's true, but there are other factors involved, too. In order to gain a more complete understanding of the futures market, you have to know how to read and interpret the information posted in price charts and in technical analyses," said Smith.

Brugler will discuss and demonstrate the use of tools such as trend lines, moving price averages, support lines, resistance lines, gaps, corrections and other charting tools. Producers and traders can use these to decide when to "pull the trigger" on any futures market pricing strategy.

Workshop registration is \$30 per person up to Oct. 10 and increases to \$35 per person thereafter. Lunch will be provided. Registration forms are available at county Extension offices or from Smith at the Lubbock Center, (806) 746-6101. Registration checks should be payable to TAEX, Account #222108.



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## Farm Service Agency notes

By TRISH ELLIOTT  
FSA County Executive Director

Castro County has been approved for emergency grazing of certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres, and that will continue through Nov. 30.

Only CRP fields which have been established to permanent cover are eligible under the approval. CRP participants must file a request to graze this acreage before grazing begins.

The payment reduction will be 25% of the per-acre annual rental payment rate multiplied by the number of acres actually grazed.

### Pork checkoff referendum

A pork checkoff referendum will be conducted in the Castro County FSA office for in-person voting Tuesday through next Thursday, Sept. 19-21.

Absentee ballots may be requested through Monday.

The public is invited to observe the counting of the ballots at the FSA office on Nov. 29 at 9 a.m.

Producers who owned and sold one or more pigs or hogs at any time between Aug. 18, 1999, and Aug. 17, 2000, are eligible to vote in the election.

Producers must vote in the county office where the producer's farm records are administratively located or, for other producers, in the county where the producer owns the hogs or pigs.

### Market loss assistance

Market Loss Assistance (MLA) payments were made on Sept. 1.

These MLA payments were based on 1999 Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) payment rates, but were made to producers who had 2000 year PFC contracts. The payments should be worth a little more than producers received for their 2000 year PFC contract.

### 'LDP-like' payments

Crop year 2001 producers of wheat, oats and barley on a farm with a PFC contract who graze the acreage will receive a payment under the same terms and conditions as a producer who harvests a crop and applies for a loan deficiency payment.

Grazing mixtures will not be eligible, unless the mixture is at least 90% of the eligible crop.

This program was established with the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, and additional information will be announced later.

### Non-participating farm LDPs

A provision of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 allows 2000 crop year production on a non-participating PFC contract farm to be eligible for a loan deficiency (LDP) payment, provided all other eligibility requirements are met. This only applies to the 2000 crop year.

### Reminders

◆ Producers are limited to \$75,000 per person on LDP payments and marketing gains when redeeming loans.

◆ Producers with delinquent non-tax federal debts are not eligible for loans or LDPs.

◆ Commodity certificate repayment may be used when redeeming loans at less than the loan rate. The market gain does not count against the \$75,000 limit.

◆ A request for LDPs must be filed in the FSA office prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop.

◆ If your crop is contracted or an ensilage crop delivered to a feed yard, a CCC-709 "Direct Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement" form must be on file in the FSA office prior to harvest. For field direct, the rate used will be the rate in effect on the date of delivery.

### County committee election

We will accept nominations for this year's County Committee Election until Oct. 30.

This year the election will be for LAA-3, which is currently represented by Weldon Davis. The election will be in December.

Nominating petitions are available at the FSA office.

## SPS logo has changed; Xcel will use 'red swirl'

Since the first of this month, electricity customers in four states are now seeing a new logo for Southwestern Public Service Co.—a logo without the red "energy swirl" associated with the company the past three years.

That energy swirl now will represent SPS's new parent company, Xcel Energy.

No operational changes are occurring, according to SPS Chief Executive Gary Cibson. SPS will continue to serve all of its customers just as it has, including those in parts of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The logo changes are part of SPS's preparations for when its customers in Texas and New Mexico will be able to choose among competing electric companies, Gibson said. Competition among supplies will begin in 16 months—in January 2002.

"Our commitment to quality customer service at the lowest possible price remains the same," Gibson said, "but Texas and New Mexico customer-choice laws require that we eventually legally separate our delivery operations from other parts of the company."

"Beginning in 2002, the name Southwestern Public Service will apply only to the part of our company that actually delivers power and energy on high lines to consumers. The remainder of our utility, for instance the power-producing part or our marketing department, will be known by the name of our parent company, Xcel Energy."

"The new SPS logo will help our customers begin to differentiate between SPS, 'the delivery company,' and Xcel, which will sell power and energy and other services to customers."

When the new laws are fully implemented, Xcel Energy will not be subject to traditional utility regulation. Xcel Energy and other "unreg-

ulated" energy suppliers will compete for customers.

However, the remnant SPS, as a "power lines company," will continue to be regulated by state utility regulators. SPS will move power from "anyone's" power generating plants to customers, not just from Xcel Energy-owned plants, according to Gibson.

The use of a single "delivery company" will help make sure customers receive reliable service while being able to choose service from among competing power suppliers, he explained.

The new SPS logo—the company's name, without the red "energy swirl"—will begin appearing in September on electricity bills and on service trucks, uniforms and some electric facilities in New Mexico and Texas. The new logo also will appear on trucks, uniforms and facilities, but not on bills, in Oklahoma and Kansas. Xcel Energy will bill customers in Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Texas and New Mexico electric competition laws will cause SPS to make other changes.

For instance, in Texas, since the first of this month, SPS is required to stop marketing and billing for services that could be offered by other, non-utility companies. For example, SPS is no longer able to offer new security lighting, heat-pumps or water heaters in Texas. SPS will have to refer Texas customers who call about such services to lists of other companies. Xcel Energy will bill customers who previously purchased such products from SPS, but separately, not through a bill for electric service.

SPS, an operating company of Xcel Energy, is a regional electric utility. It provides service to about 1 million persons in eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

## Exemption granted for use of Capture 2EC

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that the Texas Dept. of Agriculture has been granted approval by the US Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption allowing the use of Capture 2EC (bifenthrin) on sorghum grown for seed to control the banks grass mite.

The specific exemption expires Aug. 23, 2001.

Capture 2EC, manufactured by FMC Corporation, may be used following all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the label as well as the following restrictions.

◆ Applications should be made only by certified applicators, licensed applicators or persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators. All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any applications.

◆ Applications may be made by ground or air through chemigation equipment at a rate of 0.06 to 0.1 lb. a.i. (3.84 to 6.4 fluid oz. product) per acre. Applications must be made in a minimum of 10 gallons of water per acre by ground application, and a minimum of 5 gallons of water per acre by aerial application. A maximum of two applications may be made with a maximum of 0.2 lb. a.i. (12.8 oz. product) applied per acre.

◆ A pre-harvest interval of 30 days is required.

◆ A maximum of 50,000 acres of grain sorghum grown for seed production may be treated under this exemption.

◆ This pesticide should not be applied directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to

intertidal areas below the man high water mark. Applications should not be made when weather conditions favor drift from treated areas. A buffer zone of 150 feet must be maintained between treated fields and the edge of streams, ponds, lakes, rivers, springs, swamps, marshes or irrigation canals containing water year-round.

◆ This product is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues on blooming crops or weeds and should not be applied or allowed to drift to blooming crops or weeds while bees are actively visiting the treatment area.

◆ Treated fields should not be entered until at least 24 hours have elapsed following application, unless appropriate protective clothing is worn.

## Jones' Angus bull listed in sire evaluation

Worth Jones of Dimmitt owns one bull listed in the 2000 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 more than 5,903 sires.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," said John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance programs. "Of the sires listed in the main report, 74% have expected progeny differences (EPDs) for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program."

Traits in which EPDs 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 at Iowa State University by Dr. Doyle E. Wilson and Dr. Abebe Hassen.

## September sales tax rebates are up in Hart and Nazareth

Sales tax rebates issued during September to the cities of Hart and Nazareth were up when compared with the same period in 1999 while Dimmitt's rebate was down from that received a year ago.

Rebates issued in September were for local sales taxes collected in July which were reported to the Texas Comptroller in August.

The City of Dimmitt received a rebate totaling \$25,957.27. That's 0.31% lower than the September 1999 rebate of \$26,039.24. So far this year, the city has earned \$242,262.62, which is 5.71% ahead of the \$229,164.99 collected from January through September 1999. Dimmitt collects a 1.5% sales tax.

Nazareth saw an increase in its

rebate from September 1999 to September 2000. This month's payment of \$1,294.89 is 45.16% higher than last year's stipend of \$892. This year, Nazareth is running 6.94% ahead of 1999 totals after receiving \$11,684.08, compared with the \$10,925.70 earned through September 1999. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax rate.

Hart's rebate was up 4.31% for September. The city earned a rebate of \$1,205.28 this month, compared with \$1,155.45 a year ago. Hart collects a 1% sales tax that has earned the city \$15,172.74 so far this year. That's 10.06% ahead of 1999 payments which totaled \$13,785.24 through September.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Oct. 13.

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# Sports



## Wolverines win opener, 33-22

# Bobcats upbeat after second-half rally

By DON NELSON

The large crowd at Springlake Friday night got two games for the price of one.

In the first one, which ran two quarters, the Springlake-Earth Wolverines struck early and often as they romped and stomped to a 20-0 first-quarter lead and a 33-6 halftime advantage over Dimmitt's Bobcats.

Then, after the halftime break, it was another game altogether as the Bobcats held their hosts to 32 total yards of offense and a single first down while outscoring the Wolverines, 16-0.

As the final buzzer sounded, the Springlake-Earth defenders pulled Dimmitt quarterback B. J. Hill to the turf at their own 2-yard line to avert another Bobcat touchdown.

It was a 33-22 victory for the 2-0 Wolverines, but it was also a positive experience for the Bobcats in their opening game of the season.

"I told the boys at halftime that the biggest difference between these two teams was that Springlake-Earth had six quarters of real-game football under their belts, and we at that time had two—two very nervous quarters of football," Bobcat Head Coach Wade Wilson said. "It took us a while to snap out of it, but when we did we started playing hard."

"I can't say enough about the character our boys showed," Wilson said. "It's hard to go in at halftime behind by 33-6, but the way we came out and got after them in the third and fourth quarters tells me some good things about this football team."

It took the playoff-savvy Wolverines less than a minute to set the tone for the first half. S-E's Slade Quisenberry intercepted Hill's first pass at the Dimmitt 26, and two plays later running back Guthrie Edwards went in from five yards out for the first TD. Michael Clayton kicked the extra point to make it 7-0 with the game only 50 seconds old.

After forcing the Bobcats to go three-and-out, the Wolverines needed only seven plays to cover 58 yards for their second touchdown, with running back Wesley Carr getting the final six yards. Clayton's kick was wide, leaving the Wolverines with a 13-0 lead with the game barely five minutes along at the 6:59 mark.

Using their vaunted ground game, the Wolverines drove 67 yards in 10 plays for their third TD, which came with 57 seconds left in the opening period. Quarterback Chance Furr scored it on a keeper from six yards out, diving the final yard into the end zone. Clayton's PAT kick was good, making it 20-0 as the first quarter ended.

Wide receiver Daniel Proffitt and fullback Bobby Hill provided the heroics as the Bobcats finally got on the scoreboard early in the second quarter.

On the second play of the quarter, Proffitt gathered in a long pass from B. J. Hill and raced up the left sideline to the S-E 39 before being hauled down.

On the next play, Bobby Hill went wide left on a sweep and raced the distance against the S-E secondary for the TD to make it 6-20 with 47 seconds gone in the second period.

After the ensuing Dimmitt kickoff, the Wolverines appeared headed for another quick TD, but they were foiled by a fumble which the Bobcats recovered at the Dimmitt 22.

After being punted back to their own 27, the Wolverines drove 73 yards in seven plays, overcoming two fumbles and a penalty along the way, for their fourth TD.

Chance Furr hit Quisenberry with a 16-yard pass for the score. As a diving Dimmitt defender barely missed a tip-away, Quisenberry gathered in the pass near the sideline at the 1 and stepped into the end zone for the score. The PAT kick was wide, and with 3:49 left in the first half the score stood at 26-6.

Another interception set up S-E's fifth and final touchdown.

Wolverine safety Quade Furr picked off a B. J. Hill pass at the Dimmitt 37, and his brother Chance sparked the scoring drive with a pass to Quisenberry that carried 30 yards, then a brother-to-brother pass that saw Quade Furr make a beautiful falling catch along the left sideline, keeping his feet inbounds at the Dimmitt 15.

Then the Wolverines went back to their pounding ground game and three plays later Carr scored on a five-yard run with 17 seconds left in the half. Clayton's extra-point kick made it 33-6.

"One of the things I told our boys at halftime was that regardless of the outcome, they weren't going to line us up against a wall and shoot us tomorrow," Coach Wilson said. "I told them we were just going to have to come out swinging."

In fact, both teams came out knocking each other loose from the ball. An exchange of three fumbles—two by the Bobcats—within an eight-play span left the Wolverines set up at the Dimmitt 23.

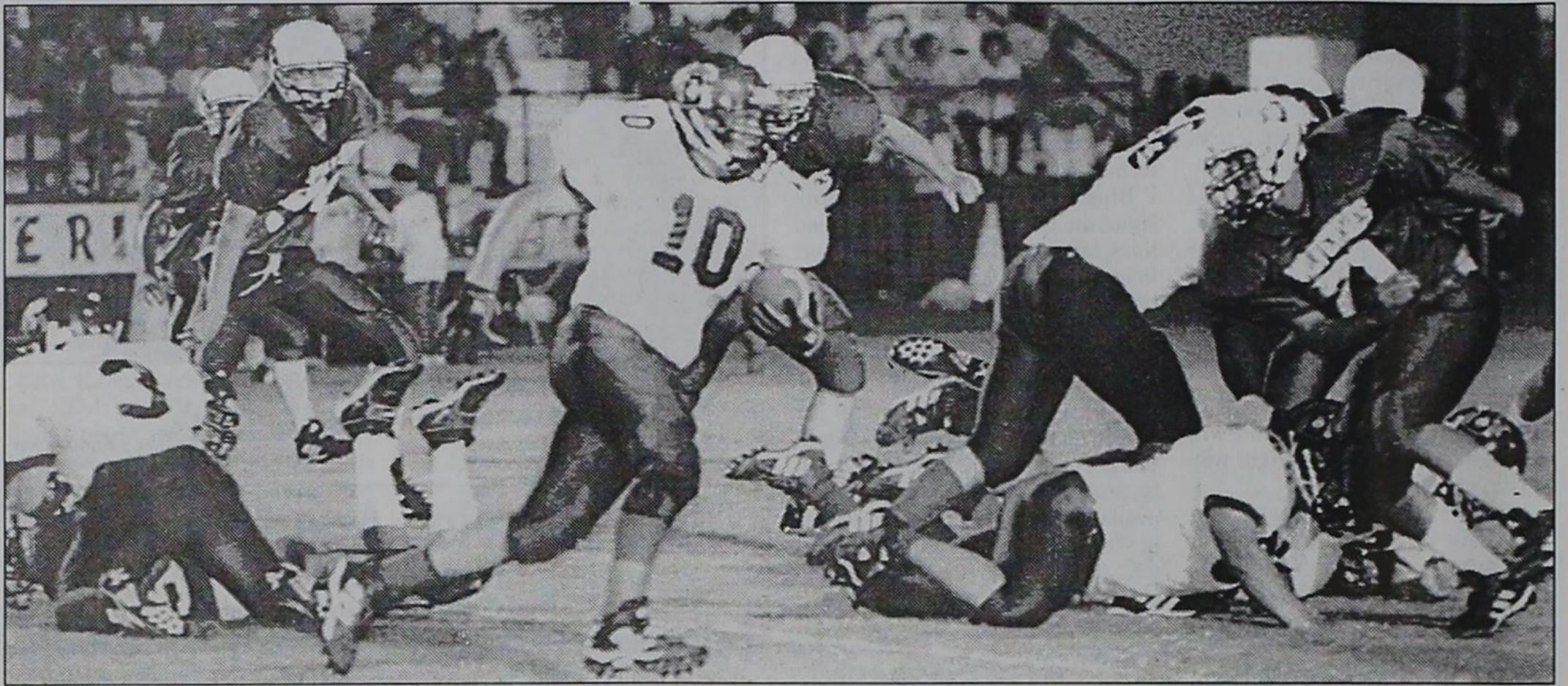
But the Bobcats held at their 19, and from there they started their second scoring drive and took control of the game.

On second-and-seven at the Dimmitt 33, B. J. Hill lofted a long pass which Proffitt caught in stride and raced to the S-E 25 before being hauled down from behind. The play covered 42 yards.

The Bobcats overcame a 10-yard holding penalty to move to a first-and-goal at the S-E 2, and from there fullback Juan Gonzalez got the TD on a second effort over right guard. B. J. Hill passed to Matthew Sandoval for a two-point conversion to make it 14-33 with 2:10 remaining in the third.

The next time they got the ball, the Bobcats put together a 14-play, 72-yard drive that climaxed with the high-light play of the night—a razzle-dazzle double-pass.

A pair of costly penalties had left the Bobcats facing third-and-goal from the S-E 17 when B. J. Hill



**DIMMITT FULLBACK JUAN GONZALES (10) works his way around several flying bodies for a three-yard gain midway in the third quarter of the Bobcats' season opener against Springlake-Earth Friday night at**

winged a pass—an overhand lateral, actually—to Anthony Oltivero in the left flat.

Meanwhile, Austin Sherman was racing down the left sideline to the end zone.

Oltivero's pass was right on the mark, and Sherman gathered it in at the back corner of the end zone despite excellent coverage by the Wolverine safety.

"Their free safety did a heck of a job on that play, actually," Coach Wilson commented. "He got over there and tipped the ball. But Austin kept his eye on the ball and gathered it in and kept his feet inbounds." Running back Jake Laurent carried for a two-point conversion to make the score 22-33 with 6:23 remaining.

## JV Bobcats top Plainview, 26-6

Dimmitt's junior varsity (including freshmen) pulled together to topple Plainview, 26-6, in a showdown at Bulldog Stadium last Thursday.

The Bobcat defense held Plainview scoreless until the fourth quarter while the Dimmitt offense charged ahead in the first half, claiming a 20-0 lead.

The Bobcats played "hard and together" according to Coach Dos Wilson. "It was a great team effort."

Dimmitt took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter, then added two touchdowns in the second stanza for a 20-0 lead. Each team scored once in the fourth quarter.

Brandon Furr and Lee Brown pounded out most of the yards while touchdowns were scored by Matthew Sanders and L.J. Soler. Soler managed two of Dimmitt's touchdowns.

Philip Lumberra caught one pass for a touchdown and another for a two-point conversion.

**Springlake. Eight plays later, Gonzales scored Dimmitt's second touchdown on a two-yard plunge. Gonzales gained 30 yards on eight carries. The Wolverines won the game, 33-22.**

Photo by Carter Townsend

"They could easily have stopped yelling, but they stayed with us the whole time," Coach Wilson said.

"We kicked their team in the first half and they kicked our team the second half," said Springlake-Earth Coach Rick Hulett, who has taken the Wolverines into the playoffs six years straight. "We just kicked them harder in the first half and got more points."

Was there a key play in the second half that sparked the Bobcats to turn the momentum around?

"Yes, I would say Daniel Proffitt's long catch in the second half got us going again, just like his catch in the first half had done," Coach Miller said.

Proffitt finished with three catches for 93 yards.

"They came out ready to play, and it showed," Proffitt said in the dressing room after the game. "I think that the second half showed the better team. Once we got the first-game jitters out, everybody decided to come out and play."

Although "it felt good" to score a touchdown, Juan Gonzalez said, "We just made too many mistakes—big mistakes—although we played football the whole second half."

"We played a pretty good football

team," said Jonathan Stevens, who made 12 solo tackles and five assists to join Bobby Hill in pacing the Dimmitt defense. "In the second half, we came out like we'd been playing forever. That's the way we're going to try to play football from now on."

## Game at a Glance

|                  |    |    |   |      |
|------------------|----|----|---|------|
| Dimmitt          | 0  | 6  | 8 | 8-22 |
| Springlake-Earth | 20 | 13 | 0 | 0-33 |

|                  | DIM    | S-E    |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs      | 17     | 18     |
| Rushes-Yards     | 32-163 | 51-206 |
| Passing Yards    | 178    | 115    |
| Total Yards      | 341    | 321    |
| Passes Comp/Att  | 15/29  | 5/8    |
| Interceptions By | 0      | 1      |
| Fumbles-Lost     | 3-3    | 6-3    |
| Punts-Avg.       | 3-38.3 | 3-29   |
| Penalties-Yards  | 11-80  | 6-38   |

## SCORING SUMMARY

**First Quarter:**  
S-E—Guthrie Edwards 5 run (Michael Clayton kick), 11:10  
S-E—Wesley Carr 6 run (kick failed), 6:59  
S-E—Chance Furr 6 run (Clayton kick), 0:37

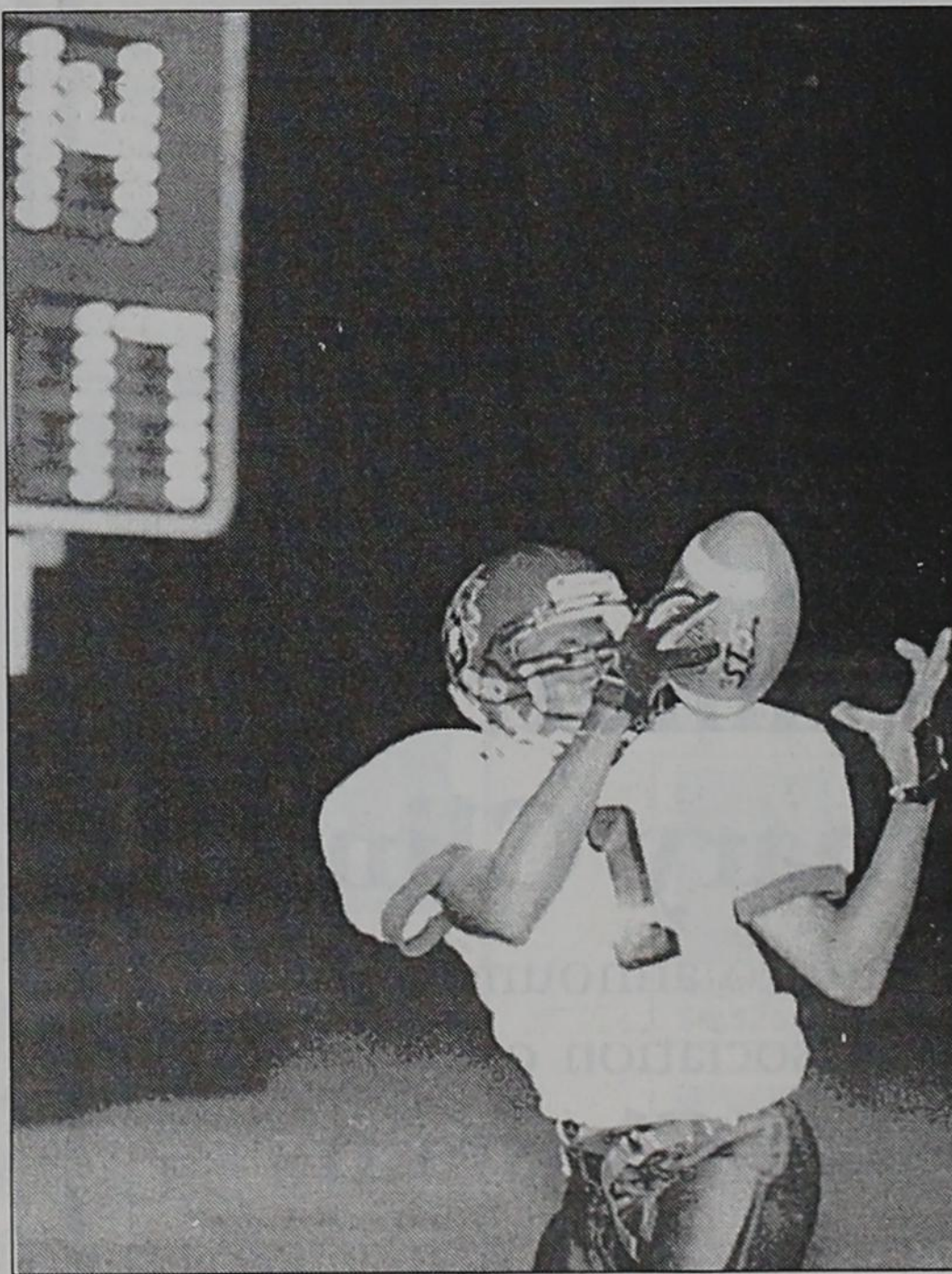
**Second Quarter:**  
D—Bobby Hill 39 run (kick failed), 11:13  
S-E—Slade Quisenberry 16 pass from C. Furr (kick failed), 3:49  
S-E—Carr 5 run (Clayton kick), 0:17

**Third Quarter:**  
D—Juan Gonzalez 2 run (Matthew Sandoval pass from B.J. Hill), 2:10

**Fourth Quarter:**  
D—Austin Sherman 17 pass from Anthony Oltivero (Jake Laurent run), 6:23

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—DIMMITT:** Bobby Hill 6-46, Anthony Oltivero 6-38, Juan Gonzalez 8-30, B.J. Hill 5-27, Jake Laurent 4-13, Albert Campos 2-5, Emanuel Jaramillo 1-4.  
**Passing—DIMMITT:** B.J. Hill 15/29-2-163; Anthony Oltivero 1/1-0-15 (TD).  
**Receiving—DIMMITT:** Oltivero 5-52, Daniel Proffitt 3-93, Wesley Harkins 1-13, Austin Sherman 3-9 (1TD), Campos 1-5, Matthew Sandoval 1-3 (PAT), Laurent 1-3.  
**Tackles—DIMMITT:** Bobby Hill 12 solo tackles, 5 assists, 1 QB sack; Jonathan Stevens 12S, 4A; Daniel Proffitt 6S, 2A; Brent Josselet 6S; Matthew Wright 2S, 4A; Sherman 3S, 2A; Jonathan Jimenez 4S, 1A; Gonzalez 2S, 3A.  
**Fumble Recoveries—Jaramillo 1, Stevens 1, T.J. Reyna 1.**  
**Records:** Springlake-Earth 2-0, Dimmitt 0-1.



**AUSTIN SHERMAN caps the niftiest play of Friday night's game when he catches a pass in the end zone from running back Anthony Oltivero for Dimmitt's third touchdown against Springlake-Earth. The play started with a behind-the-line pass from quarterback B. J. Hill to Oltivero, who was flanked near the left sideline. Oltivero then winged the ball down the sideline to Sherman, who had to fight off a sticky Wolverine defender to catch the tipped ball.**

Photo by Carter Townsend

## Funfest Rodeo entertains youth

Children between the ages of 8 and 14 participated in poles, barrels, flag race, "mutton bustin'", steer riding in more at the Castro County Funfest Rodeo Saturday night. Here are results from the competitions, which were divided into age groups.

### AGES 8 AND UNDER

**Poles:** 1. Ryan Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 2. Gus Gesling of Tulia, 3. Shay Johnson of Nazareth.  
**Barrels:** 1. Birkenfeld, 2. Johnson, 3. Gesling.  
**Flag Race:** 1. Johnson, 2. Taylor Bradley of Dimmitt, 3. Brett Braddock of Dimmitt.

### AGES 9-14

**Poles:** 1. Haley Lunsford of Earth, 2. Lexie Ann Branscum of Earth, 3. Lindsey Shaw of Dimmitt.  
**Barrels:** 1. Randi Shaw of Dimmitt, 2. Lunsford, 3. Justin Williams of Kress.  
**Flag Race:** 1. Kyle Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 2. Williams, 3. Chance Schilling of Dimmitt.

### OTHER

**Mutton Bustin':** 1. David Underwood of Dimmitt, 2. Tyler Seward of Dimmitt, 3. Carly Gilbreath of Dimmitt.  
**Steer Riding, 12 and Under:** 1. Chase Hatia of Dimmitt, 2. Tyler Cornett of Dimmitt, 3. Randi Shaw.  
**Steer Riding, 13 and over:** 1. Raynee Bradley of Dimmitt, 2. Billy Stanley, 3. Meggie Lemons of Dimmitt.

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## FRIONA CHIEFTAINS

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## Lions to serve pancakes Friday

Dimmitt's Lions will serve their annual Pancake Supper before the Bobcats' game against Friona here Friday evening.

The supper will be in the high school cafeteria, and the Lions will serve all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee, tea and milk from 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

# Cats search for first win while Swifts, Horns go for #3

Dimmitt plans to build on a great second half performance last week and turn it into a victory this week over Friona while Hart and Nazareth hope to add a third notch in the win column when they host Anton and Hale Center, respectively.

The Bobcats, Swifts and Horns are all home Friday. The Bobcats and Swifts will kick off their respective contests at 7:30 p.m. while Hart's Homecoming game is slated to begin at 8 p.m.

## Anton at Hart

Hart hopes to cap its Homecoming celebration with its third straight win of the 2000 grid season Friday when the Anton Bulldogs invade Longhorn Stadium.

Hart and Anton will tangle in a non-district showdown at 8 p.m., and the Longhorns are currently enjoying a two-game winning streak.

Anton is 1-1 on the season after Friday night's big 39-8 decision over Smyer. The Bulldogs had previously lost to Hale Center, 15-48.

Stopping Anton's blazing tailback Andre Stewart (5-10, 170) will be the focus of Hart's defensive attack Friday, according to Coach Todd Bryant.

"They're fast. They've got one kid

(Stewart) who runs a 4.3-5-4.4 40-yard dash and we've got to find a way to contain him. He had a good night against Smyer, scoring five touchdowns."

Stewart is the center of the Bulldog offense, which operates out of the I or a split backfield with veer option.

Stewart, quarterback Beau Riker (6-2, 175) and fullback Wayne Knight (5-8, 170) are the backbone of the attack.

"They'll run a kid up the middle, then pitch it to Stewart and he'll head around the outside," Bryant said.

"The offensive line is decent. They aren't real big and they are relatively young, but all of them are quick. They're probably about the same size as we are."

Bryant says Riker is a good quarterback and he's proven to be tough in the early season.

Knight "does a good job of leading for Stewart," according to Bryant.

But the offense all boils down to Stewart.

"He's the one we've got to stop," Bryant said.

Defensively, Anton lines up in a split six look and Bryant said the Bulldogs like to stack their linebackers behind the tackles and shoot

the gaps. "The inside of the defense is probably the strength. Knight's dangerous because they'll use him to shoot the gap and try and get him into the backfield. Riker lines up at linebacker."

If teams can manage to penetrate Anton's line and linebacker corps, Stewart is waiting in the secondary to chase people down.

"If anything breaks past the linebackers, Stewart's there to catch them," Bryant said.

"We've got to do a better job of controlling the line. Our line has to be able to pick up the defense and get the blocks. I think it's going to come down to our offensive line against their defensive front," Bryant said.

## Hale Center at Nazareth

Nazareth will face its toughest challenge so far this year when Hale Center comes to Swift Stadium Friday night.

Kickoff in the non-conference game is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Nazareth is 2-0 on the season with big wins over two Christian schools—San Jacinto and Lubbock

Christian. Hale Center also is perfect in 2000 with a big 48-15 over Anton and a good, hard-fought victory over Lubbock Roosevelt, 12-7.

"They're dangerous. They are scary because they have enough speed to burn you," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "They've got an oddball defense designed to get in your backfield and interrupt things. We've never seen this type of defense before, so we've got a lot to work on before Friday."

The Owls' defense is based out of the 5-2, but Price said Hale Center is "hardly ever in the same alignment two plays in a row."

"They're linemen are allocated differently. They'll bring the strong safety up to the outside end and the linebackers move around. They like to scoot their linemen around, too."

"I think the key to penetrating the defense will come from up front—can we block that front line. They want to get in your backfield and tear up plays before they get started. They do like to gamble a lot, so I hope we can get through that line and get some big plays," Price said.

"We should be able to take advantage of their man-to-man coverage. I think we've got good enough receivers that we can do it."

Leading Hale Center's defense is noseguard Chris Ford, a 5-10, 245-pound junior who has Price concerned because of his quickness.

Other strong areas of the defense include the strong safety position, manned by Joe Solis, a 5-5, 160-pound senior who doubles as fullback in the offense.

Price said the Owls' linebackers, Mark Espinosa (5-9, 165) and Kenyan Wilson (5-9, 175) are two of their better players.

On offense, Hale Center will operate out of the Wing T with Randal West, a 6-0, 155-pound senior, handling signal calling duties. He's joined in the backfield by Solis and tailback Willie Joe Johnson (5-9, 160).

West's primary receiver is Jamall Clark, a 6-3, 145-pound senior.

Price said the Owls have three good receivers—Clark, Joseph Bernal (5-10, 145) and tight end Nathan Moralez (6-2, 175).

The offensive line is massive, averaging more than 205 pounds, but Price said the linemen "aren't very mobile. They are big enough that they get a good push."

Although the Owls run the Wing T, they like to throw the ball a lot.

"They don't run a lot of

misdirection, they just try to power run or raise up and throw the ball," Price said. "We've got to take away their throwing game and limit the air attack. That's going to be the big key. They may run for a few yards, but they're the most dangerous when they throw the ball."

## Friona at Dimmitt

They haven't been in the same district for two years now, and this year they aren't even in the same classification any more. (Friona has dropped to Class AA.)

But it's still Dimmitt vs. Friona, one of the oldest athletic rivalries in the territory, a rivalry that has produced some downright historic sports moments.

The Chieftains have amassed an enviable football record in recent years. They advanced to the Class AAA state semifinals in 1996 and have gone into the playoffs every year since.

Coach Mike Scott's Chieftains went undefeated through their District 2-AAA schedule last year, and this year they're expected to be formidable in their new alignment, District 5-AA, although they have

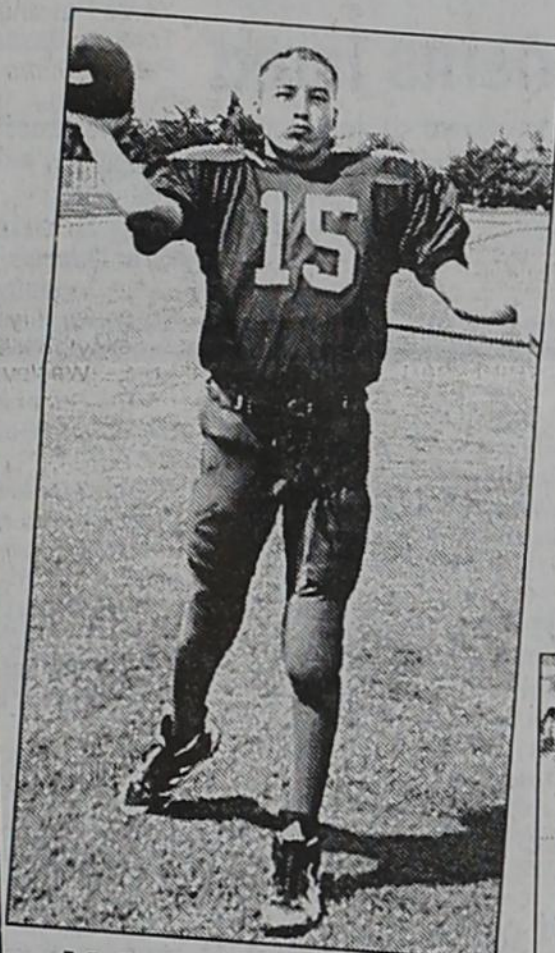
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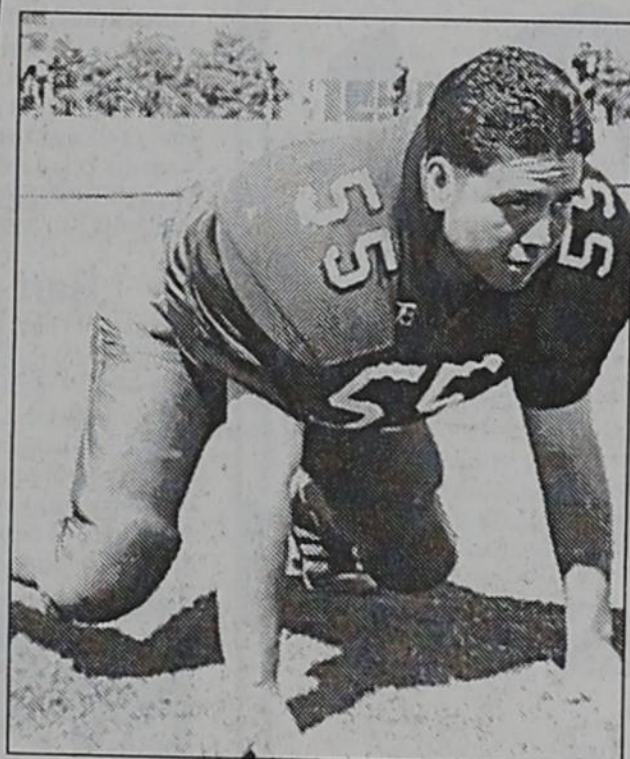
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### Schedule & Scores

#### VARSITY

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Bobcats 22, Springlake-Earth 33 |            |
| Sept. 15 Friona                 |            |
| Sept. 22 Denver City            | Here 7:30  |
| Sept. 29 River Road**           | There 7:30 |
| Oct. 6 Tulia                    | Here 7:30  |
| Oct. 13 *Roosevelt              | There 7:30 |
| Oct. 20 *Shallowater            | Here 7:30  |
| Oct. 27 *Cooper                 | Here 7:30  |
| Nov. 3 *Littlefield***          | There 7:30 |
| Nov. 10 *Muleshoe               | Here 7:30  |

#### NINTH & JUNIOR VARSITY

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| JV Bobcats 26, Plainview 6 |                 |
| Sept. 14 Friona            | There 5:30-7:00 |
| Sept. 21 Denver City       | Here 5:30-7:00  |
| Sept. 28 River Road        | There 5:30-7:00 |
| Oct. 5 Tuila               | Here 5:30-7:00  |
| Oct. 12 *Roosevelt         | There 5:30-7:00 |
| Oct. 19 *Shallowater       | There 5:30-7:00 |
| Oct. 26 *Cooper            | Here 5:30-7:00  |
| Nov. 2 *Littlefield        | There 5:30-7:00 |

#### SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| 7th Grade 0, Muleshoe 48; 8th Grade 8, Muleshoe 14 |            |
| Sept. 14 Friona                                    | Here 5:30  |
| Sept. 21 OPEN                                      |            |
| Sept. 28 River Road                                | Here 5:30  |
| Oct. 5 Tulia                                       | There 5:30 |
| Oct. 12 *Roosevelt                                 | Here 5:30  |
| Oct. 19 *Shallowater                               | Here 5:30  |
| Oct. 26 *Cooper                                    | There 5:30 |
| Nov. 2 *Littlefield                                | Here 5:30  |

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# Eagles fall prey to Swifts Friday, 54-0

By MEGAN SCHULTE  
 Nazareth went on a scoring rampage Friday night at Lubbock Christian High School, posting its second big win of the season, 54-0. Nazareth out-gained the Eagles, 461 yards to 77. The Swift offense picked up 23 first downs compared with Lubbock's four. Lubbock Christian didn't pick up its initial first down until late in the contest, either.

"I think the team showed improvement this week," Nazareth Coach Rick Price said. "We did some good things offensively, defensively and with our special teams."  
 Senior Matty McLain gained 111 of the Swifts' rushing yards, while quarterback Blake Birkenfeld completed 5-of-8 passes for 88 yards. Aaron Kern ran for 67 yards and Daryl Pohlmeier caught 3 passes for 53 yards.

With Friday's win, Nazareth improved to 2-0 on the season while Lubbock Christian dropped to 0-2. Nazareth's first touchdown came only one minute into the first quarter. An interception by junior Ky Wilcox set up the first TD. After snatching the pass by the Eagles' quarterback, Wilcox returned the pick all the way to the Lubbock 1-yard line before he was hauled down.

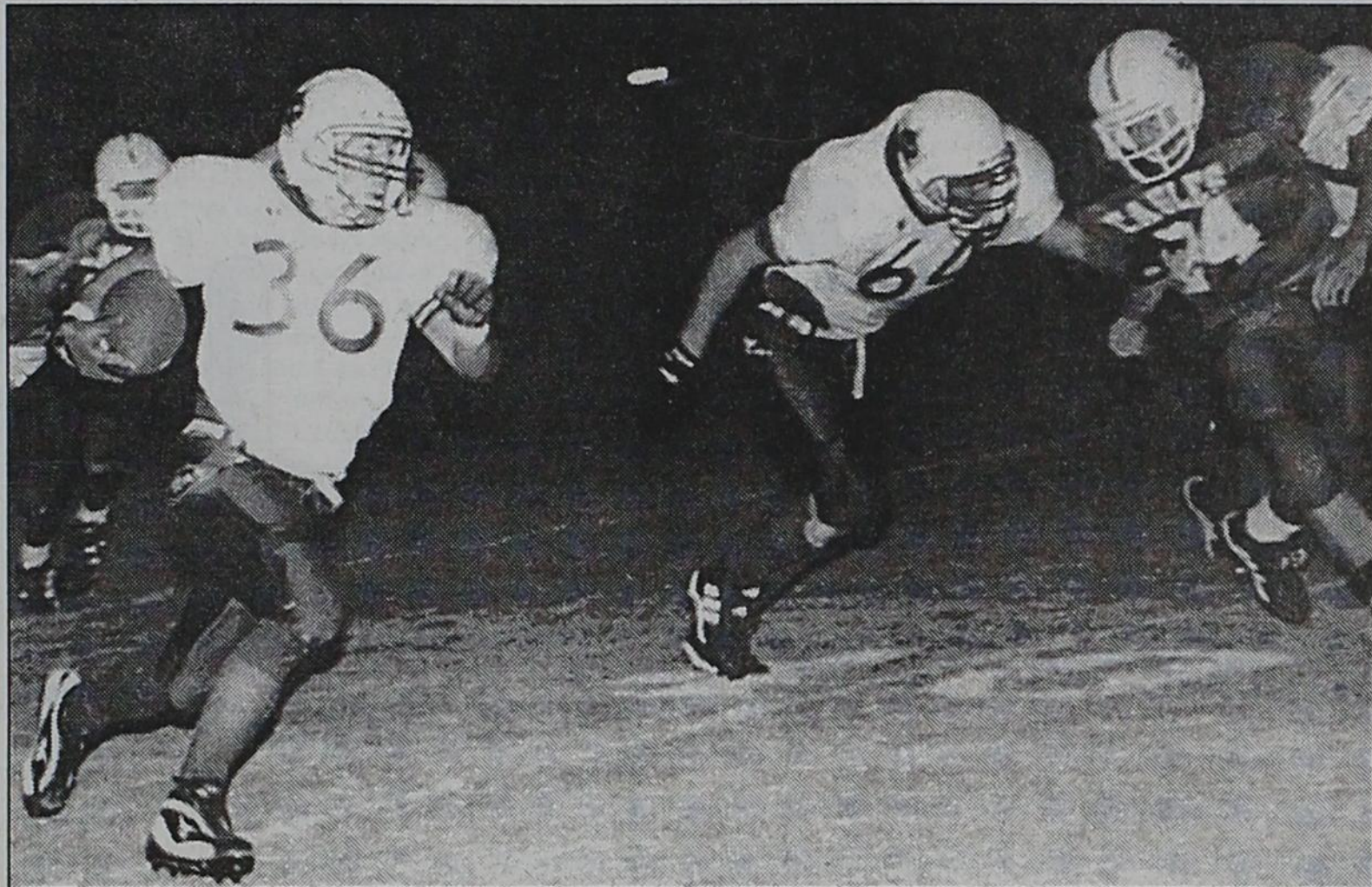
Nazareth's first offensive play from scrimmage resulted in six points when McLain converted the final yard for the TD. The point-after try (PAT) was good, making the score 7-0 Nazareth. The Eagles were unable to make a first down on their next possession, and the Swifts wasted little time scoring again. Three minutes and three Nazareth plays later, the Swifts scored on a 5-yard pass from junior Blake Birkenfeld to sophomore Eric Schilling. The PAT was good again and the score elevated to 14-0. The Eagles were unable to gain any yards, and after only three plays

were forced to punt. Nazareth pushed the ball back to the Lubbock 12 where the Eagles intercepted a pass; however, Lubbock could not gain on Nazareth's defense and again was forced to punt. This put the Swifts in scoring position and Nazareth took advantage of the opportunity, using two passes from Birkenfeld to junior Daryl Pohlmeier to enter the end zone. The PAT was good and the Swifts led 21-0. One minute into the second quarter, the Swifts were ready to score a fourth time. McLain dodged several Eagle tacklers as he ran the ball up the right side 72 yards for yet another TD. The kick was blocked, and the score was 27-0. After the kickoff, freshman Trey Robb intercepted a bad pass and that would set up the Swifts next score. Aaron Kern rushed twice for a total of 23 yards, capping off the series with a 5-yard touchdown run. The PAT was good and Nazareth pulled ahead 34-0. The Swift defense again held



**FIRST DOWN!**—Jase Merritt (15) of Nazareth runs around the right end and picks up 10 yards and a first down, setting up a Swift touchdown in the third quarter of Friday's game with Lubbock Christian. Also pictured are Swifts Mark Birkenfeld (76) and Tyler Ehly (33). The Swifts handled the Eagles with

ease Friday, posting a 54-0 win. Nazareth improved to 2-0 on the season and has outscored opponents 114-0 in the two outings. The Swifts will face Hale Center this week, with kickoff slated Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Swift Field. Photo by Dwayne Acker



**TOUCHDOWN SCAMPER**—Nazareth's Aaron Kern (36) takes advantage of a block by teammate Adam Schulte (64) and outruns several Lubbock Christian Eagle defenders for a 46-yard touchdown in second-quarter action Friday in Lubbock. Kern's

touchdown and the ensuing PAT by Philip Bergendahl, gave Nazareth a 34-0 lead. The Swifts went on to claim a 54-0 win to stay unbeaten, 2-0. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Lubbock and forced a punt. It took five Nazareth plays to move downfield, where Kern broke free and ran a 46-yard touchdown up the left side. The kick was good and Nazareth led 41-0.

In the third quarter it took Nazareth 12 plays to score. The Swifts moved systematically up the field, getting five first downs.

The TD came from sophomore Rey Bermea, who barreled his way into the end zone from three yards out. The kick was good and the score was raised to 48-0. The last score came three minutes later after senior Mark Lange recovered a Lubbock fumble.

Jase Merritt ran the ball in for Nazareth's final touchdown. The PAT was off, and the score ended 54-0.

## Here's how our opponents fared

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

- Dimmitt opponents**  
 Friona (2-0) beat Tulia (0-1), 17-8  
 Denver City (1-0) beat Post, 21-19  
 River Road (0-1) lost to Tucumcari, 7-12  
 Roosevelt (0-2) lost to Hale Center, 7-12  
 Shallowater (1-0) beat Coahoma, 40-6  
 Lubbock Cooper (0-1) lost to Lamesa, 30-38  
 Muleshoe (1-0) beat Caprock, 14-13
- Nazareth opponents**  
 Hale Center (2-0) beat Roosevelt, 12-7  
 Farwell (0-1) lost to Petersburg, 14-56  
 Claude (0-1) lost to Clarendon, 14-34  
 Boys Ranch (0-1) lost to White Deer, 6-19  
 Hart (2-0) beat Morton, 35-6  
 Kress (0-2) lost to Tahoka, 0-40  
 Vega (0-1) lost to New Deal, 26-33  
 Stratford (1-0) beat Boise City, 51-13
- Hart opponents**  
 Anton (1-1) beat Smyer, 39-8  
 Claude (0-1) lost to Clarendon, 14-34  
 Farwell (0-1) lost to Petersburg, 14-56  
 Meadow (0-1) vs. Motley Co., N/A  
 Vega (0-1) lost to New Deal, 26-33  
 Nazareth (2-0) beat Lubbock Christian, 54-0  
 Boys Ranch (0-1) lost to White Deer, 6-19  
 Stratford (1-0) beat Boise City, 51-13  
 Kress (0-2) lost to Tahoka, 0-40

## Game at a Glance


| Swifts 54, Lubbock Christian 0 |       | NAZ    | LCHS |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| Nazareth                       | 21    | 20     | 13   |
| LCHS                           | 0     | 0      | 0    |
|                                |       |        |      |
| First Downs                    | 23    | 4      |      |
| Yards Rushing                  | 372   | 53     |      |
| Yards Passing                  | 89    | 24     |      |
| Total Yards Gained             | 461   | 77     |      |
| Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.         | 4-6-1 | 4-11-2 |      |
| Punts-Avg.                     | 1-44  | N/A    |      |
| Fumbles-Lost                   | 0-0   | 1-1    |      |
| Penalties-Yards                | 2-18  | 2-13   |      |

- Scoring By Quarters**
- First Quarter:**  
 NAZ—Matty McLain 1 run (Philip Bergendahl kick)  
 NAZ—Eric Schilling 5 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (Bergendahl kick)  
 NAZ—Daryl Pohlmeier 14 pass from Birkenfeld (Bergendahl kick)
- Second Quarter:**  
 NAZ—McLain 72 run (kick blocked)  
 NAZ—Aaron Kern 5 run (Bergendahl kick)  
 NAZ—Kern 46 run (Bergendahl kick)
- Third Quarter:**  
 NAZ—Rey Bermea 4 run (Bergendahl kick)  
 NAZ—Jase Merritt 3 run (kick failed)

*He who hesitates is sometimes saved.*  
 -James Thurber

*Many a man who thinks to find a home discovers that he has merely opened a tavern for his friends.*  
 -Norman Douglas

*A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use.*  
 -Washington Irving

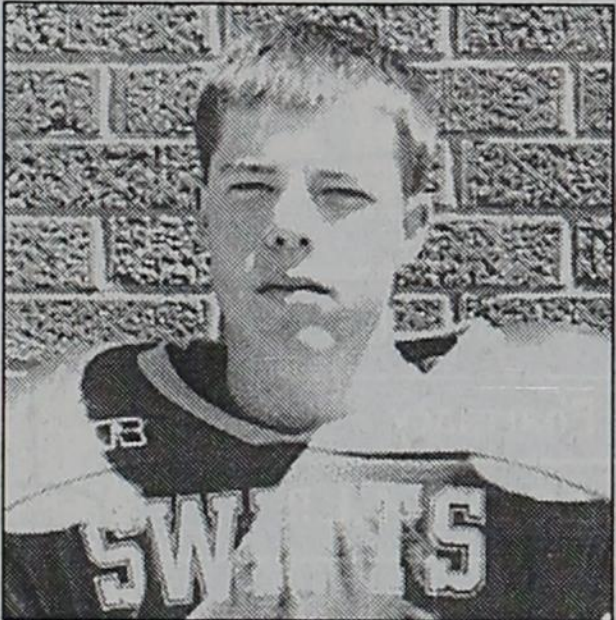


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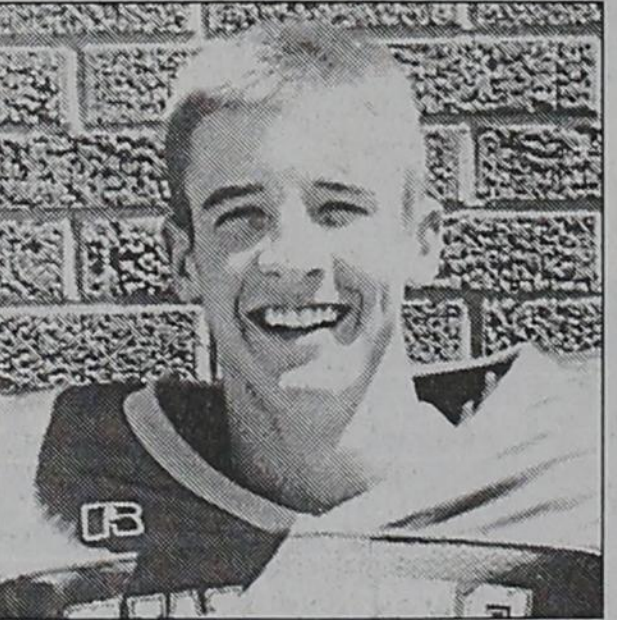
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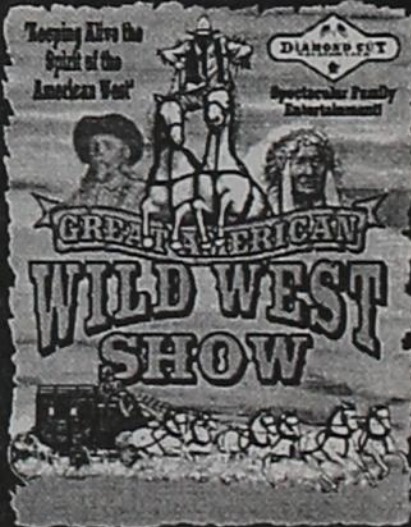
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# Longhorns scalp Indians to claim second win

Keith Finch scored four touchdowns and rushed for 127 yards to lead the Hart Longhorns in a blistering offensive attack Friday that resulted in a 35-6 victory.

Hart claimed its second win in a row and the Longhorns did it on the road, dominating the Indians on their home field.

Hart's second win of the season doubles its wins from a year ago, and the 35 points scored were the most managed by Hart in a game in two years.

Finch's offensive performance was the spark Hart needed to take control of the game. His 127-yard rushing performance came on just 15 carries and his touchdown runs came from 7, 1, and 10 yards out. He also scored on an 80-yard punt return, had an interception, kicked five extra points and recorded six solo tackles.

Hart jumped out to a 7-6 lead in the first quarter, and was up 14-6 at

the break. The Longhorns turned up the heat in the fourth stanza, reeling off 21 points for the big win.

Hart's defense opened the game with a big stand, shutting down the Indians on their first possession, forcing a punt.

Finch fielded that punt on the Hart 20 and raced 80 yards to paydirt to give Hart the early lead. He booted the extra point to make it 7-0.

The big punt return by Finch didn't take the air out of the Indians' sails. Morton proceeded to drive the ball downfield on its next series and worked to the Longhorn 6-yard line.

Hart's goal line defense couldn't stop Morton's Dustin Silhan from hooking up with receiver Aaron McClellan for a 6-yard touchdown on a third-and-goal play. The extra point kick failed to split the uprights,

leaving Hart clinging to a one-point lead, 7-6.

Hart continued moving the ball effectively, but several drives were halted by penalties and a fumble.

Defensively, Hart continued to stop the Indians and forced two turnovers to maintain its one-point advantage into the second period.

Finch stepped in front of an Indian receiver and intercepted the ball—his third pick of the season—and that halted one Morton drive. After nabbing the interception, Finch headed toward the goal line again, but he tripped over a teammate and Hart's offense took over.

Finch also had a hand in the next Indian turnover, crushing the intended receiver as the ball hit his hands. Hart's Salvador Velasquez was there to snatch the tipped ball out of the air and he returned it inside Indian territory.

A third Hart interception, this one by Eric Gutierrez, was nullified by a penalty late in the game.

The turning point of the game happened in the second quarter.

The Indians, punting from inside their 20-yard line, mishandled the snap and Hart's Albert Velasquez pounced on the Indian punter, giving Hart the ball inside the Morton 10.

Finch scored his second touchdown of the night, cruising to paydirt from seven yards out. He added the PAT to boost Hart to a 14-6 halftime lead.

"The punting mistake by the Indians was a big turning point of the game," said Hart Defensive Coordinator Martin Parker. "Field position is very important in a game. Last year we had horrible field position and our opponents had great field position. This year we have focused more on field position than we did last year."

The Longhorns dominated the third quarter, holding Morton to a total of 16 yards in the stanza; however, Hart wouldn't put any points on the board because the Horns were



**LOOKING FOR A HOLE**—Hart's offensive line gets a push against Morton's defensive front and allows the Longhorn ballcarrier to pick up a much-needed first down to keep a drive alive Friday night in

Morton. Among the Longhorns pictured are Keith Finch (8) and Joel DeLaFuente (2). Finch scored four touchdowns in leading Hart to a 35-6 win.

## 'Peace, love and Longhorns' is focus of Hart Homecoming

"Peace, love and Longhorns" is the theme for Homecoming 2000 in Hart, and the festivities started Monday with the first of five special dress-up days.

Coronation of the Bonfire King and Homecoming Queen are among the highlights of the week-long celebration.

The special dress-up days designated for Homecoming week include "Pajama Day" on Monday, "Neon Day" on Tuesday, "Twin Day" on Wednesday, "Retro Day" today (Thursday) and "Dress-Up Day" on Friday.

The annual Homecoming bonfire has been scheduled tonight (Thursday) at 8:30 p.m. at Longhorn Stadium, and the Bonfire King will be crowned in special ceremonies. Candidates for Bonfire King are Fabian

Rodriguez, Jeff Bennett, Jose Avila and Frankie Chaparro.

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned Friday night during halftime of the Hart-Anton football game at Longhorn Stadium.

This year's candidates for Homecoming Queen are seniors Brenda Diego, Vanessa Carrasco, LaCretia Robinson and Ruby Rodriguez.

Following Friday's football game, a Homecoming dance will be held at the Hart Centennial Pavilion. There is no charge to attend the dance, which will wind down around midnight. Any elementary-age student attending the dance must be accompanied by a parent.

Music for the dance will be provided by Johnny Carrasco. A concession stand will be available.

plagued by interceptions and penalties.

Hart was knocking on Morton's door near the goal line as the fourth quarter opened.

Velasquez had driven Hart into Indian territory, picking up 38 of his 68 yards rushing during the series.

With Morton's defense focused on stopping Finch out of the backfield, Velasquez was able to pick up several long runs. That set up another Hart touchdown, this one a 1-yard plunge by Finch.

Finch's kick gave Hart a little breathing room with a 21-6 advantage.

The fourth quarter was all Hart and Finch.

Morton's offense went to the air in an attempt to get back in the game. The Indians passed the ball 10 times in the quarter, but only completed two of those passes for 10 yards.

Silhan found Hart Longhorns in his face throughout the quarter, and that pass rush kept Morton out of sync.

Leon Minjarez and Fabian Rodriguez led the Hart pass rush, applying

constant pressure on Silhan, who had to pick himself up off the ground after most of his throws.

Hart's Anthony Reyna added a sack that halted an Indian drive and gave the Longhorns possession.

Finch gained 77 of his 127 rushing yards in the fourth quarter, wearing down an already-tired Morton defense.

"We have stressed conditioning this year," said Hart Coach Todd Bryant. "That's something we did not do last year and we can tell a big difference. We have been able to come out fresh in the fourth quarter because of this conditioning, and the scoring we have done in the last quarter shows me that the conditioning is working."

Finch's fourth touchdown of the game came on a 10-yard run. After he kicked the extra point, Hart was in command, 28-6.

After another muffed punt by the Indians, Velasquez would add the final Hart touchdown, scoring from a yard away. Finch's kick made it 35-6.

"This was a big win for our pro-

gram," Bryant said. "Coming off of a year we saw last year, this win will continue our goal of getting better every week."

### Game at a Glance

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Longhorns 35, Morton 6 |             |
| Hart                   | 7 7 0 21—35 |
| Morton                 | 6 0 0 0—6   |

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| First Downs            | 14    | 11     |
| Yards Rushing          | 248   | 215    |
| Yards Passing          | 0     | 35     |
| Total Yards Gained     | 248   | 250    |
| Passes Comp.-Att.-Int. | 0-5-1 | 4-20-2 |
| Punts-Avg.             | 3-33  | 5-30   |
| Fumbles-Lost           | 2-0   | 2-0    |
| Penalties-Yards        | 10-95 | 4-40   |

### Scoring By Quarters

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| <b>First Quarter:</b>                                     | HART—Keith Finch 80 punt return (Finch kick) |
| <b>MORTON</b> —McClellan 6 pass from Silhan (kick failed) |  |
| <b>Second Quarter:</b>                                    | HART—Salvador Velasquez 7 run (Finch kick)   |
| <b>Fourth Quarter:</b>                                    | HART—Finch 1 run (Finch kick)                |
|   | HART—Finch 10 run (Finch kick)               |
|   | HART—Velasquez 1 run (Finch kick)            |

## Harris Picks

Here are Jon Harris' predictions for Week 2 of the regular season, along with his latest rankings for Class A and AAA. Harris rates teams by a unique power rating system, and each team's power rating, as calculated by Harris, follows its ranking.

### CLASS A TOP TEN

1. Iraan, 201; 2. Stratford, 196; 3. Paducah, 193; 4. Shiner, 192; 5. Rankin, 190; 6. Roscoe, 190; 7. Celeste, 189; 8. Gruver, 189; 9. Beckville, 188; 10. Lindsey, 187.

### AREA CLASS A TEAMS

14. Springlake-Earth, 184; 16. Sudan, 183; 17. Nazareth, 182; 21. Petersburg, 180; 22. Wheeler, 180; 25. Claude, 178; 50. Farwell, 167; 53. Bovina, 166; 62. Vega, 164; 65. Booker, 160; 68. Hart, 160; 79. White Deer, 157; 81. Shamrock, 156; 89. Anton, 152; 94. Lorenzo, 151; 95. Crosbyton, 150; 97. Meadow, 150; 99. Boys Ranch, 148; 109. Motley County, 145; 110. Whiteface, 145; 115. Kress, 141; 120. Spur, 139; 132. Smyer, 125.

### CLASS AAA TOP TEN

1. Gatesville, 209; 2. Crockett, 208; 3. Graham, 208; 4. Lindale, 207; 5. Liberty-Eylau, 207; 6. Abilene Wylie, 207; 7. Aledo, 206; 8. Elgin, 206; 9. Madisonville, 206; 10.

Sweeny, 206.

### AREA CLASS AAA TEAMS

36. Lamesa, 197; 54. Childress, 194; 80. Shallowater, 191; 87. Sanford-Fritch, 190; 92. Lubbock Cooper, 189; 94. Amarillo River Road, 188; 102. Muleshoe, 187; 103. Perryton, 187; 104. Seminole, 187; 112. Bowie, 184; 124. Littlefield, 182; 133. Dalhart, 180; 145. Tulia, 179; 160. Denver City, 175; 161. Dimmitt, 175; 192. Slaton, 167; 198. Brownfield, 163; 208. Lubbock Roosevelt, 152.

### WEEK 2 PICKS

- (Home teams are listed in capital letters.)  
 Friona 17 over DIMMITT  
 NAZARETH 11 over Hale Center  
 HART 8 over Anton  
 RIVER ROAD 8 over West Texas High  
 Holliday 1 over CHILDRESS  
 Stratford 13 over DALHART  
 CANADIAN 3 over Perryton  
 Spearman 2 over SANFORD-FRITCH  
 Lubbock Cooper 10 over TULIA  
 Friona 17 over DIMMITT  
 Brownfield 10 over LUB. ROOSEVELT  
 Muleshoe 20 over SLATON  
 SHALLOWATER 8 over Idalou  
 SEMINOLE 7 over Fort Stockton  
 WHITEFACE 6 over Spur

- O'Donnell 8 over Fort Davis  
 Motley County 20 over SMYER  
 Roby 10 over ASPERMONT  
 THROCKMORTON 7 over Crowell  
 LORENZO 3 over Morton  
 BOVINA 11 over Olton  
 Claude pick vs. HIGHLAND PARK  
 CLARENDON 26 over Shamrock  
 Vega 3 over PANHANDLE  
 Wheeler 10 over SUNRAY  
 WELLINGTON 6 over White Deer  
 TAHOKA pick vs. Lockney  
 Sudan 9 over PLAINS  
 SEAGRAVES 27 over Floydada  
 PETERSBURG 6 over New Deal  
 ABERNATHY 6 over Post  
 CROSBYTON 6 over Ralls  
 SUNDOWN 4 over Springlake-Earth  
 CANYON 1 over Plainview  
 LUBBOCK ESTACADO 9 over Randall  
 Big Spring 13 over HEREFORD  
 FRENSHIP 21 over LAMESA  
 LEVELLAND 7 over Littlefield  
 Abilene Wylie 4 over SNYDER  
 AMARILLO HIGH 7 over Pampa  
 BORGER 8 over Amarillo Tascosa  
 LUBBOCK 8 over Amarillo Caprock  
 ODESSA 6 over Lubbock Coronado  
 San Angelo Central 3 over MIDLAND  
 ABILENE 11 over Irving  
 KILLEEN ELLISON 6 over Abilene Cooper  
 ODESSA PERMIAN 10 over Brownwood

## More about

# Cats search for first win . . .

(Continued from Page 3B)

only three returning starters on offense and four on defense.

The Chieftains have two victories on their scalp-pole already—a 33-0 shutout of Guymon, Okla., in their opener and a 17-8 victory over Tulia Friday night.

The Chieftains will operate mainly out of a wing-T on offense, shifting sometimes into a double-wing, straight-T or pro formation. The man under will be senior Cason White (5-11, 166), who was a defensive specialist last year—an all-district free safety, in fact. He scored Friona's second TD against Tulia Friday night with a 22-yard run.

Remember the Mata name through the years on Friona rosters? Matthew Mata, a 5-11, 192-lb. senior, is the starting fullback. He plunged two yards Friday night for the Chieftains' first touchdown against Tulia.

Remember the Bandy name on Friona rosters through the years? This year, Adam Bandy (5-11, 153 So.) joins Josh Burleson (5-7, 157 Sr.) to round out the Chieftains' backfield.

Biggest man in the Friona offensive line is 6-0, 210-lb. senior tackle Matthew Rangel. Overall, the Friona line averages 170.

On defense, the Chieftains will use a 4-4 or 5-2 alignment, anchored by

Rangel and Garland Buske (5-11, 187 Sr.) in the line.

"Friona is real good," Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson said. "We know this will be another tough opponent for us and we'll have to play our very best."

He added, "I think our kids are ready for it."

Kickoff time will be 7:30 p.m. in Bobcat Stadium.

Before the first home game Friday, the Dimmitt Lions Club will serve their annual Pancake Supper in the DHS cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Prices are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

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## Vote your Future program lauded by corn growers

Recognizing that farmers must exercise their right to let their voices be heard, the American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) has instituted its "Vote Your Future" program.

This program is geared towards encouraging farmers to examine the voting record of their incumbent congressmen as well as the statements of challengers.

"Once this information is in hand, farmers must vote as if their futures depend on it, because it does," said a spokesperson for the ACGA. "This program also calls for the examination of the pork check-off referendum issue and voting preference."

According to the ACGA, farmers need to know how their congressmen voted on the current failed policies called Freedom to Farm.

"Questions need to be asked about whether the member of congress will support changes to the bill and if so, what changes. It is also important to know how their elected representatives feel about future farm programs and what direction they would like to see them take. The challenger needs to be asked if he or she supports the current farm program. If so, how can he or she justify it and if not, will he or she work with the ACGA to enact new farm legislation," the spokesperson said.

"This is an election year. It's a time when farmers can influence the policies of the congress and the administration. With more than 40 members of congress elected from mostly rural districts, and with only a seven-seat switch needed to have congress change from a majority of one political party to another, the power is in the farmers' hands. But this power is only available to those who vote their future."

With commodity prices at historic lows, the future for many farmers is now.

ACGA hopes "Vote Your Future" will encourage farmers to recognize the importance of this election by getting them to ask questions, demand answers and vote accordingly.

"Congress must act to turn the farm economy around," ACGA officials said. "Do we re-elect those who have failed us or do we send new people to Washington who pledge to do what's right. Whatever you decide, 'Vote Your Future.'"

## Friona sets 'Maize Days'

Friona has set its annual "Maize Days" celebration for this week, culminating in an all-day celebration Saturday.

The Dixon Six Mile Run and Two Mile Run and Walk will start at 8 a.m., followed by a parade at 10:30 a.m. on Main Street, and a barbecue at noon at City Park for \$5 per plate.

The Friona All-Class Reunion will start at 6 p.m. at the Friona Community Center, and the cost of \$12.50 per person will include a meal catered by K-Bob's.

Other events for the day include the Friona Fall Art Exhibition, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Depot in City Park; the Country Store from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 707 Main; and a photography show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., also at 707 Main.

The art exhibition starts today (Thursday) with artists invited to take paintings to the depot between 2 and 4 p.m., and will continue through Sunday, when awards will be given.

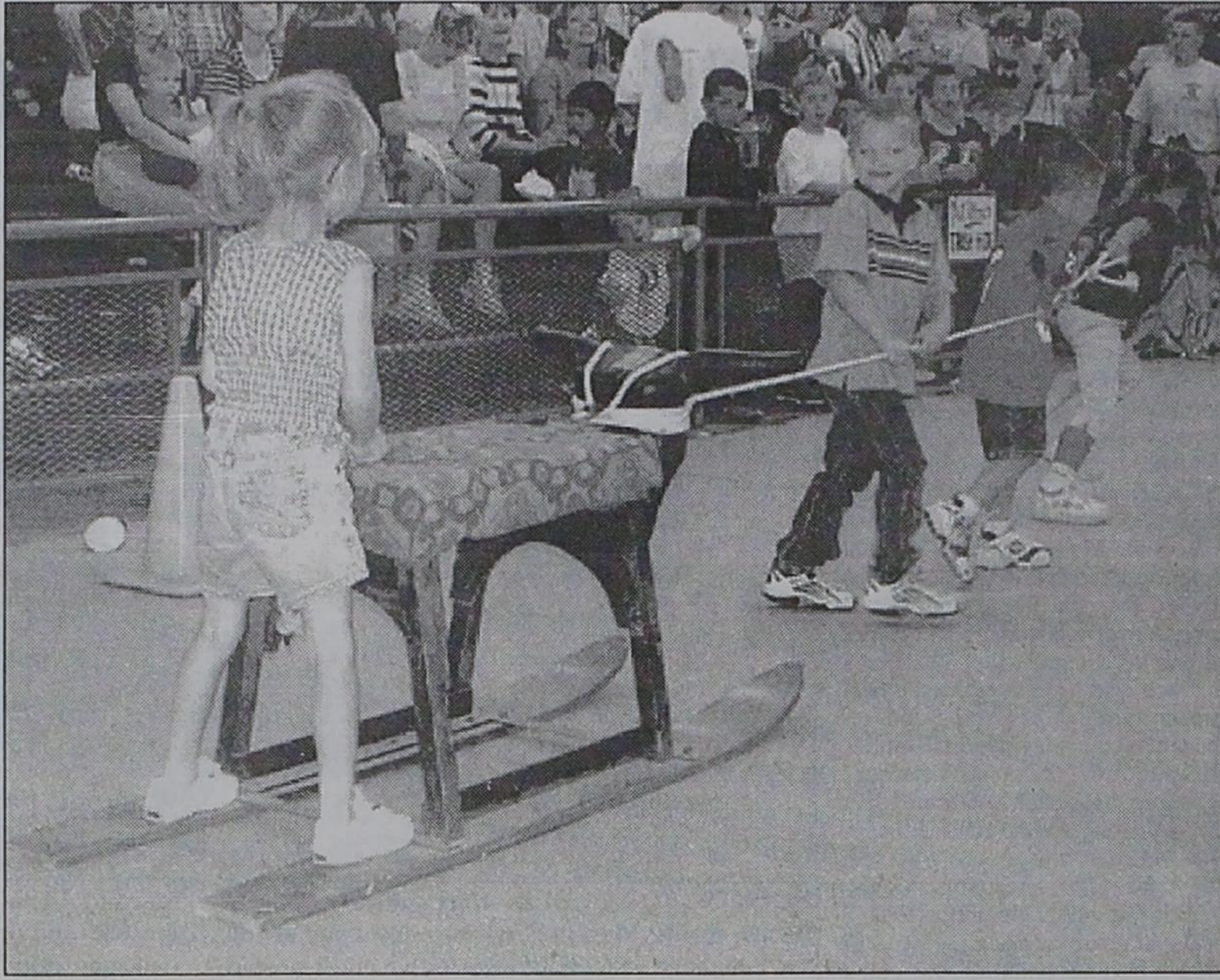
## Band Boosters change meeting

The Bobcat Band Boosters will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School band hall, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

All parents of band students from all grade levels are particularly invited to participate.

The group will discuss fund-raising efforts and work schedules for the concession stands, in addition to plans for other band activities.

The band usually meets the third Monday of each month, but this month's meeting was changed due to a scheduling conflict.



**PULL, TEAM, PULL**—One of the peewee teams in the Junior Ranch Rodeo competition at the Expo Building Saturday afternoon tries to pull a team mate on the back of a steer across the finish line in a timed race. *DigiPhoto by Linda Maxwell*

## Cotton Talks

By SHAWN WADE

High on the list of "to-do" items for Congress this September is the naming of conferees to work out a final Agriculture Appropriations package for the 2001 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

In addition to agriculture, several other appropriations bills also are unfinished and could set the stage for development of a single Omnibus Bill to include all the appropriations bills not yet finalized.

Informally work has probably already begun and ag appropriations conferees should be officially named very soon.

Once that step is completed, staff and the committee members themselves can get down to the business of reconciling the House and Senate appropriations bills into a single document.

One key item that is sure to be discussed at great length is the fate of some \$450 million that was included in the Senate's version to fund a 2000 Crop Loss Assistance Program (CLA).

As a result of the quick decline in crop prospects across the nation over the past month there is some speculation that additional funds will likely be allocated to the Crop Loss Assistance Program.

The possibility exists that eventually the 2000 CLA program could be

funded at a level similar to what was provided in 1999. CLA payments in 1999 totaled about \$1.5 billion.

Either way, it appears that additional help will be on its way to producers hit again by drought and other adverse situations.

### Pre-harvest gearing up

It's not a common sight yet, but cotton strippers are already beginning to roll into some High Plains cotton fields. More common now are airplanes taking to the sky to apply a first round of harvest aid materials to a rapidly maturing crop.

This first trickle of cotton has been coming primarily from early planted, dryland acreage that got a hump on the season. These fields were able to set and hold bolls before beneficial June moisture completely gave out in July and August.

The results so far hold promise for other early-planted dryland fields. Irrigated fields on the other hand continue to look good even though yields may not be able to keep pace with expenses at the end of the year.

So far, irrigated producers have dealt with steadily increasing fuel and electricity costs on top of ongoing battles against worms, weevils and aphids.

Weather permitting, however, the harvest season is primed for a quick start and an early conclusion as fields have matured rapidly. Generally speaking that could be the best thing to happen for many reasons.

A short harvest season will cut short the chances for weather and insect related quality losses, reduce expenditures in active boll weevil eradication zones and possibly restrict the ability of blossoming weevil populations in non-active zones to fully prepare for the winter.

Once it is all said and done, a summary of the 2000 crop will probably recount how the crop promised much and disappointed many before even making it to the gin.

A short, efficient harvest period would go a long way toward ending the "farmer fatigue" that etches the faces of producers across the High Plains.

### September Event Calendar

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- Sept. 27 Crosby County Harvest Aid/Variety Tour
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## 'Ranch Rodeo' winners qualify for November finals

Eleven four-member teams battled through a Pony Express race, steer doctoring, wild cow milking and calf branding Saturday afternoon, all hoping to earn the right to advance to the finals in the Working Ranch Cowboys Association's Junior Ranch Rodeo.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo was one of the events held Saturday afternoon during the Castro County Harvest Days celebration, and it featured Pokey the Clown.

The teams were divided into three ages divisions—Pee Wee, for ages 3-7; Junior, ages 4-11; and Senior, Ages 7-16.

Two local teams and a team from Amarillo and Perryton won the right to advance to the finals, which will be held in November.

Pee Wee winners were "The Rowdy Bunch," sponsored by Roy and Carla Schilling. Team members Cassidy Nutt, Adam Reinart, Keila Schilling and Kelsey Schilling posted a perfect score, winning each event in the competition.

Other teams in the Pee Wee Division were "Bronco Barbies," who finished second; "Rough Riders," third place; and "The Wild Bunch," fourth place.

Junior Division winners were "Keith's Outfit," sponsored by Melvin Keith of Naravisa, N.M. Members of the team reside in Amarillo and Perryton and they are Kyle Vernor, Braiden Vernor, Jade Cordova and Tanner Sowell.

Other teams competing in the Junior Division were "Steer Herdlers," second; "Rough Riders," third; "Dimmitt Darlins," fourth; and "Bronco Busters," fifth.

In the Senior Division, "The

Ranglers" posted a perfect score to advance to the world finals. Organized by John Wait, team members are Shawn Bryan, John Hazel, Eric Muniz and Edward Wait. "The Horse Girls," finished second.

Each member of the winning teams was awarded a wall plaque from the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

"This event was popular at the fair," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "We'll expect to see more teams entered next year because now we know how much fun it is."

## DHS Class of '80 plans its reunion

Dimmitt High School's Class of 1980 is planning its 20-year reunion, which will be held Sept. 29-30 over homecoming weekend.

Those planning to attend should contact one of the following: Lou (Phillips) Flowers, Route 1, Box 62-A, Meadow 79345; Angie (Silva) Sandoval, PO Box 590, Dimmitt 79027; Debbie (Dennis) Underwood, Rt. 4, Box 78, Dimmitt 79027; or Jeri (Mann) Vines, 7201 King's Place, Amarillo 79109.

Organizers of the event are still trying to locate addresses for the following class members: Chonito Arce, Jimmy Joe Butler, Christina Davila, Steve Stone, D'Anne (Muffy) Truelock and Paula Williams. Anyone who knows how to get in contact with any of these people should contact one of the people whose address is listed above.



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