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City gives vets two weeks to move cattle

Dimmitt City Council member Bill Potts sat in the audience during Monday's council meeting, waiting for his turn to address the council.

The matter he brought before the Council, he said, has been going on for a number of months and involved cattle being kept on a lot next door to his home inside the city limits. At the last council meeting, several members of the public asked the council to try and accommodate the two veterans in town who specialize in cattle, Doctors Adam and Jennifer Jackanicz.

The two have already put their office at Front and Bedford on the market.

And while Potts said he didn't want to lose the couple to another community, neither does he want cattle next door. And apparently, neither do a number of other people living nearby. Potts presented a

petition to the council on the letterhead of Castro County Hospital District and signed by its head CEO Linda Rasor. There were at least six homes or businesses that signed the petition which said, "We request that livestock being kept at 302 W. Locust and adjacent lots be removed and that a variance to the city ordinance be denied by the variance committee and the city council."

"I've tried to handle this quietly, to let the system work, but it's failed and I feel like we've waited long enough," Potts said.

Mayor Wayne Collins agreed that this problem has been on-going for several months.

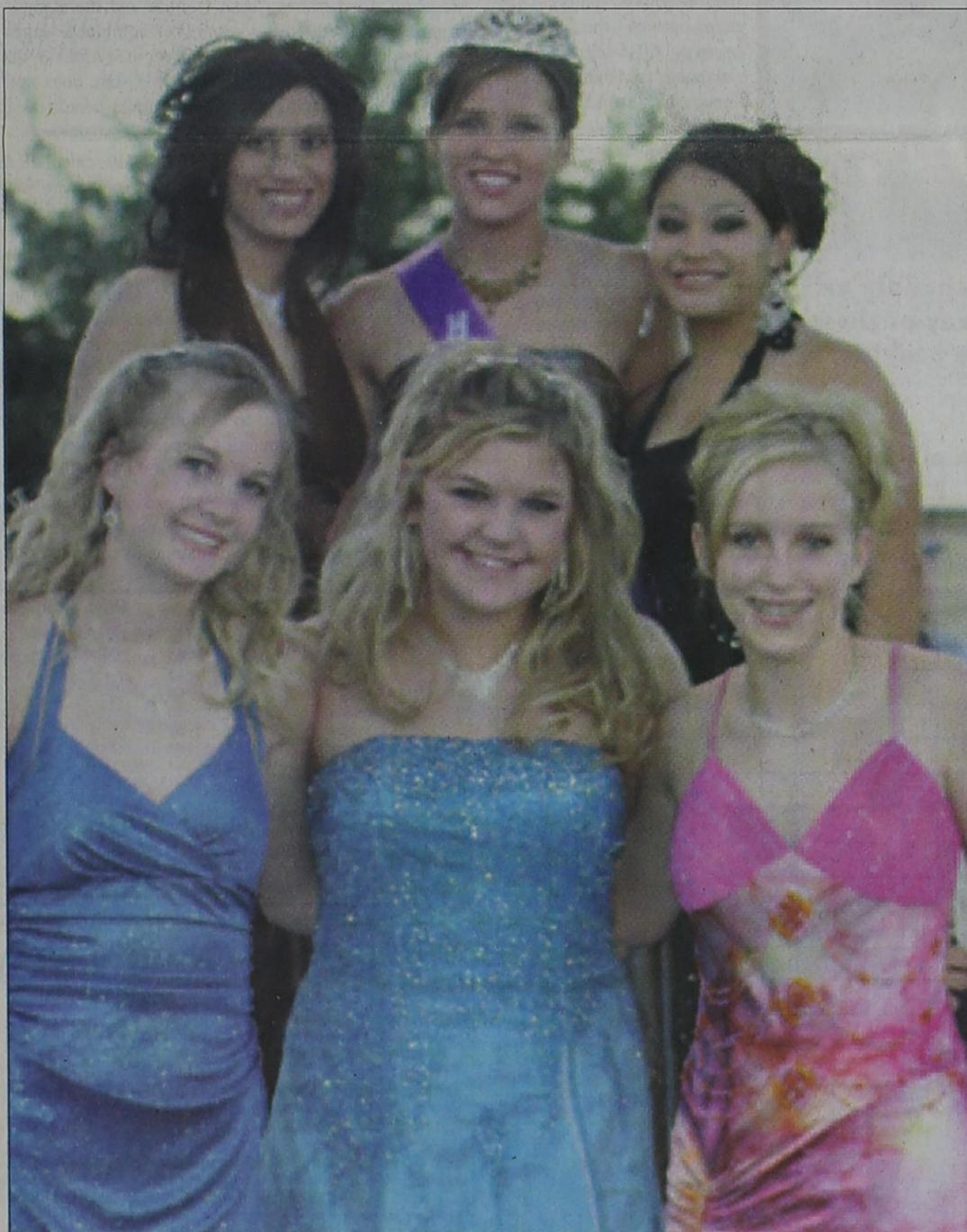
"We've offered them land in a couple of places where they could keep the cattle, but we haven't received any response," Collins

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Karen Sheffy, the widow of Don Sheffy, and their daughter, Karla Sheffy and grandchildren, Alexandria Sheffy-Hanes, 3 and Micah Steffy-Hanes, 1, along with City Manager David Denman look at the plaque naming the city park south of town the Don Sheffy Wildlife Park in honor of the man who was city manager for Dimmitt for a number of years. Mrs. Sheffy said it was appropriate since her husband took a great interest in the park with its playa lake and geese.

Dimmitt's Homecoming Royalty



Left to right, bottom: Junior Molly Bradford, sophomore Janae Denman, freshman Kassi Riddle. Top, seniors Carla Aguerro, Homecoming Queen Kylah Riddle and Carmen Pena.

Van Os stumps through Dimmitt

The Democratic candidate for Texas Attorney General, David Van Os stopped at the Castro County Courthouse Wednesday, one of some 134 he's visited so far in his campaign. And before he left, he left an affidavit with the County/District Clerk, stating that if he's elected to the job, he will "use every legal means available to me by that office to bring a halt and/or invalidate the unconstitutional and illegal project known as the Trans-Texas Corridor."

Van Os prides himself on running a "people" campaign, saying he believes that the candidate that goes out and visits with the public instead of using slick television and radio ads is best for the state and should be elected. Thus far the Democrat has raised less than \$200,000, while his opponent has raised several million, he said.

Van Os opposes the Trans-Texas Corridor because it will use 1 million acres of land - much of it taken with the use of eminent domain - and turn it into a toll road administered by a European company.

"I believe the Texas Constitution says you can't use public authority for private gain," he said.

"I'm delivering a message of hope and want to bring Texas politics back to the people," Van Os said. "I've got a message for big oil. I'm coming after you on behalf of the people."

During his "whistle-stop" tour of the state, Van Os plans to visit every county in the state and speak to everyone he encounters.

"Our government is being run by self-servers and self-promoters," he said. "Oil companies are making huge profits off consumers who continue to pay higher prices at the pump." The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 7

Aid decisions needed as cotton crop nears maturity

Cooler temperatures are limiting Panhandle crop development and may result in decreased yields, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist. Dr. Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist in Lubbock, said lack of maturity is the biggest issue facing cotton producers, especially those north of Amarillo. Proper use of harvest aids such as

desiccants, defoliant and boll openers can help producers harvest earlier and at the same time maintain fiber quality and seed quality Boman said. However, maturity is a big concern when harvest aids are applied. Premature crop termination has been shown to lint yield, seed quality, micronaire, and fiber. See CROP, Page 2

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Pep Rally on the Square

There will be pep rally on Thursday to get the Bobcats fired up for their match with Tulia.

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How poor is poor?

We must meaningfully define poverty in effort to curb it

By Mary Katherine Stout

The word "poverty" undoubtedly reminds many people of Sally Struthers' *Save the Children* commercials (help delivered for less than a cup of coffee a day!). These powerful images of poverty deserve our compassion, yet they do not accurately reflect poverty in the United States.

Research has shown that the poor here enjoy a much better standard of living than the poor in many other countries. While this does not deny that there are people in need living in the U.S., it does raise legitimate questions about how we think of the poor, count them, and offer aid.

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' yardstick for poverty, has become the standard for many of today's entitlement and social welfare programs. The poverty line was first established in 1963 and has remained unchanged, adjusted only for inflation, though it varies with family size.

While the FPL may be a convenient way to categorize income, it is a flawed way to measure need.

First, as programs have been expanded to include more people at higher incomes, we inflate the number of people associated with "poverty," yet they are not, strictly speaking, poor. When the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was created in 1997, Congress set the eligibility threshold at 200 percent of FPL, which in 2006, grants eligibility to a family of four making up to \$40,000 annually. By definition, such a family exceeds the poverty level, yet the description of the family's earnings in relation to "poverty" conjures images that aren't entirely accurate. When we associate something or someone with the word "poverty" we must be sure such a loaded term is used accurately.

Recent numbers from the Census Bureau report median household income in the U.S. in 2005 was \$46,242 and \$42,139 in Texas. A family of four earning \$38,700 in 2005, the annual income limit for CHIP eligibility, is actually closer to median household income

of \$46,242 than the poverty level of \$19,350.

The second major problem is that the national measurement for poverty does not reflect the differences between regions, states, or even cities. The poverty guidelines apply to all areas of the continental United States, with an adjusted standard for Hawaii and Alaska. The Census Bureau's income numbers highlight just how dramatic these differences can be, reporting that median household income in New Jersey was \$61,672 and only \$32,938 in Mississippi. A more accurate measurement of need would surely balance things with the cost of living or standards that apply at least regionally, if not state-by-state.

Similarly, in the *Deficit Reduction Act of 2005*, in determining Medicaid eligibility for long term care, Congress capped the amount of allowable home equity at \$500,000 nationwide, with a state option to increase the limit to \$750,000. It was an important move, telling people that they can't own a high-priced home and gouge the taxpayers for their care when they have other resources to help foot the bill.

However, data published by *Money Magazine* last year helps illustrate the folly of employing a nationwide standard with a hard dollar figure. The median home price in San Francisco was \$750,000 in 2004, while only \$123,000 in San Antonio. Again, a half a million dollar home looks very different in one part of the country than it does in another, just as 100 or 200 percent of the poverty level looks very different from one place to the next.

Third, as states use the poverty level to determine eligibility for government programs, they consider a family's size and income, but ignore the value of each additional benefit. For instance, in Texas in 2004 a single mother with two children earning \$6.93 an hour would earn roughly \$14,000 working full time, but almost \$19,000 in additional benefits, including child care, Medicaid, food stamps, cash welfare and the Earned Income Tax Credit. As a result, her combined wages and benefits approached \$34,000—more than double the poverty level for 2004. Of course, the state does not take into account the value of each additional benefit as the family crosses and exceeds the poverty level.

It is also important to realize that while calculations of income in relation to poverty measure monetary wages, they do not look at a family's full financial resources. They don't capture the wealth or other resources at a family's disposal, such as savings and investments.

National standards of poverty, narrowly identifying those in poverty by their income alone, have painted an incomplete picture of being poor in America. What's more, as government programs have grown to include more people of higher incomes whose eligibility is determined in proximity to a faulty measure of "poverty," we see a growing population dependent on government programs that were once reserved for the truly needy.

It is certainly a worthy goal to reduce the hardship faced by the least fortunate among us, but ill-defining poverty is a big, first step in making us all much poorer.



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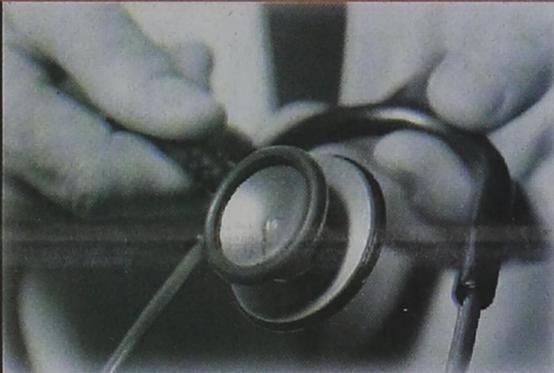
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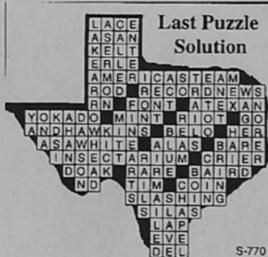
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strength, he said.

Once a defoliant or desiccant is applied, the cotton fiber won't improve any further. No harvest-aid chemical can increase the rate of fiber development, Boman said.

Only additional growing weather, including open skies and adequate heat units combined with functional leaves, can help cotton bolls to mature. Only temperatures that average above 60 degrees can advance the maturity process, he explained. The measure of this available heat is called a "heat unit". A heat unit is determined by adding the high temperature and low temperature in



ACROSS

- 1 original name of Antioch, TX
- 5 Oiler QB Warren, in Hall of Fame
- 6 TX Gary Morris tune: "The Love She Found ___"
- 7 TXism: "let bygones ___ bygones"
- 8 Clyde to TX Tommy Lee Jones
- 9 Radisav ___ was a Mav center in '93
- 15 TXism: "that'll ___ your butter" (exciting)
- 16 Jacksonville's "Tomato Fest" features "Battle of ___"
- 19 Port Lavaca is seat of this county
- 21 TXism: "a watched pot ___ boils"
- 22 TX Horton Foote ___ "To Kill A Mockingbird" for the screen
- 27 what you might place at Lone Star Park (2 wds.)
- 28 critters found in east TX
- 29 medicated liquid
- 30 TXism: "big enough ___ an elephant"
- 32 TX singer Orbison (init.)
- 33 ___ Selman shot TX outlaw John Wesley Hardin
- 36 TXism: "bone ___"
- 37 TX "Eagle" Henley

- 38 TXism: "passed ___ ___ was up on jacks in the garage"
- 39 fast moving cold front from the north
- 41 film "Paris, Texas" won '84 "Palme ___" at Cannes festival
- 42 TXism for "similar"
- 45 TX Lyle Lovett tune: "Here ___"

- 46 TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"
- 47 restore
- 48 "bear" south of the border
- 49 TXism: sank like an ___ "stock tank"
- 52 TXism: "___ do in a pinch"
- 53 Kennedy assassin in Dallas? (init.)
- 54 TX-based co.: Frito-___
- 55 Cowboy Witten's position

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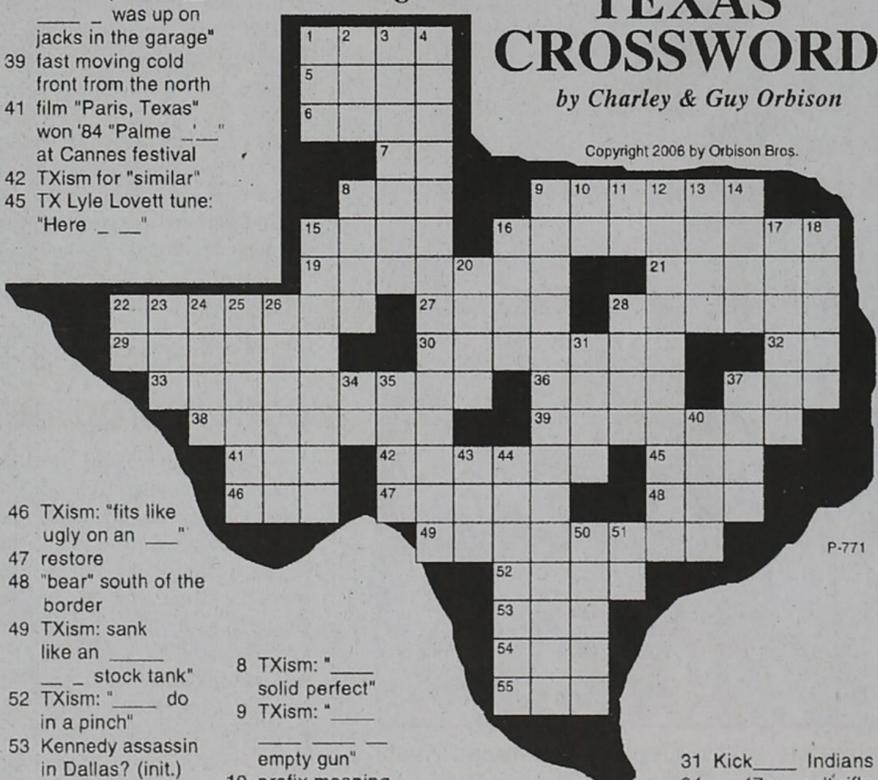
- 1 TX Charley Pride's "Then Who ___?"
- 2 ___-profit
- 3 northernmost town in Harris Co.
- 4 TXism: "___ hog needs a packing house"

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 8 TXism: "___ solid perfect"
- 9 TXism: "___ empty gun"
- 10 prefix meaning "do the opposite of"
- 11 TX actor Rip (init.)
- 12 an assertion
- 13 TX Ivory Joe's "Since ___ You Baby"
- 14 Honey Creek ___ is TX's longest
- 15 this Reba was "Ma Tex" in "North"
- 16 "Peggy ___ Cafe in Wink, TX
- 17 early John Wayne film: "Texas ___"

- 18 actor/director Welles
- 20 reed instrument
- 22 Ranger leag.
- 23 "___ Holliday
- 24 ___ bomb
- 25 early TX mapper: Alonso Alvarez de ___
- 26 TXism: "attracted like a pig ___"
- 28 boot aroma
- 31 Kick ___ Indians
- 34 ___-47 assault rifle
- 35 TXism: "loaded for ___"
- 37 finger sample
- 40 TXism: "___ grip like a snappin' turtle"
- 43 TX-based co.: Pizza ___
- 44 this Brand was in TV's "Laredo"
- 50 TX Bentsen
- 51 home state of TX captive Cynthia Parker (abbr.)

| | High | Low | Prec. | Snow |
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| Tuesday | 99 | 66 | | |
| Wednesday | 98 | 62 | | |
| Thursday | 100 | 62 | | |
| Friday | 98 | 63 | | |
| Saturday | 90 | 50 | | |
| Sunday | 94 | 57 | | |
| Monday | 98 | 65 | | |
| September Rainfall | | | 5.69 | |
| 2006 Rainfall | | | 12.86 | |
| 2006 Snow | | | 1.00 | |

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LYNDY NELSON, WHO teaches Family and Consumer Science at Dimmitt High School accepts a check from Ruth Cochran, the chapter president of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for key women educators. This is the second installment of the scholarship, which Nelson is using to attend WTAMU to major in guidance counseling.



MR. AND MRS. STANLEY DYER of Hart were the winners of a raffle held by the Dimmitt Bobcats baseball team. Proceeds from the raffle go for equipment, according to Coach Ralph Albracht, pictured above with the Dyers. This year they'll purchase pitching equipment. The Dyers got two tickets to fly anywhere that Southwest Airlines fly.

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, como estan amigos? Hello, how are you friends? So what is this crazy weather going to do after all? One day it's freezing in the morning and the next it's so pretty and warm. I'm not big on snow and cold weather, so I'm happier when it's nice and warm. Well, thanks to my loyal readers, I actually got some info to share with everyone this week.

A little update on our little family, Jozavy is gaining weight by the minute. He is up to a big 5-pounds 8-ounces All he needs to do now is master the art of bottle feeding.

My sister Elidia Dozal had the opportunity to hold little Jozavy this weekend. Cousins Monica and Kari also had a chance to take a little peek at the big boy. Just a little thumbs up, my wonderful sister and sisters-in-law are planning a baby shower for sometime in October. We are going to do it before Jozavy comes home because of his health. It just wouldn't be safe to have him around so many people right after he gets out of the hospital. I know, I know everyone wants to see him, but it'll have to wait 'til he get a little bit older.

I attended my 10-year high school reunion this past

weekend and I have to say, it was really nice to see everyone. There was several events going on and unfortunately I didn't have a chance to attend all of them, but what I hear there was a good turn out at all of them. Things kicked off with the big homecoming pep rally at the DHS gym. It's crazy how much things have changed, fashion and manners mainly. Later on Friday afternoon everyone met at K-Bob's for dinner and lots of great conversation. That night after the football game, a few of the class members got together at the VFW for a "shindig" as Marcella Martinez put it. On Saturday, classmates gathered at the Senior Citizens building for a delicious meal and more catching up. A special memorial was made in memory of Omar Sanchez and Steve Steffy, both who have passed on. Family members of the two classmates were presented with beautiful wooden crosses and cards. Several classmates gathered again on Saturday night at the VFW and from what I hear they all had a great time dancing and just catching up on old times.

Happy belated birthday to Marcella Martinez!!! Marcella, I know you told me when you celebrated your big day, but I just can't

remember. I guess it's just one of the signs that were getting OLDER. I do remember how OLD you said you turned, but I'm gonna be a good friend and just leave that unmentioned. Hope you had a great day and may your next b-day be great.

Selena Saenz, daughter of Elizabeth and Manuel Saenz would like to ask everyone to please keep her brother-in-law, Daniel Medrano, in your prayers. Daniel is being deployed to Iraq for a year and will need everyone's prayers and support. Selena would also like to wish her nephew, Dravin Medrano, son of Daniel and Kristi Medrano a very Happy Birthday. Dravin just hit his terrible twos. Buena suerte (good luck) Daniel y Kristi. Selena would also like to send very, very special birthday wishes to her mom, Elizabeth.

Bueno, gracias a todos por toda la informacion que me mandaron. Thanks to everyone for the information you all sent me. I've been trying to tell everyone, the Hispanic Voice is always more interesting when you help me out. As always, send your info to angie79027@hotmail.com or 346-3882. Hasta luego amigos.

"Water is Life: From Nazareth to Nairobi" a photo exhibit featuring the work of Jim Steiert was held Sunday at the Home Merc in Nazareth where 20 photos, black and white and color will hang through Dec. 2. Jim was born and raised in Nazareth and is a resident of Hereford. He was honored Sunday with a reception.

Congratulations to our Swifts Football team, who were selected by the Amarillo Globe News as Team of the Week for defeating Memphis, 51-14. We are still undefeated with Friday night's win over Anton, 41-6.

Dorothy Kleman enjoyed a week-long vacation with her daughter, Lynette; husband, Mike; and son, Michael in Raleigh, N.C. They enjoyed walking the 1/2-mil bridge over a lake, lots of visiting. Dorothy enjoyed her little grandson, Michael, who was really a job to be around.

Don and Betty Acker hosted an "End of the Summer Party" last week for about 30 of their relatives. Some of those attending were Jim Leinen; his wife, Corrine and daughter Denise from Covena, Calif.; Jerry Leinen, his son Dustin and Stacy from Amarillo and Arlene and Harold Steffens of Slaton. All enjoyed getting to-

gether - a lot of fun!

Congratulations to Sister DeChantal Hyland who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Oct. 7. Greetings may be sent to: P.O. Box 3489, Fort Smith, Ark., 72913.

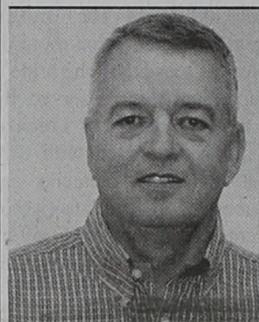
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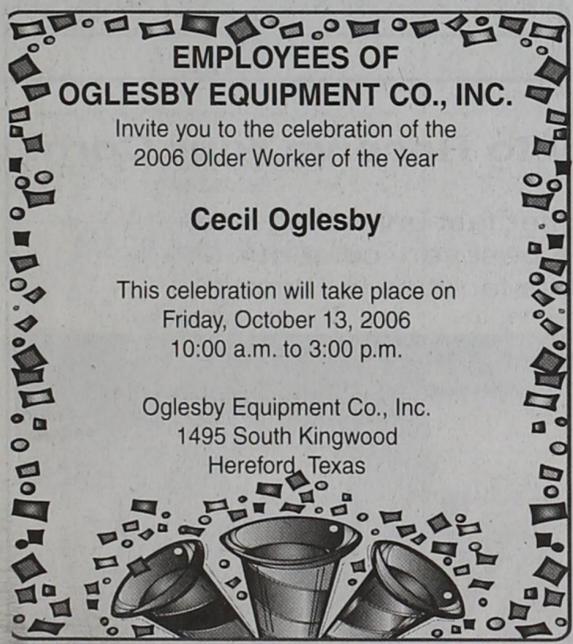
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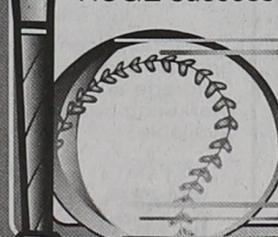
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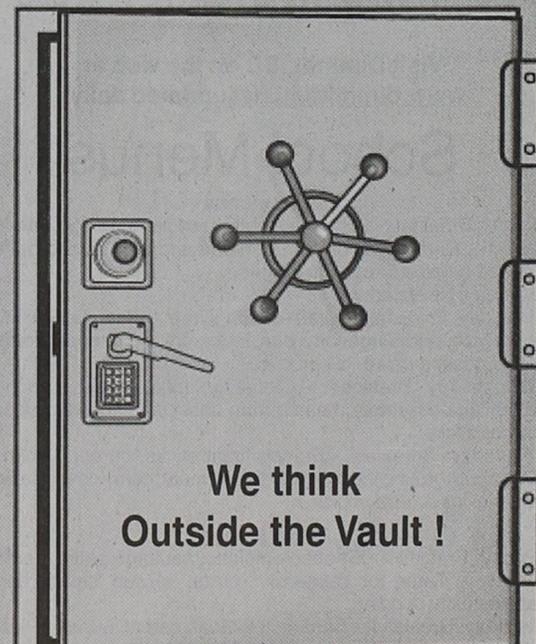
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**Suzanna Johnson and Chet Crawford
Johnson-Crawford**

Suzanna Johnson and Chet Crawford were married on Sept. 11, 2006, at the Assembly of God Church in Levelland by Pastor Robert Burns.

The mother of the bride, Sharon Jenkins, grew up in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High

Honor Attendants were Tanji Strickland And Coy Wade Pigg III. The flower attendants were Harley Strickland, Summer Pharis, Ashley Pigg, and Kristen Pigg. The bride wore a light pink dress and white veil. She was presented in marriage by her uncle David McElroy of Lubbock. The groom and best man wore dark blue shirts, and tan pants with a black tie. Music was presented by the bride's step brother Roger Jenkins of Lubbock. The songs that were played were "The Wedding March," "We've Only Just Begun," "Back to One," and "God Bless The Broken Road." A small reception was held in the reception room of the Assembly of God. The couple was toasted by the bride's uncle, David McElroy. Cake and punch were served by Kasey Cash of Levelland. The bride graduated at Lorenzo High School in 1988. The groom is employed with Coy Pigg construction of Levelland. The bride's parents are Ricky and Sharon Jenkins of Lubbock, and the late Gerald Johnson of Tyler. Her grandparents are Wanda McElroy of Levelland and the late J.D. (Bud) McElroy of Levelland. The groom's parents are Loretta Crawford of Lubbock. The couple will reside in Levelland.

DISD Calendar

Thursday, October 5

Shot Clinic - DMS
DMS Pep Rally - 3:30
Football: JV vs Tulia - Here - 6:00
7th & 8th vs Tulia - There - 5:00 & 6:30
Friday, October 6
Football: Bobcats vs Tulia - Here - 7:30

Saturday, October 7

Cross-Country @ WTAMU
Volleyball: 7th & 8th Tournament - Here
JV & Varsity - OPEN
Monday, October 9
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Teacher Comp Day
Volleyball: 7th & 8th vs San Jacinto - Here - 6:00

Tuesday, October 10

DHS - FCCLA Meeting - 12:20
Volleyball: OPEN

Wednesday, October 11

PSAT Test for DHS Juniors - 8:45 - 12:00

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School Menus

HISD menus

Friday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, ham sandwich, potato puffs, tossed salad, carrots, dill pickles.
Monday: No schedule
Tuesday: Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, cereal. Lunch: Rib sandwich, hamburger on a bun, macaroni and cheese, potato puffs, tossed salad, dill pickles.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch - Enchilada casserole, bean burrito, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrot sticks.
Thursday: Breakfast - French toast sticks, cereal. Lunch - Pizza with ground beef, spaghetti and meat, corn, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrot sticks.

NISD menus

Friday: Breakfast - Cheese omelette, sausage pattie, cereal. Lunch - Tator tot casserole, pizza, tossed salad, corn, applesauce, pudding.
Monday: Breakfast - Banana mini-loaf, cereal. Lunch - Pizza, stir fry, tossed salad, peas, ears, gingerbread.
Tuesday: Breakfast - French toast sticks, sausage pattie, cereal. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, pizza, lettuce, mixed fruit, beans, spice cake.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch - Burritos, baked potatoes, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, peanut butter chews.
Thursday: Breakfast - Pancake, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, hamburgers, curly fries, lettuce, green beans, oranges, chocolate chip cookies.

Who's New

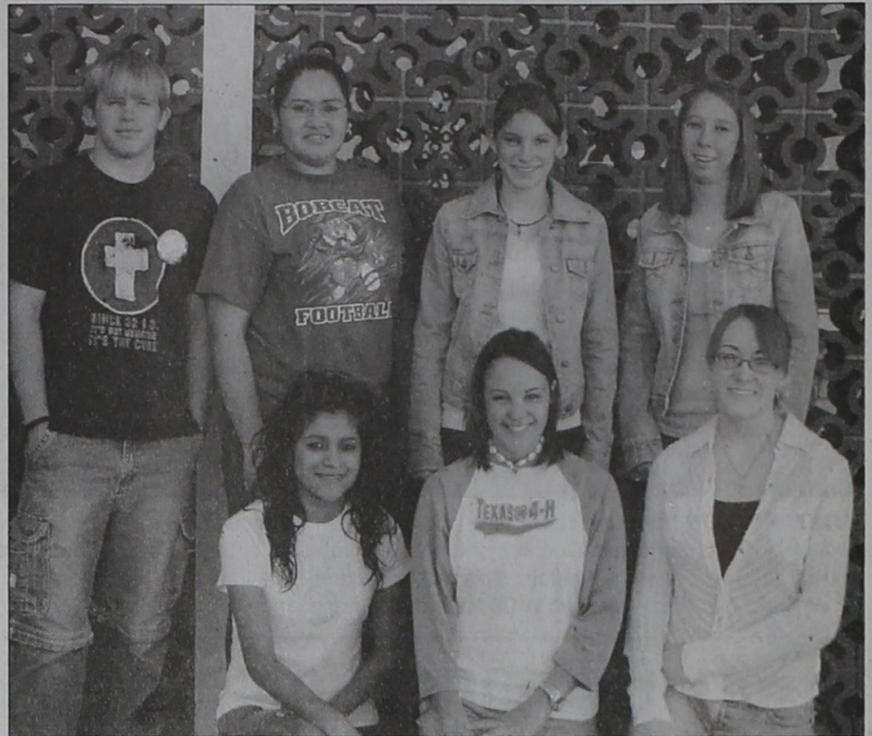


Dennis F. Chambless IV
Dennis F. Chambless III (formerly of Dimmitt) and Mary Beth Powell are the parents of a son, Dennis Flynn Chambles IV, born at midnight, Sept. 28, 2006.

He weighed 6-pounds and was 19-inches long.

Grandparents are Martha Vance of Parkersberg, W.V., and the late Dennis Jr. and Mary Lou Chambles and Gary Vance.

Great-grandparents are John and Teresa Garcia of Dimmitt; Pete and Juanita Martinez of Amarillo; and James and Charlotte Cowan of Parkersberg, W.V.



Tri-State Fair Participants

Bottom row, left to right: Angela Vasquez, strawberry cake, first place and best of show; Anna Brockman, banana nut cake, second place; Erin Black, cookie bars, third place. Top row, left to right: Michael Cline, cream cheese brownies, first place; Jessica Arguijo, Texas dessert; Keila Schilling, pecan pie, first place; Lana Reinart, no-bake cake, third place.

Community Calendar

**Dimmitt 4-H's
Brown Bag
Lunch is Oct. 6**

The yearly Castro County 4-H Brown Bag BBQ lunch will be Friday, Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Extension Office, 205 N. Broadway.

Inside the brown bags will be a smoked brisket sandwich, chips, a drink and two cookies. Cost is \$6. Call 647-4115 to order by Thursday.

**Dimmitt Book Club
sets October meeting**

The Dimmitt Book Club will meet at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the parlor of the First Methodist Church. Barbara Bain will review the book "Annie Between the States" by L.M. Elliott. Visitors are welcome.

**Brisket dinner
at Tulia**

Swisher County 4-H will have brisket supper before Dimmitt-Tulia game

The Swisher County 4-H will have a brisket supper, complete with brisket, beans, potatoes, corn bread, dessert and tea or water) will be held from 5-7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, at the Ezra Jones Cafeteria in Tulia. Price is \$7 per plate; \$4 for children 12 and under. The Dimmitt Bobcats will travel to Tulia on Oct. 6 for their second district football game of the season.

**Democrats to meet
Tuesday, Oct. 24**

The Democratic Coalition will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at K-Bobs. The purpose of the meeting will be a discussion on getting the vote out for the general election, which is Tuesday, Nov. 6. The public is invited to attend.

**Drivers License Bureau
posts closing times**

The Texas Department of Public Safety Drivers License office in Dimmitt will be closed the week Oct. 9-13 as well as Oct. 19-20.

**Exhibit at Home Merc
will be open until Dec. 2**

A new photo exhibition by local writer Jim Steiert, at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth is on exhibit at the Home Merc in Nazareth. Titled "Water is Life: From Nazareth

to Nairobi" emphasizes the inspiration of the artwork featured in the exhibit.

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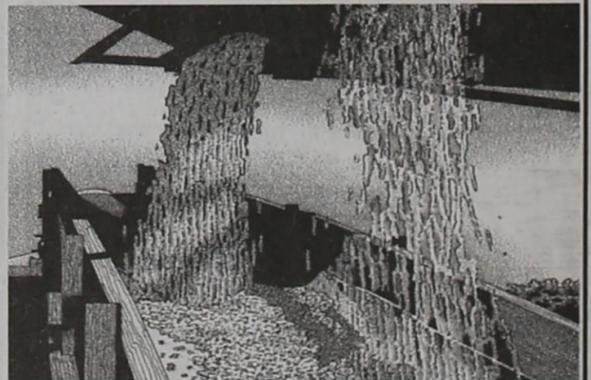
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We live our lives from day to day in our nice home, clothes, cares, and careers.

Yet the one who changed the world with twelve men from diverse cultures only needed his daily connection to the

Father and a message to the world. We have been given forgiveness, acquitted from our sins, and access to the throne of God in prayer through the cross. These three values given to us out weigh anything this world can give us. As our Lord and Savior changed the world, so to can we change lives by sharing the greatest story ever told. We are part of a bigger story, life is a bigger than the earth, the USA, and Dimmitt, Texas. I ask myself daily? Is it about you? Or is it about the Greatest Story!!!

Trent Tanaro is the Youth Minister at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.



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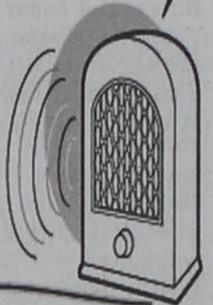
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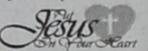
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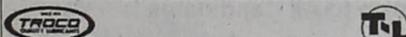
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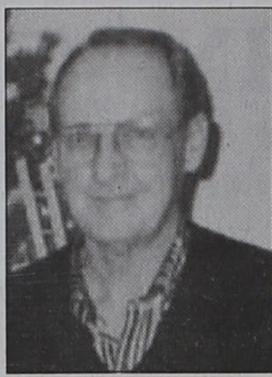
WILLIAM E. (BILL) GLENN

A memorial service for William E. (Bill) Glenn, 73, of Dimmitt will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Doug Allen of the Christian Ministry in Littlefield and the Rev. Clint Young of 1st Baptist Church in Dimmitt officiating.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., Thursday at Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Glenn died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, in Lubbock. He was born Aug. 25, 1933, in Haxtun, Colo., to Harold and Leona Glenn. He attended Lamar Junior College in Lamar, Colo. He was a member of the Professional Golfers Association of America since 1978. He was a golf professional at Dumas Country Club and Dimmitt Country Club. He also worked in the life and health insurance industry for many years. He was a member of Christian Ministry in Littlefield.

Survivors include his wife, Jan Glenn of Dimmitt; three sons, Jim Glenn and wife T.J. of Canyon; Brad



William E. (Bill) Glenn

Glenn and wife Traci of Lexington, Mich.; Barry Glenn and wife Lysie of Houston; a step-son, Mike Mullins and wife Eva of Dimmitt; a sister, JoAnn Felderman of Wyoming; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Leona Glenn; a son, Jeff Glenn; a sister, Donna Blazek; and one brother, Bob Glenn.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.



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GEORGIE F. WALL

Services for Georgie F. Wall, 81, of Dimmitt, will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Derrel Evins officiating. Burial will be at Castro Memorial Garden Cemetery in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Wall died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, in Dimmitt. She was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Apache, Okla., to George and Buena Vista Shwen. At age 6, she moved to Texas and settled in Bethel. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1942. She married Fred Wall in 1944. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. She worked for First United Bank for 43 years before her retirement. She retired in 1993 after a severe stroke. She was a care-giver to her husband Fred until 2000.

She is survived by her two sons, John and George Wall, both of Dimmitt; a daughter, Haylei Rodgers of Perryton; and eight grandchildren. Georgie



Georgie F. Wall

adopted George, John and Haylei in 1982.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Wall; two sons, George Elton and Dan Wall in 1980. Her son George was killed in Vietnam.

Memorials can be made to Dana Wall Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of 1st Bank Muleshoe, 215 W. Bedford, Dimmitt, TX. 79027.



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KATHERINE ELIZABETH BOWDEN BEECHER

Services for Katherine Elizabeth Bowden Beecher, 90, of Munday, were Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at First Baptist Church, Munday. Burial was at Johnson Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson died Sept. 25, 2006 in Irving. She was born May 28, 1916 and was a 1932 graduate of Munday High School.

She married Edgar Beecher on Dec. 29, 1922. She and her husband farmed in Dimmitt for 33 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.

Survivors include two daughter, Jo Beecher Prather and husband Dan Prather and Beth Beecher McLendon; a brother, Ben Bowden; and four grandchildren.

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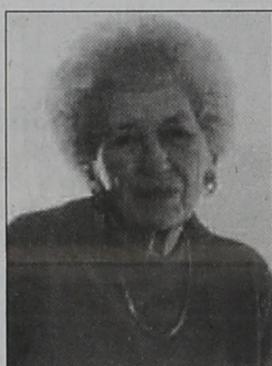
VADA RUTH ZEMER AXE

Vada Ruth Zemer Axe, 91, longtime resident of Hereford, died Friday, September 29, 2006 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life funeral services were Monday, October 2, 2006, at Frio Baptist Church with Rev. James Peach, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in West Park Cemetery under direction of Hereford Heritage Funeral Home, 411 E. 6th Street.

Mrs. Axe was born June 17, 1915, in Arkansas to William Frank and Bessie Lois Yarbrough Zemer. She grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana.

She married Anderson "Andy" Axe on October 27, 1946, in Elk City, Oklahoma.

They moved to the family farm in north Castro County that Andy's parents had



Vada Ruth Zemer Axe

homesteaded in the early 1900s.

She lived on that farm until her death. She was a member of Frio Baptist Church, where she taught preschoolers in Sunday School for many years and was a G.A. leader. She had been a 4-H leader and was a member of the Hereford Garden Club. "MeeMaw" loved to sew, cook, crochet, read, and work in her yard. She was preceded in death by her

husband in 1979, and parents and four brothers. Survivors include three daughters, Nancy and husband Tommy Needham of Amarillo, Vicki and husband Duke Dannheim of Hereford, Andrea and husband Frank Ethington of Cortez, Colorado; eight grandchildren, Gary Needham, Angela Davis, Craig Needham, Brad Davis, Alanna Stewart, Christina Taylor, Toby Ethington, Cameron Davis; twelve great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Matthew, Kayla, Emily, Sydney, Kate, Hunter, Ashley, Austin, Dante, Riley, Isaiah; a sister-in-law, Louise Axe of Canyon and many nieces and nephews. The family suggest memorials be to Frio Baptist Church, or BSA Hospice, 200 NW 7th, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

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Bobcats celebrate Homecoming with win over H.P.

Set for Tulia this Friday

The Dimmitt Bobcats tasted sweet victory on Friday night as they downed Highland Park 20-13 in their Homecoming game.

"We just played real well," said coach Joe Cabezuela. "I wish we could cut down on the turnovers. That hurt us the most."

Both teams scored in the second quarter, as Highland Park drew first blood. But a Houston Sutton touchdown from 8-yards out and a Frankie Castro kick tied the teams at 7-7 going into the locker room at the half.

In the third quarter, Edward Wait took the ball in from the 1-yard line and Castro kick was good, giving the Bobcats a 14-7 lead.

However, in the fourth quarter, Kaden Griffitt's 105-yard interception and runback gave the Bobcats an extra boost. The run for 2 failed, but the Bobcats

led 20-7.

Highland Park tacked on 6 before the end of the game, but it wasn't enough as the Bobcats won their first Homecoming game in this millennium. In fact, the last time Dimmitt won a Homecoming game was Sept. 25, 1998, when they defeated Brownfield, 49-0.

That 13-point fourth quarter made the difference in the game as the Bobcats overcame four turnovers for the win.

After Houston Sutton, the fullback and Scott Martinez, the halfback, sustained twisted ankles in the first half, Frankie Castro came in at the fullback position and Edward Wait played halfback, where he led the team with 74 rushing yards, including a touchdown.

The Bobcats had 215 yards total offense on the night.

"It was a hard-fought game," Cabezuela said. "We had two great days of workouts right before the game and it was evident in the way the team per-

formed. We got into the I formation and ran the ball."

The Bobcats are 2-3 overall and 1-0 in district. Friday they will travel to Tulia for a game that won't be easy, he said.

"Tulia's tough," he said. "They got a good team, a good tailback.

"We've got to execute and cut out the mistakes because they will take advantage of any mistake we might make.

"It's a good rivalry between the teams so both will be up for the game. They're well-coached. We've got to continue what we've been doing."



Photo by Connie Gilbreath

DIMMITT'S QUARTERBACK, NO. 10, Landon Porsch, leads the way for Edward Wait, No. 8, as he carries for a gain against Highland Park. Wait had 74 yards on the night for the Bobcats.



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DIMMITT'S ERIC ODOM gets into action against Highland Park during Friday's Homecoming win.

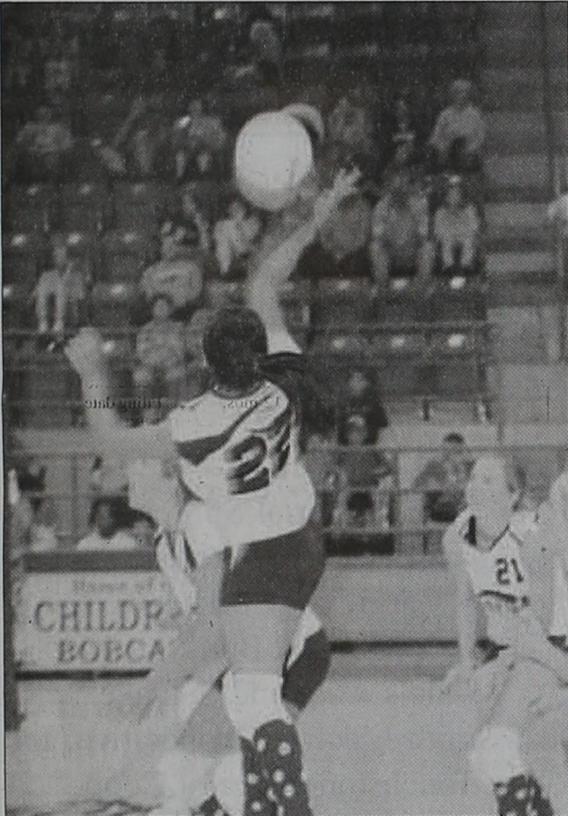
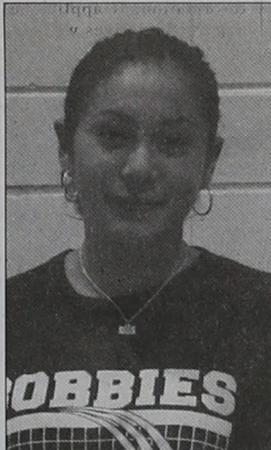
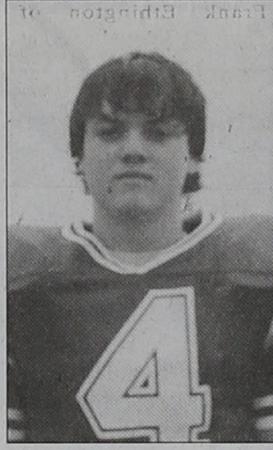


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DIMMITT'S DANI NERI goes up to slam the ball over the net in the Bobbies first district game against Children.



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| Oct. 20 | Mulshoe | 7:30 HM |
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| Nov. 2 | Frona | 7:30 HM |
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Swifts run over Anton, 41-6

The Nazareth Swifts were ahead 41-0 at the half of the game with Anton on Friday. After that, Coach Ricky Peacock said that the younger kids were able to get to play as the game ended at 41-6.

"We played well," Peacock said. "We came out with a couple of big plays to start the game and got off to a fast start. We kept them going that first half, scoring on our first two possessions.

The first TD was a pass from Dustin Schulte to Troy Ramaekers for 60 yards and a score. Schulte kicked the PAT.

On their next possession, Tucker Waggoner ran 45 yards and Schulte kicked the PAT.

"We also shut them down with our defense," Peacock said. "We start and kept them going the first half. We saw a few lapses, but sometimes that happens when you get a big lead, you lose your focus a little bit.

"Our defense was doing a great job of getting to the ball, using our speed, which has helped.

"It seems like we're a little bit quicker this year defensively."

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that happens when you get a big lead, you lose your focus a little bit. Really doing a good job of getting to the ball, using our speed which has helped. It seems like we're a little bit quicker this year defensively."

The Swifts had been scheduled to play Amarillo High's JV this week, but they canceled. Their next game in two weeks will open district play with Springlake-Earth.

As to how the Swifts are preparing: "We're going to fine tune a few little things, correct our little mistakes," Peacock said. "We've talked to them about how the little things will add up in the big games."

For the final score of the first quarter, Waggoner scored on a 1-yard run; the PAT failed.

In the second quarter, Waggoner took a 20-yard pass from Schulte in for the score; Schulte kicked the extra point. In fact, it was all Waggoner in the second quarter, as he scored on a 41-yard run with Chris Acker kicked the PAT and then on a 30-yard run. Again, Acker kicked the PAT.



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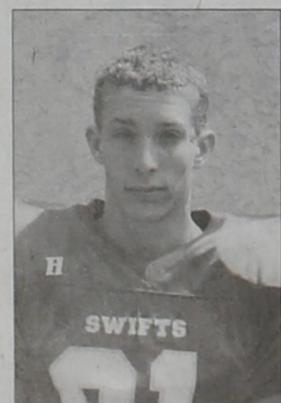


ABOVE, TUCKER WAGGONER, No. 28, carries for the Swifts. At left, this is what the Anton players experienced all night Friday - a swarming defense that held them to very little yardage both on the ground and in the air.

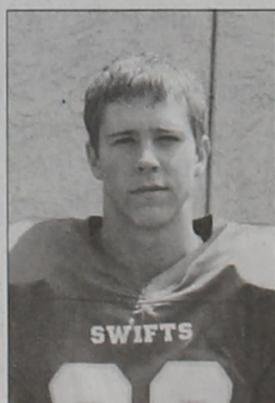
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Nazareth Swifts Football Schedule

| Opponent | Site | Date | Time |
|----------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| New Deal (Scrimmage) | A | 8/24 | 4:00 |
| Sunray | Amarillo | 9/2 | 12:00 |
| Kickoff Classic | | | |
| Morton | A | 9/8 | 7:30 |
| Vega ** | H | 9/15 | 7:30 |
| Memphis | A | 9/22 | 7:30 |
| Anton | A | 9/29 | 7:30 |
| OPEN | | 10/6 | |
| Springlake-Earth* | H | 10/13 | 7:30 |
| Sudan* | A | 10/20 | 7:30 |
| Bovina* | H | 10/27 | 7:30 |
| Hart* | H | 11/3 | 7:30 |
| Farwell* | A | 11/10 | 7:30 |

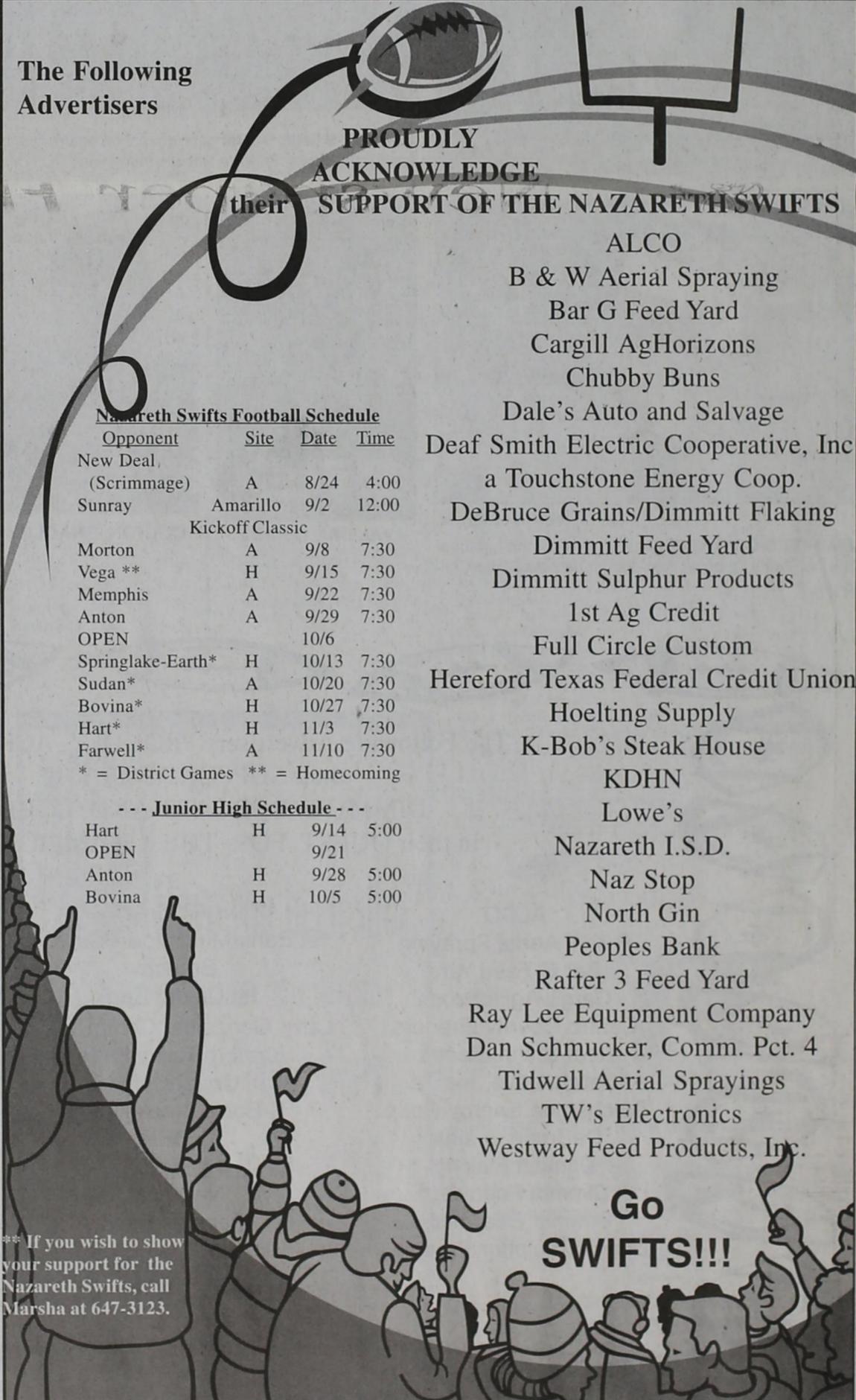
* = District Games ** = Homecoming

--- Junior High Schedule ---

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|--------|---|------|------|
| Hart | H | 9/14 | 5:00 |
| OPEN | | 9/21 | |
| Anton | H | 9/28 | 5:00 |
| Bovina | H | 10/5 | 5:00 |

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Longhorns fall to Arbor Academy, 66-44

BY COACH JASON BOTOS

The Longhorns sustained their first loss of the season at the hands of No. 9 ranked Arbor Academy. The game started off in a tailspin from the opening play when Arbor ran the Hook & Lateral for a 65-yard score.

The play took us by surprise and it took a little out of us. The next two possessions we got the ball inside the 20-yard line and failed to score. Ultimately Arbor would extend their lead to 21-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Longhorns refused to do the easy thing and quit and for the next three quarters the teams traded touchdowns. We knew coming into this game that we had to be disciplined on defense, tackle and take advantage when we had the ball and we didn't do all three things at the same time. We play good, hard football, but when we made mistakes, Arbor took advantage and scored, usually on long runs. They didn't steadily drive the ball down the field on us. Overall we played good defense against a real good explosive offensive team. Arbor had three players in the Top 10 statistical categories.

This game was a great experience for us, even though we came out on the losing end, we saw how a good, 6-man team needs to play - physically and with speed and discipline. We had two key players on defense who were injured during the game and that put a lot of pressure on others that are not accustomed to playing certain positions. We are very proud of our kid's efforts. They had every chance to fall apart and quit. This week will be another huge challenge for the Longhorns, which were scheduled to

play Garden City's JV on Saturday. The Garden City coach called and asked if we would play their varsity instead of their JV because our team would be a better game to help prepare his team for district.

Right now their varsity is No. 2 in the state. I was honored that he asked us and I gladly accepted the offer. I believe for us to reach our potential we need to play against the best.

I relayed that to our team and they're ready to accept the challenge. I truly believe we can compete with any team in the state if we do the little things right. The game time has been changed to 6:30 p.m. in Garden City. Directions are in the High School office.

Here's how the scoring went for Hart: Aaron Rodriguez (who later left the game with a shoulder injury), scored on a 40-yard Michael Gonzalez (5 of 6 for 74 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT.) Gonzalez then hit Nathan Green (3 receptions, 27 yards and 1 TD) on an 11-yard toss for the scoring score. Green (8 carries, 74 yards and 1 TD) had the third score of the night with a 60-yard run that Fabian Morales handed off as he was being tackled. The longest pass of the night came on a double reverse to Brennan Rodriguez (3 receptions for 76 yards) from Green (4-7 passing, 100 yards and 2 TDs). The fifth score came from David Guerrero when he powered the ball in from the four-yard line on three consecutive runs behind the blocks of Damian Morales and Esteban Montemayor. Morales added more than 150 yards of production, aided by a 70-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. the TD was

set up by a great block by Guerrero.

Jose Macias did most of the passing on the night (9-14 for 81 yards), but he also added two big receptions with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Green. Morales then added two extra points, catching one from Macias and throwing one to Green. Esteban Montemayor tired our first "drop kick" of the year with only one day of

practice. We look forward to a successful attempt this week.

Drew Higgins added two receptions for 51 yards and one amazing circus catch after being tipped by an opponent. Morales led the defense with 10 tackles and an interception. Gonzalez and Green added nine tackles each and both had caused fumbles and recovered fumbles.

Longhorns Football Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Oct. 7 (Sat) | Garden City Varsity | Garden City | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13 | | OPEN | |
| Oct. 19 (Thurs) | Valley JV | Valley | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 28 (Sat) | Garden City JV*** | Hart | 4:00 p.m. |
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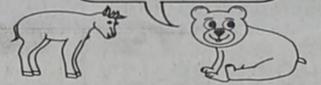


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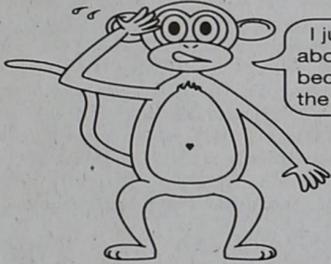
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I just finished a homework paper. It had to be about an explorer. I chose **Christopher Columbus** because I think he was really brave to sail across the ocean in such a small ship to explore the world.

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East to West - West to East

After Christopher Columbus made several trips between Europe and the Americas, changes began to take place in the lives of people in the eastern and western parts of the world. The voyages' introduction of people, maps and writings all helped to exchange new ideas and knowledge across the world.

Which parts of people's lives were affected by the exchanges or changes listed below? Match them:

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. food and animals | <input type="checkbox"/> health |
| 2. farming sugarcane, roping cattle | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| 3. Indian words + Spanish words | <input type="checkbox"/> language |
| 4. missionaries, prayers, spiritual treasures | <input type="checkbox"/> work |
| 5. disease, medicines | <input type="checkbox"/> diet |

People fall for us!

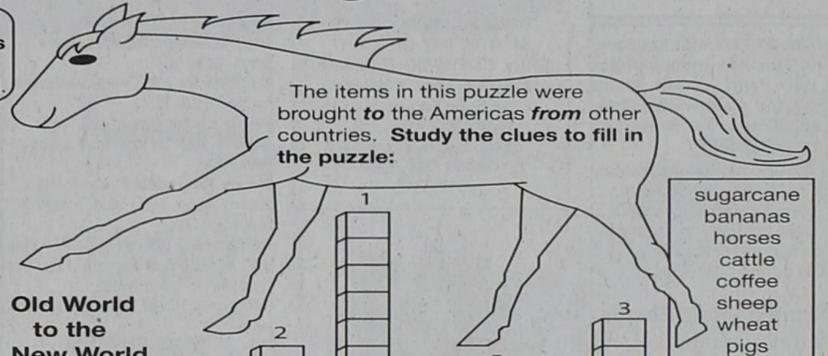


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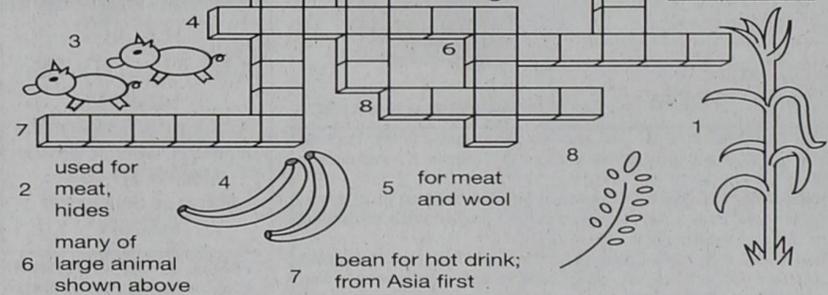
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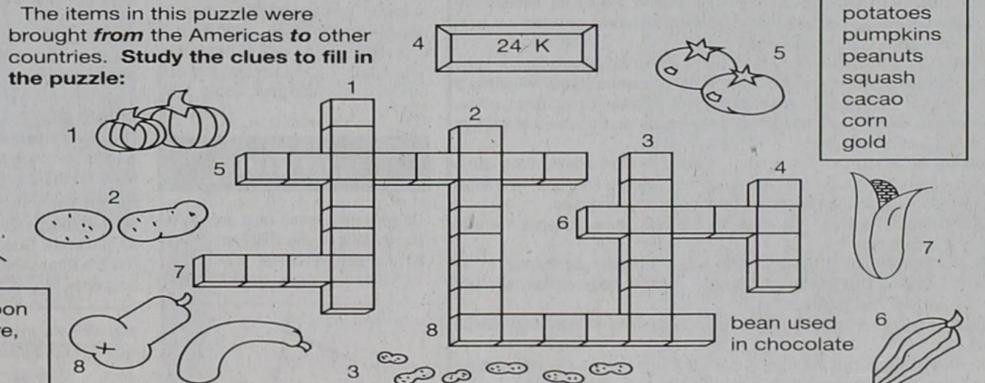
- sugarcane
- bananas
- horses
- cattle
- coffee
- sheep
- wheat
- pigs

Old World to the New World



- used for meat, hides
- many of large animal shown above
- bean for hot drink; from Asia first

New World to the Old World



The items in this puzzle were brought **from** the Americas **to** other countries. Study the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- tomatoes
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- pumpkins
- peanuts
- squash
- cacao
- corn
- gold

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Above, one of the days during Homecoming, everyone dressed in Purple and White. Below, all the seniors attending the bonfire got together for this photo.



Above, Homecoming Queen Kyla Riddle with all the senior football players - Alex Chavira, Jesse Lara, Diego Salinas, Kyle Whatley, Jerry Acevedo, Beau Gonzales and Edward Wait. At left, students participate in the Junior Olympics. At bottom left, is the Flame Queen Dani Neri and Flame King Jerry Acevedo.



You don't need an explanation for this picture - it's the Dimmitt Bobcats celebrating their first homecoming in many years.



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A cooperative is a business. Co-ops range in size from small storefronts to large Fortune 500 companies. In many ways, they are like any other business; but in several important ways, they are unique and quite different.

Cooperatives:

- * Are owned and democratically controlled by their members- the people who use the co-ops services or buy its goods - not by outside investors; co-op members elect their board of directors from within the membership.
- * Return surplus revenues (income over expenses and investment) to members proportionate to their use of the cooperative, not proportionate to their "investment" or ownership share.
- * Are motivated not by profit, but by service-to-meet their members' needs for affordable and high quality goods or services;
- * Exist solely to serve their members.,
- * Pay taxes on income kept within the co-op for investment and reserves. Surplus revenues from the co-op are returned to individual members who pay taxes on that income.

Producer Cooperatives are owned by people who produce similar types of products - by farms who grow crops, raise cattle, milk cows, or by craftsmen and artisans. By banding together, they leverage greater bargaining power with buyers. They also combine resources to more effectively market and brand their products, improving the incomes of their members.

Cooperatives follow seven internationally recognized principles:

- * Voluntary and open membership
- * Democratic Member Control
- * Member Economic Participation
- * Autonomy and Independence
- * Education, Training and Information
- * Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- * Concern for the Community

Co-Ops are formed by their members when the marketplace fails to provide needed goods or services at affordable prices and acceptable quality. Cooperatives empower people to improve their quality of life and enhance their economic opportunities through self-help. Throughout the world, cooperatives are providing co-op members with financial services, utilities, consumer goods, affordable housing, and other services that would otherwise not be available to them.



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Agricultural cooperatives play a vital role in our nation's food distribution system. They increase the marketing capability and production efficiency of agricultural producers and bring consumers an abundant supply of high quality food products under nationally recognized brand names. Throughout their cooperatives, farmers have provided themselves with the credit, supplies and services -- and most importantly -- the democratic ownership and control vital to the success of agricultural production in the United States.

Electric Cooperatives are owned by the consumers who buy power and other services from the co-op. Typically organized as non-profits under state law, they provide at-cost electric service.

Like other cooperatives, they are governed by a board of directors elected by and from within their membership. They return any revenue surpluses, after investment in the utility, to their members in the form of reduced rates or retained earnings (known as "capital credits"), which are periodically rotated out of the cooperative to its consumer-owners.

Electric cooperatives formed in the early 1900's to provide electricity to rural areas that investor-owned utilities would not serve. Rural areas, with few customers per mile of line, were considered insufficiently profitable by for-profit utility providers.

There are 2 primary types of electric cooperatives--

- * Consumer-owned distribution cooperatives deliver electricity directly to consumers. There are 865 distribution cooperatives in the U.S. serving 36 million consumer-members in 47 states -- or 12 percent of the U.S. population.
- * Generation and transmission cooperatives, owned by their member electric co-ops, produce and transmit electricity to distribution cooperatives. There are 65 generation and transmission cooperatives in the U.S.

Electric co-ops own and maintain some 2.3 million miles of electricity distribution lines-- or 43 percent of the nation's lines--and cover 75 percent of U.S. land mass. They operate primarily in rural areas, serving fewer than seven consumers per mile and collect just \$8,500 in revenue per mile of line. By contrast, investor-owned and publicly owned utilities average 34 and 44 customers per mile of line and collect \$59,000 and \$72,000 per mile of line, respectively.

More than 600 electric cooperatives are members of Touchstone Energy, a national branding alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives dedicated to providing high standards of service to customers, active in their local communities, and committed to charitable giving and meeting other community needs.

Co-Op Statistics

- * 29 cooperatives have annual revenue in excess of \$1 billion, including such well-known names as Land O'Lakes, Inc., and ACE Hardware. The top 100 co-ops have a combined \$117 billion in revenues.
- * Cooperatives range in size from large enterprises, including U.S. Fortune 500 companies, to single, small local storefronts.
- * 270 telephone cooperatives provide service to two million households.
- * Some 250 purchasing cooperatives offer group buying and shared services to more than 50,000 independent businesses.
- * Nearly 10,000 U.S. credit unions have 84 million members and assets in excess of \$600 billion.
- * Cooperatives operate in every industry, including agriculture, childcare, energy, financial services, food retailing and distribution, health care, insurance, housing, purchasing and shared services, telecommunications, and others.
- * About 30 percent of farmers' products in the U.S. are marketed through more than 3,000 farmer-owned cooperatives.
- * Approximately 900 rural electric cooperatives own and maintain nearly half of the electric distribution lines in the U.S., cover 75 percent of the land mass and provide electricity to 37 million people.
- * More than 1,000 mutual insurance companies, with more than \$80 billion in net written premiums, are owned by their policy holders.
- * More than 6,400 housing cooperatives provide homes for 1.5 million households.
- * U.S. co-ops serve some 120 million members, or 4 in 10 Americans.

-- Statistics gathered from various sources as of March 2005.