

# The Castro County News

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## County adopts lower tax rate

The Castro County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to adopt the proposed 1999-2000 budget and tax rate.

The tax rate of 51.4 cents per \$100 valuation is a decrease from the 51.8-cent effective tax rate and the 51.9-cent tax rate from last year.

The effective tax rate is the rate that would be needed to raise the same amount of tax revenue as last year. Property valuations rose in the county, so not as high a rate is needed to raise the same amount of tax money.

The tax rate includes 39.1 cents for the general fund and 12.3 cents for the road and bridge fund. During the budget process the commissioners agreed to shift the percentage of road and bridge funds going to each precinct. Precinct 1 will receive 30%, Precinct 2 will get 23%, Precinct 3 is allowed 22% and Precinct 4 gets 25%.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said that Pct. 1 needed more income. She said the number of miles in each precinct had changed since the last redistricting and that the roads along irrigated farmland are more expensive to maintain.

Total revenue for the coming year is estimated at \$2,924,361, with \$1,988,701 of that amount to come from the general fund and the rest from road and bridge. Additional carryover funds of \$180,232 will be available for the general fund and \$115,607 for road and bridge.

Expenditures are budgeted at a total of \$2,168,933 for the general fund and \$1,132,601 for the road and bridge fund.

Precinct 1 has planned expenditures of \$255,274, including \$41,400 in capital outlay to cover a road grader payment and purchase of a used tractor.

The budget for Precinct 2 is \$229,199 and \$41,650 of that will go for capital outlay items including a payment on a road grader and the purchase of a "carry-all."

In Precinct 3, the total budget will be \$288,189. Capital outlay expenditures are allowed for the purchase of a road grader and a payment on another one, for a total of \$121,500.

Precinct 4's total budget is \$259,939, with \$50,000 set aside for capital outlay, including a grader payment and purchase of a tractor.

In the general fund portion of the budget, the Sheriff's Dept. has planned expenses of \$693,528, including \$73,145 for capital outlay that is expected to cover purchase of two cars, replacement of the dispatch radio console and repeater, and purchase of bullet-proof vests. The jail is allowed an additional budget of \$95,800.

The budget for the County/District Clerk's office was set at a total of \$112,307. The Tax Assessor/Collector's office is allowed \$92,835. Another \$42,775 is allowed for the

Treasurer, and \$97,137 is budgeted for the County Judge's office.

The Justice of the Peace is allowed a budget of \$50,806, while the county pays \$11,665 toward the expenses of the local office of the Dept. of Public Safety. The Constable's budget was set at \$29,716. The county's portion of the budget for the District Attorney's office is \$39,480. After a public hearing Friday, the County Auditor's budget was set at \$43,282.

The Extension offices have a total budget of \$87,906, with \$12,000 included for rent of office space if anything suitable can be found. Rent of office space also was allowed in the budget for the Adult Probation office at \$12,000. Budgets for the four fire departments in the county included \$32,000 for Dimmitt, \$4,700 for Hart, \$3,700 for Nazareth, and \$2,500 for Sunnyside.

Other expenses set for the courthouse included the lease-purchase of a computer system and purchase of furniture for the district court room.

In other business at the meeting Monday, the commissioners gave approval for the clerk's office to go ahead with a new postage system from Pitney-Bowes. Smithson told the commissioners that the system would not cost as much as the old system for the first year. Also, there is free maintenance for the first year, and no charge at all for any re-sets.

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## Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Tulia now 'local' calls

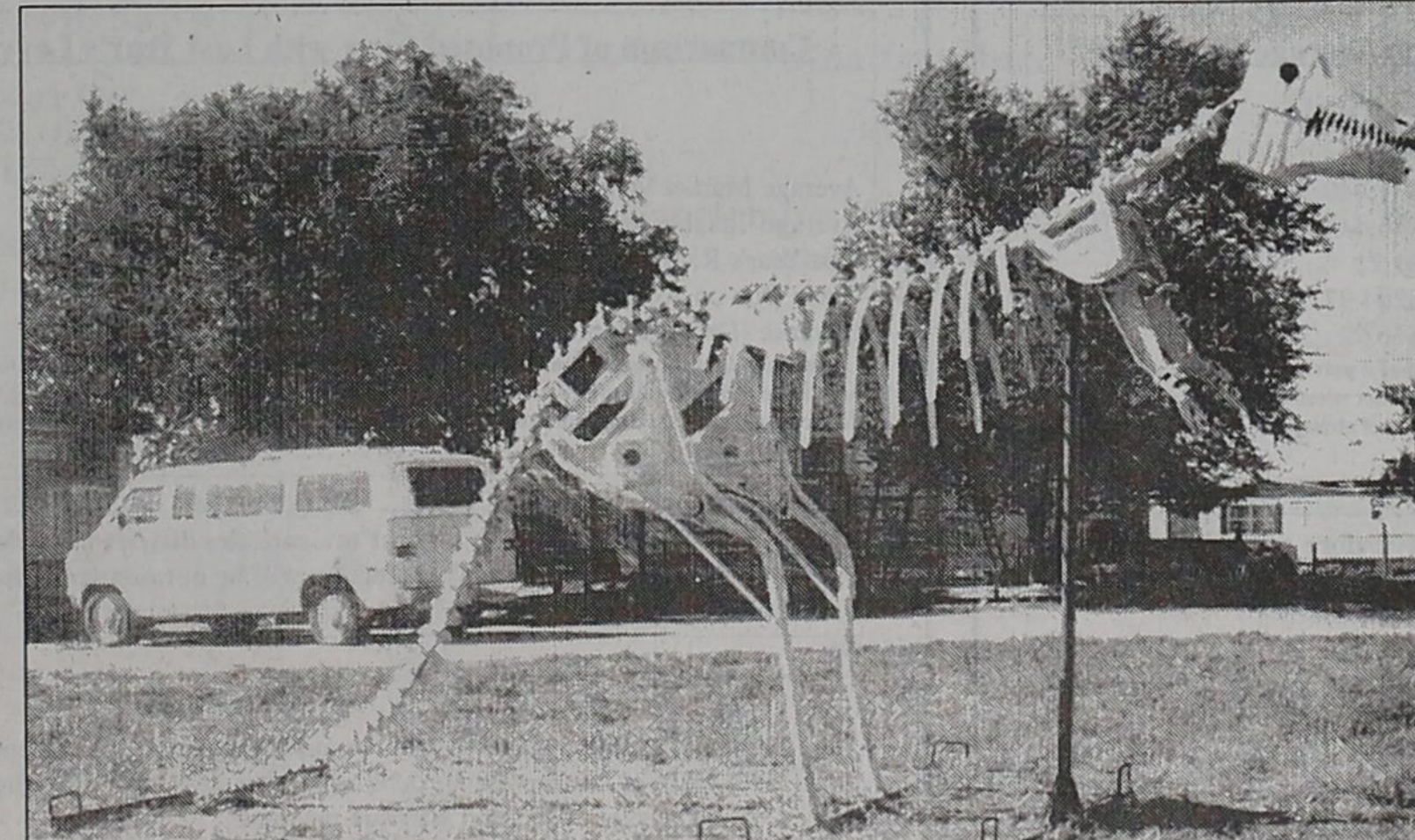
If your phone number has a 647 prefix, you don't need to dial an area code anymore to call any number in Amarillo, Canyon, Tulia or Hereford.

"Extended local calling" for the Dimmitt area went into effect as of last Wednesday, according to a GTE-Texas spokesperson.

"It should be all up and working now," the spokesperson said.

The extended local calling access and the monthly fees to support it were approved in mail balloting by residents in the 647-prefix area. The ELC area also will include Plainview later.

Phone users here will pay flat monthly rates of \$3.50 per residential line and \$7.00 per business line for the access.



A DINOSAUR SCULPTURE made from old transmission and other car parts is on display at 408 SE Fourth in Dimmitt, across from the Expo

building. The sculpture was made by Larry Mendoza. He also has smaller ones on display, along with a "cannon." Photo by Linda Maxwell



A TOTAL LOSS—This Air Tractor 401 belonging to Central Plains Spraying, Inc., of Hart, went down Aug. 25 in an accident while spraying on the Danny Smith farm in the south part of Castro County. N.H. Steed, 62, of Lubbock, was the pilot, and he was able to walk away with minor injuries. He was taken to a Plainview hospital, then transferred to a

Lubbock hospital, where he was kept for observation. He should be cleared to fly again within a week or so, according to Albert Key, owner of Central Plains Spraying. Key said the plane clipped a wing on a power line and went down. Key said other local sprayers have pitched in to help him serve his customers. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Police calls

# Fight! Fight! Fight!

Several assaults were reported in Dimmitt over the past week, and three of the incidents resulted in serious injury to some of the victims.

Saturday at about 11:50 p.m., five individuals were involved in a melee outside of the Town & Country Store in the 400 block of North Broadway in Dimmitt. Police said two Dimmitt men, ages 26 and 27, were injured and required stitches to close their wounds after they were taken to

Plains Memorial Hospital by private vehicle. The suspects who injured the men fled out of town and were stopped just south of Hereford. They were jailed in Hereford.

One of the suspects was charged with aggravated assault/serious bodily injury. The other, who allegedly used a metal pipe in the fray, was charged with aggravated assault with a weapon.

A 28-year-old Dimmitt woman also told police that one of the suspects hit her on the right side of her face and broke her glasses, valued at \$250.

One of the suspects filed counter charges of assault/bodily injury against the three victims.

Sunday at about 1:11 a.m., three suspects, including one juvenile, knocked Alberto Ortega Hernandez, 29, of Dimmitt, to the ground in the alley behind 100 NW Sixth and punched and kicked him, according to police. The three continued to punch and kick the victim even as police arrived at the scene.

Hernandez was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where he was transferred to a Lubbock hospital. His condition was unknown as of Tuesday afternoon.

One of the suspects, a man from Dalhart, was arrested at the scene. Police identified the juvenile suspect and picked him up. He has been taken to a juvenile detention center in Amarillo. The third suspect has been identified, but has not been taken into custody.

Charges of aggravated as-

sault/serious bodily injury were filed against two suspects from Hereford in connection with an incident Saturday at 2:53 a.m. Police said the two struck Jacob Medrano, 18, of Dimmitt, with beer bottles and then kicked him. Medrano was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by private vehicle, then was transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He has since been released, according to police. He suffered head and face injuries. The suspects are not in custody.

Richard Carpio, 21, Enrique Moran, 19, and Tony Leal, 20, all of Dimmitt, told police that three suspects assaulted them at about 12:50 a.m. Sunday in the 100 block of Northwest Sixth. The three said they had been sitting in a vehicle when the suspects attacked them. Two of the victims had minor head injuries.

## Correction

The hospital district's tax rate for fiscal year 2000 will be 33.6¢ per \$100 valuation instead of 33.8¢, as reported in last week's edition.

The hospital board voted to adopt a rate that would raise the same total revenue—\$1,260,000—as was raised by last year's 33.9¢ rate and by a 35¢ rate the year before that.

That rate turned out to be 33.6¢ for the coming year, although the "effective rate" was figured to be 33.8¢.

The "effective rate" formula brings in property improvements, new exemptions, etc., whereas the actual rate set was based only on total property values in the district, which have increased slightly over the last two years, Chief Tax Appraiser Jerry Heller explained.

but did not require medical treatment. Two of the suspects have been identified and charges are pending, according to police.

Andres Bermea, 26, of Nazareth, told police that a suspect punched him in the eye in an incident of assault Saturday at 2:35 a.m. at South Park Lake in Dimmitt.

A 31-year-old Dimmitt man and a 37-year-old Amarillo woman were arrested for assault/family violence/bodily injury in an incident Aug. 24 at 10:07 p.m. in the 300 block of Northwest Fourth. They got into a fight and both suffered minor injuries.

Police were called to Dimmitt High School Aug. 25 at 11 a.m. when a 16-year-old girl reported being assaulted by a suspect who struck her. Police said the victim also had struck the suspect. The victim

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## Weather

|           | High | Low | Prec. |
|-----------|------|-----|-------|
| Thursday  | 89   | 63  |       |
| Friday    | 90   | 64  |       |
| Saturday  | 93   | 63  |       |
| Sunday    | 95   | 63  |       |
| Monday    | 93   | 62  |       |
| Tuesday   | 92   | 60  |       |
| Wednesday | 91   | 59  |       |

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| August Moisture    | 8.20  |
| September Moisture | 0.00  |
| 1999 Moisture      | 27.33 |

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

## Nazareth's Labor Day celebration is Sunday

Nazareth's annual Labor Day picnic and parade will be held Sunday, and the day's celebration will be highlighted by a parade, roast beef dinner, auction, and variety of kids' and adults' games. A hamburger supper and a dance will wrap up the festivities that evening.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Early deadlines are adopted for Sept. 9 issue

The Castro County News has established early deadlines for its Sept. 9 issue because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

Social news and advertising and news from community correspondents, normally due on Monday, will be due on Friday. All other news and advertising must be submitted by 12 noon on Tuesday.

The News office will be open on Labor Day and the Sept. 9 issue will go to press as usual on Wednesday.



**Letter**

**Plains Memorial staff and doctors brightened days for Hereford lady**

**Dear Editor:**  
Do you, the residents of Dimmitt and Castro County, realize how fortunate you are?  
On July 1 I had orthopedic surgery in Amarillo for a broken hip. After the successful operation I was moved to the rehab unit for therapy and recuperation.

For personal reasons, I inquired as to other options. After several inquiries, I elected to move to Plains Memorial Hospital in your city. This was indeed a fortuitous decision.

Never having been there before, I was a stranger to the staff and the attending physicians, as they were to me. This was not for long.

Dr. Hardee became my attending physician and I immediately felt secure. After a short time my hip became of little significance as other complications developed. Within a short period of time, the staff not only cared for me professionally, but became my friends.

My days and nights were brightened each time they entered the room, and never did I ever question Dr. Hardee's decisions. During my six weeks' stay, I was also overjoyed with the cards, visits and gifts from the caring people of your community. It is not often that one feels the emotion as I did upon being released to my home in Hereford.

Each of you will remain close to my heart forever. May God bless you as you continue to care for others as you did for me.

LAVON LEON,  
Teresa Williams' mother



**NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS for the Bobcat Band Parents include (from left) Herminia and Pete Salinas, vice presidents; Carolyn Harman, president; Carolyn Jansa, treasurer; Pat Flores, secretary; Jerry Jansa, treasurer; and Yvonne Huffines, reporter. Officers not pictured include Billy Harman, co-president; Ismael Flores, co-secretary; and Gary Huffines, co-reporter.**  
Photo by Don Nelson

**Food and nutrition meeting set**

There will be a meeting on the 1999-2000 food and nutrition program for Castro County 4-H'ers on Monday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

"We will be planning program activities and setting dates for fall projects," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agents.

Any adult leaders interested in helping with the food program should also plan to attend the meeting.

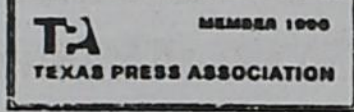
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*There is no finer investment for any community than putting milk into babies. Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have.*  
-Winston Churchill

*The world's largest snowman was built in Valdez, Alaska in April 1992. Built by Philip and Colleen Price, it measured 76 feet two inches.*

**Last Puzzle Solution**

**Lean ground beef contest returns to fair**

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

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

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

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

Rules for the pie contest will be available soon.

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**ACROSS**

- this Meharg was 1st TX woman secretary of state
- TXism: "it'll \_\_\_ a pinch"
- last words of LBJ: "\_\_\_ Mike immediately!"
- Culberson Co. peak: "\_\_\_ Capitan"
- picking the first 3 horses at Lone Star Park: \_\_\_fecta
- exceed other donors
- TXism: "cold as an outhouse \_\_\_ in January"
- proclaiming widely
- TX Ernest Tubb did this "across Texas" in song
- after TX's independence, Santa Anna \_\_\_ leg fighting the French
- "there's no one \_\_\_" (unique man)
- Houston rock singer: "Meat \_\_\_"
- "it's \_\_\_ come true"
- egg dish
- sign the back of a check
- TX Willie held Farm Aid \_\_\_ in 1986
- TX Collin Raye's 1st album
- TXism: "Panhandle \_\_\_" (dust storm)
- Texans call it beer
- TXism: "\_\_\_ than bark on a tree" (frugal)
- more littered
- TXism: "that's all \_\_\_ wrote"
- medicine amount
- TXism for "friend" (shortened form)
- Cowboys objective (abbr.)
- TX-produced children's TV show "\_\_\_ligig"
- Indian tribe of NM
- cowboyless horses (2 wds.)
- TX Pride's "All I Have To You (Is Me)" ('69)
- league of ex-Houston Oilers (abbr.)
- \_\_\_ Grande
- TX Perot's 1st naval rank (abbr.)
- ex-Oiler kicker Zendejas (init.)
- TX Tech award given to rancher of the year
- poker query: "\_\_\_ out?"
- carpentry clamp
- limited inheritance to specified heirs
- TXism: "I'll be \_\_\_!" (exclamation)
- Yo \_\_\_ Digo Creek
- Gov. Hogg's daughter
- Harlingen FM radio
- birth county of singer in 19-across
- tallness measure
- TX mohair goes to this continent
- not common
- TXism: "try your hand \_\_\_ it"
- actor Beatty of "Big Bad John" with TX Jimmy Dean
- Houston suburb: Bell \_\_\_
- Stetsons
- frighten away birds
- Southwest Airlines rate (2 wds.)
- 1st Spanish mission in TX: San Francisco \_\_\_ Tejas
- TXism: "let '\_\_\_ rip!"

**DOWN**

- TX Perot's old co.
- a stooge
- \_\_\_ Wells, TX
- book about '20s TX politics: "Hood, Bonnet, \_\_\_"
- \_\_\_ Jug"
- the '99 Stanley Cup winner Stars
- can see ruins of this on 283 north of Albany (3 wds.)
- film co. (abbr.)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Dimmitt Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5 p.m. on September 13, 1999 in the Dimmitt Independent School District Administration Building. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

|  | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total   | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate   | \$1.210                  | 0                        | \$1.210 | \$1,942                   | \$3,010                   |
| Less State-Funded Tax Relief   | \$.042                   | 0                        | \$.042  | N/A                       | N/A                       |
| Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief   | \$1.252                  | 0                        | \$1.252 | N/A                       | N/A                       |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service** | \$1.243                  | 0                        | \$1.243 | \$1,944                   | \$3,289                   |
| Proposed Rate  | \$1.26                   | 0                        | \$1.26  | \$1,984                   | \$3,331                   |

\*Interest & Sinking fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the votes of this district.  
\*\*The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$375,000.00.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

|   | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$31,440  | \$37,610  |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$16,440  | \$17,610  |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$1.21    | \$1.26    |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$204.97  | \$221.89  |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          | \$16.92   |           |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.282. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.282.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$2,568,605 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | 0           |

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Nazareth Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 8 p.m. on September 13, 1999 in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room at Nazareth School. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

|  | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total     | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate   | \$1.25                   | 0                        | \$1.25    | \$1,113                   | \$4,133                   |
| Less State-Funded Tax Relief   | \$(0.086)                | 0                        | \$(0.086) | N/A                       | N/A                       |
| Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief   | \$1.164                  | 0                        | \$1.164   | N/A                       | N/A                       |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service** | \$0.010                  | 0                        | \$0.010   | \$984                     | \$4,579                   |
| Proposed Rate  | \$1.194                  | 0                        | \$1.194   | \$1,195                   | \$5,314                   |

\*Interest & Sinking fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the votes of this district.  
\*\*The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$69,000.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

|   | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$39,100  | \$39,910  |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$24,100  | \$24,910  |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$1.25    | \$1.194   |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$301.25  | \$297.43  |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          | \$(3.82)  |           |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.194. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.194.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$350,000 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | 0         |





**THE DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969** celebrated its 30-year reunion July 23-24 at the Lubbock Plaza-Holiday Inn. Classmates attending were (front row, from left) Jeanne (Damron) Carpenter, Kay (Wood) Conyers, Cindy (Hopson) Lee, and Darla (Kay) McAndrew; (second row, from left) Roger Henderson, Gary Singer, Vickie (Lawson) Hensley, Janice (Killough) Weaks, Diane (Webb)

Townsend, Carolyn (Scarborough) McDonald and Jimmy Bradley; and (back row, from left) Lee Bradley, Randy Allmon, Jim White, Alex Catoe, Alfred Sammann, Richard Jackson, Linda (Bradley) Catoe, Jerral Seale, Karen (Birdwell) Barron, Steve Buckley, Nell (Wood) Humphrey, Ronnie Burks and Lee Buchanan. Not pictured, but present for the reunion, was Janice (Mooney) Davis. *Courtesy Photo*

# On the Go

with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Dr. Carol Gregory left a quilt at the Castro County Museum that belonged to Jo Gregory, his mother. Madge Robb also brought her quilt. They had belonged to a friends' quilting club and each member was required to make a quilt.

It would be interesting to see some of the other members' quilts.

Rusty Dickerson, the Methodists' preacher, turned 40 years of age and his congregation was nicer to him than he was to his friends who had turned 40 before him.

After services on Sunday, the members of his church treated him to a covered dish luncheon.

Shari Bradley presided and Terri Louder organized the event. Approximately 100 to 150 people attended.

Mary Edna Hendrix had 12 "old goats" to mow the grass and get rid of the weeds at the museum.

Those doing the volunteer yard work were Houston Lust, Rayphard Smithson, George Sides, Ted Stubblefield, Bill Briscoe, Ray Sandoval, Bill Henderson, Bill Birdwell, Bill Stevenson, Tom O'Brian, Boyce Carter and Dale Winders.

The congregation from the First Baptist Church was fortunate Sunday to be able to hear one of our own former "Girls in Action."

Jill Nelson has returned from a mission trip to Uganda. She is a registered nurse at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

P.S.—There is a post script to the friends of the quilt club—It was named the Priscilla Art Club. It was formed in the 1930s. More information would be interesting.

Dwight and Beth Joiner were host and hostess to our Thursday Bridge Club. Dude McLauren finished with the high score and Beth Joiner was second. Martha Dannevik and Retta Cluck were guest players.

Clarissa Herrera finally had a happy birthday. Her parents, Paul and Olivia, took her and her brothers, Aaron and Marcus, to the Discovery Zone in Lubbock, only to discover that it was closed. That was a real disappointment; however, the ribs and fixings helped soothe their feelings. Clarissa had a slumber party later to celebrate her special day.

Hopper and Dolores Ivy spent several days in Almont, Colo., with Hopper's nephew, Chuck Ivy and his wife Ginger. There had been a lot of rain, so the country was green, cool

and covered with beautiful flowers. They visited Taylor Lake, Tin Cup (a mining community), Mirror Lake, Black Canyon, Blue Mesa Lake, Crested Butte, and Gunnison.

# Nazareth

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The annual Labor Day parade and picnic will be held Sunday beginning with a parade at 10 a.m., followed by dinner at the Nazareth Community Hall.

A fancy work booth and bake shop, bingo, raffle, horseshoe tournament, washer pitching, rides and children's games, and an auction should provide enough entertainment for everyone.

Hamburgers will be served from 5 to 8 p.m., and a dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music provided by Southern Sky.

The Catholic Daughters of America held their installation of officers and clergy appreciation at a covered dish supper on Sunday evening. Members and their spouses enjoyed the evening.

A "Meet the Swifts" ice cream social was held last Sunday. Pictures were taken at this time and the junior high and high school Swift football players were introduced. Everyone enjoyed ice cream and cookies.

Evelyn Backus recently spent a few days in Schulenburg visiting relatives including Alvin and Lynette Langhamer and Leon and Marcella Langhamer.

On Saturday they all drove to San Antonio and attended the wedding of their nephew, Perry Kotrola of Virginia, formerly of San Antonio. The temperature that day was a very hot 107 degrees.

South Texas hasn't had any rain in several weeks. Pastures and lawns are badly in need of moisture.

Fritz and Julene Gerber recently enjoyed the weekend in Wichita Falls

with their daughter and son-in-law, Colleen and Neal Wilhelm and their children. They also visited with their uncle, Father Harold Heiman, at the Wilhelm home.

Father Harold and Abbot Jerome Kodell of Subiaco, Ark., were in Wichita Falls to attend a wedding.

Many friends and relatives attended the wedding celebration of Chet Pharies and Melinda Schmuker on Saturday in Holy Family Church. Msgr. Harold Waldo of Amarillo officiated. A reception and dance were held at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Several classmates of the Class of 1981 enjoyed an evening get-together and visiting at the El Camino in Tulia. Attending were Sharon Hampton of Canyon, Lori Wych of Amarillo, Joyce Kleman of Abernathy, Jean Williams of Nashville, Tenn., and Dianne Wilhelm, Becky Samson, Edith Huseman and Leona Acker, all of Nazareth. A great time was had remembering the good old days at school.

There was a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the home of Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm's house to celebrate Rocky's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was enjoyed by many relatives and friends. Out-of-town guests were Becky Hooper, Becky's daughter, Shanda and a friend, Ashley, all of Wichita Falls; Kim Huseman of Amarillo and her daughter, Amber Scott, Kyler and Stephanie of Plano; and Joe and Elaine Sullivan of Dallas.

Prayers are asked for Marvin

Jones, Florine Brockman, Lori Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman Lee, Trey Johnson, Jimmie Schulte and Gail (Kleman) Gagnon, who was scheduled to undergo surgery in Houston on Monday morning.

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300 NE 7th, Dimmitt  
Bobby Starlings.....647-2889
- Sunnyside Baptist**  
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Bennie Wright.....647-5712
- First United Methodist**  
Hart  
Kelly Inman.....938-2462
- La Asamblea Cristiana**  
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Manuel Rodriguez
- First United Methodist**  
110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt  
Rusty Dickerson.....647-4106
- Iglesia De Cristo**  
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Pedro A. Gonzalez
- Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt  
Fern Couture.....647-4219, 647-0105
- Jesus and the Love of God Church**  
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Felix Sanchez.....647-3668

*Praise to thee, my Lord, for all thy creatures.*

—St. Francis of Assisi

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# People



## Booth space available for Harvest Days craft show

One of the most popular attractions at the Castro County Harvest Days celebration each year is the arts and crafts show, and exhibitors are asked to reserve space for this year's show now.

The show will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Expo Building and adjacent quonset barn in Dimmitt.

Booth spaces are 10' x 12' and each space located inside the Expo Building will rent for \$35. Spaces outside the Expo and in the quonset barn will rent for \$25 each. An additional \$5 will be charged to each exhibitor who plans to use electricity in his or her booth.

Those who wish to reserve a booth for the show should call Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524.

Exhibitors may set up their booths on Friday, Sept. 10, between 1 and 8 p.m. or on Saturday, Sept. 11, before 9 a.m.

*Mirth is like a flash of lightning that breaks through a gloom of clouds and glitters for a moment; cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind and fills it with steady and perpetual serenity.*

-Joseph Addison



## Who's New

### OUT-OF-TOWN

It's a girl for Kara and Travis Bock of New Braunfels. Their daughter, Hailey Alyssa Bock, was born July 22. She weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and was 21-3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Beth Schulte-Harder of Dimmitt, Gerald Harder of Canadian, the late Lester Schulte, Ken and Irene Nitsche of Floresville and Alex Bock of San Antonio. Great-grandparents are Dora and Philip Pohlmeier, and Odellia and Clarence Schulte, all of Nazareth; Mary Bock of Yorktown and Sophie Padalecki of San Antonio.

### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Ester Lugo and Gilbert Perez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, who was born Aug. 25 at 9:40 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. He has been named Gabriel Enrique Perez. He has three older siblings, including 5-year-old Destiny Gloria Lugo, 4-year-old Genaro Jaramillo Jr., and 2-year-old Rebecca Mari Jaramillo. Paternal grandparents are Oalia Lugo and Juan Lugo of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Gloria and Andy Gonzales of Dimmitt.

## Myatt named student of week

Ross Myatt, son of Layne and Sue Rita Myatt of Dimmitt, has been named the student of the week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Ross Myatt was born Nov. 8, 1988, in Dimmitt.

He enjoys switching classes and getting to sit with his friends at Dimmitt Middle School.

When he grows up, Myatt wants to be an athlete. He says he does well in sports and would like to be a better student in English. He lists his favorite food as pizza, his favorite book as *Hank the Cowdog*, and his favorite animal as the tiger.

He admires Michael Jordan and he enjoys riding his bike in his free time.

## Sheffy, Scott recite vows at Inn of the Mountain Gods

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Scott, Jr., are home in Dimmitt after enjoying a wedding trip to New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on July 17 in an outdoor ceremony at Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, N.M.

The bride is the former Carrie Sheffy, daughter of Don and Karen Sheffy of Dimmitt. She is the granddaughter of Pauline Bell of Dimmitt.

Parents of the groom are Ben G. and Mollie Scott of Dimmitt. The groom's grandmothers are Estelle Davis of Hereford and Lois Scott of Dimmitt.

Officiating at the nuptial ceremony was the Rev. Karla Sheffy of Pleasanton, Neb., sister of the bride. She was assisted by the Rev. Ron Harris, brother-in-law of the bride.

Baskets of bougainvillea on single white pedestals added color beside a beautiful pool of running water nestled in the pine trees at Inn of the Mountain Gods where the couple exchanged their wedding vows. The mountains and lake in the background provided a perfect setting for the ceremony.

The love chapter from I Corinthians was read, as well as readings on love and marriage from "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran.

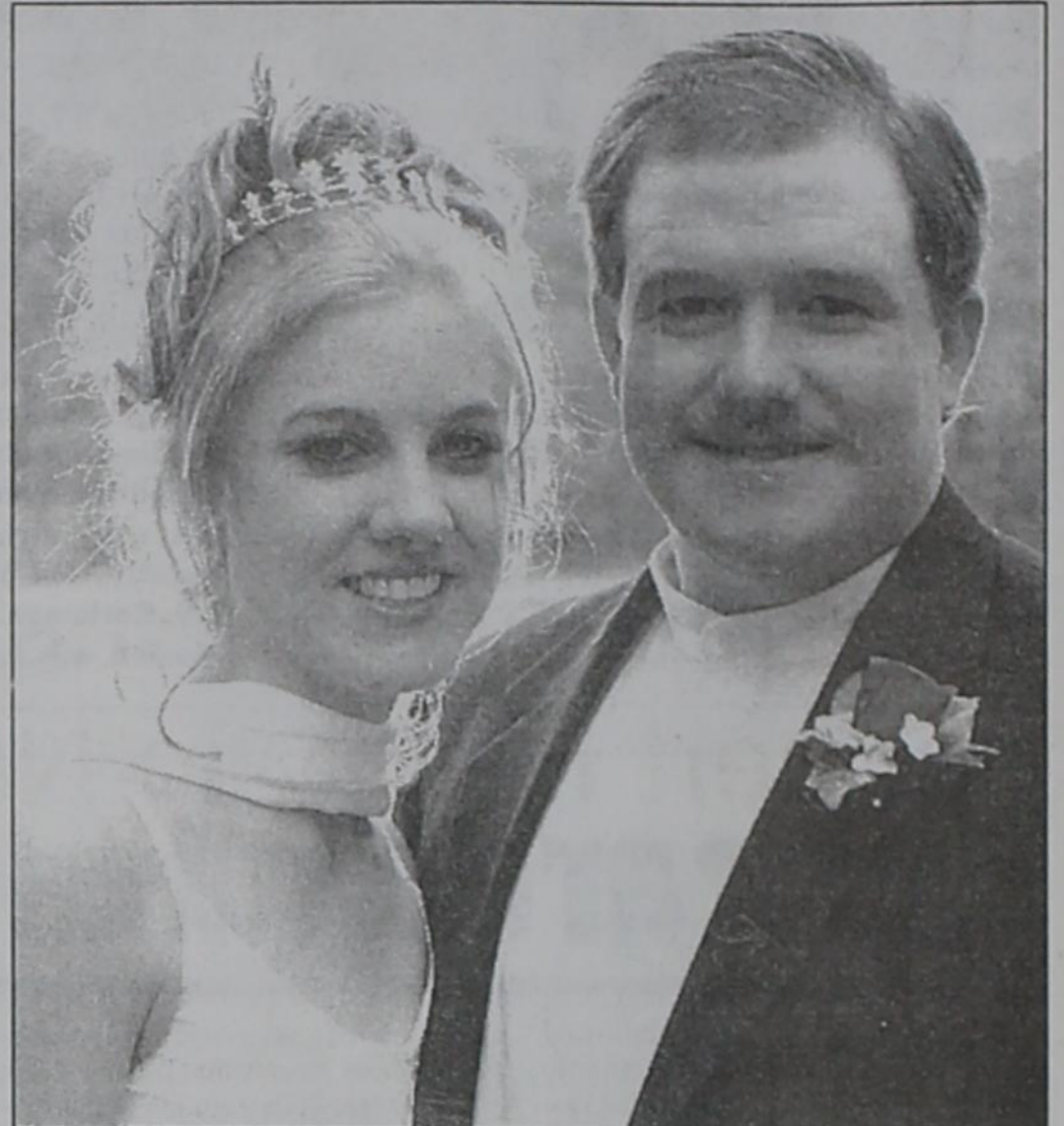
The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore an ivory A-line designer gown of poly-crepe overlaid in chiffon. It was created with a scooped neckline and spaghetti straps. The gown was dusted with crystal beads and sequins.

Her hair was accented with a tiara of pearls and rhinestones. She wore a pair of pearl and rhinestone earrings which were a gift from her grandmother, Pauline Bell; and a matching bracelet, which was a gift from her parents.

She carried a single orchid along with a New Testament that was given to her great-grandmother in 1899 by her Great-Grandfather Bell. The Bible was previously carried by her mother and sister in their weddings. She also carried a lace handkerchief given to her by the groom's mother.

Kristi Sheffy of Dallas, sister of the bride, served as the bridal attendant.

The couple signed their marriage certificate with a pen which belonged



MR. AND MRS. BEN SCOTT JR.  
... She's the former Carrie Sheffy

to the late B.M. Nelson.

A steak and chicken luncheon for the wedding guests was held in the Chiricahua Room at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

The tables were covered with burgundy cloths overlaid with white and decorated with wedding bells and candles. Burgundy floral arrangements accented the tables.

The head table held a bouquet of deep red roses accented with babies' breath.

The couple cut the wedding cake, which was then served by Kristi Sheffy.

A large crystal compote filled with scoops of mint chocolate chip ice cream surrounded by grapes and strawberries was served with hot fudge sauce.

On July 31, the couple was honored with another reception, this time in Dimmitt.

The couples parents hosted the reception at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center.

Tables were covered with white Battenburg cloths and held silver and crystal appointments which were used for refreshments.

Krystal Nelson and Anessa Myrick, sisters of the groom, served the cake and punch.

Arrangements of blue agapanthus and ferns were arranged in crystal vases for the main table and the pick-up food table.

Guests enjoyed visiting at single tables covered with white cloths and arrangements of agapanthus and fern. Everyone was entertained by the Jazz clarinet music of Fan Qing of the Lubbock Symphony.

The bride is a graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She has started her graduate work for

the fall at West Texas A&M University. She is employed by Catholic Family Services in Amarillo.

The groom attended South Plains College in Levelland, Texas Tech University in Lubbock and West Texas A&M University in Canyon. He has farming and ranching interests in Castro County.

## County students earn scholarships

Stacey E. Bennett, Marjorie Durbin, Angela Fulkerson, Amy D. Matthews and Robin Schulte have been awarded renewals of their Sen. Grady and Andrine Hazlewood Scholarships.

Bennett, Durbin and Fulkerson are attending West Texas A&M University while Matthews and Schulte are continuing their education at Texas Tech University.

The Hazlewood Scholarship Fund was established in 1992 to honor Sen. and Mrs. Hazlewood. Graduating seniors from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle are eligible to receive this award and may attend Amarillo College, Texas Tech University or West Texas A&M University.

The Hazlewood Scholarship has been awarded to 16 area graduating seniors for the 1999-2000 academic school year while 73 previous recipients were awarded a renewal of their scholarship.

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**DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964**—Their 35-year class reunion was held Aug. 13-14 at the Radisson Inn of Amarillo. Of the 45 graduates, 23 attended the reunion gathering. Shown are: (front, from left) Sandra (Rodriguez) Schreck of Albuquerque, N.M., Kaye (Williams) Stevens of Dimmitt, Carlanne (Calvert) Flynt of Amarillo, Suzie (Davis) Phillips of Amarillo, Danelle Crowley of Canyon Lake, Nancy Carol (Hays) Hance of Austin, and James Faulker of San Antonio; (middle, from left) La Dawn (Kemp) Reichling of Kentfield, Calif., Jack

Nichols of San Ramon, Calif., Lou Ann (Hays) Bradley of Denton, Kathy (Gollehon) Poer of Plano, Carolyn (Holcomb) Pittman of Little Rock, Ark., and Eugene Oldham of Plano; and (back, from left) Larry Scoggin of Midland, Joe Wright of Plainview, Sharon (Lilley) Steffey of Hart, Clint Summers of Fresno, Larry Hastings of Lubbock, Dennis Cleaver of Amarillo, and Jim Aldridge of Olton. Not pictured are Jim Axe of Lubbock and Bill Meyers of Big Springs. Class members set up a committee to schedule future reunions every five years. *Courtesy Photo*

## Brass concert set in Plainview

The Plainview Symphony Orchestra will begin its 21<sup>st</sup> season with a free chamber brass concert in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church Sunday, Sept. 12, at 2:30 p.m.

A reception for the public will be hosted by the Musical Arts Club.

The symphony orchestra is made up of many area musicians during the year, but for the first brass con-

cert, players from Lubbock, Canyon, Floydada, Hale Center, Petersburg and Plainview will perform.

Tim Kelley of Wayland Baptist University is beginning his second year as the artistic director and conductor of the orchestra.

The Sunday concert, featuring the brass quintet, will last about one hour and will include favorites from light classics, jazz and dixieland to popular American songs. Favorites will be played from John Phillip Sousa, George Cohan, Irving Berlin, LeRoy Anderson and others, Kelley said.

Season tickets for the Plainview

Symphony Orchestra are \$20 for adults, \$40 for families and \$8 for students.

Other concerts are featured classical selections on Oct. 21, a Christmas festival on Dec. 2 and music by Sousa on Jan. 20, 2000. March 2, 2000 has been billed as "The Millennium Concert: A Proud Heritage."

All concerts will be held in the Haral Auditorium on the Wayland Baptist University campus. The concerts will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will be over by 9 p.m. Limited seats will be available at the box office at 7 p.m.

## Lupus support group to meet

Anyone who is interested in forming a support group for victims of lupus are invited to a meeting today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

"We invite anyone who would like to learn more about lupus and related diseases," said Linda Maxwell, an organizer of the meeting. "This is not only for victims of the disease, but also their friends and family members."

Maxwell said plans will be discussed for having an informational booth during Harvest Days, and also for some fund-raising activities.

"There are many levels of severity with lupus and there are many related diseases classified as 'auto-immune' diseases—those in which the body attacks its own tissues," Maxwell said. "Everyone is invited to join our support group, not just those with lupus."

## Tennessee Tuckness to give concert Friday in Nazareth

It takes time to bring dreams to fruition.

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

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

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

Tennessee Tuckness (her real name since birth) is a spirited singer-songwriter who captivates her audiences with a sultry bluesy-country flavor and a radiant presence. In the

past year she has maintained a steady schedule of weekly performances at venues in Amarillo and Lubbock as well as being a featured performer for the past two summers at Amarillo's Polk Street Block Party.

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

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

With continued work, local volun-

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

## Friendship Quilters' entry named finalist at Houston

A quilt entered by the Friendship Quilters' Guild of Dimmitt has been named a finalist in the International Quilt Association's Judged Show—Quilts: A World of Beauty.

The finalists juried into the show will be on display at the 25th anniversary of International Quilt Festival on Oct. 21-24 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

The Friendship Quilters' Guild entry, "There's A Dandelion in Our Garden," was entered in the Group Quilt category. It was selected as one of the 353 finalists from among 543 total entries from around the state, country and world.

Finalists in the judged show will compete for \$67,000 in cash prizes in 16 categories, five Master Awards, Viewers Choice, and Best of Show. Awards in each category include \$2,000 to the first place winner, \$700 for second, and \$300 for third place.

The purpose of the judged show is to promote and encourage the art and appreciation of quilting and wearable art.

The guild is selling chances on its quilt, with the winner to be named during Harvest Days activities Sept. 11. However, the winner will not take possession until after the quilt is shown in Houston. The quilt was the Best of Show winner at the annual Ogallala Quilter's Festival in Dimmitt. Call Joyce Davis at 647-5362 for information on buying chances on the quilt.

The International Quilt Association, founded in 1979 and celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, is the only international not-for-profit quilting organization dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting, the attainment of public recognition for quilting as an art form, and the advancement of the art throughout the world.

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## Water planning group predicts aquifer depletion will continue

Castro County already has received more than its average annual rainfall this year, but more will be needed every year to ensure water from the Ogallala Aquifer will be plentiful into the next millennium.

So far this year, the National Weather Service observer for Castro County (KDHN Radio) has recorded 27.33 inches of rain. That's almost 10 inches more than the annual average for the past 52 years.

From 1945 to 1997, the average annual rainfall in Castro County has been 17.49 inches. During the 10-year period from January 1985 to December 1994, Castro County recorded an average annual rainfall of 17.17 inches. That has taken a toll on the supply of water in the Ogallala Aquifer, which has a negative 15,555 acre-feet deviation per year.

In 1985, there was a change of

10,354,357 acre-feet in the volume of water in storage in the county (based on changes in the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Formation as estimated from maps made by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and HDR Engineering, Inc.) That number dropped to 9,023,308 in 1995, which means the portion of the aquifer from which Castro County draws its water was depleted by 1,331,049 acre-feet over the 10-year period.

Long-range projections show the stored water in the aquifer could be diminished by as much as 133,104 acre-feet very 10 years. If that happens, the water supply in the year 2000 would drop to 8,357,788 acre-feet. It would fall to 7,159,852 by 2010; to 6,081,710 by 2020; to 5,111,381 by 2030; to 4,238,086 in 2040 and finally to 3,452,120 by 2050.

The best way to stop the depletion is by replenishing the moisture. Precipitation is the largest reoccur-

### 'Fraud Squad' offers scam prevention

The International Fraud Squad, based in Quebec, Canada, is offering help to the public in avoiding marketing scams and related events.

The non-profit organization distributes a free monthly newsletter, "The Golden Bugle," and maintains a Hot Line that provides immediate assistance and advice.

The Hot Line number is (514) 425-6276. Those interested in investigating a particular business or marketing event may call. You may also call the Hot Line to subscribe to the newsletter.

Brian Brunton-Guerard, president of the organization, has distributed information saying that \$40 billion a year is lost through fraud in North America, with 70% of all scams being perpetrated on people over the age of 60.

The newsletter for the fraud prevention program is filled with prevention tips and current scams.

"The reason for the newsletter is because it's the people's voice," Brunton-Guerard said. "The newsletter is a constant reminder that we have a problem."

The Fraud Squad also may be reached by writing to 2975 St. Charles, Suite 118, Montreal, Canada H9H3B5 or through FAX to (514) 425-4565.

"We want to help prevent scams," Brunton-Guerard said. "The key to success is to be available to the public before the damage is done."

Brunton-Guerard, 24, used to be involved in telemarketing and was in a managerial position where he "saw the truth about telemarketing."

"What I was doing was legitimate, but it wasn't worthwhile to the customers," he said. "That planted the seed in me."

ring and renewable water supply for the Llano Estacado Regional Water planning area.

Precipitation provides about 60% of urban landscape water demands and irrigation water demands. It provides all the water for surface water reservoirs and all the water for range land and dryland crop production. Precipitation also provides water for wildlife and natural recharge to the aquifer.

Members of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group are now evaluating the total water resources for the 21-county region as required by Senate Bill 1 and Texas Water Development Board rules.

As part of the planning process, High Plains Water District staff member Scott Orr has obtained precipitation records for the years 1945

to 1997 from each of the National Weather Service reporting stations within the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning region.

The average annual quantity of precipitation received was calculated for each weather station and plotted on a regional map. The map was contoured, and the average annual volume of water supplied by the precipitation was calculated by planimetry between contours. These areas were then multiplied by the average precipitation for each contour interval, and then the volume for all contour intervals was totaled.

The average annual volume of water received from precipitation from 1945 through 1997 in the 12,988,090-acre area of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning

area was 19,940,077 acre-feet. Of this 19,940,077 acre-feet of water, less than 1% of the total became runoff that escapes the area in streams, draws or rivers.

The remaining runoff is trapped in playa basins or surface water reservoirs used for public water supply and/or recreation. The approximately 14,000 playa basins in the region are the focal point for natural recharge to the aquifer.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan area consists of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum Counties in the Southern High Plains of Texas.

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## Police calls . . .

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received scratches on her face, according to police.

Juan Prieto told deputies that he was assaulted in a fight at Roadside Park Friday night.

Zeferino Villarreal of Dimmitt told police Monday night that someone broke out the back window of his pickup while it was parked at the Azteca Complex. He estimated the damage at \$500.

In an incident of criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500, a Dimmitt juvenile told police that someone punctured all four tires on his vehicle while it was parked at 110 NW Sixth on Aug. 25. The youth estimated the damage at \$320.

Annie Sauced of Dimmitt told police last Thursday that an unknown suspect or suspects entered a residence in the 600 block of Southwest Third and removed a VCR valued at \$280.

Classic Cable Co. reported to dep-

uties Aug. 25 that someone tried to pry open a hasp lock on the main control building at the company's site east of Dimmitt.

Phillips Pipeline Co. in Nazareth told deputies last Thursday that someone damaged some security lights in the Nazareth area on Aug. 19. The damage was done with a small caliber firearm, according to deputies.

Several drug and alcohol-related incidents were reported during the past week:

—Police executed a search warrant Saturday at about 3:19 a.m. at the Azteca Complex and arrested a 31-year-old Dimmitt woman for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. Items found in the search included approximately 4 grams of marijuana in two plastic bags, a home-made steel crack pipe, a marijuana cigarette, and marijuana seeds and stems.

—In an incident at 8:33 p.m. Sunday, three juveniles were charged with being minors in possession of an alcoholic beverage and possession of drug paraphernalia. While officers were searching the van the youths were in, a 24-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for disorderly conduct. Police said the man was trying to interfere with officers performing their duties.

Police said they had received a report that the juveniles in the van had a hand gun. A search revealed no weapon, but drug paraphernalia was discovered. The driver of the van also was charged with driving under the influence.

—A 28-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed Saturday night for public intoxication and deadly conduct. Police said neighbors of the woman reported that she had been yelling at them earlier and then took a shotgun and pointed it at their residence in

the 400 block of Northwest Sixth.

—Friday at 11:29 p.m., a Dimmitt man, 31, was arrested for DWI, second offense.

—Saturday at 1:20 a.m., an 18-year-old Dimmitt man was charged with driving under the influence and driving without a license.

—A Pharr man, 21, was arrested at 12:38 a.m. Tuesday for consumption of an alcoholic beverage after hours.

—A Dimmitt man, 48, was jailed Friday on a motion to revoke probation, which stemmed from charges of DWI, second offense.

Animal Control Officer Ty Lively reported an incident of cruelty to animals on Aug. 24 at 2:20 p.m. He said a suspect had abandoned some dogs without food or water in the 400 block of Northeast Fifth in Dimmitt.

Two suspects were arrested for reckless driving the night of Aug. 24 in the 400 block of Southwest Fourth.

Early Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 26, was jailed for disorderly conduct. Police said he had been urinating in public.

A clerk at Allsup's told police that someone drove off early Saturday without paying for \$10-worth of gasoline.

Some suspects distracted a clerk at Town & Country and took a six-pack of beer, valued at \$4.49.

Jaime Escamilla was given a ticket for failure to control speed on Saturday night after the 1984 GMC pickup he was driving turned a corner too fast and struck a wooden fence belonging to Linda Koch and Mary Monk at 601 SW Fifth. The vehicle had light damage and Escamilla was not injured. No damage estimate was available for the fence.

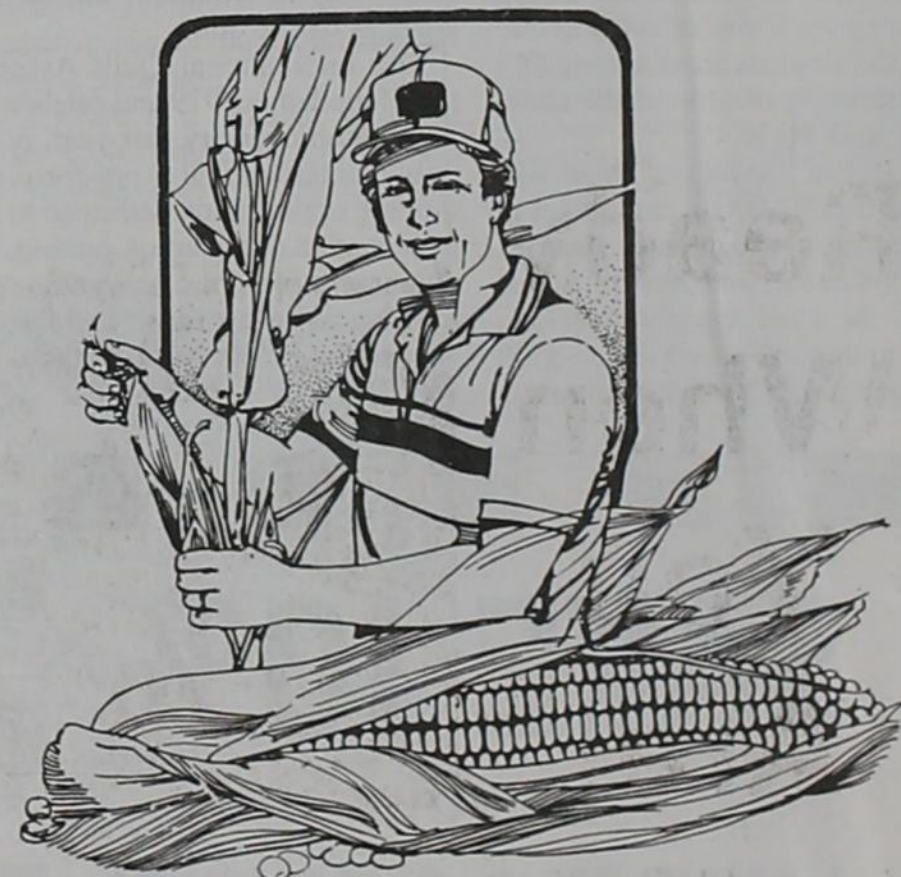
### Candidate filing opens for city special election

Filing has started for candidates wanting to serve on the Dimmitt City Council to fill the place left vacant by council member Lyman Schroeder, who moved away.

The special election will be held Nov. 2. The term for the at-large position will expire in May of 2001.

Candidate filing will close Sept. 20. Candidate applications are available at the Dimmitt City Hall and must be returned there when completed. The city offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# Farm Service Agency Update

By TRISH ELLIOTT  
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Because of the depressed market prices, you are reminded to watch the market and not sell your crops until after you have applied for a loan deficiency payment (LDP or POP) in the FSA office.

Producers eligible for these programs must have been raised on a farm participating in the AMTA farm program and include barley, oats, wheat, corn or sorghum for grain, hay or ensilage. The acreage also must be certified as "correct use" (silage, grain, hay, etc.).

Producers should remember to certify any crops planted behind failed acres so those will also be eligible for LDPs.

Producers who have production delivered for immediate sale under a contract that states "sold when delivered" or "upon delivery;" if sold as it "crosses the scales" at the delivery point; or hay harvested on the halves, you need to file a CCC-709 filed prior to harvest.

This is different than last year, when we got the procedure after silage had been cut in our county.

If you have silage you are delivering to a feedyard or other place, you must have a CCC-709 form filed in the FSA office before you begin harvesting.

The LDP rate will be based on the date of harvest and/or delivery (when beneficial is lost). If you are storing ensilage in your own pit, this crop may be considered farm stored, and an LDP may be requested at any time provided it has not been fed or sold.

If you don't sell our crop when it is delivered, you may request a LDP at any time after harvest is complete, but prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop (fed or sold). To request this LDP, you will need to file a form CCC-666 LDP, which is a loan deficiency payment application and certification. The rate will be based on the date your request is received in our office.

Under the LDP program, producers will receive a direct payment based on the difference between the county loan rate and the posted county price (which changes daily). If beneficial interest is maintained at delivery, the LDP rate will be based on the date of the request.

If beneficial interest is lost at delivery and a request for a LDP (CCC-709) has been filed prior to harvest, the LDP rate will be based

on the date of delivery.

Producers who retain title, control and risk of loss in eligible production at delivery can request a loan deficiency payment or pledge the production as collateral for a low-interest nine-month loan anytime prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop.

Under the low-interest non-recourse loan program, producers can pledge their eligible production for a nine-month loan. Anytime during the loan period the loan can be repaid at the lessor of the principal plus interest or the posted county price in effect on the date of the repayment; or the commodity can be forfeited to CCC without recourse at the end of the loan period.

The 1999 county loan rates for Castro County are \$2.63 per bushel for wheat; \$2.24 per bushel for corn; \$3.49 per hundredweight for sorghum; \$4.78 per bushel for soybeans, \$8.99 per hundredweight for sunflowers (oil) and \$8.69 per hundredweight for sunflowers.

When a producer obtains a commodity loan or requests a loan deficiency payment, the producer agrees to the terms and conditions when signing the form and agrees that they will not:

- \* Provide an incorrect certification of the quantity or make any fraudulent representation, including misrepresentation of the eligibility of a commodity for loan or LDP.
- \* Remove or dispose of a quantity of a commodity pledged as collateral for a CCC commodity farm-stored loan without prior approval of COC.

- \* Any producer determined to have violated the terms and conditions as stated above shall be subject to:
- \* An assessment of liquidated damages and other administrative actions, including liability for monetary amounts as specified on applicable forms.
- \* Criminal prosecution under federal law.
- \* Prosecution under civil fraud statutes.

Due to the good moisture the county has received, weeds on idle ground and CRP acres could become a problem quickly. Regulations do not require this office to notify a producer if a weed problem exists; however, it is a requirement that penalties be assessed on these acres where weeds are a problem. Keep in mind that it is the producer's

responsibility to ensure that the following rules are followed:

- \* All Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) acreage shall be protected from wind and water erosion and weeds shall be controlled.
- \* CRP maintenance is the producer's responsibility. The producer must ensure that approved vegetative cover is maintained to control wind and water erosion, and ensure that weeds, undesirable vegetation, insects, rodents, etc., that pose a threat to existing cover or adversely impact other landowners in the area are controlled.

USDA recently authorized additional funding for FSA to assist small hog producers.

Producers will be paid up to \$10 per slaughter-weight hog multiplied by the number of hogs (up to 500) marketed during the last six months of 1998.

Sign-up will be from Aug. 9 to Sept. 24. During this sign-up period, producers who did not participate in the previous SHOP must apply for the program at the FSA office to receive the payment.

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## Harvest Days tractor pull set for Sept. 9

A tractor pull for children ages 4 to 12 will be held next Thursday (Sept. 9) starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Advance registration forms are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford.

The event is being sponsored by the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club, and competitors may qualify to advance to the area competition.

The competition is divided by age, and boys and girls both are welcome to participate.

Pedal tractors are provided.

## Entertainment scheduled for Harvest Days

A rock band, middle school singers and a fiddlers' contest will all be included in the entertainment scheduled during the day on Sept. 11 as a part of the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

"December," the band featuring Dimmitt natives Joshua and Justin Roberts, will perform from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the Expo building.

At 1 p.m., the Dimmitt Middle School Choir will perform inside the Expo. They are directed by Elaine Hazel.

The Fiddlers' Contest will start at 1:30 p.m. inside the Expo.



**YOU ARE APPRECIATED**—The Castro County Farm Bureau, represented by (from left) Malcolm Sager, agency manager; Norman Gerber, Farm Bureau vice president and (far right) Lonnie Robb, Farm Bureau president, recently presented checks for \$150 to each of the fire departments who assisted at a fire at the home of Mary Cluck on May 17. On

hand to accept the donations were Virgil Wilhelm of the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Department and Kent Bradley of the Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department. Not pictured are representatives of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department and the Hart Volunteer Fire Department, who also received donations.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

# Farmers Union plans Rural Unity Day Friday

Texas Farmers Union will hold a "Rural Unity Day" Friday to help heighten awareness of the farm crisis and its impact on all segments of the community.

The meeting will be held at Danny's Hens and Fins at 50<sup>th</sup> and Q Street in Lubbock Friday, beginning with a 25¢ farmers' share lunch at 12 noon.

The gathering will bring together lawmakers, business owners, religious groups, farm leaders and others to call attention to the severity of the farm crisis and the need for immediate relief action by Congress.

Local, state and federal legislators, including Sen. Paul Wellstone, a well-known rural and producer advocate will be on hand to discuss the farm crisis with constituents.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for a cross-section of the community to gather and voice its common concerns about the farm crisis," said Wes Sims, president of Texas Farmers Union. "The impact of the crisis is not limited to the farm—rural main street feels the effects as well. Action needs to be taken immediately to help end the steep hurdles facing so many in agriculture. This is a chance to send a message to Congress that it must act now."

Sims said a \$7.4 billion package passed by the US Senate before the August recess is a first step. Farmers Union's proposed short-term financial assistance package is \$16,725 billion, while other agriculture organizations also are calling for higher figures than the Senate version. After the US House of Representatives considers its own package after Labor Day, differences will be worked out between both houses.

"Producers are being liquidated because bankers are becoming con-

cerned with lack of return as a result of record low commodity prices," Sims said. "Banks are foreclosing and farmers are being put out of business. Farmers who have worked a lifetime have now reached the point where they must sell everything they own to hopefully break even and owe no debt to creditors or the government. We need leaders to care that rural citizens are being displaced and rural America is virtually dying."

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## First aid class set

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a Community First Aid and Safety Class on Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Red Cross building at 224 S. Main in Hereford.

Instruction will include cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for infants, children and adults. Instruc-

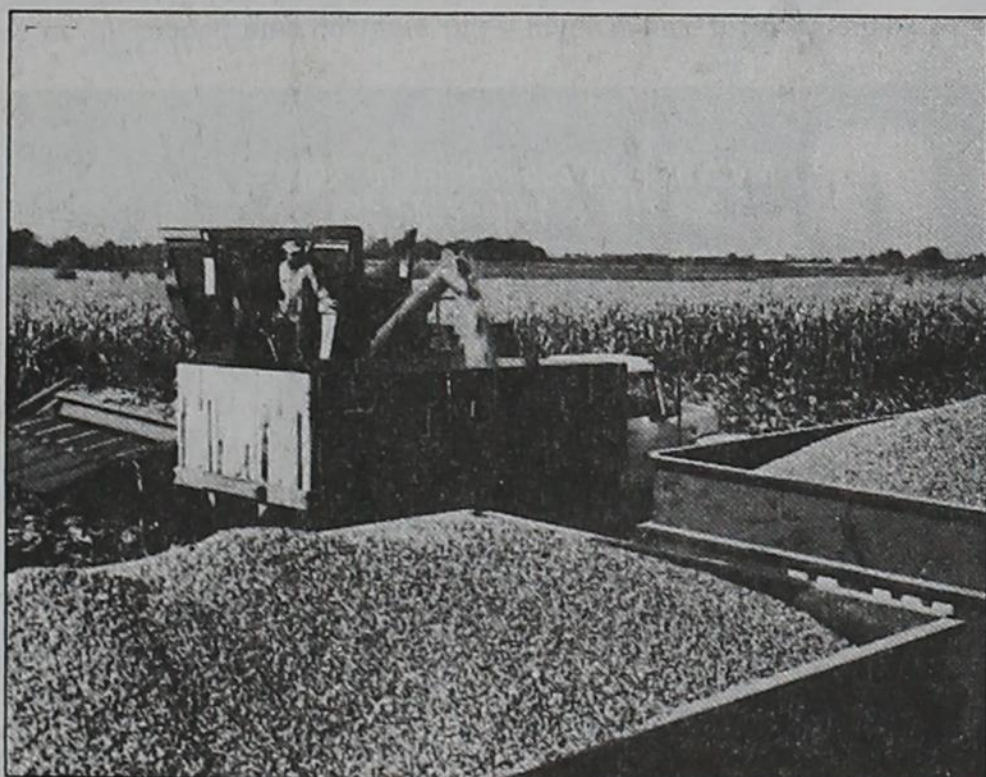
tor for the class will be Tyson Foerster.

For more information or to register for the class, call 364-3761.

"If you have never taken a class taught by Tyson, it will be a real treat for you," a chapter spokesperson said. "He makes the class quite a memorable experience."

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# Sports



## Dimmitt Bobcats

# Seniors plan to lead team into playoffs

The Bobcats don't want to be also-rans again this year.

"We've missed the playoffs the last three years by a total of 17 points," Head Coach Bruce Dollar said.

"Three years ago, River Road beat us 14-7. The next year, Perryton beat us 21-14. And then last year we got beat 10-7 after we fumbled on the 1-yard line," the coach recounted.

"Our goal is to get into the playoffs," Dollar said, "because once you're in the playoffs, anything can happen."

"The kids have their hearts set on being a playoff team. We would love to win district, sure, but you have to take that first baby step before you can take that giant one."

The Bobcats will take their first step of the regular season when they host the Sundown Roughnecks Friday. Kickoff time is 8 p.m.

Here are Dimmitt's probable starters:

### OFFENSE

Tight end: Shane Furr, 6-0, 170 Sr. Right tackle: Daniel Salazar, 6-2, 210, Sr.

Right guard: Tanner Griffitt, 5-11, 210, Jr. Center: Bobby Hill, 5-9, 170, Jr. Left guard: Michael Penny, 5-8, 170, Sr.

Left tackle: Armando Castaneda, 5-10, 195, Sr.

Split end: Daniel Flores, 5-10, 145, Sr.

Quarterback: B. J. Hill, 5-10, 150, Jr. Wingback: Keevin Sanders, 6-0, 165, Sr.

Fullback: Anthony Oltivero, 5-8, 145, Soph.

Tailback: Justin Sutton, 5-8, 160, Sr.

### DEFENSE

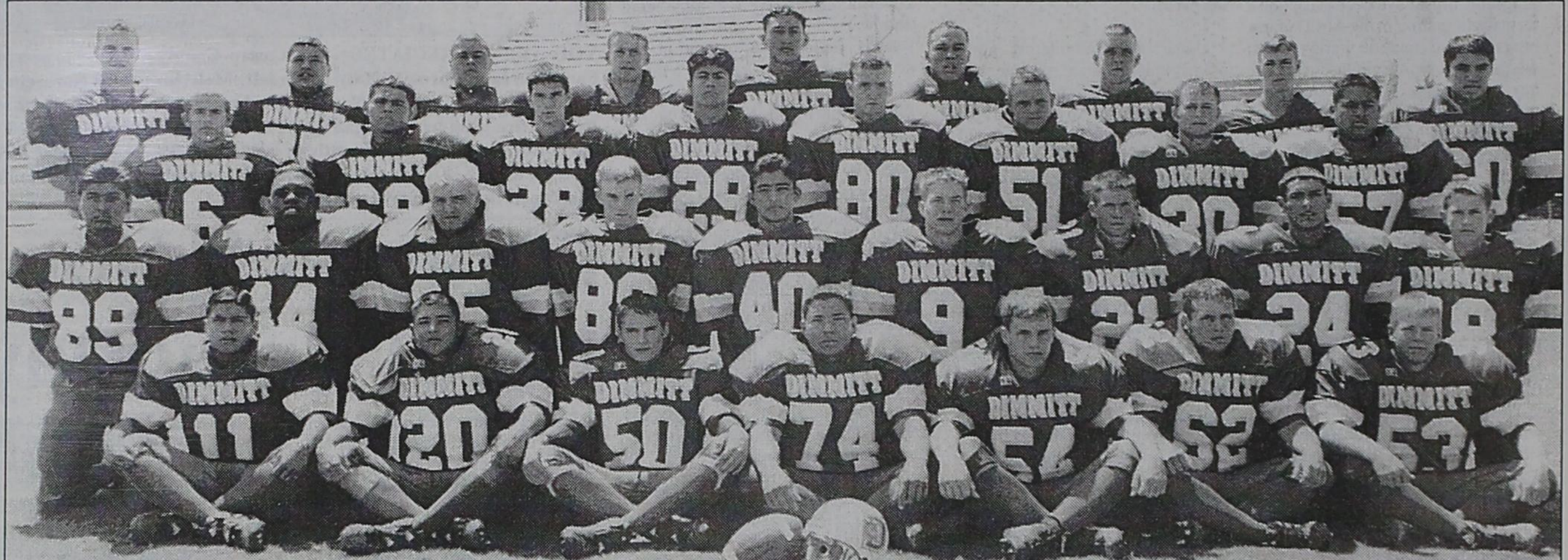
Right end: James Jackson, 5-9, 165, Sr.

Right tackle: Salazar.

Left tackle: Fred Traylor, 5-10, 230, Sr.

Left end: Castaneda.

Linebackers: Penny, Bobby Hill and Oltivero.



THE 1999 DIMMITT BOBCATS include (SEATED, from left) Anthony Oltivero, Luis Gonzalez, James Jackson, T.J. Reyna, Bobby Hill, Michael Penny, and Tanner Self. (SECOND ROW, from left): Jonathan Jimenez, Fred Traylor, Tanner Griffitt, Daniel Proffitt, Salvador Diaz, B.J. Hill, Justin Sutton, Daniel Flores and Brent Josselet. (THIRD ROW, from left):

Mitchell Gentry, Eric Enriquez, Wesley Harkins, Jesse Acosta, Jeremy Furr, Jonathan Stevens, Jake Laurent, and Jacob Castillo. (BACK ROW, from left): Keevin Sanders, Juan Gonzales, Chris Paz, Cory Lane, Matthew Sandoval, Daniel Salazar, Shane Furr, Matthew Wright and Armando Castaneda.

Photo by Don Nelson

Corner backs: Flores and Daniel Proffitt, 6-0, 150, Jr. Safeties: Sanders and Sutton.

All nine seniors on the squad are returning starters who held down six offensive and six defensive positions on last year's 6-4 team that finished third in District 1-AAA.

"Our main strength is our seniors," Dollar said. "They're great leaders, and the closest-knit group we've had."

However, seven of last year's juniors aren't back to play their senior season. Why?

"A couple of them are too old, and some of them chose not to play," Dollar said. "A couple of them bought pickups and are having to

work to pay for them."

Has the recent mass turnover in assistant coaches affected player turnout?

"Kids don't play because of coaches," Dollar said. "They play because they like to play. It doesn't matter who the coach is. If that were the case, why are all these kids out here, ready to play?"

About the replacements for all the assistant coaches who resigned, Dollar commented, "Any time you have a change in personnel, you want to try to hire someone who is just as good, or even better. The people we've hired are just outstanding."

He added, "The kids are my first priority. I'm going to have people

out there who are concerned for our kids."

In addition to the nine seasoned seniors, the varsity squad includes 17 juniors. Five to eight sophomores will see varsity action this year, too.

"The kids we have coming back played in that game against Perryton last year—you know, that heart-breaker where we got down there and fumbled on the 1-yard line and missed the playoffs because of it—and they don't want something like that to ever happen again," Dollar said.

"They've spent the off-season and the summer getting ready to play again. You know, that's one of the great things about athletics—kids learn to make a commitment to achieve a goal, and to work toward that, and that's a valuable experience."

In the two pre-season scrimmages, the Bobcat defense has proven that it can be depended upon while the offense jells.

"The defense is still ahead of the offense, and that's good," Dollar said. "We had some new players coming in on offense, and we wanted our defense to be able to carry us until they came along, and the defense is playing real well right now."

On offense, the Bobcats will still rely on multiple looks built on the I formation.

"We'll line up a little differently than we did last year because of personnel," Dollar said.

"We'll always have a wide receiver out, because we've got three of the best wide receivers around—Daniel Flores, Daniel Proffitt and Keevin

## BOBCATS '99 KICKOFF

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| Sept. 3  | Sundown          | 8 p.m.    | Here  |
| Sept. 10 | Lamesa           | 8 p.m.    | There |
| Sept. 17 | Friona           | 8 p.m.    | Here  |
| Sept. 24 | Brownfield       | 8 p.m.    | There |
| Oct. 1   | Muleshoe         | 8 p.m.    | Here  |
| Oct. 8   | * River Road     | 7:30 p.m. | There |
| Oct. 15  | * Tulia          | 7:30 p.m. | Here  |
| Oct. 22  | * Sanford-Fritch | 7:30 p.m. | There |
| Oct. 29  | * Dalhart        | 7:30 p.m. | There |
| Nov. 5   | * Perryton       | 7:30 p.m. | Here  |

District games are marked with an asterisk (\*)  
Dimmitt will celebrate homecoming on Sept. 17.

Sanders. Wesley Harkins (5-8, 140, Jr.) comes in and plays some, and he does a good job, too."

So the receivers are there for Hill to hit when needed. But Dollar also intends to establish a good running game.

"If you never had to pass, you'd love it," Dollar said, "but we're going to take what they give us. If they put eight or nine people up on the

line of scrimmage, you're going to have to throw. And if they don't, we're going to turn our running backs loose."

The ground game will depend heavily on the speedy Sutton, who had to take over most of the ball-toting duties last year after star fullback Beau Hill went down with a career-ending concussion at mid-season.

Although Oltivero will start at fullback, he'll be spelled by fellow sophomore Jake Laurent and by Traylor, who saw limited action at the position last season. It will depend on the situation, the coach said. "All three of them have different skills, and they're all three going to play," Dollar said.

While the 1999 Bobcats pursue their dream of making the playoffs, the coaches will keep their fingers crossed, hoping there won't be any season-wrecking injuries this year.

"I think that two years ago, if Zack Matthews hadn't gotten hurt, we'd have been in the playoffs," Dollar said, "and last year, if Beau Hill and Daniel Flores and a couple of other kids hadn't gotten hurt, I know we'd have been in."

"You don't have any control over injuries," Dollar added. "We're just trying to teach them to play hard and play aggressive, and see what happens."

"We know we have a good program. We just haven't been able to take that giant step yet."

But Dollar thinks this may be the year that the Bobcats will break the DHS playoff drought that has hung on since 1976.

"We've all seen teams that had talent but no chemistry," he said. "These kids have the chemistry."

*Sarah Joseph Hale, the most famous magazine editor in the U.S. during the 1800s was instrumental in persuading President Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday and was also the author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."*

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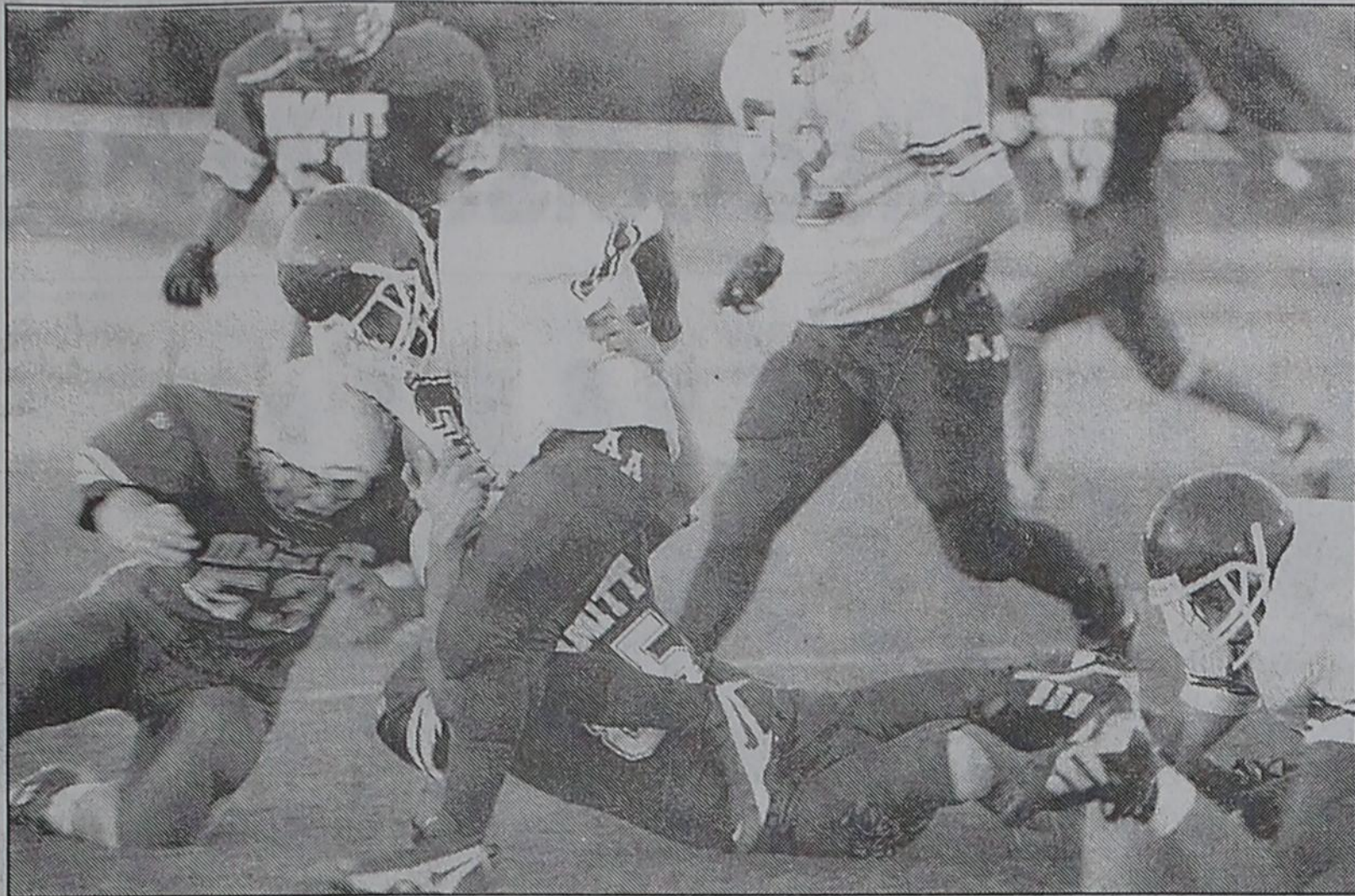
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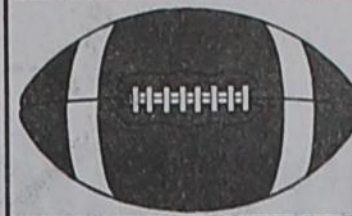




**MIXING IT UP**—Dimmitt's Bobcats mix it up with the Abernathy Antelopes during the final pre-season scrimmage for both teams here Friday evening. Tanner Self (53) and Matthew Sandoval (85) stop an Abernathy runner as teammates Jonathan Stevens (51) and Jesse Acosta (17) close in. The

Dimmitt offense scored twice during the scrimmage and the defense kept the Antelopes from mounting a sustained drive. Both teams will play their season openers Friday night, with the Bobcats hosting Sundown and the Antelopes traveling to Plains.

Photo by Carter Townsend



# Harris Picks

Here are Jon Harris's pre-season rankings for Class A and AAA, and his picks for the first week's games. 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. Wheeler, 195; 2. Bartlett, 192; 3. Aspermont, 191; 4. Detroit, 190; 5. Menard, 189; 6. Sudan, 189; 7. Iola, 187; 8. Tenaha, 186; 9. Charlotte, 184; 10. Gruver, 184.

**AREA CLASS A TEAMS**

14. Roscoe, 182; 22. Paducah, 176; 24. O'Donnell, 175; 31. Springlake-Earth, 171; 32. Petersburg, 170; 37. Happy, 168; 40. Claude, 166; 42. Nazareth, 166; 46. Memphis, 163; 49. Kress, 162; 63. Valley, 156; 64. Anton, 155; 73. Shamrock, 153; 75. Hart, 151; 79. Booker, 149; 149. Whiteface, 149; 88. Crosbyton, 147; 101. Vega, 143; 104. Motley County, 142; 105. Lorenzo, 140; 106. Spur, 140; 112. Ropes, 135; 115. Crowell, 131; 117. Smyer, 131;

**CLASS AAA TOP TEN**

1. Sealy, 209; 2. Aledo, 208; 3. Newton, 207; 4. Breckennidge, 206; 5. Royse City, 205; 6. Cleveland, 204; 7. Iowa Park, 204; 8. Atlanta, 204; 9. Diboll, 203; 10. Waco La Vega, 203.

**AREA CLASS AAA TEAMS**

14. Childress, 201; 69. Littlefield, 188; 87.

- Muleshoe, 185; 97. Seminole 183; 102. Perryton, 182; 104. Sanford-Fritch, 182; 110. Dimmitt, 180; 111. Friona, 180; 127. Shallowater, 177; 128. Denver City, 176; 164. Lubbock Cooper, 167; 181. Lubbock Roosevelt, 162; 189. Dalhart, 156; 191. Tulia, 155; 193. Brownfield, 154; 197. Slaton, 152;

- QUANAH 11 over Anson  
WELLINGTON 27 over Crosbyton  
PLAINS 8 over Abernathy  
POST 6 over Floydada  
Kermit 20 over BROWNFIELD  
Monahans 20 over SEMINOLE  
IDALOU 19 over Slaton  
BORGER 16 over Perryton  
Pecos 3 over Denver City  
LEVELLAND 11 over Amarillo Caprock  
PLAINVIEW 28 over Amarillo Palo Duro  
PAMPA 6 over Lubbock Estacado  
Dumas opponent not rated (Liberal)  
CANYON 8 over Amarillo River Road  
BIG SPRING 14 over Frenship  
SNYDER pick vs. Littlefield  
HEREFORD 12 over Amarillo Tascosa  
Canyon Randall 3 over LUBBOCK  
ABILENE 22 over Lubbock Monterey  
Amarillo opponent not rated (Clovis)  
Lub. Coronado opponent not rated (Roswell)

**WEEK 1 PICKS**

(Home teams are listed in capital letters).

- DIMMITT 11 over Sundown  
HART 5 over Morton  
Nazareth opponent (LCHS) not rated  
SANFORD-FRITCH 14 over West Texas  
Childress 46 over TULIA  
LAMESA 20 over Lubbock Cooper  
FRIONA 8 over Lockney  
HALE CENTER 3 over Lubbock Roosevelt  
Seagraves 23 over SHALLOWATER  
Dalhart opponent (Guymon) not rated  
Muleshoe opponent (Portales) not rated  
MEMPHIS 7 over Valley  
Sudan 18 over SPRINGLAKE-EARTH  
Happy 19 over WHITEFACE  
Vega 13 over Crowell  
ANTON 14 over Bovina  
Farwell 4 over PETERSBURG  
Olton 20 over SMYER  
White Deer 11 over BOYS RANCH  
CANADIAN 16 over Gruver  
Spearman 37 over PANHANDLE  
Claude 14 over CLARENDON  
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# Nazareth Swifts

## Veteran lines, skill players, defense bolster hopes

The Nazareth Swifts have a new game plan, a lot of experienced veterans back from a successful 1998 campaign, and high hopes for a post-season nod this year.

After barely missing out on the playoffs the past few seasons, the Swifts are hungry, especially the 15 lettermen who watched last year's playoff dreams fade with a one-point loss to Happy in the final game of season.

Those veterans, including eight offensive returnees and seven defensive regulars, are starved for tickets to the playoffs and they plan to channel that hunger into an offense that cranks out big yardage and into a defense that gives up very little.

Leading the big list of Swift veterans on offense are brothers Cameron McLain (195-lb. senior) and Matty McLain (185-lb. junior), who return at the tailback and fullback positions, respectively.

A year ago Cameron McLain gained 960 yards while Matty McLain picked up another 370 for the potent Swift offense.

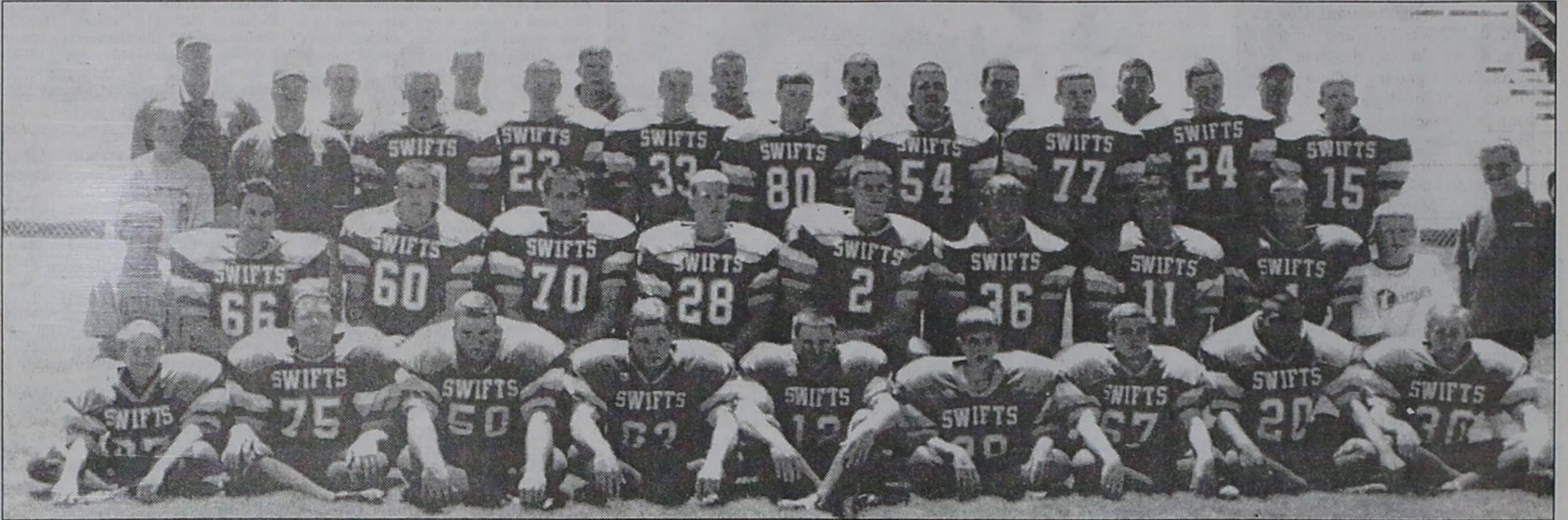
Opening up holes for the duo will be a veteran line that should be solid, with almost the entire unit returning, intact. Stanton Wethington (185-lb. senior) and Bryce Pohlmeier (220-lb. junior) anchor the right side at guard and tackle, respectively. The left side of the line features Adam Schulte (180-lb. junior) at guard and Clay Hoelting (180-lb. senior) at tackle. The only newcomer to the line is center Reece Hales, a 190-lb. freshman.

Bo Hunter, a 200-lb. senior, was the Swifts' center a year ago, but he's moved to the tight end position this year.

Starting at split end for the Swifts will be Eric Schilling (160-lb. freshman) and Daryl Pohlmeier (165-lb. sophomore). Daryl Pohlmeier earned a lot of playing time as a freshman a year ago. Flanker is Kade Wilcox, a 155-lb. sophomore who started last year and caught 18 passes for 320 yards.

The biggest question mark with this year's team for Swift Coach Rick Price has been the quarterback slot, left open when Mitch Brockman graduated.

But Price believes he's found the solution in a pair of sophomores, Blake Birkenfeld and Ky Wilcox.



THE 1999 NAZARETH SWIFTS are experienced and hope to make a run for the playoffs. Team members include (seated on first row, from left) Shelby Wilhelm, Koty Huseman, Reece Hales, Ross Schulte, Jason Huseman, Chase Schulte, Shane Kleman, Rey Bermea and Adam Acker; (kneeling on second row, from left) Manager Nathan Huseman, Michael Kormann, Stanton Wethington, Mark Lange, Daryl Pohlmeier, Bo Hunter, Aaron Kern, Kade Wilcox, Blake Birkenfeld, Manager Brock Birkenfeld and Manager Dustin

Schulte; (third row, from left) Manager Tyson Schulte, Assistant Coach Buster Brown, Ky Wilcox, Luke Price, Tyler Ehly, Mark Birkenfeld, Matt Martin, Evan Huseman, Wade Price and Jase Merritt; and (fourth row, from left) Head Coach Rick Price, Justin Kleman, Eric Schilling, Clay Hoelting, Cameron McLain, Bryce Pohlmeier, Matty McLain, Adam Schulte and Assistant Coach Mike Scarbrough. Not pictured is team member Nick Bermea.

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who are expected to alternate series during games.

"We feel like we can use both Ky and Blake. They each have their own strengths," Price said.

Nazareth will operate out of an I formation this year and Price plans to use more of the option than in the past.

"Our whole running scheme will be different than it was with the Wing T," Price said. "Our throwing game will be different, too. We're going to try and go with a little more wide-open offense. We have more options with our receivers and our runners. We'll present a lot of weapons for defenses to try and cover."

The running game is one of the Swifts' strengths on offense.

"We feel really good about our ground attack," Price said. "Both Cameron and Matty have good size and both can run well. Both have a lot of leg strength and drive."

"I think we're pretty solid on offense. If the quarterbacks continue to develop as they have so far, we should be really salty on offense."

Price said both Birkenfeld and Ky Wilcox have been throwing the ball

well in scrimmages and all three of the Swifts' receivers—Schilling, Daryl Pohlmeier and Kade Wilcox—have proven they can catch the ball.

"Those guys (receivers) are also fast enough that they can hurt people when they do catch the ball," Price added.

Nazareth will be running a different defense this year, too, switching from the 5-3 to a 5-2.

Returning starters to the defensive unit include Wethington at left end, Bryce Pohlmeier at left tackle, Schulte at noseguard, Hunter at right tackle, Matty McLain at strong linebacker, Ky Wilcox at right corner and Daryl Pohlmeier at left corner.

Joining those veterans in their attempts to shut down opposing offenses will be Cameron McLain, who gets the nod at right guard, weak-side linebacker Matt Martin (170-lb. junior) or Aaron Kern (170-lb. sophomore), strong safety Jason Huseman (135-lb. junior) and free safety Kade Wilcox.

"We switched to the 5-2 because we felt like we needed an extra guy

in the secondary to allow us more flexibility," Price said.

"Our strength on defense is definitely up front. We have all of that experience across the line, plus we're fair-sized and we're pretty quick. Our secondary is strong, too, but the front seven is where we're the strongest."

"I think this is a solid bunch. We have some things that we still need to work on, but I think the guys will make teams really work for everything they get. We're going to be stingy."

Matty McLain will handle kickoff and punting duties for the Swifts and he'll join with Kade Wilcox to return kicks and punts. Wethington will kick extra points for Nazareth.

Nazareth opens regular season by traveling to Lubbock Christian Friday night, starting a season of long road games.

The Swifts will play before a home crowd just four times this season—Sept. 17 against Farwell, Sept. 24 against Whiteface, Oct. 22 against Springlake-Earth and Nov. 5 against

Happy.

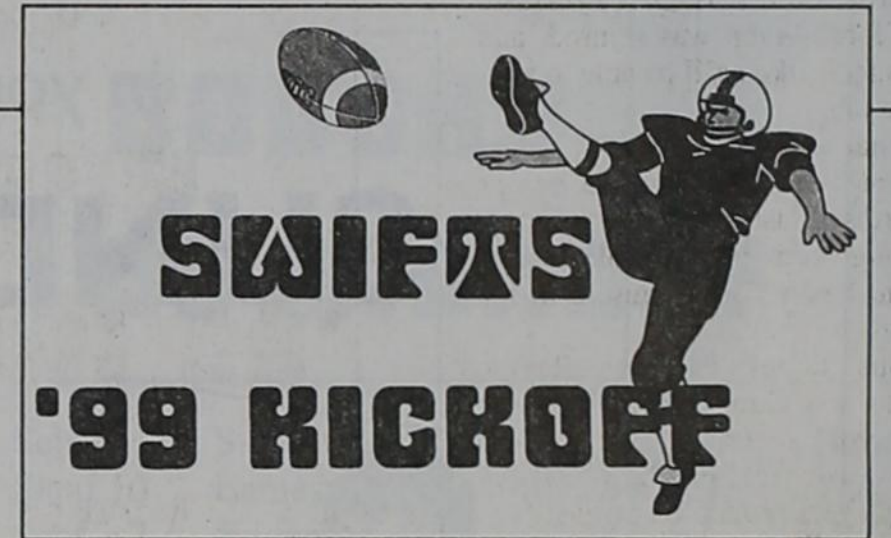
The rest of the time Nazareth will be on the road. The Swifts travel to Lubbock Friday, Valley on Sept. 10, Claude on Oct. 1, Vega on Oct. 8, Hart on Oct. 15 and Kress on Oct. 29.

The Swifts have a couple of pre-district games that Price feels will be really tough and should help prepare his team for a tough district.

"Farwell will be a big game and

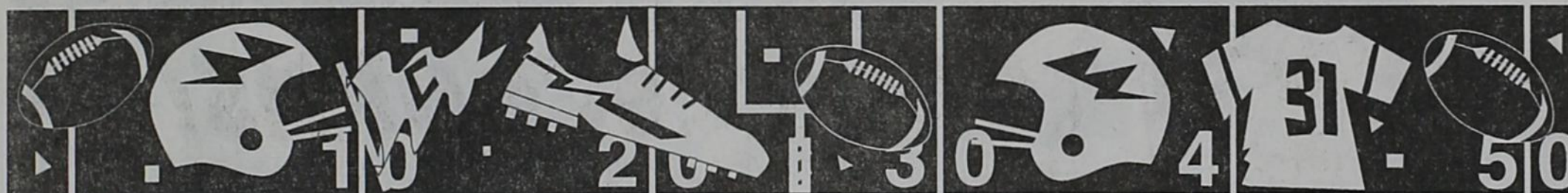
will be a good test for us and Claude should be really tough again," Price said.

As far as the district race is concerned, he said, "Every game is a big game. I've seen Hart on film and they looked impressive. Kress looked really tough against Hale Center in a scrimmage. Happy is strong offensively and Springlake-Earth is always good. We'll have to be ready to play every week."



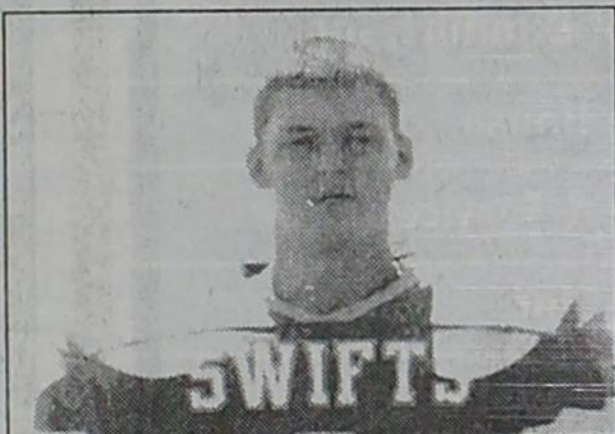
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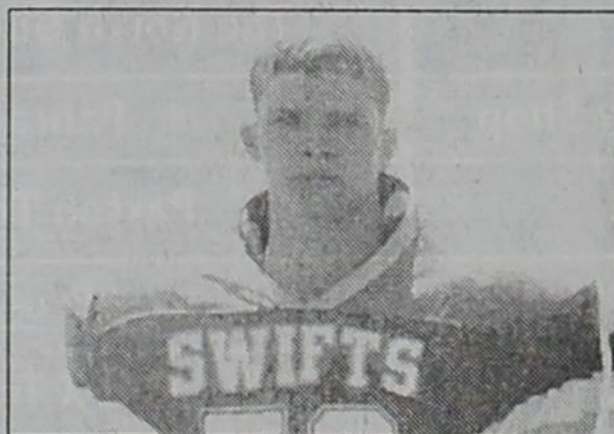


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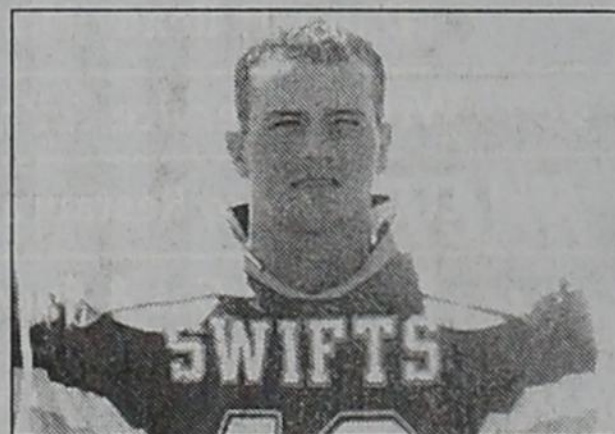
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## Team rodeo, greased pig contest set for Harvest Days

It's not a traditional rodeo, but the team rodeo and ladies' greased pig contest has become one of the favorite activities held in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

This year's event will be held Sept. 11 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena and the show will be sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Club.

Teams will be introduced at 6:30 p.m. to start the activities, then the kids' steer riding (for youngsters up to 12 years of age) will be held. That will be followed by the "Mutton Bust'n" competition (for youngsters no more than 40 inches tall) and the stick horse race (for those 5 and under).

Costs to enter the rodeo events are \$100 for a four-person rodeo team, \$10 for a two-person team entering the greased pig contest, \$5 per person for the steer riding and "Mutton Bust'n," and \$1 per person for the stick horse race.

Entries are due by Sept. 10 and may be submitted to Pammy Millican at 647-4115 or Kenny Ebeling at 647-3618.

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# Hart Longhorns

## Speed could equal success—if injury bug is zapped

The Hart Longhorns are a little battered and bruised right now, but while some of the veterans Coach Bryan Welps was counting on this season are nursing injuries, younger players will be gaining valuable experience that could pay off as the season progresses.

Hart will be opening its season against Morton Friday night with four regular starters watching from the sidelines. Quarterback-free safety Jeremiah Velasquez (155-lb. senior), running back-strong safety Jacob Reyna (155-lb. sophomore), tight end-defensive end Dan Eric Castillo (200-pound junior), and left guard-noseguard Eric Gutierrez (205-lb. sophomore) all will be out for at least the first game and some will miss more games than that.

"We looked really good in our first scrimmage and we scrimmaged Memphis tough, but we're so injured right now..." said Hart Coach Bryan Welps, who is starting his second season at the Longhorns' mentor. "We've got a lot of backups who will be starting now, so we'll have experienced backups that we'll be able to use later in the season."

Velasquez broke his arm and is expected to be sidelined for at least the first three or four weeks. Taking over for Velasquez as signal caller will be Chris George (160-lb. senior), who was tabbed to start at wide receiver.

"Right now we're working on getting our timing down with Chris at quarterback," Welps said. "We fumbled the ball too much against Memphis, and we've got to cut down on that."

George isn't a stranger to the quarterback position. He started as Hart's quarterback for two games a year ago when Jared Aven was injured, and Welps feels like he'll be able to handle the job.

Reyna was involved in a car accident and suffered some bumps and bruises last week. Gutierrez is suffering from back problems and Castillo has a pulled muscle in his stomach.

Welps hopes to have Reyna, Castillo and Gutierrez back by the Longhorns' second game on Sept. 10, but until that time, he's shuffled some players around on offense.

Joining George in the backfield will be tailback Keith Finch, a 205-lb. sophomore who rushed for 600 yards on 120 carries a year ago; and fullback Leon Minjarez, a 150-pound freshman who will be filling in for Reyna.

Lining up at flanker will be Joel DeLaFuente, a 160-lb. sophomore. Wide receiver will be 155-pound senior Gabe Carrasco. Jeff Bennett (160-lb. junior) will take over for the injured Castillo at tight end this week.

Hart's offensive line is young, with just one veteran back-center Emilio Diaz (230-lb. junior).

With Gutierrez sidelined with back problems, Welps has called on Jesus Olivas (200-lb. senior) to step into the left guard slot. The other guard spot will feature 180-pound sophomore Marcial Mendoza.

Starting tackles will be Fabian Rodriguez (305-lb. junior) and Manuel Mendoza (180-lb. sophomore).

The Longhorns will operate their offense out of a Pro-I formation, and Welps says the strength of the unit is players at the skill positions.

George, who will move back to his receiver post when Velasquez returns, caught 25 passes for 300 yards a year ago, and he is expected to contribute a lot to the Horns' offensive attack.

Speed will be a big plus for Hart. "We've got a lot of speed and quickness. Keith, Chris, Jeremiah, Jacob, Joel and Gabe all can run and they're pretty quick," Welps said.

The offensive line may be young, but Welps is encouraged by the efforts of younger players so far.

"We're young across the front line, but with each outing we're learning more and we're getting more physical," Welps said. "Emilio is our only returnee on the line, and he anchors it well at center. Fabian has really come along and he's been a great surprise to us," Welps said. "Eric and Jesus are working great and Manuel at left tackle is coming right along."

Welps said Hart will try and use its speed and quickness to get outside and to hit the open holes up the middle. He also thinks the Horns will be able to use their passing game to open up some running lanes inside.

"Our passing attack looks better than it did last year," Welps said. "The quarterbacks are throwing better and the receivers are catching better. We threw the ball well in our first scrimmage. I feel like we'll be able to throw the ball more than we did last year."

Hart will use a basic 50 front on



**THE HART LONGHORNS** are ready for the 1999 season with several veteran players and a slate of talented newcomers. Team members (kneeling, from left) include Timmy Barnes, Gabe Carrasco, Joel DeLaFuente, Leon Minjarez, Jacob Reyna, Salvador Velasquez, Anthony Reyna, Manuel Mendoza and Jeff Bennett; and (standing, from left)

Head Coach Bryan Welps, Assistant Coach Jon Curry, Assistant Coach Brad Elam, Chris George, Keith Finch, Jeremiah Velasquez, Jesus Olivas, Marcial Mendoza, Orlando Reyna, Eric Gutierrez, Dan Eric Castillo, Emilio Diaz, Fabian Rodriguez, Assistant Coach Jeff Jones, Assistant Coach Todd Bryant and Assistant Coach Martin Parker.

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defense and Welps feels like the linebacker corps and secondary are the strengths of the group.

"The guys playing those positions have a lot of speed and they pursue well," Welps said.

George was an all-district defensive back a year ago and Finch is an experienced linebacker. Carrasco also is a veteran at corner.

"We've got some experience on the defensive line, too, with Diaz returning," Welps said.

Anchoring the defensive line is

Manuel Mendoza at noseguard, who is replacing the injured Gutierrez. Tackles will be 210-lb. freshman Orlando Reyna and Diaz. Starting at ends will be Minjarez and Olivas, who is replacing the injured Castillo.

Linebackers will be Marcial Mendoza and Finch. Starting cornerbacks will be Carrasco and DeLaFuente. Bennett will get the nod at strong safety in place of Reyna while George will take over at free safety for Velasquez.

Hart's special teams lineup should be strong with veterans Finch and Reyna returning kickoffs and George joining Finch on the punt return team.

Finch will be the Longhorns' kicker while George is the punter.

If the Longhorns can nurse their injured players back to health, Welps feels like this could be a much-improved season for his team.

"I expect us to be a better, more fundamentally-sound club this year. We should be more consistent week in and week out and we feel like we can win more games," Welps said.

"We're young, but if we can get healthy and stay healthy, I think we can hang on and compete in our tough district.

"I think our non-district schedule is a little tougher than last year's and that should help us prepare for district. Smyer is better and Bovina is a good, physical team loaded with experienced players. Olton is a big rivalry and that's always a tough game. Then there's Valley—I think they've got everybody back and they should be great."

The Longhorns will open district play on Oct. 8 against Kress, then they will face Nazareth, Happy, Springlake-Earth and Vega.

Welps says the traditionally-tough

district should be the same as always, keys to who wins the district and staying healthy will be one of the championship.

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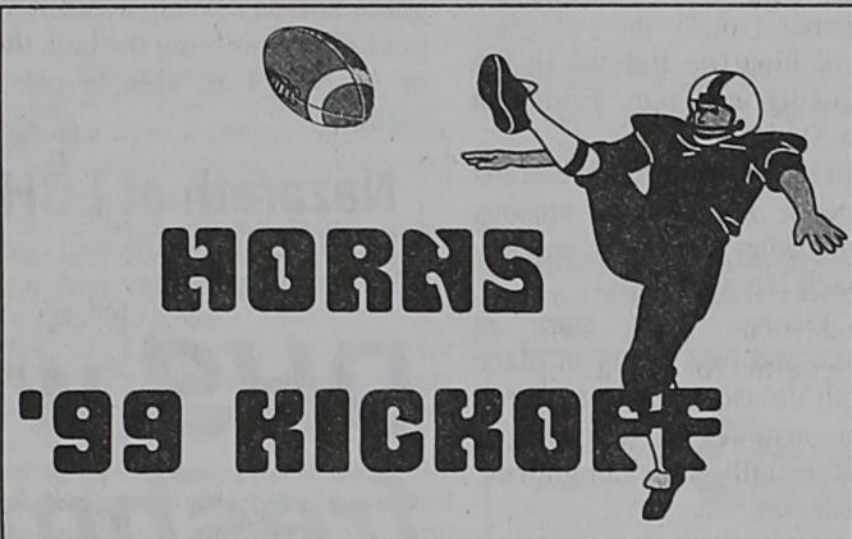
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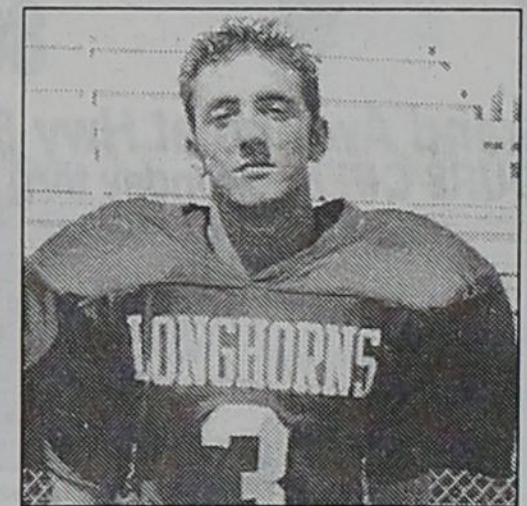
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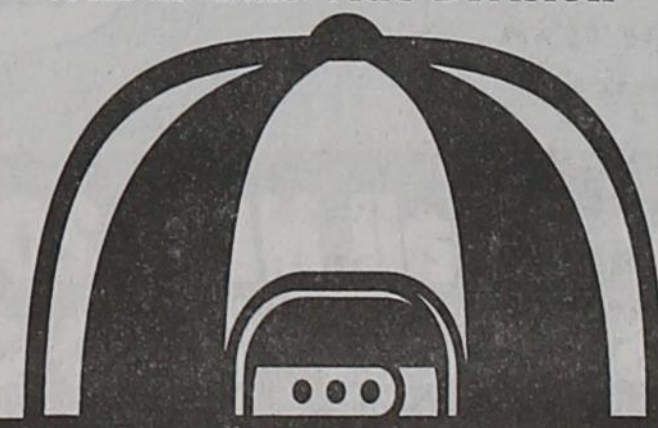
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# Cats, Swifts, Horns kick off '99 season Friday

The 1999 football season officially gets underway for Castro County teams Friday night, with Dimmitt hosting Sundown, Hart welcoming Morton to Longhorn Stadium and the Swifts traveling to Lubbock to take

on the Lubbock Christian Eagles. Each game has an 8 p.m. scheduled kickoff.  
**Sundown at Dimmitt**  
 In their season opener here Friday

night, the Bobcats will take on a team that went into the Class AA playoffs last year and has returning starters at most of the skill positions, with speed to burn.  
 Kickoff time will be 8 p.m. in Bobcat Stadium.

Sundown Coach Benny Granger and his Roughnecks are hoping to repeat last year's playoff season.

After dropping last year's opener to Dimmitt, 24-13, the 1998 Roughnecks went on to post a 6-4 season, including a 4-1 mark in District 4-AA, good for a second-place finish and a trip to the playoffs. The Roughnecks lost to perennial powerhouse Seagraves in bi-district.

This year's Roughnecks are starting off in good shape. They're building on 17 returning lettermen, including seven offensive and four defensive starters, and they're loaded with experience at the skill positions.

The Roughnecks' foreman is senior quarterback Clay Edwards. "Edwards is a really good quarterback," Dimmitt Coach Bruce Dollar said. "He's a third-year starter."

Sundown has two other returning starters in the backfield—senior fullback Martin Olivas and junior tailback Daniel Salazar.

Both of the up-receivers, senior split end Cory Bownds and junior tight end Josh Perez, also are veterans who started last year.

And all those guys are fast. "They've got more speed than they've had since Coach Granger has

been there," Dollar said. "Their 1600 relay team went to regional last year, and their quarterback went in the hurdles, so you know they've got good speed."

The Roughnecks' defensive anchor is senior linebacker Levi Box, who was the team's leading tackler last year.

The Roughnecks will use a standard I formation and a basic 5-2 defense.

In their pre-season scrimmages, the Roughnecks duked it out with two Class A playoff teams, New Deal and Sudan.

"They did really well in both scrimmages," Dollar said. "They beat both of those teams."

The Bobcats, Coach Dollar said, are healthy and ready.

"The kids have a lot of confidence in themselves right now," he said. "We didn't start off real well in the scrimmage Friday night (against Abernathy), but we finally got it going and did well."

Dimmitt scored twice in the scrimmage, "and our defense held them out altogether except once when they picked up one of our fumbles and ran it for a touchdown."

So both teams are unbeaten in their pre-season scrimmages, and hope to keep the goose-egg on the right side of the hyphen in their opener Friday night.

The Harris Rating System favors the Bobcats by 11.

## Morton at Hart

Hart will be fielding a team with some rookies and with veteran players at new positions Friday when Morton comes to town for the 1999 season opener.

Hart will host the Indians in the season kickoff at 8 p.m. Friday at Longhorn Stadium.

Hart will be minus several veterans in its opener because of various injuries and other problems, according to Coach Bryan Welps.

Chris George will start at quarterback and free safety in place of Jeremiah Velasquez, who suffered a broken arm in a scrimmage. George is usually the Longhorns' leading receiver.

Jeff Bennett will start at tight end for Dan Eric Castillo, who is suffering from a pulled muscle in his stomach. Starting left guard Eric Gutierrez has back problems, so he will be replaced by Jesus Olivas. And Leon Minjarez will be the starting fullback, relieving Jacob Reyna, who was in an automobile accident.

Hart will have its hands full Friday with an improved Morton team coached by Rex Cumpton.

"Morton is a big club with big linemen. I know they've got a couple

of guys up front that are around 230 and 240 pounds. They're a lot more physical than they were last year," said Hart Coach Bryan Welps.

Anchoring that big front line is tackle Tyrone Cobbs, a 6-1 240-lb. senior. He's joined by another veteran lineman, 5-10, 180-lb. sophomore Eric Abbe and other young players.

They will open up holes for Morton's leading rusher, Dustin Silhan, a 6-0, 160-lb. junior, who is expected to carry a bulk of the Indians' offense. Quarterback duties will fall to Geoff Abbe, a 5-9, 145-lb. senior. Fullback Mark Guillan returns to the offensive backfield to complete an experienced skill nucleus.

"Morton likes to run the Wing T and they like to control the football and drive down the field. They'll hit you with traps inside, sweeps outside, then they'll come at you with a big pass play," Welps said.

Morton's 4-3 defense also has some size, with Cobbs anchoring the trenches. It's also an experienced defense, with seven starters returning from last year's 1-9 team.

Among those starters back are Geoff Abbe and Eric Enriquez (6-1, 160-lb. senior) in the secondary; linebackers Mark Guillan (5-9, 155-lb. junior), Billy Gonzales (5-9, 145-lb. sophomore); and Rito Morales (5-9, 150-lb. junior); and lineman Joel Martinez (6-1, 185-lb. sophomore).

"Morton has a big defensive line, but the defensive strength lies in the secondary and linebacker corps," Welps said. "They like to run multiple sets on the front—they believe in mixing things up to try and confuse your offensive line."

"This should be a pretty good game for us," Welps said. "We've got to stop fumbling the ball, though, or we won't be able to play with them."

## Nazareth at LCHS

The Nazareth Swifts will open the 1999 campaign Friday with a trip to

# DHS won't field freshman squad

Although Dimmitt High School has enough players out for football (68) to make up three squads, there will be no freshman games this year, Head Coach Bruce Dollar said.

Instead, several sophomores have been moved up to the varsity and all the freshmen will join the remaining sophos on the junior varsity.

The JV Bobcats will play their first game at Sundown today (Thursday), with a 6 p.m. kickoff time.

Lubbock to take on the Lubbock Christian High School Eagles, a team that struggled a year ago and hopes to improve this year.

Kickoff in Friday's game will be 8 p.m.

Lubbock Christian doesn't sport a lot of size in its lineup, but the Eagles are quick and hope that will help open up holes for returning rusher Kelly Staggs (5-8, 145-lb. senior), who gained almost 1,000 yards a year ago.

"Staggs scored on us a year ago and I think he broke another long run of 50 yards or more," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "He's their main threat on offense and we're going to have to contain him."

The Eagles run the Wing T on offense and 5-3 on defense, same as they have the past five or six years, according to Price.

Directing the Wing T offense will be newcomer Trey Paden, a 5-11, 135-lb. freshman. The offensive line isn't big, but several players are back to anchor the unit including tackle Jeremy Hegi (5-10, 215-lb. senior), guard Keyan Galyean (5-10, 175-lb. junior) and guard Kyle Galyean (5-10, 170-lb. junior).

The Eagles also have experience in the receiver corps with Matt Joyner (5-9, 135-lb. senior) returning at split end.

Defensively, leaders include linebackers Staggs and Keyan Galyean with Hegi and Kyle Galyean anchoring the defensive front from their respective tackle and end positions.

Price said for the Swifts to be successful this week, they must execute on offense and defense.

"Early on we still need to work on having everybody do their job and work on their technique," Price said.

Some of the Swifts have a few nagging injuries, but nothing that is expected to sideline a player for the season opener on Friday.

All other JV games this year will begin at 6:30 p.m., Dollar said.

The reason for incorporating the freshmen into the JV, the coach said, is that there aren't enough backs for two squads.

"The two starting running backs on last year's freshman team are both on the varsity," Dollar said, "and the two guys who were their backup running backs didn't come out."  
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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. 2-10.

### DIMMITT Breakfast

**THURSDAY:** Apple Jacks cereal, orange wedges and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Toasted English muffin, apple juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Fruit Loops cereal, peaches and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Cinnamon rolls, grape juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Hot oatmeal, fresh bananas and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Cheese toast, apple slices and milk.

### Preschool-First Grade Lunch

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

### Second-12th Grade Lunch

**THURSDAY:** Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, chicken baked Italiano or vegetable pasta Alfredo; stir fried rice, peas, Italian vegetable salad, tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, tomato and cucumber salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of beef taco, creole bean soup with ham and cheese sandwich or chicken and rice casserole; peas, baked potato or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, crackers or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of meat loaf with creole sauce, honey-lemon chicken or beef and bean burrito with chili; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, wheat rolls or Fideo Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** Cheeseburger on a bun, cheese enchilada with sauce or chicken stir fry; tater tots, peaches or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; or chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or hamburger basket; lettuce, tomato pickles, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets with gravy; rolls, mashed potatoes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or lasagna with ground beef; Texas toast, corn, salad, ginger cookies, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of brisket, hamburger basket or baked potato; wheat rolls, pinto beans, sliced cheese, salad, Longhorn cookie, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

### NAZARETH Breakfast

**THURSDAY:** Sausage on a roll, cereal, juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Breakfast taco, cereal, juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Cinnamon roll or blueberry muffin, cereal, juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** French toast and sausage, cereal, juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Sausage on a roll, cereal, juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Breakfast tacos, cereal, juice and milk.

### Lunch

**THURSDAY:** \* Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, oranges, cookie and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Chicken fried steak with roll or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pineapple, applesauce and milk or juice.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** \* Fish with hushpuppies or steak fingers with rolls, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pineapple, cherry cobbler and milk or juice.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \* Hot turkey sandwich or pizza, tossed salad, steamed broccoli, grapes, dessert and milk or juice.  
**THURSDAY:** \* Enchiladas or pizza, tossed salad, brown beans, pears, orange cake and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Corn dogs or chicken strips with gravy and bread, broccoli and cauliflower salad, chicken rice, oranges, pineapple upside down cake and milk or juice.

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

### HART Breakfast

**THURSDAY:** French toast sticks, Canadian bacon, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, cinnamon rolls, graham crackers, assorted fresh fruit and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, breakfast pizza and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Waffles, sausage, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, weiner wrap in biscuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

### Elementary Lunch

**THURSDAY:** Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownie, pineapple and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or spaghetti and meat sauce; Texas toast, corn, salad, brownie, gelatin dessert and milk.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or hamburger and potato chips; lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets with gravy; rolls, mashed potatoes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler or cherry cobbler, and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or spaghetti and meat sauce; Texas toast, corn, salad, ginger cookies, gelatin dessert and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or hot dog on a bun; chili, pinto beans, fresh fruit, corn chips, gelatin dessert and milk.

### Junior High/High School Lunch

**THURSDAY:** Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple, and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of brisket, hamburger basket or baked potato; wheat rolls, pinto beans, sliced cheese, salad, brownie, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

*People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them.*  
 -George Bernard Shaw

## VFW plans goat roping this month

The Dimmitt VFW is sponsoring its annual goat roping event, but this year it will be held on three consecutive Saturdays, Sept. 4, Sept. 11 and Sept. 18.

The heading and heeling foot back roping will cost participants \$12 for three head. The event will be held at the Dimmitt VFW Post 8056.

The first event will be held Saturday and books will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. for those who wish to enter.

Books also will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 11 for the second roping.

Both performances on Sept. 4 and 11 will start at 5 p.m.  
 The final round will be held on Sept. 18, with books slated to open from 4 to 5 p.m., followed by the roping at 6.

A stew and cornbread supper will be served to participants following the Sept. 18 show.

The high money winner of the series will be awarded a set of handmade spurs, made by Ted Stubblefield.

For more information about the roping, contact the VFW.



**RAFFLE ITEMS**—Members of the Town & Country Family and Community Educators club are raffling off a basket of eight Beanie Baby bears and this snowman yard decoration in separate fund-raising projects. Shown are club members Ferne Jones (left) and Ann Henderson, president of the group. Chances on each item are \$1 each and may be purchased from any club member or at Unique Gifts & More in Dimmitt, where the items are on display. The winners will be drawn at 4 p.m. on Sept. 11 at the Expo building during the Harvest Days activities. The basket of bears includes a Germania from Germany, Peace, Valentina, a 1999 Signature Bear, Fuzz, Kicks, Millennium and Hope. The snowman was painted by Suzy Wall of Hereford.

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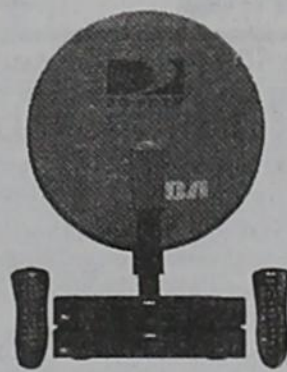
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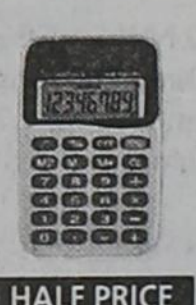
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## 19—Students Wanting Work

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**County quilters asked to feature work in show**

Some of the best machine and hand quilting in the Texas Panhandle can be found in Castro County, and those talented seamstresses are asked to share their talent by displaying their creations at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Castro County Quilt Show, which will be held Sept. 11 in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

The annual event is sponsored by the Friendship Quilters' Guild, and all Castro County residents are eligible to enter the show and competition.

Quilts entered in Division I will be judged for technique, design, creativity and overall quality. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded to winners in each category. Several special awards also will be presented for "Best of Show," "Judge's Award," and "People's Choice."

Quilts that have won in a previous show can be entered only as display items. Only one quilt per entrant, per category will be allowed. If the quilt

is the work of more than one person, written credit must be given to the other person. The person entering the quilt will be awarded the ribbon. Quilts entered in the competition or show may be sold if the owner so desires.

Categories for this year's show are as follows:

1. Children's (crib quilt, made for children).
2. Combination technique (applique and pieced).
3. Embroidery and other needlework.
4. First quilt.
5. Group.
6. Hand applique (all methods)

7. Machine applique (all methods)
8. Machine quilted.
9. Miniature quilts
10. Pieced (hand-quilted only).
11. Quilts by youth (17 and under).
12. Quilt tops.
13. Small quilts and wall quilts (less than 60" x 90").
14. Specialized method (includes painted, cathedral windows and crazy quilts).

Those who would like to enter a quilt should pick up a fair book at the Extension office or Chamber of Commerce Office. The book includes an entry form and complete rules for the show and competition.

**Fun carnival sponsors are sought**

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and the Castro County Fair Association are hoping to organize a "Fun Carnival" to be held during this year's Castro County Harvest Days celebration, and they are asking for local civic clubs and other organizations to sponsor children's games.

The Harvest Days celebration will be held Sept. 11 this year.

Those who would like to sponsor a children's game may select from a variety such as a fishing pond, ring toss, balloon burst, etc., according to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

"If you would like to sponsor one of these as a fundraiser at the fair, please get in touch with me at the Chamber (647-2524)," Sava said. "We are planning an outside section for activities such as these. It would be an excellent opportunity for your club to make a few dollars and it will provide some fun things for the kids to do."

Those who are planning to reserve a regular booth space for commercial ventures during the fair should also contact Sava as soon as possible.

Prices for commercial booths are \$35 for a space inside the Expo Building and \$25 for all other spaces. Those who require electricity in their booths will be charged an extra \$5.

**It's time to plan for the fair**

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

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

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

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

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CARD OF THANKS

On July 29, 30 and 31 during the Hart Days celebration in Hart, St. John's Church's CYO held the Bingo raffle. As prizes for the raffle, the youth group solicited donations from several businesses in and around town. We would like to thank those businesses who were generous enough to make a donation. A special thanks to Higginbotham-Bartlett, Coleman's Pharmacy, Lockhart Pharmacy, Alco and Kittrell Electronics. We had a great time and we hope everyone else did, too. See you next year. Thank you for making our event so great.

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE  
NO. PR 2346

THE ESTATE OF FLORA SHELLEY STANFORD, Deceased IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FLORA SHELLEY STANFORD DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of FLORA SHELLEY STANFORD, Deceased, were issued to ARVALEE STANFORD SAUL on August 26, 1999, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and that she holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same at the address below, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law to: Arvalee Stanford Saul, 5515 Edith Street, Houston, Texas 77081.

25-22-1tc

**Banquet to honor POWs and MIAs**

A former member of the US Special Forces in South Vietnam will be the featured speaker at the POW-MIA (Prisoner of War/Missing in Action) banquet, set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Student Union Building at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Retired First Sergeant Ray Jennings of El Paso, will be the special speaker. Jennings served two tours in Vietnam, one with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Brigade at Hue and the other with the Special Forces Group at Ban ME Thuot. Jennings has been awarded numerous military honors, including the Distinguished Service Cross and three Purple Hearts. He is a VVA life member and is past president of VVA Chapter 574 in El Paso.

Larry Barnett, president of the North Plains Chapter 404, Vietnam Veterans of America, said, "Mr. Jennings is a highly sought-after speaker. He has been featured at many veterans and military affairs gatherings. We are honored to have him for this special occasion. He has certainly served his country well."

The banquet, which is open to the public, will be sponsored by local veterans' organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vietnam Veterans. The evening will include a Color Guard presentation by VVA Chapter 297 of Amarillo, a catered supper by Great Western Dining Service, Inc., and a special selection of patriotic songs by Borger High School Principal George Hanna.

Advance registration and tickets for the event are available for \$7.50 per person and may be made by contacting L.E. "Buster" Newberry at 273-2305; Eck Spahich at 857-0129 or Dennis Thomas at 878-2470.

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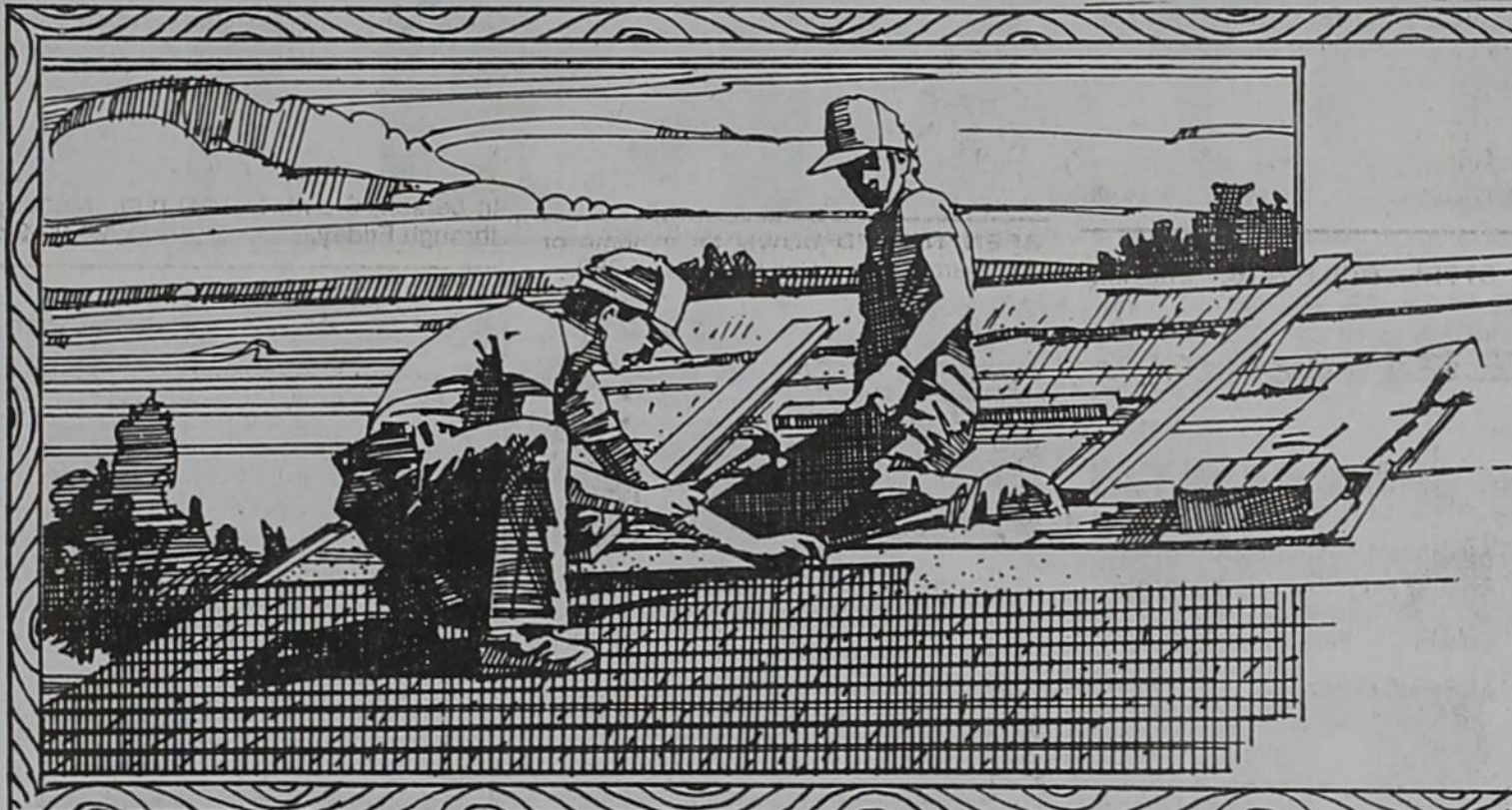
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# Obituaries

## Andrew Caldera

Graveside services for Andrew Caldera, infant son of Elizar and Crissy Caldera of Hereford, were held Saturday at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Burial followed under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

The infant was born April 27 in Dimmitt. He died last Thursday, Aug. 26.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, Alejandro Caldera of Hereford; and his grandmothers, Cleo Castaneda of Clovis, N.M., and Fernanda Caldera of Memphis, Tenn.

## Annabelle Kirkpatrick

Graveside services for Annabelle Kirkpatrick, 75, of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon at Rose Hill Cemetery of Tulia, with Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tulia, officiating.

Burial was under direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick died Aug. 27 at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

She was born April 12, 1924, in Spearman. She married James Stewart Kirkpatrick on Sept. 14, 1945, in Detroit, Mich. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was a member of First Baptist Church of Tulia. She was a homemaker and a farm wife.

She is survived by a daughter, Martha Matzen of Ute Park, N.M.; a son, Jim Kirkpatrick of Tulia; two brothers, Ray Barbour of Tulia and Dr. Larry Barbour of Wheeler; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the Rose Hill Cemetery Fund.

### More about

#### Freshman squad . . .

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"And we only have two freshman running backs this year, and one of them is in a situation where he's going to be out for a little while. And our quarterback last year has moved to Canyon.

"So another kid who should have been playing running back was having to play quarterback, and we had to take a lineman and try to make a fullback out of him, and he was having a hard time dealing with that.

"We don't have any control over kids' natural abilities," Dollar said. "I mean, whoever lives here, lives here, and that's it.

"If you try to force a kid to play a position that he doesn't have the skills for, it gets really frustrating for everybody, especially the kids who are out there.

"Our sub-varsity kids are working hard and playing really well, and we want to give them the best chance that we can," Dollar said.

## Veterinarian offers animal vaccine clinic

A pet vaccination clinic will be offered by local veterinarian Dr. W.J. Hill as his contribution to the Harvest Days celebration on Sept. 11.

Special rates will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon at the Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic.

Rabies shots will be available for only \$8 each. Also a shot for distemper, para-influenza, and parvovirus will be available for \$12 for dogs; and a shot for feline leukemia and rhinotracheitis for cats will be available at \$12.

## Bernardo L. Martinez

Services for Bernardo L. Martinez, 69, of Hereford, brother of several Dimmitt residents, were held last Thursday, Aug. 26, at San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford with the Rev. Domingo Castillo officiating. Burial followed in West Park Cemetery in Hereford by Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Martinez was born in Pleasanton and he moved to Hereford in 1954. He married Esperanza de los Santos in 1954 at Clovis, N.M. He retired as a custom farmer and custom harvester. He was a member of La Iglesia de San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Bernardo Martinez and Samuel Martinez, both of Littlefield, and Freddie B. Martinez and Bernardo Martinez Jr., both of Hereford; four daughters, Virginia Arcy of Littlefield, Margarita Gonzales of Amherst and Sylvia Boyd and Sarah Maddux, both of Hampton, Va.; six brothers, Genaro Martinez and Johnny Lopez, both of Lubbock, Santos Martinez and Lalo Martinez, both of Dimmitt, Margarito Martinez of Albany and Jose Angel Colorado; four sisters, Anita Carranco of Lubbock and Maria Falcon, Lucy Fuentes and Rebecca Martinez, all of Dimmitt; 27 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

## Rodney Middleton

Rodney Joe Middleton, 21, of Abilene, great-grandson of Loneta Jordan of Dimmitt, died Tuesday, Aug. 24, in Abilene.

Services were held Saturday morning at Faith Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Terry NeSmith officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Chapel of Angels Funeral Home.

Mr. Middleton was born Aug. 18, 1978, in Lubbock. He attended Monterey High School. He loved to play pool, video games and with his dog, Sadie.

Survivors include his mother, Frankie King of Lubbock; two step-fathers, Shane Sylvester and Dwight King, both of Lubbock; two sisters, Deandra and Candice King, both of Lubbock; his grandfather, Harold Middleton of Lubbock; his grandmother, Reba Springer of Lubbock; and his great-grandmother, Loneta Jordan of Dimmitt.

## John Rogers

John Rogers, 60, of Kress, father of Zenita Rowland of Hart, died Monday in Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church at Kress with the Rev. Jay Simpson, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Kress Cemetery under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Rogers was born Feb. 23, 1939, in Tulia. He was a lifetime resident of Swisher County. He graduated from Kress High School in 1957 and he owned and operated Rogers Garage for 40 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the National Guard Reserve and had served on the Kress City Council.

Survivors include a son, Jeffery Rogers of Kress; a daughter, Zenita Rowland of Hart; three brothers, Harold Ray Rogers of Greenville, Ed Rogers of Kress and Danny Rogers of Lake Tanglewood; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Kress Cemetery Association.

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Cost of the program is \$250, payable to the Texas Extension Education Foundation. Applications for the program can be picked up at the Castro County Extension Office.

Applications and money must be returned by Dec. 15 to Dr. Jackie Smith, Rt. 3, Box 213-AA, Lubbock

79401-9746.

A selection committee will determine successful applicants. Those not selected will have their registra-

tion fees returned as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, call the Extension Office at 647-4115.

### More about

## County tax rate . . .

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during the period of the contract. The commissioners also approved a lease-purchase contract through Caprock Capital Corporation for \$44,695 per year for a new computer system.

JP Tana Young appeared before the commissioners to inquire why her salary was set at less than that for some other department heads.

"The JP salary has never been as high as other offices and it is the same in other counties around," Smithson said.

The commissioners made a motion to leave the salary as it is, at \$23,160. The commissioners also told Young that they had voted to continue to leave her secretary as a part-time

position, rather than full time.

During the open forum portion of the meeting, the commissioners went to look at office space available at the former Cornett Equipment site north of Dimmitt on US 385. The building is owned by Chuck Braafladt. He offered to sell it and the land it is on for \$150,000.

County Judge Irene Miller told the commissioners that a total estimate of \$64,831 was received from Danny Newton on the air conditioning project at the courthouse.

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next month

**Farming Story**

Is Hantavirus plaguing area farmers? Read here next month to find out the latest details.



RENEE FIKES

Mary and Johnny Taylor of Idalou stand next to some of their lifelong possessions of Dr Pepper and dairy cow collectibles.

## The doctor is in and it's time to milk the cows

Renee' Fikes

special to the *Ag Reporter*

Johnny Taylor could be called a Dr Pepper expert and his wife Mary, a dairy maid.

The couple's home has become a veritable shrine to his favorite soft drink and her love for black and white cows and dairy items.

Ever since the Idalou athletic director and head coach was a child he has always turned to Dr Pepper to quench his thirst.

"My grandmother always had Dr Pepper at her house in San Angelo," Taylor said. "We lived across the street from her, and I'd always just run over and get one out of the cabinet. I didn't even care if it was cold."

The coach's collection of 225 items now includes signs that date back to 1947, 12 clocks, thermometers, mirrors, special edition bottles and cans, banners, airplanes, Dr Pepper cars and trucks and his most prized possession, an antique Dr Pepper cooler.

"When I got the cooler, I had the

guy up at the body shop repaint it the original Dr Pepper green. We use it as the kitchen island now," he said.

Taylor finds most of his memorabilia at auctions and antique stores, but he recently discovered that he can purchase off of the internet.

"You have to be careful, though, because some of the items are really replicas," said Taylor. "Older Dr Pepper items have a dot after the Dr (Dr. Pepper), newer ones do not."

Two of the most unusual pieces are a model airplane and helicopter made from Dr Pepper cans.

"Dr Pepper stuff is a lot more difficult to find than Coke collectibles," he said. "There are probably five Coke pieces to every Dr Pepper one you'll find."

Taylor's collection ranges from small replicas of Dr Pepper trucks that cost 99¢ to large round metal 10,2,4 sign he is waiting to be de-

**"Dr Pepper stuff is a lot more difficult to find than Coke collectibles. There are probably five Coke pieces to every Dr Pepper one you'll find."**

*Johnny Taylor*

livered that cost \$200.

Taylor has made Dr Pepper crates very useful in his home. One is used in the kitchen to store spices in, another one is used as a toilet paper container in his restroom and two are fashioned together to make a chest.

Mrs. Taylor, a first grade teacher, has loved cows ever since she was a child in Spur. Her father raised cows and she became especially fond of black and white jerseys.

She began collecting country items and the cows fit in with the

decor. She now has 242 cow and dairy items from Mary Moo collectibles to churns, creamers and a small Borden's ice cream cup. Black and white adorns their living room, dining area and kitchen. Even their family cat is black and white. The family Christmas tree is covered in black and white cows.

The couple said that they have a lot of fun collecting the items and they always know what to get each other for gifts. Last summer they celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary by travelling to Arkansas and visiting antique shops and flea markets. They purchased so much that a u-haul was needed to get it home.

The Taylor's have two children. Their son, Chris, attends Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches and their daughter, Jenny, lives in Lubbock and attends Texas Tech.

## Gas generators reduce expense

Richard Porter

special to the *Ag Reporter*

Freddy Bell has made some radical changes in the way he powers his irrigation system.

He did not have much choice really.

His water level had dropped to the point that the turbines which powered his four wells were no longer efficient.

However, that is only half the

**"That's the way electricity is produced anyway and this is just a way to do it directly in the field."**

*Kelley Grimes*

change.

The other half is the method by which he will obtain the electricity to run his system.

"I'm pulling out four turbines and putting in four submersibles and generating my own electricity," he said.

Bell has purchased a new system being marketed by Enermart Energy Services. The system uses natural gas to generate the electric-

ity to power the well motor, according to Kelley Grimes, division manager for the company.

Although there is nothing new about using natural gas to generate electricity, the new system eliminates the middleman.

"That's the way electricity is produced anyway and this is just a way to do it directly in the field," she said.

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## CALENDAR

January 22 - November 15  
Museum Exhibit

"Plowing the Plains," an exhibit about the agricultural history of the Southern Plains will be displayed in the Alexander Photo Gallery at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Call 651-2244 for information.

September 1  
Crops Field Day

A Summer Crops Field Day will be held at Bushland with registration at 8:30am. The tours and program conclude at 1:30 pm. For information, call 806-359-5401.

September 21-23  
Deer 101 Symposium

A Deep 101 Symposium is scheduled in College Station at Texas A&M University. Registration deadline is September 7. For information, call (903)834-6191.

September 24  
Cattlemen's Conference

A cattlemen's conference will be held at the Texas A&M Dallas Research and Extension Center. Registration deadline is September 17. For information, call (214)904-3050.

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on the Ag Reporter  
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## Deer 101 symposium scheduled

More landowners are becoming interested in wildlife management and without question, the most popular wildlife species is the white-tailed deer.

The Texas A&M University System is offering a symposium on the basics of deer management in September, called "Deep Management 101—From the Ground Up!" The program is set for Sept. 21-23 in the Rudder Conference Center and features 30 internationally known deer management experts. Initial registration and exhibit viewing runs from 3-7 pm. Sept 21 on the first floor of Rudder Tower.

"The symposium's title was carefully chosen to reflect the importance of habitat management," said Dr. Dale Rollins, San

Angelo-based Extension wildlife specialist. "Without doubt, the interest in white-tailed deer management has increased dramatically in the past decade.

"Much of this trend is aimed at growing bucks with larger antlers. Unfortunately, the basics of good deer habitat and population management are often lost in the shuffle. No matter what the final goal, (A management program) will eventually fail if it is not built around a sound habitat management strategy. This program's goal is to provide a forum among leading scientific authorities and practitioners of deer management with particular emphasis on habitat management issues."

Participants are urged to pre-register. Pre-

registration fees are \$100 per person and must be received by Sept. 7. Registration after Sept. 7 and at the door will be \$125 per person.

Registrations fees include a copy of the symposium proceedings, one meal and refreshments.

For further information on the symposium, contact Dr. Billy Higginbotham at (903)834-6191.

Limited exhibit space is available at \$250/single booth (includes one registration) or \$400/double booth (includes two registrations).

Contact Dr. Robert Brown at (409) 845-1261 for additional details and to reserve space.

## Conference set for cattle producers

Cattle producers sometimes work against nature in their beef production systems.

Dr. Ron Gill, livestock specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said this concern will be addressed in this year's Metroplex Cattlemen's Conference. It will focus on the synergy that should exist in a ranching operation among forage production, cattle performance, health, marketing and cost control.

Scheduled for Friday, Sept. 24, at the Texas A&M Dallas Research and Extension Center in North Dallas, the conference begins at 8:30am and concludes at 3pm. Registration and a trade show open at 7:45am.

"We'll be presenting methods producers may find useful to redesign their forage production to complement their total operation," among other topics, said Gill.

"Also recent articles in national livestock publications encouraged producers to delay calving until May and June, or even July and August," he said. "We need to consider climate and geography before making basic

changes in operations. These recommendations come from Midwestern or northern states. There, it has never made sense to calve cattle in periods of potential blizzards when a relatively cool summer exists for calving cows, but Texas conditions are not comparable."

L.R. Spratt, professor and Extension beef specialist, will discuss calving season for production efficiency in Texas and Oklahoma.

Gill will outline a sound immunization and parasite control program, again focusing on the high production efficiency that results when the entire operation is coordinated.

"Another key factor in a production system is marketing," said Gill. Joe Don Pogue,

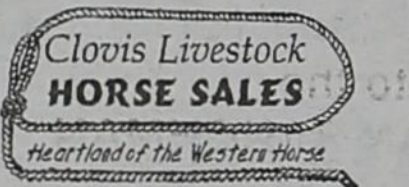
owner of the Sulphur Springs Livestock Market and co-founder of the Northeast Texas Beef Improvement Organization, will discuss what they are doing to enhance and capture the true value of cattle merchandise.

Three hours of continuing education units (CEU's) will be given for integrated pest management training. Registration is \$15 if received before Sept. 17 and \$20 at the door. The fee includes a copy of the proceedings, refreshment at breaks and lunch. For more information, contact Fred Burrell, Dallas County Extension agent, (214) 904-3050 or Suzanne Williamson, Dallas County Extension Beef Committee, (214) 361-7703.

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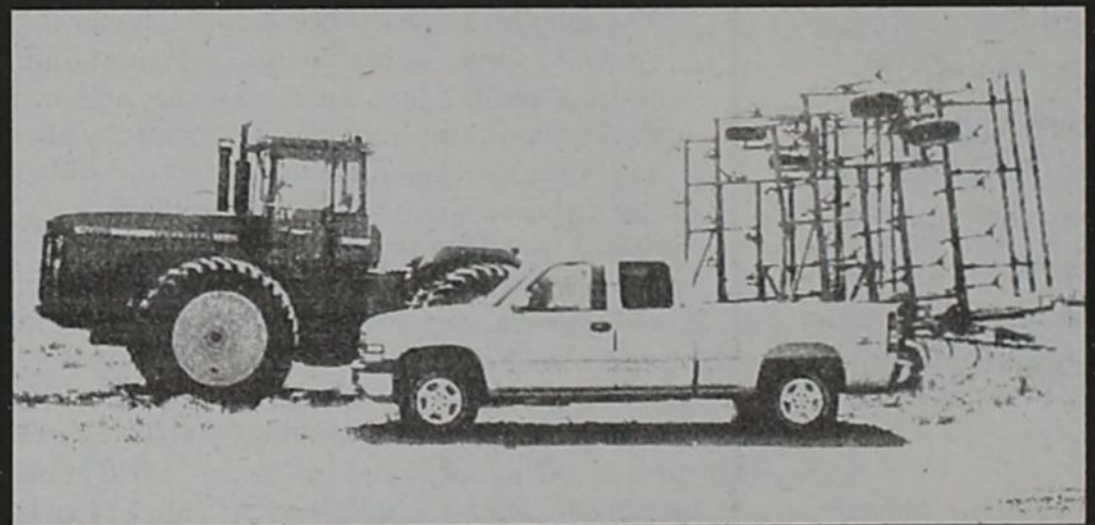
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# Bineweeds bites dust with Greek bug testing

**Patricia Gardner special to the Ag Reporter**

Swisher County Noxious Weed Control District spent \$30,000 for herbicide control of bindweed in on-farm programs last year. Swisher County itself spent \$15,872.32 for chemical bindweed control on non-crop-land.

Dr. Jerry Michels, entomologist at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Bushland, said bindweed covers over 60,000 acres of Texas farmland and costs more than \$50 million in economic losses per year. It is a problem in roadsides, lawns and abandoned sites as well.

Michels and his staff have been studying biological control of bindweed for the past 10 years. It is a more desirable alternative than chemical control, which is difficult and extremely expensive.

Biological control provides a low cost, self-perpetuating solution, reducing use of herbicides and promoting good environmental stewardship throughout the land.

The TAES team discovered a microscopic bug that is going to play a leading role in the biological control of bindweed. Dayna Dowdy, team member, said they have been studying a

tiny Greek mite, scientifically named *Aceria malherbae*, imported in 1989. In a 1996 report, TAES said the mite had reduced bindweed infestation by more than 50 percent at its original release site in Amarillo.

The mite attacks the bindweed plant by producing galls on the leaves, petioles and stems, which causes the plant's cells to forget how to make flowers. The mite also injects a toxin into the plant that interferes with the cells' genetic blueprint and causes the plant to just wither away.

Dowdy said the mite is endemic only to bindweed, and does not harm other horticulture or wildflowers. It reproduces sexually, with eggs hatching in one to two weeks. The young mature in two to four weeks. The mite breeds continually from spring to fall. It has survived the semi-arid conditions of the High Plains for the past 10 years. Use of some herbicides and cultivating may not disturb the mite, as it overwinters in its insect stage in the roots of bindweed.

The only drawback of the mite so far has been that it was slow moving, inhibiting redistribution to other fields and tests. Instead of relying on natural dispersal, Michels and his team began harvesting bindweed cuttings infested with the mites from a release site. Then the site was inadvertently

mowed, moving the mites wherever the clippings landed.

Michels said it had taken ten years for the mites to move a mile at Bushland, and they moved 300 yards in less than a month at the site of the mowing. That experience helped the entomologists understand that if the mite was slightly disturbed, it would travel faster and maybe reproduce quicker. By discovering this tiny little fact, the possibility of wider distribution of the mite to other bindweed sites has accelerated testing.

Use of the mites is being offered to producers throughout the Panhandle who are willing to cooperate with the research efforts of the TAES. Just last week, 300 bags were distributed to 60 area farmers during a field day at Etter.

Any producer interested in securing some of the mites should contact their county extension office.

"We are interested in learning how the mites respond to bindweed infestations under varied situations," said Michels.

The Eriophid mite may just be the answer to cropland bindweed control in the Panhandle. But remember, bindweed has endured over 100 years; this little mite has only been here 10 years.

## Generators from page 1

The reason Bell chose the Enermart system was because of the challenge he faced getting electricity to his fields. Submersible pumps require three-phase electricity, but it is a mile to the closest power line. It would be cost prohibitive for him to have the electric company run a line to him, he said.

On the other hand, Enermart representative Doug Edwards explained, there already are natural gas lines in very close proximity to those fields.

From that standpoint, it made good sense for Bell to make the move, since he was going to have to change things anyway.

Bell pointed out when he first began farming in Hale County in 1952, he had one nine-inch turbine running 1000 gallons per minute and it was 80 feet to the water.

"That same well is producing 700 gallons per minute and it probably is 260 feet to water now," he said.

Because of the decline of his water, he is losing efficiency with his turbines and is wearing them out rapidly.

"A turbine pump is designed to run at 1,750 rpm for maximum efficiency. You get down to 1,500, your efficient just goes to pot," he said.

Also, when the turbine starts sucking air it starts to wear out

more quickly, he said.

Bell pointed out that it takes about \$3,500 dollars just to purchase some of the parts for turbines.

"You can figure anytime you have to pull one out you're going to have to spend \$5,000," he said.

In contrast, he continued, he was able to install a 30-horsepower submersible for about \$5,500.

According to Edwards, it takes 75 kilowatts to run 60 horsepower worth of submersible pumps.

In Bell's case, his is powering a 454 Chevrolet industrial engine.

Edwards said interest is growing in the gas-powered generators.

That is good for Enermart, which is part of Atmos Energy and is a sister company to Energas, Grimes explained.

In fact, she said, it was the growing need for farmers to be able to

find more economic ways to irrigate their crops that led to the formation of Enermart.

"Enermart was formed primarily to focus and concentrate on our agricultural customers in West Texas,"

she said.

In Freddy Bell's opinion, the generators and West Texas farming is a good fit and it comes at a good time.

He did not have available electricity, he did have available gas, and he needed to switch to submersible pumps.

**"That same well is producing 700 gallons per minute and it probably is 260 feet to water now."**

*Freddy Bell*



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# OPINION-ISSUES



**Robert Lee**

LONGTIME RESIDENT FROM HAPPY

## Happy Tales

Looking through some old files at our church, I found a copy entitled, "Memories of Mrs. J.W. Ballard." It was an oral interview given by Mrs. J.W. Ballard to Evalyn W. Rasmussen July 21, 1939. No one was able to tell me why or how this interview ended up in our files. I found it exceptionally interesting because my in-laws rented and lived in the Ballard home when they first moved to Happy in the 40's. It is a very good documentation of early days in our area.

Mrs. Ballard begins with, "We came to the Panhandle from Grayson County, Texas, in June 1890. We drove a team of oxen. There were three other families with us. I drove the oxen and Mr. Ballard drove about 30 head of cattle that we were bringing with us. Some people asked why we drove oxen when we had so many horses. We used oxen because they pulled better.

We took a claim in Swisher County about 13 miles north of Tullia and built a dugout 10x10, just big enough to cook and eat in. We put the wagon bed on stilts and slept there. One night, when my husband was away, there came a hard rain. I waited for a long time to go to bed, but the rain kept pouring. Finally, I wrapped blankets around the two children and we ran out to bed. We got under the canvas, and only got a little damp. We slept in the wagon bed until Christmas, then we moved into a two-room basement. Later on we built two rooms over this. We cooked on a stove with such a low stovepipe that when the wind was in the north, it blew down the pipe and nearly smoked us out. We burned buffalo chips, hauled them in by the wagonload. We hauled our water in barrels from a neighbor's well two miles away. In 1891, we dug a well and put

up the second windmill in Swisher County.

A stage line ran from Amarillo to Plainview. They had two hacks, one going each way every day. They met at my house for dinner every day for three years. From 1898 to 1901. The line was owned by W.H. Fuqua and Light Knight. I don't remember how much the fare was.

The stages were three-seated spring wagons with canvas sides that rolled up. They drove Mexican mules and changed teams at our place at noon. Usually each driver had two mules, but sometimes they drove three.

These mules were very high strung and had to be tied while they were unharnessed. The driver had to be in his seat before they were untied because they shot off like a ball of fire. The road was full of chug-holes and the passengers certainly got their dinner jolted down. They had two or three runaways but no one was hurt.

I have never heard of the stage being held up. I don't believe it happened on that route. If it did, it was before I came here.

A man by the name of Webster

was one of the drivers and the other was Sherril Rollins.

Webster was a large, quiet man. A typical westerner. Rollins was a small, jovial man and he loved his whiskey. Sometimes he was so drunk he couldn't eat and sat on the porch while the rest ate, but he could always handle his mules.

At first, I never knew whether I would have anyone for dinner or not. After telephones were put in, they called me every morning from both, Plainview and Amarillo, and I knew about how many I could expect. I think I got my telephone in 1899. Fence posts were used for telephone poles.

I charged 35¢ for dinner and everyone ate until they were full. The drummers nearly always gave me 50¢.

They said that was what they had to pay other places for a meal. I had a homemade table about twelve feet long and always had it loaded.

I kept white cloths on it, and remember how hard it was to keep them white.

I specialized in fried chicken. I raised most of the chickens but bought some from the neighbors.

I always had corn bread and biscuits.

I could see the stage come over the hill five miles away. When I saw it coming, I knew it was time to put the biscuits in the oven. That's how I wore my eyes out, watching for the stage. We raised our own garden so we had plenty of vegetables all year round. We had quite a few fruit trees and berry bushes, so I always had plenty of fruit and jelly. I always had both cake and pit. I had a large cake stand and always had a big cake on it in the middle of the table. I thought it just set the table off right.

One day, I had seventeen Methodist preachers for dinner. I remember they all drank butter-milk.

Some of the passengers I remember were; Henry Bishop, W.H. Fuqua and C.J.E. Lowndes of Amarillo, George Slaughter of Plainview, J.C. Pipkin and R.A. Campbell, the auctioneer from Canyon. There were drummers and many others. Many prospectors from "up north" looking at the land.

This stage carried the mail too. The post office was at the Currie residence five miles north of us.



**Burt Rutherford**

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF TCFA

## Thinking is important when reading textbooks

School's in session. Do you know what your children are learning?

The other day, a feedyard manager asked me to define geography. Harkening back to my schoolboy days, I confidently replied that geography was a chunk of land defined either by political borders or by natural features like mountains, rivers, oceans and the like. We were at a meeting and, as it was a break between sessions and a small group was gathered, I stepped back to bask in my momentary glory.

It was indeed momentary. "That goes to show what you know," he promptly replied. "You'll be interested to know that my son's 6th grade textbook defines geography as man's impact on the environment."

I was indeed interested to know that and, as he was considering pointing out this potential error to his school officials, I promised to find some information so he could arm himself with scientifically based facts. In follow-up conversations, more details became available. Here's the definition of geography as printed in the textbook titled "World:" "The study of earth's environment and how it shapes people's lives and how earth is shaped in turn by people's activities."

An older son informed his cattle feeder father that the definition in question applied to "cultural geography" and was correct. Now, the feedyard manager and I both were educated in a time when life was less clouded by shades of gray, so the idea of geography being the study of the environment rather than biology or another

environmental science is a new concept, as is the idea of "cultural geography" in general. But, taken in the context of what "cultural geography" seems to imply, the above definition appears fairly benign.

"However," the feedyard manager pointed out, "the book does not make the distinction between cultural geography and regular geography. So students are left with an inaccurate and incomplete idea of what should be a simple and straightforward concept—that the classical definition of geography is the study of the physical features on the surface of the earth."

That's the rub that stirred this cattle feeding father to action. His argument isn't so much with the definition of "cultural geography" as it is with the fact that the book used that definition to define geography in general and didn't point out to students that there's a difference. This intellectual dishonesty bothers him, and it should bother the rest of us as well. As he says, this individual occurrence isn't going to change things much in the minds of youngsters. But it may become one more idea that advances the concept that human activities are universally harmful to the environment.

Those of us who live close to the land know that is not true. So it is up to us to know what messages are being sent to our children and to provide correct information if we think those messages are wrong.

And where should that information go? The teacher? The principal? The school board? All those are appropriate. But the message also needs to be sent to the companies that

publish the textbooks.

All that is being done, thanks to the beef checkoff. So, before you despair that Generation X is completely lost, remember that beef checkoff dollars have long been working to get the word out on cattlemen's role as environmental stewards. Did you know that thousands of teachers have received teaching curriculums that use the cattle business as a basis to teach history and geography? And that your checkoff dollars paid to make that happen? Did you know that checkoff dollars are working right now to provide teachers and school kids with fun, factual, science-based information on the role that cattle and beef plays in their lives?

It's important to know what is being taught to our children. And, like the feedyard manager above, it's important to respond when we feel the information they're learning is short of the mark. That's where your checkoff dollars and your membership in state cattle associations, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and other commodity groups comes to the fore. The hired hands who work for you are more than willing to help-use them for the information and expertise they possess. And that's why it's important to support commodity checkoff programs. The information to refute false claims doesn't just materialize. And the expertise and time it takes to develop and implement teaching aids that show agriculture in a factual, positive light must be funded.

People now a days are very concerned about protecting the environment, and justly so. Cattlemen and other ag producers share that concern just as passionately and perhaps more so than their urban neighbors because they live so close to the land—it is not just their livelihood, but their life.

That story must continue to be told.



**Monte Winders**

FUTURES SPECIALIST

## Market News

### Cattle

The August Cattle-on-Feed report came out just as the analysts had expected. Total on feed was 102 percent, placements were 94 percent and marketings at 103 percent. The initial reaction was neutral and the Monday after the report was a non-event. The weight breakdown was about what it was last year except the 600 pound and less were larger than a year ago.

The cattle trade toward the end of the month finally saw a little up trend with cash hitting the \$66 area. Most traders had felt that the October/December bull spreads had supported this rally and commercial buying on stops also was featured. Hedge traders were buying the August contract and some long traders began selling as profit taking was seen toward the end of the month. The trading volume was seen chang-

ing gears and an increase in the trade has been taking place. The feeder cattle were also seen working higher even against higher grain prices. Many analysts are really beginning to wonder when the large on-feed number, which is a rather large one, will show up. While we are headed into a seasonal decline in showlist size, keep in mind that fall offerings are scheduled to be significantly larger than last year.

Technically the October live cattle have support at 6502 and 6450 with resistance at 6565 and 6602. The main trend is sideways to down and a trend reversal price of 6620. The 14 day RSI is 49.7 and 20 day stochastics are 54 percent k and 76 percent d.

### Corn

As this month ends, most analysts will tell you that it is too late to be talking about any

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weather markets in the corn. But someone forgot that an early freeze scare could start the markets higher. One weather watching company came out with a private forecast for an early freeze in the Midwest corn belt this fall. Many floor readers were skeptical about the talk saying it was too soon to count on such forecasts. With the US corn crop maturing ahead of normal, they said a frost might actually be helpful by aiding in drying down the crop. Another service has been calling for a cooler than normal fall for the Western Hemisphere. There seems to be cold air surges followed by warm weather, adding fuel to talk of possible early frost damage.

Traders have said with the strengthening Jap Yen and relatively low US corn prices, regular Asian buyers could be returning to the US for purchases to extend coverage. One trader said Japan alone had bought at least 500,000 tonnes of US corn in a one-week period. With Japan, South Korea and Taiwan are said to have bought 500-800,000 tonnes of US corn so far. Some analysts believe that Japan has bought as much as 19 milbu over the past few weeks. The latest NWS 6-10 day forecast shows above normal temps from NE to OH with precip at normal to below normal.

Technically we see December corn with support at 210 then 206 1/4 and resistance at 220 3/4 and 226 1/2. The main trend is down and a trend reversal price at 242 3/4. 14 day RSI is 43 and the 20 day stochastic is 44 percent k and 53 percent d.

Wheat

The wheat market continues to run in the shadows of the corn and soybeans. Most of the CBT wheat rallies have been in sympathy with the gains in the other grains. However the KC December wheat has been bouncing off the \$3/bu level. The continued snub of US wheat by Iran has helped pressure this market. There has been discussion that Iran bought at least 1.3 million tonnes and possibly as much as 2 million tonnes of Canadian wheat. Support came from the news that Brazil's largest wheat producing state of Parana may have lost up to 15 percent of its wheat crop from a freeze in the middle of August. Egypt also announced a tender for 2.2 milbu of white wheat for September shipment and another 2.2 milbu of soft red wheat for Oct/Nov delivery.

The depressed commodity prices look like bargains to many fund managers looking for a place to put their money. Along with the fund managers many analysts feel we have reached key chart support points. Traders are making inflation bets on the basis of the Fed taking a neutral stance after the latest rate hike. Many feel this could help exports to pick up with a stronger exchange rate.

Technically December KC wheat shows support at 300 then 295 3/4 and resistance at 309 and 313 1/2.

The main trend is up and a trend reversal price of 318. The 14 day RSI is 49 with the 20 day stochastic at 60 percent k and 64 percent d.

Cotton

The cotton market has not found a bottom on the charts or found any friends that seem to want to buy this market. Speculators have been selling on the weak performance while trade pressured the market and noted lower international prices. Key technicals have been reached but many feel this may not help the contracts unless they take a little break. Market watchers have been awaiting reports on export sales and consumption numbers. China has cut its cotton quote by 200 points and could become one of the cheapest quotes in the world. Analysts said foreign competitors are taking into account US exporters' expectations that USDA's stop 2 cotton-user subsidies would be reinstated in the fall. Step 2, which ran out of money in December 98, is expected to receive new funds as part of a farm relief package approved by the US Senate before its monthlong recess. Congress is scheduled to return on September 7.

Analysts will continue to monitor the weather, especially the storms in the Atlantic Ocean that could be a threat to the US delta region. But storm watchers are talking about more frequent than normal hurricanes this season. Technically December cotton has support at 5060 then 4930 with resistance at 5285 and 5350. The main trend is down and trend reversal price at 5488. The 14 day RSI is 41 with the 20 day stochastic at 49 percent k and 73 percent d.

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Area 4-H members' recipe

Pollo Con Pico de Gallo from Christin Boudreaux



Ingredients

- 6 boneless chicken breasts halves
  - 1/2 C teriyaki sauce
  - 1/2 tsp grated lime peel
  - 1 clove garlic, pressed
- Sauce
- 1 medium fresh tomato
  - 1 whole jalapeno pepper
  - 1/2 avocado, peeled and seeded
  - 1/4 C minced red onion
  - 1 T teriyaki sauce
  - 1 1/2 tsp fresh cilantro, minced
  - 2 tsp lime juice

Directions:

- Place chicken in large plastic food storage bag. Combine teriyaki sauce, lime peel and juice and garlic. Pour over chicken. Press air out of bag. Close top securely. Turn bag over several times to coat chicken well. Refrigerate 1 hour, turning bag occasionally.
- Reserving marinade, remove chicken and broil or grill 4-5 inches from heat source or hot coals for 7 minutes. Brush chicken with reserved marinade. Turn chicken over. Cook 7 minutes longer or until chicken is tender.
- Sauce: Dice tomato, jalapeno pepper, and avocado. Combine with onion, teriyaki sauce, lime juice and cilantro. Cover and let stand at room temperature 2 hours before serving. Serve over chicken.
- Yield 6 servings.

Christin is a member of Randall County 4-H.



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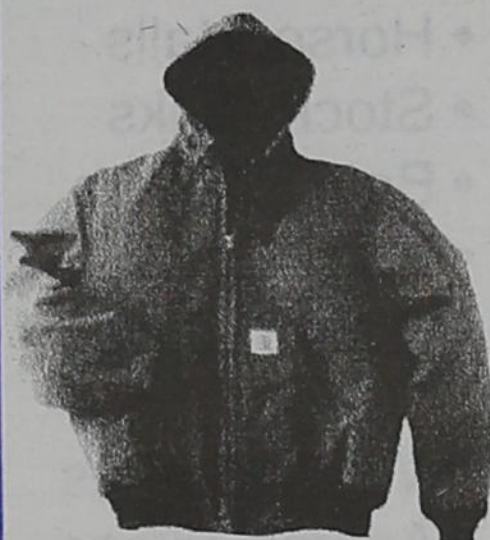


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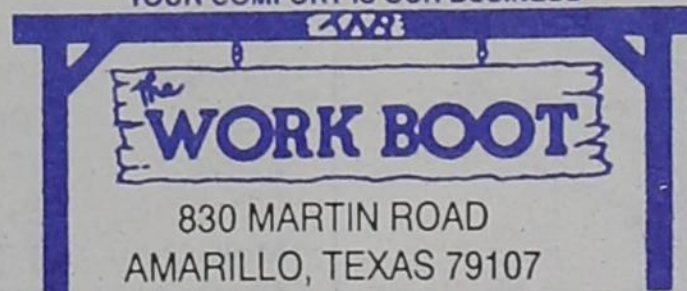
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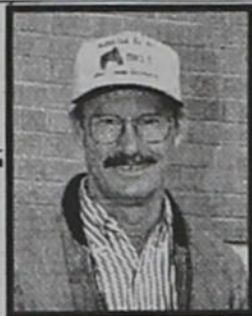
# Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

## Robert Devin

RANDALL COUNTY

The other morning I was up early, headed somewhere and I was listening to an early morning radio talk show. The host was interviewing a person who was in the business of teaching "upward bound executives" how to speak without



might leave the impression that the speaker is illiterate and lazy. The list went

an accent. The guest contended that to be successful in a global environment, that one must converse in a neutral "tongue". That is, the use of the word "y'all" in addition to signaling his origin,

on and on. Needless to say, this kinda struck a cord with me. The more I thought about the logic behind this reasoning, the more convinced I became that this is an excellent example of why agriculture as well as some of our core values are in trouble. When we give up any part of our identity, we lose a part of us that makes us an individual and shapes our lives. It also affects our values and beliefs. If we don't know where we came from, how do

we know where we are going? In a time when an increasing amount of communication occurs in a medium other than face to face, or even voice to voice, it is my opinion that for the good of humanity we desperately need to maintain the individualism that reflects our heritage and our beliefs. After all if we all sounded the same, we would only need one singer, one newscaster, one story teller, one rodeo

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## Stanley Young

LUBBOCK COUNTY

Summer has finally arrived in Lubbock and on the South Plains. The past days of hot temperatures and very little rainfall have caused crops, gardens and lawns to deteriorate unless timely irrigation was applied. These hot, dry conditions usually hasten crop maturation.

Cotton in the county is cutting out. This means it is stopping its reproductive stage. Therefore, total bolls are set. Hopefully, we can get the bolls fully matured to produce more pounds of lint. With a little help from Mother Nature, some rain and open fall, we can make an average crop. The dark side of the picture is that current cotton prices are very low and show no immediate sign of improvement. I would encourage each cotton farmer to become familiar with the LDP, POP and other government program opportunities to secure the best possible price for his crop.



home landscapes. Tomato blossom end rot is prevalent. On the South Plains, this occurs when we have large moisture fluctuations. The heavy, early rains convinced tomato plants we were going to be wet all summer, but you know the real story. As we started to experience the hot, dry days, many gardeners didn't keep enough soil moisture available for the tomato plants or did not water on a timely schedule. Vegetables require irrigation every two to three days in high temperatures. Therefore, the plants experienced significant moisture fluctuations which, in turn, produced blossom end rot. All the calcium sprays in the world, although

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Changing directions, phone calls to our office this month indicate that homeowners are having difficulty regulating water amounts needed to maintain their vegetable gardens and

## J.D. Ragland

FLOYD COUNTY

Howdy folks, straight from downtown Pumpkin Capital USA, Floyd County America. Hot, Hot, Hot, Dry, Dry, Dry. Yeap, that pretty much sums it up over here in Floyd County. Hey, I did a little checking the other day and did you know from January - June we had received 16 inches of moisture in Floyd County. In July we received just a trace and in August, NOTHING! Dang we sure could use a rain around here. Ag wise, well producers busy with irrigation. Cotton starting to suffer. Even those irrigated fields. Lately it seems those with pivots after about 11 a.m. the cotton out in front of it is already wilting due to heat stress. Boll weevils are on the increase right now and need to be monitored closely. Producers are encouraged to watch fields closely, especially if they have late or replanted cotton. Cause those dang boll weevils will be moving into fields with lush squares for feeding. Other than that, most of our cotton is late but looks pretty good, just need a rain! Most sorghum fields have started to head. Again many fields stressing due to hot dry weather. Corn - the majority of our corn this year was harvested for ensilage. However, those fields that will be cut for grain is late this year due to hail and some replanting. Final irrigation is occurring on these fields now. Ears appear small, yield is expected to be down. Peanuts progressing well, irrigation going on here also. Sunflower fields drying down in a hurry.

Harvest will be underway in a couple of weeks, and as far as guar, we're all still learning. Some producers have irrigated, but only once. Most guar is usually ready for harvest after first freeze and moisture is 14% or below. We'll keep ya posted. And finally the pumpkins.

They look good right now, irrigation is in full swing. A little bit of powdery mildew in some fields, but producers are doing a good job staying on top of it. All in all right now it looks like another



average pumpkin crop. For those of you that didn't know we lost a good extension friend last week. Bob Benson, Hale County Extension Agent passed away fighting cancer. Sure did think a lot of Bob, will

miss him and our prayers and thoughts go out to his family. The Floyd County 4-H Achievement Banquet is set for September 12 at Duncan Elementary in Floydada. The Floyd County Ag Tour has been set this year for September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Floyd County Fair is scheduled for September 16 - 18 in Lockney and oh, by the way, don't forget our annual Pumpkin Days set for October 2, 1999 in Floydada. Another fun filled day of pumpkin activities has been planned. Be there or be square! And if that wasn't enough the South Plains Fair and State Fair of Texas will be towards the end of September.

You know me, I always like to leave on a positive note. This reminds me of a story I'd like to share with ya. I was visiting with a woman the other day, 90 years old. She said J. D. I don't have no problems, I'm just glad to be alive. She said I have a great life and I have a lot of really swell men that come and visit me every day. I said you do, she said yea, I'll tell ya about them. She said every morning when I wake "Will Power" helps me get out of bed. Then I go see "John". And then "Charlie Horse" comes by and when he's here he takes up a lot of my time and attention. When he leave "Author Itis" shows up and spends the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long so he takes me around from joint to joint.

And after a long day I'm really, really tired and I'm glad to get to go to bed with "Ben Gay". What-A-Life!

Remember keep smiling and maintain a positive attitude and don't forget to laugh, cause laughter doeth a heart good just like a medicine! Ya'll come to see us, til next time, Howdy, cause I just hate to say goodbye!



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announcer and heaven for bid, one county agent. You get my drift.

I don't have to tell you that it has finally turned hot and except for the cotton boys, we are ready for the next rain. Silage harvest is underway and the milo is starting to turn. One more good rain and we would have the best milo crop that I have seen since moving to Randall Co. The grass is still holding up well and cattle gains appear to be really good. We are starting to see some movement of cattle from grass to the feedlots.

So far we have had an insect free summer. Most corn and sorghum has had minium insect problems and we have seen a little rally in prices for our summer crops, but we still have a ways to go.

And speaking of insects, we have heard from most of the twelve Randall County producers who put out the bindweed mites as a part of an area wide trial and they all report that the mites have established and in some cases have spread to the point that some infected bindweed runners have been harvested and placed in other locations. For those of you who may not know, Dr. Jerry Micheals has been evaluating the insect for about four years and this is the first year to involve producers in the process. The mites have been placed in a variety of locations and will be evaluated under a variety of cultural practices! These result demonstrations will provide us with additional information and hopefully an insight as to how this pest might be utilized in the control of bindweed. I know we

all hope it works.

Our assistant agent, Chris Blount put together an excellent Cotton Turn Row Meeting. The educational activity was a joint effort with Deaf Smith County and over 50 producers attended. One thing that was on everyone's mind was the average number of degree days left in the growing season for a cotton crop that needs all the time it can get. An excellent tool to use in tracking this information is the PET network. In addition to measuring and recording the accumulation of heat units, the daily water use is predicted utilizing daily readings at a network of weather stations across the High Plains. The information is available by fax or on the Internet at <http://texaset.tamu.edu>.

Randall County 4-Hers have been busy as a new year kicks off. In addition to regular club meetings, the County 4-H Fair was held last week. I never cease to be amazed at the talents of our young people.

Not only did they exhibit a wide variety of projects, the older kids played a key role in conducting the fair and assisting judges. The Tri State Fair is just around the corner and the County Achievement Banquet slated for August 28.

We wish JoBeth Cromer, our assistant FCS agent, the best as she assumes her new duties as county extension agent in Yoakum County.

We have enjoyed her wit and enthusiasm and know she will be an asset to the program in Yoakum County. We also bid farewell to another Extension

supporter and community leader. Charles Baughman has made countless contributions to all phases of the Extension program in Randall County as well as the community. He will be missed and we wish him continued success and happiness.

**FOURTH IN THE WORLD!** Congratulations to the Randall County Horse Judging Team and coach Jo Baker. The team recently competed at the AJQHA World Show in Ft. Worth against teams from across the United States and Canada. The team members included Sarah Skelton, McKenzie Brazile, Anne Marie Palitza, and Amanda Bryan. They won the right to represent Texas by placing second at the State 4-H Contest in June.

The 1999 Ranch -To -Rail Program is slated to receive cattle in October. If you are interested in entering cattle in the trial this year, you need to contact your Extension Agent promptly. The program is designed to check feedlot performance and carcass traits. Five or more steers weighing between 500 and 800 pounds are ideal for the trial. Individual identification will be maintained on the cattle. Contact your County Extension Agent for recommendations on preparing the cattle for the feeding program.

Plan now to attend the Randall County Crops Tour on October 1. There will be door-prizes, CEU's, lunch and an opportunity to check out some of the latest technology. Be watching for more information.

See ya next month!

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often recommended, will not correct this problem.

Lawns and trees are reflecting these hot, dry days. Leaves are showing moisture stress with symptoms such as drying edges and premature dropping. Homeowners are encouraged to practice good water management skills. These include watering the lawn when needed. Your grass will tell you when it needs a drink. It will either turn a darker blue-green color or footprints will be left behind when it is walked on. Either of these signs indicates the lawn requires water. We recommend that you apply at least 1" to 1½" of water every 5 to 7 days. Heavy watering encourages deeper rooting. Thus, a more drought tolerant lawn is developed. Also, please do not irrigate sidewalks, driveways or streets. We all need to do our part to conserve our most precious resource - water.

Do not sprinkle your flowers, trees or shrubs. Sprinkling the foliage often causes leaf burn, especially if you use Lake Meredith water. Water these plants by flood or drip irrigation. Sprinklers also lose more water to evaporation. A little mulch will also help conserve moisture.

If you are in Lubbock, you may want to stop by the Lubbock Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens. They are located at North Loop 289 and Martin Luther King Blvd. (the airport road) on the grounds of Breedlove Dehydration plant. Various plantings of flowers, trees, vegetables, ground covers and other horticultural plantings are displayed. Most have signs which identify them and some also have cultural details listed. I encourage you to stop by, view the gardens and maybe pick up new ideas for plantings in your home landscape or garden.

Youth are our most precious commodity. With the current 4-H year coming to a close, Lubbock County 4-H'ers were recognized for their past year's achievements

at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet. The banquet was held August 21 at the Koko Palace in Lubbock.

Many outstanding youth were recognized. Nickelaus Arnold, Southwest Frenship 4-H, Kerri Gardner, Cooper 4-H, Ashley Winter, I. R. 4-H, William "B.J." Franklin, New Deal 4-H and Ryan Mimms, Roosevelt 4-H, received 4-H Gold Star awards. Ty Gray, Cooper 4-H, Staci Lemon, New Deal 4-H, and Wendy Wilson, Hub City Bunny Bunch 4-H, were presented with Teen Leader awards. Mark Fritzier, New Deal 4-H, Dana and Michael Boltz, 4-H Horse Club, received Danforth 'I Dare You' awards. Dusty Walker, Southwest Frenship 4-H and Christie Hendley, Cooper 4-H were Silver Star winners. Blaine Walker and Andrea Arnold, Southwest Frenship 4-H, received Bronze Star awards. Amanda Langdon, Cooper 4-H, was presented with the 4-H Achievement award. Tanner Winter, I.R. 4-H, was listed as Outstanding Junior Boy while Sarah Patschke, Roosevelt 4-H, was named Outstanding Junior Girl. Kevin Womack and Casey Jones, New Deal 4-H, received Outstanding Senior Boy awards. Kim Kuper and Amanda Hartfield, New Deal 4-H, were honored with Outstanding Senior Girl awards.

Special 'Friend of 4-H' awards were presented to Potato Specialty Company, Lubbock Farmer-Stockman Show and Lubbock County Soil and Water Conservation Board for their exceptional support of Lubbock County 4-H.

Outstanding leaders were also recognized at the banquet. Janie Boltz, 4-H Horse Club, David Holt, Mickie Bowes and Bill Rodolph, Lubbock County 4-H shooting sports coaches, received Adult Leader awards. Lou Ann Underwood, Hub City Bunny Bunch 4-H was presented with the Clover Leader award.

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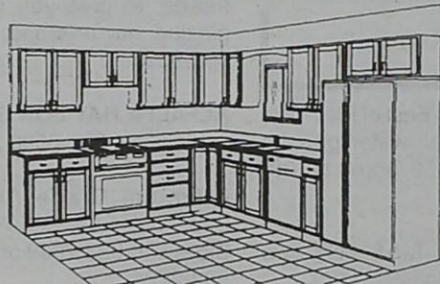
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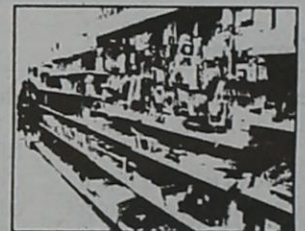
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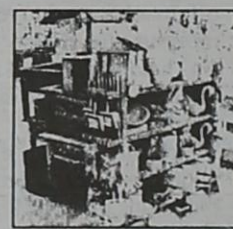


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