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DAI accepts first load of corn Aug. 20

Dimmitt Agri Industries accepted its first load of corn last Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the Flagg leg south of Dimmitt.

The corn was harvested by Bill Weldon on his farm south of Flagg in Castro County. The corn was harvested from a semi-dryland corner of a patch under a sprinkler system.

Test weight on the first load was 50.9 and moisture was 25.7.

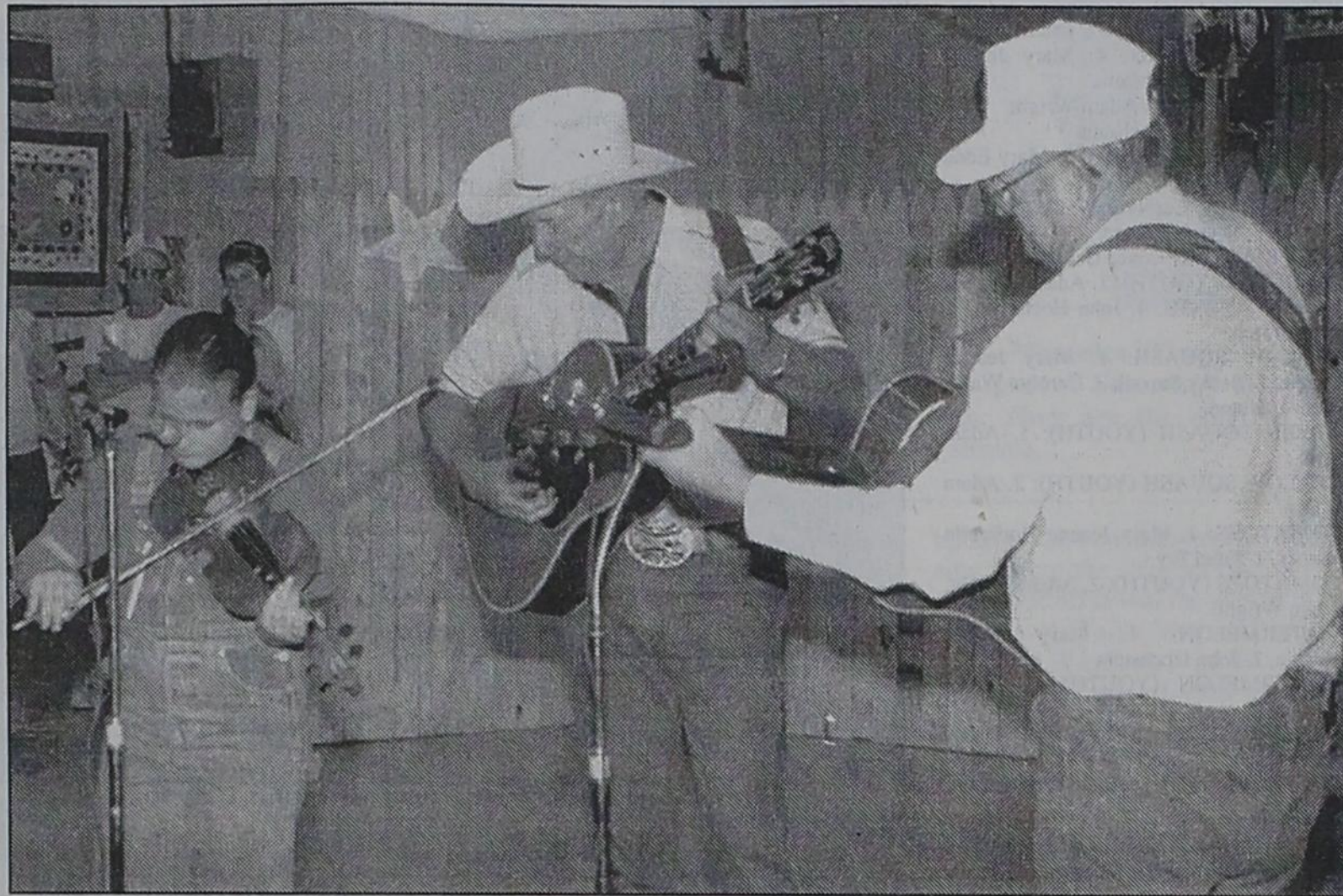
News announces early deadlines

The News will observe early deadlines for the Sept. 5 issue, due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

Society news and advertising, including weddings, engagements, showers and anniversaries, and news from community correspondents should be submitted to the News by Friday at noon for inclusion in the Sept. 4 issue.

The deadline for all other news items and advertising will be at noon on Tuesday.

The News will go to press at its regular time and will be open for business on Monday.



MINDY PEARSON (left) concentrates on one of her three songs at the fiddle contest Saturday during the Castro County Harvest Days celebration. Pearson

finished second in the 12 and under age division of the contest.

Photo by Anne Acker

Area-wide drug sweep results in local arrests

Warrants were issued for five Castro County residents, all from the Hart community, in an area-wide sweep last week that netted more than 50 arrests in seven cities across the Texas Panhandle, coordinated by the Panhandle Narcotics Trafficking Task Force of Amarillo. One Castro County man named in one of the warrants is still at large. He is believed to be out of state, according to Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld.

Among those arrested in Castro County was a juvenile, who has been placed in the Youth Center of the High Plains in Amarillo; and George Chapa, 47, Vincent John Padilla, also known as Vincent Lopez, 36, and Michael Diaz, 23. The three adults were true billed by the Castro County Grand Jury, according to Fitzgearld.

Fitzgearld said the task force coordinated the effort in serving the warrants throughout the six counties, starting Aug. 20, with arrests continuing through Friday. Two of the Hart men gave themselves up and the third was already in jail on unrelated charges. Fitzgearld said the arrests went smoothly. Assisting in the ef-

fort here were five members of the Sheriff's Dept., Hart Police Chief Wayne Johnson and Dimmitt Assistant Police Chief Santos Perez.

The Sheriff's Dept. also seized three pickups that supposedly had been used in the sale of narcotics.

Fitzgearld said, "This work will continue on fighting the drug problem in Castro County. We won't stop with this. There's plenty more out there."

He said the sweep of arrests was the culmination of 18 months of investigation by an undercover agent of the Amarillo task force.

"A lot of the information we receive about criminal activities, drugs and whatever, is information coming mainly from concerned citizens who have come forward," Fitzgearld said. "It helps us tremendously when citizens take a stand in this way. Anyone who has information about these types of activities needs to come forward. We encourage people to let us know if they are aware of illegal activities. They can call me at the Sheriff's Dept. or Ray Aleman at the Dimmitt Police Dept."

City looking into establishing teen court program for Dimmitt

Jack Edwards of Dimmitt, a local attorney and the city attorney for Dimmitt, is organizing an effort to establish a teen court for Dimmitt or possibly for the whole county.

The program will need a coordinator in place to help get things started, hopefully by the first of the year, according to Edwards. He said the position may start out as part-time, later expanding to full-time as the program gets established.

He told the Dimmitt City Council Monday night that the program will probably start out just serving Dimmitt teens, but may expand later to include those from Hart and Nazareth, if those communities decide to participate.

Castro County Justice of the Peace Marshall Young told the city council Monday night that recent changes in legislation that will take effect Sept. 1 will make it more advantageous for teens in trouble with the law to go the teen court route.

He said misdemeanor cases handled in municipal court are being required to include community service as a part of the sentences that are handed down.

A big part of the teen court program is requiring teens to perform

community service in an effort to get them to take responsibility for their actions. So, either way, teens who violate the law would be required to do some community service.

However, Young said an advantage of the teen court system is that if teens successfully complete their sentence, the offense is erased from a teen's record. He said other new legislation is opening juvenile records, starting Jan. 1. In the past, a juvenile's record would be sealed once he or she turned 18, but now the juvenile record can be used as enhancement if the offender gets in trouble again.

Young told the council that the new legislation spells out how a DWI for anyone under 21 must be handled. He said an arrest can be made if there is a "detectable" amount of alcohol, with the determination of "detectable" left up to the arresting officer. He said breathalyzers do not have to be used on those under 21.

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said that under age DWI offenders cannot be incarcerated.

"We're supposed to write them a ticket and release them," Aleman said. "It places a lot of responsibility

on us. We hope parents will want to come down and pick up their child, but we can't make them."

Young said teens could "ruin their life in one night" if they were stopped for DWI, ticketed, released, stopped again, ticketed, released, and then stopped again, because the third time becomes a felony, even for juveniles.

Young also said a new Class C misdemeanor has been established for smoking by a person under 18. He said there are also penalties for persons who supply tobacco to minors and for businesses that sell to minors.

Edwards invited Tammy Hawkins, coordinator of the teen court program in Odessa, to come to Dimmitt and give a presentation. She spoke to the Kiwanis and Lions clubs, as well as the Dimmitt school board, and showed a brief video of proceedings from the Odessa court.

Hawkins said that teens enter the teen court system when they have broken the law. Offenses covered in the court are misdemeanor offenses, including traffic violations. They include Class C misdemeanor of-

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Grand jury indicts 11

The Grand Jury of the 242nd District Court met last Thursday and handed down 11 indictments.

George Chapa, 47, of Hart was indicted for delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine of less than one gram, on Dec. 13, 1996. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Michael Diaz, 23, of Hart was indicted for delivery of a controlled substance, amphetamine less than one gram, on Jan. 1. Bond is \$7,500 on the indictment.

Vicente Lopez, 36, of Hart was indicted for delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine less than one gram, on Dec. 13, 1996. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Tony Chia was indicted for delivery of a controlled substance, amphetamine less than one gram, on Jan. 10. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Eufemio Saucedo was indicted for DWI, third offense, on Aug. 3. Bond is \$3,000.

DWI, third offense or more, on July 30, was listed against Albert Earl Ewing. Bond was set at \$3,000.

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JOSH ALVAREZ is the picture of concentration as he pedals his way down the streets Saturday morning during the Harvest Days Parade. Alvarez was one of many bike riders entered in the parade. He sports a fireman's hat and has a stuffed Dalmatian along for the ride.

Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld

Nazareth Labor Day picnic slated Sunday

A parade, beef dinner, children's games, bingo, horseshoes, volleyball, auction hamburgers, dance and more will highlight the annual Labor Day picnic, scheduled Sunday in Nazareth.

The event is being sponsored by Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth and will be held in and around the Nazareth Community Hall.

Events this year will begin with a parade starting at 10 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three floats entered in the parade.

A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Community Hall. Cost for the meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for those 12 and under.

Several activities are scheduled after the parade, including a horseshoe and washer pitching tournament, double elimination mixed volleyball tournament, children's bingo and "bouncer cage," adult bingo and barrel rides.

The preliminary round in the horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments will begin at 11:30 a.m. The final rounds will begin following the auction, at approximately 4 p.m. Those interested in playing in the tournament may sign up at the church Saturday and Sunday, or from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the hall.

The volleyball tournament also will begin at 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by the CYO, the tournament will feature mixed teams and each team must have an equal number of men and women. There is no age limit, and entry fee is \$30 per team. To enter a team contact Vickie Kleman at 945-2570 or 945-2538; or Lisa Schulte at 945-2542 or 945-2225. Prizes will be awarded.

A "fancy work booth" featuring handmade craft items and homemade baked goods will be open in the Community Hall following the parade.

The children's games will begin at 1 p.m. in the church's CCD Building, and games include bingo, "bouncer cage," "Plinko," "Treasure Chest," "Pick-a-Pocket," "Maze," "Lollipop Tree" and a raffle.

During the day, the church's youth will offer soft drinks and snacks at a concession stand.

The annual auction and flea market will begin at 2 p.m. Livestock and

goods donated by area businesses and individuals will be auctioned off.

From 5 to 8 p.m., a hamburger supper will be served and the firemen's benefit horse races will begin.

Festivities for the Labor Day picnic will end with a dance in the Community Hall featuring the band, Southern Sky. Admission to the dance, which will last from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., will be \$5 per person.

For more information contact the Holy Family Catholic Church at 945-2616.

Nazareth Museum plans dedication

For more than a year a group of dedicated individuals have donated their time and labor into converting an old school building into a museum for the city of Nazareth.

Their work will be recognized Sunday afternoon when the museum is dedicated and opened to the public for the first time.

The ceremony will begin at 1:15 with a welcoming address by Mayor Ralph Brockman.

Jerome Brockman will present the museum with an American Flag from Catholic Life Insurance Union, and that flag will be raised by Boy Scouts, who will then lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

A brief history of the building will be given by RoseMary Wilhelm, and Kathy Birkenfeld will give a brief history of the museum.

Norita Hoelting will offer the official dedication of the facility and then engraved tiles will be uncovered and blessed.

Closing ceremonies will follow.

After the ceremony, the museum will be open to the public throughout the afternoon.

The museum features a variety of items including an old corn planter, pictures and many antiques including furniture, household goods and more.

Weather

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Friday	91	64	
Saturday	88	66	
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Monday	90	59	
Tuesday	92	59	
Wednesday	92	58	

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 1997 Moisture 18.31
 Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

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By Don Nelson

It was another good Harvest Days, with the weather cooperating.

(The Lions who scurried around forming up the parade Saturday morning complained of the heat, and a couple of them took off their vests. But hey, when you're having a parade, heat is a lot better than rain.)

It was a great parade, and there was a lot of fun at the Expo Building, the Senior Citizens Center, the courthouse square, the rodeo arena and in the streets.

The more people who work on our annual celebration, the more fun everyone has.

Planning already has started for next year's Harvest Days. If you have any ideas, share them with Bill or Becky at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Our county will have a lot to celebrate next year, so let's start planning and working now to make it the best Harvest Days ever.

Too often, we come to take the beautiful things around us for granted.

I said this once several years ago, but I think it's time I said it again:

I really appreciate the beautiful mini-park that the First United Bank established on North Broadway. The bank turned a vacant lot into a real beauty spot.

If you enjoy looking at it, too, let 'em know.

I don't know what "tennis elbow" is. I think what I have is more like tennis-ball elbow.

I bruised it, I guess. It swelled.

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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Friends and neighbors met in the home of Vernon and LaRue Hasley on Saturday, Aug. 16, in honor of Bill and Billie Moyers for a "new home" party and shower.

Many people came and enjoyed fellowship and refreshments. People came from Dimmitt, Hart and Amarillo.

Many lovely gifts were received by the Moyerses.

The gift receiving table was covered with a white linen cloth with large white bows centered with pink roses. A log cabin was used as the centerpiece with a hanging picture featuring the words, Bless Our Home centered over the log cabin.

The serving table featured an overlay of a white crocheted cloth over a blue cloth. A crystal punch bowl was used and pickup foods were served.

The Moyerses new home is located at 708 Southwest Sixth Street.

A local artist, Joan Craig, had a lovely exhibit of her paintings at Rhoads Memorial Library Aug. 12-23.

Joan has studied for 2-1/2 years and has accomplished much in this short time. She is an accomplished musician as well as an artist.

A reception was held in her honor last Thursday afternoon at the library. A bouquet of roses was on the serving table. Pick-up foods and a delicious fruit punch were served to friends and guests.

Irene Blanton has returned from McKinney after visiting with her daughter, Georgene Woods, and family. She also visited with another daughter, Lanelle Stevenson of Denton.

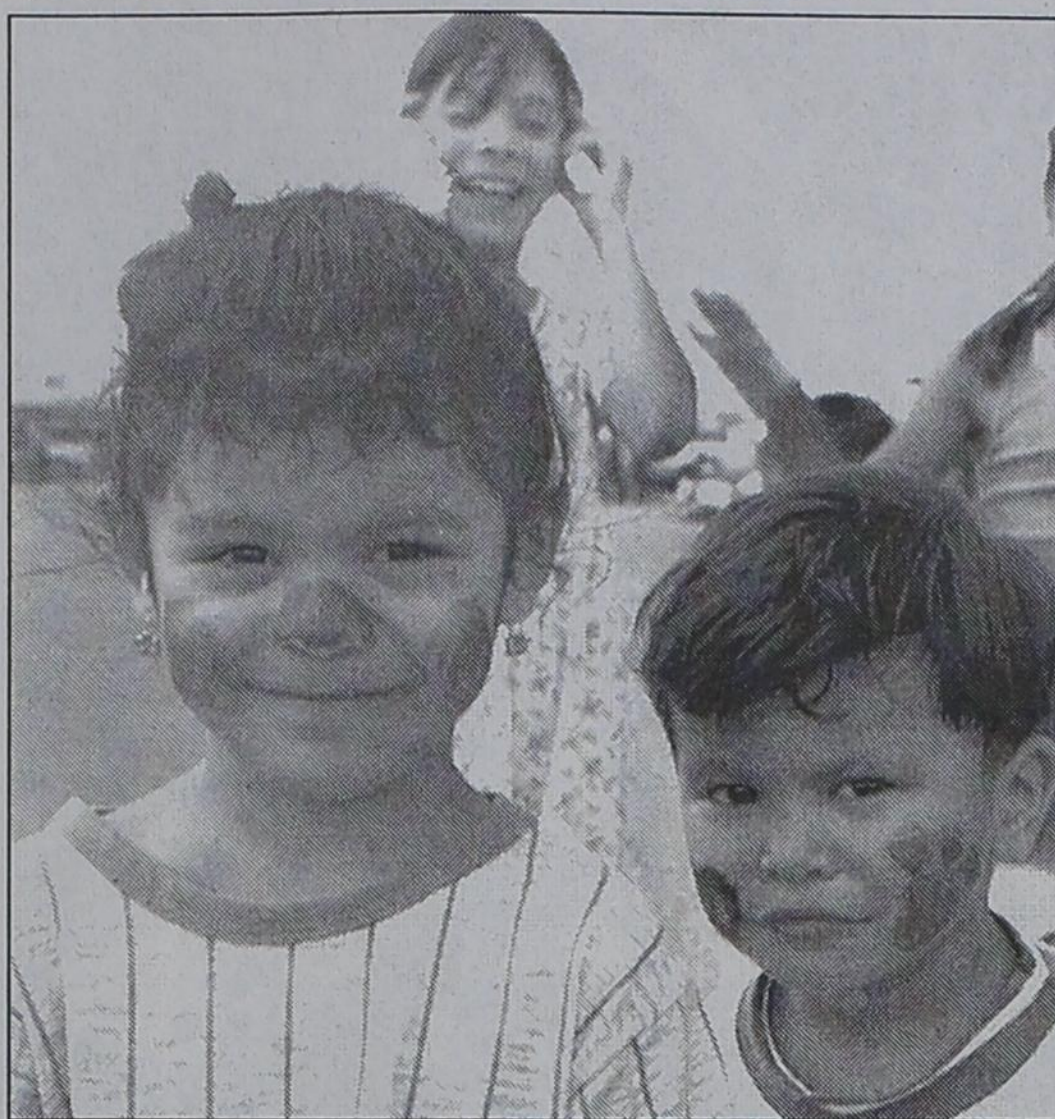
They had a wonderful time and went to Dallas one day to shop. Irene also has a great-grandbaby in Fort Worth, so they visited with the little boy, Nathan. Lanelle is the grandmother.

Cleo Forson was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club and she served a delicious peach cobbler and ice cream. The others brought a sack lunch.

Bill Thornton won high score and Bernice Hill was second. Others playing were Neva Hickey, Opha Burks, Ina Rae Cates, Carol Lantz, Edith Graef, Susie Reeves, Dude McLauren, Louise Mears and Emily Clingsmith.

A fun time was had by those who attended the entertainment at the gazebo on Wednesday at noon. Nearly everyone brought a sack lunch to eat while they listened to the music.

Bill Sava, the new executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, was master of ceremonies. He sang *He is Here* as well. Others singing were the Mixed Faith, Wayne Proffitt, Jim Hardwick,



ALL FIXED UP FOR THE OCCASION—Mercedes Villanueva (left), 4-1/2, and Isaac Morena, 3, got into the spirit of Saturday's Harvest Days parade by painting their faces. They are the children of Guadalupe Morena and Aurelio Villanueva.

Tami Griffith and Debra Ball (she was filling in for Susan Coleman).

They sang *Shut De Do, Lost Causes*, and *The Star Spangled Banner*. The Baptist Trio including Wayne Proffitt, Debra Ball and Tami Griffith sang *One Nation Under God*.

Tami Griffith sang *Grace*. Johnny Vick manned the controls and he played a tape that Avie Lewis gave him of her choir from Jarrold, where the tornado hit. Two of those in the choir were killed by the tornado.

KVII-TV, Channel 7 in Amarillo filmed the show for 30 minutes, and then showed only a few seconds on television.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will have ladies attending the district meeting at Wellington Square in Amarillo on Tuesday.

The membership brunch for new and existing members is Sept. 10. New, young members to come and work with the older members so that more will be available to help our hospital.

It was good to see Jo Hyman of Amarillo who was in Dimmitt visiting her mother, Martha Jo Hyman and her sister, Leigh. They attended church on Sunday morning.

Andy Webb welcomed the guests at First Baptist Church on Sunday morning, including his parents and Debra Ball conducted the children's

message. She encouraged the kids to sing during the song service.

Paula Proffitt was the pianist in the absence of Walter Maynard and she and Ruth Wayland, organist, played *Be Thou My Vision* for the offertory. Tami Griffith sang *Grace* and Bro. Rhodes' message was "The Power of God's Grace."

Sunday evening Randy Gressett and the Dimmitt Youth Group met at the First United Methodist Church to share the highlights from their summer activities and mission trip.

A large crowd of parents and friends attended from the First Baptist Church as well.

Rusty Dickerson and Charles Axtell opened the service by playing their guitars while Wayne Proffitt led the singing.

Randy Gressett conducted the service giving reports of all the activities that he led the youth in last summer. Others giving reports were

Elaine Heard, Mary Bradley, Elaine Steinle, Julie Merritt, Kalan Steinle, Keevin Sanders, Tanner Griffith, Lindsey Welch, Lyndsey Heard and Daniel Proffitt. Lyndsey Heard sang *Power on Your Knees*.

Amanda Annen played a piano solo and some of the songs that the group sang were *Double Dit*, *Double Dot*, *Joy, River of Love*, *Oh, Oh, Oh*, and *Lean on Me*. Heidi Thompson led the song, *ABC Song*.

The youth attended a camp at Falls Creek in Oklahoma and a mission trip at Camp Copos.

A fellowship was enjoyed by everyone with sandwiches, chips and dips and brownies.

Once again the Castro County Harvest Days celebration was a huge success. The weather was perfect for the parade and all the other outdoor activities. The parade had several pretty floats, but why is the Dimmitt Bobcat Band so small? Where are all the students who are interested in music?

At the Expo Building there were arts and crafts including all the pretty quilts, canned foods and fresh vegetables and flowers.

The school choirs sang at noon at the gazebo as well as at the Early Settlers Reunion Lunch at the Senior Citizens Center. They also performed at the Expo Building.

Other events included a 4-H Fashion Show, fiddlers' contest, pet show and gymnastics and tae kwon do exhibition.

A barbecue supper catered by Dyers and a street dance with music by Buyin' Time highlighted the evening activities. The Holy Warriors provided entertainment during the barbecue.

Many attended the rodeo at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena and they reported it was fun, but very dirty.

The Castro County Museum held its open house again and served lemonade to the visitors. There were 32 who registered and out-of-town guests were Glenn Gripp of Hereford; Jack and Murna Miller of Plainview, who came with their daughter, Kim Hays; A'Lann Truelock of Greenville; Loyd Truelock of Melrose, N.M.; Sara Dees of Amarillo, who came with her father, Arthur Oakley; Derek Trlica of Baltimore, Md., who

came with his grandfather, Harley Dyer; Wayne and Joyce Beavers of Hart; and David Bellinghausen of Dallas.

Wilbur Dixon of Dallas was at the museum on Friday and Decimae Dennis of Midland visited at the museum on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Thanks again to the men who volunteered their time to mow the grass at the museum so it would look nice for Harvest Days. Those who brought their riding mowers or weed eaters were Dale Winders, Rayphard Smithson, Bill Birdwell, Boyce Carter, Houston Lust, Clifford Beavers, Dagwood Wood, Ted Stubblefield and Kenneth Malone.

Board members and staff members who worked Saturday were Clara Vick, Madge Robb, Dale Winders, Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix.

On Thursday night, Willa Mae Edwards and her daughter-in-law, Jackie, cooked up a delicious supper to celebrate Hubert and Oma Dee's birthdays. They also enjoyed homemade ice cream and "one" of Oma Dee's favorite cakes, Italian cream, with Bay and Bobbie Baldrige, Leroy and Jackie Edwards of Adrian Dan and Oma Dee Heard, and Hubert and Willie Made. Are Oma Dee and Hubert close to the same age?

On Saturday, Aug. 23, Dan Heard (with lots of help) had planned a surprise birthday party for his wife, Oma Dee.

It seems this was the "big one!" Just as they were finishing lunch people started coming in singing *Happy Birthday*, bringing beautiful cakes, punch and all kinds of goodies. They had a happy and fun time, even though Sheriff CD Fitzgeard showed up and Oma Dee spent most of the afternoon opening cards, gifts and greeting people with handclaps on.

Guests came from Seymour, Littlefield, Port Lavaca, Tucumcari, N.M., Ruidoso, N.M. and she got phone calls from many friends and relatives who couldn't attend.

Danny Heard and Scott Killough, both former Dimmitt boys, were here for the weekend from Port Lavaca. Scott was here for the Class of 1987 reunion. Both men work for Calhoun County EMS.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A large gathering of family and friends attended the "Meet the Swifts" program on Sunday afternoon at Swift Field.

Head Coach Rick Price introduced the other coaches including Buster Brown, Colby Waldrop and Mike Scarborough, and his football players. Also recognized were the high school and junior high cheerleaders.

Everyone enjoyed homemade ice cream later under the Community Hall awning.

Family and friends attended the marriage of Trey Johnson of Nazareth and Joli Pearson of Happy Saturday evening at the First Baptist Church in Happy.

Linda and Bob Kendrick of Desoto and their sons, Rob and Clint and Rob's friend, Rebecca, spent the weekend at the home of LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier. They enjoyed lots of good family visiting.

Francis and Betty Wilhelm drove to Buffalo Okla., this weekend to attend the 50th wedding anniversary for Wilford and Marion Waugh. Wilford and Francis were army buddies all through basic training. They were together in Germany and both returned home together on the Queen Mary.

Prayers are asked for Susan Lange, who is a surgery patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Prayers also are asked for Deacon Velo's children, who were transferred to a Lubbock hospital after being involved in a car wreck last week.

Dan and Karen Gerber and Rex and Vera Ramaekers enjoyed the weekend in Ruidoso, N.M.

Acker attends Lions Camp

Patricia Acker, 13, daughter of Christine and Kevin Acker of Nazareth, recently attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville.

Sponsored by the Nazareth Lions Club, Acker participated in summer camp activities including horseback riding, swimming, field sports and a challenge course program.

Established in 1949, Texas Lions Camp has given more than 40,000 children with physical disabilities the opportunity to experience the joys of summer camp. Children between the ages of 7 and 16 attend at no cost to their parents.

The Texas Lions Camp is a nonprofit organization funded by Lions and private donations. For more information contact your local Lions Club or the Texas Lions Camp at PO Box 247, Kerrville 78029-0247; phone (830) 896-8500.

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Holiday travel has potential for disaster

With a possible record number of Americans planning to travel over the Labor Day weekend, safety officials are fearful of a deadly holiday.

Last year, according to the American Automobile Association, over 30 million people made a trip of at least 100 miles during the three-day holiday that marks the end of the summer vacation season.

"This means Texas drivers will be sharing the roads with more vehicles being driven more miles than usual by drivers who are probably more fatigued than usual," said Senior Trooper Wayne Beighle, Public Information Officer for the Texas Dept. of Public Safety.

The DPS will begin monitoring holiday traffic conditions at 6 p.m. Friday and continue through midnight Monday. All available troopers will be on the state's highways in an effort to reduce the traffic death toll during the 78-hour period, Beighle added.

There are steps you can take to help make your trip a safe one during the holiday, or any day.

"Make sure the driver is well rested and alert. On long trips, stop every two hours and take a break. Drivers also can do their part by being extra careful, obeying all traffic laws and buckling up—and please don't drink and drive," Beighle said.

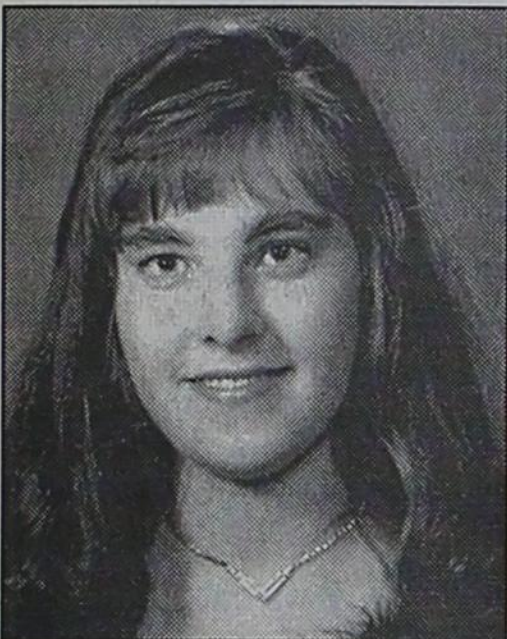
Plainview Symphony schedules concerts

The Plainview Symphony has scheduled five concerts during its 1997-98 season, and the first will be held Sept. 14.

Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$40 for family and \$8 for students. For ticket information call Marian Crawford at (806) 293-0444 or write to the Plainview Civic Music Association at PO Box 1857, Plainview, TX 79073-1857.

The first concert on Sept. 14 will be a Free Bass Concert at 2:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Plainview. Conducting the musicians will be O.T. Ryan.

Other concerts scheduled include a classical concert at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at Haral Auditorium in Plainview; a Christmas concert by Plainview Symphony and Wayland Choirs on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Haral Auditorium; a pops concert on Jan. 15, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. at Haral Auditorium; and a patriotic concert on Feb. 26, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. at Haral Auditorium.



ANGELA FORTENBERRY, a 1997 graduate of Nazareth High School, has received a \$500 scholarship from the National Organization of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America. She has been a member of the Nazareth JCDA for eight years, and is planning to attend West Texas A&M University. She is the daughter of Gladys Fortenberry of Nazareth.

Courtesy Photo



MRS. TY BRANDON ANNEN
... nee Stacy Nicole Walker

Newlyweds make home in Eastland

Mr. and Mrs. Ty Brandon Annen are home in Eastland after enjoying a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The bride is the former Stacy Nicole Walker, daughter of Tommy and Kathy Walker of Rocksprings. Parents of the groom are Jerry and Debbie Annen of Dimmitt.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on July 12 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at First Baptist Church in Rocksprings with Sam Coffey officiating.

Nicole Kenley, formerly of Dimmitt, friend of the groom, was accompanied by pianist Amanda Annen, sister of the groom, as she sang *Sunrise, Sunset*.

The church was decorated with four gold and silver candelabras and ferns with English ivy and white satin bows. The pew bows were fashioned of white tulle and white satin bows accented with English ivy.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a sleeveless white satin gown designed with a fitted, empire waistline and front princess seams, and an a-line skirt. The gown featured a keyhole opening in the back with accented with pearl buttons and antique icicle lace at the waist and hem. The bride's gown was made by her grandmother, Rhoda Jones of Uvalde.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses and white daisies accented with English ivy and baby's breath with burgundy and white ribbons.

She wore her great-grandmother's wedding band for "something old."

Jennifer Lopez of Seminole, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda Annen of Dimmitt, sister of the groom; and Robyn Lozano of Denver City, friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids wore hunter green floor-length sleeveless gowns fashioned with a fitted waist, front princess seams and an a-line skirt with keyhole opening in the back.

Each carried a bouquet created with a white rose, pink rose, burgundy carnation, white daisy and babies' breath tied with hunter green, burgundy and white ribbons.

Best man was Kirk King of Lubbock, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jordy Raymond of Lubbock, friend of the groom; and Tanner Walker of Rocksprings, brother of the bride.

Ring bearer was Kaleb Dobe of Eastland, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Melissa Jones and Angela Jones of Knippa, cousins of the bride.

Ushers were Mike Thompson of Hartley, cousin of the groom; Chris Whittaker of Lubbock, friend of the groom; and Dustin Dove of Eastland, cousin of the groom.

A reception followed the wedding in the backyard of the bride's parents' home.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Rocksprings High School and she is currently a junior majoring in kinesiology at Angelo State University.

The groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1994. He attended Angelo State University and Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by Dove Computer Consulting in Eastland.

What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for August 28 to Sept. 5.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, cantaloupe and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and milk.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Chili Fritos with picante, parsley green rice, cantaloupe, hot cheese rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Tuna salad sandwich, potato rounds, tossed salad with dressing and milk.

THURSDAY: Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of beef stir fry, grilled chopped steak or nachos with cheese; Chinese style vegetables, Lyonaisse carrots of Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese plate or new Mexican enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli/cauliflower salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Choice of Chili Fritos with picante, chicken salad sandwich or beef and bean burrito with chili; parsley green rice, cantaloupe or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fresh watermelon or cucumber and tomato salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, green enchilada casserole or meat; savory peas, potato rounds or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, Waldorf fruit salad, taco condiment salad or pea salad; assorted muffins, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese and peppers, barbecued chicken or tuna salad sandwich; southern collard greens, escalloped tomatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or peas; cornbread, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or bean chalupas; candied sweet potato.

toes, onion rings or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or carrot-raisin salad; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART

Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or burrito; salad, gelatin dessert, sliced pickles, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun; chili, gelatin dessert, salad, apricots, sliced pickles, pinto beans, ice cream and milk.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, ham sandwich or barbecued beef on a roll, potato chips, lettuce, tomato and pickles, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets, wheat rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, peas, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or enchilada casserole, tortilla pieces, salad, gelatin dessert, corn, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or hot dog on a bun with chili, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, potato puffs and milk.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or burrito; salad, gelatin dessert, sliced pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun; chili, gelatin dessert, salad, apricots, sliced pickles, pinto beans, ice cream, ginger cookies and milk.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, ham sandwich or barbecued beef on a roll, potato chips, lettuce, tomato and pickles, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets, wheat rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, apple cobbler, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pizza or enchilada, tortilla pieces, salad, lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or hot dog on a bun, chili, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, potato chips, pinto beans and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: *Chili dogs or baked potatoes, salad, corn, peaches, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: *Chicken spaghetti or hamburger and French fries, salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, fruit and milk.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: *Sloppy Joes or corn dogs, salad, okra, peaches, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: *Burritos or baked potatoes, salad, Spanish rice, pineapple, rice krispies and milk.

THURSDAY: *Hot turkey sandwiches or pizza, salad, corn, fruit cocktail, applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY: *Soft tacos or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, peaches, apple crisp and milk.

Lynn honored with shower

LeAndre Lynn, bride-elect of Matt Pletcher, was honored with a bridal shower Aug. 16 in the home of Jackie Byrnes.

Guests were presented to the bride-elect and the mother of the groom, Jane Hammerbeck of Pampa.

The serving table was decorated with miniature English cottages nestled in English ivy. Guests were served cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, fruit punch, and coffee.

The hostesses presented the honoree with bed linens.

Out-of-town guests included Melissa Pletcher of Amarillo, sister of the prospective groom; Micah Cross of Post, and Sandy Welch and Ja Bridwell of Amarillo, all cousins of the honoree; Lu Bender of Amarillo, sister of the bride-elect; Jerry Lou Cook of Amarillo, aunt of the honoree; and friends of the bride-elect, Barb Mathiasen of Dalhart, Kathy Speck of Cotton Center, Lori Bailey of Lamesa, Christie Clayton of Lubbock, Camille O'Brian of Canyon, and Sue Fields of Sudan.

First aid classes to take place at Plains Memorial

Plains Memorial Hospital and Amarillo College will hold First Responder/Industrial classes today (Thursday) and Friday and then again Sept. 4-5 at the Solarium at Plains Memorial.

Classes will run from 5 to 9 p.m. both nights each time.

For more information contact Mitzie Brockman at 945-2246 or Plains Memorial Hospital at 647-2191.



OUT-OF-TOWN
Rodrigo and Michelle Jackson are the parents of twin boys, born on Aug. 23 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Santos Abel entered the world at 11:16 p.m. weighing 5 lbs., 9 oz. and measuring 19-1/2 inches long. His twin brother, Rudy James, arrived at 11:18 p.m. and he weighed in at 5 lbs., 1 oz., and was 18 inches long. The twins have two older brothers, Daniel, 9, and Anthony 6; and a sister, Marissa, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Paula Jackson and Tommy and Mary Guzman. Great-grandmothers are Connie Guzman of Amarillo, Conception Singletary of Edinburg.

It's a girl for Cody and Kelly Fry of Snyder. Taylor Faith was born Aug. 23 at 4:07 a.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder. She weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Carol and Van Hopson of Dimmitt and Debbie and David Ellis of Aspermont. Great-grandparents are Jerrye Lilley of Dimmitt, Dorothy and V.C. Hopson of Dimmitt, Robbie and Robert Bowen of Sweetwater, and Bobby and Wanda Stewart of Paris.

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Jessie Perez and Jessica Ramirez are the parents of a baby boy, Sammy Lee Perez, who was born at 8:42 p.m. on Aug. 21 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 7 lbs., 3.2 oz., and was 19-1/4 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Jessie and Mary Perez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Rosa Dones of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Lupe Ramirez of Dimmitt, Estrella Leyva of Dimmitt and George Dones of Florence.

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Cleavinger's quilt voted 'Best of Show'

Ina Cleavinger's quilt entered in the combination/technique category for appliqued and/or pieced quilts was named "Best of Show" in the annual Friendship Quilters Guild show, held Saturday in conjunction with Harvest Days.

Joyce Davis's entry in the show was named the "Judge's Choice."

Here are other results from the quilt show:

CHILDREN'S: 1. Karen Adair, 2. Tami Nelson, 3. Amelia Barrera. *Others:* Stormy Nutt, Frances Quintero.

COMBINATION/TECHNIQUE: 3. Connie Wilhelm.

EMBROIDERY & OTHER NEEDLEWORK: 1. H. M. Morrison.

GROUP: 1. Joyce Davis, 2. Yvonna Hays, 3. Twila West.

HAND APPLIQUE: 1. Stormy Nutt, 2. Ivey Battles.

MACHINE APPLIQUE: Shelly Nutt.

MACHINE QUILTS: 1. Karen Adair.

PIECED (Hand Quilt Only) 1. Doris Lust, 2. Tommie Sue Nisbett, 3. Joyce Davis. *Others:* Twila West, Fern Jones, Velma Lambright

QUILT TOPS: 1. Amelia Barrera, 2. Doris Lust, 3. Dianna Roberts. *Others:* Twila West, Ina Cleavinger, Yvonna Hays, Karen Adair, Doris Pierce

SMALL QUILTS & WALL QUILTS: 1. Connie Gilbreath, 2. H. M. Morrison, 3. Twila West. *Others:* Shauna Nutt and Karen Adair

SPECIALIZED METHOD: 1. Velma Lambright.

DISPLAY ONLY: Doris Lust (2), Shelly Nutt, Ina Cleavinger, Connie Wilhelm, Joyce Davis, Tresa Hardwick, Jackie McLeroy, Jan Duke, Darlene Collins, Dianne Roberts, H. M. Morrison (3).



A PATCHWORK OF HANDMADE BEAUTY ON DISPLAY ... Harvest Days visitors enjoy viewing quilts on display Saturday
Photo by Anne Acker

Fiddling winners announced

The Harvest Days Fiddlers Contest attracted 12 entrants Saturday at the Expo Building. They played before a capacity crowd in the stands.

In the 12 and under group, Justin Williams of Kress took first, with Mindy Pearson of Menard second, and Rhett Price of Denver City third.

In the 13-18 age group, Brady Black of Plainview was the only entrant, and he was awarded a first place.

Shane Keys of Midland took first in the 19-40 age group, with Cory Williams of Kress second.

For those 41 and over, Weldon Turpin of Lubbock took first, Gary Williams of Kress won second, and Clint Keys of Midland was third.

Team Rodeo winners named

The big winners at the Team Rodeo, sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Judging Team, was the team of "Bad to the Bones."

Team members are Tod Bradley, Sam Jackson, Rowdy Powell and Lonnie Robb. The team took top honors over all by winning first in the bunk house/rescue race and the pony express race, second in trailer backing, and third in both the remuda race and the sled race.

Second place team was the Rafters 3 Wild Men, with Kenny Ebeling, Eugene Corrales, Efrén Corrales and Jay Nelson. They took first in the sled race, and second in both the remuda race and bunk house/rescue race.

Taking third overall were Jason Wooten, Toby Crow, Chad Rogers and Will Sanders on the Young Blood team. They won first in the remuda race and in branding.

The team that called themselves Winners, comprised of Donny McDaniel, Mandy McDaniel, Rodney McDaniel and Tod McDaniel, won second in the branding, and third in both the bunk house/rescue race and trailer backing.

The Best of Texas Team, made up of members of the horse judging team—Cody Annen, Scott Bagley (coach), Rusty McDaniel and Rusty Wooten—won first in trailer backing and third in pony express.

The Eastern Side Gang of Shawn Pohlmeier, Coby Schacher, Malcolm Jones and Quentin Dobmeier took second in both the pony express and sled race.

Wave Runners won third in branding. Team members are Chad Okamoto, Michael Jeters, David Brown and Stacy Horricks.

In the Ladies Greased Pig Contest, a tie-breaker run was required to declare Suanne Bagley and Tana Lunsford the winners, with second

going to Tina Jordan and Jan Templar, and third to Suanne Bagley and Brenda Annen.

Judges for the Team Rodeo events were Rex Tennell of Lazbuddie and Kent Hayley of Plainview. Tommy Hoelting of Nazareth served as the announcer.

A participant in the rodeo, Donny Templar, broke his collar bone, and was aided by ambulance attendants who were on site during the activities.

A representative of the Horse Judging Team said that the group's silent auction was a big success, too, and high bidders will be contacted soon to collect the bid money and deliver the items. Also, Kim Hatla was the winner of \$100-worth of scratch-off Lottery tickets.

Other fund-raising events lined up for the team include taking orders for baked goods, the sale of hamburgers and homemade ice cream during corn harvest at the elevators, and a Jackpot Barrel Racing event set for Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.

"We now have raised \$6,000," said a team spokesperson. The team is raising money to pay their expenses to attend national-level judging competitions. They already went to one in Fort Worth. Another is coming up in October in Ohio.

Bingham, Olvera earn scholarships

Justin Bingham and Sarah Olvera, both 1997 graduates of Nazareth High School, have received scholarships from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Bingham received the Alvin and Lucy Owsley Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. The Owsley Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a student who has participated in the University Interscholastic League academic state meet and who has compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Bingham placed first in 1997, second in 1996 and sixth in 1995 in News Writing at the UIL academic state meet. He ranked seventh in his graduating class and was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, FFA, One-Act Play cast, yearbook staff and varsity football and basketball teams. He plans to major in accounting at West Texas A&M University.

Olvera received the Abell-Hanger Foundation scholarship, awarded to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League state meet who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. Olvera plans to major in computer information systems at Texas Tech University.

Collie named overall winner in HD pet show

June Norman's collie, Molly, earned "Best of Breed" honors and was named the overall winner in the Harvest Days Pet Show Saturday afternoon in Dimmitt.

Several dogs and cats were entered in this year's show.

First place ribbons were presented to Don Bell and Sir Lancelot, a "sheepdog;" Chris Patland and Patches, "smallest puppy;" Houston Sutton and Rocky, "fattest dog;" Ryan Wilcox and BJ, "largest dog;" Darla Fischer and Pepper, "Best Dressed Dog;" Beau Gonzales and Lady, "cocker" Jared and Kaden

Griffitt and Buckwheat, "Best Male Collie;" Whitney Nutt and Katy, "sheltie;" Daniel Kern and Taz, "beagle;" Chauncey Gilbreath and pepper, "Hardluck Dog;" Cailee and Carly Gilbreath with Shadow and Tiger, "Best Pair of Cats;" Susie Olivero with Corndog, "crossbreed;" Sheena Ehly with Bubbles and Goldy, "exotic;" and Cassidy and Catlin Watts with Butterscotch, "Best of Breed Siamese Cat."

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Buckley, Birkenfeld attend youth tour

Two Castro County students were among those representing Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative during the 1999 Government-in-Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in June.

The two elected to represent the area were Jacy Buckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Buckley of Dimmitt; and Jerad Birkenfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Birkenfeld of Nazareth. They were joined by Charla Corn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Corn of Farwell.

Buckley and Birkenfeld were sponsored by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative while Corn was sponsored by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendol Christian of Farwell.

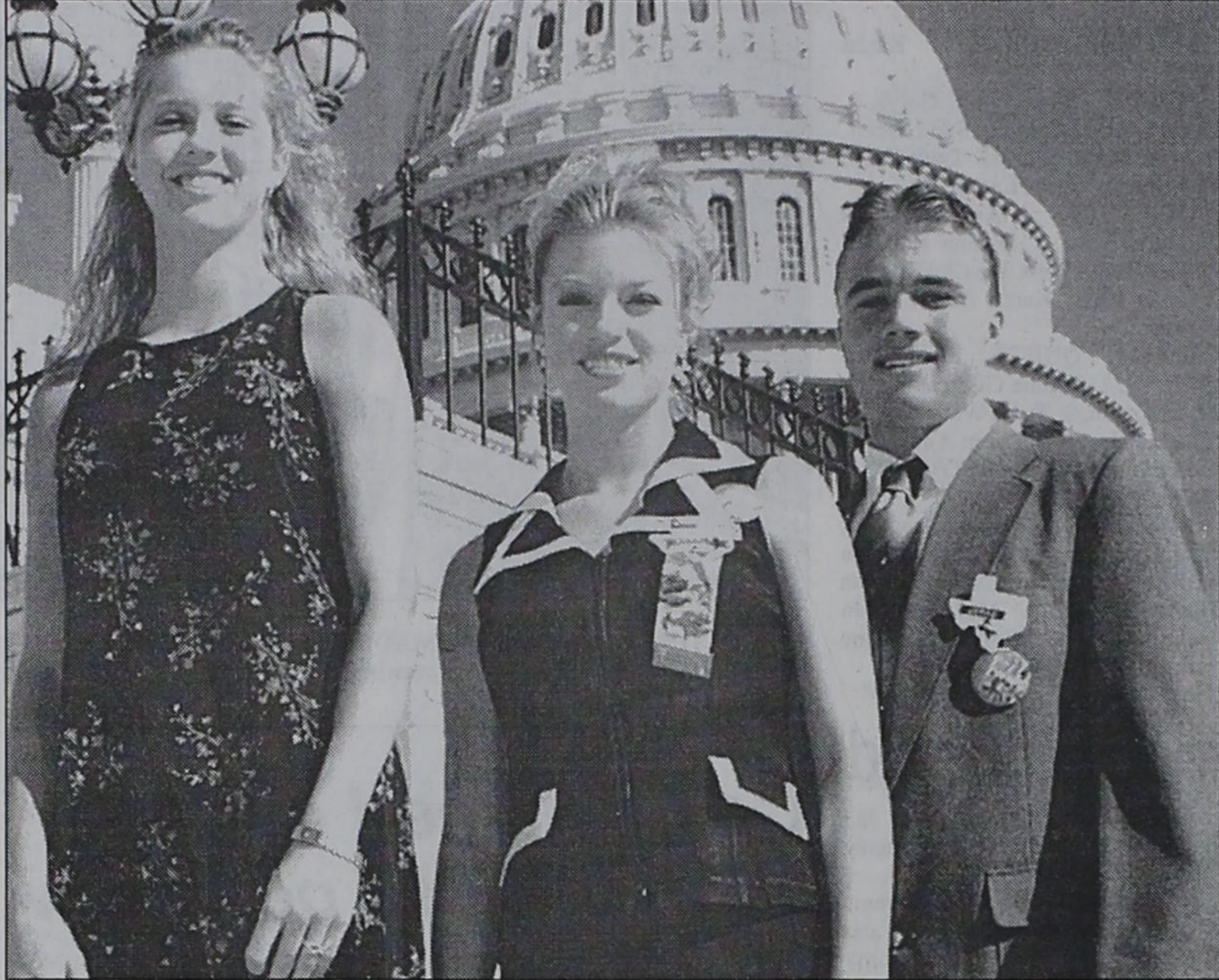
Traveling with the 86-member Texas delegation sponsored by Texas electric cooperatives were 18 students from New Mexico electric cooperatives and one student representing the Idaho statewide cooperative. Accompanied by 15 chaperones, the group traveled on three buses from Texas to Washington, D.C. This was the largest group from Texas to

participate since the Youth Tour began in 1957.

President Lyndon Johnson promoted and encouraged the idea of the youth tour during the 1950s when, as a senator, he selected outstanding young people and offered them an opportunity to observe their national government at work.

While in Washington, the youth tour delegates visited with their congressmen and observed the legislative process in action. Other highlights of the trip included visiting the many famous monuments, memorials and other attractions of Washington, D.C. Among these attractions were the White House, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, Ford's Theater, Washington National Cathedral, Mount Vernon, the National Archives, the Supreme Court and the Vietnam Memorial.

Special activities included Rural Youth Day, participating in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and viewing the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial.



THIS TRIO ATTENDED the Washington, D.C. youth tour in June. They are (from left) Jacy Buckley of Dimmitt, Charla Corn of Friona and Jerad Birkenfeld of Nazareth. Courtesy Photo

PCS float earns 'Best of Parade'

Panhandle Community Services earned "Best of Parade" honors at the Castro County Harvest Days Parade Saturday in Dimmitt.

Leading Saturday's parade was the 27th Fighter Wing Honor Guard from Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico, including Senior Airmen Jones and Hoort, and Airmen First Class Glaindo, Grande and Whitehurst.

The PCS float featured a large three-dimensional rotating cut-out of the State of Texas with stars radiating from the top, flanked by silhouettes of a city on each side. The float was created in black with silver glitter highlights.

It also earned first-place honors in the Club and Organization division of the parade.

Runner-up as Best of Parade went to Rob Kimbrought of Ralls, who entered a fleet of antique tractors hooked together. Third-place overall honors went to the Castro County 4-H Horse Judging Team, which was second in the Club and Organization division.

Dimmitt Middle School Cheerleaders finished third in the club division.

First United Bank earned an award for having the "Most Original Entry" in the parade.

Awards were presented to bike riders in Saturday's parade, and first-place honors went to Josh Alvarez. Landon Porsch was second while Molly and Wendy Bradford took third. Honorable mention went to the Low Rider Clubs from Dimmitt and Hereford.

Best Dressed Cowgirl was Kate Sides, and Best Dressed Cowboy was Beau Bradley.

County delegates attend Farm Bureau meeting

A policy development meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau District 2 was held Aug. 19 at the 50-Yard Line Restaurant in Lubbock and several Castro County representatives attended.

They include Chris Cogburn, president of the board of directors; Paula Stiles, agency manager; and Gaylord Cogburn, policy development committee chairman.

The main concern of the majority of those present was over water rights, including local control and competition as well as the preservation and degradation by oil companies. Other topics discussed were property taxes marketing on the web site, natural gas costs and pricing, the EPA in reference to the Furan early release dates and unclear rules on labeling and use of Reflex, the Clean Air Act, early mowing of rights-of-way, and education of urbanites.

Delmas McCormick, state director and secretary treasurer of Texas Farm Bureau, stated they had a very good policy development meeting and was encouraged at the attendance and participation of the members and the ideas that they were concerned about.

The Castro County Farm Bureau met Tuesday at the Borderline Restaurant in Dimmitt to discuss policy resolutions and by-law changes that will be voted on by the members at the county convention, which will be on Oct. 18.

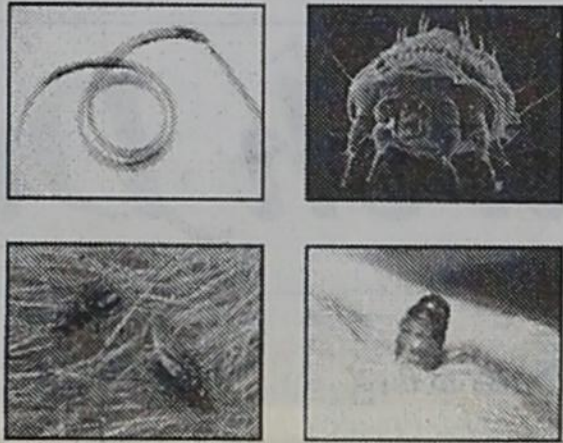
Also meeting was the nominating committee for election of directors for the coming year. If you have been contacted and asked to run for a seat on the board of directors, please do so. The more of a voice you have in what goes on in your own county, the more you will have a say in Austin and Washington.

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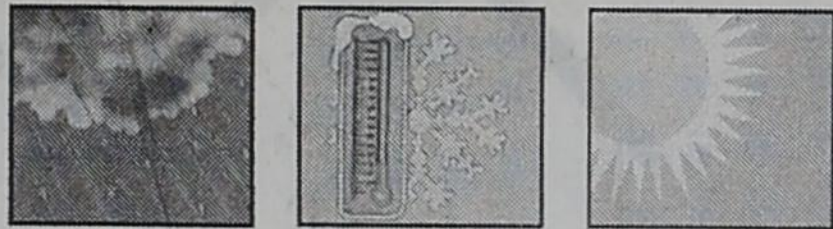
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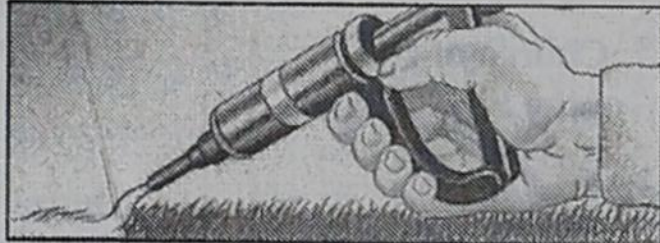
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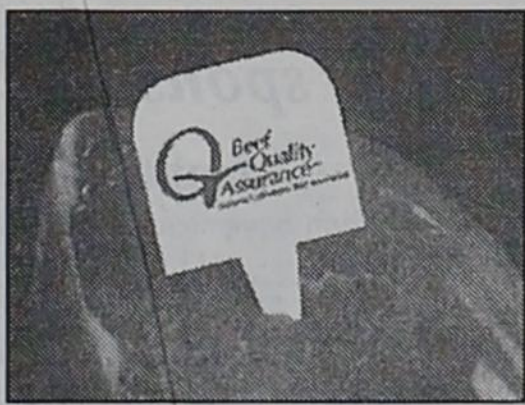
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Precision Agriculture on the Texas High Plains

Crop yield mapping, monitors, and variable yield goals focus of program

By PAUL WAYLAND
Agronomist

Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc.
Considerable yield variability occurs in all of the crop fields in the Texas High Plains.

Producers who have operated harvesting equipment have observed the high degree of yield variability across their fields. They did not have a method of measuring the variability until the use of GPS became available.

Yield monitors used in corn harvesting have documented variations of over 75 bu. per acre in fields that appear to be very even in topography, and with consistent cropping history.

This translates to fields that are producing 12,000 pounds per acre can be expected to have variations ranging from 7,800 pounds to 16,200 pounds per acre in the same field.

Most producers are usually shocked by the degree of variability of yields when they observe the results from a yield monitor for the first time on their operations.

The decision to acquire yield monitor equipment involves a number of questions and decisions that should be answered subsequent to the investment. These include the type of harvesting equipment, degree of accuracy desired, the resulting use of the harvest data, the desire to improve management and yields in crop production, and the expenses involved in the purchase and operation of the equipment.

If yield variability can be illustrated, then decisions can be formulated by the producer, to improve management in the areas exhibiting sub-optimal production. In addition, in the areas that exhibit superior yields, management decisions may

be reviewed that reflect upon those yields.

The key is to begin to identify and comprehend the factors and conditions resulting in the variability of yield.

The mapping of crop yield is especially important since recommendation rates for inputs of all fertilizer is determined by the yield goal.

Also differences in and varieties, plant populations, herbicide and weed control programs, and irrigation and drainage practices make yield mapping a significant part of the decision making process.

Since yield maps may be employed both for the determination of management inputs and to evaluate the results of these strategies, it is important that the accuracy of the yield maps be considered.

Several published studies by state universities and the farm equipment industry have shown the accuracy of the various grain yield monitoring systems is less than 1% to 1/2% error.

The comparison in the studies is the scale weights for the yield of the field and the total grain calculations from the yield monitor. When small segmented areas of spatial data is used, the percentage of error only goes up about 1%.

The grain yield monitors are designed to measure a volume of grain generated for a given period of time, usually several seconds.

The computer calculates the area covered in that period of time and using the volume of grain measured, adjusts for grain moisture, and generates a display in bushels per acre that is logged into a data base with the location using GPS.

After the field(s) have been harvested, the data base can be retrieved and used by a mapping software program to generate the yield map.

The producer is able to utilize the yield map information in a number of approaches to assist management decisions.

The first approach is the assessment and locations of the yield variations in the field. The second approach utilizes the cause-effect concept. The third approach appraising the long term production practices and a fourth approach utilizes the data to formulate variable yield goals for a number of crops.

The location of yield variations within a field will usually not parallel soil types, small changes in soil fertility, and in most cases topography of the landscape.

The primary effect on yield on the Texas High Plains is irrigation and or water holding capacity of the soil. Areas of a field that have been compacted by tillage or prior harvesting operations can be located by the dramatic drop in yield.

Soil compaction ranks first in yield reduction on all Texas High Plains soils. An agronomist using yield maps must first locate the areas of concern and then inspect the site(s) to determine a cause-effect of yield variation.

Producers are usually surprised to learn that soil fertility is usually not the primary culprit in low yield areas of a field.

Utilization of site-specific field production information is very useful in determining long-term production practices.

This yield information will allow production decisions to shift from field size areas to much smaller units within the field.

Subsequently, the uncertainty and error associated with large field-size block decisions are reduced to small inner-field areas and associated lower magnitude of error in production decisions.

New laws affecting agriculture will take effect beginning Monday

Texas farmers and ranchers must observe several new laws impacting agriculture which go into effect Monday.

"From private property postings to fire ant research to horse theft prevention, the 75th Legislature passed a number of bills that producers and landowners need to know about," said Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry.

The following is a summary of legislation passed during the 75th Legislature that affects Texas agriculture and becomes effective Monday.

◆ **Pesticides.** House Bill 1144 consolidates the state's pesticide and herbicide legal codes, strengthens the enforcement of the state's pesticide laws and streamlines regulatory requirements.

◆ **Water.** One provision in Senate Bill 1 expands an agricultural loan program—the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority's Linked Deposit Program—that lends money to farmers and ranchers who implement water conservation initiatives such as converting to more efficient irrigation equipment, building or improving stock tanks or clearing brush.

◆ **Agricultural Loans.** House Bill 2499 increases the maximum loan amount available to buy farm or ranch land under the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority's Farm and Ranch Finance Program from \$150,000 to \$250,000. House Bill 933 increases the maximum loan amount borrowed under TAFE's Young Farmer Loan Guarantee Program from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

◆ **Fire Ant Research.** A provision in the state appropriations bill, House Bill 1, provides \$2.5 million each year over the next biennium for research into long-term, cost-effective and ecological methods of controlling fire ants. Funding also will be used to organize community-wide fire ant management programs and to educate the public about effective controlling fire ants.

◆ **Private Property Notices.** House Bill 793 allows landowners to use purple paint marks on trees or posts as no-trespassing notices.

◆ **Confidential Water and Soil Plan.** Water quality management or soil conservation plans developed by landowners or tenants in cooperation

with local or state soil and water conservation districts will not be subject to the Texas Open Records Law under House Bill 1808.

◆ **Liability Limits.** House Bill 2664 clarifies previous liability legislation by specifying that limited liability applies only to owners of "agricultural land used for recreational purposes." The bill also protects landowners from unlimited liability for non-paying as well as paying invited guests who visit agricultural lands for recreation such as bird watching, hiking and hunting.

◆ **Agricultural Improvements.** House Bill 2945 allows agricultural landowners to construct barns, pens, equipment sheds and fences on their property without fear of liability as long as the structures do not affect public health or interfere with the flow of water, light or air to other agricultural lands.

◆ **Poaching.** House Bill 1941 provides additional penalties for poaching that include suspension or loss of fishing or hunting licenses.

◆ **Livestock Inspections.** House Bill 1823 allows livestock slaughtered for personal use to be exempted from inspections by the Texas Dept. of Health.

◆ **Horse Theft Prevention.** House Bill 2396 strengthens horse theft prevention efforts in Texas by requiring the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to provide training to horse owners in horse theft prevention. The bill identifies certain law enforcement agencies that are responsible for training their employees in investigating horse thefts, and the bill provides various methods horse owners can use to identify their animals.

◆ **Timber.** Penalties for unauthorized timber harvests and a trust fund for timber sales are established by House Bill 1128. House Bill 1723 allows landowners who convert agricultural use land to timber production to retain the agricultural classification and appraisal for 15 years—the amount of time it generally takes to grow a crop of trees that can be harvested.

For a complete summary of agricultural bills passed during the 75th Legislature, Internet users may access the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's Sine Die Report at its website at <http://www.agr.state.tx.us>.

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Sports



Teams to fine tune plays in final scrimmages

Prep grid teams have one last chance to fine-tune their offenses and defenses this week before regular season opens on Sept. 5.

Nazareth and Hart will play their final scrimmages tonight (Thursday) while Dimmitt has planned its last practice game for Friday.

The Swifts will travel to Claude for a 6 p.m. start while Hart will host

New Deal and Smyer tonight beginning at 5.

On Friday, Dimmitt will scrimmage the Abernathy Antelopes, there, starting at 6 p.m.

Bobcats

The Bobcats got the 1997 football campaign started with an impressive scrimmage performance against the Clovis Wildcats JV Friday at Bobcat Stadium in Dimmitt.

On the third play of Dimmitt's opening possession Derek Buckley scampered 45 yards for the first Bobcats' score. Later quarterback Zack Matthews found the endzone, capping a 70-yard drive with a 10-yard option keeper.

The Wildcats' offense was stifled by a tenacious Dimmitt defense lead by senior defensive end Charlie Sanders, who crushed the quarterback on third down of Clovis's initial possession.

Later Dimmitt senior Travis Crow recovered a fumble and Jr. Linebacker Jerry Thomas buried the Wildcat quarterback for 12-yard loss on a blind side blitz.

Dimmitt junior fullback Beau Hill pounded at the secondary as the Bobcat offensive line blew Clovis's defensive front off the ball. The Wildcats never were allowed to gain control of the momentum.

The Bobcats' experience prevailed against the younger team from Clovis as they out powered the Wild-

cats with a strong effort on both sides of the ball.

Dimmitt can expect a stronger challenge this Friday when they travel to Abernathy for a final tune-up against the Antelopes before the season opener against the Lockney Longhorns on Sept. 5.

The junior varsity squads will open the scrimmage at 6 p.m. while the varsity will begin its scrimmage at 7:30 p.m.

"There are some things that we still need to fix," said Dimmitt Coach Bruce Dollar. "We had some errors in the first scrimmage that we're going to try and eliminate this week. We want to be a little more polished."

Dollar said he also plans to try a few more things on defense.

"We've got some kids we're rotating at spots and we're going to be looking at those, but basically we're getting our first strings set," said Dollar.

Longhorns

The Longhorns picked up one touchdown against Lubbock Christian last Thursday, but gave up one to the Eagles in a questionable call.

"We scripted our plays before the scrimmage and I think we did really well," said Coach Chad Watson. "I believe we're further along this year than we were last year. I think we're probably at the same level now that we were in the sixth or seventh game last year. We've had some players really step up and I believe we're going to have a good shot at being successful."

Hart will scrimmage New Deal and Smyer tonight at home. The junior varsity will scrimmage New Deal at 5 p.m. today (Thursday), with both teams running 20 offensive and 20 defensive plays.

Then at 6 p.m. the Longhorn varsity and junior varsity squads will scrimmage Smyer in Hart.

The varsity will open action running 20 plays on both sides of the ball. Then the JV will get its chance against Smyer, running 15 plays each way. Then the first and second teams will alternate running 10 offensive and 10 defensive plays again before the scrimmage closes with a 10-minute quarter of full action.

"We want to concentrate on establishing a strong power running game this week," said Watson. "J.J. Finch has done an exceptional job for us on offense at tailback. The whole team is really doing well. Things are beginning to jell."

Swifts

The Swifts will scrimmage Claude beginning at 6 p.m. tonight, and after the first- and second-team units get their workouts finished, the Mustang and Swift varsity squads will play a full live quarter and an overtime.

Against Bovina last week, the Swifts gave up one touchdown, but couldn't cross the goal line themselves.

"Their varsity got us 1-0, but I was pleased with the way our defense played. They did complete a couple of long passes on us, but our guys were there, the throws were just over the safety's fingertips," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price.

Against Claude, Price said he would like to be able to throw the ball more effectively and complete more passes. He also wants to get the wingbacks, Jerad Birkenfeld and Cameron McLain, more involved in the running game.

"We're still looking at a couple of guys at quick tackle (Bryce Pohlmeier and Jason Maurer), split end (Kit Schulte, Matt Olvera and Darren Huckert) and linebacker (Josh Merritt and Mattie McLain)," Price said.

Nazareth will open regular season play on Sept. 5 against the Lubbock Christian Eagles. Game time will be 8 p.m. at Swift Field.



RUSTY McDANIEL of the "Best of Texas" team crosses the finish line in the Remuda Race during Saturday night's Harvest Days Team Rodeo. Each rider had to rope his horse inside a holding pen, lead it into the open arena, saddle up and ride to the finish line. Nine four-person teams competed in six events that tested their cowboy skills. Most of the events were new to local rodeo fans—and to many of the contestants—but they were enjoyable to all. Proceeds from the rodeo will benefit the Castro County 4-H Horse Club in its quest for national honors.

Photo by Don Nelson

POWER POINTS football contest kicks off today

Football fanatics can put their knowledge of the game to use and maybe earn a little money for themselves in the bargain by entering the POWER POINTS football contest, which begins this week in the News.

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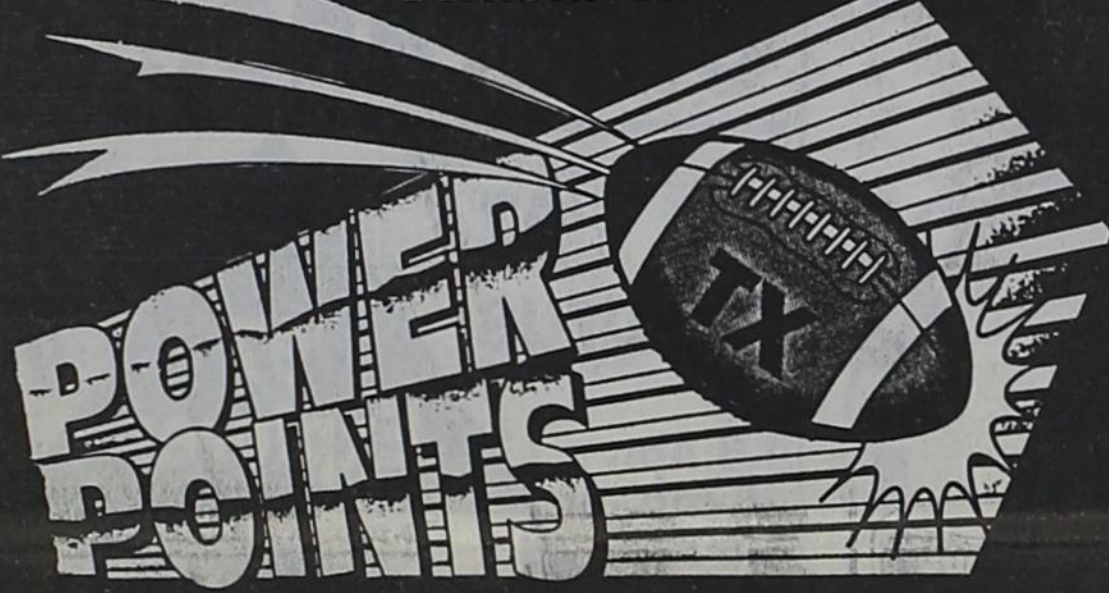
Contestants are asked not only to project winning teams, but they must rank their selections along a weighted point scale according to their confidence in them. The 16-point line is the most valuable, the 1-point line is the least valuable. Your "surest" guess goes on the 16-point line, your "least sure" guess goes on the 1-point line. The points total to 136. The statewide winner of the \$1,000 each week will be the person who amasses the most of those 136 points.

Tiebreakers—total points scored and offensive yardage in a designated game—will break any ties.

In addition to the weekly state winner, there is always a local winner. The News will award a \$20 cash prize to the person who tallies the high score locally each week.

The entry form will appear in the sports pages of the News each week. Deadline for contest entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays (except Thanksgiving week), and results will be published in the following week's issue. Entries should be delivered to the News at 108 West Bedford in Dimmitt. Supplemental forms will be accepted, and you must be at least 8 years old to play. Each contestant may enter only one form statewide each week.

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- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
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- Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; "group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

Police Calls

An incident of domestic violence resulted in bodily injury to a 32-year-old Dimmitt man late Saturday. A 23-year-old man struck him on the head with a shovel, causing a laceration on the victim's forehead. Police reported the victim was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, where he was treated and released. The suspect remained jailed Tuesday afternoon for investigation of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Greta Davis of Hart told deputies Aug. 19 that a diamond ring valued at over \$2,000 was missing from her residence in Hart.

A representative of Jim Walter Homes told deputies Friday that \$2,000-worth of building materials had been taken from a building site 1 mile east of Nazareth on SH 86. It was surmised that the materials were taken the early part of this month.

Terry Widick of Dimmitt told deputies Aug. 18 that sprinkler system parts valued at \$1,535 were taken from the Leroy Schulte farm, 2 miles east on 928 from FM 168 and a half mile south on a turn row. Missing items included two 38-inch new sprinkle tires with galvanized rims, two wheel drive gear boxes, two drive shaft u-joints, and one center drive motor and gear box.

Lawrence Green of Amarillo told

deputies last Thursday that someone removed \$620-worth of engine parts from a 1980 Chevrolet pickup that had been parked .6 of a mile east of Dimmitt sometime during the past week.

Jesse Nanez of Dimmitt told police someone took a \$175-value aluminum ladder from a location on Northwest Fifth Street early Aug. 20.

A Nazareth man, 44, was charged with DWI, first offense, early Sunday. A Dimmitt man, 22, was charged with public intoxication early Sunday. DWI, second offense, open container charges were listed against a Dimmitt man, 32, Sunday night. A Friona man, 24, was arrested for DWI, first offense, early Monday. Friday night, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI, first offense.

A Plainview woman, 24, was jailed Monday for violation of probation stemming from felony theft charges. Friday morning, a Dimmitt man, 36, was jailed on charges of theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Violation of probation stemming from making a false report to a peace officer resulted in the arrest of a 34-year-old Dimmitt woman last Thursday afternoon.

A Dimmitt man, 17, was jailed Friday night on charges of harboring a runaway.

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Then it formed a big bubble on the point of the elbow.

The doctor drained it and told me to keep a pressure bandage on it for a month.

Lo, a new topic of conversation.

People keep asking the obvious question. By the time I get through trying to explain it, they're sorry they

asked. So I decided Tuesday to have some fun with it. I devised a new answer and bided my time.

I had to stop in at the First United Bank. Lucy Nelson was nagging me about class reunion stuff when Kenneth Frye walked up and took the bait.

"What did you do to your arm?" Kenneth asked.

"I don't want to talk about it," I said. "It involved a lady in distress, a high bridge, and a 600-pound alligator..."

Well, I picked the wrong place to get clever. Or the wrong company, at least.

I think Kenneth appreciated it, because he's a guy. But Lucy? Sometimes I'm glad that she's like a sister to me.

But sometimes I forget that sisters are masters at the art of the put-down.

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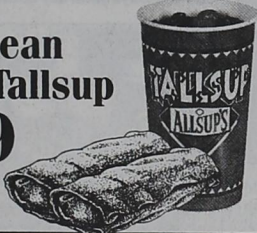
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HOLD YOUR EARS, BOYS! HERE COME THE SIRENS!—Jacob and Michael Rials brought their own seating to watch Saturday's Harvest Days parade. They are accompanied by their mother, Karen Rials, and grandmother, Lynette Rials (right).



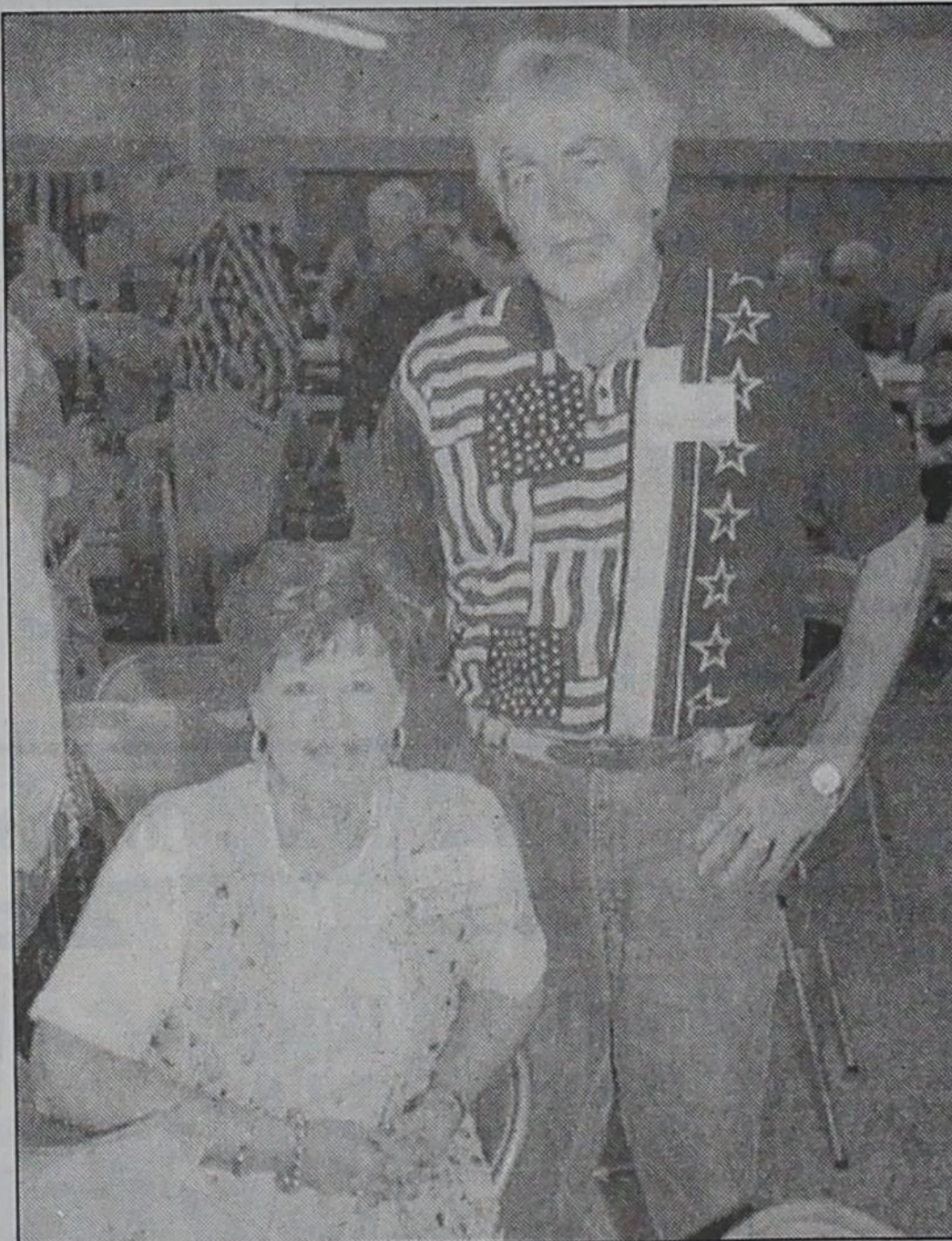
AT THE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE—Toby Ward, 7, son of Sandy and Robert Ward of Dimmitt, checks out the antique fire truck on display at the Castro County Historical Museum as Clara Vick, a museum association member, explains to him how it works. The museum hosted an open house Saturday during the annual Harvest Days celebration.



4-H FASHION FLARE—These Castro County 4-H'ers modeled clothes that they made themselves during a special fashion show Saturday afternoon as part of the Harvest Days Celebration. 4-H'ers participating in the show were Adrienne Hart, Susan Book, Melanie Book, Jaci Bishop, Jennifer Wilhelm and Holly Lane. Narrating the event was Rachel Wall.
Photo by Anne Acker



I CHALLENGE YOU!—Dana Beck challenges her son, Brad Beck, at the basketball toss Saturday during Harvest Days. The basketball shooting was one of many games enjoyed by the crowds during the celebration. Among the other games were horseshoe and washer pitching, a pedal tractor pull, sand art, water polo and more.
Photo by Anne Acker



WALTER AND WADE MAYNARD were elected to head the Old Settlers Association for the coming year, succeeding Boyce and Ruth Carter. Sixty-six persons registered Saturday for the Old Settlers' Reunion, which featured a covered-dish luncheon, awards, door prizes and business meeting.
Photo by Don Nelson



COME ON, MOM, THERE'S LOTS MORE TO SEE—Brandi Carpenter, 6, tries to hurry along her mother, Vicki Carpenter of Lubbock, as they look at one of the booths of items on display at Harvest Days Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.



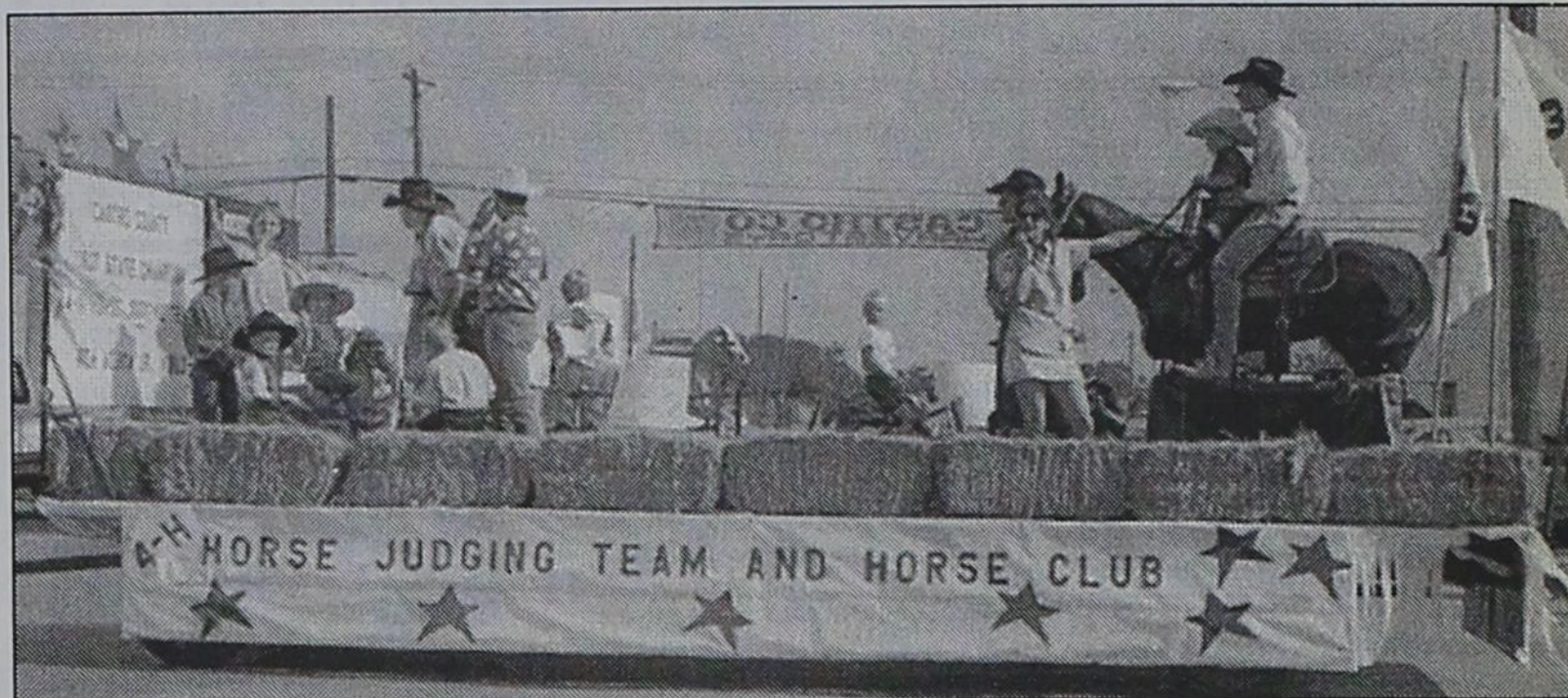
DIMMITT KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS help a youngster get lined up for her turn at the kids tractor pull contest held Saturday afternoon at the Expo Building as a part of the Harvest Days activities.

★ Oh, My ★
 ★ Stars! ★

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BEST OF PARADE
 ... Top Harvest Days float honor presented to Panhandle Community Services of Dimmitt
 Photo by Anne Acker



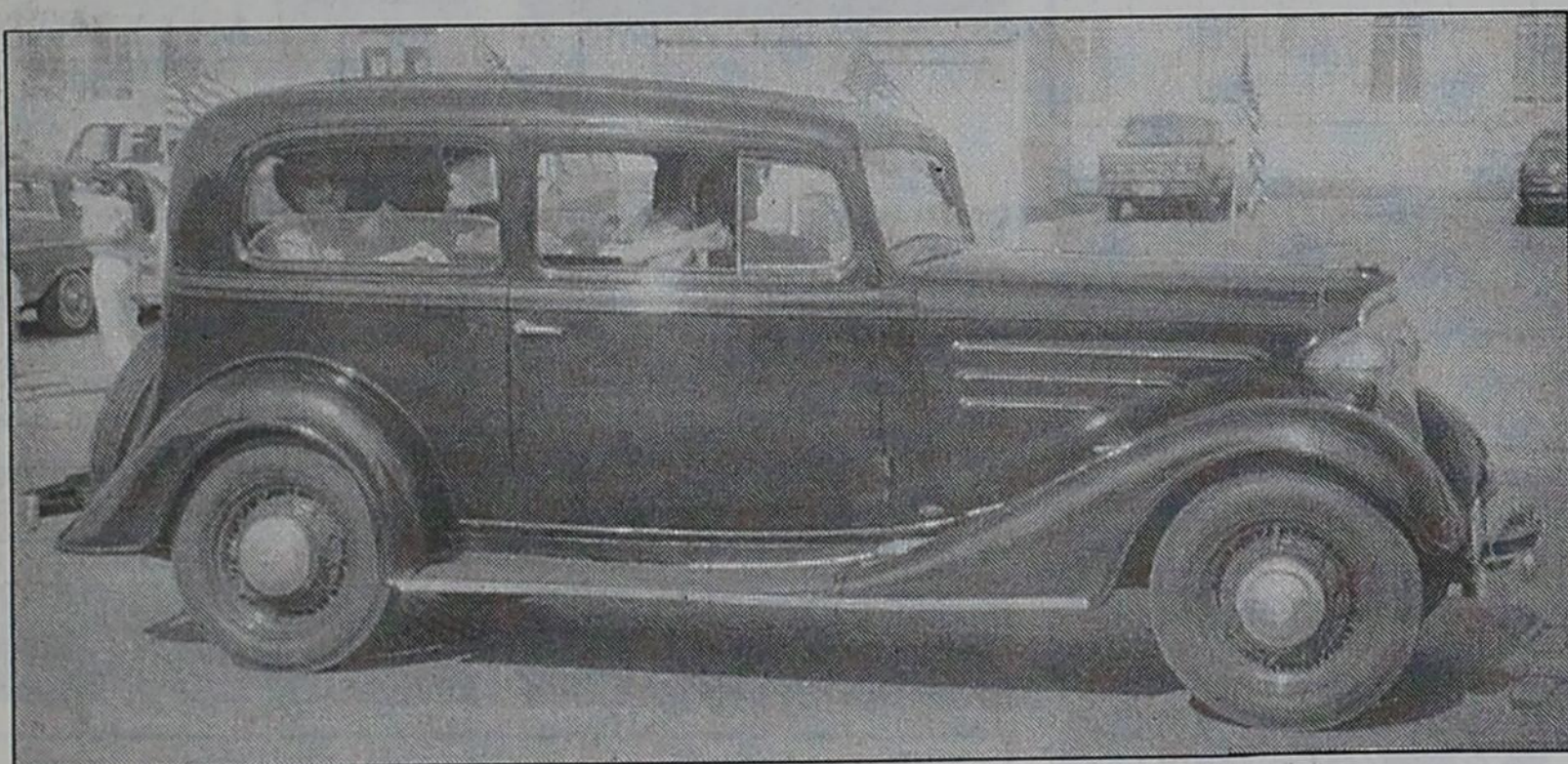
SALUTE TO 4-H—AND ITS STATE CHAMPION HORSE JUDGING TEAM
 ... 4-H float is named third-place overall float in Harvest Days Parade
 Photo by Anne Acker



CATS IN THE HATS—This family came out in "style" to watch Saturday's Harvest Days Parade. They are (front, from left) Kristie Salinas, Joshua and Stephanie, and Adam Mendoza; and (back, from left) Rebecca Rodriguez and Ramona Sandoval.



MOST ORIGINAL ENTRY IN THE HARVEST DAYS PARADE
 ... Designed and made by First United Bank of Dimmitt
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1997 HARVEST DAYS PARADE MARSHALS
 ... George and Carolyn Sides, riding in an antique Chevrolet sedan
 Photo by Linda Maxwell



HERE COMES THE POSSE!
 ... Horse enthusiasts enjoy the Harvest Days parade Saturday
 Photo by Anne Acker



A GOOD-SIZED CROWD turned out to enjoy the barbecue supper sponsored by the Dimmitt Masonic Lodge #879 Saturday night on the east side of the courthouse, catered by Dyer's Barbecue. Music was provided by The Holy Warriors. Later in the evening, a street dance was held on the east side of the courthouse.
 Photo by Linda Maxwell



BIKE RIDERS AND SKATERS fill out their part of Saturday's Harvest Days Parade. Lions Club members helped ramrod the wheeled crew.

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

To all of the hard-working Kiwanis Club members who have helped make our kids' tractor pull event such a success each year at the Castro County Harvest Days, I want to give a great big thank you. We couldn't have continued this competition without their help and cooperation. A special thanks to Mike Huseman, Lee Schilling, Roger Malone, Jack Patton, Don Sheffy and Johnny Stanford who have adopted this project as their own.

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25—Legal Notices

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that Requests for Proposals will be received by Donna Barton, Director of the Hale County Community Supervision and Corrections Department serving Hale, Swisher and Castro Counties until 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1997, at which time all proposals will be opened and read aloud at 519 Broadway, Plainview, Texas, 79072. Bids will be awarded on Sept. 4, 1997. Qualified professionals and/or agencies may submit a proposal to provide professional services for the following program service areas:

1. Substance abuse treatment, education, counseling and assessments.
 2. Psychological evaluations and counseling services.
 3. Anger management group counseling and education.
 4. Safety and first aid training.
 5. Electronic monitoring services.
- Proposals must meet TDCJ-CJAD and department guidelines. Further information or copies of the requirements may be obtained at 519 Broadway, Plainview, Texas 79072.

25-19-3tc

LEGAL NOTICE OF BUDGET AND TAX RATE HEARING

The President of the Board of Trustees of the Nazareth Independent School District, pursuant to the Texas Education Code, Chapter 23, Subchapter C, has called a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the purposes of adopting a budget and setting a tax rate for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held on September 2, 1997, at 8:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Room at Nazareth High School, Nazareth, Texas.

Any taxpayer of the district may be present and participate in the hearing.

25-21-1tp

LEGAL NOTICE OF BUDGET AND TAX RATE HEARING

The President of the Board of Trustees of the Dimmitt Independent School District, pursuant to the Texas Education Code, Chapter 23, Subchapter C, has called a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the purposes of adopting a budget and setting a tax rate for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held on September 2, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Dimmitt Independent School District Administration Building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas.

Any taxpayer of the district may be present and participate in the hearing.

25-21-1tc



Tomatoes may peel more easily if you put them into boiling water for a minute, then into cold water.

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

I learned at the church this morning that...

Rex Jenkins of San Angelo has died. I know no details, but he apparently died in May. He and his family lived here in the 1960s. He was superintendent of El Paso Natural Gas for several years.

He was a deacon in the Sunnyside Baptist Church and they were active members.

Rex was at the church on April 12, 1960 when the tornado struck. He left as soon as he could and went east first, then south and west to the plant to check the damage there. There was a lot of damage and some injuries, but there was no loss of life.

He was faithful to the church, good to his wife, Pearl, and to his children.

On Aug. 20, 1996, he wrote to me to say how much they had enjoyed being at Sunnyside for the 75th anniversary of the church.

He said the committee did an excellent job in planning the day. He said they wished they were close so they could attend church here. He added that they were praying for us all and "May God bless and keep you all."

He was still sending money to the church at that time, as he did all the time we were planning and preparing for the 75th anniversary. He was a tither while here and I think he was sending part of his tithe to Sunnyside at this time.

Sunday morning after church Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright had a call saying Carolyn Jones, sister-in-law of Joyce Wright, has had trouble with a liver transplant. She was airlifted to Lubbock. The Wrights left for Lubbock immediately.

Carolyn and her husband and his brother had been on their way to Ruidoso.

Last Thursday morning Verba Sadler received a call that another Loudder cousin, Valley Loudder Taylor, had died in Glendale, Ariz., last Wednesday night.

She had only one brother and he is deceased. It was his daughter who called.

The funeral was Monday but none of us could go.

Some of my readers had a hard time reading the letter which Samantha Wilson sent to her grandmother, Flossie Jones. Let me help you if you still have your paper. When you get to the bottom of the first column on the left where it says "one day a guard for the apartment building, Milton" the bottom paragraph in the next column has the "ing and Milton" as above. At the bottom of the paragraph where it says, "We," go all the way to the top of the third column and pick up "were driven" that goes with the "We" then the rest is okay. When you read all that column go to the top of the last column for the end of the story.

Simple, wasn't it?

10 of an inch of rain was received Monday afternoon and .30 of an inch was received Monday night and Tuesday morning. The grass is nice

and green again.

Laura Sadler mowed my grass Saturday and since the Prestons had already shredded the grass out to the road, it looks pretty out my living room window.

I go to this picture window every night about dark if it isn't too cloudy, and watch the only star you can see looking west. It isn't a star—it is the planet Mars. I enjoy it.

Emma Jean King was vice chairman of the Fair Association and worked on the Harvest Days celebration. They worked all day Friday and she was too tired to go back Saturday to see if it went well.

Teeny Bowden attended the brown bag lunch and gospel music concert at the gazebo last Wednesday at noon, but she sat too long on the concrete with no backrest and wasn't able to attend any of the other Harvest Days events.

She had to go to the doctor because her ribs and back hurt. He said it was osteoporosis and sent her to the hospital for x-rays.

Hershel Wilson attended the parade Saturday morning and visited with Darla Stewart to take her some emu and emu oil which is good for healing scar tissue.

On Monday Hershel and Retha Wilson took Retha's mother, Zela Mae Epperson, to the doctor in Lubbock. She came home with them and spent the week.

Samantha Wilson had a friend come in from Texas A&M University last Wednesday, and Retha and Hershel honored her with a barbecued chicken supper Saturday night at their home.

All of the Wilsons' family was there including Flossie Jones of Olton.

Lonnie and Renee Wilson brought emu meat.

Mrs. Epperson stayed for the event.

Robert and Frances Duke went to Hereford last Thursday to glean onions. Only one man came to help, but they gleaned 400 pounds. The two of them also gleaned 200 pounds of potatoes west of Hart one day, but a spray plane kept flying over them and no one else came to help so they didn't stay long.

Saturday night Robert and Frances met Sandra and a friend from Canyon, and Larry and Lori Duke, Ashlee and Alyssa in Plainview. They were celebrating Alyssa's 10th birthday.

Patricia Powell came in from Canadian Saturday and spent the night with Verba and Ezell Sadler. They visited in Dimmitt with Randy Powell and his family on Saturday evening.

Carla Sadler of Breckenridge came in Saturday and spent Saturday night with David and Gay Sadler before returning home. She is in school there, training to be a paramedic.



LINE DANCING—These girls are getting into the spirit of the Harvest Days celebration and enjoying the music of "Buyin' Time" at the street dance Saturday night on the east side of the courthouse in Dimmitt. The street was blocked off, and a crowd estimated at more than 300 attended the event, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

Grand jury indicts . . .

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Jose Antonio Rodriguez was indicted for theft of over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. The indictment said he took money on May 22 from Alberto Renteria Hernandez. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Cedric Robles Garcia was indicted for assault of a public servant in connection with an incident July 17, in which Garcia was reported to have kicked Dimmitt Policeman Hector Ledesma, in retaliation for the exercise of his official duty. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Tyrell Loron Neal's bond was set at \$3,000 on his indictment on charges of forgery-passing. The charge said he passed a forged writing Aug. 1 at Thriftway.

Sheryl Clayton was indicted for theft by check over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. The charge said she used a check on Aug. 2, 1995, to obtain

gasoline from FFP Partners, L.P. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

Bond was set at \$15,000 for Jose Angel Juarez, who was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon of a family member. The charge said on Aug. 3 he caused injury to a family member and exhibited a knife during the assault.

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NOTICE
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The Castro County Commissioners Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 8 (eight) percent on August 21, 1997 at 5:00 p.m.

The Castro County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 3, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. in the county courtroom, Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt, Texas.

Five accidents include two injured

During the past 12 days, five accidents were reported in the county, but only one resulted in injuries.

Two Dimmitt High School students were injured Friday morning when an oncoming pickup hit their new pickup as they turned onto Highway 86 near the Presbyterian Church west of Dimmitt.

Lisa Velo, 17, reportedly told

officers she had stopped and looked but didn't see an oncoming pickup when she turned onto the highway.

The oncoming pickup, which was eastbound into town, struck the driver's side of Velo's 1997 Chevrolet pickup.

Velo received a pelvic fracture and a gash on her left arm that required stitches. Her 14-year-old brother, Julian, who was in the pickup with her, received minor bruises and abrasions, a family member reported.

The two youths were treated at the Plains Memorial Hospital emergency room, then airlifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock. Julian was released Saturday evening and Lisa Sunday morning.

The Dimmitt Police Dept. had not completed its report on the accident by presstime Wednesday. Details of the accident, including the identity of the other driver, were not available.

On Aug. 16 at 11:35 a.m., a 1991 Chevy pickup driven by Jay Lee Touchstone, 71, of Dimmitt backed into a parked US Post Office delivery vehicle in the 200 block of West Etter. According to the police report, the delivery vehicle was at the curb facing east, when the pickup backed out from Coleman's Pharmacy and struck the other vehicle. Touchstone was ticketed for improper start from park. No injuries were reported. Damage to the Post Office vehicle was rated light to moderate, while the pickup had light damage.

Monday morning, a pickup driven by Johnny Rodriguez, 23, of Dimmitt, backed into a 1989 Buick Century, driven by Ramona Pompa, 34, of Dimmitt. According to the police report, both vehicles were

west-bound in the 100 block of East Belsler, when the pickup stopped and started to back up, striking the car. No injuries were reported. Damage to the pickup was rated light, while the car was listed with light to moderate damage.

Saturday morning, a 1996 Ford pickup driven by Justin Damron, 19, of Dimmitt, backed out of a private drive onto FM 1524 and was struck by a 1984 Ford driven by Raymond Harris, 62, of Tulia. Damron was ticketed for failure to yield right of way-private drive, and Harris was ticketed for driving unsecured by a seat belt. No injuries were reported. Damage to the pickup was rated heavy, while the other vehicle had moderate damage.

Sunday morning, Jose Ramirez, 50, of Dimmitt was driving a 1995 Chevy van west on CR 606 when he said the "check engine" light came on and steering became difficult. The vehicle veered to the right and struck a utility pole. Ramirez was not injured. Damage was rated heavy.



On July 26, 1969, Sharon Adams, a 39-year-old Californian, became the first woman ever to sail alone across the Pacific Ocean. She covered the 5,618-mile distance from Yokohama, Japan, to San Diego harbor in her 31-foot ketch, in 74 days, 17 hours, 15 minutes.

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Teen Court . . .

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fenses, such as burglary or theft under \$50, first offense drug possession, assault, disturbing the peace, and curfew violations.

When a teen comes before a municipal judge, justice of the peace or county judge on a charge, they can choose to have the case heard in teen court.

The teen must enter a guilty plea in the court in which the charge has been brought and pay a \$10 administrative fee. Then the case is sent to teen court. If the offenders successfully complete their sentence as handed down by the teen court, the offense will not go on their record.

Juries and attorneys in teen court are other teenagers. The judge is an adult with judicial experience, usually a district, county or municipal judge or justice of the peace who volunteers as a public service.

Hawkins said the teen court in Odessa has sessions once a week. Edwards said fewer sessions would probably be scheduled here.

Sentences given out always include mandatory jury duty for teen court and a designated number of hours of community service. The teen court in Odessa sets the punishment range at from two to six turns at jury duty and from 10 to 60 hours of community service.

The duties of the coordinator would include lining up the court docket, coordinating community service, and making sure it is completed.

Hawkins said that various charitable and government organizations have signed up to make community service opportunities available in Odessa. She said that the teen is required to take a form to the organization willing to sponsor their community service and have it signed. The form states that the organization will be "held harmless" as far as liability is concerned.

Teens can select where they perform their community service but it must be completed within 90 days. The place they select does not have to be on the official "list" of willing sponsors. Teens may select a place not on the list if that business or organization is willing to supervise them and certify that they have performed the service.

Hawkins said Odessa teens have mowed lawns for churches, senior citizens, and disabled persons. They have helped at nursing homes, pet shelters, food banks, museums, libraries, schools, and government offices.

"Our court involves kids from all walks of life. They've made bad decisions. Most of them are good kids," Hawkins said, "it's just that at some point between the ages of 12 and 18, someone sucked all their brain cells out."

"Every kid is going to make at least one big mistake. You can't hold one mistake against a kid the rest of his life. When a kid completes his sentence in our court, we tear up his ticket and throw it away," she said. She said that less than 10% ever have a repeat appearance in teen court.

Edwards told the city council that the county has unofficially said that the teen court would be welcome to use the courthouse courtrooms after hours.

He said the teen court program is not just for big cities anymore, but can be a viable program for smaller towns. He said Lamesa, Graham and Seminole already have programs and Littlefield and Tulia are looking into it.

Young told the council members that he may be needing an additional part-time or full-time clerk to keep up with the paperwork, fees and fines, and community service provisions of the new misdemeanor offenses prescribed for municipal courts. He said it would work out very well for him if the coordinator for the teen court could also do clerical work for him in his capacity as municipal judge. He said the new provisions of the law will increase his municipal case load almost to the number of cases that he handles as JP.

Young and Aleman both said they feel the teen court program would be of great benefit to Dimmitt and would be well worth any tax dollars that might be spent for it.

Young said that cities that provide a teen court program will be giving their teens who have been in trouble the advantage of entering life with a clean slate. Teens not given the opportunity to go to teen court will still have to perform community service, but they will have a blot on their record that will be an open record after Jan. 1.

Monday night, members of the Dimmitt City Council requested that in future years, the budget be finalized before a vote is taken on the proposed tax rate so that council members may "make a more informed vote" on the tax rate.

Having already adopted the "effective tax rate," which is the rate needed to raise the same amount of tax revenue as last year, the city is expecting \$853,690 in total revenues for the general fund portion of the budget and \$1,136,600 for the utility portion of the budget. Proposed expenses were estimated at \$853,690 for the general fund and \$1,136,600 for the utility portion, for a balanced budget proposal. The expenses include a \$500 per person raise for all employees for the year (representing a 2% to 4% raise, as estimated by City Manager Don Sheffy).

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said that Dimmitt has the lowest tax rate in the state of Texas among cities in its size range.

Total planned expenditures by department include: \$96,278 for governmental; \$82,879 for administration; \$23,735 for City Hall; \$94,866 for the fire department; \$309,205 for the police department; \$9,646 for the city judge; \$47,329 for parks and recreation; \$8,312 for the airport; \$65,831 for aged and public health, which also includes Rhoads Memorial Library for \$34,066; \$115,609 for the street and alley department, including \$30,000

capital outlay for proposed seal coating; \$632,192 for the water department; \$35,074 for the shop and warehouse; \$115,534 for the sewer department; \$218,581 for the sanitation department; and \$135,219 for the landfill department.

Approval of the budget was tabled until the next meeting of the council.

In other business, Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman gave a report on his department. He requested that the council look into passing an ordinance that would make it illegal to possess alcoholic beverages in city parks. He said the current ordinance says that alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in the parks, but officers have to actually witness the consumption to be able to bring any charges. He said if alcohol would be banned entirely, it would simplify matters for his officers. He also asked that the amount of the fine for such consumption or possession be raised to range from \$200 to \$1,000. The current rule states "a fine up to

\$500." Aleman said the new rule would not pertain to Roadside, since it is not under city jurisdiction. However, he said he plans to appeal to the county to pass a similar ordinance that would cover Roadside and the roadside park at Sunnyside.

The council heard a report from City Attorney Jack Edwards, Aleman, and Castro County Justice of the Peace/Dimmitt Municipal Judge Marshall Young on a proposal to establish a teen court program.

Obituaries

Willie Hammonds

Willie Hammonds, 77, of Granbury, died last Thursday, Aug. 21, in Houston.

Services were held Monday morning at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury with the Rev. Ron Fox officiating.

Burial followed in Holly Hills Memorial Park.

Mr. Hammonds was born Aug. 6, 1920, in Crowell. He married Mae Brooks on Aug. 8, 1944, in Post.

He was a veteran of the US Air Force. He was a farmer and rancher and belonged to the Southside Baptist Church of Granbury and Granbury Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Ron Hammonds and Joe Hammonds, both of Houston, and Randy Hammonds of Keller; a daughter, Joan Blackwell of Vernon; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A brother, Bob Hammonds of Noble, Okla.; and three nephews.

Refugia 'Cuca' Nino

Refugia "Cuca" Nino, 75, of Dimmitt, died Tuesday after a lengthy illness.

A vigil service was held Wednesday evening in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Funeral mass will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Guillermo Morales, pastor,

officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Nino was born in San Marcos Sept. 4, 1921. She married Emilio Nino in 1943 in San Marcos.

She lived in California for a time before returning to Texas in 1948. She lived in Whiteface before moving to Castro County in 1954. She worked at Plains Memorial Hospital for 26 years as a licensed vocational nurse, then at South Hills Manor nursing home for three years before retiring. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Guadalupe Society.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jose in 1946 and Emilio Jr. in 1968.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, John of Dimmitt and David of Emory; four daughters, Yolanda Martinez, Lupe Flores and Mary Ann Larra, all of Dimmitt, and Sylvia Nino of Monahans; five brothers, Narciso Gauna of Dimmitt, Ramon Gauna of Dimmitt, Luciano Gauna of Tomball, Thomas Hernandez of Austin and Frank Hernandez of Nebraska; eight sisters, Trine Guajardo of Whiteface, Lola Moreno of Yakima, Wash., Sophia Vargas of San Marcos, Lupe DeLeon of Farwell, Juanita Lopez of Levelland, Mary Mendoza of Lubbock, Tina Gonzales of Dimmitt and Alicia Castillo of Littlefield; 27 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Johnny Nino, Jeremy Nino, Tony Martinez, Joe Larra Jr., Zeke Nino and Bobby Nino.

Doyle Underwood

Services for Doyle Underwood, 70, of Dimmitt will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services will be conducted by Masonic Lodge #879 at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Mr. Underwood, a longtime farmer in the Bethel community, died Tuesday at his home after a brief illness.

He was born Jan. 20, 1927, in Ralls. He lived in Tatum, N.M., before moving to Dimmitt in 1952.

He married Donna Mason on May 22, 1982, in Dimmitt.

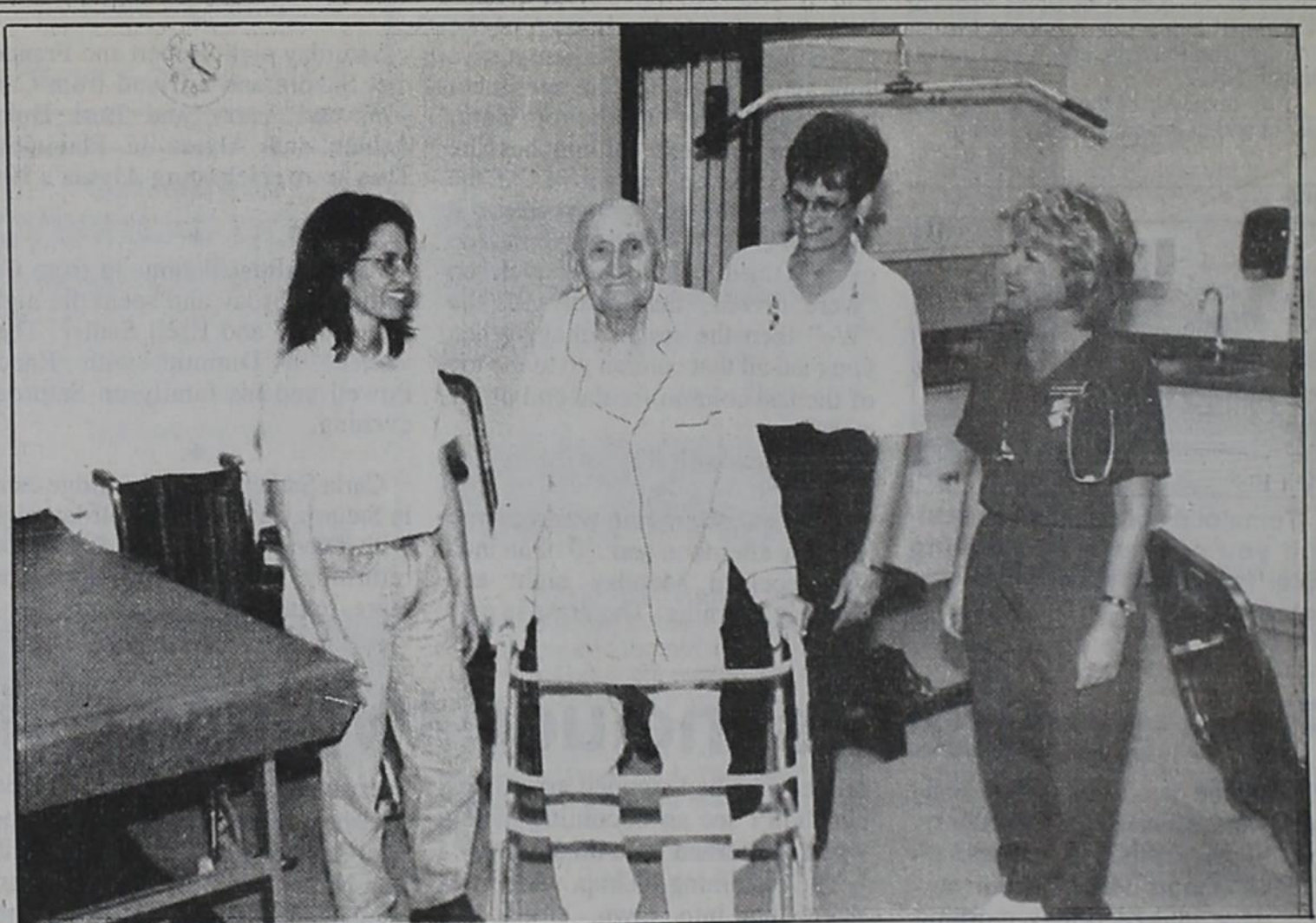
He was a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School in 1945 and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and was a member of Lodge #879 F.&A.M.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Darla Underwood-Baggett of Hereford, Debbie Schumacher of Amarillo and Teresa Lindsey of Dimmitt; a brother, Roy Dale Underwood of Dimmitt; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt 79027.



BEST OF SHOW honors in the Harvest Days Pet Show went to June Norman and her collie, Mollie. The pet show drew many dogs and cats Saturday afternoon at the gazebo in Dimmitt. Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld



M. B. Odom receives post-operative physical therapy under the watchful eyes of (from left) Traci Robb, L.P.T., A'llan Bradley, R.N., and Jill McLean, R.N.

What Is 'Swing Bed'?

After M. B. Odom of Dimmitt had a total hip replacement in Amarillo, he chose to come back home to Plains Memorial Hospital for his rehabilitation.

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"I wanted to be home," said Mr. Odom, 82, who was one of the original investors when Plains Memorial Hospital was founded in the 1940s.

Mr. Odom is one of our "Swing Bed" patients. The Swing Bed program was designed especially for the Medicare patient who no longer needs "acute care" but who still needs a high level of nursing care.

A'llan Bradley, R.N., is the director of the Swing Bed program.

"In a nutshell, Swing Bed is a program that Medicare put in for Medicare patients," Bra-

dley said. "They are patients who have been treated and cured but are not ready to go home. They still need skilled nursing service on a daily basis."

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