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Grounding orders keep pilots guessing

Crop dusters in the county don't know whether or not they'll be able to work from one day to the next as they struggle to abide by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules and bans related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America.

All crop dusting planes in the United States were grounded Sunday as the FBI investigated reports that suspected terrorists tied to the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon had expressed an interest in crop dusting in Florida. The ban was lifted just after 12 a.m. Tuesday and planes were back in the air that morning.

It was the third time since the Sept. 11 incident that the FAA had ordered the planes grounded.

Sunday's order to ground all crop dusting aircraft came after the FBI said it feared the planes could be targeted by terrorists for use in chemical or biological warfare.

The FAA said the flight prohibition was "for reasons of national security," and the ban would "continue until 12:05 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the 48 contiguous states in US domestic airspace."

The FBI issued the following statement to members of the National Agricultural Aviation Association

when informing pilots of the grounding order:

"Members should be vigilant to any suspicious activity relative to the use, training in or acquisition of dangerous chemicals or airborne application of same, including threats, unusual purchases, suspicious behavior by employees or customers, and unusual contacts with the public. Members should report any suspicious circumstances or information to local FBI offices."

The ban affected five crop dusting services in Castro County—Tidwell Spraying Service, Panhandle Ag

Service, Inc., B&W Aerial Spray, and Pro-Ag, Inc., all of Dimmitt; and Davis Aerial Spray of Hart.

"We don't have a clue what's going to happen and we can't fly unless the FAA says it's okay," said Max Ellison with Pro-Ag, Inc. "I guess when it comes down to everybody's safety, this is a small price to pay. It is better to be safe than sorry, but it's a hassle."

Flights were initially grounded on Sept. 11 when the attack occurred, and the FAA didn't lift the ban until Sept. 14. Then on Sept. 16, crop dusters were grounded again.

"I feel like we're losing some

rights here. This isn't our fault. I have work to do and I can't do it," said Dudley Wooten of B&W Aerial Spray. "So far it's worked out okay, but if we get shut down for two or three days we're going to have problems."

"Last week they called and asked me a bunch of questions. . . They wanted to know how many planes I had and where they were kept," Wooten said.

Wooten said he told officials he had two planes, one of which was locked up and one that was left out in the open. He said they asked him to make that plane inoperable.

Ellison said he had gone back to work after the FAA lifted one of the earlier bans, only to be called in 30 minutes later when another ban was issued.

Tidwell Spraying was back in the air Tuesday, and Todd Hatla said so far the bans have only had a minimal effect.

"I called the FAA (Tuesday morning) and they said we should get as much work done as we can because they don't know what's going to happen next," Hatla said. "To a point, I think it's overkill, but then again maybe it's not. They (terrorists) are capable of anything—they've already proven that."

Local pilots are frustrated with the flight bans, which come at a crucial time for area cotton producers who are trying to ready their crops for harvest.

"This is one of our busier times. Farmers need us, but if it means being safe, then we'll do what we can," said Ellison. "The producers have been really understanding. They tell us just to do the best we can."

Pilots have been preparing to use aerial applications to control boll weevils and to defoliate cotton.

"It's going to get really busy near

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North Gin processes first bale

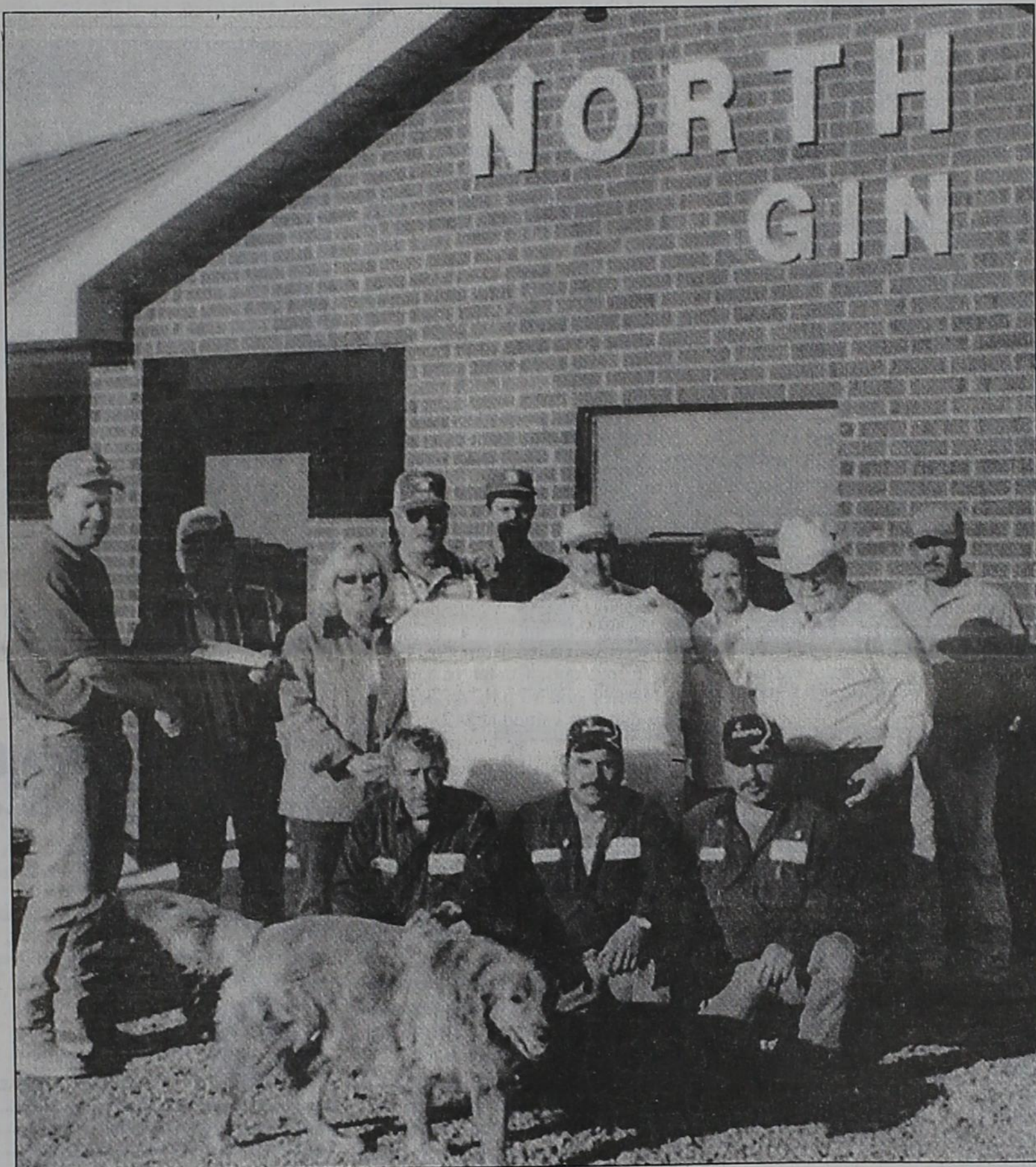
The first bale of cotton was ginned Friday morning at North Gin of Dimmitt, and the gin donated \$500 to the American Red Cross in the name of the cotton's producer, Truman Touchstone of Dimmitt.

Touchstone raised the crop on land he leases from G.L. Willis and the Willis Sisters. He applied a defoliant via ground application on Sept. 12.

The Fiber Max 50-13 variety of cotton is yielding 1-1/2 bales per acre and the first bale weighed 485 pounds. It had a 28% turn out.

Hart Producers Co-op Gin received its first cotton Monday, and that facility's first bale was ginned for Micky Hochstein and Jimmy Hochstein of H&H Farms.

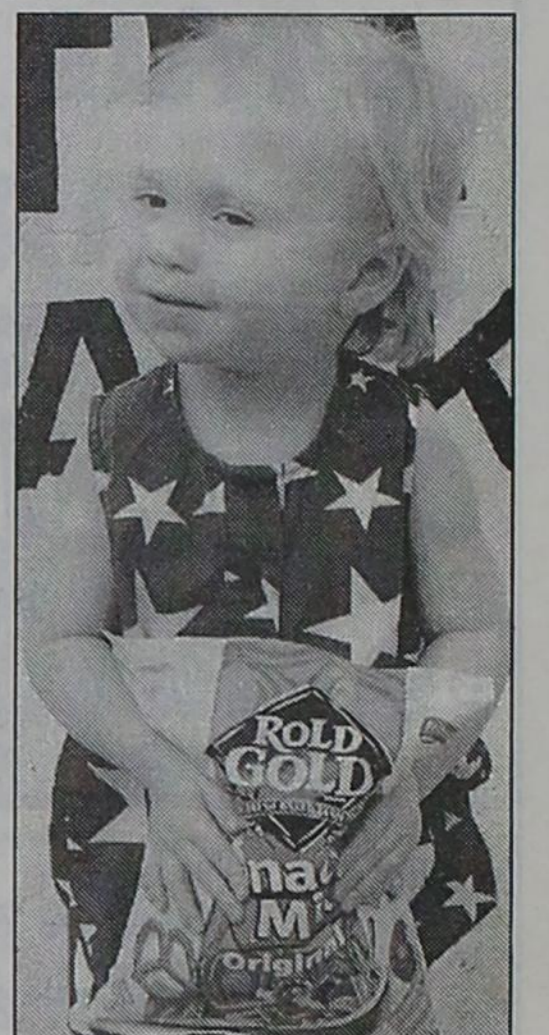
Randall Small at Castro Co-op Gin in Dimmitt said his facility hasn't received its first load of cotton yet, but added that a module could be rolling in any day now.



FIRST BALE BONUS—North Gin manager Jim Bradford (standing, left) presents a \$500 check to grower Truman Touchstone (second from left), who raised the first bale of cotton ginned at the facility this season. The money will be donated to the American Red Cross in Touchstone's name. Also pictured

are (standing, from third left) Kay Rogers, Jack Bradford, Kalili Gonzales, Omar Flores, Juanita Willis, G.L. Willis and Enrique Castillo; (kneeling, from left) Manuel Ortiz, Jacinto Quiroz and Salvador Diaz; and Jim Bradford's dog, Boomer.

Photo by Chris Bradford



KATIE HUGHES is only 18 months old, but she's doing her part to help America recover from recent terrorist attacks. Last Thursday, the FCCLA chapter from Dimmitt High School filled a school bus with ready-to-eat food, snacks and drinks, then shipped the busload of food to Amarillo's United Food Bank. From there it will be shipped to the rescue scenes. Photo by Joyce Nelson

County redistricting plan gets commissioners' okay

Commissioners approved the final order adopting revised political boundaries for Commissioners Court Precincts on Monday.

While this is the final order according to officials in Castro County, the Justice Department still has to approve the plan.

If approved, this plan will be in place until 2010.

Delores Heller was appointed election precinct judge for the general election scheduled for Nov. 6.

Dr. Bill Murphy would normally handle these duties, but he is scheduled to be out of town on that day.

A \$1000 bond was approved for sheriff's deputy Joe Aleman. The bond is required by state law and is good for one year.

In other business, the emergency management contract of Randy Griffith was renewed for another year. Griffith is responsible for the development and implementation of an emergency management plan for the county. This plan will cover weather and fire as well as other emergencies that might take place.

The next Commissioners Court meeting will take place on October 8.

Weather

| | High | Low | Prec. |
|-----------|------|-----|-------|
| Thursday | 85 | 60 | |
| Friday | 94 | 53 | |
| Saturday | 87 | 52 | 0.27 |
| Sunday | 86 | 53 | |
| Monday | 80 | 42 | |
| Tuesday | 74 | 42 | |
| Wednesday | 78 | 46 | |

September Moisture 0.57
2001 Moisture 16.07

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



HART'S HOMECOMING QUEEN for 2001 is Heather Gonzales, who was crowned during halftime ceremonies Friday at Longhorn Stadium. Gonzales was one of four girls vying for the honor. The others included Dahnne Castillo, Dolores Rocha and Isadora Anzaldua. Hart students enjoyed several activities related to Homecoming, including a bonfire, dress-up days and a football game with Claude. Photo by Neoma Williams

DHS Homecoming plans are finalized

Dimmitt High School will celebrate Homecoming next week, and a full week's slate of activities has been scheduled.

Spirit Week will be observed Oct. 1-5 with the following theme dress-up days:

MONDAY: Camouflage Day—"The few, the proud, The Bobcats!"

TUESDAY: Fanatic Fan Day—"Bobcats to the extreme!"

WEDNESDAY: MisMatch Day—"Mix 'em up, knock em down!"

OCT. 4: Pajama Day—"Put the Hornets to sleep!"

OCT. 5: Dress-up Day—"Dress up, show 'em up!"

A powder puff football game has been scheduled for Monday night at 7 at Bobcat Stadium. The girls will play football and the boys will be cheerleaders, according to Connie Dickerson.

The annual Homecoming pinning ceremony will be held at 8:25 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Bobcat Stadium.

During the ceremony, varsity football players will be pinned, and the Flame King and Queen will be crowned.

Flame King and Queen candidates are seniors T.J. Reyna and Tramesha Rivers, juniors Abel Espinosa and Valerie Martinez, sophomores Nicky Gauna and Erica Abrego and freshmen Layne Penney and Meggi Lemons.

Next Thursday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m. the Dimmitt High School students will compete in a "Junior Olympics," featuring various activities at the DHS gymnasium. The winning teams will be announced at the pep rally on Friday, Oct. 5.

The Homecoming pep rally has been planned for 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, in the DHS gym.

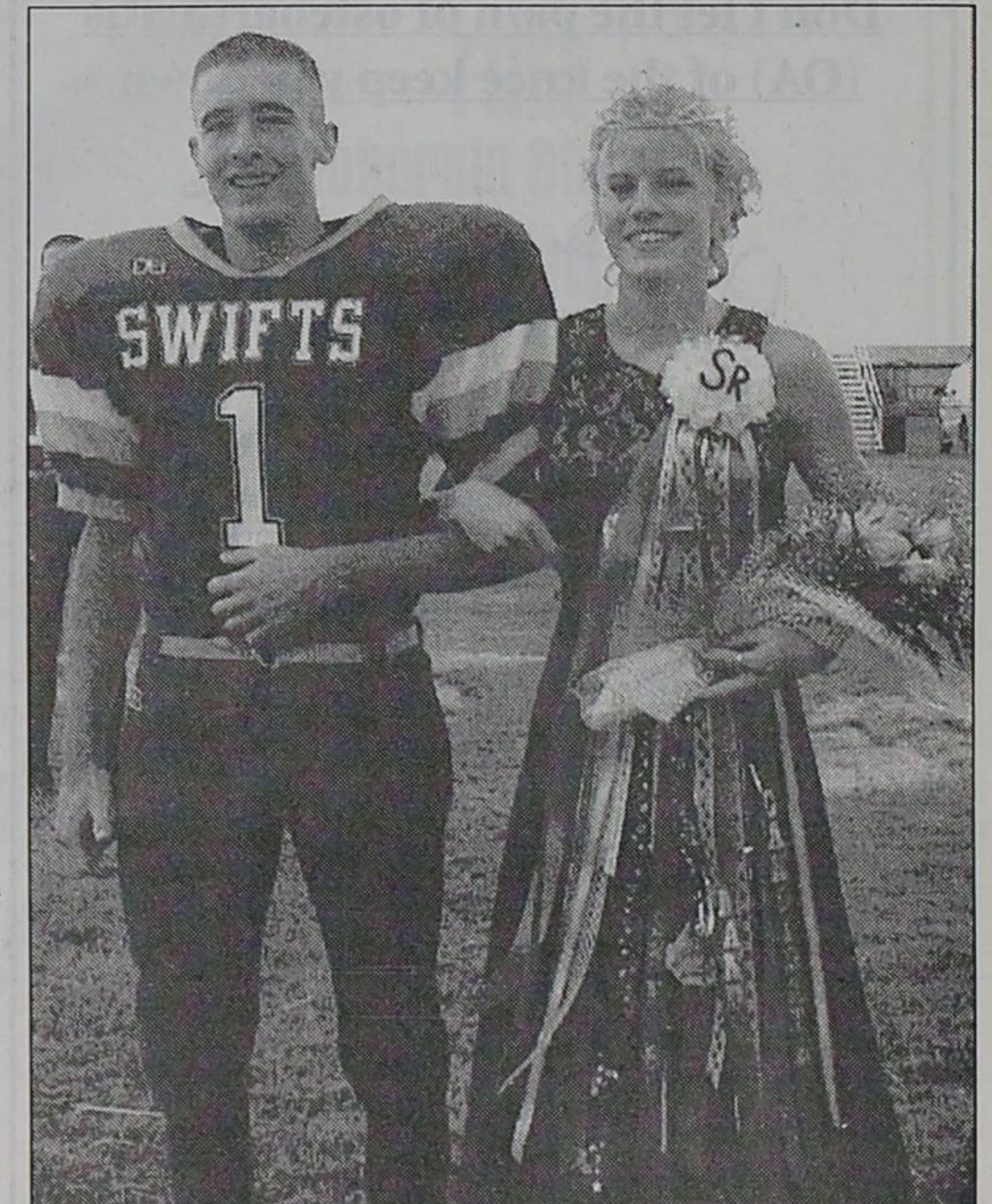
During the pep rally, the Class of 1981 will be recognized. Also announced at the pep rally will be winners of the Spirit Days contest and the winning teams from the Junior Olympics.

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned during pre-game ceremonies Friday, Oct. 5, at Bobcat Stadium.

Candidates for Homecoming Queen are seniors Sharla Kenworthy, Jessica Montes, Rae Odom and Bianey Saucedo.

Members of the 2001 Homecoming Court are junior

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NAZARETH SENIOR MANDY HOELTING (right), escorted by Blake Birkenfeld, was crowned as Nazareth High School's Homecoming Queen Friday night during pre-game ceremonies at Swift Field. Hoelting was one of three senior candidates vying for the crown. The others were Danette Ramaekers and Marsha Black. Homecoming Princesses included freshman Jamie Black, sophomore Sarah Ellison and junior Teri Ramaekers.

Photo by Anne Acker

Editorial

Public deserves to know food's 'country-of-origin'

Have you ever stopped to wonder why we know exactly what country our t-shirts are from...

available for food consumers and producers to let our national lawmakers know that we want more honest and complete food labeling.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is accepting public comments until Oct. 9 concerning a new proposed ruling to define US cattle and fresh beef products for labeling purposes.

such as "US Beef" and "Fresh American Beef." FSIS interprets these terms to mean that products are derived from cattle born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the US.

However, there is a movement to change the rule by allowing beef products from imported cattle that are then fed a minimum of 100 days and processed in the US to be labeled "Beef Made in the USA."

This rule change would be misleading to consumers and damaging to the integrity of our US livestock industry.

US beef producers spend significant time, money, resources and energy in order to produce top quality livestock.

Consumers and producers should write in support of the current definition of US cattle and beef products for labeling purposes as "born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the United States."

One original and two copies of written comments should be sent by Oct. 9 to FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket #00-036A, Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-3700.

A sample letter is available on the Texas Farmers Union's web site, www.texasfarmersunion.org.

While this rule would take care of voluntary beef labels, there is currently national legislation to require mandatory food labels on all meats as well as fruits and vegetables.

All consumers and producers should urge their national legislators to pass SB 280, known as the "Consumer Right to Know Act," and HR 1121, or the "County-of-Origin Meat Labeling Act."

Both would make country-of-origin food labeling mandatory.

Collectively, we can make a difference in getting truthful and meaningful labeling regulations on the food that we choose for our families. Let's all contact our leaders today.

WES SIMS TEXAS FARMERS UNION



EAT MORE BEEF!—The Dimmitt Lions Club fed approximately 350 people Saturday at noon on the courthouse square, dishing up brisket, potato salad, beans and bread as part of its annual Beef Days

promotion. The event is held each year in support of the beef industry, which is a vital part of the Castro County economy. Photo by Chris Bradford

Police Calls

Dimmitt police are investigating the theft of numerous knives, a shotgun and Nintendo games, all stolen from a residence in the 600 block of SW Third St. in Dimmitt.

The theft occurred sometime after 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 22, and items stolen were valued at \$2,270.

Among the items stolen were a 12-gauge shotgun, 26 knives in various styles and sizes, 40 Nintendo games and three daggers.

The suspects reportedly forced their way into the residence, and caused \$100 damage to a storm door.

Isidro Ramos told police that someone has broken into his 1985 Ford F-150 pickup on Sept. 22 and removed three DeWalt power tools valued at a \$410.

The pickup had been parked in the 500 block of W. Grant St., and the theft occurred sometime after 1:41 p.m. on Sept. 22. Tools taken include a jig saw, valued at \$170; a right-handed electric saw, valued at \$120; and a left-handed electric saw, valued at \$120.

A baseball cap with a "D" in the center was stolen from the Desire the Fire Youth Center in Dimmitt between 5 and 10 p.m. on Sept. 21. The cap was valued at \$12.

Sunday was a busy day for local law enforcement officers as they arrested six individuals, including four on alcohol-related charges.

Two Dimmitt men, one 19 years old and the other 18, were charged with "minors consuming an alcoholic beverage," second offense, on Sunday.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving with his license suspended.

Public intoxication charges were filed Sunday against an 18-year-old Dimmitt man.

DPS troopers picked up a 34-year-old Amarillo man Sunday, charging

him with driving without a license and failure to identify.

On Monday, a 37-year-old Dimmitt man was charged with driving while disqualified.

TAIL GATE PARTY! Show your support for the Bobcats and enjoy mouth-watering FAJITAS before the Dimmitt/River Road game Friday, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the north parking lot of the River Road Football Stadium

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Sales tax rebates are issued

The cities of Hart and Nazareth saw their September sales tax rebates jump this year, but Dimmitt's was down slightly.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently issued rebate checks for September to cities and counties.

Hart was the big winner in the county, receiving a check for \$1,870.19, up 55.16% from its September 2000 rebate of \$1,205.28. For the year, Hart has received rebates totaling \$13,774.83, a 9.41% decrease from 2000 totals of \$15,172.74 through September. Hart collects a 1% sales tax.

Nazareth's rebate of \$1,322.17 for September is 2.10% higher than the comparable payment in 2000, which was \$1,294.89. This month's payment brings Nazareth's yearly total rebates to \$12,486.48, up 6.86% from the \$11,684.08 paid through September 2000. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax. Dimmitt earned \$23,961 from its 1.5% tax rate this month, and that was down 7.69% from the September 2000 payment of \$25,957.27. So far this year, Dimmitt has received a total of \$219,048.48, down 9.58% from \$242,262.62 paid through September 2000.

The German word Kaiser and the Russian word Czar both come from the family name of the Julian family in Rome: Caesar

According to folklore, when a candle burns too fast, there is said to be a thief in the house.

Last Puzzle Solution MESA TICAN LORD DIVIN ROTO RALIRCAFRIT... [Crossword grid with solution]



HART'S STUDENT BODY named Joel De La Fuente (left) as its Bonfire King and Albert Velasquez as Spirit King last week during Homecoming festivities. Both are seniors at Hart High School and are members of the Longhorns' football team. Photo by Neoma Williams

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Classifieds get results!

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes crossword grid and list of clues (ACROSS, DOWN).

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Amy Wooten was honored with a lovely bridal shower in the home of Ray and A'lan Bradley, Saturday. We visited with Kay (Bradley) Magee and her daughter, Mindy Steinhiler of McLean. Amy and Mindy were close friends when they were at West Texas A&M University. Kay is the daughter of Dent and Bessie Bradley and the sister of Ray Bradley.

Another out-of-town guest at the shower was former Dimmitt resident, Janice (Baldrige) Metcalf, from Ulysses, Kan. Janice's mother, Mary Baldrige, also of Ulysses, was here for the Dimmitt High School class reunion group in Amarillo. Janice's brother, Jerry and his wife Norma, of Ruidoso, NM, drove in to join the family gathering that included Karen (Baldrige) Newman and her husband, Max.

The graduating classes of Dimmitt High School from 1940 to 1955 were invited to a DHS reunion that was held Saturday at the Fifth Season West Motel in Amarillo. Lewis Martin (class of '49) of Amarillo and Phyllis (Youts) Mooney (class of '48) were the work horses that made the get together a success.

According to Floyce George, those present were the classes of 1944 to 1955. I don't have a complete list of those names, but here are the ones I do have:

Class of 1944: Bill and Ruth Hackleman and Mary Baldrige of Ulysses, Kan.

Class of 1947: Hoyt Kenmore of Arizona and James Autry of Rockyford, Col.

Class of 1948: Joyce Autry of Rockyford, Col., Chollis George of

Tucumcari, NM and Phyllis Mooney.

Class of 1950: Jim and Floyce George and Dale and Elsie Maxwell.

The Cooper family of Dimmitt had four graduates from these years. They are Elisie (Cooper) Maxwell, Billy Sam Cooper of Plainview, Mary Lee Cooper and Virgie (Cooper) Sheffy from Amarillo. We are not sure where Mary Lee lives, but all four of the Cooper family graduates were there for the reunion.

Ricky (Goodwin) Dane of Big Lake was in town recently to celebrate her dad, P.O. Goodwin's 84th birthday. She was here just in time to enjoy some of the fresh produce from P.O.'s garden and help him can some of it for the cold winter months.

Ricky's daughter, Karla, is a wife and mom and lives in Iraan; her son, Kent, is a full-time student at San Angelo State University; and her son, Kirk, is sheriff of Reagan County, Texas. Kirk is the youngest sheriff in the state of Texas at this time.

P.O.'s son, Mike, and his wife, Gail, live in Festus, Missouri. Mike has pastored the Faith Baptist Church there for almost 30 years. It is the only church he has ever pastored and he plans to retire from there when he feels it is time.

The Cary Jackson's were hostess to the Pastor's Class of First Baptist Church, Saturday. About 25 members of the class enjoyed snacks, dominoes, Forty-two and Chicken Foot.

Don and Jean Gilreath of Lazbuddie were at the gazebo Satur-

day, enjoying the delicious Lion's Club beef barbecue, visiting old friends and shopping.

The latter part of August, Polly Simpson and Doris Flynt of Dimmitt and Glenn Stilwell of Memphis, Doris' brother, visited their sister, Gayle Johnson of Cibolo. They all attended the 2000-2001 American Legion National Convention in San Antonio.

Most of the sessions were held in the huge Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in downtown San Antonio, across from the famous Riverwalk area. All enjoyed a patriotic parade on Sunday. Monday, Doris attended a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio honoring the wives of the past national commanders. The luncheon was hosted by Mrs. Helen Smith, wife of the National Commander.

All attended the opening session of the convention on Tuesday, which was, again, very patriotic, with many prominent speakers welcoming the members and their guests. Among the speakers was Governor Rick Perry, who is an American Legion member, and Congressmen Charles

Gonzales and Ciro Rodriquez, both from San Antonio.

One of the outstanding moments of the convention was the appearance of President and Mrs. Bush on Wednesday. This was prior to their leaving for Washington the next day after having spent a working vacation at their ranch in Crawford. Needless to say, security was extremely tight and it was quite exciting to everyone attending. The President and Mrs. Bush both spoke to a packed house.

Mrs. Bush gave a lovely speech, complimenting the Auxiliary ladies for their constant work in education and children and youth groups as well as their dedication in helping with the veteran hospital programs. Mrs. Bush presented the Woman of the Year award by the Auxiliary.

President Bush, who is also an American Legion member, gave an inspiring speech thanking the members of America's largest veterans organization for their patriotism as well as their youth programs and their many other programs that continue year round. The President also commended them for now inviting our military to join the Legion,

thereby keeping their membership strong since we're losing so many of our World War II veterans. The President was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the National Commander, Ray G. Smith.

Polly and Doris later attended a lovely reception for head table guests, prior to the National Commander's Banquet. The banquet which was attended by over 2,100 guests, including members from Hawaii, Puerto Rico and veteran groups from France and Taiwan.

While in San Antonio, everyone enjoyed the sites in New Braunfels and San Antonio. Some much needed rain fell the last three days including the surrounding area. The entire group had a wonderful time, never dreaming our country would change forever several days later.

Some of Gwen Lewis' friends and family honored her with a going away luncheon at the home of Renise Blair last Thursday. Others in attendance were B.C. Bossett, Daphne Montgomery, Joyce Thomas, Guila Barrios and Lynette Rials.

Gwen will be moving to Gatesville

to begin work teaching at the Hughes Unit of the Texas Criminal Justice System the first of October.

One more where were you when your plane couldn't return home as planned because of the terrorist attack story ... Karyn Hughes of Dallas, daughter of Van Earl and Waurayne Hughes, was in Japan.

Karyn works for Dr. Kenneth Cooper of the Fitness and Aerobics Institute in Dallas. They have contracts with the USA Armed Forces to teach this program to the many bases where the US has a base.

She arrived at the Navy base outside of Tokoyo on Sept. 8 and on Monday, Sept. 10th, a 125 mile per hour typhoon made a direct hit on Tokoyo.

They had minute to minute coverage of the terrorist attack there, just as we did. Everything went to top security, close up!

They were able to send her home safely a week later. She was later informed that the typhoon curtailed an attack by the terrorist on that base!

God Bless America!

Garrisons contribute to ag education endowment

Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has accepted a \$500,000 contribution from Shirley and Mildred Garrison of Hereford, funding an endowment for a professorship in the department of agricultural education and communications.

The Garrisons, who have had business and farming interests in Castro County for years, were honored for that donation Saturday at the Merket Alumni Center in Lubbock.

The endowment will create a position in the department for a professor in rural and youth development.

"It is very rewarding to us at Texas Tech when alumni believe in the role and mission of the department of agricultural education and communications, and are willing to provide their financial support for program enhancement," said Dr. Matt Baker, professor and chairman of the department.

Garrison earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education from Texas Tech in 1940.

He has been involved in many areas of agriculture, including education, farming and agribusiness.

Founded in 1966, Garrison seed Co., in Hereford, was the first of many business ventures for Garrison. He was a founding partner of Southwest Feedyard in Hereford from 1969 to 1982. He was owner of Easter Grain in Castro County from 1984 to 1999.

Currently, Garrison is partner and chairman of the board of First United Bank in Dimmitt, partner and chairman of the board of Backyard Adventures in Canyon, and also partner and chairman of the board of Frontier Capital Group in Dimmitt.

Garrison has been recognized by Texas Tech with membership in the Sociedad de la Espuela (The Spur Society). He has been honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award and a Distinguished Agriculture Alumni Award. He was honored by Texas Tech Health Sciences Center with a Doctor of Human Letters.

The Garrisons recently contributed a lead gift to Texas Tech for the Sears Methodist Retirement System Geriatric Education and Care Center.

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People



Food drive underway for victims of terrorist attack

Panhandle Community Services centers across the area, including the Dimmitt office, are gathering food items which will be forwarded to New York City and Washington, D.C., where thousands died after terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. Several local citizens have expressed an interest in assisting the victims by donating food and other items. Food collected through Friday will be forwarded to the High Plains Food Bank in Amarillo, which in turn will forward the food to the disaster locations. Items needed include bottled water, protein or snack bars, high energy items, ready-to-eat meals and

paper or plastic items. Cash donations also are being accepted, and will be presented to the High Plains Food Bank or the American Red Cross. "The terrible events of the past week have awakened all of us to the fact of just how vulnerable our nation is," said Stella Devers, coordinator of the Dimmitt Panhandle Community Services office. "The freedoms with which we are so blessed become more precious when we witness the horrors of hate and destruction. We may never know how many families and relatives have been affected from the events of this past week. God bless us all."



SPIRIT ROYALTY—Students at Nazareth High School selected senior Quentin Jones (right) and junior Megan Schulte as the 2001 Spirit King and Queen last Thursday night during the Homecoming pep rally at Swift Field. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Tulia plans relic car show, other events

It's hard to imagine an all-black car being "cool" in August in Reno, Nev., but that's the honor bestowed on Ken and Pat Henson's 1949 Cadillac Coupe de Ville at "Cool Caddie Nights" last month in Reno. Their car took the coveted "Best of Show" award at the national gathering of Cadillacs, and it will be featured this weekend at the Ozark Trails Day car show in Tulia. The car show will be held Saturday at the former Grabbe-Simpson Motor Co. building at 124 SE Second St., in Tulia. The car show is sponsored by the Tulia Lions Club and awards and door prizes have been donated by several local businesses. Each participant will receive a dash plaque.

There are 12 classes for cars of all makes and models, from antique to 1986. Entry forms are available by contacting Lions Club committee chairman Mike Ferguson at 995-4290 or through the Tulia Chamber of Commerce, 995-2296. The show will open at 10 a.m. and will run until 3 p.m. Participants should have their cars on site before 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Cost to enter a car in the show is \$10, and proceeds will benefit the Lions Club charities and projects. Admission to the show will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Children under 6 will be admitted free.

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The First Assembly of God Church in Dimmitt will be open each weekday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to accommodate those who wish to come and "Pray for America." The church is located at 300 SE Second St., at the corner of SE Second St. and Belsher St. The American public is asked to pray for President George W. Bush, congressional leaders, the military and intelligence gathering networks

as they work to bring to justice the terrorists who attacked the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Prayers also are asked for those involved in rescue efforts, the airlines, passengers, families who have lost loved ones and the victims of the tragedy, both injured and killed. "We need to pray for Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas and the United States; its territories, its friends and its allies," said First Assembly of God Pastor Joe N. Vaughn.

GED, ESL classes will start soon

Registration for adult basic education (GED) and adult English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will be held Tuesday at the Adult Probation Office, 115 E. Bedford St., in Dimmitt. Registration will start around 6:30 p.m. The classes are co-sponsored by the Dimmitt Independent School District, Region XVI Educational Service Center and the Adult Probation Dept. For more information, contact Sue Summers at 647-3105.

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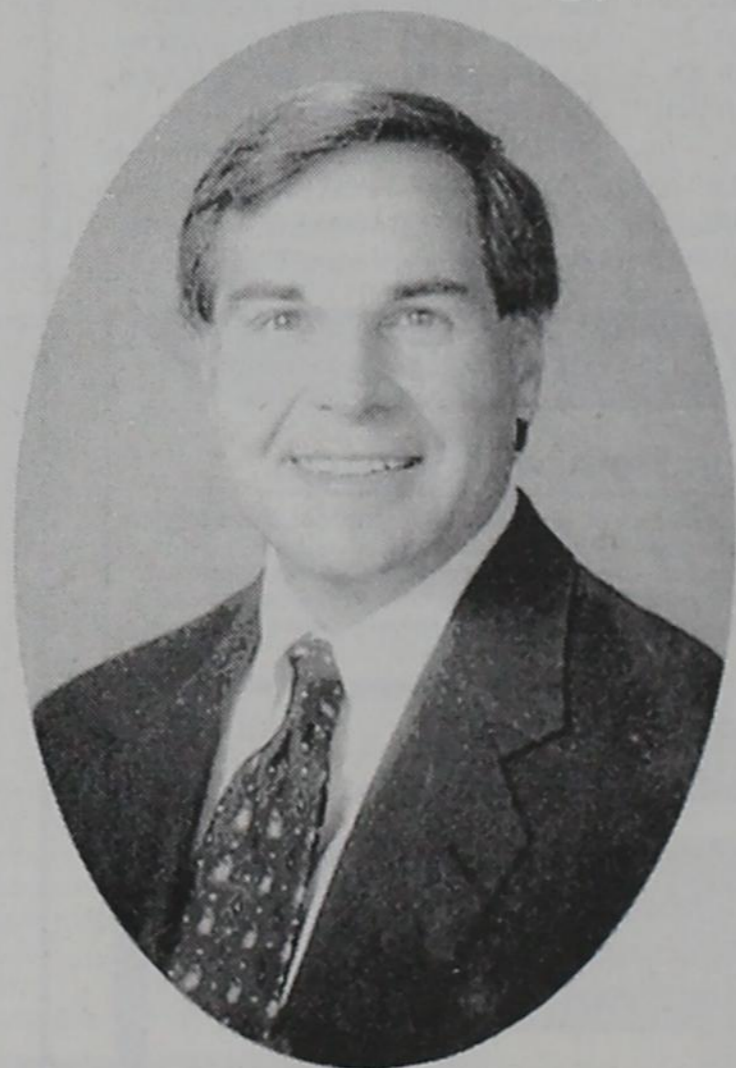
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Precipitation enhancement program wraps up Sept. 15

The regional precipitation enhancement program completed its fifth season just after midnight on Sept. 15, and cloud seeding activities within the target area won't resume until the start of the 2002 program.

The program began April 1 with a multi-county target area which includes Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Gaines, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Terry and Yoakum counties; plus portions of Armstrong, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Potter and Randall counties. In addition, precipitation enhancement operations were conducted in Lea and Roosevelt counties of New Mexico.

Precipitation enhancement, or cloud seeding, is an attempt to stimulate clouds to generate more rainfall than normal through the introduction of a seeding agent, such as silver iodide. The silver iodide provides

clouds with additional condensation nuclei for moisture droplets inside the cloud.

From the radar site at Littlefield Municipal Airport, project meteorologist David Beer monitored weather conditions during the six-month project. When developing thunderstorms showed optimum conditions, Beer directed pilots stationed at Levelland, Lubbock and Plains to conduct cloud seeding operations either at the top or the base of the cloud.

When top seeding, pilots fly their specially-equipped Cessna 340 aircraft above the cloud and eject burning silver iodide flares into the updraft. When base seeding, the pilots use burn-in-place flares on the trailing edge of the aircraft wings to distribute silver iodide smoke into the updraft.

"It is important to realize precipita-

tion enhancement is not a magic pill," said Beer. "Normal climatic cycles of wet and dry periods will always prevail. As with the 'hit and miss' nature of convective thunderstorms, there will always be areas which will receive more or less rain than others. Cloud seeding does not 'change' the weather, but enhances the natural precipitation process and should be considered as a long-term resource in an overall water management plan."

Program sponsors include the High Plains, Llano Estacado, Sandy Land and South Plains Underground Water Conservation Districts, and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Lea and Roosevelt counties.

Each sponsor paid its pro-rata share of the fixed and reimbursable costs, based upon the total number of acres in the target area. Lea County was added late in the program, so it was billed on a flight-hour basis.

Texas reimburses 50% of the operating costs within the state's target area through the Texas Dept. of Agriculture and the Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulations.

The precipitation enhancement program is one component of a total water management plan for the region. Increased precipitation has the potential of reducing irrigation pumpage; increasing crop yields; improving livestock grazing conditions; improving water quality; increasing runoff into reservoirs used for drinking water supplies, wildlife and recreational purposes; and increasing natural recharge to the Ogallala Aquifer.

Data from the 2001 regional precipitation program and other related information is available online at www.hpwd.com.

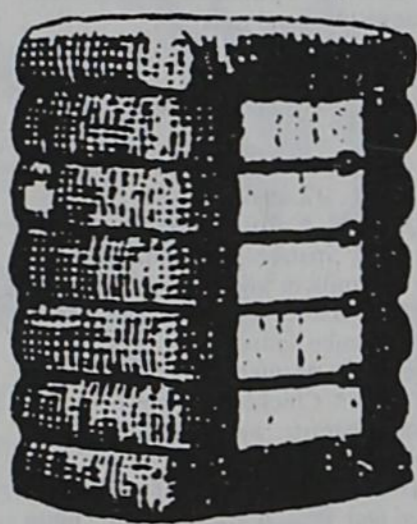


FIRST MAIZE—The first load of grain sorghum was delivered to AgriFarm Industries in Dimmitt Monday morning. The milo was harvested by H&H Farms,

represented by William Hochstein (left). Also pictured is James Parker of AgriFarm Industries.

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Farm Service Agency seeks county committee candidates

The Farm Service Agency is seeking candidates for the local County Committee election, which will be held this fall.

"It is crucial that every agricultural producer take part in this election process because County Committees serve as a direct link between the agriculture community and the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)," said Patricia A. Elliott, Castro County FSA executive director. "The County Committee system needs everyone to get involved, from voters to committee candidates. Almost anyone eligible to participate in programs administered by FSA qualifies to be a candidate for the committee."

Nomination forms can be obtained from the FSA county office. Completed nomination forms are due in the FSA office by Oct. 29.

FSA will notify nominees and will mail election ballots to eligible voters in mid-November. Completed ballots must be returned to the FSA office, postmarked by Dec. 3. Elected members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2002.

The FSA County Committees provide local guidance and make decisions on issues including commodity price support loans and payments; establishment of allotments, yields and marketing quotas; farm loans; conservation program; incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities; and other disaster program assistance.

County Committees have served as the eyes, ears and voice of farmers and ranchers nationwide for more than 60 years.

"The County Committee plays an integral role in the delivery of Farm Service Agency services. We'd like the County Committee to reflect a diverse cross-section of the local agriculture community by including

representation from non-traditional farming operations, small farmers or ranchers, specialty crop producers, minority producers, spouses or business partners—anyone who would be willing to add new or different perspectives to the County Committee," said Elliott.

For more information, contact the FSA office at 647-2153.

PRPC, PCS receive grants

The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded grants to Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) and Panhandle Community Services (PCS).

PRPC received a Rural Business Enterprise Grant while PCS earned a Housing Preservation Grant. Both awards are from USDA's Texas Rural Development.

Announcement of the awards was made Friday at each organization's home office in Amarillo.

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Lanes' pigs place at fairs

Dimmitt FFA members Holly Lane and Brad Lane each had barrows make the final cut and place at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo and at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock. Holly Lane's crossbred barrow was third in Amarillo and finished first in Lubbock. Her Hampshire finished eighth in Amarillo. Brad Lane's Chester was sixth in both fairs.

Hales wins scholarship

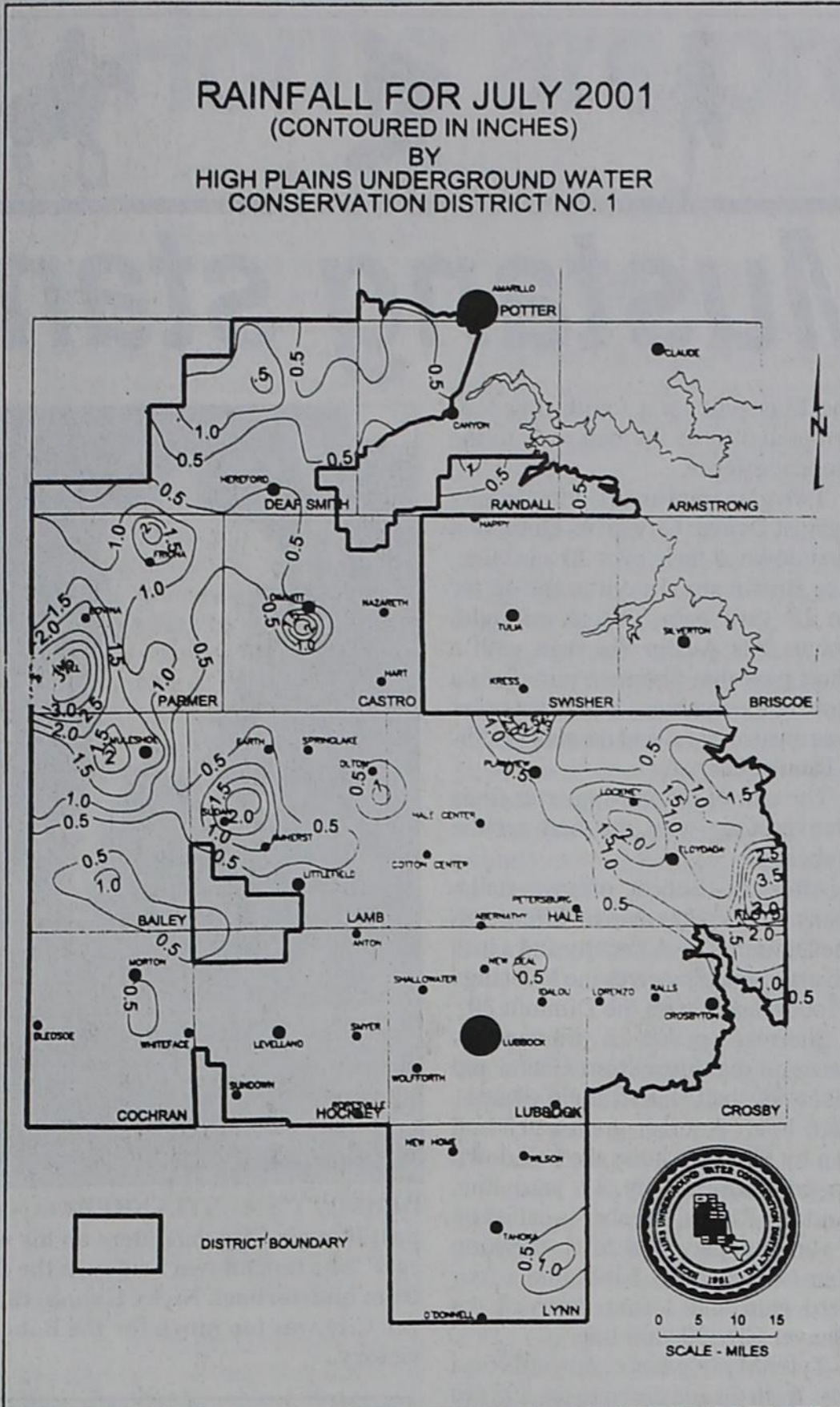
Kristin Hales of Nazareth, a junior at Oklahoma State University, has received a \$500 scholarship from the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute.

Hales is the daughter of Rod and Jobe Hales of Nazareth and she graduated from Nazareth High School. She is majoring in agriculture.

West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute awarded 11 college scholarships totaling \$7,000 at its 49th annual educational conference Sept. 19 in Lubbock.

Other recipients of scholarships are Duane Braddock, a junior at Texas Tech University majoring in agronomy, \$1,000; Katie Yates, a junior at Texas Tech University majoring in agricultural economics, \$750; Crystal Smith, a senior at Texas Tech University majoring in horticulture, \$500; Jennifer Grimes, a junior at Abilene Christian University majoring in animal science, \$500; Jason Dobrovoly, a junior at Texas Tech University majoring in agronomy, \$500; and Bradley Obenhaus, a junior at Tarleton State University majoring in agriculture services and development, \$1,000.

Four other scholarships were awarded to graduate students. Those recipients include CoraLea Emerson, a crop science major at Texas Tech University, \$750; Dave Venhaus, a plant and soil science major at West Texas A&M University, \$500; Patric Jaranjo, a plant and soil science major at WTAMU, \$500; and Leonardo Camelo, an entomology major at Texas Tech University, \$500.



ONE SMALL AREA IN CASTRO COUNTY was blessed with rain during July, and the moisture that fell in that spot was significant, according to a map released by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock. That area, south of Dimmitt, received between 1.5 and 2 inches of rain during July. Another small area received up to a half inch, but the majority of the county remained bone dry.

Entomology team training set Oct. 4

4-H'ers between the ages of 8 and 13 interested in expanding their insect knowledge can join an entomology team and attend a training session next Thursday, Oct. 4. The class will be conducted by County Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Agent Emilio Nino, and will be held from 4 to

4:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Team members will meet about once a month and will compete in contests. If you are interested but cannot attend the Oct. 4 meeting, call the Extension office anyway, so they will know if there is enough interest to form a team.

Farmers Union urges public comment on beef labeling

The Texas Farmers Union is encouraging agriculture producers and consumers to offer feedback to the US Dept. of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service on labeling of US meat products.

Through Oct. 9, the Food Safety and Inspection Service is accepting public comments concerning the voluntary labeling of US cattle and fresh beef products. Texas Farmers Union sent a letter earlier this month supporting mandatory labeling of beef born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the US.

Current regulations allow voluntary labeling of fresh beef products using terms such as "USA Beef" and "Fresh American Beef" on products derived from cattle born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the US; however, a petition has been filed to allow "Made in the USA" labeling on beef products from imported cattle that are then raised and fed a minimum of 100 days and processed in the US.

"We strongly support the definition of US beef coming from cattle born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the US," said TFU President Wes Sims. "All other definitions of US beef would be misleading to consumers and disingenuous to US producers."

"We deserve the right to know where our food comes from," Sims said. "We buy clothes, cars, toys and other manufactured goods that bear the country-of-origin label, and yet

there is no requirement for country-of-origin labels for the food we feed our families. As a matter of choice, many consumers may wish to purchase meat from animals born and raised under strict US standards."

According to Sims, food labeling can be a valuable marketing tool to help promote products and to allow producers to better compete in the marketplace.

"Our nation has an international reputation for growing and producing high quality beef," Sims said. "A definition other than 'born, raised, slaughtered and processed' diminishes the integrity of the US livestock industry."

For more information, contact Sims at 254-776-4700 or visit www.texasfarmersunion.org for a sample letter.

Local agribusinesses receive WTACI awards

B&W Aerial Spraying of Dimmitt has received an environmental award and Ag Supply Ltd. of Earth earned a commercial award from the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute (WTACI).

The organization's institutional award went to Peter Dotray, assistant professor of agronomy at Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University, and a weed specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

The institute presented its special recognition award to the late A. Wayne Wyatt, former general manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock.

Wyatt's career in water spanned more than 40 years. During that time, Wyatt served the district, agriculture and Texans in many capacities.

The institute presented its commercial award to Jerry Bellar, owner and operator of Ag Supply Ltd. of Earth. Jarred Karnei of Texas Tech received \$100 as the winner of the institute's first graduate student poster contest.

More than 400 producers, educators, consultants and agribusiness people attended this year's conference, which featured presentations on biotechnology, conservation tillage and water management. Workshops focusing on crop protection and insect management strategies capped off the day-long event.



As a bonus for our first bale of 2001 cotton, manager Jim Bradford (standing, left) presents a check for \$500 to grower Truman Touchstone to be donated to the charity or project of his choice. Also on hand for the occasion are (front) Boomer, Jim's dog; (kneeling, from left) Manuel Ortiz; Jacinto Quiroz; Salvador Diaz; (standing, from left) Bradford; Touchstone; Kay Rogers; Jack Bradford; Kalili Gonzales; Omar Flores; Juanita Willis; G.L. Willis; and Enrique Castillo. Truman said the bonus check will be donated to the American Red Cross. Our first bale of cotton came from land that Touchstone leases from G.L. Willis and the Willis Sisters. The bale weighed 485 pounds and had a 28% turn out.

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Sports



Bobcats caught in Mustang stampede

The Dimmitt Bobcats played a great second half of football after falling behind Denver City in the first half by a count of 35-0.

The second half was a complete turn around from the first. Dimmitt held the Mustangs scoreless after giving up 35 first half points. Now, we all know this was against their reserves after the first two series, but a shutout is a shutout. Kudos to quarterback Nicky Gauna who filled in admirably for the injured Mathew Wright.

Denver City was the best team on Friday night and showed it from the opening gun. Dimmitt kicked off to start the game and senior, Chase Garner returned the kick to the 40 yard line.

After moving the ball down to the Bobcat 25, Mustang quarterback, Armando Galvan hit Jakody Huckabee in the end zone for the first score of the night with 8:51 left in the opening quarter. The PAT kick was no good leaving the score at 6-0 Denver City.

The Bobcats put the ball in play

from the 20 after a touchback on the Mustang kickoff. After two running plays are stuffed at the line of scrimmage, Nicky Gauna, hit Lee Brown with a screen pass good for six yards. This brings up a Bobcat punt which is blocked and Denver City takes over on the Dimmitt 11 yard line. It takes just one play for junior Pat Barber to romp into the end score for the touchdown with 6:38 left in the first quarter. The try for two on the PAT is good for a 14-0 Mustang lead.

Again, the Denver City kickoff results in a touchback giving Dimmitt the ball on their own 20 yard line. After earning a first down at the Mustang 31, Dimmitt is forced to punt. Putting the ball into play from their own 36, Denver City is quickly flagged for two holding calls and moves backward to their 24. The Bobcat defense digs in and forces Denver City to punt from the Mustang 40 yard line.

Dimmitt takes over on their own 25. The Bobcats go to the air to move the ball against a very stubborn

and a very good Mustang defense. Even the most rabid Bobcat fan would have to admit that the Denver City defense was superb. There was no running room between the tackles all night for the Bobcats.

After two passing plays and a very rare five yard gain on the ground, Dimmitt punts again. A poor punt gives Denver City the ball on the Dimmitt 30.

After trading penalties, Galvan hits Helsey Hinson with a 28 yard bomb for the score. The PAT kick was good and Dimmitt trails 21-0.

Brandon Furr fights his way out to the 49 yard line with the Mustang kickoff.

The two teams traded fumbles and penalties before Galvan takes over and gets the Mustangs moving. After a Denver City fumble, Galvan keeps to the 36. At this point, Dimmitt is called for a personal foul and the ball is moved to the Dimmitt 49.

A Denver City reverse gives the Mustangs the ball on the Bobcat 39. Pat Barber runs down to the Dimmitt 17 and then to the 13. Two plays later, the Mustangs score for their fourth touchdown with 3:52 left in the half.

With the score 28-0, Denver City, the Bobcats return the ball to the 37. A late hit penalty against Denver City moves the ball down to the Denver City 48. Galvan is tackled at the line of scrimmage when he is unable to throw the ball. After an incomplete pass, Dimmitt fumbles at the Bobcat 46. After Barber picks up seven on the ground, Galvan runs twice to put the ball on the Bobcat 16. Barber continues to haunt Dimmitt, scoring the final Denver City touchdown from the two. The kick is good to make the score 35-0 at the half.

Dimmitt takes the second half kickoff, and after three plays is forced to punt.

After getting the ball on the Dimmitt 36 yard line, Denver City drives down to the Bobcat 18 yard line where the Dimmitt defense stops

the Mustangs on a fourth down attempt and turns the ball over to the Bobcat offense.

Two gains and an off sides penalty against Denver City gives Dimmitt a first down at their own 30 yard line. Lee Brown streaks out to the 48 for an 18 yard gain. From midfield, Gauna hits Austin Sherman with a short pass that Sherman turns into a Bobcat touchdown. The extra point was unsuccessful and the score is 35-6 Denver City.

The end of the third quarter finds Denver City with the ball on the Bobcat 35.

After the Bobcat offense stalls, Denver City takes over on offense on the Dimmitt 20. A penalty and a loss on a running play gives the Mustangs a fourth and ten on the Dimmitt 30.

Sherman makes a tremendous catch on the throw from Gauna and takes the ball out to their own 41 yard line. Another great catch and run by Sherman takes the ball down to the Denver City 42 yard line. Andrian Rivers' number is called on a running play and after breaking four tackles, turns a loss into a four yard gain and a first down at the Denver City 30 yard line.

Tyler Myatt gains eight yards on a toss from Gauna down to the 20 yard line.

A Gauna pass into the end zone is picked off to end the Dimmitt threat.

Another series by each team and the game came to a merciful end. Falling behind a team as good as Denver City is not a pleasant situation to be in. Coach Dunnam's squad had every reason to go through the motions in the second half, but they came out and battled a much stronger opponent right up to last seconds of the fourth quarter.

Game at a Glance

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| Bobcats 6, Denver City 35 | |
| Dimmitt | 0 0 6 0 -6 |
| Denver City | 14 21 0 0 -35 |

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| First Downs | 9 | 11 |
| Yards Rushing | 17 | 187 |
| Yards Passing | 135 | 74 |
| Total Yards Gained | 152 | 261 |
| Passes Comp.-Att.-Int. | 12-29-1 | 16-8-0 |
| Punts-Avg. | 5-22.8 | 0-0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-2 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-35 | 5-45 |

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
 DC—Pat Barber 10 run (kick failed)
 DC—May 25 pass from Armando Galvan (Huckabay pass from Galvan)
Second Quarter:
 DC—Hinson 30 pass from Galvan (Barber kick)
 DC—Barber 1 run (Barber kick)
 DC—Barber 2 run (Barber kick)
Third Quarter:
 DIMMITT—Austin Sherman 55 pass from Nicky Gauna (kick failed)



DIMMITT'S AUSTIN SHERMAN (1) is nothing but a blur as he streaks past Denver City defenders on his way to the end zone, scoring the Bobcats' lone touchdown Friday in the third quarter. Sherman caught a pass from quarterback Nicky Gauna, then raced 55 yards for the score. Denver City was too much for the Bobcats, though, and they claimed a 35-6 victory.
 Photo by Chris Bradford

Harris Picks

Here are Jon Harris's predictions for this week's games in the area, and his ranking of area teams, based on his unique "Power Rating" system.

RIVER ROAD 3 over Dimmitt
 HART 27 over Farwell
 Nazareth is open
 CHILDRESS 28 over Slaton
 Wheeler 3 over DALHART
 Sanford-Fritch 12 over Brownfield
 Muleshoe 19 over TULIA
 Lamesa 15 over LITTLEFIELD
 LUBBOCK COOPER 6 over Seminole
 LUBBOCK ROOSEVELT 14 over Ralls
 Post 3 over SHALLOWATER
 Perryton is open
 Denver City 24 over KERMIT
 CLAUDE 11 over Boys Ranch
 Stratford 41 over GRUVER
 Vega 38 over SHAMROCK
 HART 27 over Farwell
 Anton 30 over MOTLEY COUNTY
 Crosbyton 20 over SMYER
 O'DONNELL 27 over Lorenzo
 Meadow 16 over SPUR
 KNOX CITY 13 over Roby
 Booker vs. Amarillo JV (not rated)
 White Deer vs. San Jacinto (not rated)
 Whiteface vs. LCHS (not rated)
 Kress is open

Abilene Cooper 22 over TASCOSA
 LUBBOCK 6 over Fort Stockton
 MIDLAND 3 over Lubbock Coronado
 ODESSA PERMIAN 1 over Lub. Monterey
 ABILENE 23 over San Angelo Central
 Amarillo High is open
 Canyon 13 over CAPROCK
 HEREFORD 8 over Borger
 RANDALL 1 over Dumas
 PALO DURO 10 over Pampa
 BIG SPRING 8 over Andrews
 Friendship 18 over LUBBOCK ESTACADO
 Lake View 13 over LEVELLAND
 SNYDER 3 over Plainview
 PLAINS 10 over Petersburg
 Tahoka 4 over SEAGRAVES

WEEK 4 RANKINGS
CLASS AAA TOP 10: 1. Forney, 219; 2. China Spring, 215; 3. Everman, 215; 4. Sealey, 214; 5. Atlanta, 213; 6. Abilene Wylie, 213; 7. La Grange, 213; 8. Newton, 213; 9. Sinton, 212; 10. Sweetwater, 212.
AREA CLASS AAA: 33. Perryton, 204; 34. Vernon, 204; 42. Lamesa, 203; 47. Childress, 202; 75. Muleshoe, 195; 75. Denver City, 194; 80. Sanford-Fritch, 194; 109. Shallowater, 190; 113. Littlefield, 188; 140. Brownfield, 182; 151. Lubbock Cooper, 181; 168. Tulia, 176; 169. Dalhart, 175; 171. Seminole, 175; 173. River Road, 174; 174. Lubbock Roosevelt, 174; 179. Slaton, 173; 189. Dimmitt, 171.

CLASS A TOP TEN: 1. Stratford, 205; 2. Roscoe, 204; 3. Iraan, 202; 4. Bosqueville, 195; 5. Windthorst, 195; 6. Celeste, 194; 7. White Deer, 194; 8. Beckville, 193; 9. Collinsville, 192; 10. Munday, 192.

OTHER CLASS A: 15. Hart, 187; 20. Springlake-Earth, 184; 23. Paducah, 182; 33. Wheeler, 178; 35. Petersburg, 177; 36. Rankin, 177; 37. Crosbyton, 176; 39. Nazareth, 176; 55. Booker, 168; 59. Anton, 166; 61. Claude, 166; 65. Sudan, 165; 68. Farwell, 164; 71. Whiteface, 164; 80. Vega, 160; 85. Kress, 156; 87. Smyer, 156; 89. Boys Ranch, 155; 91. Meadow, 155; 93. O'Donnell, 153; 108. Bovina, 147; 120. Spur, 139; 121. Motley County, 136; 127. Lorenzo, 126; 130. Shamrock, 121.

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Bobcats, Horns are preparing for road games

The Dimmitt Bobcats will travel to River Road this week while Farwell hosts the Hart Longhorns in non-district action.

Kickoff in Dimmitt's game will be 7:30 p.m. while Hart's game is slated to start at 8.

Dimmitt at River Road

A Cat fight will be held Friday night when Dimmitt's Bobcats claw it out with River Road's Wildcats. Game time is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Amarillo River Road.

River Road is 1-2 on the year after posting a win over Tucumcari, N.M., 33-7. The Wildcats' losses have been to West Texas High, 13-32; and Amarillo Caprock, 26-32 in double overtime.

"We're going to have to play a good game this week," said Dimmitt Coach Glen Dunnam.

And Dimmitt will be playing that game without starting quarterback Matthew Wright, who suffered broken ribs against Friona two weeks ago and missed Friday's game with Denver City. He is doubtful for the River Road game.

River Road bases its offense out of the I formation, but the running game isn't the Wildcats' main strength—they like to throw the ball.

The Wildcats have several players who started at least part time last year. They are Micah Mullin, 6-0, 175-lb. senior quarterback; D.J. Oberbeck, a 6-0, 175-lb. senior fullback (was the starting tight end a year ago); Nathan Ornelas, a 5-7, 156-lb. senior wide receiver; Chris

Anglin, 6-4, 300-lb. senior tackle; Dusty Clift, 5-8, 2100 lb. senior center; Brad Reeves, 5-7, 150-lb. senior guard; and Jarrod Jones, 5-11, 205-lb. senior tight end. Jason Barclay (5-8, 170) is one of the featured running backs in the offense.

Barclay has rushed for three touchdowns this season. Mullin has thrown four touchdown passes, three to Rankin and the other to Ornelas. The Wildcats have racked up 977 yards on offense this season, 495 of which came from the rushing game. They are averaging 325 yards per game, including 165 on the ground.

"We've watched films from three games, and out of all of those games, there were only a handful of plays that River Road didn't shift or send someone in motion. They try to mess up defenses coverages and assignments.

"They throw the ball well and if you have a breakdown in coverage, the quarterback is going to find the open man," Dunnam said. "They run pretty well, too. They probably use the passing game to set up the run. They'll spread you out, then catch you off guard and run with the ball."

Defensively, the Wildcats line up in a 4-3 formation, and headlining the attack are defensive backs Mullin, Ornelas, Evan Bingham (5-10, 145) and Shane Rankin (5-9, 150); linemen Anglin, Jones, Clift and Reeves; and defensive end Oberbeck.

"They'll bring up the linebacker on the tight end side and they really go after you," Dunnam said. "They do a good job. They've got a couple of

big guys that clog up the middle, and their linebackers flow to the ball."

Farwell at Hart

The Hart Longhorns are stampeding over their opponents this season, and they hope to continue their success this week when they host the Farwell Steers. The teams will kick off Friday at 8 p.m. at Longhorn Field.

Farwell is 0-3 on the year with a 21-0 loss to Petersburg, a 12-14 loss to Portales, N.M., and a 7-26 loss to Nazareth on its record.

The Steers prefer a veer formation on offense, lining up with split backs most of the time. They use a big offensive line to open up holes for a powerful offense headlined by quarterback Taylor Nichols (5-10, 160).

That line is anchored by 6-3, 314-pound Luke Schwertner, who started for the Steers a year ago. Joining Schwertner on the line are veterans Brice Hunt (5-9, 187), Casey Meeks (6-2, 187) and Ben Oppliger (5-11, 185).

The Steers have a few other players back at the skill positions, too, including split end Landon Meeks (5-11, 165) and running back Thomas Ortiz (6-0, 182).

Farwell is averaging close to 200 yards per game on offense, and Nichols is the leading ground gainer.

"Their quarterback is really quick. He's a good runner and can break it at any time. Farwell may line up with no tight end and twin receivers, trying to spread it out so they can run the option with him," said Hart

Coach Jay McCook.

McCook said both of the Steers' running backs, Ortiz and Zack Schilling (5-8, 165) run hard, too.

"We can't arm tackle these guys. We have to wrap up. We can't guess what they're going to do, either. We have to stick with our assignments."

The Steers like a split-6 defense and they have been giving up over 200 yards rushing in each game.

The defense features Hunt, Casey Meeks, Landon Meeks and Schwertner on the line; Nichols at defensive back and Ortiz at linebacker.

"Farwell has a very quick defense and they move around a lot, trying to catch the offensive linemen off guard. They will attack you and they hit hard," McCook said.

Hart is healthy, and starting running back Josh Finch returned to action last week against Claude,

carrying the ball seven times for 120 yards.

This will be the Longhorns' final

game before they open district play on Oct. 12. Hart will have an open date on Oct. 5.

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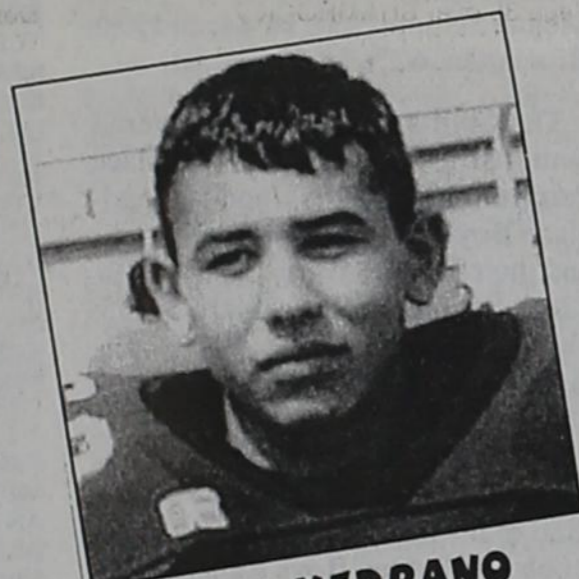
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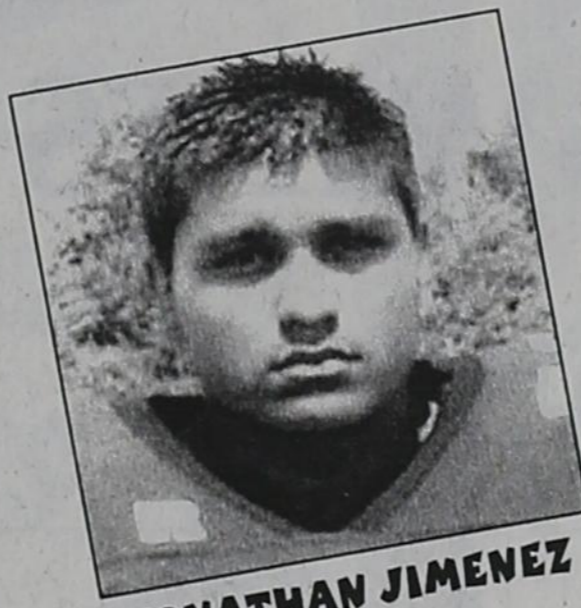
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Swifts come alive in third for 26-7 win

By MEGAN SCHULTE
 Nazareth didn't get on track until the second half Friday night, but once the Swifts found a weakness in Farwell's defense, they exploited it to the tune of 20 third-quarter points and an eventual 26-7 Homecoming victory.

Senior Aaron Kern led the attack for Nazareth Friday with 200 rushing yards and two touchdowns, as the Swifts overpowered Farwell in the second half.

Nazareth improved to 3-1 on the year while Farwell dropped to 0-3.

After a shaky start the Swifts dominated the third quarter, scoring three of their four touchdowns, two of which were runs by Kern.

Defensively, Nazareth controlled the field, allowing Farwell a meager 87 yards, all on the ground.

Kern led his team in tackles with 10, while teammates Daryl Pohlmeier, Jase Merritt, and Reece Hales contributed eight tackles each. Brothers Blake and Brock Birkenfeld each brought down seven Steer runners.

"Our defense played big this week, coming up with a goal line stand, which then led to a 99-yard drive in the closing minutes of the first half for our first score," said Nazareth Coach Ricky Peacock. "We controlled their option game and forced

them into long yardage situations. If not for a blocked punt early in the third quarter, our defense might have gotten a shutout."

Nazareth's other two scores came on passes from Blake Birkenfeld to Kade Wilcox, one for 38 yards at the end of the second quarter, and the other (34 yards) with 4:28 left in the third quarter.

"Offensively, we made some big plays, especially the 99-yard drive in the last couple of minutes in the first half," coach Peacock said. "We did commit some turnovers, but we were able to overcome that with determination and effort. This is a positive sign for our football team—a sign of maturity and growth."

The ball changed hands four times in the opening quarter.

Nazareth drove inside Farwell's 4-yard line, but Farwell intercepted a Blake Birkenfeld pass in the end zone to end the threat.

Nazareth's defense forced punts on all three Steer possessions in the quarter.

In the second stanza, the ball changed hands four times before Nazareth started its first scoring drive.

With 2:34 left in the half, the Swifts' defense held Farwell on a fourth-down play, then the offense

took over on the Nazareth 1-yard line.

Kern ran twice for 27 yards, and sophomore Jordy Rowland ran for 15 yards. Brock Birkenfeld broke free for a 33-yard gain as the Swifts' offense finally came to life.

Blake Birkenfeld's 38 yard touchdown pass to Wilcox put Nazareth ahead 6-0, with 19 seconds remaining. The extra-point kick by Kern missed its mark.

Two minutes into the third quarter, Nazareth punter Eric Schilling had his kick blocked deep in Swift territory and the Steers capitalized.

The special teams play led to Farwell's only score, a 2-yard run by

Thomas Ortiz with 9:49 left in the third quarter. The kick was good and Farwell led 7-6.

Nazareth then unleashed an offensive charge, sparked by Kern who ran 71 yards for his first touchdown. A pass from Blake Birkenfeld to Wilcox completed the two-point conversion, and Nazareth led 14-7.

A Farwell fumble was recovered by Brock Birkenfeld, giving Nazareth possession again. The Swifts were unable to gain a first down, and were forced to punt, but the punt was fumbled by the Steers, and Ross Schulte was there for the Swift recovery.

It didn't take long for the Swifts to

strike again, this time on a 34-yard pass from Blake Birkenfeld to Wilcox. The kick was off, but the Swifts led 20-7, with 4:28 left in the third quarter.

Nazareth allowed only three plays before forcing a Steer punt.

Blake Birkenfeld ran 26 yards, then completed a 25-yard pass, moving the Swifts to the goal line.

Kern barreled his way across the goal line for the 1-yard touchdown. Nazareth elected to go for the two-point conversion, but couldn't make the connected, although they led 26-7 going into the fourth stanza.

The ball shifted possession three times in the fourth quarter with neither team able to score.

"This was an important win for us. We needed to play well and regain our confidence following a tough loss to Hale Center," Peacock said. "The open week is coming at a good time for us. We are beat up and need time to heal some physically. We will cut back on our contact this week and try to sharpen up some

things in our kicking game." Nazareth is open this week, but they will resume to action on Oct. 5 when they travel to Claude.

Game at a Glance

| Swifts 26, Farwell 7 | | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-----|
| Nazareth | 0 | 6 | 20 |
| Farwell | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| | | 0 | -26 |
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| | NAZ | FAR | |
| First Downs | 14 | 6 | |
| Yards Rushing | 323 | 87 | |
| Yards Passing | 136 | 0 | |
| Total Yards Gained | 459 | 87 | |
| Passes Comp.-Att.-Int. | 8-19-2 | 0-5-0 | |
| Punts-Avg. | N/A | N/A | |
| Fumbles-Lost | 3-2 | 4-2 | |
| Penalties-Yards | 4-30 | 5-45 | |

Scoring By Quarters

Second Quarter:
 NAZ—Kade Wilcox 38 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (kick failed)

Third Quarter:
 FARWELL—Thomas Ortiz 2 run (Ortiz kick)
 NAZARETH—Aaron Kern 71 run (Wilcox pass from Birkenfeld)
 NAZARETH—Wilcox 34 pass from Birkenfeld (kick failed)
 NAZARETH—Kern 1 run (pass failed)



HE'S A STEP AHEAD of the nearest defender, and Nazareth running back Aaron Kern (36) gains 25 yards to the Farwell 22 yard line for a first down before he's eventually stopped by Farwell's Taylor Nichols (10) Friday during the Swifts' Homecoming game. Kern gained 200 yards in the game and scored on touchdown runs of 71 and 1 yards as he led the Swifts to a 26-7 win. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Thiel, Swiftettes win Amarillo meet

Stephanie Thiel led the Nazareth Swiftettes to the team championship in the Amarillo Invitational Saturday, capturing first-place individual honors in the two-mile cross country race at Thompson Park.

Thiel posted the best time of 13 minutes and 13 seconds, and that was four seconds faster than the runner-up. She led the entire race.

The Swiftettes, currently ranked third in the state in Class A, won the team title with 50 points in the Class A, AA and AAA division. Happy was second with 64, Sunray was third with 75, Panhandle was fourth with 103, Tulia was fifth with 104, Claude was sixth with 118 and Wellington finished seventh with 153.

Danette Ramaekers joined Thiel on the medalist stand after she finished fifth with a time of 13:36.

Other Swiftettes competing, with their places and times were Jamie Black, 14th, 13:59; Erica Gerber, 15th, 14:04; Jackie Thiel, 29th, 14:36; Megan Schulte, 35th, 14:44; and Kim Brockman, 62nd, 15:33.

The Swifts finished third overall with 102 points, behind first-place Perryton (55 points) and second-place Boys Ranch (74). Other teams and their finishes were Trinity, fifth, 124; Sanford-Fritch, sixth, 145; Texline, seventh, 155; Panhandle, eighth, 158; West Texas High, ninth, 165.

Leading the Swifts in the race was Trinity Robb, who was third with a time of 17 minutes and 42 seconds. Robb had battled Boys Ranch's Dru Cirio and Panhandle's Preston Webb for most of the race, and he held the

lead at one point before falling behind in the last half mile.

Rounding out the Swifts' roster were Trey Robb, who was 12th; Quentin Jones, 15th; Craig Birkenfeld, 29th; and Shelby Wilhelm, 57th.

In the junior varsity girls' race, the Swiftettes finished fourth as a team. Runners included Teri Ramaekers, 21st, 14:44; Jamie Birkenfeld, 38th, 15:28; Tanya Herring, 40th, 15:32; Kelsey Hochstein, 42nd, 15:35; Jenna Acker, 56th, 15:57; and Keli Schulte, 65th, 16:22.

Here's how our opponents fared

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

Dimmitt opponents

SP LAKE-EARTH (1-3) lost to Floydada, 20-19
 MULESHOE (3-0) beat FRIONA (2-2), 42-24
 RIVER RD (1-2) lost to Caprock, 32-26 (2OT)
 TULIA (1-2) beat ROOSEVELT (2-2), 34-26
 SHALLOWATER (1-2) beat Tahoka, 36-16
 COOPER (1-2) lost to Brownfield, 14-12
 LITTLEFIELD (2-1) beat Slaton, 28-0

Nazareth opponents

VEGA (1-2) beat SAN JACINTO (0-5), 46-13
 LCHS (0-4) lost to Anton, 48-0
 HALE CENTER (1-3) lost to Petersburg, 8-7
 HART (4-0) beat CLAUDE (1-2), 56-7
 BOYS RANCH (2-1) beat Shamrock, 51-0
 KRESS (2-2) beat Meadow, 7-6
 STRATFORD (3-0) beat Sunray, 23-14

Hart opponents

KRESS (2-2) beat MEADOW (2-2), 7-6
 MORTON (2-1) beat Whiteface, 33-21
 ANTON (3-1) beat LCHS, 48-0
 NAZARETH (3-1) beat FARWELL (0-3), 26-7
 VEGA (1-2) beat San Jacinto, 46-13
 BOYS RANCH (2-1) beat Shamrock, 51-0
 STRATFORD (3-0) beat Sunray, 23-14

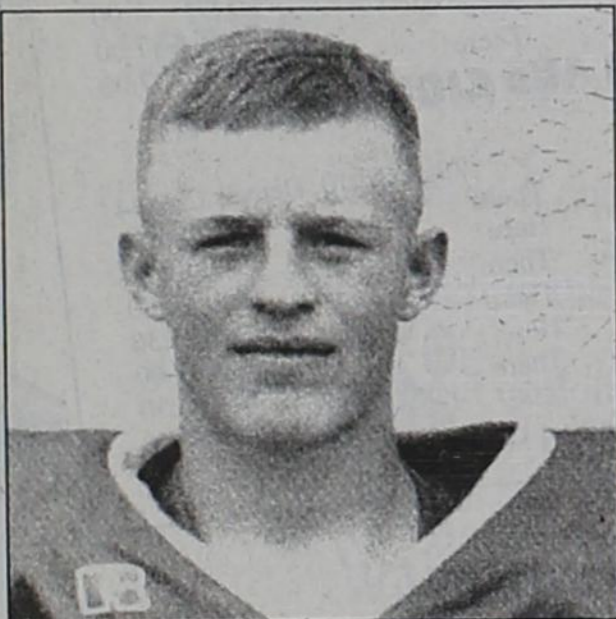
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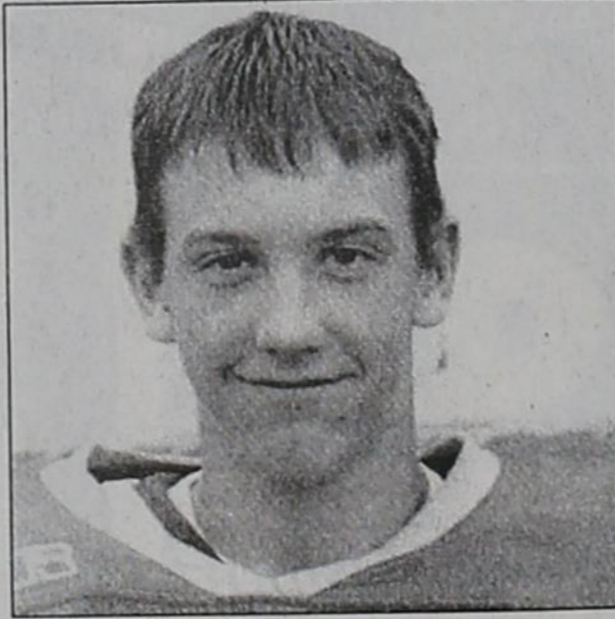
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Longhorns scorch Mustangs to remain unbeaten

By BRAD ELAM

Hart High School enjoyed a bonfire at the Homecoming pep rally last Thursday, then celebrated on Friday as the unbeaten Longhorns used the smoldering embers to brand a 56-7 victory on Claude.

Hart improved to 4-0 overall while Claude dropped to 1-2.

Hart's defense dominated from the opening kick, giving up just two first downs and allowing Claude only 58 yards offense.

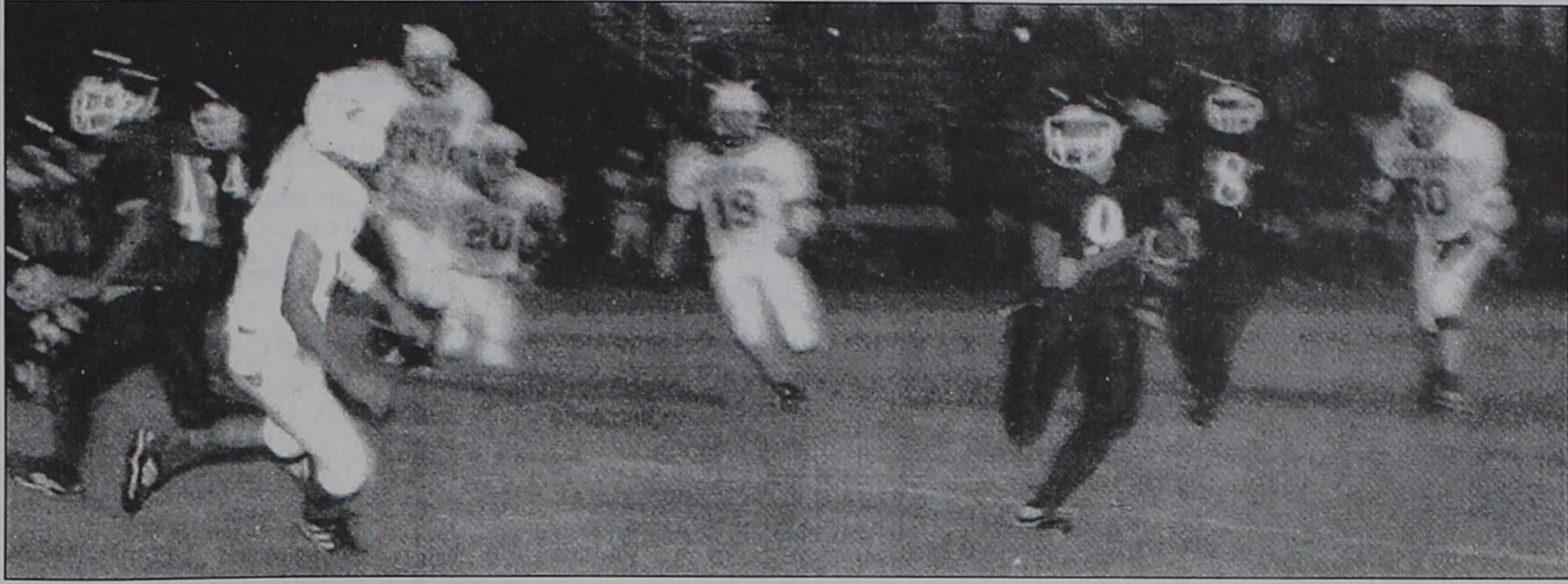
Offensively, Hart racked up 495 yards, including 425 on the ground. Keith Finch rushed 23 times for 218 yards and a touchdown while Josh Finch gained 112 yards and a touchdown on seven totes.

"We played our best game of the year so far," said Hart Coach Jay McCook. "We got outstanding performances by Salvador Velasquez and the offensive line, including Rene Rincon, Corey Moore, Marcial Mendoza, Matthew Gonzales, Eric Gutierrez and Albert Velasquez. We were able to produce close to 500 yards on offense, which is a tribute to the great job of the offensive line."

Hart intercepted Claude twice, and the Velasquezes, Albert and Salvador, each came up with a pick. Kenneth Wiley led Hart's defensive effort with 16 tackles. Keith Finch and Bo Gonzales had 14 tackles each.

"Kenneth and Bo played outstanding on defense," McCook said. "Any time you can hold the opponent to 60 yards your defense is doing great."

Hart's special teams also had a good night, recovering one onside



HART'S SALVADOR VELASQUEZ (9) takes the handoff from Keith Finch (8) and finds running room around the left end Friday when the Longhorns hosted the Claude Mustangs for their Homecoming game.

Hart dominated the game from the opening kickoff, lassoing the Mustangs, 56-7. The win was Hart's fourth in as many outings this season.

Photo by Neoma Williams

kick, making all attempted extra points, two field goals and returning two punts for touchdowns, although both of those were called back due to penalties.

Hart forced Claude to punt after just a few plays, but the Horns coughed up the ball and the Mustangs' Geoffrey Lemons was there to scoop up the miscue and returned the fumbled 55 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Haggard booted the extra point to give Claude the early 7-0 lead.

The Mustangs wouldn't score again.

Hart reeled off 56 unanswered points in a dominating display. After fumbling twice in the first quarter, Hart settled down and scored on its next seven possessions.

Jacob Reyna opened scoring for Hart with a 38-yard touchdown run. Salvador Velasquez took a botched extra point attempt and turned it into a two-point conversion when he completed a pass to Keith Finch in the end zone. That put the Horns up

8-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Hart racked up three touchdowns in the second quarter to take a commanding lead at halftime.

Salvador Velasquez scored on a 12-yard run and Keith Finch kicked the point-after for a 15-7 Hart lead.

On the next Claude series, Hart's defense came up with a big play when Albert Velasquez picked off an Eric Eddleman pass and returned it 18 yards for another touchdown. The extra point was good and Hart jumped out to a 22-7 lead.

Josh Finch capped the next drive when he took a pitch from Salvador Velasquez and strolled, untouched, 42 yards for the touchdown. Reyna caught a pass from Keith Finch for the two-point conversion and a 30-7 Longhorn lead.

Hart used an 18-yard field goal by Keith Finch to jump ahead, 33-7, before the break.

The second half was a repeat of the first, with Hart dominating on both sides of the ball.

Salvador Velasquez connected with a wide-open Albert Velasquez for a 23-yard touchdown play to open second-half scoring. With the extra point, Hart took a 40-7 lead.

Later in the stanza, Keith Finch added a 3-yard touchdown run to his statistics. He attempted to pick up the two-point conversion, but Claude stopped him short of the goal line.

Hart took its 46-7 lead into the fourth quarter and added 10 more points to its total before the game

ended.

Keith Finch scored his second touchdown, this time on a 5-yard run, in the fourth quarter. His extra point made it a 53-7 Hart lead.

Hart would return two punts for touchdowns—a 100-yarder by Reyna and a 60-yarder by Josh Finch—but both were called back. The Longhorns also had two other touchdowns taken away because of penalties in the fourth quarter.

Scoring ended with a 21-yard field goal by Keith Finch.

"We are on a roll, but we have to stay focused," McCook said. "We are finally getting the recognition we deserve. We have to play week by week and can't afford to overlook anyone. We have to continue to go out and play our best."

Game at a Glance

| Longhorns 56, Claude 7 | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|----|----|----|
| Hart | 8 | 25 | 13 | 10 | 56 |
| Claude | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HART | | | | | |
| First Downs | 19 | 2 | | | |
| Yards Rushing | 425 | 48 | | | |
| Yards Passing | 70 | 10 | | | |
| Total Yards Gained | 495 | 58 | | | |
| Passes Comp.-Att.-Int. | 6-9-0 | 2-8-2 | | | |
| Punts-Avg. | 1-32 | 5-21 | | | |
| Fumbles-Lost | 6-2 | 6-2 | | | |
| Penalties-Yards | 8-85 | 4-20 | | | |

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
 CLAUDE—Geoffrey Lemons 55 fumble return (Marcus Haggard kick)
 HART—Jacob Reyna 38 run (Keith Finch pass from Salvador Velasquez)

Second Quarter:
 HART—Velasquez 12 run (Finch kick)
 HART—Albert Velasquez 18 interception return (Finch kick)
 HART—Josh Finch 42 run (Reyna pass from K. Finch)
 HART—K. Finch 18-yard field goal.

Third Quarter:
 HART—Albert Velasquez 23 pass from Salvador Velasquez (K. Finch kick)
 HART—K. Finch 3 run (run failed)

Fourth Quarter:
 HART—K. Finch 5 run (K. Finch kick)
 HART—K. Finch 21-yard field goal

Horns race to title in Olton CC meet

Hart had just one runner in the top 10, but several others placed high enough to boost the Longhorns to first place among the teams in the Olton Athletic Booster Club cross country meet Saturday.

Hart's lone top 10 runner was Emanuel Barron, and he was third with a time of 17 minutes and 18 seconds.

Dimmitt placed two runners among the top 10 in the boys' race, but those were the only competitors Dimmitt had in the race, so they didn't qualify as a team.

Those two runners were Aaron Saenz, who finished sixth with a time of 17 minutes and 37 seconds; and Adam Guzman, who placed ninth in 18 minutes and two seconds.

"These are the only boys we have, but we have quality, not quantity," said Dimmitt Coach Tim Gilliland.

Hart used Barron's finish to get a jump on the competition, then two others placed among the top 15

runners—Roy Robledo and Joy Pantoja.

Robledo posted the 13th-best time of 18 minutes and 19 seconds while Pantoja finished 15th in 18 minutes and 22 seconds. Rounding out Hart's team were Marcus Reyna, 21st, 18:34; and Josh Reyna, 39th, 19:39. Also running were Freddy Hernandez, who completed the race in 19:42; and Trent Barnes, who completed it in 20:45.

In the girls' race, the Dimmitt Bobbies finished seventh overall, and all runners finished among the 80.

Pacing the Bobbies was Sheena Ehly, who finished 26th in 14 minutes and six seconds. Others competing, along with their places and times, were Christina Ramos, 39th, 14:34; Teresa Quesada, 41st, 14:39; Raynee Bradley, 44th, 14:42; Alejandra Velasquez, 78th, 15:24; Carla Carpio, 80th, 15:37.

Dimmitt's two senior runners,

Kelsey Welch and Morgan Hazel, did not compete Saturday. Welch was taking the ACT college entrance exam and Hazel was nursing an injury.

The Hart Lady Horns also competed. Team members and their times are as follows: Kellie George, 14:57; Maegan Farris, 15:48; Dalila Longoria, 16:42; Sandra Menchaca, 17:22; and Jessica Guerrero, 17:33.

In the junior varsity division, Dimmitt had five runners place, including Corrie Black, 17th; Naelley Reyes, 50th; Heather Hargrove, 69th; Shelley Paxton, 70th; and Shae Odom, 80th.

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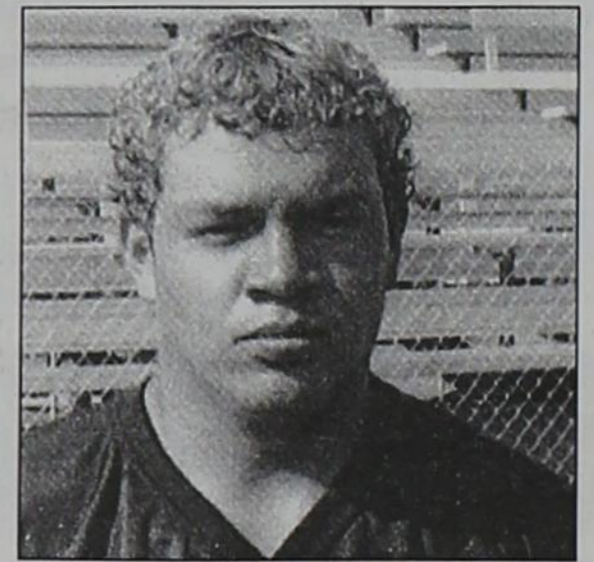
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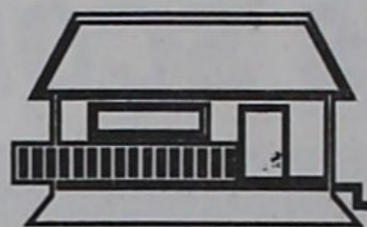
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1—Real Estate Homes & Land

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THREE BEDROOMS, 1 1/2 baths, with adjoining efficiency apartment. Good rental. \$18,500.

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\$48,000 - Loan Company Repossession 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, fenced yard, large storage building. Pine Street.

\$54,000 - On Ruskin Circle, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, isolated master bedroom, covered patio, storage building.

\$48,000 - NEW LISTING, 3 bedrooms, large bathroom, kitchen w/ bar, lots of storage, large utility room, double carport, corner lot.

\$48,000 - 2 homes on large corner lot. One 3 bedroom and one 2 bedroom. Great rental property.

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5—For Rent, Misc.

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CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING. Matt Gfeller, 647-4551, home; 647-6754, mobile. 10-49-tfc

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17—Business Opportunities

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18—Services

ALTERATIONS DONE BY JEAN. Reasonable prices. 647-3236 and leave a message if no answer. 18-25-2tc

WILL DO HOUSE CLEANING. References available. Call 945-2612. 18-26-4tc

20—Help Wanted

Looking for a job that provides meaningful work and competitive compensation?
Consider a position in a **State Farm Agent's office.**

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ATTENTION: Can you qualify for a bonus? Knight's Nursing and Rehab Center is looking for LVN's and nurse's aides who can qualify for a bonus. If you are interested, call 385-6600 or come by 1241 W. Marshall Howard Blvd., in Littlefield, Texas. Ask for Fayedell Arend or James Jones. 20-10-tfc

OPENING FOR full-time RN in nursing department. Contact Lynn Nelson, R.N./D.O.N., Pomeroy Community Hospital for details. (806) 250-2754, ext. 120. 20-25-4tc

SWISHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL in Tulla is accepting applications for PRN staff, RN's and LVN's. New salary scale, new differentials, 25% premium pay for PRN staff. For more information contact Gay Sorrells, D.O.N., 806-995-3581. 20-25-2tc

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-23-4tc

25—Legal Notices

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
TEMPLE, TEXAS

DUE NOTICE OF ELECTION
NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT SUBDIVISION NO. FIVE OF THE RUNNING WATER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 136.

To all persons, including the designated representatives of family farm corporations who are eligible voters in the above named Conservation District, as described under the provisions of V.T.C.A., Agriculture Code, Chapter 201, who have attained the age of 18 years, and reside within a county, all or any part of which is included in the said Soil and Water Conservation District, and who hold title to farm and ranch lands lying within said Conservation District, notice is hereby given that in accordance with provisions of V.T.C.A., Agriculture Code, Section 201.073, qualified voters of the above named Soil and Water Conservation District (legal description attached) will assemble at 19th Hole Cafe, Nazareth, Texas, at 11:30 a.m. on the 10th day of October, 2001, then and there to elect one of the qualified voters owning land within said subdivision to serve as a member of the Board of District Directors of said soil and water conservation district.

By direction of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.
25-26-2tc

Dear Father, when I center my life on You, my days are flooded with vitality. Thank You for Your tender mercies. Amen

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Louis Thomas Rojas, Respondent:

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 64th District Court, Castro County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Dimmitt, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of STATE OF TEXAS, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 24th day of APRIL, 2001, against LOUIS THOMAS ROJAS, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9909A7476FL on the docket of said Court, and entitled, "In The Interest of LOUIS GONZALES JR., a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to FIRST AMENDED PETITION FOR PROTECTION OF A CHILD, FOR CONSERVATIONSHIP AND FOR TERMINATION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP.

Said child was born the 7th day of JULY, 1987, in DIMMITT, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at DIMMITT, Texas, this the 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2001.
JOYCE M. THOMAS, CLERK
COUNTY AND DISTRICT COURT
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS
By JO ANNA BLANCO, DEPUTY
25-26-1tc

Grant applications available for funding children's needs

The Amarillo Area Foundation will award up to \$20,000 to meet some very special and unique needs for area children.

The foundation is now accepting applications for mini grants from the Children's Fund. The fund will distribute individual grants from the charitable contributions raised during the 2000 Children's Fund campaign held last holiday season. Each mini grant will range from \$500 to \$1,000.

Any 501(c)(3) non-profit organization operating in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle who offers services to children is eligible to apply for the one-time grant. Castro County is included in those 26 counties.

Interested agencies should call the Amarillo Area Foundation at (806) 376-4521 to request an application form. Completed applications must be returned to the Amarillo Area Foundation on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5.

Instead of token seasonal gift giving, Children's Fund provides local citizens a way to acknowledge business associates and special friends through a special charitable gift in their name.

Since 1993, the Children's Fund has awarded more than \$75,000 from charitable gifts with up to an additional \$20,000 to be awarded in November. A record number of Children's Fund grants will be made this year, thanks to a generous donation from McDonald's Restaurants.

The Downtown Women's Center in Amarillo is working to create a hand-crafted item that will be mailed to each honored recipient as a symbol of the gift made to area children.

The Children's Fund helps agencies meet those "special" needs of children and youth which are not met through normal funding channels. Grants from the foundation fund last year made possible such items as:

- ◆ New shoes for children who are victims of family violence, forced to relocate with only the few possessions they carry.
- ◆ Basic hygiene and clothing items for underprivileged and at-risk children that attend a variety of community programs.
- ◆ Birthday gifts for children removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.
- ◆ Complimentary fees for underprivileged youth to participate in group sporting activities.
- ◆ New baby crib supplies for homeless young women due to abuse, abandonment, pregnancy, alcohol or drug abuse.
- ◆ Complimentary vision care (i.e. eye care, examinations and glasses) for students in the Amarillo area whose parents cannot afford to provide the care.
- ◆ The Children's Fund was established in 1993 to raise additional monies to enhance the quality of life for underprivileged children.

Better a witty fool than a foolish wit.
-William Shakespeare,
Twelfth Night

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Homecoming activities were a lot of fun for Naz students during the week. The pep rally was held Thursday night at Swift Field with Quentin Jones and Megan Schulte being crowned king and queen. A chili supper was well attended before and after the pep rally.

At the football game Friday evening, senior Mandy Hoelting was crowned Homecoming Queen. The Homecoming Princesses were Teri Ramaekers, junior; Sarah Ellison, sophomore; and Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld, freshman.

The band also crowned Koty Huseman and Cristy Ramaekers as king and queen at halftime of the football game. The Swifts won their game over Farwell.

The homecoming dance, sponsored by parents, was once again a big success. This was the third year for the dance which benefits the John Scott Farris Memorial Scholarship Fund. There were 76 students in attendance who danced to the music provided by Jason Birkenfeld and his helpers, Quentin Jones and Brad Wethington. The D.J.'s played a variety of dance tunes ranging from the Bunny Hop to Mr. Bojangles. Door prizes were won by Adam and Lacy Acker, Skyler Birkenfeld and Evan Huseman. The kids were great, although there were a few complaints about serving salty snacks for free but charging for the lemonade and water to wash them down with! A total of \$507.00 will be added to the scholarship fund.

Our sympathy to the family of Irene (Acker) Gidden of Canyon. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon with Rev. Phu Phan, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery.

We are happy to have Bryan Charanza home for a few weeks. Bryan took his basic army training in Fort Benning, Georgia, followed by a three month schooling in telecommunications and one month in satellite repair at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

He is now doing two weeks of home town school recruitment and then two weeks of leave before leaving for Frankfurt, Germany.

Charlie and Beverly Hill drove to Woodward, OK to attend the second wedding celebration of Thomas Gerber, son of Norbert and Helen Gerber, and Angela Jackson. On returning home, they visited relatives in Lipscomb and Charlie's sister, Ruth, who is a patient in Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Glenda Gerber of Amarillo and Vincent and Toby Gerber of Nazareth recently attended the wedding of Thomas Gerber and Angela Jackson in Portland, Oregon on Aug. 31st. 27 relatives and freinds from Oklahoma and Texas attended the celebration

Gene, Rick, Keith, Harold and Dan Gerber; Cory Hoelting; Kevin Scholl; Clyde Schulte; Joel Gerber; Larry Ramaekers; Barry Legg; and Tom Kern enjoyed their annual golf weekend together. They played in Ballinger and on Sunday in San Angelo. Friday and Saturday nights were spent at Harold's home at Lake Ivie. I was told it was one great weekend.

A baby shower honoring Maggie Lou Kleman and her mother, Natalie, was held Sunday afternoon at the home of LaDawn Schulte. Guests were grandmothers, Mary Lou Schmucker and Dorothy Kleman. Others present were Leona Fangman, Dianne Detten, Marilyn Crowell, Anita Sharp and Rita Stevens, who are all Dorothy's sisters. Also Jennifer Kleman of McKinney.

Prayers are asked for Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Margaret Brockman, May Hochstein, James Wilhelm, Leona Maurer, Jerome Birkenfeld, Allene Burton and Greg Hoelting.



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DISD Calendar

The Dimmitt ISD is proud to announce that all of the campuses have been rated "RECOGNIZED" by the Texas Education Agency.

CALENDAR EVENTS

- Thursday, Sept. 27—**
- Football: Junior High Pep Rally—3:00
 - 7th Grade Bobcats vs. River Road, There—5:00
 - 8th Grade Bobcats vs. River Road, There—6:30
 - DHS JV Bobcats vs. River Road, Here—7:00
- Friday, Sept. 28—**
- DHS Picture Retakes
 - Grades will be checked for extracurricular eligibility purposes—all campuses.
 - Football: DHS Pep Rally—3:15
 - DHS Varsity Bobcats vs. River Road, There—7:30
- Saturday, Sept. 29—**
- DHS Senior Picture Day—8:00-12:00
 - Cross Country at Lubbock
- Tuesday, Oct. 2—**
- Junior High Cross Country at Nazareth—5:00
- Wednesday, Oct. 3—**
- Homecoming Pinning Ceremony, Bobcat Stadium, 8:25 p.m.

CAMPUS EVENTS

- RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY**
- Kindergarten is working on Nursery Rhyme Books and are making Family Trees for their immediate families.
 - Second grade will have their first Career Reading Day on Oct. 3, with Mr. Seward as their guest.
- DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- Spirit Week will have the following activities:
Monday, Oct. 1—Backwards Day, wear clothes backwards
Tuesday, Oct. 2—Pajama Day
Wednesday, Oct. 3—Baby Day
Bobcat fly swatters will be sold
Thursday, Oct. 4—Purple and White Day
Friday, Oct. 5—Dress-up Day
- DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL**
- DHS Homecoming Week, Oct. 1-5
 - Homecoming Pinning Ceremony, Bobcat Stadium, 8:25 p.m.

Support student events and performances by attending them.



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Obituaries

John Wayland Daugherty

John Wayland Daugherty, 77, of Clovis, N.M., died Sept. 18 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

Funeral services were held last Thursday, Sept. 20, at Forrest Heights Baptist Church in Clovis with the Rev. Roy Roach officiating. Graveside services followed at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Mr. Daugherty was born Oct. 6, 1923, in Olton to William Reeves and Laura Francis Daugherty. He married Geneva Cooper on Dec. 1, 1945. He served in the Sea Bees during World War II. He worked as an inspector for the New Mexico Dept. of Transportation until his retirement. He was a member of the Forrest Heights Baptist Church and the Castro County Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John Wayne Daugherty of Albuquerque, N.M.; three daughters, Neva Wenzel of Albuquerque and Patty Turner and Terrie Shawger, both of Clovis; two sisters, May Nell Dodson of Florida and Leona Helm of Clovis; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were John Earl Daugherty, Neal Daugherty, Martin Eden, Ottis Shawger, Gary Gomez, Brian Wenzel, Paul Wenzel, Richard Shawger and Seth Shawger.

Glenn Merritt

Funeral services for longtime Castro County resident Glenn Merritt, 74, of Hart, were held Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. John Street. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Merritt died at 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 18 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

He was born Sept. 24, 1925, in Castro County. He married Mona Brock on July 7, 1950, in Clovis, N.M. She died May 30, 1994.

He was raised in Castro County and attended Dimmitt schools. He was a veteran of the US Army, having served in the infantry in Europe in 1945. He was a farmer and a member of the Pharr West Hitchhikers RV Club. He retired in 1978.

He was preceded in death by his wife, three sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Leann Kramer of Kingsville and Deanne Tanner of Carrollton; two sons, Brock Merritt of Wolfforth and Mark Merritt of Midland; a brother, Claude Merritt of Lamar, Colo.; and seven grandchildren.

Marcia Wolfer

Marcia Loramack Wolfer, 80, former Castro County resident, died Sept. 16 in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii.

A memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 6 at St. Benedict

Monastery in Canyon.

Mrs. Wolfer was born Feb. 27, 1921, in Tulia to Willis A. and Fredda Griffin Hawkins. She grew up in Castro County. She attended elementary and high school in Hart and Nazareth, and she graduated from Shamrock High School. She attended West Texas State University in Canyon before earning her bachelor's and master's degrees from San Diego State University. She holds a doctorate in speech therapy from the University of Oregon at Eugene. She worked as a speech therapist for many years in the San Diego Public School System.

During World War II, she served as a WAC in the Secret Service arm of the War Department, stationed in Washington, D.C.

She and her husband, Donald, spent their retirement years in Sweet Home, Ore., where they were members of the Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister and a brother, Mildred and Gus Hawkins, her parents and her husband, Donald Wolfer.

Survivors include a daughter, Lita Wergers of Kihei, Maui, Hawaii; a sister, Sister Mary G. Hawkins, OSB, of Canyon; three brothers, Willis A. Hawkins Jr. of Hereford, Dr. Theron C. Hawkins of Kerrville and Robert L. Hawkins of Hart; a sister-in-law, Sue Earnest of San Diego; four stepdaughters; a granddaughter, Lisa Tsutsumi of Kihei, Maui, Hawaii; three great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Audrey Baymiller of California.



FILL THE BUS—The Dimmitt chapter of FCCLA sponsored a food drive to "help our nation in its time of need," and last Thursday, Sept. 20, they shipped the busload of ready-to-eat food and bottled or canned drinks to Amarillo. From there the food was destined for New York and Washington, D.C., where it will benefit victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

that killed thousands and injured thousands more. Helping load the bus are (from girl seated, then clockwise) Celeste Rivera, Hector Velasquez, Natalie Jimenez, Maribel Garcia, Angelica Rascon, Melissa Maldonado, Jessica Montes, Tracy Garcia, Nancy Quiroz, Amy Melendez, Georgia Arriaga, Jace Villanueva and Jacob Dones. Photo by Anne Acker

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Ashley Irons, sophomore Shantell Self and freshman Raynee Bradley.

Before the Homecoming game with Tulia on Oct. 5, the Dimmitt High School FCCLA will sponsor a brisket dinner with all the trimmings and a peach cobbler dessert.

The meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria.

Cost for the meal is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 7 and under.

Kickoff between the Bobcats and Hornets is slated for 7:30 p.m.

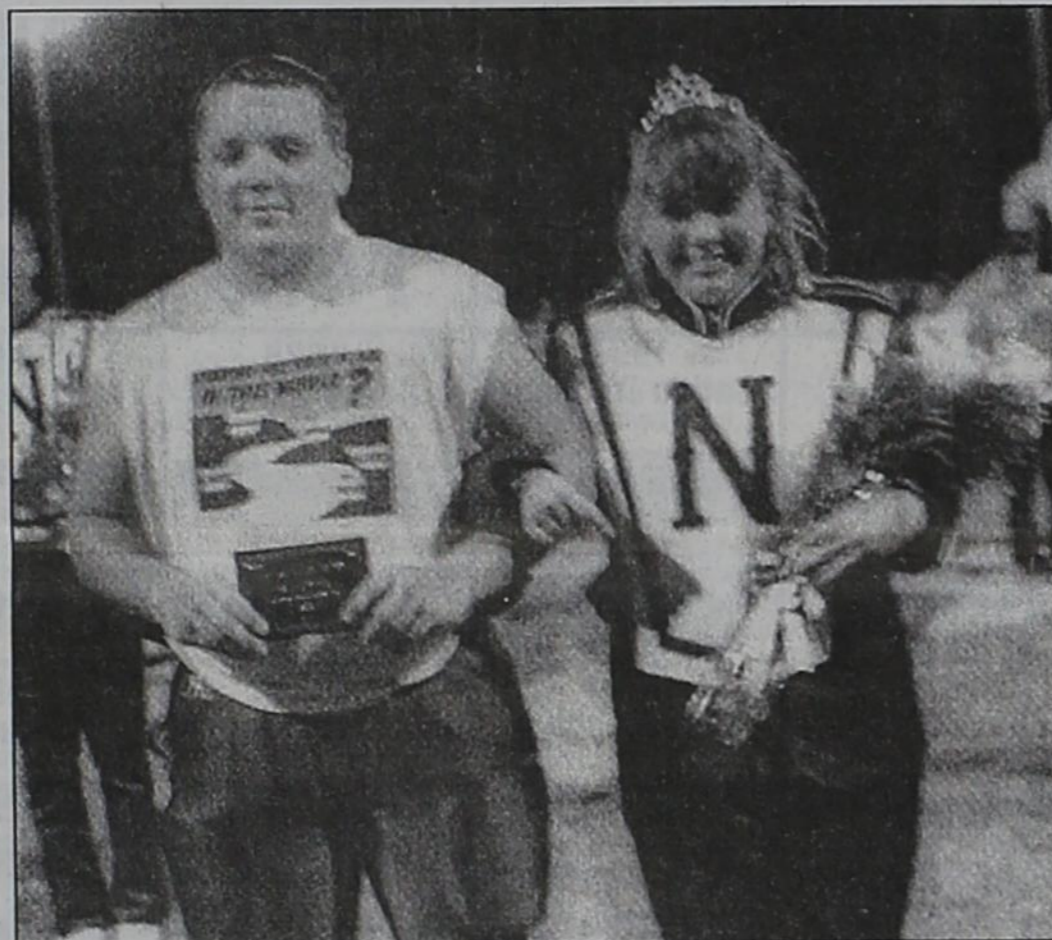
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the end of this week," Wooten said. "We're going to be applying defoliants on this cotton and we're spraying for boll weevils. If this ban just lasts a day, we'll be okay, but if it goes longer, we'll be behind."

The planes were back in the sky Tuesday, but pilots may be facing new regulations in the future.

"There are rumors that they'll make crop dusters install transponders in their planes that will positively identify each aircraft on radar," Ellison said.



THE NAZARETH SWIFT BAND named its king and queen for 2001 Friday during its halftime performance at the Nazareth-Farwell football game. Juniors Koty Huseman (left) and Kristi Ramaekers earned the royal crowns. Huseman is the son of Derwin and Vera Huseman and Ramaekers is the daughter of Henry and Linda Jo Ramaekers.

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Ranchers must renew their brands

Livestock producers are required to renew their brands with the county clerk's office, and they must do so by Feb. 28, 2002.

Castro County Clerk Joyce Thomas began processing requests for brand registration renewals on Aug. 30.

The recording fee will be \$11 per brand, per location, according to Thomas.

Producers have until Feb. 28, 2002, to renew their brand registration.

Brands that are not renewed by March 1, 2002, become void and will become "open brands," available for registration by the general public.

Producers who have brands registered in more than one county in Texas must contact the county clerk's office to renew their brand in each location.

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