



# The Castro County News

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## Nazareth Homecoming 2003



**HOMECOMING QUEEN KIMBERLY BROCKMAN** is escorted by **JORDY ROWLAND**. Brockman was crowned in pre-game ceremonies Friday night.

**SPIRIT KING AND QUEEN, MONTY HOELTING and TANYA HERRING**, were crowned during Thursday night's pep rally.



**BAND KING AND QUEEN, NATHAN HUSEMAN and WHITNEY PEACOCK**, were announced during half-time activities at Friday's homecoming game at Nazareth.

## Good yield is expected from cotton crop

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**  
*Managing Editor*

The cotton that survived the cold and wet month of June may yield as much as two bales an acre, according to Jim Bradford, manager of North Gin.

Of course, a lot of farmers won't see a cotton crop this year.

"We probably lost 60 to 70 percent of the crop in June," Bradford said. "But the extremely warm weather in July and August probably helped the cotton that was left mature and catch up."

All things considered, he said, if crops were going to be lost, June was better than later in the year.

"If you lose your crop early, you don't have as much money invested in it," he said. "Farmers with insurance were probably able to recover and put in milo or some other grain."

However, the large loss of crops doesn't bode well for the cotton industry or ginners, he said, adding that they were already committed to building a new gin.

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## Dimmitt ISD earns state's highest rating in fiscal accountability

The Dimmitt Independent School District received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' new Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) system. The Superior Achievement rating is the highest rating that can be achieved, demonstrating the quality of Dimmitt ISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the first year of the Schools FIRST accountability system that was developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We were expecting this rating," said Dimmitt ISD Superintendent Les Miller, "as it verifies that our district is not only accountable for the way we manage our

money. Over the years the Dimmitt ISD Board of Trustees has been supportive of the fiscal management of the District and has contributed to this rating by making sound financial decisions. I can attribute much of this rating directly to our staff and to Dimmitt ISD Business Manager Vicki Eaton, who does an excellent job of assuring that our taxpayers' dollars are spent efficiently and effectively."

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement," followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement," and "Substandard Achievement."

Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended - Data Quality." Districts that receive the "Substandard Achievement" or "Suspended - Data Quality" ratings under the Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

## Hart ISD receives 'superior achievement' rating

The administration of the Hart ISD announced at a recent board meeting that the district has received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The superior rating is the

state's highest, demonstrating what Hart administrators say is the quality of the district's financial management and reporting systems.

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System of Texas), a financial accountability system for state school districts which was developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislature in 1999.

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### WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	86	54	
Thursday	90	54	
Friday	76	52	.04
Saturday	88	48	
Sunday	74	48	
Monday	72	51	
Tuesday	88	49	

October Moisture ..... 1.57  
2003 Moisture ..... 16.08

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# Obituaries Letters to the Editor

## SOFIA FUENTEZ

Services for Sofia Fuentez, 88, of Olton, were Tuesday, Sept. 30, at St. Peters Catholic Church in Olton with the Rev. Raymundo Manqueris officiating.

Mrs. Fuentez died Sept. 27, at Lamb County Healthcare Center in Littlefield. She was born April 27, 1915, in Bracketville. She married Patricio Fuentez Jr. in 1931 in Bracketville. He died in 1985. The couple moved from Bracketville to Olton and lived there for 53 years. She was a homemaker.

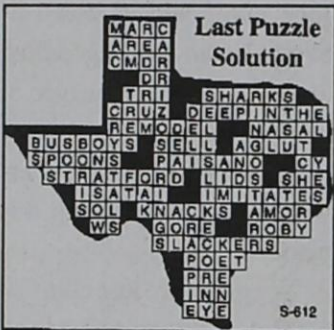
Survivors include three sons, Cecil Fuentez of Lewisville and Patricio and Raul Fuentez, both of Olton; eight daughters, Mary Gonzalez of Heyburn, Idaho, Eva Saenz of Dimmitt, Alice Qualif of Amarillo, Sophia Martinez of Olton, Rita Rodriguez of Schurtz, Molly Garcia of Round Rock, and Rebecca Olivas and Juana Fuentez, both of Oklahoma City; 75 grandchildren; 157 great-grandchildren; and 61 great-great-grandchildren.

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention as a member of the Castro Fair Association that we have a wonderful facility in our town. It is the EXPO BUILDING. If each of us who uses the building doesn't take care of it, we will eventually no longer have this facility. What I mean is that we should clean the building and leave it as we would like to find it. This includes cleaning the bleachers, removing all scotch tape, pencil or pen marks, gum, etc., from the tables and chairs. Also, it means that the floors, bathrooms and kitchen should be clean. The freezer and refrigerator should be clean as well as the grills, if you use them. I, for one, am very thankful that we have a building like we have to use for our activities. Some of us remember what it was like in our community before we had the EXPO BUILDING. Have you ever stopped and thought what kinds of activities this building is used for? Here are some that come to mind. There are stock shows, county fair and barbecue, anniversary parties, quinceañera celebrations, reunions, dances, quilt show, hospital auxiliary dinners, to name a few.

All of us want to use the building when we need it and if we take care of it, it will be there for us the next time. Also, those of us who attend events at the EXPO should do our part by putting our trash in the trash cans that are provided. If we all pick up our own trash, there won't be so much for the people associated with the event to have to do.

Thank you,  
Faye Mohon



Last Puzzle Solution  
S-612

## Corrections

In the Sept. 25 edition of the Castro County News, Jay Lindley's name was misspelled. Lindley is Worshipful Master of the Castro Lodge, No. 879, AF&AM.

## Police Report

Sept. 12-19

9/13	300 bl. NW 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Victim was assaulted by two suspects
9/13	300 bl. NW 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Suspect broke window
9/14	100 bl. E. Dulin St.	Domestic disturbance
9/15	400 bl. S. Broadway	Suspect hit victim with a rock
9/16	800 bl. W. Bedford	Driving while license suspended/inval
9/17	600 bl. NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	Burglary of a habitation
9/17	300 bl. NW 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	Suspect had warrants for arrest
9/17	300 bl. SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	Domestic disturbance
9/18	1500 bl. Western Cir.	Theft, over \$50 under \$500
9/19	300 bl. NW 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Disorderly conduct
9/19	400 bl. NW 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Warrant/DPS
9/21	600 bl. W. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Assault-C
9/21	200 bl. NW 12 <sup>th</sup>	Assault-A
9/21	300 bl. U.S. Hwy Rd.	Warrants/DPS
9/23	300 bl. NE 4 <sup>th</sup>	Unauthorized use of a vehicle
9/25	S. Hwy. 385	Warrant

## Sheriff's Report

Sept. 13-19

9/13	20-year-old Hart man, speeding
9/13	17-year-old Dimmitt man, burglary of a habitation
9/13	36-year-old Dimmitt man, theft by check
9/14	37-year-old Olton man, DWI
9/14	39-year-old Dimmitt man, DWI, first
9/14	41-year-old Dimmitt man, theft by check
9/14	24-year-old Dimmitt man, assault causing bodily harm
9/15	30-year-old Plainview woman, theft by check
9/15	44-year-old Plainview woman, theft by check
9/16	18-year-old Hereford man, criminal trespass
9/17	24-year-old Dimmitt woman, warrants
9/19	29-year-old Dimmitt man, no safety belt, FTA
9/20	26-year-old Amarillo woman, theft by check
9/20	55-year-old Hereford man, DWI 2 <sup>nd</sup>
9/21	22-year-old Dimmitt man, assault of a family member
9/21	22-year-old Littlefield man, warrants
9/21	20-year-old Hereford man, public intoxication
9/22	23-year-old Lubbock man, arson, DWI 1 <sup>st</sup>
9/22	22-year-old Hereford man, purchasing alcohol for minor
9/25	25-year-old Sulphur Springs man, criminal mischief

## Grow your own Health Care Professional

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## ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "nuff \_\_\_"
- 5 "love" south of the border
- 6 Goldthwaite's "Kid \_\_\_ Fiber Fair"
- 7 TXism: "quick on the \_\_\_"
- 8 TXism: "he shoots from the \_\_\_"
- 9 TXism: "play possum"
- 12 imperfection (2 wds.)
- 17 TX Nash's "\_\_\_ Clearly Now"
- 19 TXism: "your barn \_\_\_ open" (unzipped fly)
- 21 Stephens of Cowboy cheerleader movies
- 22 "Texas Troubadour" Tubb words yankees think TXns say
- 28 Midland FM
- 29 TX Roy Orbison ballad
- 30 military track vehicle that moves on land or water
- 31 Oak \_\_\_ Boys
- 35 TXism: "\_\_\_ enough to pucker a plg"
- 36 wet ride at "Six Flags Over Texas" (2 wds.)
- 42 TXism: "aggressive as \_\_\_ salesman"
- 44 \_\_\_ Rivers, TX
- 46 TV ratings co.
- 48 TXism: "\_\_\_ more of them than liars in Texas"

- 49 TXism: "\_\_\_ charge hell with a bucket of water" (fearless)
- 50 Red River radio station?
- 51 TXism: "\_\_\_ abouts"
- 52 relaxation tub
- 53 TXism: "mad as \_\_\_-eyed cow"
- 54 destruction
- 56 co. that TX Perot founded (abbr.)

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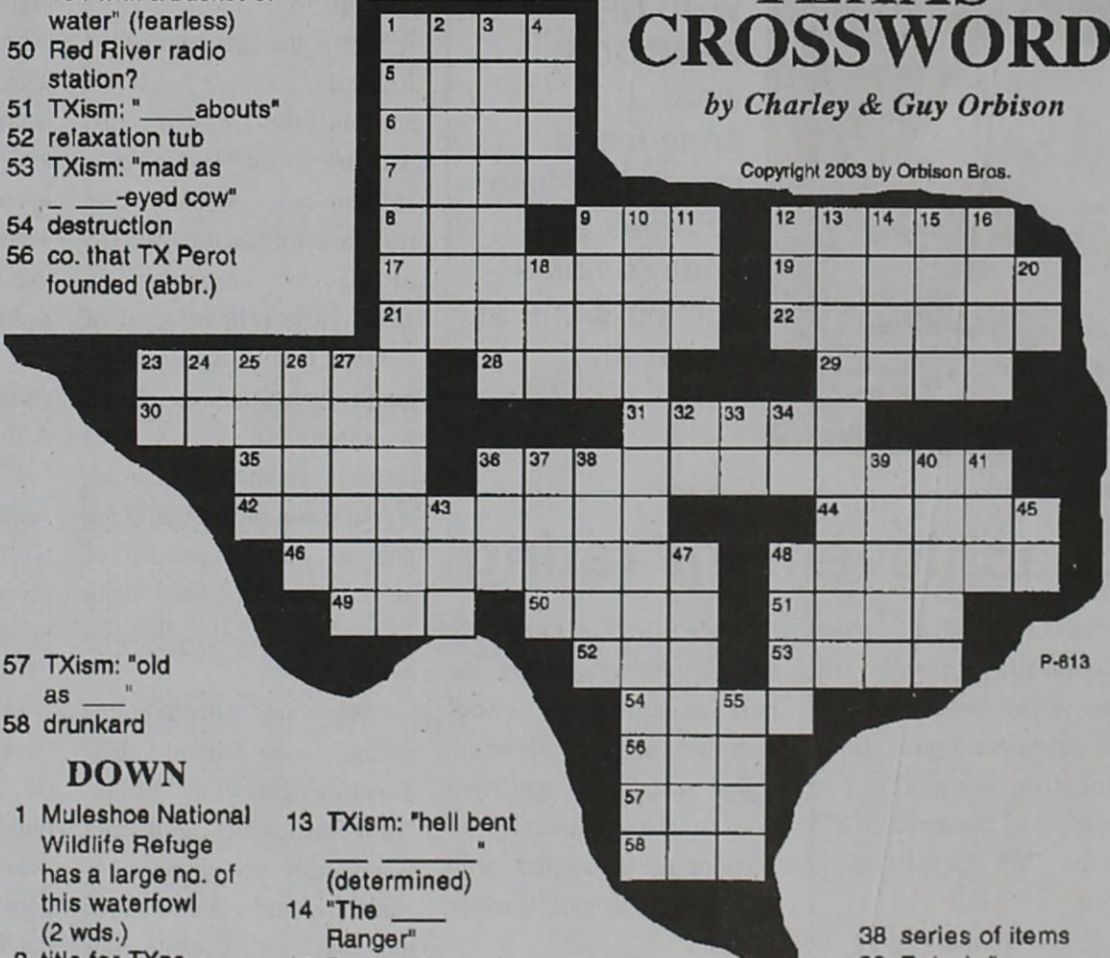
- 1 Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge has a large no. of this waterfowl (2 wds.)
- 2 title for TXns Phyllis George & Shirley Cothran: "Miss \_\_\_"
- 3 in Wichita Co. on hwy. 370
- 4 this Cowboy Pearson caught the "Hail Mary"
- 9 many TXns fought in Southeast \_\_\_
- 10 major Dallas artery ending with "way"
- 11 golf peg
- 12 citrus drnk

## The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 13 TXism: "hell bent \_\_\_" (determined)
- 14 "The \_\_\_ Ranger"
- 15 Denton 940 code
- 16 UT famed formation: "\_\_\_ bone"
- 18 seize a crook
- 20 Dublin celebrates \_\_\_ Patrick's Day
- 23 TXism: "how \_\_\_ doing?"
- 24 Gov. \_\_\_ Roberts (1878-82)
- 25 San Antonio university (abbr.)
- 26 TX X-mas tree farm "Pine-\_\_\_"
- 27 NASA event

- 38 series of items
- 39 Patsy's "\_\_\_ He Goes Again"
- 40 Astro did a no-no
- 41 Aransas Pass festival: "Shrimpo\_\_\_"
- 43 "Billy the \_\_\_"
- 45 ex-Cowboy RB (init.)
- 47 silent film? (2 wds.)
- 48 TXism: "lower \_\_\_ a snake's navel"
- 55 TXism: "ain't"

# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

David and Sherry Schaeffer recently went to Dallas. David attended the State School Board Convention, along with most of the other board members. However, Sherry was able to spend time with her daughter, Ashley Irons, who is a freshman at Dallas Baptist University. They had a delightful time shopping at the Galleria and catching up on college life. On Saturday evening, David joined them and Sherry's niece and her husband, Renee' and Brent Dunn, for supper at a wonderful Italian restaurant called Patrizios. Just as they were getting ready to leave, David's daughter, Shanna Schaeffer, showed up as an unexpected surprise. After church on Sunday, Ashley and three of her college friends met Sherry for a late lunch. And, since Sunday just happens to be Ashley's washday, they made a trip to the Laundromat! The weekend was fun for everyone.

Shalyn Schaeffer, daughter of David Schaeffer and Rhonda and David Wheeler, is attending her last semester of college in Italy through the study abroad program at Texas A&M University. She lives in an old convent in the small community of Castiglion Fiorentino with about 50 other people from A&M. Once a week, they travel as a group to different places, such as Rome, Cinque Terre and Florence. She loves Italy and is enjoying this wonderful opportunity to experience a different culture.

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A group of trailer travelers from Dimmitt and Friona spent a weekend in Palo Duro Canyon recently. They enjoyed the scenery, but the main reason for the being there was to hear Baxter Black speak. Baxter is a cowboy columnist, speaker and comedian. His column appears in the Amarillo Daily News on Saturdays. Billie and Troy Kirby report that he is funnier in person than he is in his column.

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Ronnie Kenmore of Muleshoe has become quite a fisherman. He recently caught a .12-pound bass at Lake Allen Henry. Someone gave me a picture of this from the Avalanche Journal. Now I've learned that he won the Littlefield Bass Masters Tournament, also held at Lake Allen Henry near Post. This time his reward was good ole cold

cash.  
Congratulation Ronnie!

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I was pleasantly surprised on Thursday morning to see on page one of the "Lifestyles" section of the Amarillo paper pictures of Eddie Sutton, Mat Bradley and Mark Bain. They were enjoying the Canyon Night Gala fund raiser for the United Way in Amarillo. Co-chairman for 2003 are: Geneva Schaeffer and Keith Brown.

They decided a casino-themed night would be a fun way to reach the goal.

Supporters flocked to a banquet hall on the campus of West Texas A&M University for an evening of cocktails, a steak dinner, blackjack, craps and roulette, although all gaming play was strictly for fun. It was quite successful.

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Lo the summer has passed! We've just seen the lazy days of summer fly by. Although I've experienced more enjoyable summers, this one was a good one. Neighbors and friends saw to it that we had plenty of fresh produce to feast upon.

Max and Dorothy Self supplied us with beautiful and delicious squash, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers and okra from their garden. Leigh and Curtis Bruegel shared corn-on-the-cobb, cantaloupe and watermelon. Randy and Renise Morgan's black diamond watermelons were in plentiful supply and the Bryant Reinarts shared okra and delicious watermelon, also. Martha Jo Hyman came by with "a mess" of black-eyed peas. We are eating "high on the hog" even if we didn't get a vacation.

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We didn't go anywhere, but we always are happy that other folks did get to travel. Here is Pam Josselet's story:

"We flew from Lubbock to Dallas, then non-stop to Maui, Hawaii, on Aug. 10, which is our (Joe and Pam Josselet's) 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It was a trip we will not soon forget.

"Our daughter, Kara Gleghorn and son Brent Josselet, also made the trip but our daughter Renae and son-in-law

Justin Gleghorn, Kara's husband, were not able to go. On the non-stop flight from Dallas to Maui, you lose five hours. We landed in Kahului and proceeded to Kapalua, which is a resort on a golf course on the west coast of Maui, about a one-hour drive. The view from our villa was heaven. The dining area had full sliding doors on all three sides - and open-air concept. And the bedrooms and living room opened on to patios. As our son put it, 'We are in Maui and have an ocean view. What more could you want?'

"The next day we went snorkeling to Molokini and Lanai. The boat was the Pacific Whale Foundation and they gave us information on the reefs and fish, which were so beautiful you can't imagine. On the way back to Maui, they found the dolphins and big, green sea turtles, which many times, you don't see. Whale season isn't until December.

"The guys golfed at Ka'anapali Golf Course and went deep sea fishing. The girls shopped in all the quaint stores. Typical fish story: Joe got his fish reeled to the boat and the captain just about had him in the boat and the fish flipped and swam off. Only thing was, our son Brent did get it on film. We saw the whaling town of Lahaina and attended a luau there, which was put on by the town's residents. The sunset, food and costumes were wonderful. They roast a large pig in banana leaves and you can watch them unearth it, then serve it along with other Hawaiian dishes, including poi.

"One day we took the road to Hana. Now that's another story. You gas up, get your picnic lunch or snacks and in a little over 50 miles, you have 217 curves on a two-lane highway - sometimes not even that - and the bridges you do cross are only one lane, so you have to stop and see if anyone is coming. The numerous waterfalls you can stop at range from just off the road, to as much as half-a-mile from the road, but the landscape is awesome. There is not an inch of ground that's not covered with plants of some kind and the flowers. There's just no way to describe the beauty. There is also a red sand and a black sand beach, where Kara wrote her name and took a picture.

"We also saw the town of Ke'anae, which was wiped out by a tidalwave in the 1940s. The only building left standing was a rock church, which remains to this day."

## Naz News with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Homecoming week proved to be a very exciting one for everyone. Each day was a different dress day at the school. Tuesday evening was the Powder Puff football game, with the seniors and juniors teamed against the freshmen and sophomore girls, while the boys proved to be really exciting cheerleaders. Monty Hoelting was the announcer.

Thursday evening was the pep rally with a good chili supper before and after the rally. The pep rally featured three different age groups of cheerleaders, a skit by the football boys' mothers, a short talk by Coach Peacock. Melina Braddock won the coveted Spirit Stick. Teri Ramaekers, last year's spirit Queen, crowned Monty Hoelting Spirit King and Tanya Herring as Spirit Queen.

Friday evening was the homecoming game with Clarendon, which we won, 30-6. Before the game, senior Kim Brockman, escorted by senior Jordy Rowland, was crowned Homecoming Queen by last year's queen, Erika Gerber. Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld did a great job singing the National Anthem as the flag was raised.

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Donna Gerber Charanza was honored on her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday by her staff at Home Health & Hospice Care. Wheelchair and all - it was a great party!

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Storytelling, Songwriting

and Poetry Festival was enjoyed in the Home Mercantile on Sunday evening. Featured guests were writer Stacy Wilhelm, songwriter Joe Gilles and story teller George Pacheco. A potluck supper was held at 5 p.m.

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## Hispanic Voice with Marg Lou Lumbraera, 647-4266

Prayers are need for Ralph Ramos, Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Julia Aguilar and Marcelo Aguilar.

Mary Lou will return next week with a complete Hispanic Voice. If you have any news, contact her at 647-4255 or e-mail her at Middlease1966@yahoo.com

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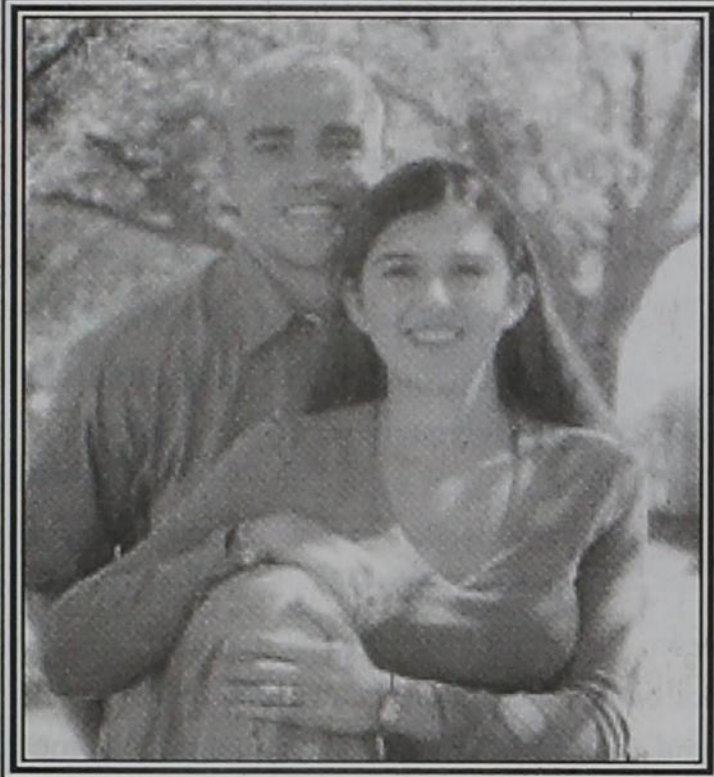
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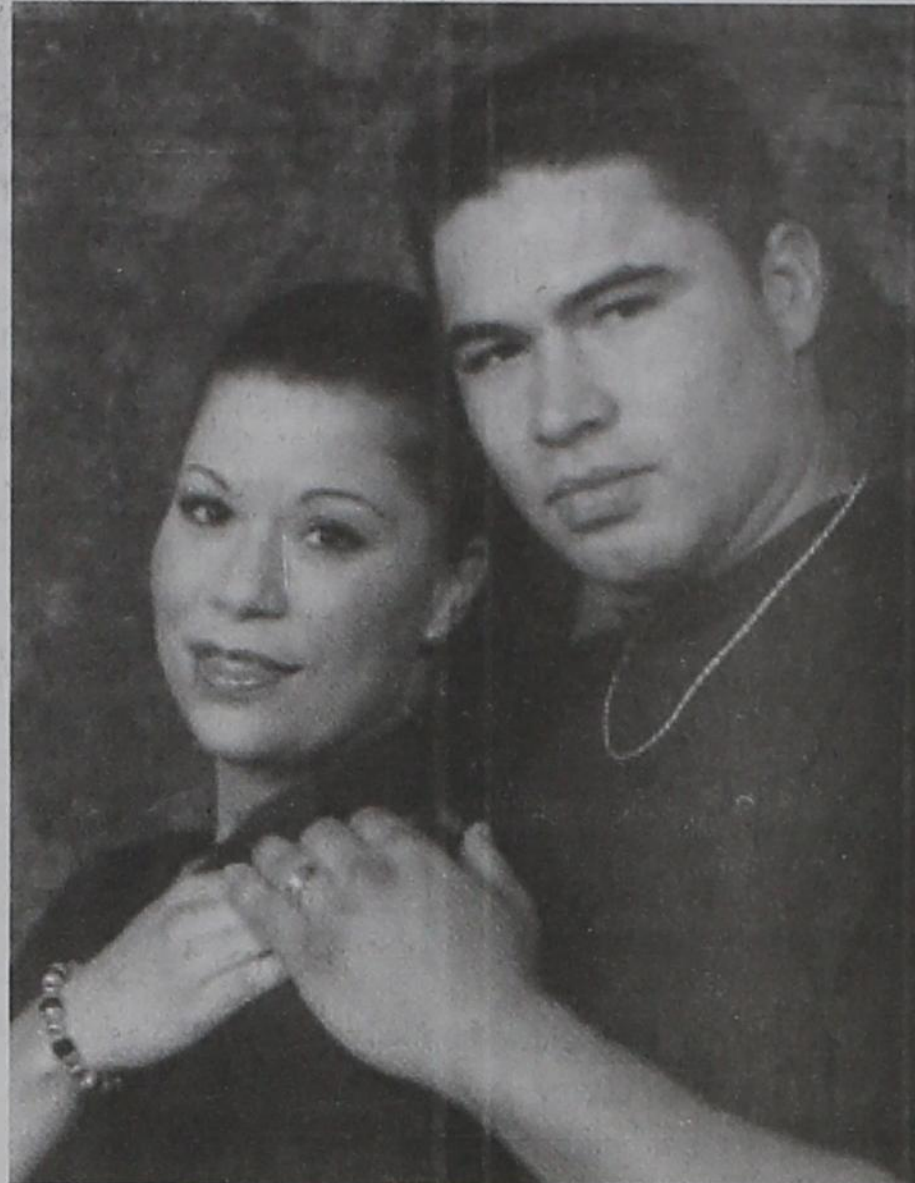
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### Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Joe Everett

Destiny M. Gustafson of Amarillo and Christopher Joe Everett of Dimmitt were married Monday, Sept. 22, 2003.

The bride is the daughter of Sam and Gwyn Dobbs of Lubbock and the groom is the son of Noah and Fidela Everett. The couple will live in Amarillo.

### Military News

Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Aaron Arguijo, son of Roberto Arguijo of Dimmitt, recently departed for a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise while assigned to the VFA-82 Marauders, home based at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

Arguijo is a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He joined the Navy in August, 2000.

Arguijo is one of more than 6,500 sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Enterprise carrier battle group. Enterprise is the first U.S. aircraft carrier to deploy since the end of major military operations in Iraq.

The primary mission of Arguijo's will be to provide sustained aerial combat operations for the ships of the USS Enterprise carrier strike group.

## Schilling elected cheerleader at OSU

Yanci Schilling, a freshman at Oklahoma State University, was chosen for the cheerleading squad for the 2003-2004 school year.

She was a cheerleader at Martin High School in Arlington and has competed nationally on the Top of Texas cheerleading team, where they were named National Champions. She was also chosen to be a Junior Dallas Cowboys cheerleader when she was younger.

She is the daughter of Claude and Debbie Schilling



**YANCI SCHILLING** of Arlington. Her grandparents are Donald and Agnes Schilling of Dimmitt and Y.L. and Kathy Kimmel of Comanche.

### Who's New

It's a girl for Jackie and Pam Thomas of Dimmitt. Kristen R'nae was born Sept. 13, 2003, at 1:31 a.m., at Hereford Regional Hospital. She weighed 7-pounds, 1-ounce and measured 21-inches long.

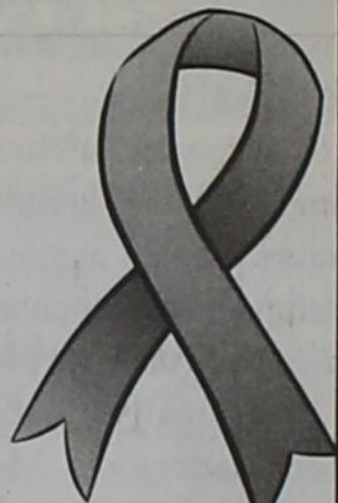
She has a big brother, Devon Cole, who is 3.

Paternal grandparents are Sonny and Alene Thomas of Dimmitt; paternal great-grandmother is Opal Thomas, also of Dimmitt.

Maternal grandparents are Terry and Trish Anglin of Amarillo and Vivian Cates of Dimmitt; maternal great-grandparents are Hank and Thelma Anglin of Amarillo.

### Try on a pair of jeans to support breast cancer research and awareness.

French Dressing Jeanswear will donate \$1 to support breast cancer research and awareness when you try on a pair of French Dressing Jeans in the month of October. Come in and visit our store to try on a pair and see how comfortable you'll feel while supporting a worthy cause.



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Lake	Midland	Smyer
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## Thank you for reading

As you read this final article from me, I will be settling in to a new routine and work in Surprise, Ariz. I wanted to take the time to say thank you to all that have read my articles over the past few years. I have enjoyed writing them and I have even enjoyed hearing from some of you from time to time. The community of Dimmitt is a close-knit, very loving community and one that has proven to accept all newcomers. This community certainly welcomed and loved my family and I truly appreciate that.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mt. 28:19-20) Jesus uttered

these words to his disciples many years ago. I believe with all my heart that is what we are to be doing even still today. My goal in this life is to win as many people for the Lord that I can, regardless if that means traveling the world over or moving 15 more times. I feel that God has opened a door of great opportunity for my family in Arizona.

Although Dimmitt is no longer where my family and I reside, Dimmitt will always hold a special place in our hearts because of all the wonderful people who live here. We've grown to love this community so much and will certainly miss seeing all of you. Please understand that all we desire to do is God's will and we feel that we have made the decision that corresponds with His will for us. I will always remember and miss Dimmitt and so will I always preach and teach about Jesus. I pray that the articles have been an encouragement to you as



Chuck Ball

you have been to me. I thank God for the opportunity and the ability to write and especially write about Him. A special thanks to Chris and Joye Bradford for printing my article each week in the Castro County News. May God bless you all!

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Friday  
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito  
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, nachos with cheese, chicken pot pie, fried okra, frijoles refrito, baked potatoes, tossed salad, cantaloupe, berry blue gelatin, biscuits.  
Monday  
Breakfast: Honey bun.

Lunch: Fish nuggets, beef enchiladas, barbecue hot links on bun, potato rounds, Mexipinto beans, vegetable medley, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin, muffins, arroz Mexicano.  
Tuesday  
Breakfast: Apple Jacks cereal, bananas. Lunch: Cheeseburger, Italian lasagna, turkey fajita with onions and peppers, potato chips, broccoli with cheese sauce, fiedo Mexicano, hamburger salad, tossed salad, apricot cobbler, garlic bread, flour tortilla  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: Hot pocket egg

and cheese. Lunch: Burrito with chili, chicken friend steak, pigs in a blanket, seasoned blackeyed peas, mashed potatoes, Mexicali corn, taco condiment salad, orange wedges, tossed salad, muffins, golden nugget rolls.

## Nazareth

Thursday  
Breakfast: Pancake/sausage on a stick, assorted cereal.  
Lunch: Spaghetti pasta, pepperoni pizza, rolls, spaghetti sauce with meat; tossed salad, pears, corn, spice cake.  
Friday  
Breakfast: Sausage on a roll, cereal. Lunch: Corn dogs, chicken strips, country-style gravy, strawberry shortcake, peaches, chicken rice, tossed salad.  
Monday  
Breakfast: Cinnamon pastries, cereal. Lunch: Sloppy Joes, corn dogs, oranges, fried okra, tossed salad.  
Tuesday  
Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch: Burritos, baked potato, chili, s'mores, blacked peas, pineapple chunks, tossed salad.  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage patty, cereal. Lunch: Chicken sandwich, hamburger and fries; curly

fries, oatmeal cookies, vegetarian beans, oranges, lettuce.

## Hart

Thursday  
Breakfast: Cowboy bread, blueberry muffins, cereal.  
Lunch: Hamburger, chef salad, mac rib with chips, pinto beans, peaches, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies, ice cream.  
Friday  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits,

cereal, graham crackers.  
Lunch: Sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich, steak, baked potato, salad, gelatin dessert.  
Monday  
Breakfast: Waffles, French toast sticks, sausage, cereal.  
Lunch: Chef salad, hamburger with potatoes, chicken nuggets, rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, green beans, apple, peach or cherry cobbler.  
Tuesday  
Breakfast: Breakfast sausage pizza, cereal. Lunch:

Hamburger, chef salad, mac rib with chips, pinto beans, peaches, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies.  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, cereal, graham crackers. Lunch: Corn dog, stromboli, chicken fajita, salad, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, pineapple, refried beans, chocolate, chip cookies.

## Cotton

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"We've got the new gin about finished and will practice pretty soon," he said. "We saved some old cotton from last year/ about 50 bales, so we'll run it this week and test it out."

Although some cotton farmers saw three- and four-bale cotton last year, Bradford said two-bale cotton will be welcome.

"It will sure be a good crop, compared to the way the season started out," he said. "We sure need some good warm weather now. An early freeze could still be bad for cotton. Even the milo that was planted in the place of cotton needs some time and heat to mature."

And although the loss of the cotton crop was painful, there is a silver lining, he said.

"If farmers had to plow up their cotton and plant milo, that will help them next year," he said. "That grain puts humus back in the soil and will help next year's cotton crop.

"It's good to rotate crops. Some of this group was getting to its third year of cotton-on-cotton.

"I'm just disappointed we had to rotate that many acres this year."

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Jimmie Schulte and Lou Wethington spent the weekend in Dallas area visiting family - Sara and Matty McLean in Arlington; Brad Wethington and Jonathon Williams in Carrollton; and B.J. and Amanda Wethington and Jeremy and Leah Wethington in downtown Dallas. It was good to see everyone doing fine!

We enjoyed Tricia and Andi Rose of Canyon during the weekend. On Sunday, Sandee, Bev, Donna, Tricia and Virgie Verger spent the afternoon with Terry and Belinda Hill at their home in Dimmitt.

Jocelyn Pohlmeier and Bobbi Schmucker were honored with a surprise 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party and dance at the Nazareth Community Hall on Saturday evening. Everyone had a great time!

Charley Hill, Gene Gerber, Harold Gerber, Keith Gerber, Kevin Gerber, Dan Gerber, Cory Hoelting, Jerry Rose, Clyde Schulte, Tom Kern, Rick Backus and Larry Ramaekers gathered in San Angelo for their annual golf weekend. All enjoyed Louakes' Steak House and all then retired to Harold's house at Lake Ivie.

The Kleman's annual trip to Ruidosa was enjoyed last week. Attending were Carl and Mary Kleman, Esther Braddock, Alphonse and Viola Kleman and Elmer and Anne Kleman. A great time was had by all!

Prayers are asked for Carolyn Bermea, Cyrilla Robb, Joe and Amy Schmucker, Alice Palazzini, Edith Huseman, Eric Hoelting, Judy Hoelting, Kenneth Lange, Deanna Huseman, Mildred Huseman, Anna Lee, Floyd Birkenfeld, David Nobile, Tad Cornett, Vera Ramaekers, Leland Hoelting, Mary Beth Haschke and all who are serving in our Armed Forces.

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# River Road rips Dimmitt

The bright spot in Dimmitt's loss 56-16 loss to River Road on Friday was the performance of the Bobcats special teams, according to coach Glen Dunnam.

"Tyler Myatt returned a punt in the third quarter 90 yards for a touchdown," Dunnam said. "And in the fourth quarter, Derrell Reyes returned a kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown."

On offense, he said, the team ran the ball a little better than in that past couple of weeks. "But we still couldn't get much more going," he said. "We're just going to have to keep working on the same stuff we've been working on. We just have to get better at it."



**THE DIMMITT CHEERLEADERS** lead the Bobcats onto the field Friday at River Road.

On defense, he said, the shifting and motion plays that River Road ran pulled some players out of position, accounting for several scores.

"And, we didn't tackle

well," he said. "We're still arm tackling."

The return team, he said, is doing a better job of blocking on punt returns.

"Now that district's starting, we have to take everything we learned in the first five games and fix the things we need to fix," Dunnam said. "We'd have like to played better in non-district, but now we have to step up and do a better job. "We do have a lot of kids

that this is their first year on the varsity. They're doing better every week."

With this week off, he said the team will concentrate on getting better in all phases of the game.

"This will give us an opportunity to make sure all our bumps and bruises are healed," he said. "Last year our off week came at a good time and we responded well after the break. Hopefully we'll do the same this year."

# Dimmitt seventh-grade wins; eighth-grade falls to River Road

The Dimmitt seventh-grade team trounced the River Road Wildcats 34-14 on Thursday.

"We pretty much controlled the game with our running attack," said coach Kris Knippa. "Colton Bradley, Frank Castro and John David Gonzales turned in great performances."

"Another highlight of the game was Isaac Sifuentes, who recovered a fumble and returned it 80 yards for a touchdown."

On defense, Knippa said his team's performance was "overall pretty good. We got

a steady performance out of the entire unit."

The eighth-grade team didn't fare as well, falling to River Road, 44-0.

"I did see some improvement on the offensive side," Knippa said.

"There are a lot of things we still need to get better at, but we're working on them."

Although the varsity has an open date this week, the seventh- and eighth-grade teams will host Friona, with games starting at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

# River Road blanks Dimmitt JV

The Dimmitt JV fell to River Road 48-0 on Thursday. "We played a great first half," said coach Reagan Frye. "They were only ahead 6-0 at the half."

"In the second half, especially the third quarter, they just killed us; they scored 34 points."

"We just let the game get away from us in the third quarter."

Frye said his team is struggling with numbers. "We don't have that many kids out," he said. "Plus, grades came out this week It's an uphill battle."

## 2003 Bobcat Football Schedule

### Varsity

Date	Team	Place	Time
Oct. 3			OPEN
Oct. 10	* Slaton	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	* Littlefield	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	* Muleshoe	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Brownfield	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	* Lub. Cooper #	Here	7:30 p.m.

### JV and FRESHMEN

Date	Team	Place	Time
Oct. 2			OPEN
Oct. 9	* Slaton	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	* Littlefield	There	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	* Muleshoe	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	* Lub. Cooper	There	5:6:30 p.m.

### SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE

Date	Team	Place	Time
Oct. 2	Friona	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	* Slaton	There	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	* Littlefield	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	* Muleshoe	There	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	There	5:6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	* Lub. Cooper	Here	5:6:30 p.m.

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10/11	Home	Tahoka	11 a.m.
10/18	There	Shallowater JV	10 a.m.
10/21	There	Tahoka	5 p.m.
10/28	Home	Shallowater	5 p.m.



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# Swifts down Clarendon

By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Before a fired-up homecoming crowd, the Nazareth Swifts held Clarendon to under 150 yards rushing, while defeating them, 30-6.

"We played real well," said coach Ricky Peacock. "I was proud of our defense this week. We had a goal going into the game of holding them to 150 yards. We did. They gained 149 yards."

The defense created seven turnovers, including three interceptions, two fumble recoveries and two blocked punts.

"That was a big shot in the arm for us to play that well defensively," Peacock said.

"We were able to control the line of scrimmage. Our defensive line did a great job."

On offense, the Swifts

got an early lead and were able to rest some of the players who'd been injured in previous weeks.

"Jordy Rowland had a good night running and throwing," Peacock said. "He had an 80-yard touchdown run to get the second half started."

Another standout was Tucker Waggoner, who as a freshman making his first start had 13 carries for 56 yards and a touchdown.

"He stepped in and played real well for Nathan Huseman, who is out for the season with a torn ACL," Peacock said.

Tyson Schulte had five catches for 75 yards, a couple of them key to scoring drives. "He also had three interceptions, so he had a big night on both sides of the ball," Peacock said.

Edward Wilhelm blocked both punts to help put the

Swifts in good field position.

In addition, the special teams played well. Cliff Gerber had another good night kicking the ball three of four extra points and a 19-yard field goal.

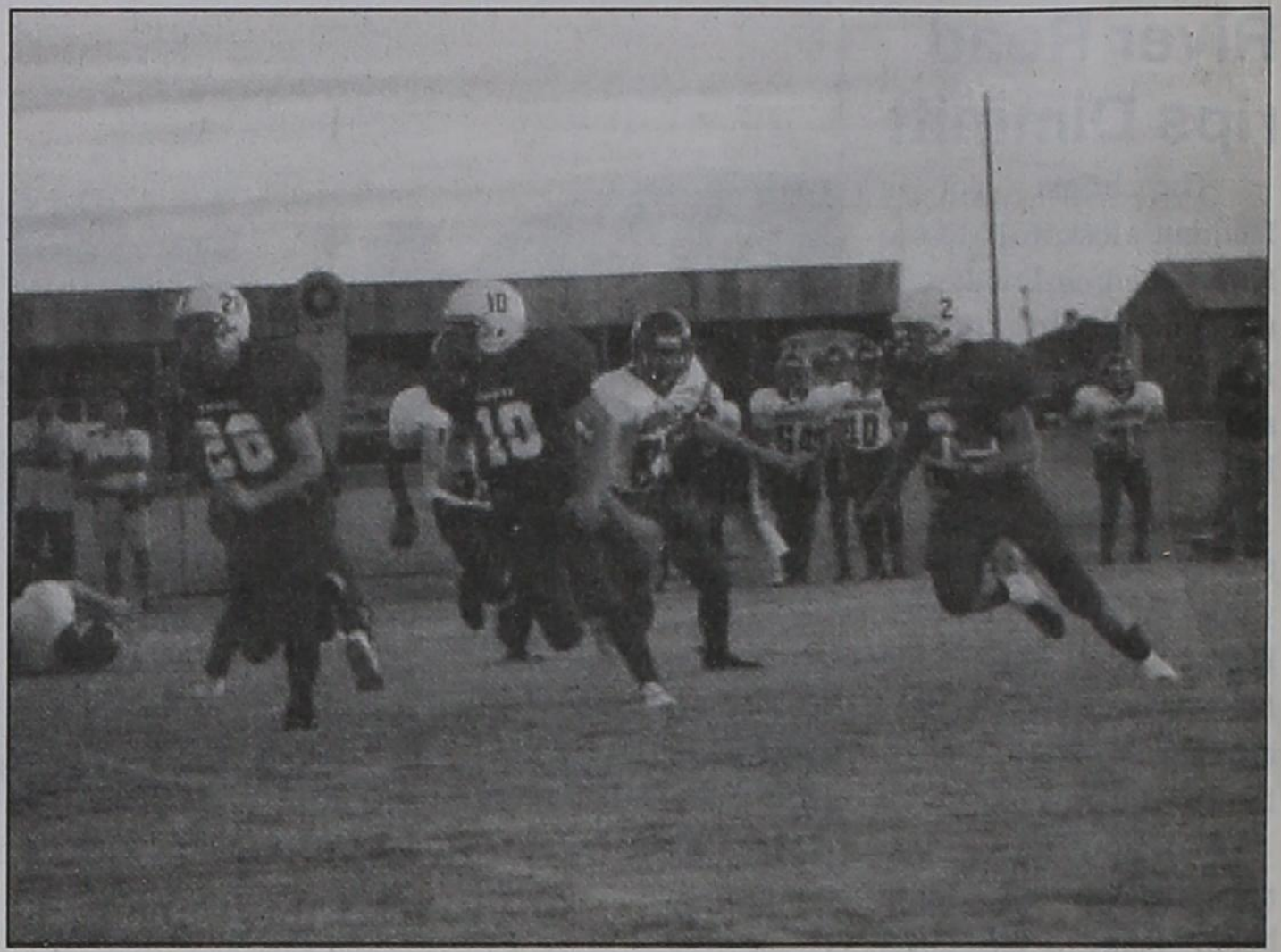
"We pretty well were able to control the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball," Peacock said. "Our game plan worked the way we wanted."

Thursday, the Swifts will travel to Lubbock for a 7 p.m. kickoff against the Lubbock Monterrey sophomores.

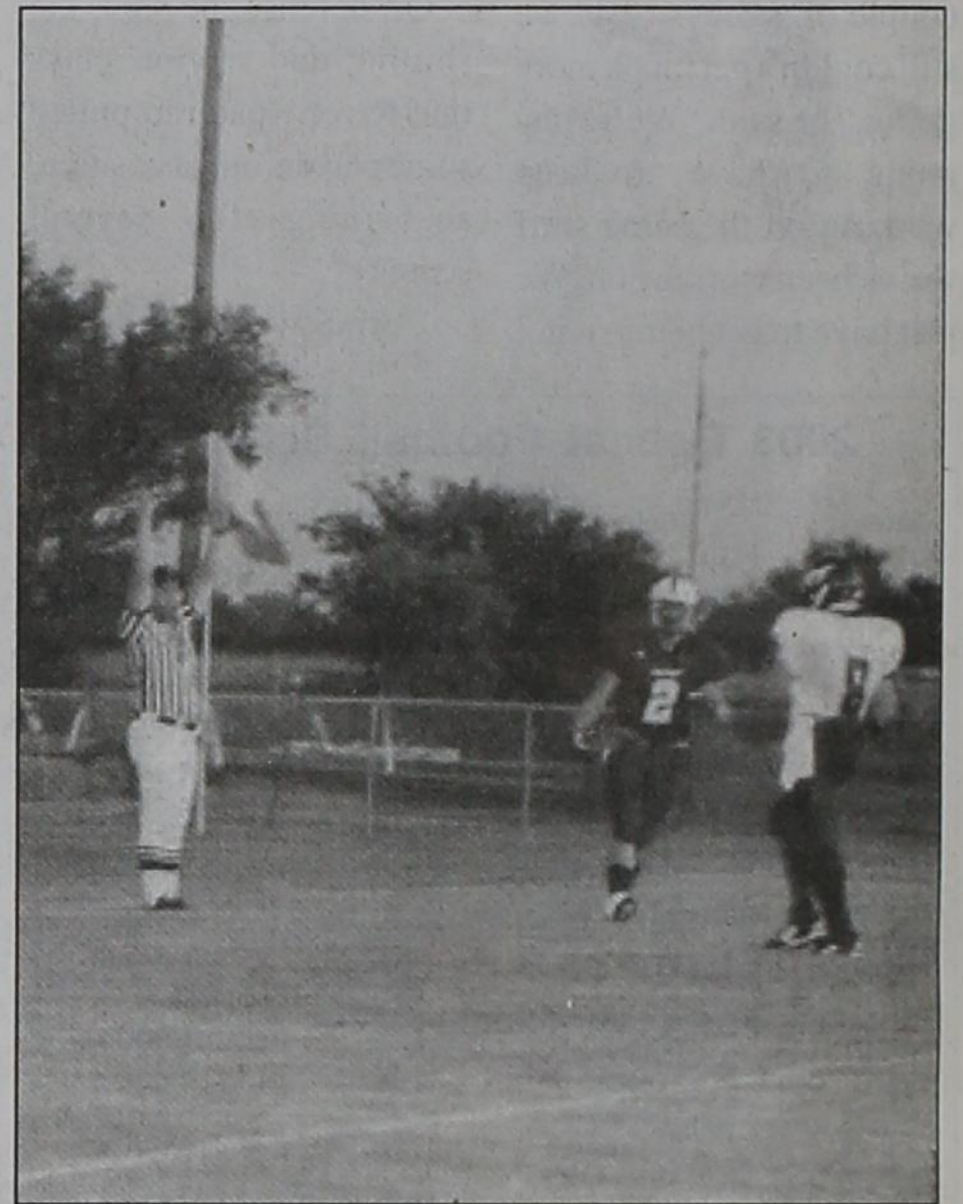
The game will be at Lowery Field.

"We really don't know a whole lot about them," Peacock said. "They've got some good athletes on offense."

"It'll be a good game for us to go into an unknown environment see how we react to that."



ABOVE, NO. 28 the Swift's Tucker Waggoner and No. 10 Jordy Rowland lead the way for No. 2 Trey Robb in the first half of Friday's homecoming game against Clarendon. At right, a touchdown is signaled after Robb crosses the goal line.



### Nazareth cross country team competes in Lubbock

The Nazareth cross country team participated in a meet at Lubbock recently.

The results for the girls were as follows: J'Lae Merritt, 13:43; Heidi Ramaekers, 14:03; Kembra Albracht, 15:02; Candace Birkenfeld, 15:05; Whitney Macee Schulte 15:30; and Jenna Acker, 16:22.

Matt Birkenfeld completed the course in 21:18 minutes.

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## Swifts 2003 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Varsity Site	Time
Oct. 2	Lubbock Monterrey Sophs.	Away (Lowrey)	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Farwell*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17			Open
Oct. 24	Bovina*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Hart*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Springlake-Earth*	Away	7:30 p.m.
* denote district games			
<b>JUNIOR HIGH</b>			
Oct. 3	Bushland	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 9	FARWELL	Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 16			Open
Oct. 23	BOVINA	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 30	HART	Away	5 p.m.
Nov. 6	SPRINGLAKE-EARTH	Home	5 p.m.

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# Knox, Aven named Distinguished Alumni for 2003

The Hart High School Student Council has selected its Distinguished Alumni for 2003.

Retta Knox of the class of 1966 and Hilbrey Aven of the Class of 1939 were chosen by the selection committee.

The two will be honored at the Homecoming 2003 Pep Rally at 2:45 p.m. in the high school gym and again during halftime at the homecoming game against Petersburg.

That game will start at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Knox, after graduating from Hart High School received her RN degree from West Texas State University in 1969 and now serves as director of the Hart ISD Health Clinic.

She was Salutatorian of her class and served as president of High School's first Student Council.

She is past president of the Texas Association of School Based Health Centers and is married to David Knox.

Aven, after graduating from Hart High School, attended

Notre Dame and graduated with the ranks of Ensign in 1944.

He served his country in the military until 1959, when he retired as a Lt. Commander.

He was co-owner of Big T Pump Company.

He served on the Hereford School Board for seven years.

He also served on the Chamber of Commerce.

He is married to Mary Lou Aven.

Homecoming activities are schedule all week.

## HOMCOMING ROYALTY



**HOMECOMING IS FRIDAY** at Hart, as the Longhorns host Petersburg for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. the Homecoming Queen will be crowned during half-time activities. Below are Homecoming Queen candidates: Kathleen Diaz, Angie Mata, Mariza Mendoza and Aarica Ortiz. Pictured below the Queens are Bonfire King candidates: A. J. Carraxco, Eran Castillo, Isaias Ponce and Roy Robledo.



### 2003 Hart Homecoming Schedule

Theme: Longhorns in the City

Thursday	Friends Day Bonfire
Friday	Longhorns on the Town; Homecoming Pep Rally Homecoming Game; Crowning of Homecoming Queen at half-time of the ballgame

## Longhorns prepare for homecoming, district play

By BOB LIBBY

Since the Longhorns have a bye week we'll take a look at their upcoming district opponents and how they have been faring through the pre-season thus far.

\* **PETERSBURG BUFFALOES** - This is not a district opponent but will be Hart's homecoming foe.

The Buffaloes are very speedy and quick at the skill positions.

They are not a very big team but make up for lack of size in the fundamental department.

The linemen do an excellent job of holding their blocks long enough to enable their elusive backs to slip through.

Their passing game has been inconsistent but they can make the big play when needed. Defensively the Buffaloes are very aggressive.

Petersburg lost to Farwell 14-7 in their first game but has won their last two games.

\* **BOVINA MUSTANGS** - The Mustangs have been up and down this season.

They have won some games by very large lopsided scores and have lost two close games.

They could very easily be undefeated at this point of the season.

Bovina has excellent speed at the skill positions and has some size to go along with it.

No one can overlook the Mustangs this season.

\* **FARWELL STEERS** - At this time of the year it looks as if this team could be one of the front runners to unseat pre-season favorite Nazareth.

The Steers are undefeated and have

beaten some pretty good football teams. Farwell is rated 15<sup>th</sup> in the Harris polls.

As of yet, injuries have not slowed the Farwell scoring machine down.

The first district game of the season could decide the fate of Farwell.

Naz will host the Steers on October 10.

\* **SPRINGLAKE-EARTH WOLVERINES** - At 0-5 the Wolverines have had a disappointing pre-season.

This is not unusual for S-E since they play such a tough non-district schedule against primarily 2-A schools.

Historically, when district comes around the Wolverines become contenders. Springlake-Earth is passing the ball much more than they have in years past however.

\* **NAZARETH SWIFTS** - The Swifts are beginning to play better.

They have won their last two games and have improved their record to 2-3.

They have a very potent passing attack and if their running game improves, they will be a force to reckon with when district comes around.

Injuries have slowed the Swifts down.

The Farwell-Naz game will probably decide who the district champion could be.

\* **HART LONGHORNS** - The Longhorns are making strides.

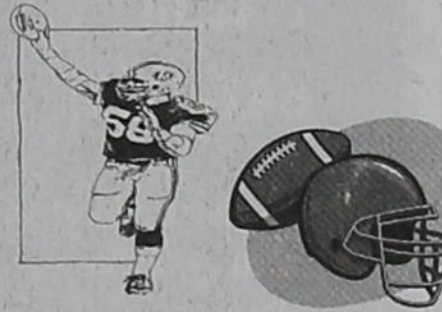
A tough pre-season schedule should help the Longhorns when district rolls around. Hart's offense is beginning to come around which should make things better for the defense which has been playing well all year long.

If the Horns continue to improve on offense their chances for making the playoffs will improve dramatically.

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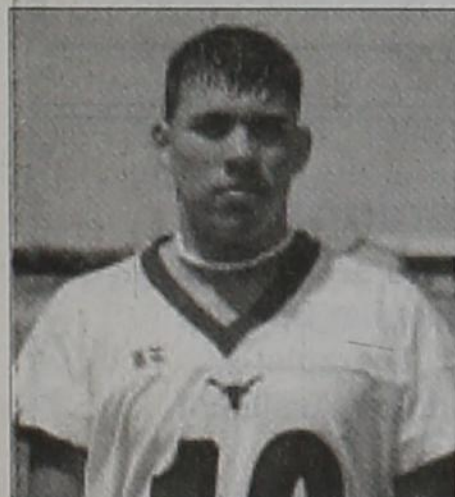
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### Hart Longhorn 2003 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Oct. 3	Petersburg- Homecoming		7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	* Bovina	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	* Farwell	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	* Springlake-Earth	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Nazareth	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Amar. Christian Fellow.	Here	7:30 p.m.

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# How can vacation sick and severance payments affect your social security?

BY MARY JANE SHANES

Social Security Manager, Plainview

If you're like most people, that vacation you took this summer was, at least in part, provided by your employer. By that I mean you probably earn a certain number of paid vacation days every year. And, as you get older and reach retirement age, those paid vacation days might have an impact on your Social Security benefits. Many American workers accumulate large amounts of vacation time and sick leave.

And, after you retire, you may receive some accumulated vacation or sick pay.

You might wonder if those payments count towards the earnings limit imposed on Social Security beneficiaries under their "full retirement age." Usually, they won't, if we know they are compensation for work done before you retired. However, many times we don't know this unless you tell us. We call this compensation a "special payment."

If you worked for wages, income received after retirement counts as a special payment if the last thing you did to earn the payment was completed before you stopped working for your employer. Besides vacation and sick pay, the most common types of special payments include bonuses, severance pay, back pay and sales commissions. If you are a Social Security beneficiary whose total yearly earnings exceed the annual limit and these earnings include a special payment, you should contact Social Security. Tell us you think you received a special payment. If we agree, we will not count the amount of the special payment as part of your total earnings for the year. The example below shows how a special payment is treated under Social Security rules. Mr. DeSilva retired at age 62 in January 2002 from his job at Crown Jewelry Company and began to receive Social Security benefits. A few months later, Mr. DeSilva received a check from his employer for \$12,000 for vacation and sick time he earned while he worked. Simultaneously, the jewelry company reported those "earnings" to Social Security. That report generated a letter we sent to Mr. DeSilva telling him that he was paid more Social Security benefits than he was

due, because his 2002 earnings exceeded the \$11,280 limit for that year. But Mr. DeSilva contacted us immediately and explained that the \$12,000 payment was not earnings for work done in 2002, but vacation and sick pay he accumulated before he retired. We agreed that the \$12,000 was indeed a "special payment" and cancelled the overpayment. The next example involves insurance agents. Many insurance sales people continue to receive commissions after the year they retire for policies they sold prior to retirement. Maria Juarez worked as an insurance agent for Safety Net Insurance Company. She retired at age 62 in 2002 and began to collect Social Security benefits. In July 2003, she received \$8,000 in renewal commissions on life insurance policies she sold before retirement. In addition, she continued to work part time in 2003 as a self-employed contractor for another insurance company. She received \$12,000 in net commissions from new policies she sold in 2003 working part time. Although her total 2003 income is \$20,000, the \$8,000 in renewal commissions will not count toward the earnings limit, because Ms. Juarez did the work to earn that amount before she retired. However, the \$12,000 will count as earnings because Ms. Juarez sold these policies after she began receiving Social Security benefits. And, because the \$12,000 earnings slightly exceed the \$11,520 limit for 2003, her Social Security benefits will be adjusted. We have a fact sheet that explains these provisions in more detail. It's called Special Payments After Retirement. You can find it on our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10063.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10063.html) <<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10063.html>>



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## DHS open house

You are invited to attend open house at Dimmitt High School on Monday, Oct. 6, which will provide an opportunity to meet the teachers from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

A mini-schedule will be run from 6:30 to 8:10 p.m.

Refreshments and door prizes will be from 8:10 to 8:30 p.m., with the remainder of the time reserved for one-on-one visits for those who are interested.

Students will receive a reward if their class has the highest percentage of parents or their representatives present during each period of the day. Please come and enjoy an evening at school with your student.

### Bell Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> period: 6:30-6:40 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> period: 6:45-6:55 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> period: 7-7:10 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> period: 7:15-7:25 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> period: 7:30-7:40 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> period: 7:45-7:55 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> period: 8-8:10 p.m.

Refreshments and door prizes: 8:10-8:30 p.m.  
Individual teacher conferences: 8:30-9 p.m.

## Book Club to meet

The Dimmitt Book Review Club will meet at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Rhoads Library.

The reviewer will be Jane Vaughn, who will present a trilogy of Jane Roberts Wood novels: "The Twin to Estelline," best seller, "A Place Called Sweet Shrub" and "Dance a Little Longer."

The public is invited.

## Exhibit opening at Deaf Smith Museum

Playas ... Gems of the Plains exhibit will have an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Deaf Smith County Museum, 400 Sampson St., Hereford.

The exhibit will be on display until Nov. 26

The Museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free.

## DREAMS to sponsor carnival Nov. 1

DREAMS (PTO) will sponsor a Halloween/Fall Carnival from 5 to 9 p.m., Nov. 1, at the Expo Building.

Anyone interested in having a booth at the Carnival should call Sharon Kinser at 647-3491 or Mandy Gfeller at 647-3441. Cost for a booth is \$25.

## Band Boosters to meet

The Dimmitt Bobcat Band Boosters will meet at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the high school band hall.

## GED test classes

GED test preparation classes are on-going at 115 E. Bedford (the Cobb building) every Tuesday and Thursday

evening from 6 to 8 p.m. For adults who want help in obtaining their GED, the next enrollment period is Oct. 6, 7 and 9. (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) from 6 to 8 p.m. These nights are set aside for initial testing to determine a student's strengths and weaknesses in reading, writing and math. For more information, contact Carolyn Wilhelm at 945-2602.

## Hunter education class in Plainview

A hunter safety education class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 4 and 11, at Parkview Baptist Church, 400 S. Broadway, in Plainview. Cost is \$10. Any one born after Sept. 2, 1971, is required to complete this course in order to hunt in the state of Texas. For more information, contact Mike Gilbreath at 292-1612.

## Prize money can be claimed

Castro County Fair prize monies can be picked up at the Extension Office, 205 N. Broadway.

## English as a second language

Classes are from 7 to 9 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday, at 115 E. Bedford in Dimmitt.

For more information, call 647-3415.

## Adult basic education offered

Region 16 Education Service Center is offering Adult Basic Education from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. The classes will be taught at 115 E. Bedford in Dimmitt. For more information, call 945-2602.

Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 2. Future orientation/enrollment dates are set for the week of Oct. 6-8, Nov. 3-5, Jan. 5-7, Feb. 2-4, March 1-3 and April 5-7.

## Adventure Club to meet at FUMC

The First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt will be sponsoring the Adventure Club, every Tuesday, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. It is for kids in kindergarten through fifth-grade.

The children will be picked up after school in front of the flag pole at Richardson Elementary and in front of the Cleveland Gym at the Middle School. For more information, contact the church office at 647-4106 or Kim Hatla at 647-3153.

## Band selling Christmas cards

The band students of Dimmitt are selling Christmas cards and various other items to raise money for band projects. Some of the money will go for new instruments for the fifth and sixth grades. Some of the proceeds will go toward an eighth-grade through senior band trip to New Orleans. For more information or to make a purchase, contact Mr. Morris at DMS, 647-3108 or any band student.

Marching contest is Oct. 11 at Plainview. UIL is set for Oct. 18.

## Start saving boxtops, labels again

It's school time and that means its time to start saving box tops for education and Campbell's labels. Also, D.R.E.A.M.S. (PTO) is asking that residents save Lowe's grocery receipt tapes (dated Sept. 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004).

Box Tops for Education are on many Betty Crocker items such as cake mixes; Pillsbury items such as biscuits, rolls and cookie dough; some Old El Paso products; and General Mills cereal. Labels for Education are labels from all Campbell's soups; V8 Juice; Swanson broths; Franco-American Spaghetti Os; A to Zs and Pasta; and Prego pasta sauces. Also, UPC codes from Goldfish Crackers and lids from Pace Picante Sauce.

Boxes will be set up at or near each principal's office, so you can send the labels, etc., to school with your kids or bring them when you visit the school. Also, boxes will be at 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Muleshoe, First United Bank, Bobcat Barber Shop, Church of Christ, Headhunters, Henderson's TV, Hereford Credit Union, La Coiffures and Rhoads Memorial Library.

## Hearts still available from Quilters

The Friendship Quilters Guild is still selling hearts in honor or memory of loved ones who have fought cancer. The money goes to benefit the American Cancer Society, as do the proceeds of the quilt after it is raffled off. To buy a heart for \$5, contact Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Ina Cleavinger at 647-5352.

## Business Workshop set at WTAMU

West Texas A&M University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will present a workshop featuring demographer Dr. Steve H. Murdock from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the Amarillo College Business & Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk St. in Amarillo. Murdock, who in 1997 was named one of the 50 most influential Texans by Texas Business, is director of the Center for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research and Education in The Texas A&M University System. He also is the official state demographer of Texas. He is the author of 11 books and more than 150 articles and reports on the implications of current and future demographic and socioeconomic change.

Murdock's topics in Amarillo will be "The Changing Face of Texas," "Locating Accurate Demographic Information" and "Practical Use of Demographics."

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact P.J. Pronger at 806-372-5151 or Teresa Clemons at 806-372-5512, Ext. 1678.

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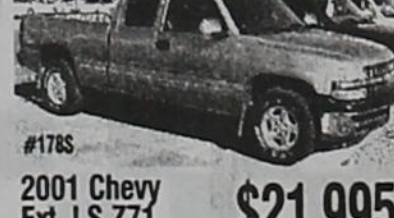
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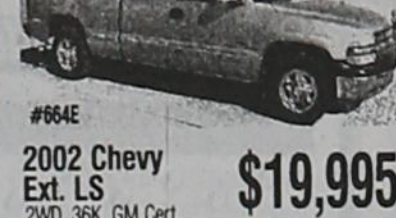
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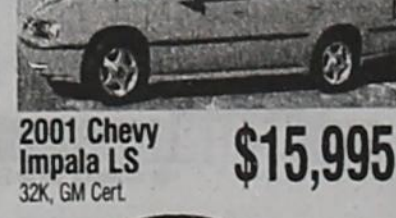
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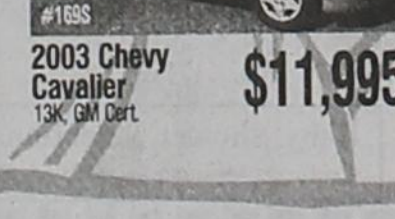
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# DISD Calendar

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## Calendar Events

### Thursday, October 2

- High School - ASVAB Test
- Middle School Pep Rally - 3:30
- Football:
- JV - OPEN
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> vs Friona - Here - 5:00 & 6:30

### Friday, October 3

- Football: Varsity - OPEN

### Saturday, October 4

- High School Senior Picture Day
- Cross-Country @ Friona

### Monday, October 6

- Middle School - Cross-Country - Here - 4:00
- High School Open House

### Tuesday, October 7

- High School - Senior Ring Presentation
- Volleyball:
- Bobbies vs Tulia - Here - 5:00

### Wednesday, October 8

- Sophomore PLAN Test
- High School Art Club Meeting - 12:00

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## "No Child Left Behind" requirements met by NISD

Nazareth ISD has met the new requirements, as set for under the "No Child Left Behind" legislation, according to the TEA.

"This year, the state is not releasing accreditation ratings (exemplary, recognized or acceptable)," said NISD Superintendent Marshall Harrison.

"The ratings this year are based on the passing percentage in reading/language arts, mathematics and graduation rate."

The legislation states that a school must meet "adequate yearly progress."

Harrison said, "This means that each year, districts must improve test scores to pass the new, rigorous federal guidelines."

The percentages for NISD are: reading/language arts, greater than 95 percent of students tested met the standard; math, greater than 95 percent of students tested met the standard; graduation rate, 100 percent of all students graduated.

"Nazareth ISD will continue to increase our expectations of our students and our teachers," Harrison said.

He also announced that the school has received a grant allocated by the U.S. Department of Education for the second year in a row.

"We received an estimated \$24,000 last year," Harrison said.

"We used the money to buy

new copiers and computers. "We will receive an estimated \$26,000 for this school year. This money has been used to purchase a new computer for all teachers."

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# DHS Class of 1953



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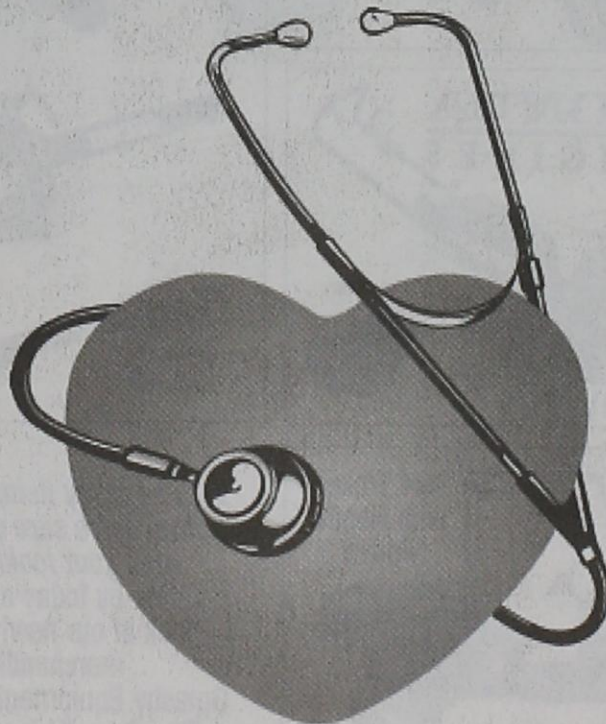
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# The Idle American

Life is full of paradoxes. (Thankfully, we are spared pair-a-BOXES; I'm not sure we could stomach two crate stowaway stories....)

Americans are good at creating great gulfs between "superstars" and us commoners. It requires more persuasion than can often be mustered to

convince many "underlings" that "overlings" can be regular folks, too. Further, truly famous people-down deep-spend a good deal of time in their galaxies wishing, oh so often, to be regular folks again. Ah, such a paradox....

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The only real "superstar" I've known was

Fred Lowery (1909-1984). He was arguably the finest whistler in the world for a half-century. A mainstay on the Horace Heidt network radio show after appearing regularly for years on Dallas Radio Station WFAA's "Early Birds," he provided the haunting movie theme music for John Wayne's *High and the Mighty*. He also whistled his happy tune weekly on the "Andy Griffith Show."

He appeared with show business stars like Bing Crosby and Bob Hope; Bing called him "king of the whistlers." Lowery, blind since a toddler, wanted no pity, no advantage and no "superstar" status.... He once challenged Hope to a golf game, and it was accepted. "We'll play at 12 midnight," Lowery insisted....

I knew him during the final two decades of his life. There was no pretense about him. More than anything, he was an encourager who happened to be a whistler. He whistled for royalty, presidents, major athletic events and in big coliseums-you name it. He appeared before more than 10,000 audiences--mostly at schools, churches, civic clubs, hospitals, retirement centers and jails....

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Gracie, his wife of 45

years, was "behind the wheel" (mostly motor homes; they owned six of them), driving Fred to the next engagement. For four decades, she drove some two million miles (many career truckers don't make it that far), without so much as a dented fender or a moving traffic violation. Oh, they survived a fire in one motor home, and another was heavily damaged when an Illinois tornado leveled buildings all around....

Planes/trains/motor homes--it was always "life in a hurry" for the Lowerys. "Many promises to keep and miles to go before we sleep" fit them to a "T." One time, back in 1956, they were hurrying from Ohio down to Nashville. Fred, already a respected artist on Decca Records, had a studio date there to record another collection of tunes. It was to be in the afternoon, but they arrived early and ate breakfast near the studio.

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"We got to hear an affable young man sing, but

he was so nervous," Gracie remembers. She said he was there for hours, doing take after take. "Fred was right there, trying to help him relax," Gracie added.

The session paid off for the 24-year-old son of an Arkansas farmer. The song? "I Walk the Line." The composer and vocalist? Johnny Cash. (It became the #1 song on country charts, and ranks 26<sup>th</sup> among country hits of all time.) His career was off and running. The "man in black" is one of the few vocalists in history to sell more than 50 million records.

The rest, of course, is history. The country music icon experienced some rocky interludes, but received all the top awards, time and again. In failing health for several years and widowed when his beloved wife, June Carter Cash died some four months ago, he is dead at age 71. Those who knew him best say he never lost "the common touch...."

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In 1964, a presidential

inauguration was planned for the new Sul Ross State University president. We had \$75 for a musician, and noticed that the Lowerys were appearing nearby in Fort Stockton the night before.... Fred thrilled the Alpine, Texas, audience, and our friendship was "nailed down." During the next two decades, he and Gracie were guests in our home during stints in Fort Worth and Snyder, and again, he starred-never losing "the common touch."

Fred brightened places wherever he appeared. He yearned to be thought of as "an average, sighted 'Joe.'" One night, we made hamburgers in the backyard. "Does Fred prefer mustard or mayonnaise?" I asked Gracie. "Ask me," he insisted, "I'm blind-not deaf!"

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\*I've always wondered if Joyce Brothers and the Smothers Brothers are related....

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#### Major Girls

Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m., Team 1 vs. Team 2  
Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m., Team 3 vs. Team 1  
Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m., Team 2 vs. Team 1  
Oct. 14, 5:30 p.m., Team 3 vs. Team 2  
Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m., Team 1 vs. Team 3  
Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m., Team 2 vs. Team 3  
Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m., Team 1 vs. Team 2  
Oct. 28, tournament  
Nov. 1, Noon, Championship games

#### Minor Teams


Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m., Team 1 vs. Team 2  
Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m., Team 3 vs. Team 1  
Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m., Team 2 vs. Team 1  
Oct. 14, 5:30 p.m., Team 3 vs. Team 2  
Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m., Team 1 vs. Team 3  
Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m., Team 2 vs. Team 3  
Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m., Team 1 vs. Team 2  
Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m., tournament  
Nov. 1, noon, Championship games

Single elimination tournament off the season. The first games of the tournament will be played on Oct. 28 and the championship game will be played Nov. 1



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## DCN classes set for October

Classes for the Dimmitt Community Network for October include Microsoft Word (Oct. 7 & 14, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 fee); Power Point (Oct. 9 & 16, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 fee); Publisher (Oct. 21 & 28, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 fee); Internet (Oct. 23 & 30, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 fee); and Beginning Computers (Oct. 18 & 25, 1-2:30 p.m., \$10 fee).

To sign up for classes, complete a Network application at Rhoads Memorial Library. Classes will be limited to six and will be held at the Dimmitt City Hall "Technology Center" and in the Senior Citizens Center "Learning Center."

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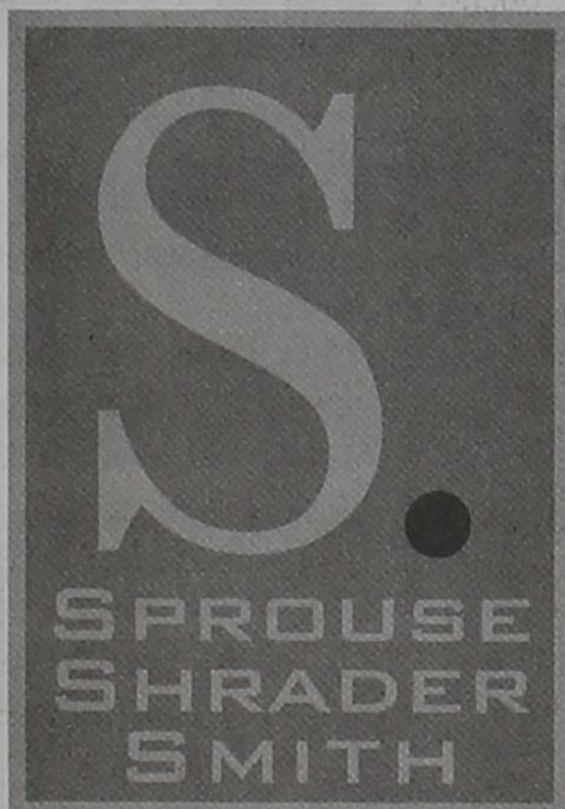
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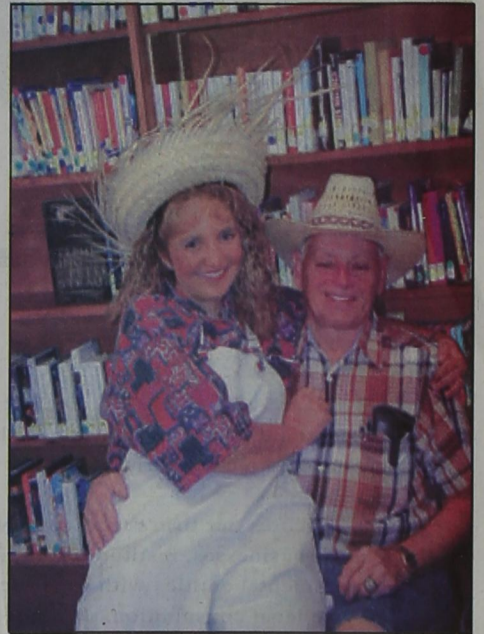
# Nazareth Homecoming



**SCHOOL SPIRIT:** LEFT to right Cami Valdez, Melina Braddock, Kelcee Kleman and Kelsey Hochstein are ready to cheer for the Swifts.

# Hart Homecoming

**AT RIGHT, TEACHERS** Tyra Davis and Carl Irlbeck get in the spirit of the week on Hick Day. Below students show support for their favorite college teams on College Day - Drew Higgins, Chris Rodriguez, Amanda Reyna, Sandra Menchaca, and Lindsay George. Homecoming will culminate Friday night as the Longhorns take on Petersburg.



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