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Letters from Iraq

The following are excerpts from recent letters received by Rob Severino, Staff Reporter, from his friend Dustin Kaufman, a Scottsbluff native, private first class in the U.S. Army, Iraq war. September 30, 2003 September 12, 2003

What's up? Just thought I would say hello.

Only 115° today. It seems nice to us.

I have been on CNN like one hundred times.

I'm in the Ramadi, Caldiya, Fallajah area. I have an "H1" on my tanks (or "H2," "H3": that's Heavy Company 1st Platoon, 2nd squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment).

I hope all you guys are doing good.

I will be back in March, which means I will be here a year getting shot at and blowing up buildings with a heat round just because an AK-47 was pointing at us.

Hope you're doing good.
Kaufman

What's up? We are through the hottest part—it got up to 142° F last week.

Now we're guarding an Iraqi ammo point (about 1.2 million mortar, tank, artillery, and RPG rounds).

Well, just writing to see how things are there.

I probably won't get back until Dec. Or March.... I am supposed to ask you to get some girls to write to some army men with no one (women) to write to them: Sgt. Craig and PFC Brauham, same address as mine [see Rob Severino, Staff Reporter, if you are interesting in corresponding].

I know you know some girls to be pen pals.

Plus, they are my buds and I'm supposed to ask you.
Kaufman



Dustin Kaufman, driver (Right) and friend "Bird" gunner somewhere in Iraq in September 2003.

Another Thanksgiving in the valley

By EMILY WARREN
Staff Reporter

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, home-made corn bread, pie, coffee, and milk are just the ingredients that Charles Baird is whipping up for the 18th annual Thanksgiving in the Valley.

The homemade corn bread comes from Morrill where Monty Flock and his family grind their own corn and wheat to make it.

This Thanksgiving dinner will be held at the Guadalupe Center on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27 from 11

a.m. to 1 p.m.

The meal is for those who cannot afford to have such a meal or for those with no family or no place to go for Thanksgiving.

It is free to anyone in need.

KNEB Radio, the Scottsbluff

Kiwanis Club, and the Scottsbluff-Gering Soup Kitchen are sponsoring the event.

The homemade corn bread comes from Morrill where Monty Flock and his family grind their own corn and wheat to make it.

Within this event are over 100 volunteers every year.

Those looking to volunteer can help set-up, serve, or clean-up on Thanksgiving Day are welcomed to call Kevin Mooney at KNEB Radio at 632-7121.

There will also be meals delivered to homes by volunteers.

Those wanting to help deliver

meals, or those who need a meal delivered can call the Volunteer Bureau at 632-3736.

Using the facilities donated by the Scottsbluff Elk's Lodge, the meal will be prepared and brought to the Guadalupe Center Thursday morning.

With various giving organizations and giving people, the event is an annual occurrence.

So, if you're out of luck and can't fly home for Thanksgiving, swing by the Guadalupe Center for some down home family cookin'.