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HE TURNED INTO A WHAT?—Carsyn Steffens, 6, looks with disbelief at Amarillo Rattler Brad Haelzle as he reads a story about a Frog Prince to children at the gazebo in Dimmitt. The story session was a part

of the July Jubilee celebration Monday, and helped to kick off the summer reading program for Rhoads Memorial Library. Steffens is the daughter of Dione Steffens of Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Clinic prices going up

Prices at the Medical Center of Dimmitt are going up an average of

76th year-No. 14

In approving the increase last Thursday night, the hospital board followed the recommendation of its

By Don Nelson

The Relay for Life was a resounding success in every way

The ultimate goal was to raise money to fight cancer-and the Relay did that, to the tune of about \$25,000.

But it also accomplished something more.

Because of excellent leadership and super participation, the Relay proved again what a great county we live in, and what tremendous, caring, fun-loving and generous people we have here.

It was time that we needed to be reminded of that.

Special kudos are due to co-chairs Beth Buckley and Lori Wilhite, and to the board members of the Castro County Unit of the American Cancer

But if you had anything to do with the Relay for Life in any way, give

yourself a pat on the back. We proved again that "Together, We Can."

On the one hand, we have Americans developing new sciences called genomics and nanotechnology, which are opening up entire new vistas, such as genetic corrections, molecular disease erasers, and computers too small for the naked eye to

On the other hand, we have the folks who were interviewed at the July 4 Amarillo Dillas game by a TV reporter.

A Dillas player couldn't recite the first line of the National Anthem. Given another chance, he couldn't say who wrote the Declaration of Independence.

A young woman in the stands was pretty sure that Bruce Springsteen had written the National Anthem. and that there are 52 states. Her excuse for giving the wrong answers: "I'm not *supposed* to know anything.

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Weather

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consulting firm, Parrish, Moody & Fikes of Waco, which also advises more than 80 other hospital districts.

The price hikes will vary by procedure, CEO Joe Sloan told the board.

way low that will go up maybe 10 or 12%, but the average will be 5%," he

Main reason for the price revisions is to keep the clinic's charges in line

with industry standards. The new price structure will increase the clinic's revenue by about

\$25,000 per year, Sloan said. "Does Medicare pay enough to meet our costs?" Board Secretary Carolyn Sides asked.

"No," Sloan answered. "They said at one time that they did, but they never did take a lot of our costs into account. A few hospital districts have made it work, but only by cutting staff to dangerously low levels."

"Typically, Medicare is lower than industry standards," Chief of Staff Gary Hardee said.

County residents appear to be mak-"There are some things that are ing full use of the clinic.

> The Medical Center of Dimmitt had 1,906 patient visits in May, an increase of 450 over May 1999.

> Meanwhile, Plains Memorial Hospital's admissions were down by 20 from the last year-86 admissions compared with 106 in May 1999.

> Thirteen of these were surgical patients, including nine day surger-

> Acute-care patients stayed in the hospital an average of 2.68 days.

The hospital averaged 12 patients per day in its daily census during May, an occupancy rate of 29%, compared with 15 patients per day (37% occupancy rate) in May 1999.

From hospital district Medicare demands \$300,000 refund

Financially, there was good news and bad news at the hospital board's monthly meeting last Thursday night. The good news was that:

daily revenue was up by almost \$5,000 per day—to \$34,900, vs. \$30,000 during a comparable period last year-thanks to increased ser-

vices offered by the hospital district. -Collections are up by \$100,000 enough." per month, thanks to the collection firm that the district contracted.

The bad news was that the hospital district has to give \$300,000 back to Medicare.

The \$300,000 problem stems from overpayments for geriatric-psychiatric care, billed by the Horizon Health Management Corp., which operates the Welch Home Place unit for the ished "35 to 40 days ahead of schedhospital district under contract.

"We got a call last week that said we had an overpayment from Medicare of more than \$300,000 in geripsych," CEO Joe Sloan explained to the board. "I turned it over to (Parrish, Moody & Fikes, the district's management consulting firm) for their opinion, and they said after studying the figures that we owe it."

He added, "I've asked if we could have an extension on the payment until some of our tax money comes in (October). I told them we didn't want to have to borrow money.

"If we can wait until October, I don't think it will hurt so much, because our collections are up that much," Sloan said.

This isn't the first time the billings from the geriatric/psychiatric unit have caused problems with Medi-

"I told (Horizon) last year that I didn't want that to happen again, and it did," Sloan said.

Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers commented, "If we have to send \$300,000 back, it just doesn't appear

to me that the geri-psych department has been that profitable."

said, "What bothers me is that the -During the last 90 days, average people we have around haven't caught this. Who should have caught

> "We took action before and made adjustments in the per-diem payments," Sloan said. "It just wasn't

He added, "I should have caught it. Medicare didn't pick up on my notification to them. We knew we had a problem and we tried to correct it, but it didn't get corrected."

Sloan reported that construction of the CAT-scan department and the Rehabilitation Center is being finule."

The hospital's three therapy departments-physical, occupational Board Vice-Chairman Jerry Annen and speech-moved into the new rehab center at the Medical Center of Dimmitt over the weekend.

> The hospital's east wing—where the therapy units previously were located—is now being remodeled to include small administrative offices for Sloan, Chief Financial Officer Mark Wishard, Associate Hospital Administrator Linda Rasor and Administrative Secretary Sharon Watts

Sloan, who was displaced by the new CAT-scan department, has been "camping out" in a mobile office on the hospital's front lawn until he could relocate to the east wing.

Sloan explained that enough equipment and facilities are being left in the east wing to provide physical therapy for the hospital's in-patients.



A BIG EFFORT-Stephanie Fuentes, 3, the daughter of Chris and Teresa Fuentes of Dimmitt, tries out the hula hoop during the July Jubilee festivities in Dimmitt Monday at the courthouse square. Turn-out was pretty good for the event, according to Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce **Executive Director Bill Sava.** Photo by Linda Maxwell

Exchange student, family relish 'different' experience

By MARK BIRKENFELD "It was different."

This little phrase sums up the last year which Michael Kormann, an American Field Service Exchange student, has spent living with the Jerry and Judy Lange family in Nazareth. Everything from the scenery to the school to the families were "very different" according to

Kormann. After arriving last August, Kormann's first thoughts were, "It's pretty big, there are no trees and there is nothing green." He was also amazed at the heavy traffic, especially the many pick-ups.

Of course in Austria, Kormann's home country, trees and lush vegetation thrive in the wet and cool climate. Also, "there are no pick-ups at

Regardless of the surroundings, Michael's American mother. Kormann still enjoyed his stay here, especially attending school.

"I really liked my senior class," he

His favorite school activity was the sports which he played - football and baseball.

Since neither of these two are played in Austria, Kormann was game in one season — a difficult task, but one he enjoyed.

"The sports are very cool," he said. "Baseball was my favorite, but football would come pretty close."

School itself was a very different experience for Kormann. In Austria students attend school for only nine

"After they finish that, they go to

specialty school," explained Judy,

Kormann finished both educations

before coming here.

Another very different aspect of American life is the food. Kormann enjoyed the barbecue,

which is not eaten at home, and also the eggs and bacon eaten for breakfast almost daily.

"We eat every fruit, fresh bread forced to learn all aspects of the and butter and jams for breakfast at home," Kormann said.

According to Judy, Americans eat much more beef while the Austrians

enjoy more pork. Also, there are a lot more fast

food restaurants in the U. S. "We have McDonald's," Kormann explained, "but that's about it."

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Sausage dinner, games, outdoor concert to highlight German Fest

The 28th annual Nazareth German Festival and the Knights of Columbus's Suds 'n Sounds outdoor concert will be held Saturday in Naza-

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with an arts and crafts show in the school cafeteria, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club. Lots of great items and gift ideas will be avail-

A German sausage meal, including German sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, beans, salad and fruit, bread, apple crisp and German chocolate cake will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Community Hall. Tickets for the meal are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Frozen sausage will be on sale at \$5 for two pounds.

Activities on the grounds of the Community Hall beginning at 11 a.m. include a children's barrel train ride, tractor pull, face painting, highspeed baseball throw, kids' games and a basketball shootout with prizes.

At 5 p.m., the gates open at the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark east of town for the Suds 'n Sounds, an outdoor concert that will kick off with local bands perform-

can bring lawn chairs, shades and coolers. However, no glass containers will be allowed, and coolers will be checked at the gate. A concession stand will feature

Admission is \$15 and participants

German sausage sandwiches and

Performing bands include Insufficient Funds, Prairie Dogs and Southern Thunder. Performances begin at 6 p.m. There will be a 3,000 square foot dance floor set up near the

This year's headline band will be The Great Divide, a country band with powerful, heartfelt lyrics intertwined with a distinctive countryrock sound. The group has completed three recording projects two under major recording label Atlantic Records.

64th Dist. grand jury gives two indictments

The Castro County 64th District set at \$5,000. Court Grand Jury met June 29 with Judge Jack Miller presiding and is- was indicted for sexual assault. The sued indictments for two people.

\$1,500 and under \$20,000. The \$5,000. charge stated that on Feb. 23 she the owner of the property. Bond was guilty.

Danny Oltivero, 29, of Dimmitt,

charge stated that on May 21 he as-Rachel Alaniz Gonzales, 26, of saulted a Dimmitt woman without Hereford was charged with theft over her consent. His bond was set at

Issuance of an indictment does took cash from First Bank of not indicate guilt, as all defendants Muleshoe with the intent to deprive are presumed innocent until proven



MICHAEL KORMANN (second from left) enjoys one of his last days with the Lange family. Kormann, an American Field Service Exchange student, has spent the last year living with the Langes and

attending Nazareth High School. He will leave Friday to return home to Austria. Also pictured are members of the host family, Mark, Judy and Jerry.

Photo by Mark Birkenfeld

Cattle raisers oppose NCBA dues structure

NCBA.

"TSCRA strongly believes that the across the state. owner of the cattle who pays the dues should be able to designate the producer get the animal to the which state affiliate gets credit for the portion of those dues remitted to NCBA," J. Mark McLaughlin said. McLaughlin is president of the livestock trade association based in Fort Worth, with 14,000 members who own or control approximately 2 million head of cattle on millions of agricultural acres, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

The issue is contentious for cowcalf producers who may live in news about the weather and strong Texas but feed some of their cattle expectations for calf prices. Bob out-of-state, particularly in a state Rose of the Lower Colorado River where the affiliate is unified with the Authority told producers he was NCBA, McLaughlin added. Producers who are members of a unified would be seeing a wetter period into state affiliate, like many cattle feed- the fall. ing organizations, are automatically made members of NCBA. TSCRA's stance supports producers' choice in get into the spring, we should be determining which state, or which affiliate within a state, gets the credit for the dues money that comes out of their pockets.

that are not unified by increasing to cause a lot of rain." their state dues," McLaughlin said.

NCBA to make the state/national organization. TSCRA supports the mains high. rights of its members to choose

TXCRA members approved progress more years." of the association's Beef Quality Assurance project, the first phase of Southwestern Cattle Raisers Associa larger program that will eventually include process verification of stocker and feeder cattle and an individual animal program identification network. For this first phase,

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In addition to different foods, the

families are different in America.

According to Kormann, the average

family size is one, two or three kids

"But here, especially in Nazareth,

All of these kids made for some

"We took a trip to Gainsville to

Fishing, hunting and cook-outs

"I beat Bill," he exclaimed. "The

first time, I caught more bass than he

Kormann, an only child, obviously

However, being a part of the

developed a little family rivalry

Lange family wasn't easy at first.

Kormann's English was a little rough

when he first arrived, making simple

guage down, then it got easier," Judy

"Once he started getting the lan-

According to Judy, from August,

"It was just getting your personali-

ties down and finding out what ev-

when Michael arrived, until Christ-

mas was the hard part.

communication somewhat harder.

were all included in the family vaca-

tion. Kormann appreciated the fish-

great family activities, one of the

visit Jerry's brother, Bill, and he

really enjoyed that trip," Judy said.

there are a lot of kids," he said.

highlights of Kormann's trip.

Exchange student

More about

in Austria.

did."

while here.

The leadership of Texas and TSCRA is cooperating with the Southwestern Cattle Raisers Associ- Texas Agricultural Extension Service ation wants the National Cattlemen's and the Texas Beef Council to offer Beef Association to give producers a interested producers an informative, choice when they pay dues to easy-to-read BQA handbook and a series of certification meetings

> "What we are trying to do is help packer without any producer-influenced blemishes," said Dick Sherron, chairman of the group's BQA Task

> "I'd like to be able to show people that the cattle producers of Texas are at least trying to do things right," added Austin Brown II, a TSCRA director from Beeville. "Perception, as they say, is reality."

TSCRA members heard good "cautiously optimistic" that Texas

"In general, La Niña is fading pretty quickly," Rose said. "As we going into El Niño, which is a more favorable weather pattern for Texas."

Temperatures are expected to be near normal into the fall and above "Likewise, TSCRA refuses to be a normal through winter and spring. 'dues collector' for NCBA and op- Rose also told producers to expect a poses NCBA's discriminatory dues very active tropical season, adding structure that penalizes state affiliates that "it doesn't take a big hurricane

Economist Larry Falconer told "There is a disturbing trend within TSCRA members the cattle industry will undergo at least one more year partnership mandatory for all state of liquidation because the number of affiliates to participate in the national heifers on feed and harvested re-

"Because fewer replacement heifwhich organization they wish to join ers in the national her translate into and pay dues. It makes the organiza- fewer calves on the market in the tion more accountable to its mem-future," Falconer said, "we'll probably see strong calf prices again next In other business meetings, year - maybe even two or three

The fall meeting of Texas and ation will be held in Lubbock Octo-

ber 12-14. For more information on the association's educational programs and business meetings, call 1-800-242-7820.

until December.

Kormann departs for Austria.

the Lange family the most.

daughters," he said.

"I will miss Judy and Jerry and

Mark and their (other) sons and

The Langes will miss Michael

also. Judy says she will miss his

infectious smile the most while Mark

and Jerry are going to miss just hav-

ing him around the house, where he

helped with the cooking and lawn

"I'm going to miss just having

His stay here has given both

Kormann and his host family some

vivid memories. Unfortunately, his

ent" chapter of Michael Kormann's

life will end. But he says that his trip

Tomorrow (Friday) a "very differ-

visit is almost over.

somebody to run around with," said

Mark, Kormann's newly-acquired

each other.



HOCKEY CLINIC TO GO-Members of the Amarillo Rattlers ice hockey team came to Dimmitt to hold a hockey clinic, demonstrating skills and proper technique to local youngsters free of charge as a part of the July Jubilee sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Brad Haelzle, player, and Neil Gondek, assistant coach, worked with dozens of young players in the portable skating rink they set up on the east side of the courthouse square. The team sponsors an in-line hockey tour each summer. Photo by Mark Birkenfeld



THE LITTLEST CLOWN—Sulema Acevedo is helping the members of the Dimmitt Clowns provide entertainment at the July Jubilee at the gazebo in Dimmitt Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The turn-out for the event was pretty good, according to Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. Sulema is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Acevedo, formerly of Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Guest editorial

BEST program to benefit all Texans

By TERRY MURPHY **Executive Director**

Texas Commission for the Blind plained. "It's like you go up a hill As all of us privileged enough to Then comes the fun part - enjoy- live in this great state know, Texans ing what you have discovered about are a generous bunch.

I've been able to see that generos-"From Christmas until now, it is ity up close in the last couple of downhill," Judy said, "and all the years as some 2 million of you have chosen to donate \$1 each to the while you know that you're going Blindness Education, Screening and toward letting him (Michael) go Treatment - BEST - program when you renewed your drivers' license. That is where this very different Those funds have been used to create experience will end Friday when a program to provide blindness prevention education and screening Kormann says he's going to miss to all adult Texans and blindness prevention treatment for those not

covered by health insurance. With the motto "One Pair, No Spare," the BEST program began with an awareness campaign kickoff in March, and we at the Commission for the Blind are excited by its possibilities. Crucial to the success of the program are the Department of Public Safety, which has agreed to place BEST posters in all its licensing sites and collect the fee, the Texas chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, and Senator Mike Moncrief and Representative Elliott Naishtat, who sponsored the legislation that created the program.

As a veteran in the vocational rehabilitation field, I am used to dealing with the aftermath of vision loss but, with the BEST program, the state has the opportunity to help stop blindness before lives are affected.

Blindness and visual impairments among Texans are expected to increase in the coming decades as the population ages and minority populations continue to grow. Macular degeneration strikes older populations while diabetes, which can cause blindness through diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and cataracts, is more prevalent among minorities. In fact, you may benefit from

blindness screening if: You are age 45 or older.

You have diabetes.

You are African American and | 32 TXism: * over 40.

Last Puzzle Solution

You are Hispanic.

You have high blood sugar. You are more than 20 percent

above your ideal weight. You get limited physical exer-

Other family members have

diabetes.

Other family members have glaucoma.

Like diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma has no symptoms at first. With early detection and treatment of glaucoma, however, blindness can often be prevented with eye drop

treatment. Macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness among older Texans, usually strikes after the age of 65. The disease, which causes the deterioration of the macula at the rear of the retina, can also be effec- 22, on warrants for no seat belt and tively treated if caught in the early stages.

at risk for developing vision problems, contact the BEST line toll-free offense. at 1-877-NO-SPARE (667-7273).

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Let's not let the generosity of Texas go to waste.

Police Calls

Justin and Tammy Nelson, who an estimated cost of \$38 per day or live in the Flagg area, told deputies Saturday that someone had entered their home sometime Friday between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. and damaged their property and took \$245 in loose 22-year-old Sunnyside man was change and bills.

baby's piggy bank, valued at \$45. The property damaged was an antique slot machine, valued at \$2,500. Investigation is continuing.

jailed Sunday night for disorderly conduct (vulgar language).

Monday afternoon, a 48-year-old Dimmitt woman told police that a suspect had kicked her on the stomach in the 100 block of Northeast Seventh Street.

Tuesday night, Leo Hall told police that someone broke out a double-pane glass window at his residence in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth Street. He estimated the damage at \$100.

sisting arrest in the 600 block of Southwest Third Street.

Also on Tuesday, Jose Manuel Peralta told police that a suspect pushed him to the ground in the 600 block of Northwest Sixth Street.

Jailed on alcohol-related charges during the past week were:

-Friday, a 40-year-old Dimmitt man, who layed out his fines from JP court on charges of public intoxica-

-Early Monday, a 36-year-old Amarillo man for DWI, first offense.

warrants or court matters:

—June 28, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for motion to revoke, stemming from driving with license suspended; and a Tulia man, 46, on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.

—Friday, a Plainview man, 22, for DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear; and a 26-year-old Hereford woman on an indictment for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

—Saturday, a Dimmitt woman,

failure to appear.

—Sunday, a 24-year-old Dimmitt So if you or someone you love are man on a warrant for motion to revoke, stemming from DWI, first

> Jail Count There were 10 in jail as of Tues

\$266 per week.

Sunday at about 3 a.m., a 1993 green Ford F-150 pickup driven by a involved in a one-vehicle crash 5.6 Also taken was the couple's miles southwest of Dimmitt on FM

DPS Trooper Keith Smith said the driver admitted that he had been drinking and fell asleep at the wheel. The pickup, which had been travel-A 20-year-old Dimmitt man was ing south, went into the west ditch, ran out of control and skidded out of the ditch, crossing both the southbound and north-bound lanes of 1055, continuing into the east ditch. The vehicle continued east, going through a fence and coming to rest in a feed yard.

Damage to the vehicle was rated light and the driver was not injured. He was given a ticket for no driver's license and unsafe speed.

Last Thursday, a 1994 Ford On Tuesday at 11:05 p.m., police pickup belonging to Carmina Castillo charged a suspect with disorderly of Dimmitt was parked, unattended conduct (using profanities) and re- in a parking lot in the 600 block of North Broadway. It apparently was struck by an unidentified vehicle that left the scene. Damage to the pickup was rated light.

Saturday at 10:30 a.m., a 1977 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Janet Love Leingang, 50, of Dimmitt, backed into a 1979 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Christell Moore Wilcox, 81, of Dimmitt. Leingang was given a ticket for backing without safety and no proof of liability insurance. Police reported that Leingang was attempting to back out of a parking lot and Wilcox was Jailed during the past week on attempting to pull into the lot, when the crash occurred. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported.

Dogs are available from pound

Need a family pet? Dimmitt's animal control officer Ty Lively said the pound has several dogs available for adoption to good homes.

An assortment of breeds and ages is available. Each one must have a rabies shot before it will be released, and the cost of the shot must be paid by the person who adopts the pet.

For more information, contact Lively at the Dimmitt Police Dept. at 647-4545.

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Rhenea Webb, and Cherie Norman, daughter of Pam Norman were selected by a committee of the Repubattend Girls State 2000 in Seguin.

Girls State teaches the intricacies of city, county, and state democratic governments. In mock sitting, each girl is assigned a city. She participates in the governmental proceedings by seeking an office, helping other candidates to win an election and carrying out her duties as a private citizen or an elected official.

Kylie and Cherie were quite adept politicians. Cherie was selected mayor of the city Foxes. Kylie won the election for municipal judge for the city of Lady Bug. She was also voted most lovable "Lady Bug." Kylie won her bid for state senate. We are among dignified celebrities.

Cherie said, "We met some really neat girls. Six of us are planning to meet later in the summer in Dallas. It was a very exciting and educational experience."

They both expressed their appreciation to those who made this trip possible. Those who sponsored the girls are Dimmitt Lions Club, ROW, and Cenci Hardee.

Lee Kemp, of Amarillo drove to from a private school in Atlanta. She is the daughter of Ginger and Kemp they caught a lot of fish. Ward. Tom and La Dawn Kemp Reichling of San Francisco flew out who lived on Sunset Circle celeto complete the Kemp family cele- brated the Fourth with a parade, bration and reunion.

their names again...the word basket- the fireworks display. ball came to mind?!

daughter Jessica of Austin have been Hubbard near Breckenridge. This has visiting Judith's parents, Robert become a tradition. Wesley and Norma Smith. Judith's

Society seeks to form chapter in Panhandle

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is seeking to form a chapter in the Texas Panhandle for the purpose of promoting a better appreciation of their history and the preservation of their culture.

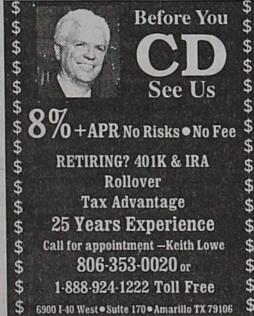
organization is in Shattuck, Okla. Those interested in more information contact Elaine McDowell, Rt. 8, Box 1336, Amarillo 79118, or phone her at 622-1433, or e-mail her at elainej@arn.net; or they may contact Charles and Connie Kelln at 3808 Hancock, Amarillo 79109, phone 352-4453, or e-mail CMLK41 @aol.com.

The society was founded in 1968 as an international non-profit educational organization. Chapters were formed for members and non-members to meet and exchange geneaological information and preserve their heritage.

According to information from the society, the greatest migration of Germans from Russia began under the auspices of Catherine the Great in the 1760s, v hen Catherine invited western Europeans to settle in the sparsely populated steppe lands along the Volga River. A second wave of German immigration, this time to the southern reaches of the Ukraine, began in the 19th century. A third wave of immigration to the east introduced German colonists to the area of Poland and Ukraine known as Volhynia.

The society said that the German colonists flourished in the rich steppe land of Russia, but mounting nationalism and social unrest in Russia forced the German colonists to seek vistas to the West, and in the late 1800s and early 1900s many came to America.

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Kylie Webb, daughter of Gary and husband, Rick, was in Boston visit- too much and sat on the deck and ing with his mother who is very ill. The Smiths' son, John, his wife Kelli and their children Kynzee, Courtney lican Organization for Women to and Grayson of Amarillo drove to Dimmitt for a family gathering while Judith and Jessica were here.

> John is head boys' basketball coach for the Amarillo High School

> Joyce Autry of Rocky Ford, Colo. came to keep her mother, Irene Carpenter, company for a few days. Irene is residing at the Hereford Care Center temporarily for therapy. Joyce was also visiting her sister Floyce George and family. She was staying in Hereford with Debbie Wade who is Joyce's niece and a former Dimmitt girl.

> My question for the week has been: "Do you have a Fourth of July tradition in your family?" Mark Birkenfeld, summer intern at the Castro County News office, said that he and his family traditionally spend the fourth at the home of his grandparents, James and Irene Wilhelm. They have barbecue and homegrown watermelon and shoot fireworks as soon as it gets dark.

The Troy Kirbys are usually at Louise Kemp and her son, Carl Eagle Nest, N.M., enjoying cool weather with their children, Keri and Atlanta, Ga., to attend the graduation Gaylene Jack of Friona. Their grandof Louise's granddaughter, Jincie children, Kelly Jack and his wife Ward. Jincie graduated high school Teresa, and Holly Jack, all of Lubbock, went with them this year. Hope

Back in the early '80's the people games for the children, and a picnic Ginger hosted an after-graduation on the vacant lot. One year we even affair for Jincie. This was a very had some skits presented by the special time for Louise and her fam- young people. After all of the other ily. The three Kemp children are all events, Bruce Bryant, under his graduates of Dimmitt and as I heard dad's supervision, was in charge of

The Percy Parsons have hosted a Judith Smith Polansky and her group of us at the "Hull" on Lake

> The "Hull" was located on the very site that would become Hubbard Lake. In 1963 the house was moved in to higher ground to make way for the lake. It sat there for 30 years and as a result became what Percy and Margaret called the "Hull".

While tearing out old linoleum, Percy uncovered a 1932 edition of the Texas Baptist Standard and a 1932 edition of the Breckenridge American newspaper. In 1993, the Parsons completed a major restora-The closest existing chapter of the tion project. Now they have a lovely vacation home.

This year Deanne Clark, Elva or in joining the organization may Forrester of Lubbock, Florene Knight of Sayre, Okla., the George Sideses and V.C. Hopsons spent our sixth Fourth of July there with Percy and Margaret.

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watched fireworks all around the lake that night.

The home of Dorothy Nutt was the setting for a lovely shower for Jo Hyman Settle and soon-to-arrive baby girl. Everyone was "thinking pink" and excitement prevailed. Martha Jo's daughter, Leigh Durbin, has two little girls, Aubrey, 21/2, and Riley, 4 months. Aren't they going to have a good time?

Baby showers and grandmas bring forth another flashback . . . In the December 1968 edition of "Sheffy's Chatter" Myrtle wrote, "Shower for Granny Kicks Off Week's Party' (headline).

"One of the jolliest parties I have been to lately was the shower for Peggy Webb in the home of Vaudine Giles. Juanita Bruegel answered the door wearing a long "granny" dress and carrying a walking cane with a pink ribbon on it. Really the gifts were for the baby coming soon to Peggy's daughter, Kristi Webb Weston.

"The hostesses presented 'Granny' Webb a baby bed filled with gifts. This was a come and stay party. Assisting Vaudine with the hostess duties were Juanita Bruegel, Sue Miller, Marian Lee, Courtney Armstrong, Neva Hickey and Debbie Giles."

One way to beat this summer heat wave is to take a cruise to Alaska. That's what Pauline Hoyler, her daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Tommy Portwood, and Pauline's son, Stanley Harris and his girlfriend, Donna Wellman of Idalou did. They spent seven cool days touring Juneau, Skagway, Sitka and a few glaciers along the way. All had a wonderful time and Tommy even caught a 37 pound King Salmon!

Washington for a few days where the weather was sunny and warm. Everyone told them this wasn't the real

Page one of the July 4, 1968 edition of the Castro County News pictured Larissa Pickens, 31/2-year-old daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Jim Pickens, and Russell Birdwell, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Birdwell. Russell was pretending to light a fake giant fire cracker and Larissa had her hands over her ears.

Police Chief W.W. Jones reminded us that, "This scene is just for 'play," not for real. There is a city ordinance against air guns and fireworks in the Dimmitt city limits."

The "Sheffy's Chatter" headline for that week, July 4, 1968 was: "Dimmitt Adjourned to Ruidoso." Then Myrtle listed the Dimmitt people who went to Ruidoso for the Fourth of July holiday.

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HOT DOG! A good turn-out finished off all of the hotdogs prepared by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce for the July Jubilee festivities in Dimmitt Monday. Standing in line for thefavorite food of the Fourth are (left, from front) Katie Murdock, 6, of

Clovis, N.M., and Allyson Smith, 8, of Amarillo, granddaughters of Wanda and Bob Murdock of Dimmitt. Serving the food are staff members of the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Entries being acepted for Top O'Texas Rodeo

Entries are now being accepted for the Top O' Texas Rodeo, which will be held July 9-15 in Pampa. Forms are available at the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard in Pampa.

The rodeo kicks off with the Kid Pony Show on July 9-11. Performances will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, and at 7 p.m. on Monday and

The 54th Annual Top O' Texas

They also stopped in Seattle, Cheerleading camp is set in Nazareth

The Nazareth High School Cheerleaders will host a "Little Girls Cheerleading Camp" on Monday through Wednesday (July 10-13), from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

All girls who will be in kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to participate. The registration fee is \$15 per girl or \$25 for two.

Please contact Marsha Black at 945-2321 or Tara Kleman at 945-2570 to enroll your little cheerleader or for more details.

Rodeo performances will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 13-15 at 7:30 p.m.

Events include mutton busting, double mugging and bullfighting along with many other exciting con-

Each night will feature a special event along with the rodeo perfor-

A barbecue will be held starting at night. 5:30 p.m. Thursday in conjunction with the Celebrity Pick-Up Race, which pairs a cowboy and a "city slicker" for lots of entertainment.

Friday is family night, and beginning at 4 p.m. a Queen pageant will be held in the arena. Beautiful young ladies will be displaying their talents during this event.

Saturday features the rodeo parade, which begins at 10 a.m.

Bands will be performing every night at the rodeo, and there will be a dance following the rodeo each

Tickets and entry forms are available at the rodeo office in Pampa at 669-0434 or P.O. Box 659, Pampa

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Hart Centennial Pavilion Committee plans auction

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Organizers working to fund construction of the new Centennial Pavilion in Hart are planning a fundraising auction on July 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Pavilion.

Construction on the Pavilion is almost complete, but funds are still needed to complete landscaping and other projects planned in conjunction with the centennial project.

"Anything you would like to donate will be appreciated, such as new or used furniture, tools, antiques, appliances, art works, craft items, gift certificates, sports equipment, exercise equipment, bicycles, lawn and garden tools, household items, etc.," said Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain. "We'll accept anything in

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working order you are tired of looking at, except used clothing."

All items donated should be delivered to Hart City Hall or to Ed Harris Lumber Co. by July 10 so they can be included in advertising for the auction. If you would like to donate an item but cannot deliver it, call 938-2171 and arrangements can be made to have the items picked up, McLain said.

On July 22, the auction will begin at 9 a.m. and volunteers are needed to help with the event. Food and drink will be available throughout the auction.

For more information, call 938-

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Laura Griffin and Chad Killingsworth

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The Village Shop



Charlotte Lones and Robert Schacher

Couple to exchange vows

Charlotte Lones, daughter of Clara Carroll of Tulia and the late A. L. Carroll, and Robert (Bob) Schacher, son of the late Florence and Lucille Schacher, plan to exchange vows at 3 p.m. August 5 at the First Assembly of God Church in Tulia.

The bride-elect is currently employed at the Hale County State Bank in Plainview.

The prospective groom is employed by Tim Wilhelm. The couple plans to reside in Tulia after the wedding.

WIC vouchers may be redeemed now

The local Women, Infants and Children organization recently announced the times and locations to redeem the Farmer's Market Vouchers being issued.

In Plainview, the vouchers may be redeemed at the Wal-Mart parking lot, at the intersection of Highway 70 and I-27, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. until soldout.

Hereford is redeeming vouchers at

111 W. Park Avenue on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. until soldout.

Amarillo exchanges vouchers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. until soldout at the intersection of 8th and Adams Streets.

Lubbock will be cashing vouchers at two locations from 7 a.m. until soldout on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The locations are 105th Slide Road and 802 Avenue B.

Host of activities planned during Hart Days celebration

Hart Days will be a special celebration this year since Hart is 100 years old. Many activities are already on tap for the annual event.

Hart Days Committee persons need your help in making this an event to remember. Those with ideas should contact Aaron Lee, this year's coordinator, at 938-2267. If he is unavailable, contact Marguerite McLain (938-2210), Aurelia Perez (938-2111) or Neoma Williams (938-2275).

The big week will begin on July 24 when the downtown businesses turn on their "Christmas" lights. On the next night, a Centennial Miss Hart will be crowned. On Friday evening, July 28, there will be a meal at the school cafeteria under the direction of Noah's Ark, Darla Davis and Julie McLain. A homemade ice cream contest will be held in conjunction with the meal.

Following the meal, a variety show is being planned. The show is tentatively set to be held at the Centennial Pavilion.

On Saturday, July 29, the parade will begin at 10 a.m. The theme is "Travel through the Century." The Hart Lions Club is in charge of the parade, with Martin Earley serving as the chairperson. He can be contacted at the school at 938-2143.

The parade will feature the HHS Band, antique cars and a covered wagon with its team of horses.

The Good Neighbor Club will hold its annual Hospitality Room and Bake Sale at the Hart City Hall that morning. Also, the Zealot Club will be selling homemade ice cream



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL It's a boy for Delfina Marie Martinez

and Javier Moran Gutierrez of Dimmitt. Jaime Enrique Moran was born June 23 at 11:57 a.m., weighing 6 pounds and 2 ounces and measuring 181/2 inches long. Grandparents are Jose Manuel and Yolanda Moran, and Juan and Maria Martinez, all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Petra Martinez, Sofia Benavidez, and Teodoro Gutierrez.

Shot clinic will be held

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct immunization clinics today (Thursday) from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinics will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay

while the Lions Club will be selling its famous Lionsburgers.

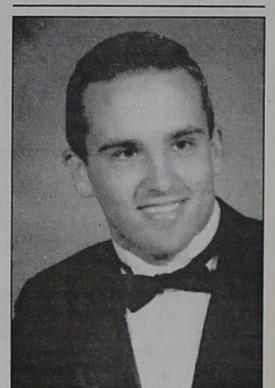
There will be a special all-school reunion held in conjunction with Hart Days.

According to Marguerite McLain, coordinator of the reunion, a meal will be served at the Hart School Cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a program following the meal from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the elementary gym.

At the Centennial Pavilion, the Pentecostal Church will be providing a youth program, tentatively scheduled from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will likely be other activities taking place, but details are not yet avail-

The Millenial Singers will entertain at the Pavilion from 3:30 to 4 p.m., and then the dedication of the Centennial Pavilion will take place at

Bill Sava of Dimmitt will entertain from 7 to 8 p.m, followed by a performance of Mariachi music from 8 to 9 p.m.. A dance will conclude the event from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.



Jason Hargrove

Hargrove is inducted

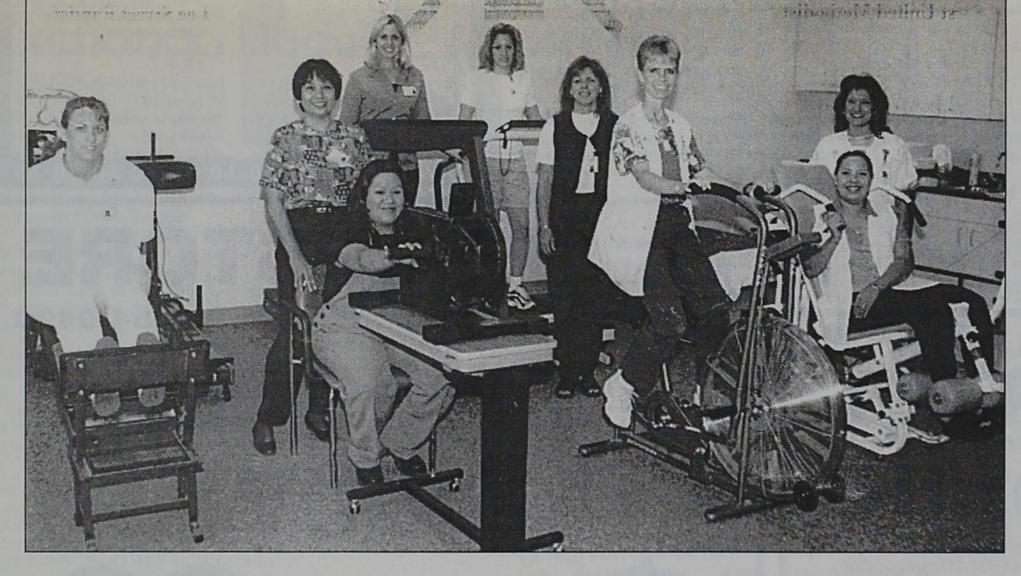
Jason Hargrove of Dimmitt has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Texas Tech University.

The NSCS is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically, according to information from the organization.

Hargrove is the son of Randy and Jan Hargrove of Dimmitt, and is a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students like Jason to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Loflin, NSCS Executive Director. "Jason also will have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."

The society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform



We're Open — Come See Us!

On Monday, we opened the Castro County Hospital District's big new Rehabilitation Center. And are we proud of it!

It's located at the west end of the Medical Center of Dimmitt, and is dedicated to providing a wide range of professional rehabilitation therapy to the people of Castro and surrounding counties.

The new center combines three therapy departments and staffs that formerly were located at Plains Memorial Hospital:

Physical Therapy

Crystal Backus, P.T.; Traci Robb, P.T.; Anna Lisa Castaneda, P.T. assistant; Marie Rivera, P.T. assistant; and Jane Eby, P.T. aide.

Rehabilitation

Center

The

Occupational Therapy

Renee Marie, O.T.R.; Karen Taylor, C.O.T.A.; and Maggie Dozal, O.T. aide.

Speech Therapy

Holly Davis, M.S., C.F.-S.L.P.

The Director of Therapy Services is Nimfa Martin, M.H.A., P.T., O.C.S. Lorena Fuentes is the center's secretary.

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Cherie Norman

Dimmitt girls attend Bluebonnet Girls State

Two Dimmitt girls were selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State program held June 13-22 in Seguin at Texas Lutheran University.

Cherie Norman and Kylie Webb both were elected to office during the activities at the citizenship training program. Norman was elected mayor of City F and Webb was named municipal court judge for City L, as well as being elected a state senator.

Norman is the daughter of Pam Norman and Webb is the daughter of Gary and Rhenea Webb.

The two were able to attend the program through the sponsorship of the Castro County chapter of the Republican Organization for Women, the Dimmitt Lions Club and Cenci Hardee.

Girls State was organized as a National Americanism activity in 1937 by the American Legion Auxiliary. Non-partisan and non-political, the purpose of the program is to provide citizenship training for girls of high school age, afford them an opportunity to live together as a selfgoverning group and to inform them of the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities they will assume when they become adults. The participants learn the problems of government by simulating the duties of city, county and state officials.

Each year citizens are selected at annual program.

The annual barbecue, auction and

quilt/stitchery show sponsored by

King's Manor Nursing Home in

Hereford will be held in the Lamar

room of the Manor on July 8th at

As usual, there will be plenty of

barbecue brisket prepared by John

Bunch, Mark Hicks and the United

Methodist Men's group. Along with

this, potato salad, cole slaw, beans,

Entertainment will be provided by

Mr. Larry Noland will begin the

auction at 7 p.m. in the Lamar

Room. Please bring your donations

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The quilt show has been expanded

this year to include stitchery items.

All area stitchers are encouraged to

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King's Manor schedules

its annual barbecure

local levels from students who have just completed their junior year in high school. The selection is based principally on character, leadership and scholarship.

The 2000 session had 530 girls in attendance, making a total of more than 25,000 Texas girls who have participated in the program during its 56 years of sessions (none were held during World War II). Starting as an experimental conference of 94 girls held at Baylor University in 1941, the program has become the largest single extracurricular educational program for high school girls in

The elected state officials of Bluebonnet Girls State received their oath of office on June 19 in the Capitol House of Representatives. Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Carole Keeton Rylander gave the inaugural address and the Hon. Bea Ann Smith, Justice, Third Supreme Judicial Dist. Court of Appeals, administered the oath of of-

Each year, a highlight of the session is the selection of two outstanding citizens who are sent to Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. There they will continue their study in responsibilities of the national govern-

An 80-member staff and volunteer counselors direct and lead the

charged for each entry. Items may be

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Melanie Book wins \$10,000 scholarship

Melanie Book of Nazareth was one of 70 Texas 4-H'ers who each recently received a four-year, \$10,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Book is the daughter of Chris and Becky Book of Nazareth.

Selected by the Texas 4-H Foundation, the scholarship recipients all demonstrated academic excellence and strong leadership skills throughout their high school and 4-H careers. To qualify, recipients of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 4-H scholarships must pursue a degree in agriculture or life sciences at a Texas college or university.

Book plans to attend Angelo State University and major in biology.

She has received several honors and was involved in many activities during high school, including the Texas 4-H Gold Star Award, Texas 4-H Silver Star Award, 4-H County Council President, Council Delegate for Consumer Decision Making Club, Entrepreneurship Camp Advisory Committee, projects in clothing and textiles, consumer education, food and nutrition, public speaking and health, FHA officer, UIL Liter-

'Follies' date set

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual "Follies" Aug. 12 and 13.

This year's theme is "Let's Go to the Movies." The show will feature standard motion picture scenes with a new twist.

Anyone wanting to help out or to enter an act in the show should call the Chamber at 647-2524.



Melanie Book

ary Criticism team captain, JV basketball captain, track team captain, golf team captain, National Honor Society, Student Peer Inclusion Program, Girl's State, Who's Who for Academics and Athletics and National English Merit Award.

Book's community involvement included a toy drive, Senior Citizen Center work, County Fair and July Jubilee work, volunteering at the Salvation Army and Castro County Museum, helping with the St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon and participation in a church youth organization choir.

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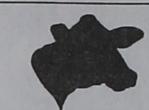
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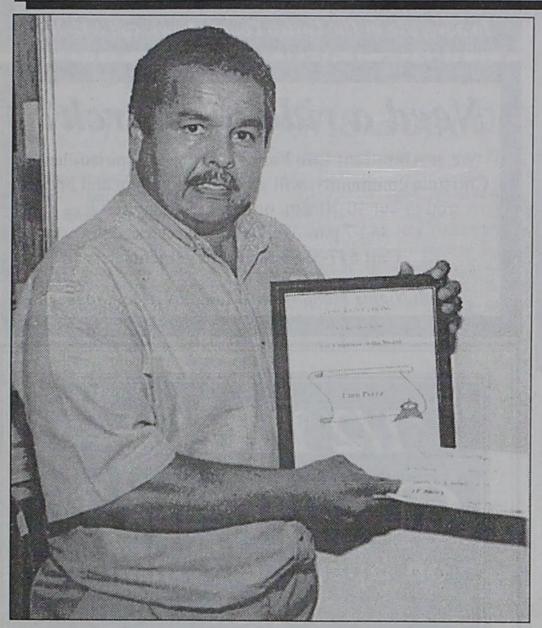
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LINO PEREZ of Dimmitt shows the award and gift certificates he received for being named Star Employee of the Month at his place of employment in Amarillo. A 1972 graduate of Dimmitt High School, Perez has been a night auditor for the Quality Inn & Suites on Lakeside in Amarillo for four years. The 12 employees working there vote on the recipient of the honor. Photo by Linda Maxwell

PCG Board to hold quarterly meeting

Board of Directors will hold its down of crop conditions across the quarterly meeting Wednesday (July region will also be conducted. 12) beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Interested cotton industry mem-Fifty Yard Line Restaurant, 2549 S. Loop 289, in Lubbock.

consideration of and adoption of a FY2000-2001 PCG Operating Budget, consideration of recommendations for changes to the formulation of the PCG Executive Committee, election of a 2000-2001 Nominating Committee, updates on current issues including cottonseed assistance, boll weevil eradication, crop insur-

The Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. ance reform and re-rating. A run-

bers are encouraged to attend. Additional information can be Scheduled agenda items include obtained prior to the meeting by calling the PCG office at 806-792-

> Lord, give me strength to resist temptation, but not just yet.

Most of us believe everyone should work...especially those who have jobs.

Beef-a-Thon raises \$53,000

The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society raised an estimated \$53,000 with their 30th annual MS BEEF-a-THON held June 25.

Three Castro County beef producers participated in donating beef for the 51/2-hour televised auction, including Cluck Feedyard, Bar G Feedyard and Rafter 3 Feedyard, Inc.

"It went very well," said Jamie Cornelius, director of development for the Panhandle MS Chapter. "Judging by our preliminary estimates, this was our most successful Beef-a-Thon ever."

Cornelius said that 200-plus merchants donated beef and other items for the event, and buyers responded from all across the Panhandle.

The auction is unique in that it targets the beef industry, and the Panhandle chapter is the only chapter in the nation to hold an event of this

The beef is sold both in customcut quarters and ground beef pack-

The Panhandle Chapter of the National MS Society serves the 29 counties of the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles and four counties in New Mexico by providing a variety of services to help clients live their lives to the fullest. A portion of the funds raised by the chapter goes toward research efforts into the cause, cure and treatment of MS.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. The symptoms may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe, including paralysis or loss of vision.

Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can be lifelong. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected.

TWC awards available

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is granting awards to eligible child care workers as part of the Train Our Teachers program.

The \$1,000 awards will be given to approximately 1,000 child care workers enrolling in fall sessions. Recipients must be working toward national certification as a Child Development Associate or Child Care Professional, or seeking a Level One hood education from an institution of higher education.

'Train Our Teachers is valuable to both child care professionals and the young children they serve," TWC Chair Diane Rath said. "This award not only enhances the skills of child care staff, it also enables youngsters to thrive and grow under the tutelage of highly trained teachers."

Applicants must have a high

school diploma or a GED and must currently be employed in a child care facility that is licensed by or registered with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) or that is alternatively accredited by an accrediting entity approved by TDPRS. Applicants also must obtain one of the aforementioned credentials, and, immediately after completion of award-subtive months in a facility that is licensed by or registered with TDPRS or that is alternatively accredited.

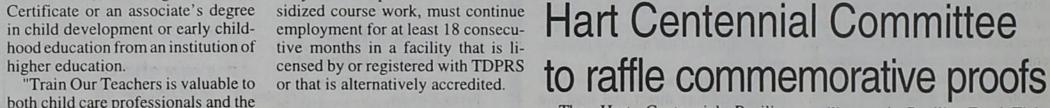
2000 fall sessions are available on (www.twc.state.tx.us) under Education/Training Opportunities. They also are available at Texas Workforce Centers and community colleges with approved programs. Completed applications and supporting documents must be mailed to the TWC address on the application and postmarked by July 31. Applications postmarked after that date will not be cate of authenticity and a registration considered.

Prospective applicants may call

You might think that a man who Reed grew up in Greensboro, Ga., and first came to the Southwest when lived in a Colorado ski resort would not want to trade it for a job in the he was stationed at Alamogordo with flat country. Not Lee Reed, new manager of the ALCO Discount Store in Dimmitt. 1969-70. He lived at Frazier, Colo., northwest of Denver, and commented, "I was glad to get away from the cold weather. We had snow there up to and was the assistant manager of the two weeks ago." Reed succeeds Al Campbell as store in Frazier before taking the

the Air Force more than 30 years ago. He served a year in Vietnam in A veteran of almost 30 years in retail, including store management, Reed joined ALCO 15 months ago

Dimmitt assignment. Reed, who is single, is a Baptist and enjoys reading and music.



Lee Reed

New manager named

for ALCO Store here

Applications and guidelines for the Committee is selling chances for two giant quarter-pound golden proof the TWC web site coins minted in the year 2000 and a pair of \$100 Franklin quarter-pound silver proofs, which will be given away during this year's Hart Days celebration.

manager of the local ALCO Store.

Campbell has transferred to Iraan,

about 250 miles south of here.

The coins and proofs were minted by the Washington Mint and were donated to the Centennial Committee by Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain.

Each is accompanied by a certifinumber.

Chances are being sold for \$5 each 512-936-3137 for more information. and proceeds from the fundraiser

The Hart Centennial Pavilion will go to the Pavilion Fund. Tickets may be purchased at Hart City Hall, The Company Store, and J.J.'s, all in Hart; or from any member of the

> Pavilion Committee. The \$100 Franklin quarter-pound silver proof features Ben Franklin and is an expert adaption of the \$100 Franklin Federal Reserve note that was first introduced in 1996. It features the same portrait of Ben Franklin that has appeared on \$100 Federal Reserve notes since 1928, but is larger and shifted to the left-center. The reverse shows Independence Hall in Franklin's home town of Philadelphia. The proof is the size of the original Reserve note, but is much thicker and heavier. It contains a quarter-pound of .999 pure silver bullion.

The giant quarter-pound golden proof contains a quarter-pound of .999 pure silver layered with genuine 24-karat gold. The coin is an exquisite adaption of the new US dollar coin-the first dollar coin in a generation, and the first-ever gold-colored coil. It features a portrait of Sacagawea, the Native American guide who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their first exploration to the Pacific Ocean nearly 200 years ago.





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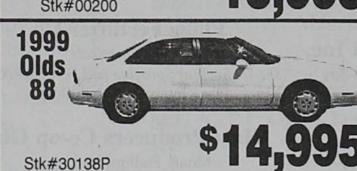


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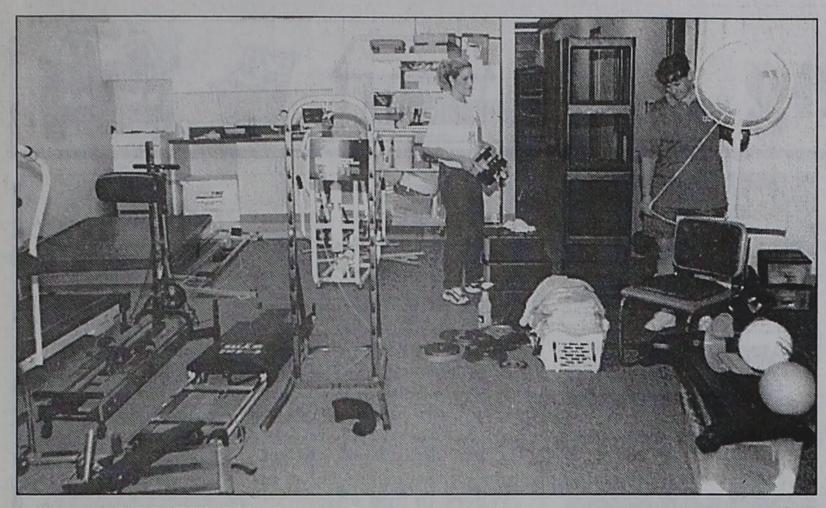
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WHERE SHOULD THIS GO?—Secretary Lorena Fuentes (left) and physical therapy aide Jane Eby discuss where to place various fixtures and appliances during the Castro County Hospital District's move into its new Rehabilitation Center Friday. The cen-

ter—which incorporates the physical, occupational and speech therapy departments formerly quartered at Plains Memorial Hospital—opened Monday in the newly remodeled facility in the west end of the Medical Center of Dimmitt. Photo by Don Nelson

Texas Utility Commission approves SPS fuel expense

The Public Utility Commission of Texas ruled June 29 that the more than \$1.2 billion Southwestern Public Service Co. spent in 1995-1997 to fuel its power plants and to buy electric power from other suppliers for resale was prudently spent on "reasonable and necessary expenses."

The PUC periodically scrutinizes all power plant fuel and purchasedpower costs that Texas investorowned utilities pass through to customers. It requires that all expenses be reasonable and necessary.

The commission's decision also refuted allegations by a former SPS customer and some Austin-based activists that SPS had mismanaged its fuel supply contracts. The interveners had argued that some fraudulent charges by SPS contractors "may have" been passed through to customers. The commission concluded, "Southwestern's gas and coal contracts have been properly administered," and determined, "there is no indication that the business practices of Southwestern's fuel contractors were fraudulent."

SPS noted during the fuel-cost hearings, "SPS customers have enjoyed a trend of decreasing rates for 16 years; our rates [in 1999] will be approximately 25% lower than they were 16 years ago. Meanwhile, by

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

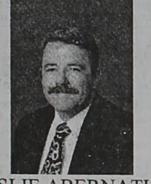
The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

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contrast, overall consumer prices of electric service a month is the have increased by 68%. The lowest charged by any investorowned utility in Texas. SPS's rates from SPS has declined 55% since are among the lowest in the South-

SPS is a regional electric utility that serves about 1 million people in The PUC's most recent report on the South Plains and Panhandle of residences using 500 kilowatt-hours and southwestern Kansas.

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Confirm 2F, manufactured by Rohm & Haas Company, may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered product label, as well as restrictions within the exemption notice. Use was authorized to begin last Friday and will remain in effect until EPA grants the FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Specific Exemption that TDA will submit.

Other restrictions include: be certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators.

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Castro County Extension office at Applications will be made only 647-4115 or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the approval notice is \$15,962,818. That is in comparison located on the TDA web site at www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/confir m2000.htm.

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Cotton Prospects

Whoever said you could never have too much of a good thing obviously never tried to grow cotton in West Texas, where too much can often create as many problems as not enough.

In West Texas, where planted acres and harvested acres often bear little resemblance to each other, things can change virtually overnight.

This year has been no exception as a dry, hot May yielded to an unusually cool, wet June and changed the outlook for the area significantly.

Growers, while more than thankful for a record setting month that saw the all-time June rainfall record at Lubbock eclipsed, are probably beginning to feel that you can get too much. Lubbock has recorded more than 8.25 inches of rain since June 1.

A less than scientific analysis of heat unit accumulation for the month indicates cool, cloudy weather has dropped heat unit accumulation about 20 percent below the longterm average. This could be interpreted to equal as many as five days worth of growth that have been lost during the month.

Should this continue much longer, the crop could begin to exhibit signs of disease or other ailments that reduce yield potential.

On the other side of the coin is the fact that a return to normal daytime temperatures in July will probably allow the crop to make up the lost heat units and continue to develop without significant moisture stress for several weeks.

An extended period of hot, dry weather would likely mean another round of rain in late July or early August will be needed to keep the crop in good condition.

State sales and use tax numbers down

The amount of state sales and use tax collected in Castro County for the fourth quarter of 1999 is down for all industries and especially in the retail trade division, when comparing the numbers with those in the fourth quarter of 1998.

In the fourth quarter of 1999, Castro County's 264 reporting outlets showed gross sales of Applications should not be \$30,042,286, a decline of 17.1% made to field areas that are less from the same period in 1998, when there were 290 reporting outlets with gross sales of \$36,238,873.

In the retail trade division, gross For more information, contact the sales were down 20.9% in the fourth quarter of 1999, when only 147 outlets reported gross sales of with the 158 outlets that reported \$20,181,706 in gross sales for the fourth quarter of 1998.

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service's June 1 estimate of 2000 plantings indicates the Texas High Plains will plant some 3.89 million acres of cotton, at least initially. It is still anybody's guess as to how many acres will make it through to harvest.

The TASS figure matches closely the results of an informal survey taken from the membership of the Farmers Cooperative Compress a couple of weeks ago that indicated 3.96 million acres were intended for cotton this year.

Statewide the TASS estimate indicates Texas will plant 6.3 million acres of cotton in 2000 compared with 6.15 million in 1999 and 5.65 million acres in 1998.

Futures Seminar A free seminar designed to show

how to use cottonseed futures and options contracts has been scheduled for Lubbock on August 1.

The half-day seminar will begin at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3201 S. Loop 289, in Lubbock and

conclude at 12:30 p.m.

The purpose of the seminar is to demonstrate how newly available cottonseed futures and options contracts can aid in the task of price discovery and risk management for all segments of the cotton industry.

Scheduled discussion topics include an Introduction to Cottonseed Futures, Hedging examples, an Explanation of the Futures Delivery System and an Introduction to Options. All seminars will conclude with a Q&A session.

The seminar is being co-sponsored by the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, the National Cotton Council and Cotton Incorporated.

Similar seminars will also be held in Memphis, Tennessee, July 11; Cordele, Georgia, July 12 and Fresno, California, July 26. All of the seminars are free although preregistration is required.

Anyone interested in attending the Lubbock seminar, or any of the other locations, should contact Jesse at the Minneapolis Grain Exchange by calling 612-321-7124.





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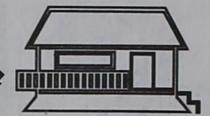
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We the family of Joan Harbison would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and everyone that brought food, sent flowers, maybe just gave us a hug and said a kind word, maybe you were here just for support or maybe you said prayers for us. A special thank you to Dr. Joplin, Dr. McGrorey and the nurses at Plains Memorial Hospital. We greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness during our mother's and sister's illness and passing.

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE Castro County Commissioners are now

taking proposals for renovation of Castro County Annex. Proposals will be taken from June 30, 2000, to July 14, 2000, at 5 p.m. Information may be obtained at the Castro County Judge's Office. Castro County reserves the right to

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25—Legal Notices

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING **CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF** R. V. BILLS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of R. V. BILLS, Deceased, were issued to RICH-ARD BILLS and LARRY BILLS on the 6th day of April, 2000 in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and they now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, to the following addresses: Mr. Richard Bills, P. O. Box 69, Lazbuddie, Texas 79053; Mr. Larry Bills, LaQuinta Inn, 7134 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78238.

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Futures seminar planned for Aug. 1

Cotton ginners, oil millers, producers and dairy operators interested in learning about cottonseed futures and options can attend a half-day educational seminar this summer.

The seminar is open to the public and free of charge. It is set for Aug. 1 at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3201 Loop 289 South, Lubbock. It begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 12:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Minneapolis Grain Exchange (MGE), Cotton Incorporated and the National Cotton Council, the seminar will include topics such as introduction to cottonseed futures, hedging examples, the futures delivery systesm and introduction to options. A question and answer time also will be available.

Teri Huffaker, vice president of marketing for MGE, said the debut of cottonseed futures and options at the MGE on May 11 made it the first cottonseed contract on any exchange.

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I'm a blonde." Sheesh!

I'm not making this one up, either: My wife was served a hamburger in a drive-in recently that had no onions, no pickles-and no meat

It's getting scarier and scarier. Dangerous, even.

Since I've been recuperating and haven't been allowed to do any mowing or lifting lately (I'm riding this horse as long as I can), I can offer you two quickie movie reviews.

(The reviews are quickies. As for the movies, don't plan anything the rest of the day and don't drink anything for three hours before show time.)

Quickie Review No. 1:

The Patriot, starring Mel Gibson. Also being referred to as Braveheart Goes West and Lethal Weapon: The Early Years.

hours and 44 minutes of almost nonstop violence, including adults killing women and children, and children killing adults. If you want to

know where some of our kids get desensitized to killing, this movie can show you.

All the panoramic battle scenes are straight out of a computer, including the soldiers. Major savings on extras and uniforms.

Mel Gibson, one of my favorite actors, again does a superb job as a reluctant hero in the Revolutionary

And because of Mel, our guys win.

Quickie Review No. 2:

The Perfect Storm, starring George Clooney and a computerized ocean. Running time: two hours.

True story. Tragic story. Rated R because of the language, which is really foul.

Since the 17th Century, more than 10,000 men from Gloucester, Mass., have been lost at sea. That ought to be enough right there to make you a fry cook instead of a fisherman.

But no. The swordboat Andrea Rated R for good reason: two Gail comes in with a short haul of fish late in the season, and Capt. Clooney decides to make one more run, despite a hurricane threat.

Bad decision.

After a few days of onshore drinking, smoking and sex—but without any shaves, haircuts, baths or changes of clothes—our smelly crew heads back out to catch enough swordfish to pay for Christmas, and ends up at a point in the North Atlantic where a hurricane converges with two other storm systems, creating a storm than which there is no

The storm itself (here we go again) is straight out of a computer, and it's a doozy.

This is such a well-made movie that it will grab you and wear you

It will also leave you wondering why the people of Gloucester pronounce it "Glawster."

The coldest permanently inhabited place

in the world is the Siberian village of

Oymyakon (pop. 4,000), where tempera-

tures reached -90 degrees Fahrenheit in Anybody can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine

nature to sympathize with a friend's suc-

-Oscar Wilde



CANDIDATE VISIT—Curtis Clinesmith (center) of Denton visits with local citizens at a meeting in Dimmitt Monday morning at the offices of the Texas

Corn Growers' Assoc. Also attending were Greg Odom (left), Castro County Democratic Chairman, and Wayne Collins (right) with KDHN Radio.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Clinesmith challenger for US Rep. of Dist. 13

Curtis Clinesmith of Denton, a has been paying more on emergency of US Representative of Dist. 13, visited with local voters in a cammorning.

Clinesmith hopes to unseat incumbent Mac Thornberry, a Republican from Clarendon.

Clinesmith told the small group who gathered at the office of the Texas Corn Growers' Association that he was born in Post and raised in

He said he plans to remedy the complaints people have told him about Thornberry.

"He doesn't listen," Clinesmith said of his opponent. He also said constituents have complained about Thornberry's lack of accessibility.

Clinesmith said Thornberry has advanced his own personal agenda, instead of what the people of the 13th Congressional District want. He said that Thornberry's voting record has shown him to be 100% against the farmer, lining up with urban interests, rather than rural.

Clinesmith said the rest of the state has had a good economy, except in the 13th District.

"The economy is not in good shape and Mac hasn't done a thing," he said. "It looks like safety nets are the way to go (for farmers)."

Clinesmith said the government

Democratic candidate for the office pay-outs than what it would cost to Greg Odom. give a fair loan support price.

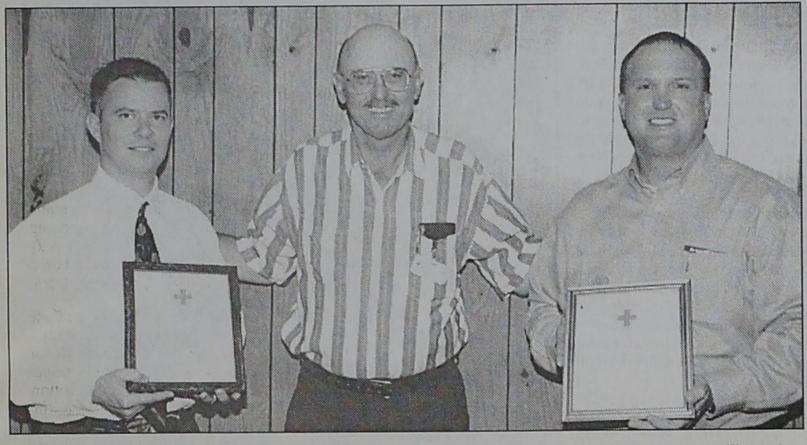
Clinesmith told the group that he paign stop in Dimmitt Monday is against the China trade bill, saying that it won't help farmers, yet Thornberry voted in favor of it.

> "Mac doesn't have to be your congressman," Clinesmith said. "I am willing to listen."

"That's all we can ask," said Cas-

tro County Democratic Chairman

TCGA President Carl King spoke with Clinesmith about other agricultural concerns, as did Oscar Wylie, and Don Newman, both former County Democratic Chairmen. Others attending included Jeff Robertson, Colleen Newman, and Larry Gonzales.

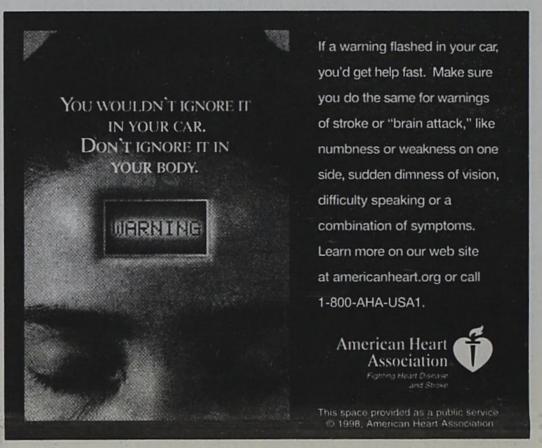


RED CROSS HELPERS-Charles Axtell (center), vice-chairman of the Tri-Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross, presents certificates of appreciation to officers of two Dimmitt banks that included Red Cross membership brochures and application

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forms in their recent bank-statement mailings. Accepting are Chaun Gunstream (left) of the First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, and Mike Bain of the First United Bank. Photo by Don Nelson





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Obituaries

Francis M. Davis

Services for Castro County native Francis M. "Frank" Davis, 74, of Stockton, Calif., were held in the First Baptist Church at Stockton.

Stockton, Calif.

He was born in Castro County. He attended school in Arney, Blue Ridge, Happy and Canyon. During World War II, he served with the Army in the Pacific Theater. He had farmed in Randall County and later owned and operated a backhoe service in Las Vegas and Stockton.

He married Una Bauer in 1945 at Amarillo. He married Charlotte Murdock in 1960 at Las Vegas. He was preceded in death by a son, Bill, in 1979.

Survivors include his wife; five daughters, Donna Key, Lynette Quigley, Edith Past and Alice Stubler, all of Las Vegas, and Kathryn Grabowski of Shippensburg, Penn.; two sons, Bruce and Matt, both of Stockton; three brothers, Wayne of Pocatello, Idaho, Donald of Amarillo and Gwen of Bullhead City, Ariz.; a sister, Laura Herber of Escondido, Calif.; four step-children, Sharlene Kutch, Laurie Brown, Valerie and Mark; grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home, 11461 S. Western St., Amarillo, TX 79118.

Ronald Haggard

Services for Ronald W. Haggard, 54, of Lubbock, the father of a Dimmitt woman, were held Monday at Sanders Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Don Enger, Will Baker and Kay Don Habbinga officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Haggard died on June 30 in Ross Myatt and Klay Clearman. the August House Care Center.

He was born on August 12, 1945, in Lubbock and graduated from New Deal High School. He attended Texas Tech and served in the US Army National Guard. He worked for Walker Lumber Company, Jarvis Metals and TNM&O Coach Lines.

He was a fireman for the Lake Ransom Volunteer Fire Department. He attended Trinity Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Rhonda of Lubbock and Pati Hitt of Dimmitt; a son, Wesley of Lubbock; his mother, Fern Haggard of Lubbock; three brothers, Thurmon and Dennis both of Lubbock, Tommy of Modesta, Calif.; and a grandson.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock 79453

Joan Rita Harbison

Services for Joan Rita Harbison, 62, of Nazareth, were held Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church in of Dimmitt officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harbison died June 27 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

She was born on November 12, 1937, in Tulia. She grew up and lived most of her life in Nazareth. In 1956, she graduated from Nazareth High School, and she was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Survivors include a daughter, vid Underwood. Denise Brown of Happy; three sons, Kevin and David of Hereford and B. J. of Nazareth; three sisters, Mary Lou Birkenfeld of Nazareth and

Grace Chism and Veronica Brown, both of Amarillo; three brothers, Jerry Lange of Nazareth, Tom Lange of Hereford and Bill Lange of Gainsville; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Mr. Davis died June 27 in Birkenfeld, Dennis Birkenfeld, Wayne Birkenfeld, Mark Lange, Steven Lange, Calvin Lange, Eric Brown and Jared Brown. Honorary pallbearers were Dale Birkenfeld, Jason Lange, Kenneth Lange, Steven Harbison and Dustin Harbison.

Opal Nelson

Services for Opal Nelson, 89, of Dimmitt were held last Thursday at the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Chuck Ball, pastor, officiating and King Burney, pastor of College Church of Christ in Junction, and Ronnie Parker assisting. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral

Mrs. Plains Memorial Hospital in

Nelson on February 16, 1934 in Altus, Okla. He died November 26, 1997. She moved to Dimmitt from Guymon, Okla., in 1980. She lived in Abernathy from 1949 to 1970. She was a homemaker and a member of Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ and a former member of Anton Home Demonstration Club. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Kent in 1979.

Survivors include three sons, Dan and Corky, both of Dimmitt, and Jim of Lubbock; a daughter, Earlene Myatt of Dimmitt; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers included Steve Myatt, Layne Myatt, Robert Nelson, Gregg Park under the direction of Sanders Nelson, Michael Nelson, Barry Nelson, Eddie Griffis, Tyler Myatt,

> The family suggests memorials to Children's Home of Lubbock or a favorite charity.

Roy Dale Underwood

Funeral services for Roy Dale Underwood, 68, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Direc- 3121 or (806) 894-5319 after 6 p.m.

Mr. Underwood died June 28 in Covenant Medical Center in Lub-

He was born May 4, 1932, in Lorenzo and grew up in Springlake, graduating from Springlake High School. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a farmer, retiring in 1986. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

He was preceded in death by a Nazareth with Father Fern Couture granddaughter, Kami Denae Porsch. He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Willie Porsch of Dimmitt; a son, Roger Underwood of Dimmitt, and a son and daughterin-law, Danny and Debbie Underwood of Dimmitt; and five grand-

> Pallbearers were Jake Porsch, Bobby Brown, Lonnie Jim Perkins, Wayne Whitlow, Bob Kay, and Milton Bagwell. Honorary pallbearers were Landon Porsch, Dennis Underwood, Schuler Underwood, and Da-

> The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church, 110 SW Third, Dimmitt 79027.

Fred Elton Wall

Services for Fred Elton Wall, 85, of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill.

Mr. Wall died June 30 at his home. He was born August 14, 1914, in

Swink, Colo. He married Georgie Shwen on February 2, 1944, in Hereford.

He grew up in Durango, Colo. He was drafted into the Army in 1942. After serving in World War II, he returned to Texas and settled in Dimmitt. He farmed and ranched for 25 years. He retired in 1971. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

He was preceded in death by two sons, George Elton in July 1967 and John Dana in October 1980, four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife; two Nelson died June 27 at sons, George Gregory and John Eric, both of Dimmitt; a daughter, Haylei D'Nae of Farnsworth; two sisters, She was born May 18, 1911, in Mary Grommett of Bayfield, Colo., Coleman. She married Clarence and Betty Joe Stinson of Monta Vista, Calif.; and three grandchil-

Pallbearers were Fred Bruegel, Jr., James Horton, John Rodgers, Chris Cowen, George Wall and John Wall. Honorary pallbearers were Fred Kuntz, Sandy Parsons, Houston Lust and Bill Lee.

The family suggests memorials to the Dana Wall Memorial Scholarship Fund or a favorite charity.

Car show set Saturday in Levelland

Antique cars and some old classics are expected to be on display Saturday at the first Early Settlers' Car Show in Levelland.

The car show will be held on the South Plains College campus in Levelland and registration is \$25 the day of the show or \$20 in advance.

Those interested in exhibiting an antique or classic car in the show should contact the Levelland Area Chamber of Commerce at (806) 894-3157 or Paul Pinkert at (806) 894-

Registration will start at 7 a.m. on Saturday and the first 100 cars will be displayed inside the South Plains College Texan Dome. Additional entries will be placed on the west side lot of the Texan Dome. The public may view the cars from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Plaques will be awarded for the top three places in each of the 10 divisions. Trophies will be presented for "Best of Show," "Best Paint," "People's Choice," "Best Interior" and "Best Engine."



HOME-MADE ICE CREAM—Sue Summers (left) dishes up ice cream for customers at the July Jubilee as Ruben Oltivero takes a lick from his cup of cool

refreshment. The booth was sponsored by the Castro County Fair Committee to raise money for the county fair. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Deadline nears for Leadership Scholarship

The application deadline for the 2000 Leadership Scholarship Program, sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance, is July 11. The program will award ten \$500 scholarships to Catholic Life Insurance members who are full time students at private or public colleges or universities.

To be eligible for a Leadership Scholarship, students must be a Catholic Life Insurance member for at least one year prior to the application deadline and be attending a public or private college or university full-time. Scholarship selections will be based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities and community service. The recipients will be named in August.

Interested individuals may call the Catholic Life Communications Department at (210) 828-9921 for an application form. Application materials must be post-marked by July

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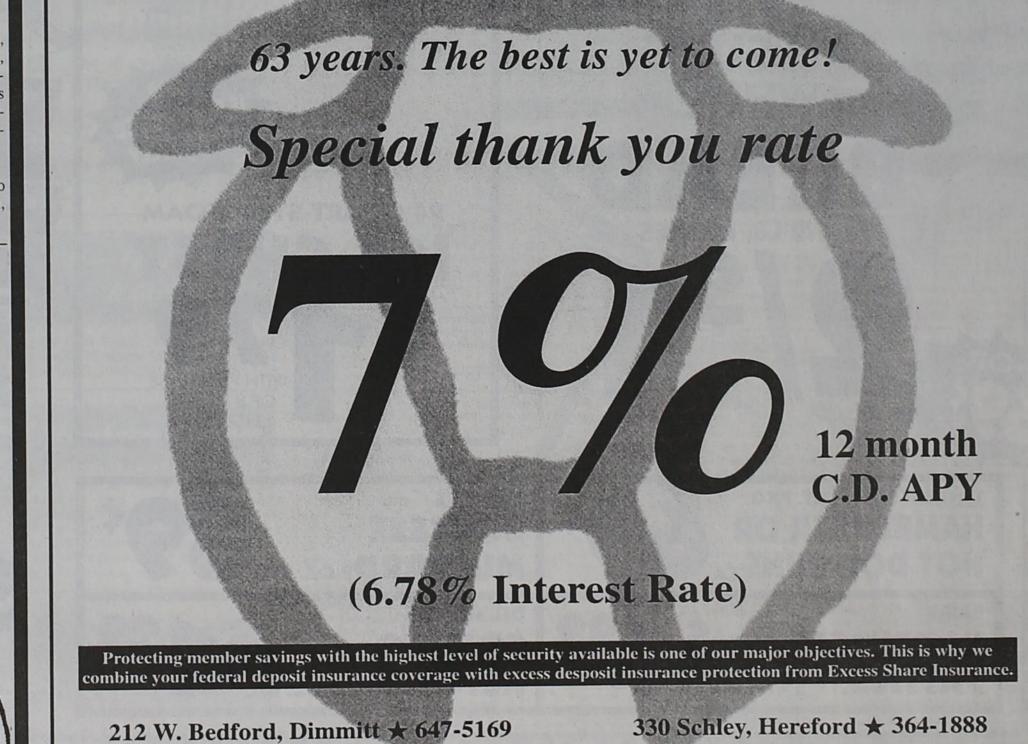
A good dairy cow can produce about 12,000 pounds of milk a year.



A COOL DRINK-Paige Gerber, 1, the daughter of Norman and Stacy Gerber of Nazareth, gets a sip from a soft drink during the July Jubilee in Dimmitt Monday at the gazebo. A good-sized crowd turned out to enjoy hot dogs, soft drinks, home-made ice cream, and games in celebration of our nation's independence. Helping Paige with her drink is her aunt, Tisha Gerber. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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