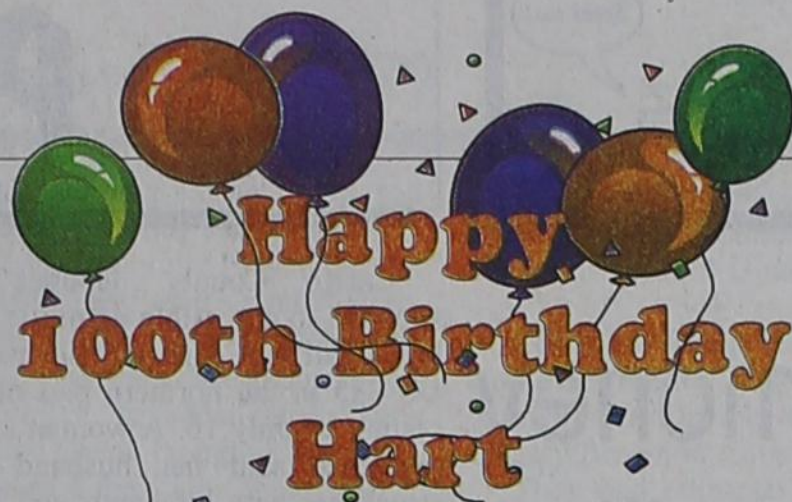


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HART'S CENTENNIAL PAVILION is the central gathering place for the community's 100th birthday bash this week. The concrete-and-steel pavilion features a "granite memorial wall" of name-tiles, plus a stage, a spacious open-meeting area, dressing rooms and storage rooms. The pavilion is fronted on the Main

Street side by an attractive plaza with old-fashioned pole lamps, and flower and shrub beds inside brick border walls. The pavilion and plaza were built at a cost of about \$125,000. The first event in the pavilion was a public auction Saturday, which raised \$7,500 to put the project over the top financially. *Photo by Don Nelson*

County hires jail architect

County commissioners will soon have a design for a 48-bed jail facility to work with after hiring Burns, Fletcher, Gill Architects, one of three who submitted proposals to the commissioners court, at Monday's meeting.

According to Norris Fletcher, president of the Fort Worth firm, the statewide average cost of building a prison is about \$35,000 per bed. That figure would place a \$1.68 million price tag on the county's new facility.

However, Ken Burns, one of the firm's architects who has been to several commissioners meetings, has estimated total costs at \$2 or \$2.5 million.

Regardless of the price, Burns, Fletcher, Gill Architects will receive 15 percent of the total construction costs, approximately \$125,000 to \$150,000.

A bond election will be held to decide if the jail will be built or not after an exact cost can be determined. The new facility is needed because the county currently does not have adequate space to house all of its inmates.

In a related matter, commissioners heard from representatives of Commercial Industrial Builders, Inc., a construction management firm.

The firm wants the county to consider using them to oversee the building of the new jail facility.

The firm would give the county more control over the construction by interacting with the architect,

builders and materials suppliers along with the commissioners.

The representatives will attend the August 7 meeting and will present some exact material costs. Commissioners will decide then whether to hire the firm.

Castro County will be joining the Texas County Stormwater Coalition, a group that lobbies against several ridiculous state laws such as those that would require state permission to grade roads and dig out bar ditches.

By paying the \$125 per year membership fee, Castro County will join 119 other counties in the coalition.

In another matter, commissioners tabled the signing of a resolution that would divide the Plains Trail into northern and southern sections.

The resolution would allow the two sections to operate as separate entities when making tourism and economic developments. This, in turn, would allow the entities to become more effective and to make a larger profit.

In other action, commissioners declined to file for a state grant that would provide money for an officer to transport mental health patients to a mental health hospital since such cases are rare within the county.

Also, GTE's installation of communication lines along county roads 518 and 630 southeast of Sunnyside was approved.

Hart plans big bash for 100th birthday

Dedication of a new outdoor centennial pavilion, coronation of a new Miss Hart, a parade, musical programs, dance and more are on tap for Hart's 100th birthday celebration, which continues through Saturday.

Joe Percy and Sarah Hart have been named "Honored Citizens" for this year's Hart Days celebration, and they will ride in the Hart Days parade on Saturday.

Joe Percy Hart is the grandson of T.W. Hart, the founder of Hart. Mr. Hart started the post office for Hart in 1900 in the draw southeast of the city and that land is still owned by the Hart family today.

The annual Hart Days celebration will focus around the city's centennial celebration, and the new pavilion was constructed in honor of the milestone.

The new facility will be formally dedicated at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

It is located in downtown Hart, just across from the Hart Banking Center, and includes a stage, restrooms, dressing rooms and storage. A landscaped plaza area is featured on the west end and it includes flower beds and walkways.

The week-long Hart Days celebration started Monday when the downtown businesses turned on their Christmas lights, then on Tuesday, a "Centennial Miss Hart" was crowned in a special pageant at the pavilion.

Many activities are planned as the weekend nears, and a meal, homemade ice cream contest and a variety show will be held Friday night.

The barbecued supper sponsored

by the First Baptist Church Youth Group, Noah's Ark, will start at 5 p.m. on Friday and will continue "until it's all gone."

The menu will include sliced brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, bread, onions, pickles, cobbler and iced tea.

Cost for the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Take-outs will be available.

Following the barbecued meal, a homemade ice cream contest is planned, and after the creamy creations are judged, cups of ice cream will be sold.

The variety show will be held at the pavilion beginning at 7 p.m. and a wide range of "acts" are expected to entertain the audience.

The big celebration is being planned for Saturday, starting with the centennial parade at 10 a.m. Theme for this year's parade is "Travel Through the Century." Featured in this year's parade will be the Hart High School Band, antique cars, and a covered wagon with its team of horses, as well as the traditional floats, bicycles and other motorized vehicles.

Following the parade on Saturday, Hart's Good Neighbor Club will sponsor a hospitality room and bake sale at the Hart City Hall. The Zealot Club will sell homemade ice cream and the Hart Lions Club will sell hamburgers during the day.

A special all-school reunion is being planned for Hart High School graduates of all ages on Saturday, and Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain is one of those coordinating the event.

According to McLain, a meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hart School Cafeteria for those registering for the reunion. A short program will follow from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Hart Elementary School Gym.

Organizers of Hart Days won't be sponsoring a carnival this year, but several other games, rides and novelties, including a moon walk and train ride, are being planned to entertain on Saturday at the Hart City Park,



Hart Post Office will offer special mark on Saturday

The Hart Post Office will be offering a special cancellation on Saturday to observe Hart's 100th birthday, according to Postmaster Tommie McCormick.

The cancellation is depicted below.

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By Don Nelson

To have a proud community, you must start with proud families who are willing to work hard at building and nurturing it.

Hart has always been a proud community. You can tell it by visiting the cemetery, attending any school, church or community event, or by just driving around the town and seeing how most everyone takes care of his or her space.

Now the people of Hart have a new source of community pride in their beautiful Centennial Pavilion, which will be dedicated Saturday.

Construction of the plaza and the pavilion was a massive effort for a community of just over a thousand people.

The Pavilion Committee thinks the project's cost will come out right at \$125,000 when all bills are totaled. All those bills have been paid, by the way.

By comparison, the Centennial

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Miss Hart 2000



Kellie George was crowned as the Centennial Miss Hart for 2000 Tuesday night during a special pageant at the new Pavilion in Hart. Rachel Wall was the second runner-up and Meagan Farris was first runner-up. Miss Congeniality was LaCretia Robinson.

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	95	62	
Friday	95	62	
Saturday	92	62	
Sunday	87	62	..16
Monday	93	60	
Tuesday	100	61	
Wednesday	96	61	

July Moisture 0.30
2000 Moisture 11.33

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

Dimmitt woman reports assault

A 29-year-old Dimmitt woman told deputies last Thursday that she was sexually assaulted by a 43-year-old Dimmitt man.

She said the man, who had been a friend of the family, volunteered to drive her to the store to buy some cigarettes, but instead of driving her home, he took her out in the county, where the assault took place in his pickup.

The woman said the man put his hands inside her clothing and fondled her, but did not have intercourse with her. She said she asked him numerous times to stop and take her home.

The woman told deputies the suspect took her home and dropped her off. She said the incident started at about 1:45 p.m., but she did not report it until later that evening.

She told deputies she was afraid to tell her husband, but after she did, another family friend convinced them to report the incident to authorities.

The suspect was jailed Friday morning for violating his probation stemming from charges of aggravated assault out of Pinal County, Ariz. He remained in jail as of Tuesday morning.

Schools schedule registration

Children across the county are dusting off their backpacks, supplementing their wardrobes with the latest trendy fashions and shopping for notebooks, paper, pens and pencils because the first day of school is just a couple of weeks away.

Castro County school districts have scheduled registration for the 2000-2001 school year. Dimmitt students will sign up on Aug. 4 and Nazareth students will select classes on Aug. 11. Hart schools had not scheduled fall registration as of press time.

Students in Dimmitt and Hart will report for classes on Aug. 10 while Nazareth students have little longer break—they won't start school until Aug. 14.

Dimmitt High School

Dimmitt High School will register students on Aug. 4 beginning at 9 a.m.

The seniors will report from 9 to 9:45 a.m., followed by the juniors

from 10 to 11 a.m. The sophomores are scheduled to register between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Registration will conclude after lunch with the freshman reporting between 1 and 2 p.m.

On Aug. 4, individual school pictures will be taken during registration, and students planning to purchase a package of pictures must bring their money when they register. Students also are asked to bring \$5 each for class dues.

School officials say the dress code will be enforced during registration. DHS students will begin the 2000-2001 school year on Aug. 10. The first bell will ring at 8:10 a.m., and the tardy bell will ring at 8:15 a.m.

Middle School

Students at Dimmitt Middle School also will register on Aug. 4 in the DMS Library and the following schedule will be observed: fourth grade from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; fifth grade from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; sixth grade from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; seventh grade from 1 to 2 p.m.; and eighth grade from 2 to 3 p.m.

All Dimmitt Middle School students are required to register for the 2000-2001 school year, and new students to the school must bring all pertinent information (immunization

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Tucker issues public apology

Hart ag teacher Jim Tucker has apologized to the community of Hart for the controversy that he has caused.

In a letter published in the July 21 issue of *The Hart Beat*, Tucker said that he "regret(s) the inconveniences that (he) has caused."

Tucker has been accused of telling ethnic jokes during his classes, calling Hispanic students "damned Mexicans" and making infractions involving the use of alcohol and tobacco.

Op-Ed

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Guest editorial

Sales tax holiday keeps money in the pockets of Texas families

By Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander
Because cutting taxes is one of my top priorities, I'm happy to announce that this year's sales tax holiday will run from Aug. 4-6 and has been expanded the holiday to include layaway items.

For the second year in a row, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100, and due to an administrative change, eligible clothing and shoes placed in layaway during the sales tax holiday may be taken out at a later date, tax-free.

As a mother and grandmother I know this will be beneficial. This will allow hard-working Texas families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break.

Although the sales tax holiday is timed to help families outfit their children for school, the tax break is not limited to children's clothes and shoes. The sales tax holiday is an ideal time for Texans of all ages to stock up on shoes and clothing—including work uniforms.

Last year, Texas families spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the initial sales tax holiday, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season. Shoppers bought twice as much as in a typical three-day weekend in August.

Projections for this year's holiday are that families will save more than \$30 million in state sales taxes and \$7 million in local sales taxes during the Aug. 4-6 period.

In addition to benefitting Texas families, the sales tax holiday also positively affects city and state economies.

In 1999, even though the state chose to provide families with a \$32 million tax cut during the first tax holiday, overall sales tax revenues for the year rose to a record \$13 billion. City sales tax rebates for the year increased 7.1% to \$3.5 billion as many local officials saw an increase in their local economic activity.

This year local governments had the opportunity to opt out of the sales tax holiday. Only one local government in the entire state voted not to participate. Other cities examined this issue and concluded that the overall economic benefit of the holiday outweighed the loss of sales tax revenue from selected clothing and shoes.

Cutting taxes is one of my 10 principles for Texas in the 21st century. The tax burden on working families is too high across our nation and Texas' sales tax holiday certainly offers much-needed tax relief for Texans.

We have opportunities, though, to do more to relieve the tax burden. For example, I want to extend the holiday for a longer period of time and cover more items like backpacks and fabric, buttons and zippers so that mothers who make the clothes for their kiddos can also benefit from this tax break. These changes will take legislative action and I'm going to recommend this to the state Legislature when it convenes in January.

Going back to school is a time of adjustment in the lives of many Texas families. The sales tax holiday hopefully lessens the need for budget adjustments, too.

For a complete listing of tax-exempt items, check the comptroller's web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

Letter

Hart schools need direction

Dear Editor:
The incident over in Hart really was amusing. Hart schools appear to need some direction.

Had Jim Tucker called these students "damn nig__s" or "damn hon__," I wonder what resonance that may have made.

Any virus that attacks the body weakens that entity. Doesn't it?

After all, if cancer in any form invades a body, doesn't an individual try to get rid of it? Maybe we can forgive it and it will go away, huh?

I remember some months ago when Sgt. Roy Barrera, a

Congressional Medal of Honor winner, a Black Ranger/Green Beret, died and the Lubbock newspaper, had but a small article towards the back of Section A. On the front page was a story of two kids who rode a freight train to God-knows-where.

Roy Barrera, a sharecropper's son from South Texas, was hardly recognized at all.

Now...
"How many seas must a white dove sail, before she sleeps in the sand?"

MARIO MIRANDA
Summerfield

Guest editorial

Patients may 'pay the price'

Regardless of whether the hospital is located in rural Oklahoma or urban New York, local patients pay the price of Medicare and Medicaid cuts.

Access for our elderly and poor to community-based hospital care is in jeopardy. Unless Congress takes action this year to restore Medicare funds to high-need hospitals, America's safety net of care will remain threatened.

A bill before Congress, the High Need Hospital Medicare Rate Relief Act of 2000 (H.R. 4624), would provide safety net hospitals with

desperately needed financial relief. The current Congressional session will be ending in a matter of months, but the ever increasing need to preserve the safety net for the poor and elderly will remain.

Members of Congress must take the prudent and critical steps to restore funding where it is needed most: America's safety net hospitals where our poor and elderly depend on accessible, high quality health care.

(Submitted by the Castro County Hospital District.)

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Sandhills party starts Tuesday

Olton is ready for its 21st annual Sandhills Celebration, and the event kicks off on Tuesday with the annual Sandhills Sweetheart Pageant.

On Wednesday, a special gospel concert has been planned. A special play, "Daddy's Dying—Who's Got the Will," will be presented next Thursday, Aug. 3. A street dance has been planned for Aug. 4.

The big celebration happens on Aug. 5, with a parade, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, a horseshoe pitching tournament, golf scramble, watermelon feast, street dance and more.

Last Puzzle Solution

Police Calls

Castro County deputies responded to a possible domestic violence call at a county residence on US 385 in the northern part of the county on July 16. A woman at the residence said her husband had struck her with his hands and fists, causing injuries to her face. The man was charged with assault/causing bodily injury/family member and also was held on outstanding warrants from the Dept. of Public Safety for speeding and from Deaf Smith County for violation of promise to appear.

Monday a Dimmitt woman told deputies that her 14-year-old son was assaulted at Roadside by a 17-year-old suspect at about 10:20 p.m. The victim said he had refused to fight with another youth, and the suspect used his fist to hit the victim on the left side of his head, near his eye.

Two Hereford women told police July 13 that a suspect had slapped and pushed them in the 400 block of Northwest Fifth around 10:15 p.m.

A 34-year-old Dimmitt woman told police July 12 that a suspect had assaulted a 30-year-old woman by biting and kicking her in an incident of assault/bodily injury/family violence.

July 16, a Dimmitt woman, 22, told police that a suspect had assaulted her by pulling her hair.

Darrell Wayne Patterson of Dimmitt told police July 17 that someone burglarized his Jeep Wrangler, taking an amplifier valued at \$400 and CDS valued at \$1,170. The vehicle had been parked at his home in the 500 block of Southwest 10th in Dimmitt.

A 14-year-old girl told police July 15 that someone broke out two windows on a van belonging to Maria Rodriguez. No estimate was given on the damage.

Susana Casas of Dimmitt told police July 13 that someone kicked a 1994 Lumina and ran into it with a vehicle. The Lumina belongs to Lynn West of Dimmitt.

Friday, a Dimmitt man, 36, was jailed for possession of a controlled substance and for public intoxication. He was stopped around 9:50 p.m. in the 600 block of East Andrews. Police said the man possessed two controlled substances: cocaine and marijuana.

July 17, Jerry Torres of Dimmitt told deputies that a calf is missing from his place two miles north of SH 86 on FM 2567. He said the animal, valued at \$550, was taken within the last three months.

Debbie Ann Scott reported a burglary at Deb's Place in Hart on July 16. She told deputies the business had been closed since December. She said about 15 pool cues and some billiard balls were taken, and money boxes were stolen or broken into on the pool table, a juke box and two video games. Scott reported that the money boxes had been empty. She said \$100 in damage was done to the door of the business, and no estimate was available on the damage to the other equipment.

Last Thursday, Tina Sullivan of Dimmitt told deputies that some money was taken from a residence at Coronado Acres.

Two incidents of animal bites were reported recently to sheriff's deputies. July 18, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ray Bennett told deputies that their

great Dane had accidentally injured their employee, Jaime Rodriguez, on July 15. The animal had "lunged" at Rodriguez when he started walking quickly toward Mrs. Bennett. The victim used his elbow to block the dog's head and his arm went into the dog's mouth, getting a scrape from one of its teeth. Although the animal's shots were up-to-date, it is being held for observation.

July 18, Eric Sinclair told deputies he had been bitten by a cat owned by Chris Book of Nazareth. He said his wife had captured the animal and put it in a travel cage. It was taken to a veterinarian to be held for observation.

July 11 a 30-year-old Plainview man was jailed for evading arrest or detention. He was apprehended by police in the 100 block of East Dulin.

July 12 a Dimmitt man, 41, was jailed for making a false application for a driver's license.

July 18 a Hereford man, 26, was jailed for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

July 19, a 17-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for resisting arrest.

Two Hereford men, ages 18 and 20, were jailed July 19 for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

A 40-year-old Keyes, Okla., woman was jailed July 19 for theft by check over \$20 and under \$200.

A runaway was reported to police July 17.

Alcohol-related offenses during the past two weeks included:

—July 14, a 49-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, third or more, breath test refused.

—Saturday, a Dimmitt woman, 30, for DWI, first offense.

—Monday, a Friona man, 24, for DWI, first offense; and a Dimmitt man, 34, for DWI, first offense.

Jailed during the past two weeks on warrants, violation of probation or court-related matters were:

—July 12, a 29-year-old Dimmitt woman on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.

—July 14, an Earth man, 49, on a warrant for revocation of bond on charges of failure to stop and render aid; and a Hereford man, 52 on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.

—July 17, a Dimmitt man, 29, for violation of probation stemming from charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; and a 34-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for contempt of child support orders.

—July 18, a Hart man, 26, on a warrant for possession of marijuana over 4 ounces and under 20 ounces; and a Dimmitt man, 17, on a warrant for criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500.

—July 19, a 72-year-old Hereford man on a warrant for violation of probation stemming from charges of driving with license suspended/invalid; a 20-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for violation of probation stemming from charges of DWI; a Dimmitt man, 32, on a warrant for assault/bodily injury; and a 17-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for burglary of a vehicle.

—Last Thursday, a suspect was charged with municipal warrants for disorderly conduct and disruption of class.

—Saturday, a Friona man, 27, on warrants out of Deaf Smith County, for DWI, first offense, and failure to appear.

—Monday, a Dimmitt man, 23, on a warrant for failure to appear. He also was charged with riding unsecured by a safety belt.

Jail Count
The jail count as of Tuesday morning stood at 20 inmates. One was farmed out for the week, at an estimated cost of \$38 per day or \$266 for the week.

July 18 at 8:05 a.m. a 1995 Mercury Cougar driven by Eric Jonathan Ruiz, 20, of Dimmitt, was struck by a 1991 Mercury Cougar driven by Leonore B. Martinez, 52, of Dimmitt. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light. Police said Martinez backed up in a parking area of the Red X Travel Store and did not see Ruiz's vehicle.

State Farmers Union president calls for changes to ag policy

Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims has proposed policy changes that would provide economic stability, security and opportunity for farmers and ranchers.

"The promised benefits of Freedom to Farm, the 1996 farm bill, have not been realized by independent producers," said Sims. "Declining commodity prices and producer incomes under this program have resulted in three years of supplemental assistance at a cost of \$21.7 billion—and this figure keeps rising. There is no need to wait any longer to act on legislation that will provide a more effective and predictable counter-cyclical economic safety net for independent farmers and ranchers."

Sims outlined three major policy areas that he believes are crucial to a successful, sustainable agriculture industry.

1. The issue of market concentration and integration in agriculture must be examined. New policies

must be implemented to ensure that a competitive marketplace is available to all producers.

2. Agricultural trade policy must accommodate a broad range of priorities including market access and fair competition.

3. US agricultural programs for crops, dairy and livestock must be revised to provide an effective safety net during periods when market returns are inadequate.

"The concentration of market power among a few highly integrated domestic or multi-national firms poses a serious threat to the benefits of a private, competitive marketplace," Sims said. "US antitrust laws must be enhanced and enforced so that market competition increases rather than decreases."

Sims pointed out that even with incentives to participate in public and private risk management programs, the need for additional economic and production loss assistance has not been eliminated.

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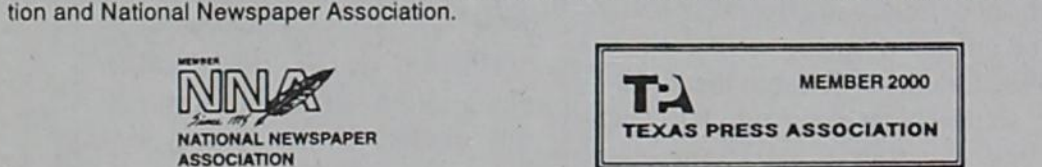
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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Marie Perrin and Myrtle Lois Moran joined Pat Turner, the daughter of Myrtle Lois, and Pat's friend, Judy Norris of Atlanta, Ga., for a garden tour of Holland and Belgium.

Pat had located this tour offer on the Internet and there were only eight people who signed up for it. Myrtle Lois related that this turned out to be an advantage. They all became good friends and got to do everything they wanted to do.

They visited castles, palaces and lovely gardens, but one place of special interest was The Hague in Belgium. The Hague was the home of the League of Nations that was formed for keeping the peace, right before World War I broke out. Andrew Carnegie, an American industrialist, financed most of the building expense. Other countries contributed to the interior and its upkeep.

Another favorite place was the house connected with Anne Frank in Amsterdam, Holland. This home has been preserved as a museum. Myrtle Lois and Marie bought the best seller, *Diary of Anne Frank*, at the house.

The only blight on the trip was that Marie fell victim to bad health during the trip and missed about half of the sights. I've been told that traveling abroad would be a lot more fun if you didn't have to take your body with you.

Nell Humphrey of Lubbock and Cindy Lee of Hart went to Hamilton for a weekend slumber party with old schoolmates. They joined Jeannie Damron Carpenter and Darla Under-

wood Baggett of Austin, and Vickie Lawson Hensley of Stephenville at the new country home of Alex and Linda Catoe. All of the above are 1969 graduates of Dimmitt High School.

Alex grilled hamburgers for the bunch, then quickly excused himself as he took refuge at his mother's house, away from all the "girl talk."

Alex's mother, Rae Catoe, and Linda's mother, Ethel Bradley Ray, live in Hamilton. They came out one morning to have coffee and visit. The reunion group shopped Hamilton and Waco, ate at some neat places, laughed a lot, and said, "It was over way too soon!"

Lee and Darla Baggett's bed and breakfast in Austin will be the place for the reunion 2001. This is fair notice to Diane Webb Townsend, Sharron Flynt Acker, Janice Mooney Davis, and Janice Killough Weeks to mark this on their calendars. They are usually a part of the reunion, but couldn't make it this year.

George and Linda Rasor have had a nice trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Their children, Michael and Laura, are really what made the trip so neat! These places are fully family oriented.

Irene Carpenter had lots of visitors, celebrations and cake for a very special birthday. She is still recuperating at the Hereford Care Center. On Saturday, daughter Joyce Autry of Rocky Ford and Joyce's children, Kelly Autry and Lynette Soden of McCook, Neb., came, did the cake

bit, sang the song, brought gifts, and started the four-day celebration.

Sunday, daughter Floyce George and Jimmy and their grandchildren, Tisha and Marty Gerber, came over with good wishes, cake and presents. Monday, granddaughter Shelly Rice and Danny brought a sheet cake and invited the Care Center staff to participate.

On Tuesday, the real birthday, Floyce baked a cake with strawberries, peaches and whipped cream. She brought egg custard for Irene. Irene was saturated with cake! Those who drove over to help her celebrate were Mearle Morgan, Rachel Hunter, Mary Edna Hendrix, Billie Kirby, Mabian Rhodes, Louise Mears, Oleta Gollehon, Kate Beecher, and Dorothy Hopson.

I just learned why Sharron Flynt Acker didn't go to Hamilton to the slumber party. Doris Flynt told me she had attended a bridal shower and brunch honoring Sharron and Arnold Acker's daughter, Ashley Acker. This shower was called an "Around the Clock" shower. Each person's invitation had an hour on it and each guest was to bring a gift that could be used at that hour.

Ashley will graduate soon from Baylor. Her parents live in Argyle, near Lewisville. That's where she grew up.

Ashley's mom, Sharron, was Miss Dimmitt '68. I gleaned that information from the Castro County News in December 1968. (That's another flashback.)

Those attending the shower from this area included Karron Flynt Smith of Dimmitt, Elaine Davis Flynt of Lubbock, Rose Acker and

Alice Acker Ellisor of Huntsville, Susan (Mrs. Jeff) Lindsey of Dallas, and Doris Flynt of Dimmitt.

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 Leroy and Linda Maxwell had a busy time recently with the wedding of their son, Daniel, to the lovely Chrissy Brown in Amarillo.

They had rehearsal on July 12, parties for the bride and groom on July 14, and a big family dinner on July 15, with the wedding held July 16 at the Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

They had lots of company for the weekend of the wedding, including Linda's mom, Jeanne Thackeray of Princeton (near McKinney); three of her sisters and their husbands, Colleen and Michael Berry of Denver, Colo., Chris and Bob Petree of Crane, and Karen and Jim Puckett of Princeton, and their three sons, Jeremy, Jonathan and Jacob; and Linda's nephew John Petree and his wife, HollyAnn, and their baby daughter, Callie. John recently accepted the position of principal with the Cotton Center schools. Also, Daniel's cousin, Chamaine Dunlap of Canyon and her husband Terry and their three children, along with Chamaine's mom, Pat Maxwell of Canyon, attended the family dinner and the wedding. A special guest was family friend Bea Stevens of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt. She and her neighbor came over to help with

the family dinner. Other special guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Monty Gothard of Andrews, formerly of Dimmitt.

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 I was enjoying a cup of coffee in the cool of a summer morning on my back porch. I heard someone walking down our alley. For no other reason than idle curiosity, I opened the back gate to see who was out there.

I met this friendly lady, Lisa, who keeps house for Max and Doris Swinburn. We introduced ourselves, and she said, "I've been hearing water fall every time I walk out here to the dumpster. Could I come into your back yard to see your waterfall?"

I invited her in, and we had a nice little chat, and then it was my turn.

"Lisa, would you take me on a tour of the Swinburns' back yard?"

I had only walked across the alley and through a gate, but I was in another world. Black-eyed susans were in full bloom, and all different kinds of flowers were blooming profusely. Every kind of plant imaginable was tastefully arranged to make a fairy-tale-like setting. My curiosity had not only provided a new friend, but I'd had a mini vacation.

It seems that Doris Swinburn's family and my family are destined to be neighbors. When Doris was very small, she moved to Dimmitt with her parents, Kenneth and Mary Nell

Malone—three houses down from ours.

Doris married, moved to the country, but it wasn't long until she and her young family moved across the street from us and her mom and dad.

After living there a while, her family built a new home on Sunset Circle. A few months passed, and V.C. and I bought a home out there right next door to Doris, her husband and three little girls.

The girls grew up and Doris decided to go to college. She is now Doris Swinburn, RN. She and her husband, Max, bought a beautiful home—this time directly behind us just across the alley.

The girls are doing quite well. Kristi and her husband, Brad Sadler, and little girl, McKensie, live in Mansfield. Kristi works as an account manager for a staffing firm.

Carol and Doug Lathem live in Dalhart. Carol is the speech pathologist for the schools in Clayton, N.M.

Carla became the bride of Jason Wooten in February of this year. They have degrees from Texas Tech and South Plains College. Carla is now working as an accountant for Brown, Graham & Co, accounting firm and Jason works with his dad at B&W Spraying Service in Dimmitt.

Why did I call Carla "Carol" a couple of weeks ago in this column? It must have been a senior moment.

Most clothing, shoe purchases will be exempt from sales tax on Aug. 4-6

Texans will get a break from state and local taxes on Aug. 4, 5 and 6—the state's second annual tax holiday.

The Texas Legislature will exempt most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes on those days. That could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year; however, the tax break is not limited to children's school clothes.

Highlights of the tax-break plan include the following:

◆ Most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempt from sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

◆ Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt; however, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits, are eligible for the tax exemption.

◆ Not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

Shot clinic will be held

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct immunization clinics August 3 from 1 to 4:30 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).

If your child needs a varicella shot, please call their Tulia office at 995-3638 the morning of August 3 so that they can bring the vaccine.

The varicella vaccine has to be kept frozen until it is ready to use. If the vaccine is thawed out and not used within 48 hours it will be lost. This vaccine cannot be wasted or there may not be enough for the children who are required to have it.

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. Also, the varicella vaccine is covered by Medicaid. Those who are should bring their card to the clinic.

"This year I am able to make one administrative change," said State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. "Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during the sales tax holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax. This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break.

"In the future, I think backpacks should be tax exempt because kiddos need them for school," Rylander said. "I also would like the sales tax holiday to include fabric, buttons, zippers and other items people use to sew clothes, and I would like to see the sales tax holiday last a couple of weeks instead of just three days. But any change in the list of tax-exempt items or the number of tax-free shopping days must wait until the Legislature meets next year."

DISD sets in-service for substitutes

Those planning to serve as substitute teachers for the Dimmitt Independent School District must attend a special in-service workshop.

A session will be held Wednesday (Aug. 2) at 10 a.m. at the DISD Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.

Those attending are asked to bring their Social Security card and driver's license when reporting for the workshop.

Anyone who wants to substitute must attend a session, whether they have substituted for Dimmitt before or not.

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day sales tax holiday, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season.

The sales tax holiday applies to all state and local sales taxes. Local communities were allowed to opt out of the event this year, if they notified the comptroller by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community near Austin, chose not to waive local sales taxes. Qualifying purchases will be exempt from the state sales tax.

4-H parent group will meet Monday

The Castro County 4-H Parent/Leader Association will meet Monday night at 7 at the Extension Office, located at 205 North Broadway in Dimmitt.

"This is a very important meeting," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "We will be working on upcoming events for the fall and for the 2000-2001 school year. We also will be electing officers for the group."

The Parent/Leader Association only meets four times a year; however, during those four meetings, some very important items are approved that will have a big impact on children's 4-H activities.

"These meetings give you an opportunity to help make those decisions that affect your children," said Neal.



CHECK PRESENTATION—Cherie Norman of the Dimmitt High School Student Council gives a check for \$2,600 to Charles Axtell of Dimmitt, vice-chairman of the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The funds were raised by the student council at their Spring Hamburger Cookout to benefit the victims of the Fort Worth tornado. The Fort Worth

goal was reached before the local funds were received, so the funds were given to the local American Red Cross chapter to benefit the local relief fund. Pictured are (from left) Bill Sava and Lois Wales, local ARC representatives, Axtell, Norman, and Brent Josselet and Mary Bradley, student council representatives. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Corn growers commission national survey on genetically-modified crops

A new national survey on genetically-modified crops has found considerable farmer concern over the issues of segregation and liability.

It also showed overwhelming support for foreign countries having the right to choose between genetically-modified and non-genetically-modified commodities.

The survey, commissioned by the American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) was conducted by RMA, Inc., of Sioux Falls, S.D. This scientific, randomly selected, statistically valid survey of 500 corn farmers in 15 states has a margin of error of +/- 4.47%.

The survey was conducted as part of the ACGA's Farmer Choice-Customer First program that provided unbiased, honest and objective

information to farmers surrounding the debate over genetically-modified crops. This information sharing allows farmers to make educated decisions concerning the use of genetically-modified crops.

Survey results show the following:
 ♦ 66% of farmers are concerned that the responsibility for segregating genetically-modified corn from traditional, non-genetically-modified corn will rest with them.

♦ 64.2% of the farmers say their decision to plant more or fewer acres of genetically-modified corn in the future will be influenced if grain elevators, grain processors and grain exporters require segregation.

♦ 76.3% say they will plant fewer acres of genetically-modified corn if the grain industry requires segregation.

tion.
 ♦ 62.6% of farmers say they are currently able to segregate genetically-modified corn from non-genetically-modified corn with their existing on-farm storage system.

♦ 53.2% expressed concern that farmers will be held liable for contaminating traditional, non-genetically-modified cornfields with genetically-modified corn through cross-pollination.

♦ 81.8% of the nation's corn producers said that foreign export customers should have the right to choose between buying traditional, non-genetically modified corn or genetically-modified corn.

The survey reinforces the view that the issues of on-farm segregation, legal liability for cross-pollination and supplying the customer the products they desire are the paramount issues impacting farmer concerns over genetically-modified crops and the reasons that far fewer acres of genetically-modified corn have been planted this year.

The results show that it makes no difference whether farmers like or dislike the genetically-modified varieties, but what they view the economic impacts to be on their continued use.

Multimillion dollar public relations schemes or reports of environmental or health consequences will not determine future use of genetically-modified crops by agricultural producers. Those decisions will be determined by factors farmers cannot control, such as on-farm segregation, legal liability and customer buying decisions.

Bealls in Dimmitt will remain open

The Bealls store in Dimmitt will be one of the 471 Stage Stores, Inc., that will remain open after a reorganization of the company under proceedings filed in the US Bankruptcy Court in Houston on June 1.

"We're delighted that we will be able to keep most of our stores open and serving our customers," said Jack Wiesner, chairman, interim CEO and president of Stage Stores, Inc. "With our Stage, Bealls, and Palais Royal stores, we have always been proud to bring brand-name apparel to families in communities across America. Under our reorganization, we will be a stronger company, more focused on our customers."

Wiesner noted that 471 of the company's 591 stores will stay open. In a number of communities that have been served by more than one of the company's stores, stores will be consolidated for more efficient operation.

The company has received approval for a three-year, \$450 million debtor-in-possession credit facility with CITICORP USA, Inc., as agent. The new arrangement will provide a significant line of credit the company is using to restock its stores.

Whenever possible, the company will offer other job opportunities to associates whose stores are closing, Wiesner said.

Additionally, Stage Stores is actively seeking a new CEO. Until that person is on board, Wiesner will continue to guide the company, along with an executive committee consisting of top management in merchandising, marketing, finance and operations. A board member of Stage Stores, Wiesner was CEO of C.R. Anthony Co., a national apparel chain that Stage Stores acquired in 1997.

Following the reorganization, the company will continue to operate in 20 states, primarily under the Stage, Bealls, and Palais Royal names.



THE SIGN IS UP and work is almost complete at the new Sonic Drive-In, located on the corner of Halsell Street and North Broadway in

Dimmitt. Officials with the company hope to serve their first customers sometime within the next week.

Photo by Mark Birkenfeld

Farm Service Agency update

By TRISH ELLIOTT, FSA County Executive Director

Producers must file payment eligibility forms by Tuesday to qualify for 2000 fiscal year payments.

Most producers who drew payments earlier in the fiscal year have already filed these forms. If you requested no advance payment and are expecting a payment in August or September, you need to make sure that these forms are filed.

These forms are absolutely necessary to be eligible for loans, loan deficiency payments, PFC, MLA and certain disaster payments.

If you are unsure of your status, contact the FSA office to ensure that the proper forms are filed.

must be considered prior to application.

Weeds

Recent rains have really caused weeds to grow. This is a reminder that uncontrolled weeds on idle (fallow) PFC contract acres and CRP acres is a violation. Penalties for this violation will result in a payment reduction, and the possibility of program payments being withheld.

Please make sure you control weeds before they become a problem for you and your neighbors.

Farm loan program —term limits

The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, Sections 311c and 319 contain the term limit requirements for direct and guaranteed operating loans.

On June 20, President Bill Clinton signed into law the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000.

Section 255 of this law suspends all operating loan term limits through Dec. 31, 2002.

For more information, contact Ed Luebken, FSA farm loan manager.

Lamb meat adjustment program

A three-year sheep and lamb assistance plan (\$30 million) has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman.

This program is designed to help lamb and sheep producers improve their production efficiencies and the marketability of lamb meat.

For the first year, eligible sheep and lamb operations may apply for the following types of payments:

- ♦ Ram payment.
- ♦ Sheep improvement program

payment.

♦ Facility improvement payment. The sign-up period for the first year started June 19 and will continue through Oct. 31.

An application must be filed during this period and application must be made in the county in which the operation is located.

A producer must be engaged in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products when the application is filed. Gross income cannot exceed \$2.5 million in 1999.

For more information, call the FSA office.

New requirements for faxed signatures

FSA-237 is a certification that a producer is willing to conduct business and provide signed documents to the local FSA Service Center by tele-facsimile (fax) machines for certain programs.

Faxed signatures from producers will be accepted for certain forms, provided all of the following are met:

♦ FSA-237 is completed, signed, witnessed by FSA employees and filed with the county FSA office before the faxed signature is received.

♦ The applicable program form or other document is approved for faxed signatures.

♦ All other applicable signature requirements are met.

This is a new requirement for business conducted through the use of a fax machine.

Producers must visit the FSA office and sign an FSA-237 form because it MUST be witnessed by an FSA employee.

If you live out of the area, you can go to an FSA office near you and complete the form there.

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Breast cancer screening is set Aug. 3

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt next Thursday, Aug. 3, and appointments are being accepted.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

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PCS receives \$400,000 stipend to assist first-time home buyers

The Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs has approved \$400,000 to Panhandle Community Services, and the funds will be used to assist first-time home buyers with down payments and closing costs.

Panhandle Community Services serves the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, and has an office in Dimmitt. The Amarillo Metropolitan Area is excluded from PCS coverage because it is served by the City of Amarillo.

Under the program, up to \$5,000 can be utilized (up to \$7,500 in some cases) for down payment and closing costs on a home loan.

"This is not a grant, but a zero interest, zero payment second lien that does not come due until the first

lien is paid off, or on the premature sale or disposition of the property," said a spokesperson for Panhandle Community Services. "In essence, it is moving the down payment and closing costs from the front of the front of the loan where the money may not be available, to the back of the loan where it can be more readily addressed."

Homes purchased under the program cannot exceed \$59,877 for an existing home or \$94,716 for a new home.

The money is expected to be available and PCS hopes to begin administering the program late in August.

Applications for the program can be made at any Panhandle Community Services Center. The applicant's income will be checked against program guidelines to see if he or she qualifies for the program. Income guidelines differ by county.

If an applicant qualifies under the guidelines, he or she still must be able to meet the credit requirements of the chosen lender.

After the initial application is made, Panhandle Community Services will work strictly with the lender.

Those interested in the program should contact Panhandle Community Services to make an initial application for the assistance as soon as it becomes available.

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Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Senate passage of the Fiscal Year 2001 Agricultural Appropriations Bill (HR 4461/S 2536) last Thursday brought a little extra to the table for struggling producers. The \$75 billion bill was approved by a vote of 79-13.

The bill was approved with a last-minute amendment that added \$900 million in emergency spending to some \$1.1 billion in spending included in the bill to help farmers.

Some \$450 million of the \$900 million added to the bill is designated for weather-related losses to be paid out by the US Dept. of Agriculture according to rules used for the last two disaster programs. The amendment also included money for boll weevil eradication.

US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (Texas) voted for the final measure while US Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas) voted against it in light of the manner in which the \$900 million amendment was brought forward and his feeling that some of the money included was not worthy of being classified as emergency spending.

The appropriations bill, which was passed by the House on July 11, will move to a conference committee where existing differences will be reconciled.

US Reps. Jo Ann Emerson (R-Mo) and Marion Berry (D-Ark.) introduced a pair of bills last Thursday that would raise current payment limits for Loan Deficiency Payments and marketing loan gains from \$75,000 to \$150,000, and then make those changes permanent through the end of the current farm bill.

The legislation (HR 4894 and HR 4895) would repeat changes approved last year to the Loan Deficiency Payment limit which benefitted many farmers.

The measure would have little benefit for cotton at this time with projected cotton loan deficiency payments significantly below 1999 levels. It is being put forth primarily in an effort to help grain producers better tap into the benefits of the

marketing loan program.

The legislation would ease the problems of many grain producers who want to use marketing loan provisions, but are unable to because of a lack of storage facilities.

Grain must be stored in an approved storage facility in order to qualify for the marketing loan program.

US Sens. Gramm and Mike Crapo (R-Indiana) introduced Senate Joint Resolution 50 on July 17 that would "disapprove a final rule promulgated by EPA concerning water pollution."

The resolution is a response to the efforts by the administration and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to get around congressional and public outcry against EPA's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) regulations that would significantly change the way point and non-point pollution is classified and regulated.

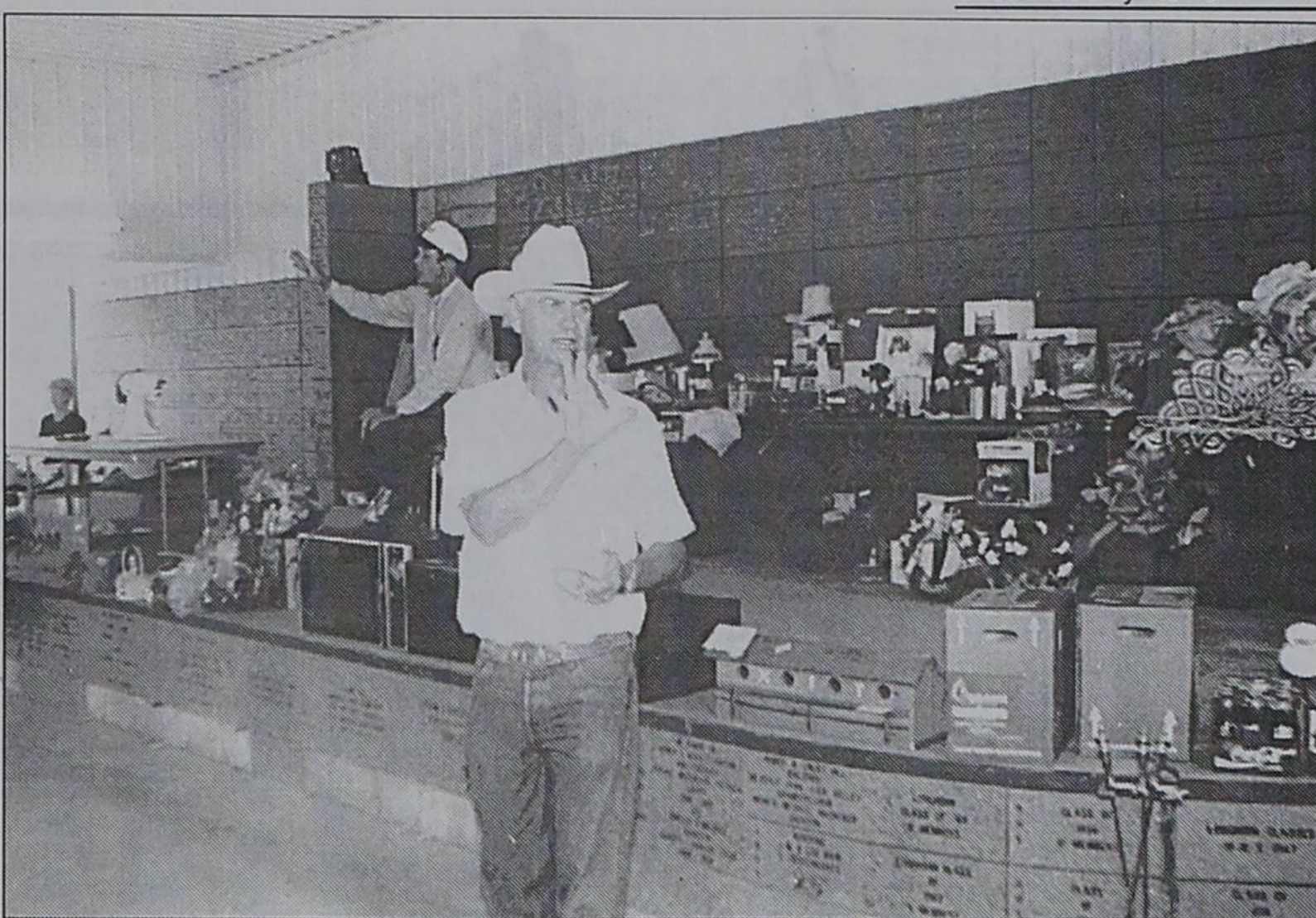
EPA has gone out of its way to get the TMDL rules in place ahead of a congressional mandate to disallow any money for enforcement of the rule this year.

Congress's action delayed the rule by a year; however, a chance does exist that the rule could be implemented by Oct. 1, 2001.

Senate Joint Resolution 50 would disapprove the TMDL rule, assuming it passes with either a veto proof majority or was somehow signed by President Bill Clinton.

The Congressional Review Act provides the vehicle for congress to file and pass a resolution disapproving a major rule within 60 days of its initial approval. The TMDL rule was classified as a major rule and is thus subject to review by Congress.

Congress could choose to wait until next year to take up the resolution since there aren't 60 days left on the current congressional calendar. Such a move would eliminate any adverse political heat on supporters during the upcoming election and put it on the desk of the new president.



JERRY KITTRELL spots bids for auctioneer Johnny Davis at the first public event at Hart's Centennial Pavilion Saturday—a fund-raiser for the Pavilion Fund. Businesses and individuals throughout the county donated merchandise, memorabilia, arts and crafts to be auctioned, and members of the Pavilion Committee sold t-shirts, food and homemade ice

cream to a large crowd that gathered under the spacious roof. Virginia Reed of the Pavilion Committee reported that the five-hour event raised more than \$7,500. "It was much more than we had hoped for, and made it possible to pay off all the remaining bills on the pavilion," she said.

Photo by Don Nelson

Bobcat Band to start rehearsals

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band will start rehearsals Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school band hall and all band students who will be in eighth through 12th grade are urged to participate.

Band students and former band students are welcome to come out for the rehearsals.

"Be prepared to play and march, so wear comfortable shoes," advised Teresa Carlisle, assistant band director.

Rehearsals will continue on weekdays, except for Wednesday. Further rehearsal scheduling will be announced at the sessions.

For more information, call Carlisle at 647-3108 or band director Harold Hinsley at 647-3105.

Littlefield city-wide garage sale slated

The Littlefield Arts and Heritage Committee will sponsor its annual city wide garage sale on August 5.

Local participants will have their locations printed on a city map along with a list of items for sale.

Map copies maybe obtained at a food booth in Lowe's Pay 'N Save parking lot located at 102 East Waylon Jennings Blvd., Littlefield Trade Days and Tommy Enochs Auto located at 510 West 7th Street. The maps will be available at 8 p.m. at these locations.

Adult education classes offered

Adult basic education, GED classes and English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction will be offered free to the public by the Castro County Supervision Dept.

Anyone who would like to take one or all of these classes should call the office at 647-3415 for more information.

Dimmitt City Council okays Energas rate hike request

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to approve the 2.7% rate increase requested by Energas, the natural gas franchise holder in the city.

A coalition of cities served by Energas appointed a steering committee to study the rate hike request. The committee recommended acceptance of the 2.7%, which is estimated to bring the company an additional \$3,010,000 over the three-year period of the request.

By approving the rate hike, the city gains "most favored nation" status, which means that if any other city protests the rate hike before the Railroad Commission and obtains a lower rate, then Dimmitt can petition for that lower rate as well. However, then Dimmitt would be liable for a part of the cost of the appeal to the commission.

If Dimmitt declines to seek any lower rate that might be offered to other cities, then there will be no further increase proposals during those three years, according to representatives of the company that were present at the meeting Monday night.

City Manager Don Sheffy said he understands that Lubbock and a few of the smaller towns around Lubbock have decided to appeal to the Railroad Commission.

The Energas representatives said

that 44 cities have ratified the proposed hike, as recommended by the steering committee.

In another matter, the city council voted to begin the process of annexing the property of Shirley Wise into the city, as requested by Wise. Her home is on "Cemetery Road," south of Ben Scott's home, which was recently annexed into the city.

Sheffy said it would not be a big problem to extend the sewer line out to Wise's home, since it will be downhill from there to the city and no lift station will be needed.

In other business, Sheffy told the

council that the city did receive a \$25,000 grant from the Texas Solid Waste Grants program, which will be used to buy a wood chipper to help reduce waste at the landfill. He said the funds probably will be received by about next spring, with several towns going together to purchase chippers and thus obtain a better price.

The city council also approved a resolution supporting the continuation of the Texas Solid Waste Grants program, since the state legislature is considering dropping the program.

RWSWCD purchases panametric flowmeter

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District has received a state grant which was used along with district funds to purchase a new panametric flowmeter.

This flowmeter will replace the polysonic flowmeter that was being used by the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Dimmitt field office.

The old polysonic flowmeter, purchased in April 1990, was used by NRCS personnel to check irrigation wells and center pivots for local producers. During the nine years the polysonic flowmeter was used, 3,410 irrigation wells and/or center pivots were checked by NRCS personnel.

Today, budget cuts have forced a reduction in the NRCS staff and Gary Hunter is the only employee stationed in the Dimmitt field office.

With the purchase of the new panametric flowmeter, the district hired two men, Patrick Hunter and Matthew White, to work with Gary Hunter in assisting producers with center pivot and irrigation well checks. By hiring these two men, the district feels that producers can call or stop by the RWSWCD office, request a well check and receive assistance in a timely manner.

"In past years, the NRCS checked over 400 irrigation wells and center pivots in a year. With the new flowmeter, the district wants to provide this service to Castro County producers, as well as utilize its new flowmeter to its fullest potential," said Hunter.

Producers who have their wells and/or center pivots checked will receive a letter requesting a donation for the service provided. This donation will be used to help the district pay for the flowmeter, will help offset costs of the service, including salaries for the two assistants, and will pay for future repairs to the flowmeter.

Producers are not required to make a donation because all services provided by NRCS and the district are free, but donations are needed and appreciated. Funds raised will be used by the district to meet its matching fund requirement.


Each year the state will match funds that the district can raise, and

that money can be used to pay salaries; buy supplies, educational material and equipment; and to pay for district operations.

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2000 Property Tax Rates in Castro County

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for Castro County and Castro County Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start rollback procedures. In each case, these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	County General	County Road	Hospital District
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,478,677	\$ 461,101	\$ 1,260,280
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Last year's tax base	\$ 378,178,300	\$ 374,878,720	\$ 375,083,420
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.391	\$ 0.123	\$ 0.336
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,477,714	\$ 460,829	\$ 1,259,539
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 374,547,370	\$ 371,247,790	\$ 372,496,060
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.395	\$ 0.124	\$ 0.338
Total	\$ 0.519		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,614,918	\$ 460,829	\$ 1,259,539
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 374,547,370	\$ 371,247,790	\$ 372,496,060
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.431	\$ 0.124	\$ 0.338
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.465	\$ 0.134	\$ 0.365
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.599		\$ 0.365
<i>A county or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes must insert the following lines:</i>			
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.036		
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.563		
Schedule A			
Unencumbered Fund Balances			
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.			
Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance		
Castro County General	\$ 675,000		
Castro County Precincts	\$ 410,000		
Hospital District	\$ 1,228,000		
Schedule C			
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax (for cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)			
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive the following amounts in additional sales and use tax revenues.			
Castro County	\$ 137,204		

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Sports



Muleshoe class plans 3-on-3 hoop tournament

A three-on-three basketball tournament will be held in Muleshoe Aug. 3-5 and entries will be accepted through Saturday. The tournament will be held at the Assembly of God Christian Life Center, located at South First Street in Muleshoe. It is being sponsored by the Muleshoe High School speech team. Entry fee is \$40 per team and there will be four age brackets: boys 12-14, girls 12-14, women 15 and older and men 15 and older.

Individual awards will be presented to teams finishing first, second or third. Entry deadline is Saturday at 3 p.m. and entry fees along with the name of the team, team captain, mailing address of the captain and phone number should be sent to Westin Price, 703 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe 79347. Organizers ask that teams include the division they are entering when submitting their application.

Panhandle MS Society plans annual bike tour

The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will host its annual Wild West 150 Bike Tour August 5 and 6. The event will help fund the National MS Society's mission to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis.

will go through Panhandle and on to lunch at the Hoechst Celanese Park in Pampa. The cyclists will then continue on to the finish line at Huber Park in Borger. The second day will take the cyclists around Lake Meredith, ending at Frank Phillips College. To register call the MS Society at 468-7500. There will be a \$25 registration fee and a minimum of \$150 in pledges. This will entitle the rider to a T-shirt, rest stops, lunches and dinner on Saturday night. The event is fully catered and supported. The money raised will go towards research and ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis and towards the programs and services of the Panhandle Chapter.

'Meet the Bobcats' hamburger meal planned Aug. 7

Fans of Dimmitt High School football can meet the 2000 Bobcats and coaching staff and enjoy a hamburger supper on Aug. 7 at Bobcat Stadium. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. New Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson and his assistant coaching staff will be introduced along with members of this year's team. The event is sponsored by the Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club.

Cyclists will spend the day pedaling through the Texas Panhandle. The tour will begin at 6 a.m. on August 5 with check-in at the Randall High School parking lot. At seven, bikers will begin their trip on the loop around Amarillo. Then they

Dance is set

There will be a teen dance Friday night at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church gym, 1001 Halsell Street in Dimmitt. The dance, sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church's youth group will be from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.



NAZARETH'S Stephanie Thiel (left), Whitney Hoelting (center) and Shawna Gerber, show off the national championship trophy, medals and other awards they received as members of the Top of Texas team at the BCI national championship tournament last week in Colorado Springs. Thiel was named the most valuable player and won the three-point shooting contest while Gerber was named All-American. Hoelting was high-point in the championship game.

Photo by Anne Acker

Thiel is tourney MVP Gerber named All-American at BCI national tournament

A national championship, a national tournament most valuable player honor and all-American recognition were claimed by a trio of Nazareth Swiftettes in the 16-and-under division at the Basketball Congress International (BCI) national tournament, held at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Shawna Gerber, Stephanie Thiel and Whitney Hoelting, all of Nazareth, are members of the Top of Texas girls' basketball team, and that team captured the BCI national championship in its division last week. There were 24 teams competing in the tournament. Gerber earned All-American honors for her play while Thiel was named the tournament's most valuable player. Thiel also won the overall three-point shooting contest, and that was for all divisions, not just the 16-year-olds. Hoelting was a big factor in the team's 65-60 win over Nebraska All-Stars in the title game chipping in 11 points in an eight-minute quarter that decided the championship. She was the team's leading scorer in that game, too, finishing with 32. The Nazareth trio were joined on the team by Candace Channing of Lubbock Coronado, Kristi Been and Kiersten Barbee of Abilene, Lubbock Monterey's Kasey Claborn, Tiffany Mercy of Hereford, Jana Francis of Canadian and Miranda

Cornelius of Wellman. The team opened the tournament pool play on July 16 and 17 with victories over Minnesota Commets and Northwest Flash from Washington before losing to Missouri Rhodes Renegades. The national tournament got underway on July 18 with Top of Texas beating Oklahoma Nexus. They lost to Team Texas from Dallas, which forced them into the losers bracket. That didn't deter the West Texas girls, though. They battled their way back through the bottom bracket, beating Seattle Washington Magic, Houston Texas Hustle, Missouri Rhodes Renegades (avenging the pool play loss), Lady Hurricanes of Tulsa, Okla., and Arkansas Spiders Red to earn a spot in the championship game against Nebraska All-Stars. Top of Texas, paced by Hoelting and Clenney, defeated the Nebraska team, winning 65-60 and forcing another eight-minute quarter for the championship game. That was necessary since Nebraska had been unbeaten coming into the title game while Top of Texas had the loss to Team Texas. In that extra period, Top of Texas breezed to the title, 25-12. During that period, Hoelting had 11 points. She finished with a team-high 32 points.

County football teams to begin practices soon

Summer is almost over and that means football coaches and players around the county are getting ready for those grueling two-a-day practices. All three county teams will begin workouts August 7, with Dimmitt getting an early "Midnight Madness" jumpstart.

Dimmitt

The Bobcats will get an early start this year with practices starting at 12:01 a.m. Following the "Midnight Madness" practice, players will practice at 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before starting school on Thursday.

According to Coach Wade Wilson, Dimmitt's first real test will come in a scrimmage against Sanford-Fritch tentatively set for either Aug. 24 or 25. This will be followed by another scrimmage with Abernathy on either Aug. 31 or Sept. 1.

The Bobcats' first game will be at Springlake-Earth on Sept. 8.

Hart

Hart players will start their season at 7 a.m. when they are issued equipment. They will practice until 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday workouts will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a few breaks throughout the session. School and regular workouts will begin Thursday.

Hart coach Todd Bryant was unavailable for comment on the Longhorns' scrimmages or first game.

Nazareth

Pigskin practices will commence at 7:30 a.m. according to Coach Rick Price. The evening practices will be held at 6 p.m. The Swifts will have two-a-day workouts all week long since Nazareth does not start classes until Aug. 14.

Nazareth will only play one scrimmage this year, and that is tentatively set at Anton on Aug. 25. The next week will be the first week of the regular season for the Swifts, who will get an early start on the year at home against San Jacinto Christian on Sept. 1.

Dimmitt Stars enjoy hoop success during summer

The Dimmitt Stars didn't let grass grow under their basketball shoes the last four months. They spent weekends traveling and shooting hoops.

Members of the team are Heather Black, Lori Schulte, Kylie Webb, Jill Merritt, Sally Stahl, Sharla Kenworthy, Kelsey Welch, Stacey Saenz and Audrey Saenz. They are coached by Glen Black and Rhenea Webb.

On April 15 the team captured the silver medal in a tournament, beating Crush 66-26 and Quicksilver 35-19 before falling to West Texas Elite, 40-59. Top scorers in the tournament were Black, who had 33 and 17; Schulte and Welch, 11 apiece; and Saenz, 10.

The team lost to Lady Air on April 28, 57-71. Black was high-point with 25 while Stahl had 12.

Then the Stars faced off with No Doubt for a doubleheader, losing both games in close battles, 52-55 and 43-46. Leading scorers were Black, 15; and Webb, 9.

The Stars lost to Lady Magic, 56-59, with Black and Webb leading the scoring, chipping in 21 and 12 points, respectively.

The Stars traveled to Denver City on June 1 and got back on track, beating Seminole, 62-61, in an overtime thriller. Black paced the team with 30 points while Webb added nine.

In round two at Denver City, the Stars topped Spearman, 44-42 with Black and Saenz counting 20 and 10

points, respectively. That win moved the Stars into the championship game with Smyer, but the Dimmitt girls came up short, falling 36-49, and they had to settle for second place. Top scorers were Black, who had 12; and Webb and Saenz, who had eight apiece.

On June 17, the Stars defeated West Texas Elite, 48-37, and Black finished with 26. Schulte was second-high with seven.

The Stars suffered a loss at the hands of the Terminators, 31-51, and Kenworthy and Schulte finished with seven each to lead the team.

The Stars bounced back with a big win over West Texas Elite, 52-43. Black finished with 21 while Welch added 12.

On June 26, the Stars fell to Lady Hawks, 47-56. Black had 31 and Webb finished with 10.

Another silver medal finish was earned by the Dimmitt team when they were able to defeat the Elite in two rounds before falling to Crew, 31-52.

In seven of the Stars' games, rebounds were a key factor in wins, and the girls were able to cut down on their turnovers.

Rebound leaders in those seven games were Black with 54, Webb with 36, Schulte with 33, Welch with 26, Saenz with 21, Kenworthy with 19, Merritt with 16 and Stahl with 14.

The Stars focused on free throw shooting, too, hitting 229 of 295 attempts for the season.



THE DIMMITT STARS improved fundamentals and enjoyed success this summer as they competed against some of the best basketball players in the area. Team members are (standing, from left) Heather Black, Lori Schulte and Kylie Webb; and (seated, from left) Jill Merritt, Sally Stahl and Sharla Kenworthy. Not pictured are Kelsey Welch, Stacey Saenz and Audrey Saenz. Coaches of the team are Glen Black and Rhenea Webb. Kylene Black is the bookkeeper.

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Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Jerome and Margaret Brockman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 15, beginning with a mass in Holy Family Church at 6 p.m. It was followed by a dinner, lots of visiting and card playing at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Attending were their children and most of their grandchildren including Jim Brockman and family of Hereford, Geri Russell and family of Canyon, Kathy Yarbrough and family of Fredericksburg, Joe Brockman and family of Bulverde, Paul Brockman of Canyon, Ken Brockman and family of Mesa, Ariz., and Theresa and family of Midland.

Grandchildren unable to attend were Matthew Russell, who is in the Army and is stationed in Kosovo; Amy Yarbrough, who had just moved to Oklahoma; and Chris Brockman, who was attending a Boy Scout camp.

Rose Dalton and her two daughters, Nelda McKinzie and Mary Rose Edgar were also present.

Bishop John Yanta of Amarillo was present for the mass along with Msgr. Erpen and Father John Dalton. Also present for the dinner were Msgr. Harold Waldow of Amarillo and Msgr. Ray Crosier.

A very large crowd attended the celebration, with people coming from Canyon, Amarillo, Lowake, Levelland and more.

Lisa Schulte and Joanne Lacy returned home last week after a trip to Nashville, Tenn. They brought Lisa's grandmother, Margaret Cantrell, home with them and she'll be spending a month or so with family here. Everyone is happy to have her here, especially her great-great-granddaughter, Alicia.

Sandee and Whitney Hoelting, Karen and Shawna Gerber, Virgie Gerber, and Chuck, Ramona, Jackie and Stephanie Thiel drove to Colorado Springs for the BCI 2000 Girls' Junior Prep and Summer Prep Tournament, held at the US Air Force Academy on July 16-20. There were 24 teams in the tournament and Shawna, Stephanie and Whitney played for Top of Texas. Their team won first place by defeating Nebraska, which had been undefeated through the tournament until the finals. The final game was played Thursday with Top of Texas posting a 60-65 win. Then a fifth quarter was played to determine the overall winner, which was Top of Texas, 25-12.

The team consists of the three Nazareth girls, two from Lubbock,

two from Abilene, and one each from Hereford, Wellman and Canadian.

Candace Channing of Lubbock and Shawna Gerber made the All-American team and Stephanie Thiel was awarded the most valuable player honor. The team gave their trophy to Whitney Hoelting, who was the high-point individual with 32 points.

The Top of Texas team played teams from Minnesota, Washington, Missouri, Oklahoma, Dallas, Houston, Arkansas and Nebraska.

Virgie Gerber spent the first three days of the trip in Denver, Colo., with her granddaughter, Natalie Grosser, Natalie's husband and their nine-month-old baby, Eric.

Sandee, Karen and the girls spent several nights with Leroy and Collette Hoelting in Colorado Springs while Virgie stayed with Brenda, Tom and Tiffany Conrad.

It sure is nice to have family who will share their homes.

Rosie and Holly Kleman and Sharon and Brittany Hampton enjoyed a trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., where Holly and Brittany played in the 10-and-under AAU National Championship Tournament. They play with the West Texas Metro Stars.

The team won three games and lost three, finishing second in their pool and 25th overall in the 76-team field.

The games were played in the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex.

They also enjoyed the theme parks and water parks at Disney World.

The Naz Exes, sponsored by the 19th Hole, won fourth in the Amarillo Softball Tournament over the weekend. After losing the first game, they had a long hard fight back to win fourth place.

Carson Gerber participated in the "Kids In Business" program, held Saturday in Amarillo at Westgate Mall. The program is for students between the ages of 7 and 15.

There were 35 booths set up with a very wide variety of articles to choose from.

Carson's booth was headlined, "Carson's Creations," and featured scrap metal art yard decorations. He received a \$50 gift certificate for "Most Creative Merchandising."

His helpful co-workers were Lindsie Gerber and Tanya Herring. It was a very profitable and fun experience.

Norma Schacher, Evelyn Rossi, Jimmie Schulte and Nellie Wilhelm spent the weekend in Fort Smith, Ark., attending the diamond jubilee celebration of their aunt, Sister Jane Francis Brockman. Also celebrating were Sister DeChantel Hyland and Sister Florence Yuterman, who were their former teachers in Nazareth High School.

Vic Brockman of Midland, Sister Jane's brother, was the only immediate family member able to attend, but there was a niece or nephew there to represent every member of her family.

Among those not able to attend were her sisters, Martha Woods of Baltimore, Md. and Mattie Endres of Hutchinson, Kan.; and a brother, Ernest Brockman of Nazareth.

Those present visited with many of the sisters who formerly taught school in Nazareth, including Sister Norbert Hoelting, Sister Consuela, Sister Stella, Sister Anita, Sister Adrian and Sister Marcella. It was a fun time.

Sister DeChantel Hyland's family all attended. They are Sister Francis Anne Braddock of St. Scholastica, Brother Gerald Hyland of St. Louis, Mo., Joan Homan of Branson, Mo., Joyce Tingle of Colorado Springs, Colo., Maureen Schwaller of New Braunfels, Rita Walker of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Amy Kuster of Amarillo.

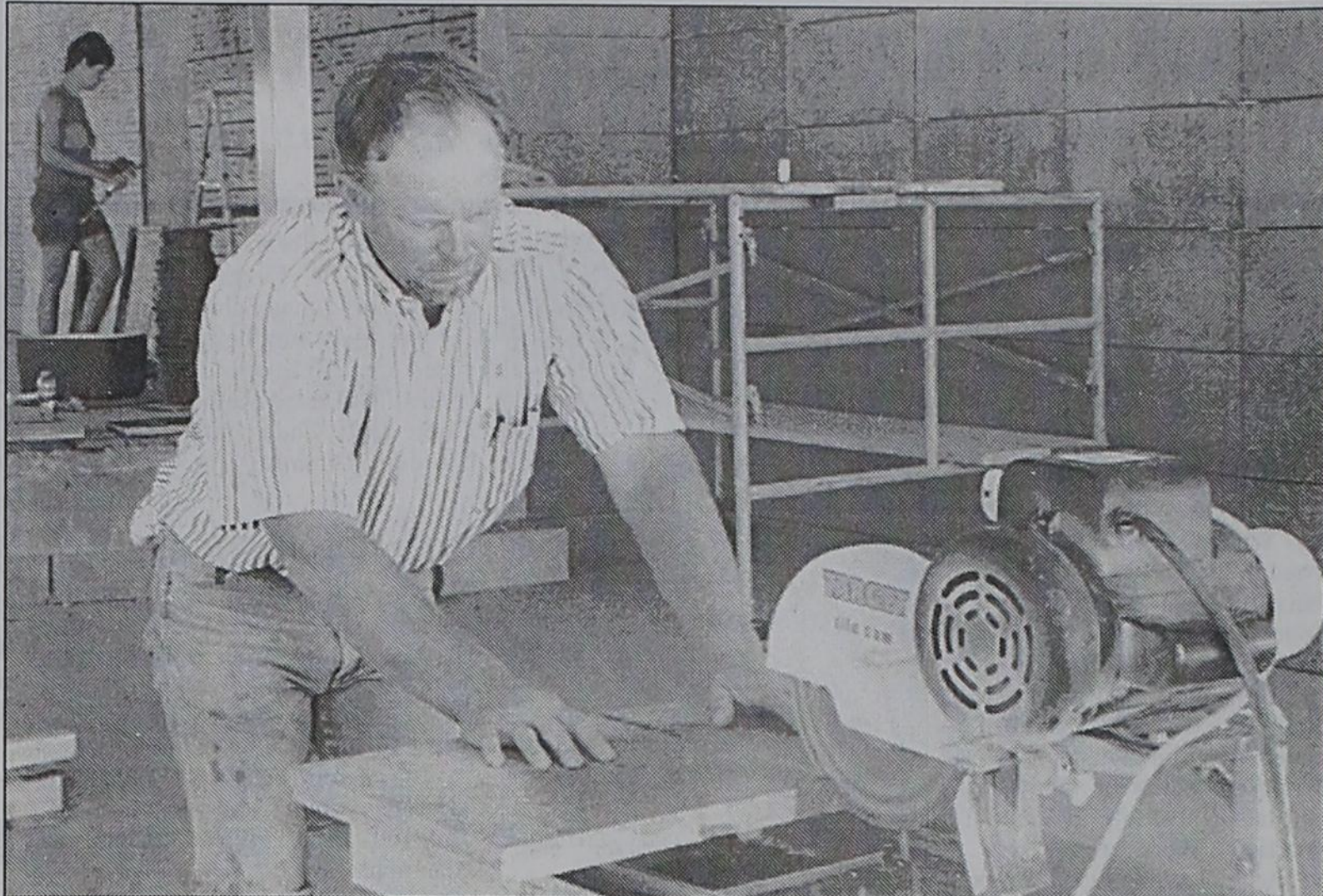
A big portion of the Virgie Gerber family gathered at Lake Kemp over the weekend.

This lake, like many others, is badly in need of rain—but everyone still enjoyed boating, skiing, tubing and of course, fishing. Monty, Clifford and Kane were thrilled to catch several striper bass big enough to keep.

They enjoyed a few extras this time when they were joined by Gene Gerber of Kellar and Janos and his brother Vico Varadi of Germany. Janos lived in Odessa with Gene and Susie Gerber as a foreign exchange student a couple of years ago.

Also joining the group were Clyde, Lisa and Adam Schulte.

Prayers are asked for Florene and Ernie Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Paul Venhaus, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman Lee, Virgil Brockman, Edith Huseman, Dianne Huseman, Patricia (Kern) Butler, Floyd Schulte, Elias Bermea, Kevin Acker, Dorothy McQuilliams, Ethan Schulte and Cyrilla Robb.



FITTING THE CENTENNIAL TILES—Jerry Matlock of Matlock Masonry & Tile of Plainview trims a granite tile for fitting on the stage-front of Hart's Centennial Pavilion last Thursday. In background, Matlock's wife, Lorri, seals name-tiles on the wall behind the stage. The Matlocks finished installing the custom-lettered tiles in time for a public fund-raising auction in the Pavilion Saturday, and expect to have all the sealing completed in plenty of time for the pavilion's dedication Saturday. Photo by Don Nelson

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Plaza and Gazebo on the courthouse square cost \$65,000 when we built it in 1991.

The Centennial Pavilion is a good, useful, central gathering place for Hart's people, and its granite "heritage wall" will serve as a constant reminder of the pride that has gone into molding and developing the community.

Chuck Braafladt was one of my best buddies.

A lot of other guys can say the same thing.

He and I went a lot of miles together in the Jaycees, Lions, Follies, church choir and Methodist Men's Quartet, and in the sandhills south of Springlake.

When he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in the spring of '99, I raged against the unfairness of it. But he told me, "I'm just going to play the hand I've been dealt."

Every third summer, he and several fishing buddies would load up, drive straight north with hardly a stop, and end up on a remote lake in Canada, where they would catch lots of big trout that would grow even

bigger with the telling after they got back.

Any of these stalwarts—Danny Chisum, CD Fitzgearld, George Rator or Lyman Schroeder—could tell you at any given time just how many weeks and days were left until their next Canadian adventure.

When they went last summer, they knew it would be Chuck's last trip. They made sure it was a memorable one for him.

When I was president of the Jaycees in '69, the Harvest Days Parade theme was something like "Past, Present and Future." I came up with a nifty idea for a club float. It would be a decorated flatbed trailer with platforms, and on the platforms would be featured some antique plows from George Bagwell's collection.

After we got Mr. Bagwell's okay, the float committee drew up a design and materiel list, and set up a Saturday morning work party at Braafladt Transport, with Chuck in charge.

I had to work that morning, but I checked in on the float party early. When I left, they were making some angle cuts that the plans called for.

When I got back that afternoon, we had a rocket.

"Naw, your idea was okay," Chuck told me. "It's just that when we got

these angle-pieces cut, we realized that they'd make a good tail for a rocket, so..."

Ah, well. We won first place.

With his beautiful tenor voice, Chuck was a regular in the Follies. Eventually, the show brought out another of his talents—comedy.

Anytime Chuck was in a skit with Ysleta Ball or Cheryl Pybus, that act alone would be worth the admission price.

Because of a nightmarish experience he had once while singing in front of a large audience, Chuck would never go onstage without a hat, a clipboard, a magazine or some other prop that he could read his lines from.

He and Ysleta were famous for the pranks that each would pull to crack the other one up. When they were onstage, the whole cast would gather around the wings just to see what was going to happen next.

I could go on all day, I guess. I've got lots and lots of memories of him. He was a great guy and a great friend, and I'll miss him.

A lot of other guys can say the same thing.

New probation office annex posing problems for county

The new county probation annex, the old Cobbs building located in the 100 block of East Bedford, is becoming a problem.

The building, which is being leased from the Clements Corporation for \$500 a month, needs substantial renovating before it can be used for the county's probation department.

According to an estimate given at Monday's commissioners meeting, these renovations could cost the county around \$75,000. Added with the rent payments, the new annex would cost approximately \$140,000 over the next 10 years.

"I just cannot see investing that much money in a building that (the county) will not even own in 10 years," County Judge Irene Miller said.

The floor plans accompanying this estimate allow for three classrooms, two offices, a GED lab, receptionist area, break room, meeting room and two bathrooms.

However, the project could be completed for much less.

Initial estimates for the renovations were about \$8,000 without air conditioning or heating. This estimate will likely be somewhat higher than was originally thought though.

The blueprints with this estimate equipped the building with three classrooms, a GED lab, receptionist area, bathroom and one office.

Before agreeing to lease the additional office space, commissioners were told that the simpler floor plans would be used.

But now the probation department says the more expensive route is necessary.

Commissioners disagree.

"We just cannot afford to spend that much money on the annex," Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Roland said. "They (the probation department) are going to have to settle for the first estimates."

Hoping for a solution, commis-

sioners agreed to allow Commercial Industrial Builders, Inc., a construction management firm, to look at the building and determine a third estimate.

In addition to construction estimates, commissioners must worry about labor. All estimates are for materials only.

Bill Coleman, director of the probation department, has suggested using probationers to do the work.

However, liability of the workers would then fall upon the county, a risk commissioners are not certain about.

Because of all the potential prob-

lems, Judge Miller contacted Mr. Clements, owner of the Clements Corp., about getting out of the contract.

"He said that it (terminating the contract) would be very costly," Miller explained.

On the other hand, before commissioners signed the contract, Mr. Clements said that the county could dissolve the contract at any time.

After a lengthy discussion Monday, commissioners tabled the issue.

But with the first lease payment due Tuesday, commissioners are hoping for a quick solution to several problems.

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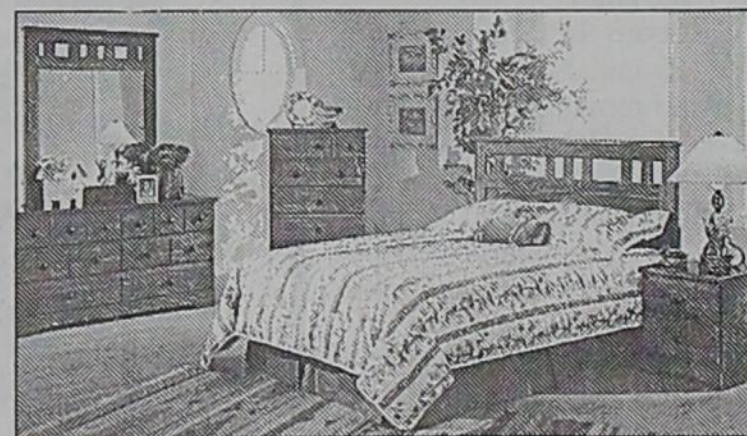
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Obituaries

Edna Arnold

Edna "Morleen" Arnold, 74, of Russellville, Ark., formerly of Dimmitt, died Friday at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Russellville, Ark.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the First Baptist Church of Danville, with Bro. Bobby Walker officiating. Burial followed in the Earl Ladd Cemetery at Danville under the direction of Humphrey Funeral Service.

Mrs. Arnold was born Nov. 13, 1925, in Dimmitt to Richard and Bertha Dowell Greathouse. She graduated from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and West Texas State University in Canyon. She married Lilburn Arnold.

She helped with the Danville Meals on Wheels program, the ATU Baptist Student Union and served as a Sunday School teacher for many years. She was a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs and the American Legion. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Danville for 36 years and belonged to the Second Baptist Church of Russellville for the past two years. She served as the secretary for the First Baptist Church of Danville for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Arnold of Plainview, and Lynda Housley of Russellville; a brother, Earl Greathouse of Honolulu, Hawaii; two sisters, Elouise Kirklen of Lewisville and Fayrene Easley of Brady; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Dean Catlett, Larry White, Pledger Ball, Jimmie Douglas, Tom Gray, Bobby Joe Ledford Jr. and Waymon Sides. Honorary pallbearers were Al Tittle, Ricky Easley, Mike Easley, Tom Kirklen, David Wilson and Arnold Nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association.

Lilla Blanton

Services for Lilla Mae Blanton, 83, of Plainview, former Dimmitt resident, were held Wednesday morning at Ninth and Columbia Street Church of Christ with Colquitt Nash officiating. Burial followed in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Blanton died Monday in Lockney Care Center.

She was born Sept. 26, 1916, in Petersburg. She married Malcom R. Blanton on June 19, 1987, in Plainview.

She grew up in the area and graduated from Dimmitt High School.

She worked for a hotel in Amarillo as an assistant manager during World War II. She moved to California and managed a hotel there before moving back to Plainview in 1969. She also worked at The Yardstick in Plainview. She was a past member of the Knife and Fork Club. She was a member of Ninth and Columbia Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two sisters, Ona Faye Chapman of Plainview and Katherine Tatro of Carson City, Nev.

Grace Marie Holley

Services for Grace Marie Holley, 65, of Conchas Lake Dam, N.M., and formerly of Nazareth, were held Monday in First United Methodist Church in Plainview with Dr. Max Browning, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Parklawn Memorial Gardens by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

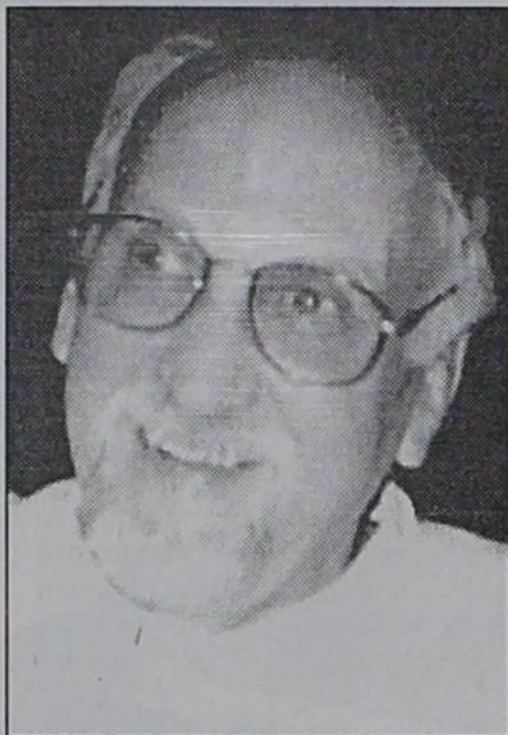
Mrs. Holley died on July 21 in Conchas Lake Dam.

She was born in Nazareth and graduated from Nazareth High School. After moving to Plainview, she worked for Hale County State Bank and was a member of First United Methodist Church. A past president of the Junior Service League, she moved to Conchas Lake Dam in 1997.

She married Sherwood Holley in 1955.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Cherisse Craft of Tyler; a son, Darrell Holley of Plainview; a brother, Steve Schacher of Minnesota; three sisters, Clara Cowell of Amarillo, Louise Russel of Plainview, and Marion Durbin of Nazareth; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church or a favorite charity.



Chuck Braafladt

Charles C. "Chuck" Braafladt, a longtime Dimmitt business man and civic leader, died at his home at 11 a.m. Friday, four days before his 58th birthday.

He was a victim of the rare amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt, with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, and Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, former pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens with a military graveside service.

Born July 25, 1942, in San Jose, Calif., Mr. Braafladt grew up in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1961. He earned a degree in business at West Texas State University, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

He married Patricia Pryor of Amarillo on Jan. 25, 1964.

Upon his graduation from college, he was commissioned through the ROTC as a second lieutenant in the Army, and served in Vietnam as a company commander. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He served 32 years in the Army Reserve, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

After his tour of duty in Vietnam, he moved to Dimmitt to join his father as a partner in Braafladt Transport Co.

He was a past president of the Dimmitt Jaycees, the Dimmitt Lions Club and the Castro County Recreation Association, served as vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce and was president of the Methodist Men.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and sang tenor in the church choir and the Methodist Men's Quartet.

He was a longtime performer in the Dimmitt "Follies" as both a singer and a comedic actor. He was also an avid outdoorsman, hunter and fisher.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; a daughter and son-in-law, Tiffany Braafladt-Bale and Jeff Bale of Knoxville, Tenn.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles Todd and Jennifer Braafladt of Dallas and Charles Christian Braafladt of Austin; his parents, Louis C. "Chet" and Helen Braafladt of Dimmitt; two sisters, Jill McLean of Dimmitt and Joan Craig of Austin; four nephews and three nieces.

Active pallbearers were Jeff Bale, Randall and Paul Craig, Jeff and Mandon Maloney, Charles McLean, and Avery, Chip and Phil Thrasher.

Honorary pallbearers were Danny Chisum, CD Fitzgearld, George Rasor and Lyman Schroeder.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care, 213 Etter St., Dimmitt; or to the First United Methodist Church Choir Loft Chair Fund, 110 SW Third St., Dimmitt.

Sylvia Robertson

Funeral services for Sylvia Martin Robertson, 70, of Spearman, the mother of a Nazareth woman, were held Friday morning at First Baptist Church of Spearman with Rev. Rick Patrick officiating.

Burial followed in the Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Coxwell Bros. Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Robertson died July 18 at her home.

She was born Oct. 17, 1929, in Spearman and lived there all her life. She married T. Ray Robertson in Spearman on April 26, 1947. Mrs. Robertson was a homemaker, and had been a member of the Spearman First Baptist Church, where she volunteered at the church library. She was a past president of the Hansford County Historical Commission and was instrumental in compiling volumes I and II of the Hansford County History Book, for which she received a special award from the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Robertson also enjoyed researching history and the genealogy of her family and others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Mareta Carrell Martin.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Danny Robertson of Midland and his wife Donna; a daughter, Brenda Annen of Nazareth and her husband Claude; a sister, Sybil Miller of Spearman, and her husband Billy; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials to the Hansford County Historical Commission, 30 S. Townsend, Spearman, TX 79081; or the Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

Marvin Ward

Marvin Ward, 87, lifetime resident of Idalou, father of Marie Howell of Dimmitt, died Sunday at Covenant Medical Center.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Idalou Cemetery with Floyd Stumbo officiating. Arrangements were handled by Adams Funeral Home of Lorenzo.

Mr. Ward was born Oct. 31, 1912, in Godley. He married Stella Mae Brown on Dec. 27, 1936, in Clovis, N.M. She died Dec. 12, 1992.

He was a member of Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock. He graduated from Idalou High School in 1933 as salutatorian of his class. He was the owner and operator of Ward Elevator and Mill from 1942 to 1979. He was a farmer.

Survivors include a son, Dr. George Ward of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; two daughters, Marie Howell of Dimmitt and Beth Hale of Wichita Falls; two brothers, Pete Ward of Fort Worth and Check Ward of Idalou; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Children's Home of Lubbock or to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

How wise are Thy Commandments, O Lord. Each one of them applies to somebody I know.



HART ROYALTY—Kellie George (far right) was crowned as Miss Hart Tuesday night, and she was selected from a field of 10 contestants. Other winners

Tuesday included (from left) Rachel Wall, second runner-up; LaCretia Robinson, Miss Congeniality; and Maegan Farris, first runner-up.

Photo by Anne Acker

More about Schools . . .

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record, transcript, etc) from their previous school.

Nazareth

Nazareth Independent School District will hold registration on Aug. 11 for students in the sixth through 12th grades.

The first group to register on Aug. 11 will be the senior class, expected to sign up between 8 and 9 a.m. The rest of the registration schedule includes juniors from 9 to 10 a.m., sophomores from 10 to 11 a.m., freshmen from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, eighth graders from 1:30 to 2 p.m., seventh graders from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and sixth graders from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

School pictures for students in these classes will be taken during registration, and Nazareth ISD will be mailing out pamphlets and order forms to parents prior to registration. Students are asked to return the order forms, with the appropriate money for the order, when they have their pictures made on Aug. 11.

The school's dress code will be in effect on registration day. Nazareth will start the 2000-2001 school year on Aug. 14.

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Anticipating is even more fun than recollecting.

On the edge of precipice, only a fool does cartwheels.

Hart family pulls in house and eventually whole town

The City of Hart will celebrate its 100th birthday this weekend. And while it was officially established in 1901, Hart began in a very unusual way back in 1899.

That year T. W. Hart, his wife Lillian, five-year-old Percy and three-year-old Nina put their house on skids and hitched it up to a team of horses, which pulled their house from Swisher County to its new location.

The two-room house was moved in two days. All the household goods were left in place, so the family was right at home the entire journey, as well as when they arrived at their new home south of what would one day be a town named after them.

After the house was in place near Running Water Draw, early settlers persuaded Hart to open a post office in his home.

The post office was established in 1900, but postal regulations required a name be submitted to Washington, D. C. All the submitted names, however, were not approved.

One postal official suggested Hart, and that's how the town got its name.

The Post Office

Throughout the years the Hart Post Office has been located in many homes and stores within the town.

It was established in 1900 in the home of T. W. Hart. It was located there, with Mr. Hart as the postmaster, until 1914, when it moved to the Tom Ray General Store.

The store sold staple groceries, binder twine, axle grease and other necessities.

In 1920, the postal services were turned over to C. L. Attaway and his "Old Store" general store. He ran the post until 1927 when Willis A. Hawkins, Sr. purchased the store and inherited the job of postmaster.

In 1928, the post office was moved from the store to a section of Bryan's Drug Store, which was located where

Ed Harris Lumber Company is today and Charles Reynolds became the new postmaster. Later they moved across the street into the building that housed E. P. Patterson's Barber Shop.

During those days the postmaster did not draw a salary. Instead, he was paid according to the number of cancellations. Reynolds made between \$70 and \$80 per month during his stint as postmaster.

The post office was housed in the old barber shop until 1968, when a new building was constructed at the current location. This building is still being used today.

Hart ISD

Because of a fire that has been described as "the worst in the county's history," there are no records of Hart schools prior to 1951.

But some school history has been determined from the memories of those who attended the numerous small "houses of education" during the early years.

In 1921, Killough and Lone Star Schools, which were only about two and one-half miles apart, were consolidated to form Hart School C-1.

Killough, named for the pioneer who provided the land, is believed to be the earliest school in the Hart area. It was originally located about one-half south of the present townsite of Hart.

The small one room, unpainted structure was built in 1902. Lumber was hauled from Hereford by wagon. A wood-coal heater in the middle of the room furnished warmth in the winter. Handmade tables served as desks for two students each.

Lone Star School was originally known as Holder-Eaton for the men who provided the school's land. It was also started in 1902.

Wise School, also named after the

man who donated the land, was started shortly after 1900. It educated children in the northeast corner of the county. Classes were only held in the summer because the winters were considered too cold. After an election in 1940, Wise was permanently consolidated with Hart.

Another small school which helped form Hart ISD was Mulkey. The school was started in 1915 when a settler named Hamm began teaching several kids in an upstairs room. A new building was built for the school in 1918 and was named for Hamm's son who died of acute appendicitis.

The building burned down in 1925 and a new brick school house was erected. Finally, in 1945 Hart permanently annexed Mulkey.

Other schools who combined to form Hart include Struve, Valley View, Center Plains and Dinwiddie School.

The first Hart school was built on the first townsite in 1924 and '25. It was a six room structure with rooms in the basement. When the state outlawed basement classrooms, Hart added new classrooms along with a gymnasium and auditorium. Frank Shotwell was the superintendent during this period.

In 1936, the school was relocated to its present site under the direction of Superintendent Chester Steickland. The new building consisted of nine classrooms, a gymnasium, bookroom and superintendent's office.

Several classrooms, a lunch room, a workshop and a homemaking cottage were added to the school before it burned in 1951.

Insured for just \$50,000, the new building costs were estimated at \$150,000. But Hart residents vowed to rebuild the school "bigger and better than before."

When the new facilities were completed in 1953, it consisted of 10 classrooms, a study hall, gymnasium, six restrooms, four dressing rooms adjoining the gymnasium, showers and lockers in the main corridor. The gymnasium was to be used as the auditorium with a seating capacity of about 500.

During the next 10 years, enrollment increased so much that a new building was built for students in junior high and high school.

Other additions in recent years include a new reading room, band hall, field house and improvements to an old dwelling for the use of a Coordinated Vocational Academic Education laboratory.

The 80s saw a renewed emphasis on academics and athletics. New science and computer labs were constructed along with new classrooms, tennis courts and a track.

The district is still making renovations and additions.

Faith in God

Early settlers in the Hart area were mostly Baptists. In May of 1907, these pioneers decided that their community needed a church.

Rev. E. D. Morgan, a preacher from Hereford, came to Hart to help



EARLY-DAY STORE FRONT — An implement house made its home in part of this building in Hart in 1927 while Attaway Grocery and Hawkins Grocery was operated out of another part of the building along with Dowden Hardware Co.

organize a church. They named the church the "Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Christ."

The first service was held on June 2 in the Killough Schoolhouse, which the church used as its meeting place until 1928. In 1929, the church started meeting in the basement auditorium of the brick schoolhouse.

The church relocated again in 1941 to the vacant Attaway store building located on the main street of Hart.

Finally, in 1945, the church was able to move into its own facility. It purchased an old church, dismantled it and used the materials to construct the first Hart Baptist Church.

A new auditorium was finished in 1953, with the first services being held in July. That building was remodeled in 1974 and '75. When the renovation was completed, the church had new pews, carpeting and stained glass windows for the sanctuary and modern heating and cooling systems.

Several Hart residents interested in starting a Catholic church met with Rev. John Markovsky, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo, and Father Peter Morsch of Nazareth in early 1958.

They decided on the name St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church and purchased a small wooden-framed building from the Baptist Church. The facility was moved to land on Avenue C donated by Jessie Rubalcaba and renovated.

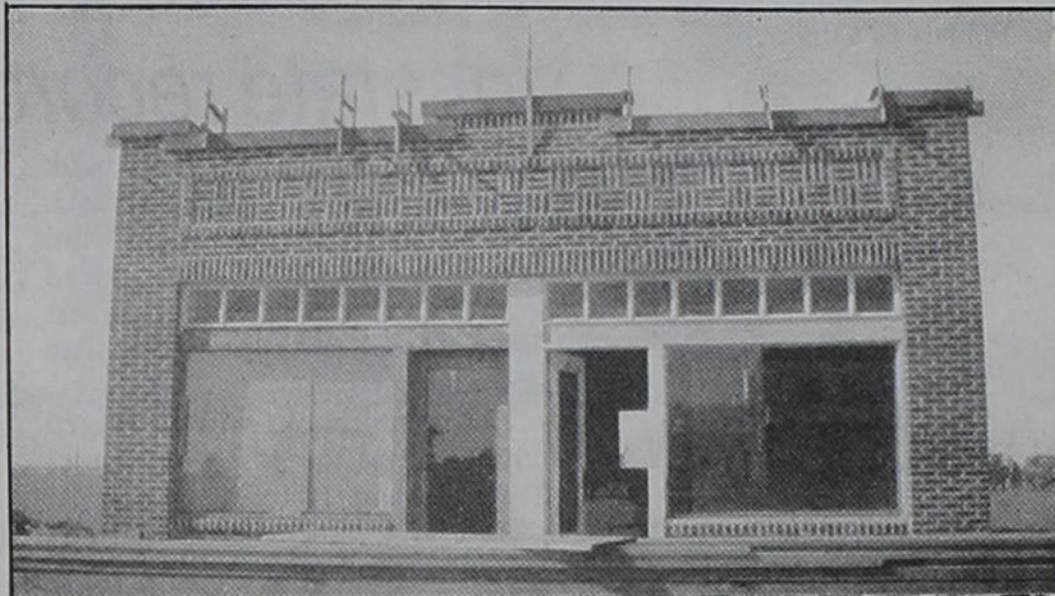
The total cost was \$2,500 and was covered by donations from 65 people in surrounding cities.

A new church was constructed at the current location in 1965 and '66

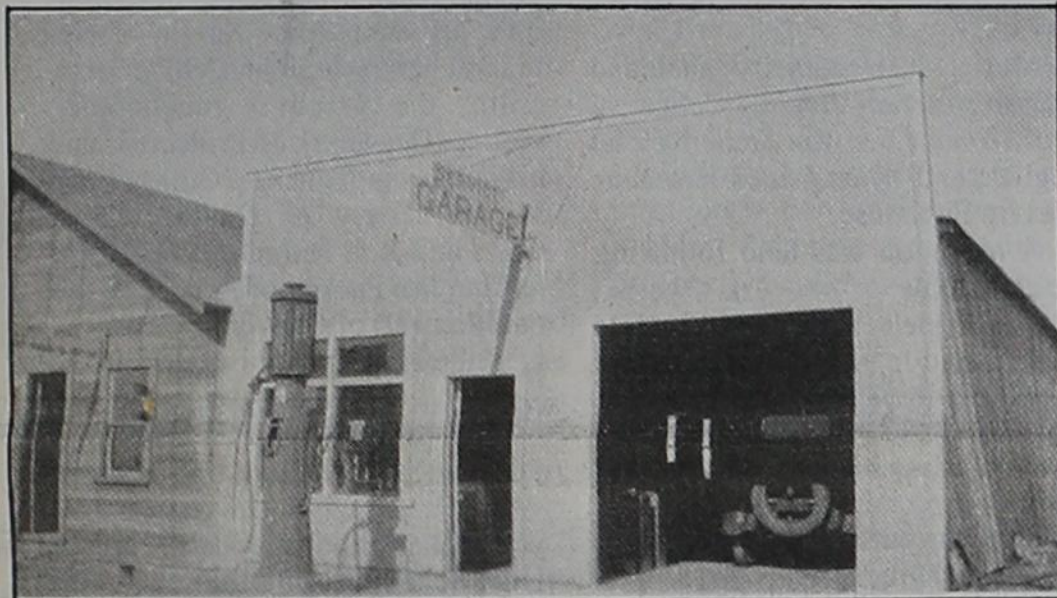
to accommodate the rapidly growing congregation. The construction of this church was aided by many volunteers and donations.

Finally, in 1982, the parish began construction of a \$56,480 parish hall which included a kitchen, restrooms and four classrooms.

The City of Hart also has a Methodist Church, but its history was unavailable.



THE HART CAFE AND BARBERSHOP once was housed in this building, which now is the home for Farmers Tire and Supply. Mrs. Stark operated the early-day Hart Cafe while Pat Patterson ran the Hart Barbershop. Later the building also held Hart Laundry and another barbershop.



THE FRANK BAUMAN GARAGE, located in Hart, was the first garage with a mechanic service in Hart. Constructed by Frank Bauman, with the help of his father, Joseph, the garage was operated until 1943. Bauman re-opened the garage in 1945 and for a time, his son worked with him. Later it was operated by his son and son-in-law, Joseph Bauman and Lyndall Warren.

Hart residents begin work on extended local calling

Many Hart residents hope to call numbers in Amarillo, Plainview, Canyon and two more cities without long-distance charges, and the first steps toward getting extended local calling approved were taken recently.

The push for the extended local calling package is being spearheaded by Hart resident Aaron Lee, and he spoke with several Hart residents at a special meeting at Hart City Hall recently.

A few years ago, Hart tried to get an extended local calling application approved, but the measure didn't pass. Lee thinks the plan has a better chance for approval this time, especially with the popularity of Internet services.

Before the plan can begin, a petition with at least 30 signatures from residents in the Hart exchange must be submitted to the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

After PUC approves the application, it goes to the telephone company for approval. Once that approval is received, then ballots are mailed to subscribers in the exchange. 70% of the subscribers must vote in favor of the plan before extended local calling will be approved.

If approved, residents in the Hart exchange would be required to pay

an addition \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, per month.

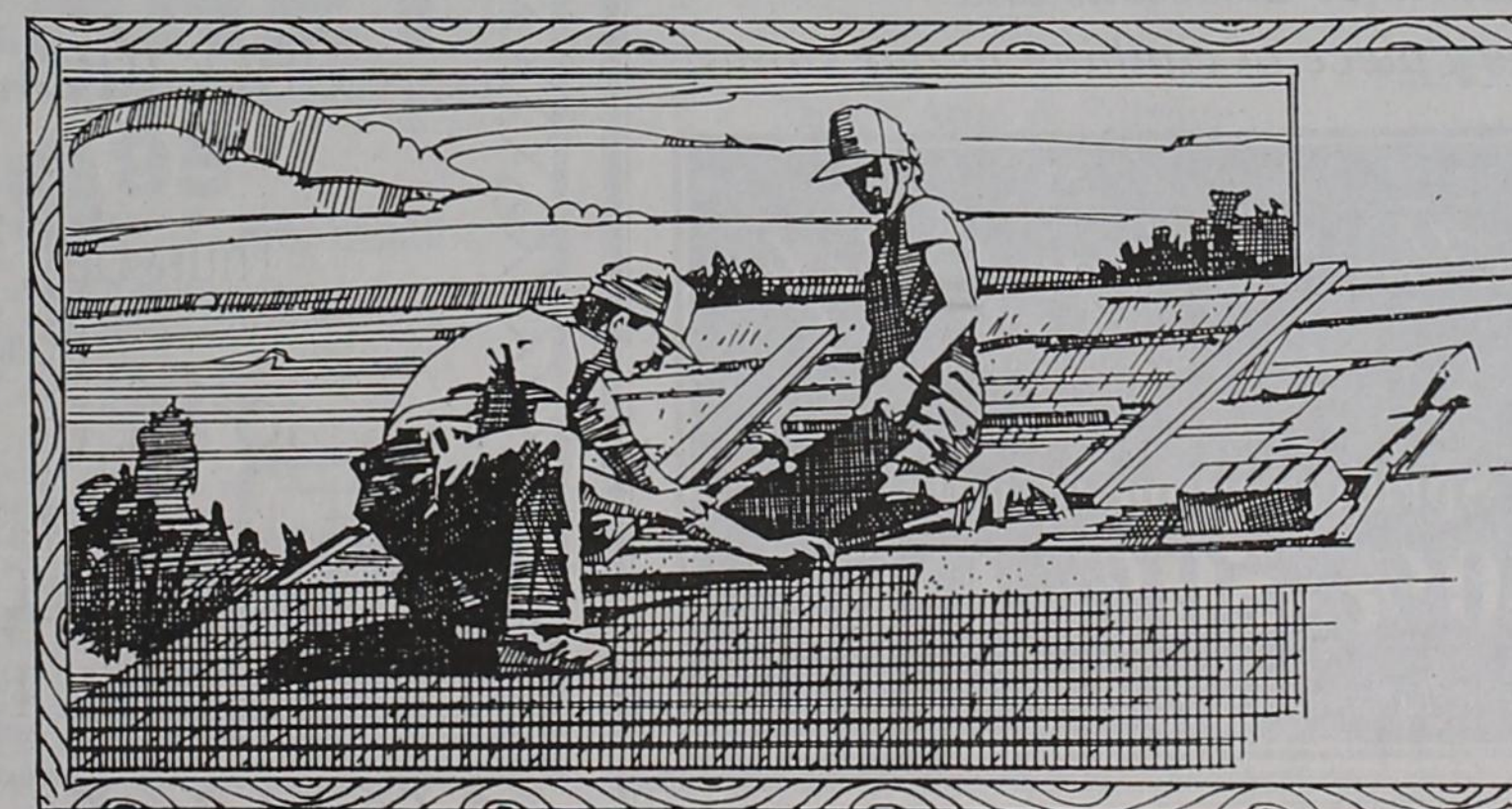


THE HART HOTEL—This building, which is located north of today's Pay and Save Grocery in Hart, served as a tourist hotel and cafe in Hart in 1927.

W.I.T.H. selling raffle tickets now

The W.I.T.H. Association in Hart is selling raffle tickets and the winner will receive a night at an Amarillo Bed and Breakfast and a dinner at an area steakhouse.

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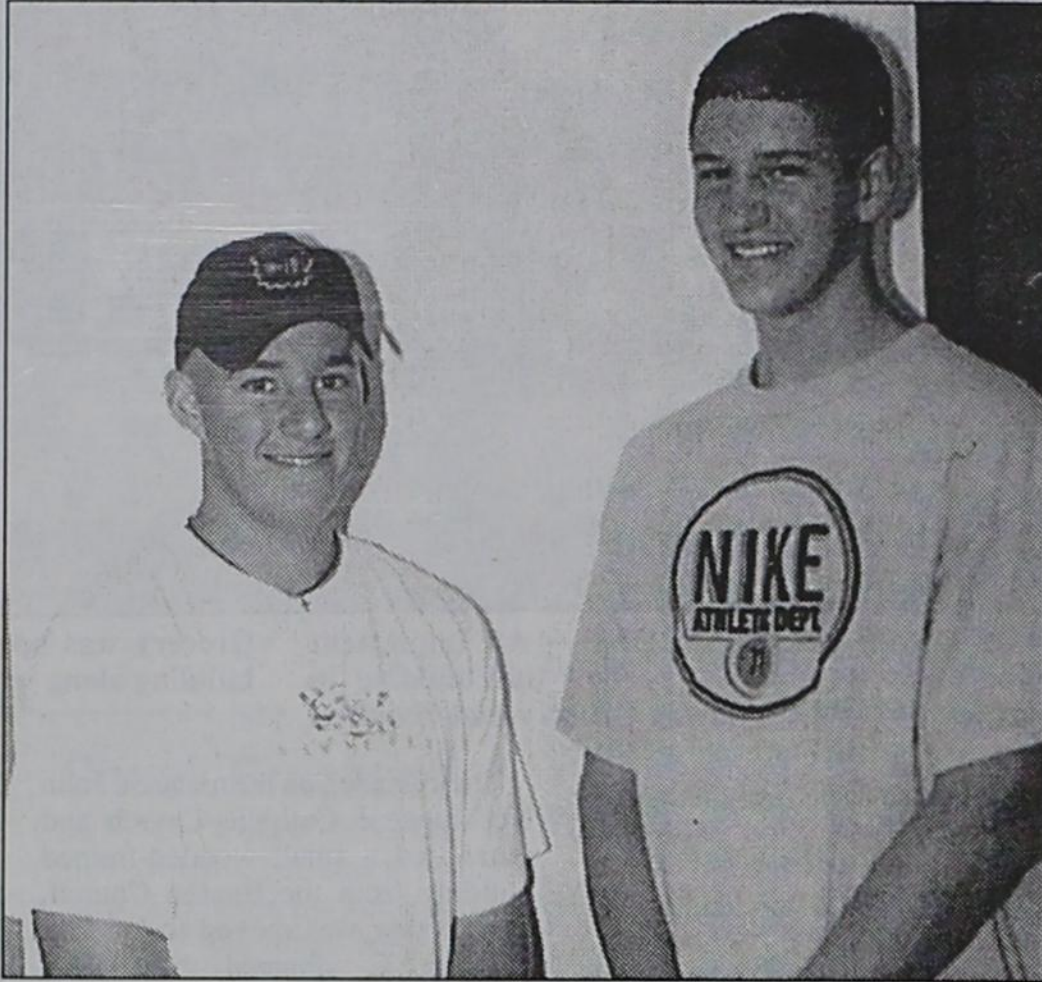
Michael Penney of Dimmitt has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

Penney, who graduated from Dimmitt High School as salutatorian this year, was nominated for the national award by Lisa Reeves.

His name and biography will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The United States Achievement Academy established the All-American Scholar award program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 grade-point average or higher. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by USAA.

Penney is the son of Gene and Lisa Penney of Dimmitt. His grandparents are Paul and Janet Weaver of Dimmitt and J.C. and Ollie Penney of Lubbock.



STATE 4-H RECORD BOOK QUALIFIERS
... Thomas Brockman and Jeremy Bishop of Dimmitt

Photo by Anne Acker

Brockman, Bishop qualify for state record book contest

Jeremy Bishop's 4-H record book on "Recreation," and Thomas Brockman's record book on "Consumer Education" were judged to be the best in the District 2 contest and each will advance to the state competition.

The record books will be judged with some of the best from across Texas on Aug. 10 for state honors.

Several Castro County 4-H'ers joined Bishop and Brockman in submitting their record books for judging at the district level.

Here's how those 4-H'ers fared with their work:

Consumer Education: 1. Thomas Brockman (senior division, advances to state); 1. Anna Brockman (junior division).

Family and Consumer Sciences: 6. Jaci Bishop.

Recreation: 1. Jeremy Bishop (senior division, advances to state).

Sheep: 5. Bryce Pohlmeier.

Vet Science: 4. Corey Lane.

Health: 3. Holly Lane.

4-H Ambassador Workshop slated Aug 25-27 in Brownwood

The Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood will host a Texas 4-H Ambassador Workshop on Aug. 25-27.

The Texas 4-H Ambassador program was designed to utilize older 4-H members to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas 4-H program.

Youth will tell and show audiences how 4-H has impacted them personally as well as others, and how the program is addressing key youth issues in the community and state.

Team members must be 14 years of age or before Aug. 31. This program will focus on basics such as communication, skills, leadership, impromptu speaking, team building, etiquette, community service and introduction of new 4-H programs.

The goal is to empower 4-H youth with skills to communicate and influence others. These skills will be used throughout their lives.

Cost of the workshop is \$70 and that includes lodging, limited accident insurance, meals, snacks and programming fees.

Anyone interested in attending the workshop should contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

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Brown and Maxwell are married in formal, double-ring ceremony

Chrissy Brown and Daniel Keith Maxwell exchanged marriage vows on July 16 at 7 p.m. in the Wedding Chapel in Amarillo in a formal, double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Fred and Shirley Williams of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Leroy and Linda Maxwell of Dimmitt.

Rev. Bryson Binion, retired minister, officiated at the ceremony. The front of the chapel was decorated with a 15-candle candelabra, which was flanked by two 15-candle spiral candelabras. All were decorated with white silk flowers and greenery. Pedestals held other arrangements of white silk flowers and greenery, and the pews were decorated with tulle bows accented with greenery, white silk flowers, and baby's breath.

A pedestal fashioned like a Greek column held the sculpted white unity candle in a three-pronged holder, with two smaller candles, one on each side.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a formal-length gown of ivory satin overlaid with ivory organza, edged with taupe silk ribbon. The fitted bodice was sleeveless and was accented with embroidered appliques in a taupe color. The back of the gown was fashioned with a "lace-up corset" look, with long taupe silk ribbons intertwined and tied at the waistline, where they formed a bow, with the ends trailing down the back of the skirt. The full skirt formed a chapel-length train and was edged with taupe ribbon.

Her bouquet was formed of pink and ivory roses, accented with lavender ribbons, ivy and baby's breath. For something new, she chose her gown; for something old and borrowed, she wore a necklace belonging to her mother; and her garter served as something blue.

Serving as maid of honor was Mindy Maxwell of Dimmitt, sister of the groom. She wore an ankle-length dress with princess seams and a double lacing in the back. The sleeveless dress was fashioned of lavender floral satin. She carried a single, long-stemmed pink rose accented with lavender ribbon.



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL KEITH MAXWELL
... She's the former Chrissy Brown

Serving as best man was Leroy Maxwell, father of the groom.

Ushers were David Maxwell of Dimmitt, brother of the groom, and Donnie Ingle of Amarillo, friend of the bride and groom.

The groom wore a tuxedo with white jacket, black slacks, and a lavender striped vest with matching bow tie.

Music selections included *Heaven's Already Here* by Collective Soul, *When I See You Smile* by Bad English, and *When I Look into Your Eyes* by Firehouse.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

The bride's table held a white cake frosted in white, with lavender and pink rose accents. The topside was a Precious Moments figurine of a groom lifting his bride in his arms. The two-layer confection rested on a pedestal surrounded by deep purple flowers and greenery.

The groom's chocolate cake was frosted in chocolate, forming two entwined hearts, inscribed with the names of the couple and the wedding date.

Special guests included the bride's son, Wade, 4; the bride's grandmother, Linda Smith of Clarendon; her aunt, Alice Savala of Nebraska; her uncle, John Cook of Amarillo; the groom's grandmother, Jeanne Thackeray of Princeton; and his aunts and uncles, Colleen and Michael Berry of Denver, Colo., Chris and Bob Petree of Crane, Karen and Jim Puckett of Princeton, and Pat Maxwell of Canyon.

Following a brief honeymoon, the couple are at home in Amarillo.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School and attended West Texas A&M University for a year. The bride attended Caprock High School in Amarillo.



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

Brent and Tiffany Vaughan of Plano are the parents of a baby girl, Sydney Camille, who was born at 9:07 p.m. on June 17 at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. She weighed 7 lbs., 13 ozs., and was 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are David and Sue Vaughan of Richardson, formerly of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Charles and Betty Vaughan and Mary Edna Hendrix, all of Dimmitt. Great-aunt is Sherri Wilkerson.

Computer Classes Scheduled for Summer

Basic computer classes will be offered throughout the summer at Computer Solutions of Dimmitt located at 210 W. Bedford.

The classes will be limited to three or four individuals to allow more student interaction and will cover a wide variety of topics from basic mouse functions to creating, saving and e-mailing documents. Classes will be three hours long and will consist of 2 1/2 hours of instruction and 30 minutes of questions and answers. The cost for the class will be \$49.00 and everyone who attends will get a free CD with lots of handy utilities and software.

For more information or to sign up for the classes, please call Jamie at 647-4841. The first class was held July 25th and additional classes will be offered every other Tuesday.

Lazbuddie plans all-school reunion

Lazbuddie residents are planning an "all-school reunion" Saturday and Sunday, and some of the events on tap include a golf scramble, lunch, awards, individual class gatherings and more.

The school plans an all-school event every five years. Graduates, ex-students, teachers, board members and families who have resided in the community are invited to attend.

The first school in the community was at the "Star Ranch" in 1907. A lot of changes and history have transpired since then.

The reunion opens on Saturday with a golf scramble at the Muleshoe Country Club. The tournament is limited to 60 golfers and registration is \$35 per person. That fee includes golf, cart rental, lunch at the club and a souvenir towel. Tee time is 8 a.m.

Reunion participants may begin registering for the gathering at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Lazbuddie High School. Lunch will be served at 12

noon, and the concession-style meal will be catered by the Lazbuddie High School senior class.

At 3 p.m., an assembly is planned, with recognition of honored guests and awards presentation on the agenda.

Individual groups and classes have planned special gatherings for the evening of Saturday.

On Sunday, registration opens at

11 a.m. at the school.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the all-you-can-eat meal being catered by Riversmith's of Lubbock. Cost for the lunch is \$10 for adults and \$4.50 for children. Contact Donna Glover at 965-2162 for reservations.

Visiting is planned for the afternoon on Sunday.

'Trade Days' planned

Antiques, relics, vintage clothing, collectibles, hand-crafted items, home-cooked food, entertainment and more will be found in Crosbyton on Aug. 5-6 as the community hosts its annual Prairie Trade Days.

Booths are expected to line the square surrounding Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum on the south side of Highway 82 and Mount Blanco Fossil Museum on the North Side of Highway 82.

Booths will open at 8 a.m. on Aug. 5 and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 6.

Local vendors are invited to exhibit their wares at the show, and will be charged a modest fee to offset booth utilities. RV hookups, electrical outlets, security and other amenities will be available to patrons and vendors.

For more information, contact Crosbyton Chamber of Commerce at (806) 765-2261.

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HISD's health clinic is featured in August issue of Southern Living

Hart Independent School District's school-based health clinic and the school's nurse, Retta Knox, RN, were featured in the August issue of Southern Living magazine.

The Southern Living article, "The Long Hand of Healing" by Laurie Stoneham focused on telemedicine and how it "reaches into the distant small towns of Texas to provide the best in medical care."

Excerpts from the article follow: When Annette Reyna complained of an earache recently, her mom took her to the school-based health clinic in Hart, Texas. But the physician—who peered into the child's inner ear, diagnosed her condition as otitis, and prescribed antibiotics—was in an office 66 miles away at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

This exam was made possible by technology known as telemedicine. Texas Tech has utilized telemedicine since 1989 to give folks living in one of the county's most remote regions access to good medical care.

Telemedicine, simply defined, is the use of telecommunications equipment to deliver medical care.

In the article, Stoneham goes on to explain more about basics of telemedicine and how physicians miles away can assist colleagues in remote areas. Then she continues with an explanation of how things work in the Hart clinic.

In Hart, population 1,210, a VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) satellite dish sits atop a small metal

building that houses the school district's health clinic. The satellite links what are essentially two mini-television studios that enable doctor and patient to interact in real time on a television screen.

Picture television in action: Retta Knox, RN, the Hart school nurse, is in the exam room with the patient. She handles the combination of video-conferencing equipment and medical devices connected to tiny cameras so Texas Tech doctors can visit with the children every Friday afternoon.

"It's just astonishing that they can do that," said Annette's mother, Norma.

"I actually see ears and throats better using this equipment than I do in regular exams because of the magnification and lighting," said Dr. Richard Lampe, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Texas Tech and physician who oversees the Hart Clinic telemedicine consultations.

Stoneham explained how scarce physicians are in West Texas, especially when compared with the population.

She said the Texas Tech telemedicine program provides consultations in 14 areas including orthopedics, dermatology, surgery and internal medicine.

In addition to outlining how the telemedicine program has grown over the past few years, Stoneham mentioned possible expansion of the program in future years.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES BURNAM
... To celebrate 65th wedding anniversary.

65th wedding anniversary celebration set for Burnams

Mr. and Mrs. James Burnam will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 6 with a reception hosted by family members at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Baca, 1613 W. Bedford in Dimmitt, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Hosting the event will be the nephew of the couple, Jack Copeland

of New York City, N.Y., and his daughter, Robin Copeland-Solomon of Atlanta, Ga.

The former Mildred Copeland married James Burnam on Aug. 1, 1935, at Clovis, N.M. James was a farmer before retiring, and the couple have lived in Dimmitt most of their lives.

Karen Wilhelm is awarded \$10,000 Houston scholarship

Karen E. Wilhelm of Nazareth has received a \$10,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show.

The scholarship was presented to Wilhelm at the State FFA Convention, held recently in Corpus Christi.

The scholarship is given only to FFA members who were in the top 25% of their class, have a high ACT score, have exceptional grades in all subjects, and were outstanding in agricultural experience programs. Selected students must be planning to major in agriculture at a Texas college or university.

Wilhelm is a 2000 graduate of Nazareth High School. During her high school career, she served as a delegate to the National FFA Convention. She was an Area I officer and served as president of her Nazareth FFA Chapter. She participated in many other leadership activities and was a member of judging teams.

She is the daughter of Tim and Monica Wilhelm of Nazareth. She plans to attend Texas A&M University this fall, and she will major in ag business. Wilhelm also received the Dimmitt



Karen E. Wilhelm

Young Farmers' \$4,000 scholarship this year.

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Students should register for ACT exam by Aug. 18

The next ACT Assessment will be administered on Sept. 23 and college-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by Aug. 18.

There is a late registration post-mark deadline of Sept. 1, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all US colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, and are used along with other student information, such as high school grade-point average, for admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate courses for their academic achievement. The test fee is \$23.

Students can register for the ACT by getting information from their high school counselors or online at ACT's website—www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

The ACT Assessment is given in all 50 states. It is curriculum-based, designed to measure a student's academic achievement and the

appropriate course level for college placement. There are four sections to the exam: English, reading, math and science reasoning. The ACT Assessment was taken 1.8 million times last year by college-bound students.

Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

Babysitters' workshop set

4-H'ers and other young people between the ages of 11 and 14 who are interested in learning more about babysitting should plan to attend a special workshop Wednesday at the new Extension office at 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

The workshop, sponsored by the Family & Consumer Sciences Committee of the Castro County Extension Service, will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 3:30 p.m. A lunch will be provided.

Attendees will learn what parents are looking for in a sitter as well as special care procedures for infants. Also, techniques of what to do in an emergency such as a fire, storm or accident will be covered. Preparing food for children and some super sitter basics are also a part of the program.

Enrollment for this class is limited to the first 16 who sign up. To enroll, call the Castro County Extension office at 647-4115 or stop by the new office at 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club will meet tonight

The Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club has scheduled a special called meeting for tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the Extension Office, located at 205 North Broadway in Dimmitt.

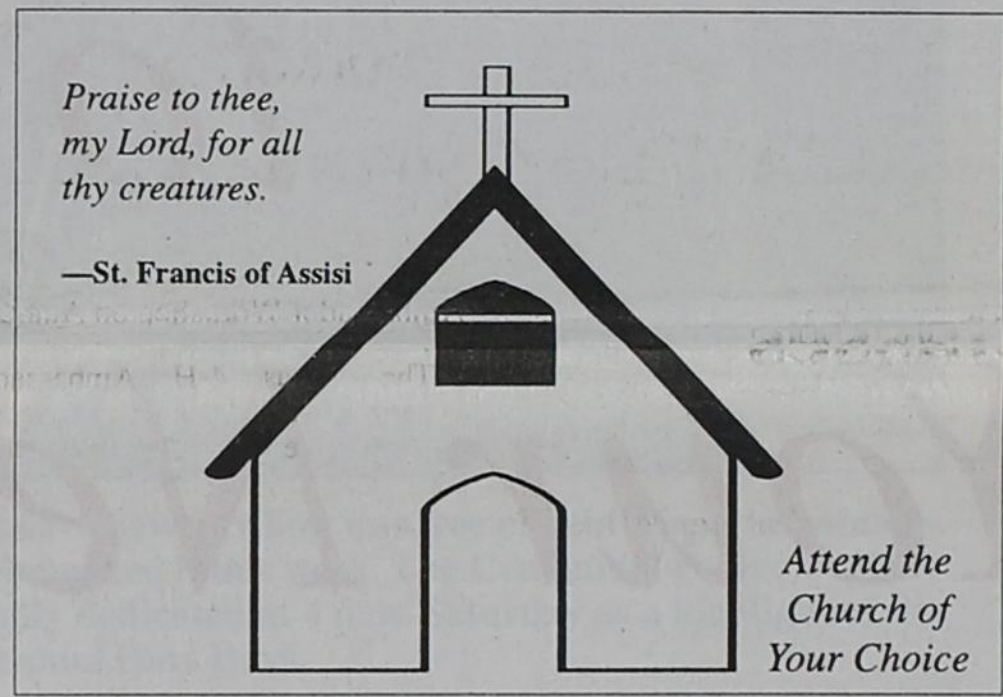
At the meeting, new officers for the 2000-2001 year will be elected. All members of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club are urged to attend.

The difference between dogs and cats is that dogs come when they are called. Cats take a message and get back to you.

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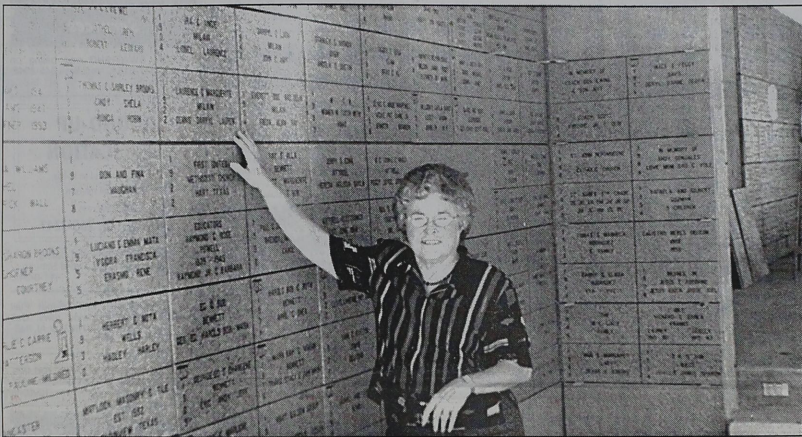
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'I'M RIGHT HERE'—Mayor Marguerite McLain points to her family's name-tile on the north wall of the new Centennial Pavilion during final stages of construction. After a lot of tile sales, volunteer labor, hard work and imagination, the

impressive new pavilion was free of debt when the community completed it this week. The Centennial Pavilion will be formally dedicated at 4 p.m. Saturday as a highlight of the Centennial Hart Days.

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TIME: 12:45 PM.
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25—Legal Notices

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THENCE South 89 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. West at 200.00 feet to a 1/2 in. rebar stake set in the West line of Section 16, Block M-10-A for the Southwest corner of the Scott tract;

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24—Card of Thanks

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY J. JACKSON, DECEASED

LEGAL NOTICE
The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Private Club Permit Renewal to be located at 208 SE 4th, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Gerry's First Place.

LEGAL NOTICE
The undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas, hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 24th day of July, 2000, and have found the same to be correct and in order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$1,509,312.96.

LEGAL NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, shall, at 6:30 o'clock, p.m., on August 7, 2000, and at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on August 21, 2000 hold hearings pertaining to the annexation of the following described property:

LEGAL NOTICE
THENCE South 00 deg. 01 min. 00 sec. East 220.00 feet to a point for the Southeast corner of this tract;
THENCE North 00 deg. 01 min. 00 sec. East parallel to the West boundary line of said Section 16 to a 1/2 in. rebar stake set for the Southeast corner of the High Plains Addition, Unit 1;

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New immunization requirements will become effective on Tuesday

Some children enrolling in schools or child-care facilities this fall will face new immunization rules for hepatitis A, hepatitis B and chicken pox (varicella) beginning on Tuesday.

Students in public and private schools and child-care facilities must be up-to-date on all their immunizations as well, according to Kristin Hamless of the Immunization Division at the Texas Dept. of Health (TDH).

The hepatitis A vaccine requirement affects only those children attending school or child-care facilities in 32 counties along the Texas-Mexico border.

Since Aug. 1, 1999, two doses of hepatitis A have been required for children 5 years or older who were born on or after Sept. 2, 1992. As of Aug. 1, 2000, this requirement expands to include younger children enrolled in licensed child-care facilities.

Two-year-olds must get one dose of hepatitis A vaccine on or after their second birthday. Children in this birth group—born on or after Sept. 2, 1992, must have two doses by the time they turn 3. Children with proof of a hepatitis A infection do not need to be vaccinated.

Studies show that 50% of children in the 32 border counties of Texas have been infected with hepatitis A by age 10. During the last 10 years, an average of 39 cases of hepatitis A infection per 100,000 population a year was recorded in this area.

The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends routine hepatitis A vaccinations in areas that average at least 10 cases per 100,000 population a year for 10 years.

Another new law which goes into effect on Tuesday changes the existing requirement for hepatitis B vaccine, expanding it to include a group of adolescents.

Previously, children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992, had to show proof of receiving three doses of hepatitis B vaccine by age 5. As of Tuesday, children born on or after Sept. 2, 1988 also must be vaccinated against hepatitis B. These children may receive the vaccine at any time before age 12, but proof of vaccination will not be required until 30 days after their 12th birthday. Children with proof of a previous hepatitis B infection do not need to be vaccinated.

Before recommendation for universal infant vaccination against hepatitis B, about 30,000 children and adolescents were infected annually in the country. A large number of people infected with hepatitis B early in life become chronic carriers who can continue to transmit the disease. Vaccination against hepatitis B is the only way to decrease the number of chronic carriers.

The chicken pox (varicella) vaccine or a history of having had chicken pox is required for two groups of children beginning Tuesday. The first group is children born on or after Sept. 2, 1994, who are 12 months of age or older. A second group, children born on or after Sept. 2, 1988, but before Sept. 2, 1994,

Minimum vaccine requirements for Texas children	
Age	Vaccine requirement
Under 2 months	No vaccines required
2-3 months	1 dose polio vaccine 1 dose DTP/DTaP vaccine 1 dose Hib vaccine
4-5 months	2 doses polio vaccine 2 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine 2 doses Hib vaccine
6-11 months	2 doses polio vaccine 2 doses Hib vaccine 3 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine
12-14 months	1 dose MMR vaccine received on or after first birthday 2 doses Hib vaccine 3 doses polio vaccine 3 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine 1 dose varicella vaccine on or after first birthday
15 mos.-4 yrs.	1 dose MMR vaccine on or after first birthday 1 dose Hib vaccine on or after 15 months of age (unless a primary series and booster are completed) 3 doses polio vaccine 4 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine (4 th dose required at 18 months) 1 dose varicella vaccine on or after 1 st birthday
2 years	1 dose hepatitis A vaccine (32 Texas-Mexico border counties only)
3-4 years	2 doses hepatitis A vaccine (32 Texas-Mexico border counties only)
5-6 years	3 doses polio vaccine, including 1 on or after 4 th birthday 4 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine, including 1 on or after 4 th birthday. (Proof of pertussis vaccination not required for children 5 years and older) 1 dose MMR vaccine on or after 1 st birthday and 1 additional dose of measles vaccine (may be received as part of a second MMR) 3 doses hepatitis B vaccine 2 doses hepatitis A vaccine (32 Texas-Mexico border counties only) 1 dose varicella vaccine on or after 1 st birthday for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1994
7-11 years	3 doses polio vaccine, including 1 on or after 4 th birthday 3 doses DTP/DTaP vaccine, including 1 on or after 4 th birthday and 1 within the last 10 years. 1 dose MMR vaccine on or after 1 st birthday. Children born on or after Sept. 2, 1991, must have 2 doses of measles vaccine (may be part of a second MMR) 3 doses hepatitis B vaccine for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 2 doses hepatitis A vaccine for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 (32 Texas-Mexico border counties only)
12 years & older (In addition to those required at age 7)	Children born between Sept. 1, 1978, and Sept. 1, 1991 (inclusive) must show proof of 2 doses of measles vaccine within 30 days after their 12 th birthday (may be part of a second MMR) Children born between Sept. 2, 1988, and Sept. 1, 1992, (inclusive) must show proof of 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine within 30 days after 12 th birthday Children born between Sept. 2, 1988, and Sept. 1, 1994, (inclusive) must have one dose of varicella vaccine on or after 1 st birthday within 30 days after their 12 th birthday. If first dose is received after age 13, 2 doses are required. Polio vaccine not required for students 18 and older

must show proof of vaccination or a history of having had chicken pox by 30 days after their 12th birthday.

Before the vaccine, about four million cases of chicken pox occurred each year in the United States, with up to 200,000 patients having complications including an average of 100 deaths.

Other vaccines required at various ages are polio, diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP); Haemophilus influenzae type B (HIB); and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). Children who have

not completed a particular series of shots may attend school or child-care facilities if they have received at least the first dose and are on schedule for the remaining doses as soon as medically possible.

"Children vaccinated at the earliest recommended age always meet state immunization requirements," said Robert Crider, director of TDH's Immunization Division.

The accompanying chart shows the minimum vaccine requirements for Texas children.

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2000 Crew Cab V10 4X4.....	11812	33,875	2,260	31,614
2000 Mercury Cougar.....	75238	21,585	3,230	18,355
2000 Ford Taurus.....	80353	19,590	2,683	16,952
2000 Ford Explorer.....	11815	26,000	3,424	22,576
2000 Super Duty S/C.....	11816	34,160	3,574	31,858
2000 Mercury Sable.....	75239	20,135	1,514	18,621
2000 Super Cab V6 Auto.....	11818	24,600	2,540	22,160
2000 Crew Cab 4X4.....	11821	35,560	2,490	33,070
2000 Crew Cab 4X4.....	11823	37,870	2,641	35,228
2000 Ford Explorer.....	11825	27,755	4,112	23,643
2000 Super Duty S/C 4X4.....	11827	32,810	2,075	30,735
2001 Sport Trac.....	11829	30,275	1,075	29,205
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2000 Crew Cab 4X4.....	11831	35,395	2,487	32,907
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2000 Super Duty 4X4.....	11833	26,995	1,204	25,791
2000 Super Duty.....	11834	26,995	1,204	25,791
2000 Ford Focus.....	80356	14,185		14,185
2000 Ford Expedition.....	11835	43,510	5,100	38,409
2000 Lincoln LS.....	70224	35,220	1,272	33,948
2001 Sport Trac.....	11836	24,855	340	24,515
2000 Ford Focus.....	80357	15,675		15,675
2000 Ford Focus.....	80358	15,475		15,475
2000 Ford Mustang.....	80359	18,845	2,515	16,345
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