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## County modifies redistricting plan

County commissioners went back to the drawing board on redistricting the county's precincts Monday, scrapping two of the original plans submitted by the law firm of Allison, Bass & Associates of Austin.

They were able to modify a third plan proposed by the firm, and that could be the one submitted to the US Justice Dept. for preliminary approval.

Portia Bosse of Allison, Bass & Associates, met with commissioners Monday to answer questions and offer modifications to the original plans, if needed.

After a meeting with a citizens' advisory committee last week, commissioners were leaning toward Plan 2, which would have all four commissioner precincts coming into Dimmitt, which is the county seat.

As they began discussing the plans with Bosse on Monday, commissioners told her they preferred Plan 2, but the census blocks assigned to Precinct 2 were not contiguous within the city of Dimmitt.

That's when she suggested altering Plan 3. An hour later, she presented commissioners with a revised plan that is similar to Plan 2 but keeps each precinct's lines contiguous. The main revisions to Plan 3 were in Precinct 4 (northeast quadrant) and Precinct 1 (southeast quadrant) with minor changes made to Precinct 2 (southwest quadrant).

"This is one of the more difficult counties we have to redistrict," Bosse said. "It's hard to square off the precincts. This (proposed redistricting map) looks kind of funky, but if you want to pull from Dimmitt for each precinct, you don't have many options. We have to go by census blocks."

Ideally, there would be 2,071 people in each of the four county precincts,

### County precinct population (Under proposed redistricting plan)

Precinct	Actual Population	Ideal Population	Proposed Population
Pct. 1	1,908	2,071	2,050
Pct. 2	2,088	2,071	2,091
Pct. 3	2,099	2,071	2,099
Pct. 4	2,190	2,071	2,045

but there is an allowed deviation between the smallest and largest precincts. The latest proposal meets the guidelines with a 2.61% deviation, well below the 10% required by law.

Under this plan, Precinct 4 would lose 145 voters while Precinct 1 would gain 142 and Precinct 2 would pick up an additional three.

There would be 2,050 people in Precinct 1 (up from 1,908), 2,091 in Precinct 2 (up from 2,088), 2,099 in Precinct 3 (no change) and 2,045 in Precinct 4 (down from 2,190).

Pct. 1 and 2 would still feature strong minority populations, a key factor in the county's redistricting plan.

"It's crucial that we leave the current minority precincts intact," Bosse said.

## LIGHTS OUT!

### Most of Dimmitt loses power for 2+ hours Sunday

Two-thirds of Dimmitt was without electricity for more than two hours Sunday morning.

And the Cerestar plant went without power for three hours, forcing a nine-hour cleanup and restart afterward.

The outage was tracked to a breaker box at the Dimmitt East power substation which shut off a 22-mva (million volt amps) transformer that relays power to the northern and eastern sections of the city.

The station is located next to the Cerestar plant, the city's biggest electricity user and the major victim of the outage.

When built-in automatic restart devices didn't work, Southwestern Public Service Co. service crews feared that the Dimmitt East station's huge transformer might have to be replaced. That would have had to be done by the company that actually owns the transformer — Utility Engineering, whose nearest office is in Lubbock — and that could have stretched the outage to much longer than three hours.

After a close outer inspection of the substation's components, SPS workers decided to reset the breaker, and warned those watching from the nearby street that there could be major fireworks when the transformer's three big blade switches — located about 30 ft. above the ground — connected to allow millions of volts to flow through.

Holding their breath, they reset the breaker. When the large switch-

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**HOCKEY WARS**—Youngsters grab hockey sticks, then jockey for position as they fight to control the puck and score a goal during a special street hockey game in Dimmitt on July 3. The street hockey,

conducted by the Amarillo Rattlers, was part of the entertainment during the city's July Jubilee celebration.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

## DISD, hospital at odds over health insurance

The Dimmitt School Board found itself facing a dilemma Monday night over the district's health insurance.

On one hand, from among more than a dozen insurers asked to submit bids to provide the health insurance for DISD employees next school year, only one did so.

The bid came from First Care, the health maintenance organization that currently provides the DISD's health insurance program.

On the other hand, the board learned that the Castro County Hospital District doesn't really want to deal with First Care anymore because it

has had to write off as much as 57% of its billings to the HMO.

DISD Business Manager John Chase told the board that there were two main reasons why most of the insurers contacted declined to submit proposals:

(1) The DISD has had a history of some significant claims.

(2) The insurers "know that this will be the last year they could insure us before the state takes over school employees' insurance next year."

The First Care proposal included a built-in 12% rate increase, which Supt. Les Miller said was "lower

than projected but still a significant increase."

Joe Sloan, chief executive officer of the hospital district, told the board, "Last year we billed out \$243,000 to them (First Care) at the clinic, and had to write off \$138,000 of it. That's a 57% write-off."

"At the hospital, we billed out \$198,500 to them and wrote off \$69,000—almost 35%."

Sloan warned the school board that "I will not guarantee you that we will participate with First Care after the next hospital district board meeting."

Board President David Schaeffer (Continued on Page 12)

## Cerestar manager stays cool

In Brussels, Belgium, this week, the European Commission is analyzing the terms of a hostile bid by a pair of corporate giants to take over the corporation that owns the company that owns Dimmitt's Cerestar plant.

But Plant Manager David Bone said there's no cause for locals to worry about the far-away negotiations.

In fact, he said, every time the local plant has changed ownership in the past, the new owners have expanded it.

Speaking to the Dimmitt Lions Club Tuesday, Bone traced the history of the local plant.

"In 1970, Dimmitt Agri Industries processed 10,000 bushels per day of corn.

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## Cooder Graw will headline concert at German Festival

Cooder Graw will be the headline band when Nazareth hosts its annual German Festival and Suds and Sounds outdoor benefit concert on Saturday.

The annual event is highlighted by a German sausage meal, arts and crafts show, and the outdoor concert.

The day's celebration will begin at 10 a.m. with an arts and crafts show in the Nazareth School Cafeteria. A wide variety of craft items and gift ideas will be featured at the show, which is sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club.

Other activities are slated to start at 11 a.m. in and around the Nazareth Community Hall. These include children's barrel rides, a tractor pull, variety of kids' games and a basketball shoot-out with prizes.

The German sausage dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall.

The menu includes German sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, beans, salad, fruit, bread, apple crisp and German chocolate cake.

Tickets for the meal are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Frozen, uncooked sausage will be available at two pounds for \$5 and may be purchased at the hall throughout the day.

At 5 p.m., the celebration will move to the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark, where the annual Suds and Sounds Concert is planned.

Several local bands will perform beginning at 6:30 p.m. and they include "The Sizzlers," "South 40"

and "Bo Salling Brakes are All Gone."

Admission to the concert is \$15 per person. Those attending are invited to bring lawn chairs and shades. Coolers will be allowed, but no glass containers will be permitted onto the field.

Cooder Graw will be the final band to perform in the show.

A 3,000-square-foot dance floor will be erected at the site.

During the concert, a concession stand will be open featuring German sausage sandwiches, soft drinks, snacks and more.

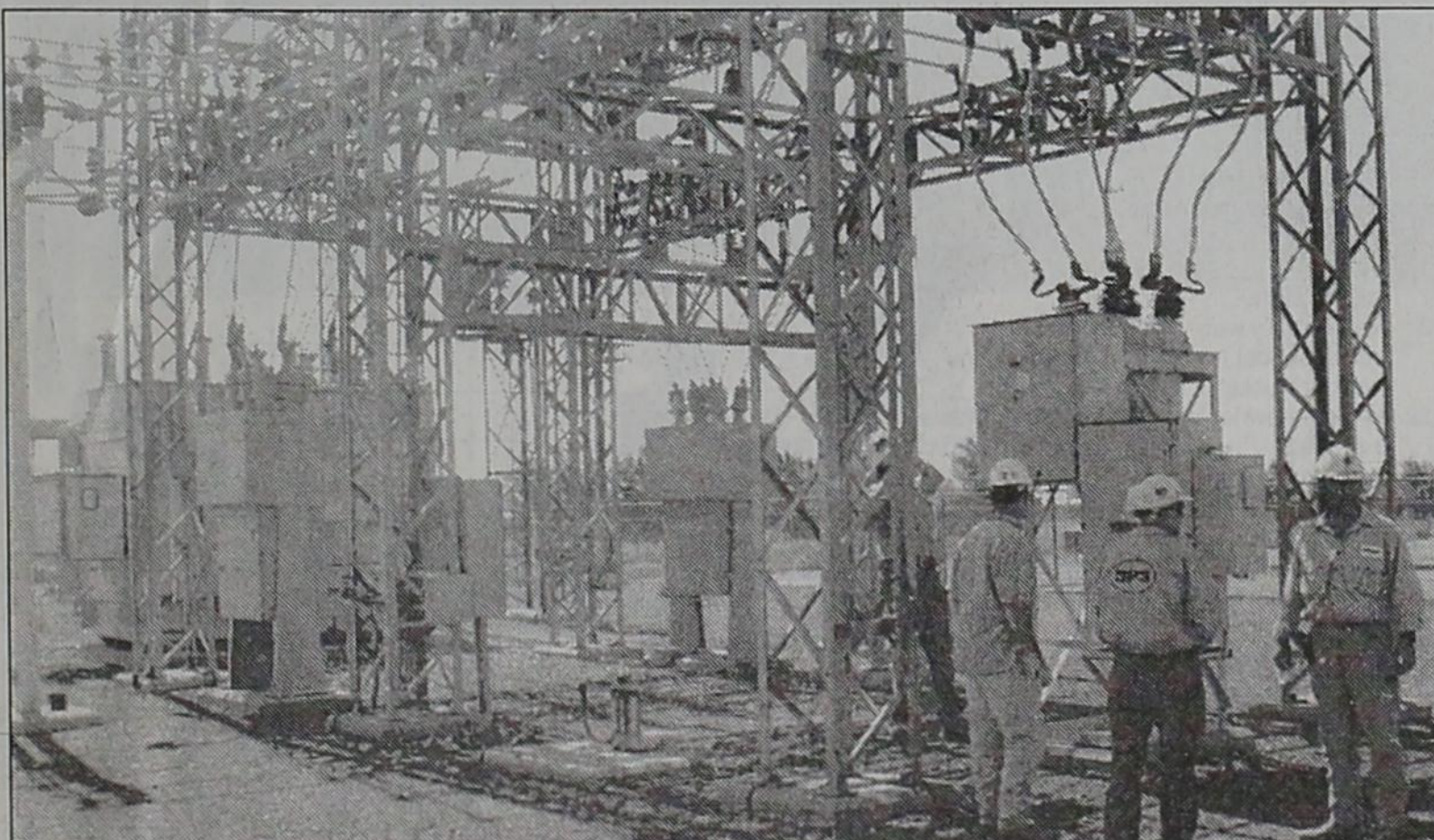
Proceeds from the day's events will benefit the Knights of Columbus charities and the Nazareth Community Hall.

### It's hot & dry

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Wednesday	91	62	
Thursday	94	62	
Friday	94	62	
Saturday	97	63	
Sunday	98	65	
Monday	99	63	
Tuesday	96	64	
Wednesday	98	64	

July Moisture ..... 0.00  
2001 Moisture ..... 13.69

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



**WAITING AND HOPING**—Southwestern Public Service Co. workers stay close to a suspect breaker box at the Dimmitt East power substation after closing the switch to reactivate a 22-million volt-amp transformer (left background) and end a power out-

age that lasted from two to three hours for customers in north and east Dimmitt Sunday morning. The restart attempt was successful. The Cerestar plant and 1,353 residential and commercial customers were affected by the power outage.

Photo by Don Nelson



**COMING THROUGH**—Daniel Coleman, Adam Reinart, Chance Schilling and (top), Kelsey Schilling make it through the obstacle course at the Texas Tech Raider Fun Zone which came to Dimmitt July 3 as part of the July Jubilee celebration. The celebration held on the courthouse square also featured hot dogs, ice cream and hockey.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

# Op-Ed

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## Support your school child

By RON TRUSLER  
Executive Director  
Central Plains Center

Three is a lot of energy involved in starting the school year. You can read the paper and see how much is written about our local schools and it doesn't take much imagination to know that it is just a reflection of what goes on in some of the households each school day.

You may be concerned with all the bad things that have happened in other schools, but it is important that you not pass this fear along to your child. You may want to check things out with school officials on your own.

2. Avoid letting your concern over what other people think dictate your child's decisions. Some parents are concerned about the type of activities their child is in. They believe it reflects on their parenting ability. You as a parent may like a certain area, for example, and may have been great at it when you were

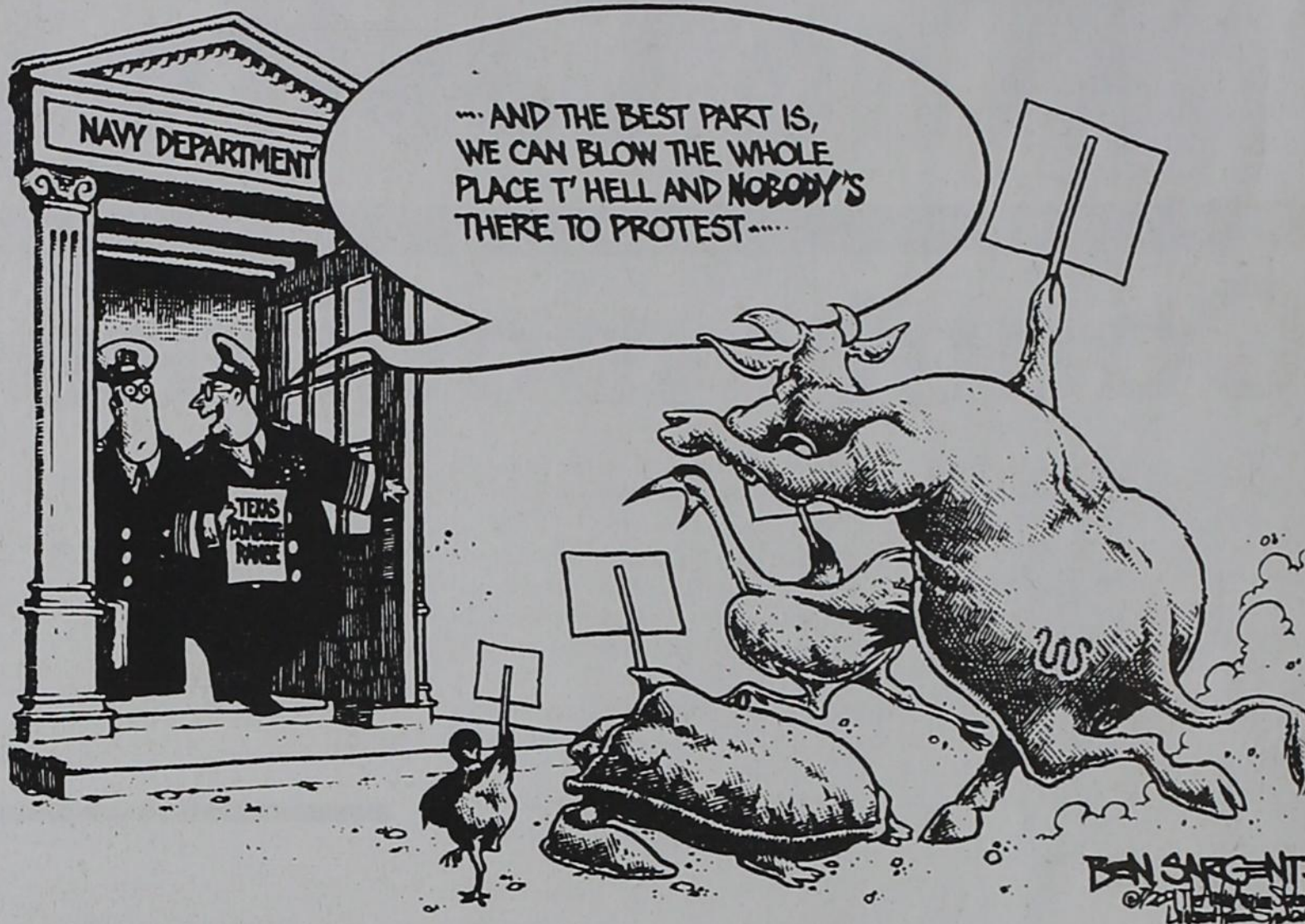
in school. However, that does not mean your child will be interested in it. Your child has enough of his/her own pressure at school. It is best for the child to be involved in areas that match his or her capabilities and not try to perform in a certain area, just because parents think it would "look" the best.

3. Allow children to express their anxiety to you. They may have concerns about their ability to make good grades, being accepted by other classmates, or just knowing what to do or how to do something. Do not make fun of them for having those fears.

4. All peer pressure is not bad. It depends on what peers your child has and what they are being pressured to do. If they are being pressured to grow and expand their knowledge, that is good. If they are being pressured to take risks, to take drugs, or to be something they are not, that is bad.

The biggest help for a child who is facing bad peer pressure is to have a good feeling about who they are themselves. Some call it good self-esteem. In other words, they feel comfortable with who they are, what they want and what they want to accomplish. Work on building your child's self-esteem.

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### Letter

## Bergendahl bids farewell to Nazareth as AFS year ends

Dear Editor:

When I arrived in Nazareth on August 10, 2000, I didn't know much about life in Texas. I soon realized that life here was different from what I had so far experienced in my lifetime in Sweden.

Before coming over, I didn't have any expectations; therefore I was kind of surprised how different it was.

I started playing football when school started, and I really enjoyed it. It also helped me to get to know my new schoolmates better. I have many great memories from our successful football season. One of them is from our last district game against Stratford. We were trailing by 28 after the third quarter, and we almost came back to beat them. It was just a great experience and I had so much fun.

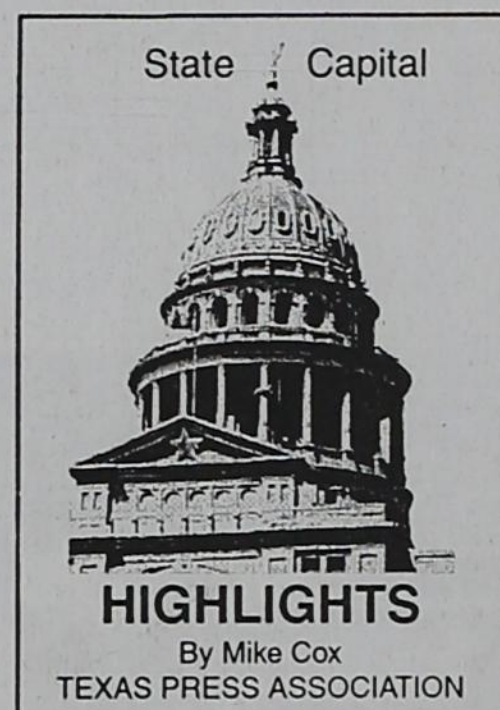
I also played JV basketball and baseball during my year. Basketball, too, was a lot of fun, and I got to know some of the younger guys better. I finished my year in Nazareth

with playing baseball. We made it further in the playoffs than any other Nazareth team has ever done. In our area game, we played Claude in a double-header. We won the second game after having played 13 innings in two days. It was just a lot of fun.

In school, I got to meet new people, and I had a lot of fun. I learned a lot during my school year. I participated in number sense at district and in One-Act Play. In the spring we competed with the play, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson." We had a blast doing it, and we made it out of both zone and district.

I think I was lucky to come to Nazareth. My host family has been great, and I have really had a lot of fun with them. They are all great guys, and it's been awesome getting to know all their relatives and friends. It has just been a lot of fun here, and I'm going to miss a lot of people. I will for sure come back and visit some day.

Farewell,  
PHILIP BERGENDAHL



State Capital

### HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Interstate 35, which splits Texas down the middle from the Red River to the Rio Grande, often is called the state's Mississippi.

It will be years before it is a reality, but a major step has been taken to provide Texas with another asphalt "river" that could be as vitalizing to the state as I-35.

The three-member Texas Transportation Commission has approved the route for the projected Ports-to-Plains trade corridor, a route that will connect West Texas in the same way that I-35 ties together the state's midsection.

Though the big picture is the connection of Denver with Laredo, most of the mileage—830 miles to be exact—is in Texas. The northern leg of the route is yet to be finalized, but it definitely will traverse Oklahoma and Colorado and possibly New Mexico.

West Texans have dreamed for years of a better route to move north south across their part of the state, but previous movements never got very far.

What made the difference this time was the North American Free Trade Agreement and the resulting increase in commerce between the U.S. and Mexico. In addition to pointing to potential economic benefits, proponents of a West Texas trade corridor to Mexico had new ammunition: Such a route will take pressure off congested I-35, a transportation artery that has more trucks than the Mississippi ever had riverboats.

Starting at Laredo and moving north, the route approved on June 28 will go along U.S. 83 and U.S. 277 through Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Sonora, and Eldorado, along U.S. 87 from San Angelo through Sterling City, Big Spring and Lamesa to Lubbock and along I-27 from Lubbock to Amarillo. From Amarillo, the route would follow U.S. 87/287 to Dumas.

Though now known as the Ports-to-Plains route, what the route will be called is not nearly as important to those involved in promoting it as what it will be—four lanes of asphalt tying together Denver and Mexico.

"Our mood is one of elation," said Kevin Evans, president of the Lubbock-based Ports-to-Plains Coalition. "But now the work really begins. We've got to muster our membership to support the

various departments of transportation involved to find funding."

Indeed, the Transportation Commission's action only had to do with route approval, not money.

"Right now there is no money for any construction," said Transportation Department spokesman Randall Dillard. "The next step will be to seek funding in the federal transportation bill."

As it stands now, Evans said, it could take 20 years for the route to become a reality.

"But that can be shortened," he said.

For some West Texas towns, two decades will be a long wait for the economic boost the improved roadway would bring.

"Most people here think it will be a good thing," said Randy Mankin, city manager in Eldorado. "If the town is bypassed, we don't know what effect that would have, but a quarter of a mile is better than 50 miles."

As it is now, U.S. 277 runs through the middle of Eldorado. But despite that, the city and county both lost population in the 2000 census.

The Ports to Plains route will do for Eldorado what it will for all the towns and cities along the corridor: Bring increased traffic, from commercial to recreational.

For more detail on the Ports-To-Plains project, check out the coalition's website at [www.ports-to-plains.com](http://www.ports-to-plains.com).

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Heavenly Father, I know You are ever near and close to my heart. I need Thee, I cherish Thee. Amen

Rule of failure: If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

Dear Lord, my children are growing and feel ready to spread their wings. Grant me the courage to let them fly and I pray they will follow You. Amen

Heavenly Father, with You I have the strength to overcome all things. I close my eyes, I feel Your presence and I am filled with hope. Amen

O Father grant me the gift of compassion and understanding. You understand and forgive so much, please guide me now. Amen

A successful executive in business is one who can delegate all the responsibility, shift all the blame, and appropriate all the credit.

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Protecting Precious Cargo

In 1999, 202 children from infants through age 14 were killed as a result of traffic collisions in Texas. Even though Texas has child occupant restraint laws protecting this age group, more than half of the children killed were riding unrestrained.

#### Restraint Guidelines:

- Infants, until at least 1 year old and at least 20 pounds, should ride in rear-facing child safety seats.
- Children more than 1 year old and between 20 and 40 pounds should ride in forward-facing child safety seats.
- Children ages 4 to 8 and weighing about 40 to 80 pounds should ride in a car booster seat and be restrained with a lap/shoulder belt.
- Children ages 12 and under should be restrained in a back seat.



Sources: Carolie Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us), the Texas Department of Public Safety and the National Safe Kids Campaign.

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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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#### ACROSS

1 Texarkana slogan: "Twice as \_\_\_\_\_"  
5 San Antonio-based insurance giant  
6 former Fort Worth mayor Willard  
7 TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_\_ ornery old cuss"  
8 George W. lives on Pennsylvania \_\_\_\_\_ in Jackson Co. off 59  
15 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ like a stuck pig"  
16 TXism: "so dark you couldn't find your nose with \_\_\_\_\_"  
19 "\_\_\_\_\_ the mighty state \_\_\_\_\_"  
21 Abilene's Ty who was in sequel to "Mighty Ducks"  
22 ex-Spurs owner B.J. "Red"  
27 \_\_\_\_\_ tea  
28 a Canyon in TX's Big Bend area  
29 ex-Cowboy Pat who wrote "On Any Given Sunday"  
30 a Yankee who sold barbed wire in TX  
32 played in Cotton Bowl in '96 (abbr.)  
33 X-mas letter to Santa (2 wds.)  
36 TX Crenshaw's driving peg (2 wds.)  
37 state job agency  
38 in 1800s longhorns were driven through this in Santa Anna Mountain (2 wds.)

#### DOWN

1 TX Dell is \_\_\_\_\_ Oliver on "Evening Shade"  
2 TX King Vidor's "A Tree \_\_\_\_\_ Tree"  
3 Columbus ship that sailed to TX in '92  
4 TXism for achieved (3 wds.)  
8 bib over \_\_\_\_\_  
9 TX Bill Moyers won this in '92 (3 wds.)  
10 TXism: "try your hand \_\_\_\_\_ it"  
11 Dallas sportscaster Hitzges (init.)  
12 TXism: "hot \_\_\_\_\_ enough to sunburn \_\_\_\_\_"  
13 dog: Great \_\_\_\_\_  
14 wallet stuffers  
15 Mountain in Llano County  
16 TXism: "esta \_\_\_\_\_ (good)"  
17 TX Sly Stone's "\_\_\_\_\_ the Music"  
18 poor sitting posture  
20 TXism: "does \_\_\_\_\_ have a climbing gear?" (yes)  
22 TX grocer: \_\_\_\_\_ "Buddy" Minyard  
23 Charley & Guy: \_\_\_\_\_ editors of the Texas Crossword

#### 39 TX Robby Benson's \_\_\_\_\_ of Richie

41 Corpus Christi: "Sparkling City by the \_\_\_\_\_"  
42 TX Fawcett was this Jill on "Charlie's Angels"  
45 Houston's ZZ Top  
46 Astros' Drabek (init.)  
47 TXism: "Panhandle \_\_\_\_\_ (dust storm)"  
48 Texas Tea  
49 San Antonio Zoo 1st bred the \_\_\_\_\_ milk snake

#### 35 TX Lyle Lovett's "Here \_\_\_\_\_"

37 TXism: "got the \_\_\_\_\_ waggin' the dog" once a pen name of TX Sandra Brown: \_\_\_\_\_ St. Claire  
43 TXism: "fought tooth and \_\_\_\_\_"  
44 Italian artist who painted mural in Castro County's The Prayer Chapel  
50 TXism: "painted \_\_\_\_\_ (prostitute)"  
51 TXism: "fits like hide \_\_\_\_\_ a horse"

# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Ty O'Kelly, son of former Dimmitt Methodist pastor Vernon and Jane O'Kelly, and now of Amarillo ran in the Half Iron Man Triathlon in Buffalo Springs Lake near Lubbock this summer.

This triathlon is patterned from the Full Iron Man triathlon in Hawaii. The events are a 7.2 mile swim in Buffalo Springs, a 56 mile bicycle ride over land (hills and all) and a 13.1 mile run. The goal of every participant is to finish it. Ty finished the race. The man who had the best time came in at four hours and 10 minutes.

The triathlon calls for strenuous training and lots of discipline. Ty gets lots of encouragement from his wife Shalea and their 3-year-old daughter Aislinn. Aislinn was recognized by the announcer as she ran to meet her dad and walked with him over the finish line. Jane and Vernon also rooted him on through this challenge.

Another former Dimmitt family, Gary and Paula Moore, also of Amarillo were there watching their son Gary Paul. He also finished the race.

There were 1,400 entrants. Twenty-five of them were professional athletes. Gary Paul and Ty are very strong, disciplined young men.

## Villanueva in Kosovo

Sergeant Stephan Villanueva, son of Stephan and Amparo Villanueva is spending time in Kosovo with the U.S. Army. He was originally stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He has been in the army since he graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1995. He serves as a paratrooper and foot soldier and is involved in psychological warfare.

Villanueva will be coming home to visit friends and family during August. He plans to spend a month leave in Dimmitt. He will also be taking a trip with his father to the coast to go deep sea fishing.

He encourages anyone to write to him. His address is:

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Co A 9th Psyop Bn (A)  
Camp Bondsteel  
APO AE 09340

Kaye Stevens who recently moved to Albuquerque, N.M. was back in Dimmitt this past weekend visiting friends and Wannie Stevens, her mother-in-law.

Kaye's grandchildren, Kourtney (11 years old) and Kody (9 years old) Oliver of Amarillo had flown to Albuquerque last week for a vacation with Kaye. After seeing four movies, taking the tram to see the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and eating out a lot, Kaye and the children stopped in Dimmitt for a brief visit before going on to Amarillo to return the children to their parents.

Kaye came into the First Baptist Church on Sunday, sat down beside me and said, "Boy, do I have a story for you!" When she saw my eyes light up and remembered that I'm always looking for an "On the Go" story, she said, "Oh, not that kind of story!"

She related that the first time she visited the church where she is now a member, this gentleman came up and said, "Do you know V.C. and Dorothy Hopson of Dimmitt?" The man was Cliff Hays, who retired several years ago from the US Army. He and his wife, Lois, and their three children were stationed in Colorado Springs, Colo., and they attended church with us there. More proof of the small world theory.

Sydney Settle celebrated her very first birthday in the home of her parents Jo and Bill Settle. Sydney's grandmother, Martha Jo Hyman and grandparents, Mike and Billy Settle of Tulia helped with the host duties. Birthday cake followed a hamburger cook-out with all the trimmings.

These are some of the young friends who attended the party: Laurie Kendrick and her children, Landan and Callie of Amarillo, Macee Baccus came with her grandparents, Eugene and Shirley Baccus of Levelland, and Randy and Jana Baccus and their daughter Jana of Whiteface. Other out-of-town guests were Alma Parrott and Jean Muller of Amarillo, and Ricky and Cindy Baccus of Seminole.

Little ones from Dimmitt were Tyler and Jake Nelson, Josh and Evan Riley, Brodie Nelson, and Aubrey and Riley Durbin.

Correction: The theme for the United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2001 was "Son Junction."

Several people have been entertaining summer guests, Elois McMasters had her granddaughter Sandy Cade and her children Levi, 9, Madison, 4, and Haden, 8 months old, visiting from Montana.

Jewell Connell's grandson Ricky Dutton, his wife Tony and baby Stormy are visiting here from Georgia.

Deanne (Morgan) Cooner and her husband Gary from Blanchard, Okla. were weekend guests of Deanne's mother, Mearle Morgan.

Mearle was ready to prepare Sunday lunch for the group, but her part of town was without electricity. Mearle's son Randy invited the group over to his house to finish cooking. When Randy's wife Renise arrived home from church, she was pleasantly surprised to find dinner guests at her house and a complete meal awaiting her.

Gene and Mary Nell King of Seminole, recently retired from the Seminole schools have been in Ireland for

a couple of weeks. They are moving to Lubbock. They are Sue Rita Myatt's parents.

Johnny and Kathy Hill, former Dimmitt residents will be moving to Seminole to replace Gene King as business manager of the Seminole schools.

A youth group made up of young people from several different denominations, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt returned Sunday evening from a mission trip to Atlanta, Ga.

This is the second year that the Dimmitt young people and their sponsors have made the trip to be a part of the "Blood-N-Fire" ministry in Atlanta.

The group of nine young people and five sponsors drove to Rustin, La., where the people at the Trinity Methodist Church had prepared dinner for them and furnished a place for them to sleep.

From Rustin, it was on to Atlanta and living in a shelter for the homeless, preparing and serving meals for the residents there, cleaning neighborhoods and homes of the elderly, and even some ditch digging.

The Dimmitt missionaries lived in the warehouse shelter with those they

were there to help. There was no air conditioning and some of them were four floors from the nearest bathroom.

They planned and executed a day camp for the children there through a program called "Guts to Serve." This was a time of art, academics and Bible study. To be able to attend the pupils were required to have positive words, attitudes and actions. The children were fed breakfast and lunch.

One afternoon the students were treated to a swimming party. Another day, a field trip to an aquarium was a special treat.

Kim Hatla of Dimmitt, who was a part of this mission effort last year, could not attend this year so she contributed the prizes and supplies

for the day camp and for the big carnival on the closing day.

The carnival, held at a local park, consisted of 30 booths. Each booth was manned by a volunteer. Adults came to enjoy the fun and hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken along with the children.

The Dimmitt young people who were a part of this were Daniel Proffitt, Ramey Rice, Caleb Dickerson, Trinity Robb, Lori Schulte, Stevie Hayes, Lindsey and Kelsey Welch, and Ashley Irons.

The adult sponsors were Virgil and Melinda Feinsod, Shelly Rice, Gary Langford and Justin Stice, youth minister at Childress Methodist Church. Justin's father is Loyd Stice, pastor of the First United Methodist Church at Post.

## Booths available during Harvest Days celebration

Castro County's annual Harvest Days celebration is being planned for Sept. 4-8, and the event will include a parade, barbecue dinner, fiddlers' contest, early settlers reunion, games, a county fair, an arts and crafts bazaar and more.

The Castro County Fair Association, through the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, is currently offering booths for rent at the show, and those interested should contact Bill Sava at the Chamber office, 647-2524.

Booths inside the Expo Building will rent for \$35 while those outside will rent for \$25 to \$35, depending on the amount of space a vendor requires. Those requiring electricity will be charged an additional \$5 fee. "Right now there are plenty of

spaces available, but don't wait too long if you'd like a good, inside space," Sava said. "We do restrict the number of food items which may be offered at any booth, and we do not permit the duplication of food items already being offered by another vendor, so those planning on having a food booth should check with us early."

Activities are planned for Sept. 4-7, including the kids' pedal tractor pull. The Chamber and Fair Association are still organizing activities, and a complete listing will be available sometime in August.

The main event will be on Saturday, with the parade, early settlers' reunion, fair, bazaar and more.

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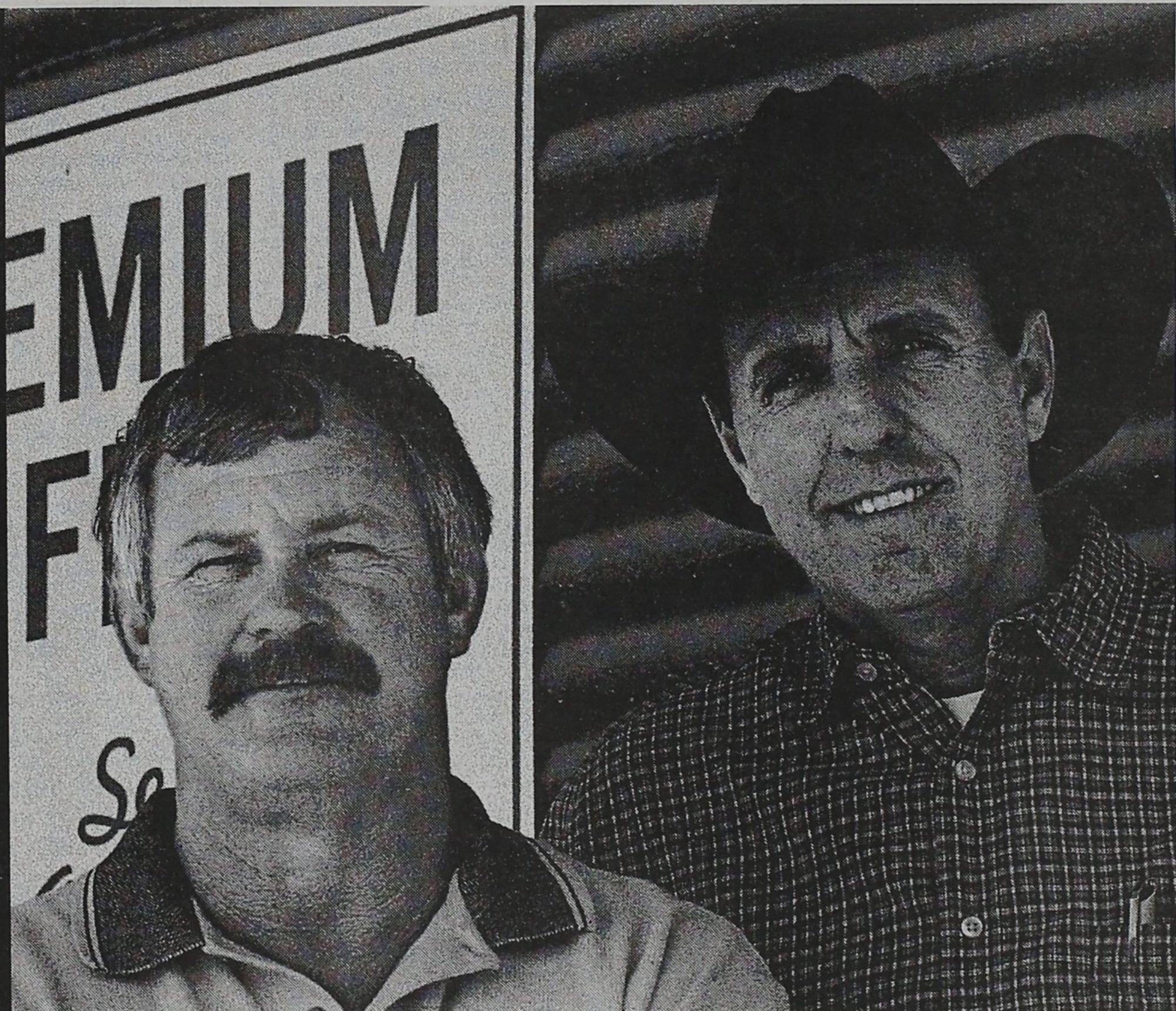
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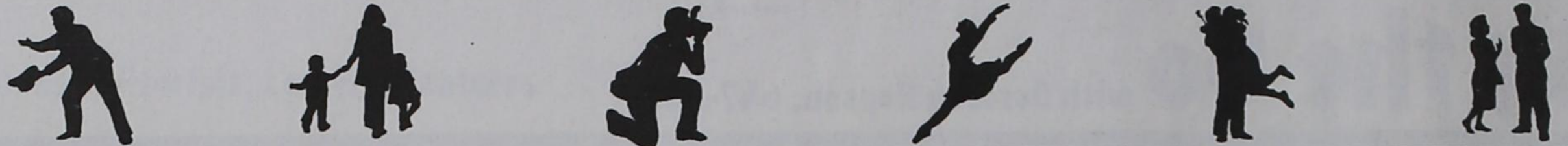
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# People



## McLean is honored

Cassie Helen McLean of Dimmitt has been selected by South Plains College as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders, and she is featured in the latest edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

McLean is the daughter of Charles and Jill McLean of Dimmitt.

A campus nomination committee and editors of this publication included McLean in the 2001 edition of the directory. The honor is awarded to students who display outstanding academic achievements, not only in scholarly endeavors, but also by participation in leadership and extracurricular activities.



## Who's New

### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Mindy Anes and Jose Lopez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Klarissa Justine Lopez, who was born at 10 a.m. on July 2 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 20 inches long. She has a big brother, Jose David Lopez, who is 3-1/2. Paternal grandparents are Jose M. Lopez Sr., and Daina Lopez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Nati Anes and Rosa Linda Anes of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Margarita Lopez and Ofelia Anes.

### OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl, Reegan Diane, for Byron and Christy Black of Midwest City, Okla. She was born June 13 at 5:47 a.m., weighing 7 pounds and 15 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. She has one older brother 3-year-old Brandon. Grandparents are Ann and Gene Stroud of Midwest City, Okla., Paulette Elias of Tulsa, Okla., and Kent Black of Heavener, Okla. Great-grandparents are Goldman and Roxi Stroud of Enoch, Al and Bertha Black of Eufala, Okla. and Betty Rawlings of Tulsa, Okla.

*Living with a saint is more grueling than being one.*



MR. AND MRS. GLEN ALLEN BARENTINE  
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## Newlyweds establish residence in Louisiana

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Allen Barentine are home in Shreveport, La., after they were married June 10 in Hereford.

The couple recited their vows in the garden gazebo of the E.B. Black House in Hereford. The Rev. Jessie Hodge of Levelland officiated at the double-ring nuptial service.

Music was provided by the bride's grandmother, Rose Mary Ramaekers, and Elaine Scott and Robert Byrd.

The bride is the former Mary Ellen Ramaekers, daughter of Henry and Linda Jo Ramaekers of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Don and Patsy Slover of Texarkana, Ark.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and she wore a short-sleeved gown with an empire waist fashioned of embroidered white satin with an organza overlay. It featured

four fabric roses over a small train.

Her shoulder-length veil was held in place by a hairpin in her upswept hair. She also wore a strand of pearls that were a gift from her paternal grandfather to her grandmother on her wedding day.

The bride's dress and veil were made by her mother.

She carried a bouquet of white and pink roses.

The couple's attendants were the groom's father; and the bride's sisters, Jill Pohlmeier, Kristi Ramaekers and Heidi Ramaekers, all of Nazareth.

Courtney Barentine and Taylor Barentine of Genoa, Ark., the groom's daughters, served as flower girls.

The female attendants wore yellow satin dresses with organza overlays featuring pink roses. They carried single pink roses.

The flower girls wore yellow satin dresses with organza aprons that matched the gowns worn by the other attendants. They carried baskets of rose petals.

Following the ceremony, guests were served heart-shaped cookies and punch in the dining room of the historic E.B. Black House. The couple was later honored at a dinner at the home of Rose Mary Ramaekers in Umbarger.

The groom is employed at TAC Air and the bride works for Oasis Pools, both located in Shreveport.

## County 4-H officer training to be held

A county 4-H officer training will be held at Suzanne Gibb's house, located 10 miles north of Dimmitt on Highway 385, on Monday, July 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Brent Gibbs, a volunteer leader, will conduct the workshop. Officers will learn new games, leadership methods and ways to plan more interesting meetings.

## Golightly and Crow wed in double-ring ceremony

Lacy Golightly became the bride of Toby Crow on June 30 when the pair exchanged wedding vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

The groom's grandfather, Allan Cartrite, officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Dayne and Penny Golightly of Floydada. Parents of the groom are Lanny and Belinda Crow of Friona, formerly of Dimmitt.

White floral arrangements accented with tulle and greenery, along with candelabra, decorated the altar in the church. The pews were marked with tulle bows and ivy.

Music was provided by organist Allana Hicks of Stamford, the groom's aunt. Soloist Jennifer Noland sang *From This Moment On* and *I Could Not Ask for More*. The bride's selection for the recessional was *Cowboy, Take Me Away*.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an elegant, fashion-forward two-piece wedding gown created from rich, white Italian matte satin. The top of the strapless bodice was embellished with pearls and crystals. The bodice also featured crystal bugle beads in a floral pattern with corset-style backing. The Basque waistline allowed the full ball skirt to float gracefully to the hemline and sweep into a mid-cathedral-length train. The skirt and train were adorned with the same crystal beading in a rose pattern. Sashes echoing the pattern fell softly to the train from the corset.

In keeping with tradition, the bride had something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.

She wore a ring that she borrowed from her mother, and a traditional blue garter. Her dress served as something new and she carried an old handkerchief which had belonged to her great-grandmother.

She carried a cascading bouquet of orchids and daisies.

Kimber Williams of Kansas, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Noland and Laci Harris of Lubbock, Lyndi Kidd of Friona, Reagan Howard of Stinnett and Carissa Poore of Whitney, all friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore floor-



MRS. TOBY CROW  
... nee Lacy Golightly

length yellow dresses with matching stoles. Each carried a spring bouquet of daisies and wild flowers.

Serving as best man was Travis Crow of Canyon, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Tait Crow of Dimmitt, brother of the groom; and Chad Rogers of New Mexico, Tye Baca of Vega, and Rusty Herrera and Lothan Snyder of Colorado, all friends of the groom.

Brooke Weems of Floydada, friend of the bride, served as the candle lighter.

Ring bearer was Alec Conkin of Lubbock, friend of the groom.

Karly Weems of Floydada, friend of the bride, was the flower girl.

Guests were seated by Rance Golightly of Lubbock, brother of the bride; Jason Wooten of Dimmitt, Will Sanders of Lubbock and Tucker Schumacher of College Station, friends of the groom.

Following the wedding, a reception was held.

The bride's four-layer wedding cake featured white frosting and lilac and yellow flowers.

The groom's chocolate cake was shaped like a cowboy hat.

The serving tables were decorated with fresh daisies and pictures of the couple. Silver appointments were used by those serving from the bride's table.

The couple left the reception in a surry, drawn by a matching pair of mules, "Sara" and "Sage," owned and driven by Edgar and Leta Dennis of Dimmitt.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Tarleton State University and she worked for Texas Dept. of Agriculture in Lubbock prior to the wedding.

The groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996, and he attended Lamar Community College for Horse Training and Management. He is currently training horses in Wildorado.

## Contestants sought for Miss Hart pageant

Young, single ladies who attend Hart High School or those who just graduated are invited to compete in the annual Miss Hart pageant, which will be held July 27 at the Centennial Pavilion in Hart.

Contestants cannot be married and must never have been married. Mothers and expectant mothers also are not allowed to enter the contest.

Leslianne Emery is coordinator for this year's event.

Each contestant will have a sponsor that is responsible for paying the entry fee and providing transportation for the contestant in the Hart

Days Parade on July 28.

Each girl entered in the contest will be required to wear two outfits—sportswear and formal wear. A third portion of the contest will be an interview with the judges. For the interview, contestants will be required to wear an official Miss Hart t-shirt, which will be provided.

The new Miss Hart will receive a crown, banner, silver tray or picture frame, flowers and miscellaneous gifts.

In addition to the Miss Hart title, judges will present a special "Judge's Award," and will name "Miss Congeniality."

The Judge's Award will be presented to the contestant who "catches the eyes of the judges and stands out for one reason or another." This honor will include a gift,

according to organizers.

Miss Congeniality will be selected by the Miss Hart contestants, and the winner will receive a banner and silver tray or frame.

The top four runners-up will receive a silver tray or picture frame, and flowers.

## Beginning entomology classes scheduled

Beginning entomology classes for Junior I and II 4-Hers will be held July 27, Aug. 1 and Aug. 6.

The classes will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Castro County Extension Office.

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Steven Ray Campbell and Yvonne Marie Weeg

## August wedding is planned

Dennis and Regina Weeg of Canyon announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Yvonne Marie Weeg, to Steven Ray Campbell, son of Gary Campbell and Connie Hawn, both of Amarillo; and stepson of Jerry McGuire of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 at the Weegs' home, 27831 S. Soncy Road, in Canyon.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Canyon High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1998 with a bachelor of science degree in environmental science and biology/wildlife.

The prospective groom, formerly of Dimmitt, graduated from Amarillo High School in 1991. He is employed as a customer service zone technician II for Valor Telecom in Dumas.

After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Dumas.

## Dimmitt High students attend FCCLA meeting

Bianey Saucedo and Melissa Maldonado, seniors at Dimmitt High School, were among the 325 delegates at the 2001 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Meeting this week in Anaheim, Calif.

Representing more than 22,000 members of the Texas Association, they were among approximately 4,900 delegates throughout the nation who attended the four-day conference.

Throughout this FCCLA National Leadership Meeting, members were motivated and recognized at general sessions, explored ways to prevent teen violence, strengthened their leadership skills, and carried out the youth-developed theme, "Lights, Camera, Take Action!"

The organization celebrated 56 years of building strong leaders in our families, careers and communities as members experienced a meeting that unfolded into a dramatic atmosphere where glamour, quality and good work go hand in hand.

Ample entertainment combined with thought-provoking content dominated the week while attendees explored why leadership and service should be celebrated.

Texas members developed a plan of action for the state and will implement it when returning to school in the fall. Students will also participate in competitive events during the week and shared success stories from Texas chapters.

Seventy-five students from Texas participated in the STAR Events during the week and others learned skills to share with their local chapter members.

Saucedo is vice president of recreation for Region I and Maldonado is vice president of STAR Events for Region I. Both assisted as ushers during the STAR Events and during the general sessions. Advisors Marilyn Carter and Jackie Odom, and Eric Odom will also attend.

FCCLA is a career and technology student organization for family and consumer sciences education students in junior and senior high schools. This youth-centered organization is the only career and technology student organization that has the family as its central focus and is an integral part of the family and consumer sciences curriculum.

## 4-H officers set workshop

An all-night, multi-county officer workshop for new 4-H officers will be held Monday, July 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

The workshop will take place in Littlefield and is limited to officers from the ages of 11 to 18.

The fee for the workshop is \$8 to cover the cost of meals and refreshments.

The theme of the workshop is "Welcome to 4-H Paradise," so participants will want to bring a tropical shirt. Participants will leave Dimmitt at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

To attend the workshop, call the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115 by July 20.

## Clothing camp set for July 25

A clothing day camp will be held Wednesday, July 25. Participants will leave the Extension Office at 9:00 a.m. that morning.

Each person needs to bring a washcloth, 20 inches of washable ribbon and a white t-shirt to make the crafts for that day. Participants also need to bring a sack lunch and \$1.00 to cover the cost of the camp.

To reserve a spot, call the Castro County Extension Office by July 20 at 647-4115.



Rhonda Melvin and Jason Jackson

## Melvin, Jackson to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melvin of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rhonda Melvin, to Jason Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson of Dimmitt.

The couple are planning to marry on July 28 at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

## Panhandle Transit lists new travel days

Panhandle Transit has announced it will offer transportation in Castro County on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays due a reduction in state public transportation funding.

To request service (in Dimmitt or out of town), call 364-5631 by 12 noon the day before transportation service is needed. The Panhandle Transit vans are wheelchair accessible.

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## First Assembly of God welcomes new pastor

The First Assembly of God has a new pastor, Joe N. Vaughn.

Vaughn and his wife, Sandy, have moved to Dimmitt from Waxahachie, where he last served as facilities coordinator.

The Vaughns have ministered throughout the United States from Washington, D.C., to Mississippi. They are originally from Birmingham, Ala.

They moved around a lot because of his previous position in the US Air Force. He is now retired.

He is working on his bachelor's degree in pastoral ministries. She is

also working on a bachelor's degree in Christian education and plans to get a master's degree after earning her bachelor's.

The couple have five children. Tony is 23 and is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., with the US Army. Michael is 22 and a student at Snead State Junior College in Boaz, Ala. Their daughter, Amy, is 20 and lives in Albertville, Ala. with Willard Townsel. Their other two sons, Joey, 16, and Joel, 15, reside with them.

In all their previous positions, the Vaughns have supported ministries in areas of youth and music, and they plan to continue that work.

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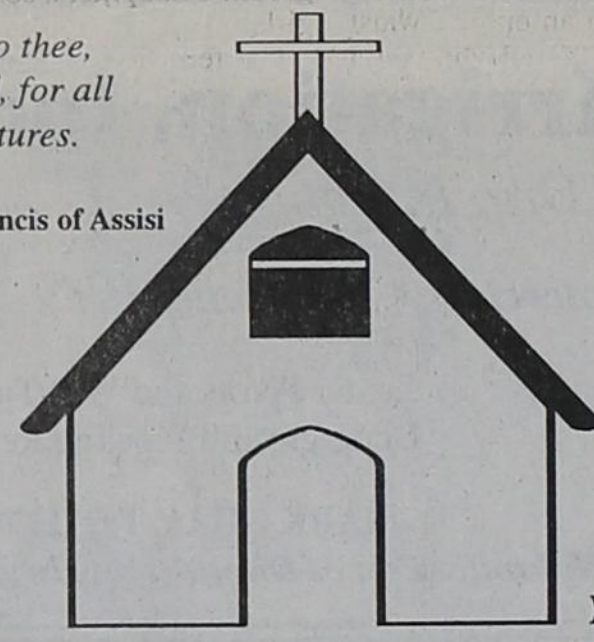
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## Group seeks help for wheat stricken by karnal bunt fungus

The recent outbreak of karnal bunt in Texas wheat has prompted Texas Farm Bureau President Donald Patman to seek relief for Texas wheat farmers.

An outbreak of the karnal bunt fungus, which lowers wheat production and quality, had been spotted early in harvest in San Saba County, which was already under quarantine. The fungus also was noticed in Young and Throckmorton counties during the heaviest part of harvest.

The outbreak potentially places at risk wheat and wheat product exports to 80 countries. Some other wheat-producing counties have also experienced karnal bunt problems on a limited basis.

Complications arose when discovery of the infected wheat coincided with a holiday weekend, delaying a quarantine of the affected area for more than a week.

In a letter to Secretary of Agriculture

Ann Veneman, Patman requested help for growers whose crops were stricken by the fungus.

"Specifically, the Texas Farm Bureau would appreciate your early action to provide timely and adequate compensation to those producers and elevators experiencing these problems," Patman wrote. "Delays in compensation may result in financial failure for many of those affected by the karnal bunt outbreak."

The karnal bunt outbreak couldn't have come at a worse time, according to Patman. Texas wheat producers were experiencing better-than-average yields and somewhat improved prices this spring.

Patman pointed to additional problems resulting from the fact that scientific determinations and government actions involving karnal bunt have been called into question.

"A long-term solution to the issue should involve further scientific

evaluation as to the severity of the karnal bunt and its impact on the industry," Patman wrote. "This effort should focus on fairness to all domestic wheat producers as well as the interest of maintaining US grain export markets."

## Horse Club members place at District Show

At the recent South Plains District Horse Show, Castro County Horse Club members Chris Reynolds, Jake Ebeling and Eric Odom qualified for the State Horse Show.

Members representing Castro County were:

**Showmanship:** Chris Reynolds, 4<sup>th</sup>; Randi Shaw, 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Novice Showmanship:** Jake Ebeling, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Lindsey Shaw, 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Novice Western Pleasure:** Lindsey Shaw, 5<sup>th</sup>; Jake Ebeling, 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Western Horsemanship:** Chris Reynolds and Randi Shaw.

**Novice Western Horsemanship:** Lindsey Shaw and Jake Ebeling.

**Western Riding:** Lindsey Shaw and Randi Shaw.

**Reining:** Lindsey Shaw, Randi Shaw and Chris Reynolds.

**2-year-old Pleasure:** Chris Reynolds.

**Pole Bending:** Jake Ebeling.

**Barrel Racing:** Jake Ebeling.

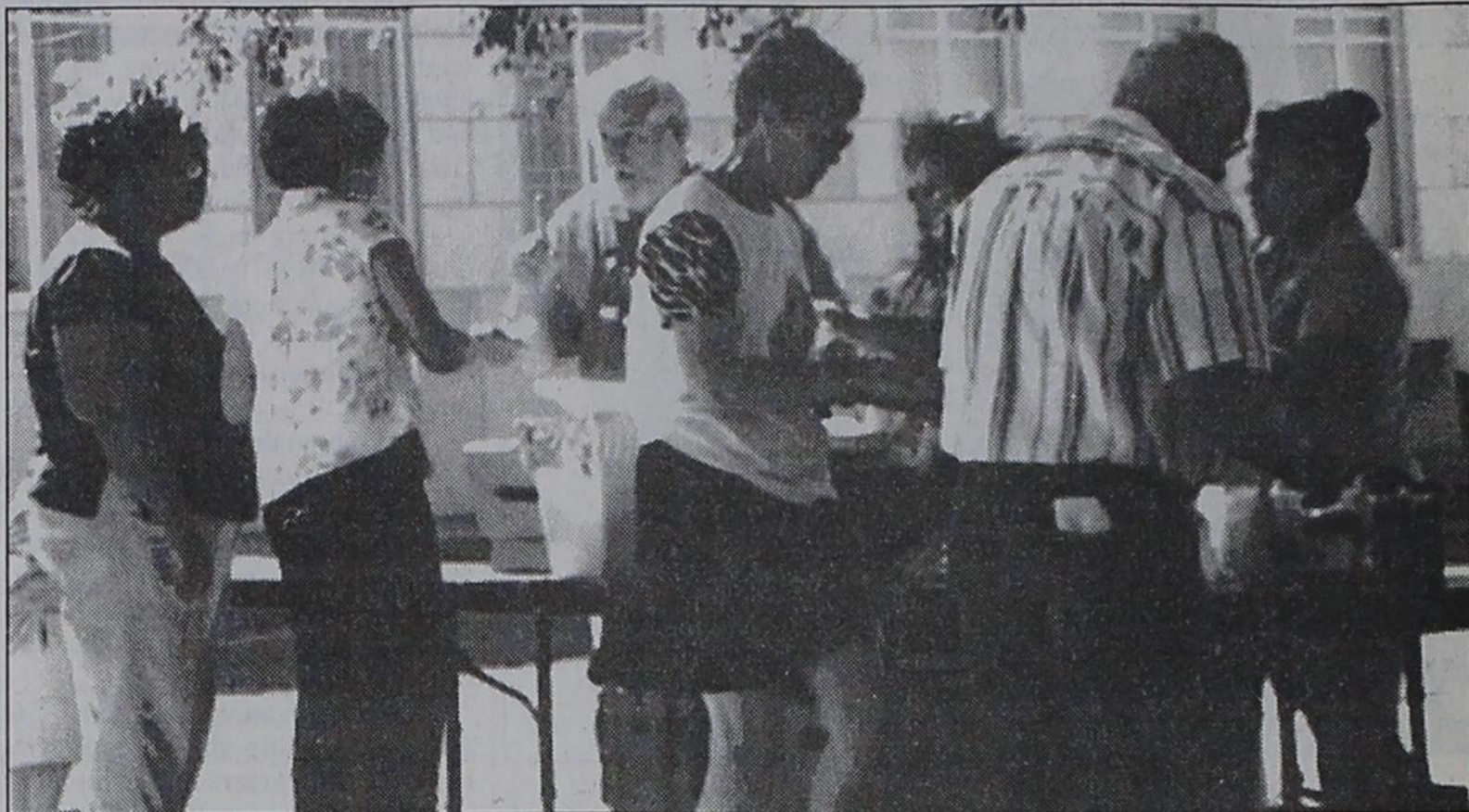
**Calf Roping:** Ross Schulte.

**Registered Mares:** Eric Odom, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Grade Mares:** Jake Ebeling, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Randi Shaw, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Lindsey Shaw, 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Registered Geldings:** Chris Reynolds, 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Western Pleasure:** Chris Reynolds, 4<sup>th</sup>; Randi Shaw, 14<sup>th</sup>; Jake Ebeling, 15<sup>th</sup>.



GET YOUR JUICY HOT DOGS HERE—Chamber of Commerce volunteers and representatives from the Panhandle Community Service serve up hot dogs, chili, chips and soft drinks on July 3 during Dimmitt's annual July Jubilee celebration.

Homemade ice cream served by the Castro County Fair Committee was enjoyed for dessert. A large crowd enjoyed the music, food and games on the courthouse square.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Farmers seeing benefits of boll weevil eradication

Cotton growers in Texas have always had to worry about adverse weather conditions, increased production expenses, and until recently, the damaging effects of the boll weevil.

Growers in eradication zones entering their third season as part of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication program say they are receiving help with their worries.

Although the program has no control over the weather, it does help with production costs, and producers in these zones are noticing a decrease in weevil numbers and the damage these insects cause.

Jerry McClain of Childress is

seeing the results of eradication on his farms in Childress, Hardeman and Cottle counties, part of the Northern Rolling Plains eradication zone.

"The last three crops before eradication began, the weevils ate us up. It wasn't worth pulling," McClain said.

But during the diapause year of the program, McClain was able to make a top crop. "The weevils usually get all of that," he said. "The last two years there hasn't been a weevil problem. But there has been a weather problem."

McClain is enthusiastic about the results of the program. "We had to have something, or I wouldn't be

able to raise cotton anymore," he said.

Tommy Box, a producer in Western Yoakum County, noted the cost-saving aspect of eradication in the Western High Plain zone.

"I am definitely saving money," he said. "It would cost me more if I were treating it myself."

Before the program, Box said, he was paying at least twice as much per acre as he pays now.

McClain agreed. "The benefits outweigh the cost," he said. "You only need 20 extra pounds of production to pay the cost."

Theodore Wells of Martin County said he believes growers in the Permian Basin zone will see the benefits when the weather cooperates.

"The program...has decreased the boll weevil damage and will in this area when it starts raining," Wells said.

Program employees know that growers fund the program and Wells said he believes they work hard to spend the money wisely. These producers offer encouragement to those who are not part of the program or have misgivings.

"Some people may think they don't have a weevil problem, but they do. And it will get worse," McClain said.

Wells said he has noticed that some producers in his area who were once against the program have had a change of heart and now work for their local offices.

"Knowing what has been accomplished by the program and seeing results in other areas eased any apprehension I had," Box said.

"I believe this is the best program available," he said. "It is getting control of our boll weevils."

"Because of so many variables, such as weather conditions and various expenses, it is a relief not to have to worry about the boll weevil. We can let the program take care of them," Box said.

## FSA appoints five to state committee

Five Texans have been appointed to the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)'s Farm Service Agency (FSA) state committee.

They are Willie Fred "Red" Kitchen, a forage producer and rancher in Houston County; Dario Vidal Guerrero Jr., who ranches in Hidalgo, Starr and Brooks counties; Linda C. Raun, a rice producer and agri-businesswoman from Wharton County; Scott McGarraugh, who ranches and raises wheat in Texas and Oklahoma; and Jerry D. Harris, a cotton, peanut and grain sorghum producer in Dawson and Gaines counties.

"The Farm Service Agency is the key USDA agency in terms of citizen involvement and the state committee exemplifies the agency's long-standing tradition of citizens sacrificing personal time to serve the Texas agricultural economy," said

US Sen. Phil Gramm.

The state committee, an extension of the county committee system, has an enormous responsibility serving as the eyes, ears and voice of the state's production agriculture industry regarding federal farm program delivery, Gramm said.

The state committee is comprised of five appointed individuals who work in conjunction with the state executive director to insure consistent and equitable delivery of farm programs in Texas. Committee members are responsible for applying national program policy and procedure to meet local needs.

"The system provides for a unique process of local- and state-administered federal farm programs," Gramm said. "It makes certain that federal farm programs work for Texas producers, not the other way around."

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## Spring crop certification deadline set for Monday

Producers of spring seeded crops have until Monday to certify their acreage with the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Among the crops which fall under the certification deadline are corn, cotton, grain sorghum, soybeans, fruits and vegetables, peanuts, hay crops, Conservation Reserve Program and other spring seeded crops.

All producers are urged to certify their acreage in order to track cropping history and to provide information for future participation in USDA programs.

Certification is not mandatory for

all producers; however some USDA programs do require certification.

Growers who plan to do any of the following MUST certify their acreage by the Monday deadline:

- ◆ Plant fruits and vegetables on a farm enrolled in the AMTA program.
- ◆ Apply for a loan deficiency payment or the graze-out program.
- ◆ Are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program.
- ◆ Grow a non-insurable crop and apply for the NAP program.

Growers should contact the county FSA office to schedule an appointment for certification as soon as possible.

## TBWEF urges farmers to destroy failed cotton

Growers who have lost their cotton crop should make sure all acreage that has been declared "failed" and released by insurance has been destroyed before they begin 2001 program operations.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) issues the reminder to all cotton growers in active boll weevil eradication zones on the Texas High Plains.

"Cultural controls are an important part of the eradication effort," said Charles Allen, program director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in Abilene.

"One of the most important of these controls is the elimination of a food source and a place for boll weevils to reproduce," Allen said. "This will curb needless increases in the boll weevil population and needless costs to growers in the eradication program."

Allen urges growers to destroy cotton as soon as possible in fields that will not be brought to harvest. He also said growers should be sure and destroy any cotton remaining in a field which has been replanted to another crop.

"Weevils will find the cotton left in these fields and use it for feeding and reproduction," he said. "These fields will require treatment when the program's eradication activities begin."

Growers in the two new zones who destroy cotton in their fields before fall program treatments begin won't have to pay an assessment. Fields that still have cotton plants in them when eradication activities begin will be assessed the fees.

For active zones, growers should contact their zone office to determine the date when crop destruction activity must be completed.



Suzanne Londenberg

## Nursing home has new administrator

"I've only been here three weeks, but I've already fallen in love with this community," said Suzanne Londenberg, the new administrator of Canterbury Villa. "The Dimmitt people are so friendly."

Londenberg has been a nursing home administrator seven years, although this is her first post with Texas Healthcare Enterprises, the corporation that owns and operates Canterbury Villa.

Her hometown is Waco, and most recently she administered a nursing home at Athens.

She waited until her four children were grown to make her own career move.

"I was a fulltime mother until my daughters all graduated from college and got married, and my son was in college. I was sitting there at home by myself and I decided, 'I'm going to go back to college.'"

She attended Tarleton State University at Stephenville, then earned her administrator's certification at McLennon Community College in Waco.

Her husband, John, is retired. One of their daughters is a Registered Nurse, another is an optometrist and the third is a professional secretary. Their son has a brand-new MS degree in cardiac therapy and is employed by a Houston hospital.

The Londenbergs have seven grandchildren.

Londenberg said her first brush with Dimmitt's traditional friendliness "started with Bill Sava and Carol Lust.

"Before I came, I called the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Sava was a great help. He gave me the names of apartments, and when I came I met Carol, and she bent over backwards to help me find a place here in Dimmitt."

She said that at Canterbury Villa, "the resident is the No. 1 priority of

all of us."

She added, "I want people to know that we are changing for the good. Our goal is to provide the best nursing facility in this area.

"We hope the people here will support us by having faith in us and bringing their parents to the nursing home here.

"We have only 39 residents at present, and our capacity is 86," she added. "We need to increase our number of residents. We need the community to have enough faith and trust in us that they will feel comfortable bringing their parents here to stay with us."

Londenberg announced that Canterbury Villa also has a new director of nurses, Monte Mathias, R.N.

*Dear Lord, I know You hear me when I pray. Help me to hear You so that I may know Your will and live in obedience to it with love and joy. Amen*

*As you travel through life, leave your mark, not a stain.*

*Lord, I pray for the courage of my convictions. Instill in me the determination to make than the right things happen. Amen*

## Wheat growers will discuss farm bill with legislators

Representatives from the Texas Wheat Producers Association are in Washington, D.C., this week, meeting with Texas legislators about the upcoming farm bill.

The House Committee on Agriculture is expected to release the draft of the 2002 farm bill this week, with full markup of the bill expected for the first week in August.

An itinerary has been developed in which the Texas delegation will be meeting with Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee; and Charles Stenholm, ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee. They also plan to meet with delegates from the other 28 Texas congressional districts and hope to outline the National Association of Wheat Growers' plan for the 2002 farm bill.

The plan is built on four principles that wheat producers believe are essential elements in the next farm bill.

According to Tommy Womack, Texas Wheat Producers Association president and National Association of Wheat Growers vice president, "the wheat industry believes that the next farm bill has the potential to assist growers in realizing a brighter future, encouraging higher market levels and providing stability throughout the agricultural sector."

Both wheat organizations have worked for two years to construct what they believe is sound federal policy that should serve as the backbone of the 2002 farm bill.

"This year is a critical time for the future of agriculture," said Womack. "This week legislators are working to form the next farm bill, which will serve as the backbone of our future agricultural decisions."

The National Association of Wheat Growers' plan would maintain the planting flexibility and producer decision-making authority outlined in the 1996 Fair Act. Another aspect of the plan would be to establish a guaranteed fixed payment similar to the current AMTA system to provide producers of program

crops with de-coupled support each year.

The group has called for such payment to be equal to the support levels provided in 1999, or \$.637 per contract bushel for wheat.

The plan also would continue the non-recourse commodity marketing loan program with only minor changes. Another proposal will be to equalize loan rates across commodities.

Creating a counter-cyclical payment that would increase support whenever prices decline is another important aspect of the plan. This support would be de-coupled from current production just as AMTA payments are, and would be made on a commodity-by-commodity basis.

The Texas Wheat Producers Association also has been instrumental in working with the agricultural economic assistance package this year. The house approved a package totaling \$5.5 billion, which translates to \$.54 per bushel for wheat.

The Senate Ag Committee is expected to take up the agricultural economic assistance package after the July recess and Texas Wheat Producers Association will focus its efforts in the Senate to restore AMTA payments to the 1999 level.

## Scrapbook workshop to be held

A scrapbook workshop will be held Monday, July 23, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Castro County Extension Office.

Participants need to bring 15 to 20 pictures and \$5.00 to cover the cost of supplies.

Space is limited, so call the Extension Office at 647-4115 to register.

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-Confucius

## Cotton Talks

By SHAWN WADE

Members of Plains Cotton Growers' board of directors met with House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest for an informal discussion of issues and a review of the type of policy that producers want to see in the next farm bill.

Combest, displaying a strong understanding of the problems facing producers, noted that his goal was to provide a completed farm bill by his own Aug. 3 deadline. He said he intends to move to legislation to the full House of Representatives for consideration by September.

Combest said that while he has no control over the pace of legislative development in the Senate, he has been encouraged by the actions of Senate Agriculture Chairman Tom Harkin to move the process forward. He added that he doesn't want to wait for the Freedom to Farm bill to expire in 2002 before new legislation is initiated.

Combest hopes to deliver a new farm bill that can be implemented for the 2002 growing season.

PCG board members reiterated several policy concepts that have been the cornerstone of the organization's recommendations on the structure of new farm policy.

Discussion centered around the need for a multi-faceted support structure that would provide a more realistic price floor through an increase in loan rates for program crops, counter-cyclical price support and de-coupled payments.

The board also stressed the need for strong agricultural representation in trade negotiations, specifically

about the developing round of World Trade Organization negotiations and recent USDA decisions on the self-reporting of government support to the World Trade Organization.

Combest said the House Agriculture Committee has taken the representation of US agriculture interests in trade negotiations seriously and has been in regular contact with US trade negotiators.

Combest discussed the recent decision by the House Agriculture Committee to limit 2001 economic assistance to the \$5.5 billion allocated in the recent budget resolution. He said he still feels additional assistance above the \$5.5 billion is needed.

The Senate still has to pass its own version of the assistance package. After that the bills will be reconciled by a conference committee to complete the final assistance package.

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## Glenda Kendrick

Certified Respiratory Therapist Technician

When Glenda Kendrick was an Explorer Scout in Hereford as a teenager, doing volunteer work for the ambulance service, she realized that she wanted to make health care her career.

Glenda does double duty for Plains Memorial Hospital. She's a certified paramedic with the Emergency Medical Service, and also is the hospital's respiratory therapy director.

Glenda just recently received her certification as a respiratory therapist technician. The certification process requires the applicant to complete a one-year course. Glenda completed the course in five months.

Her path toward a health-care career opened up naturally for her as she grew up in Hereford and attended Grace Christian School in Canyon, where her mother was a teacher.

Explorer Scouts concentrate on different vocations and professions through volunteer service, and in Hereford the Explorer post assisted the local ambulance service.

"I was involved with it from the time I was 13 until I was 16, and when I turned 16 I was able to volunteer and ride on an ambulance," she said. "I loved it."

After graduating from Grace Christian School in 1990, she became an emergency medical technician (EMT), then received her paramedic's training over two years at Amarillo College.

She works from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday in respiratory therapy, serving

anywhere from 10 to 30 patients at any given time, depending on the season.

"Anytime there's an ambulance call and I'm between patients, I work on the ambulance," she explained.

When she started her training to become an EMT, her dad, Bobby Kendrick, went through the training with her. Now retired from a chemical company in Hereford, he has been an EMT eight years and also serves at Plains Memorial. He's in charge of ambulance maintenance for the Emergency Medical Service.

The most challenging part of her job with the EMS, Glenda says, is "not knowing what you're going to encounter when you get paged out—the excitement of not knowing, and the satisfaction of knowing how to help the patient when you get there."

Glenda plans to start working this fall on her BS degree to become a licensed respiratory therapist. She plans to take a two-year course through the distant learning program offered by the California College of Health.

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## Class of 1991 plans reunion

Members of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1991 are making plans for their 10-year reunion, which has been set for Saturday, July 28.

Class members would also like to extend a special invitation to any teachers who might want to attend.

The event will start out at noon at the Dimmitt City Park with a family picnic. Dinner along with music will be at the Country Club of Dimmitt, and the cost will be \$25 per couple or \$15 per person.

All members of the class are asked to get in touch with Jamie Baker Mendoza at 647-0443 or log on to the reunion web site at www.angelcities.com/members/dhsclassof91/index.html and leave their information.

"We are working hard to try to make this a memorable occasion, but we need your help," Mendoza said.

# Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the Center on Sunday evening to enjoy a delicious fried chicken meal, visiting, and cards and dominoes. Birthdays for July were recognized as Pearl Acker, Father Peter Otto, Don Acker, LeRoy Pohlmeier, Kenneth Heard and Ethel Schmucker.

A good crowd attended the two hour grief management seminar held in the Nazareth Band Hall Tuesday evening. The seminar was conducted by John Souther, a grief counselor from Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo. He had a wonderful program, answered many questions and summed it up by saying, "There is no 'right way' to grieve a loss; there is only 'your way'" as we are all different.

Gerber relatives from Nazareth attended the marriage of Nicholas Albracht and Apryl Palomina of Amarillo Saturday evening at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Reception and dance followed the ceremony.

Betty and Francis Wilhelm and Joe and Amy Schmucker drove to Wichita Falls Saturday to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Genese Schmucker, to David Rodriguez.

Genese is the daughter of Gene and Michelle Schmucker. Many other members of the Wilhelm and Schmucker families from Nazareth and the surrounding area also attended the wedding celebration.

Don and Betty Acker recently drove to San Antonio to attend the June 23 marriage of their son, Vance Acker, and Erika Rodriguez in St. Laurence Catholic Church.

Roanne Acker and her two children, Jerry and Wynette Leinen, and Dustin and Stacey Leinen, all of

Amarillo gathered at the same motel in San Antonio with Don and Betty Acker where they had a great time just being together. They all attended the rehearsal dinner held at the Spaghetti Warehouse.

Also attending the celebration were Joe and Angela Hochstein and family of Nazareth, Matt and Bernie Hatla of Bryan, Louis and Pam Acker of Fort Worth, and Erika Acker and her fiancée Scott Myers.

Ralph and Beth Schulte of Roanoke were surprised on their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by their family coming for a visit.

On Saturday everyone enjoyed the horse races and watching "Necular Assembly" (who has Panhandle connection) win the sixth race. The also enjoyed a trip to "Canton" and a Texas Ranger baseball game.

Attending the celebration were Carol Hoelting of Westminster, Colo., Joan Durbin, Gilbert and Dolly Schulte, Floyd and Dorothy Schulte, Cecil and Norita Hoelting, and Vincent and Toby Gerber.

James and Pearl Acker of Nazareth and Robert Acker of Dumas attended the Acker family reunion in San Antonio, hosted by the families of Regina Warren and Bernice Brewer in June.

From San Antonio, they traveled to Corpus Christi and spent some time touring the city. Then they went on to the Harlingen area where Robert and his wife Dorothy had lived for 10 winters. They toured the sights and churches where Robert and Dorothy had been, then spent half a day in old Mexico. It was really a great, fun week.

Visiting in the home of Jerry and Nellie Wilhelm for the past three weeks was their son, Kenneth, who is in the Navy and stationed at the Na-

val Base at Yokuska, Japan. He has been in Japan for the past six years.

A fish fry was held at the Jerry Wilhelm home on June 24 for family and friends. The next week Jerry, Kenneth and Brent Wilhelm drove to Arnold, Neb. to visit with Weldon Wilhelm.

Before leaving on Sunday, Kenneth cooked a Japanese meal for some of the family. He is now in San Diego, Calif. for a month of schooling, then back to Japan for three more years.

On July 4, Lucy Leinen was honored on her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt. Jerry and Wynette Leinen of Amarillo, Harold, Arlene and Cliff Stephens of Slaton, and Don and Betty Acker and their grandson Casey enjoyed a covered dish luncheon with Lucy. Casey is Clayton Acker's son from Ralls.

Congratulations to Sidney and Eve Gerber of Levelland on the birth of a son, Christopher Ryan, June 27 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. He has two brothers, Matt and Nick. Grandparents are Virginia Posey of Amarillo and Vincent and Toby Gerber of Nazareth. Great-grandmother is Mary Gerber of Nazareth.

Lynette Kleman is spending some time here with her family, the Alvin and Dorothy Klemans. On Sunday evening all enjoyed a cookout at the home of Dwayne and Cheryl Kleman. Lynette is studying for her master's degree in food science at Raleigh, N.C.

Jason Birkenfeld, Carson Gerber, Monty Hoelting and Quentin Jones spent a couple fun days with their uncle Harold Gerber at his Lake Ivie home. They participated in lots of tubing, skiing and fishing on early mornings and late evenings.

Gordon and Bonnie (Kern) Golder and their grandchildren Zack and Erin from Grand Rapids, Mich. visited the Bud Kern family recently. Several family members enjoyed Palo Duro Canyon, eating the chuck wagon supper and the show, "Texas". They were then on their way to the Davis Mountains for an Elderhouse weekend.

Adam Wethington of Florence,

Texas came to Nazareth to visit his sisters, Angela Acker and Rita Kern, for a few days. Angela went with him to visit other sisters at Durango, Colo., and Gallup, N.M., and a sister-in-law in Cortez, Colo. They really enjoyed getting together.

Bud and Rita Kern had several of their family come for a weekend visit. David and Patricia (Kern) Butler from San Antonio, Kenny Kern and his friend Mindy from Allen, Tom Kern and his family from Midland, Mike Kern and his family from Plano, Bob Kern and his daughter from Houston, and friend K.P., a fellow employee of Schlumberger, who is working in Africa all enjoyed a great time being together.

Jerry and Carol Kern hosted a 4<sup>th</sup> of July party at their home where several hundred friends from all over came to enjoy. They entertained the crowd with several sky divers, music, a delicious barbeque, live music by local musicians, four-wheelers and lots of visiting and renewing old friendships. It was a great party and everyone wants to thank them for such a good time.

A farewell party was held for our foreign exchange student Philip Bergendahl at the home of Kent and Teresa Birkenfeld, his host parents. Everyone had a great time!

Prayers are asked for Dale Brockman, Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Ray Schmucker, Art Albracht, Ann Heck, Tommy Wethington, Charley Hill, Rosemary Wilhelm, Norma Schacher, and Alma Schacher.

## Museum tour open to all 4-H members

The Castro County Horse 4-H Club is sponsoring a tour of the American Quarter Horse Museum in Amarillo with a lunch on Friday, July 13.

The fee to attend is \$10. People attending will leave the Extension Office at 8:00 a.m. on Friday.

This tour is open to all 4-H members, but people attending must register with the Extension Office by Wednesday, July 11. Call them at 647-4115 to sign up.

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Costumes	Shirts
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Dresses	Socks (including athletic)
Gloves (generally)	Shorts
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Hooded shirts and sweatshirts	Sweatshirts
Hosiery	Sweat suits
Jackets	Sweaters
Jeans	Swim suits and trunks
Jerseys (football and baseball)	Underwear
	Work clothes and uniforms

## Texas sets annual sales tax holiday for Aug. 3-5

Texans will get a break from paying sales tax on many back-to-school clothing items on Aug. 3-5 during the state's third annual sales tax holiday.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," said Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

"The sales tax holiday provides much-needed tax relief for hard-working Texas families and lets them stretch their budgets a little farther as they shop for school clothes for the kids and work clothes for mom and dad," Rylander said.

This year the sales tax holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales taxes and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes. Cities have the option to not waive local sales tax during the tax holiday, but no community has opted out of the event this year.

The rules for the 2001 sales tax holiday are the same as in previous years.

During the three-day period, most children's and adult's clothing and footwear priced under \$100 will be exempt from sales taxes. Customers 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, tennis shoes, baseball caps, jogging suits and other athletic clothes that

are commonly worn on the street are eligible for the tax exemption.

Accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases are not tax exempt.

Items previously placed on layaway may be redeemed tax-free during the sales tax holiday, and items placed on layaway during the sales tax holiday may be redeemed tax-free later.

School supplies and backpacks will not be tax exempt.

"Earlier this year I asked the legislature to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include backpacks, school supplies, sewing supplies and safety gear such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats," Rylander said.

"I also proposed expanding the tax holiday to five days to avoid the three-day traffic jam; however, the legislature did not make the sales tax holiday a priority and the proposal died. Next session, I will again urge the legislature to make Texas families and the sales tax holiday expansion a top priority," she said.

During the first two sales tax holidays in 1999 and 2000, Texans saved an estimated \$69.6 million, including \$5.8 million in state sales tax and \$14.8 million in local sales taxes.

For more information about the sales tax holiday and a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, see the comptroller's web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us) or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

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## Hart Days committee begins to make plans for celebration

The annual Hart Days celebration is just around the corner, and a group of Hart residents are beginning to organize events to coincide with the celebration, which is July 27-28.

The Hart Days committee is asking organizations to sponsor a booth, either a fun activity or a food booth, during the celebration, and those interested should contact Aaron Lee at 938-2267 or Aaron Reed at 938-2332.

Some carnival rides will be available for youngsters to enjoy, but a full-fledged carnival won't be part of this year's celebration.

A group from Lazbuddie will furnish the small carnival rides and volunteers are needed to help with this activity. Those interested should call Lee or Reed.

Hart High School's sophomore class will host a Mexican Fiesta on Friday and also plans to sponsor a couple of fun activities for children and teenagers. Trent Barnes, one of the class members, is helping organize the activities.

The Miss Hart pageant is on tap again this year, and Leslie Emery is coordinating the event with the help of other Hart women.

The pageant will be held on Friday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Centennial Pavilion. Jerry Kittrell has agreed to emcee this year's pageant.

It was such a hit last year that the Miss Hart coordinators have elected to bring back "Simply Irresistible," a mini-parade of youngsters that will be held during the Miss Hart pageant. Gayla Myrick will be in charge of this event.

A full-day slate of events is planned for Saturday, July 28, beginning with the Hart Days parade at 10:30 a.m., and concluding with a dance that night at 9 p.m.

The parade is being organized by the Hart Lions Club and Neoma Williams, and those interested in entering a float, vehicle or other entry in the parade should contact Williams at 938-2640.

A homemade ice cream contest, pet show, face painting booth, arts and crafts show and more are planned throughout the afternoon on July 28.

Also during the Hart Days celebration, the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept., will be selling tickets for a three-day, two-night trip to Las Vegas, Nev. Tickets will be \$10 apiece.



**HOT SHOTS**—Mikala Whitaker (left) and Kelsey Schilling see who can make the most baskets during the time limit at one of the stations in the Texas Tech Fun Zone on July 3. Children enjoyed the Fun Zone and street hockey sponsored by the Amarillo Rattlers while adults enjoyed visiting and music. Hot dogs and homemade ice cream were served during the event. Photo by Anne Acker

## Follies organizers seeking cast, crew for August shows

If you can sing, dance, act or just like to perform in front of a crowd, then the Chamber of Commerce is looking for you.

Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava is organizing the annual production of the Follies, and he's looking for a few good men, women and children to perform or help with the production.

The show is slated for Aug. 25 and 26 at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium and rehearsals started Wednesday. Sava urges anyone interested in being a part of the production to call him as soon as possible.

"We're looking for all you talented people out there who would like to take that voice out of the shower and onto the state and join us

for Follies 2001," Sava said. "We're working on scripts now and we're trying to decide which of the musical numbers will be the most fun—that could be determined largely by the cast we assemble.

"The Follies are a good time for everyone involved, cast and audience alike. A few days back, Dorothy Sheffy shared some of her 'refrigerator magnet wisdom' with me—*Laughter is like a resurrection—it lets us rise again and again.* That's what we do at the Follies.

"I guarantee we'll have a part—and some laughs—for you, unless you wait until after Aug. 1 to call," Sava said. "We can't guarantee much of anything after that, but we'll try."

## Kids, Inc. slates 3-on-3 tournament in Amarillo

Amarillo's Kids Inc. will sponsor a 3-on-3 streetball tournament July 28 and 29.

The tournament will be in the downtown area for the sixth year in

a row, and this year the courts will be set up in the third, fourth and fifth blocks of Polk and Tyler Streets.

The tournament is open to male and female players ages 8 and up. Teams will be grouped into divisions with teams of similar height, age and playing ability. Last year's event consisted of 292 teams competing in 41 divisions.

Entry fees are \$92 per team with an entry deadline of Wednesday, July 25, at 5 p.m. Entry forms should be returned to Kids, Inc., at 27<sup>th</sup> and Osage in Amarillo.

Each player competing will receive a t-shirt and each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games. Prizes will be awarded to the first- and second-place winners in each division.

All proceeds from the 2001 Streetball Challenge will support the athletic programs offered by Kids, Inc.

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## Tulia Market Square will open on Friday

Tulia's "Market Square" will open Friday at 101 E. Broadway (on the square) in Tulia and several vendors are expected, selling everything from home-grown vegetables to crafts.

The building can accommodate up to 50 vendors and craftsmen.

Booth space inside the air condition facility is available for \$60 for a three-day weekend on a first-come basis.

Market Square was organized by Cindy Hurt and her Weekend Attraction Committee. It will be open to the public one weekend each month.

The Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. After July, the Tulia Market Square will be open on Saturdays and Sundays only.

Prospective vendors should contact Cindy Hurt of Hale County State Bank at (806) 995-4151, or call the Tulia Chamber of Commerce at (806) 995-2296 for more information. Vendors may also fax them at (806) 995-4426 or e-mail them at [tuliatexas@arn.net](mailto:tuliatexas@arn.net).



**FUTURE QUARTERBACK**—J. Juana Triana, 4, practices his passing at Texas Tech University's Raider Fun Zone Tuesday in Dimmitt on the courthouse square. There were many children and adults enjoying the inflatable games. The fun zone was held along with the annual July Jubilee Celebration on July 3. Photo by Joyce Nelson

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## Plainview team wins playoff for Doc Render championship

Shawn and Lanny Savage of Plainview edged Clovis's Sid Felan and Hector Flores in a sudden death playoff at the Doc Render Partnership Sunday.

The annual tournament, held at Country Club of Dimmitt, featured 146 players in five flights.

The Savages trailed Felan and Flores as well as two other teams after the first round, but they made several strokes over the second 18 on Sunday, finishing the day with a round of 60 to move into a tie for the lead at 125.

Flores and Felan's first-day score was 62 and they managed 63 on Sunday to finish with 125.

Chip Thrasher of Canyon and Tracy Willingham of Lubbock owned the lead with 59 after the first round, but they struggled on Sunday, shooting a 68 to finish with 127 in a tie for third.

Also finishing with a two-round score of 127 was the Guymon, Okla., team of Jim LeGrange and Mike Yell.

Champions in the President's Flight were Taylor Cameron of Canadian and Don Tyson of Higgins, who finished with a two-round score of 130.

Three teams shared lead honors in the First Flight with two-round scores of 138—Truman Touchstone and Jimmy Curtis; Jody Ball and Eric Roanhaus; and Joe Saucedo and

Marin Rivis.

In the Second Flight, winners were Buttons Bozeman and Chris Watson of Tulia, who finished with a 131.

Top honors in the Third Flight went to Tad Cornett and Bill Glenn of Dimmitt, who finished with 144.

Here are complete results from the tournament:

### Doc Render Partnership at Country Club of Dimmitt

**Championship Flight:** 1. (In playoff) Shawn and Lanny Savage of Plainview, 65-60—125; 2. Sid Felan and Hector Flores of Clovis, 62-63—125; 3. (Tie) Chip Thrasher of Canyon and Tracy Willingham of Lubbock, 59-68—127, and Jim LeGrange and Mike Yell of Guymon, Okla., 64-63—127.

**President's Flight:** 1. Taylor Cameron of Canadian and Don Tyson of Higgins, 62-68—130; 2. Price Barton and Mike Hughes of Amarillo, 64-67—131; 3. Barry Ward and Manly Davis of Amarillo, 65-69—134.

**First Flight:** 1. (Tie) Truman Touchstone and Jimmy Curtis, 66-72—138; Jody Ball and Eric Roanhaus, 67-71—138; and Joe Saucedo and Marin Rivis, 69-69—138.

**Second Flight:** 1. Buttons Bozeman and Chris Watson of Tulia, 64-67—131; 2. (Tie) Al Bolton and Kirk Kerbo of Pampa, 68-71—139, and Jeff Pigg and Terry Mixson of Dimmitt, 67-72—139.

**Third Flight:** 1. Tad Cornett and Bill Glenn of Dimmitt, 69-75—144; 2. (Tie) Jason Shiever and Rodney Washman of Woodward, Okla., 75-74—149, and Leon Yell and Paul Yell of Guymon, Okla., 71-78—149.

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**25—Legal Notices**

**NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**

The Dimmitt Independent School District will receive proposals for the purchase of the insurance coverages listed below until 10 a.m., July 31, 2001. Those wishing to submit a response to this RFP may deliver or mail their response to the Central Administration Building of the district, located at 608 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

**1. WORKERS COMPENSATION**

Proposals, specifications, or additional information may be obtained from John Chase, Business Manager, 608 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas 79027. The telephone number is (806) 647-3101. The fax number is (806) 647-5433; however, no proposals will be accepted by fax.

One copy of a proposal should be delivered or mailed to the address shown above and to the attention of John Chase. The envelope or package containing a proposal should be clearly marked, "RESPONSE TO RFP—WORKERS COMPENSATION."

All proposers are required to read the enclosed GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS and PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS prior to submitting a completed proposal. The Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive formalities and technicalities.

The Board of Education will consider proposals for award at a scheduled meeting in August.

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
NO. PR 2443**

**THE ESTATE OF  
NORVELLE H. BIRDWELL, Deceased  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF  
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING  
CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF  
NORVELLE H. BIRDWELL, Deceased**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of NORVELLE H. BIRDWELL, Deceased, were issued to JUDY M. BIRDWELL on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2001, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows:

JUDY M. BIRDWELL  
105 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Dimmitt, Texas 79027

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY  
IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**Construction/Maintenance Contract(s)**

District: Lubbock.  
Contract 0905-00-027 for MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION IN LUBBOCK County, etc., will be opened on Aug. 8, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's web site at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 3937.

**State Office**

Construction Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: (512) 416-2540

**District Office(s)**

Lubbock District  
District Engineer  
135 Slaton  
Lubbock Texas 79404  
Phone: (806) 745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

25-15-2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Thomas Curtis Draper, Deceased, were issued on July 10, 2001, in Cause No. PR-2440 pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to: ARGEN H. DRAPER.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is Route 3, Box 506, Hereford, Castro County, Texas; the post office address is: c/o Rex W. Easterwood, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 273, Hereford, Texas, 79045.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.  
By REX W. EASTERWOOD  
Attorney for the Estate  
25-15-1tc

**25—Legal Notices**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Dimmitt Independent School District will receive proposals for the purchase of maintenance and janitorial supplies until 3 p.m., Aug. 6, 2001. Bid specifications may be obtained by calling John Chase, Business Manager, at (806) 647-3101 or requested by mail at 608 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas, 79027. One copy of the proposal should be delivered or mailed to the address shown above and to the attention of John Chase. The envelope or package containing the proposal should be clearly marked "RESPONSE TO MAINTENANCE AND JANITORIAL SUPPLY BID." The Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive formalities and technicalities.

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READY, SET, GO FOR THE GOAL!

... Youngsters enjoy street hockey games sponsored by the Amarillo Rattlers during Dimmitt's July Jubilee

Photo by Joyce Nelson

# Teens, employers 'Spring into Safety'

Some jobs are too dangerous for workers under the age of 18. Therefore, they are restricted or prohibited by state and federal law.

To help employers and workers comply with the laws, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and US Dept. of Labor (DOL) are offering easy-to-read materials on child labor safety. As part of the Spring into Safety campaign, TWC and DOL are distributing child labor "bookmarks" to public libraries and high schools statewide to inform young workers about their rights and protections under state and federal child labor laws.

This year's campaign focuses on child labor requirements, couples with farm safety for those children who can legally work in the agricultural field.

Some 67 young people, age 17 and under, are killed on the job in the US each year, according to DOL's Bureau of Labor Statistics, and more than 210,000 14-to-17-year-olds are injured, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

In Texas, more than 450 employers were cited last year for violations, according to TWC statistics.

"Giving teens the opportunity to work, learn responsibility and gain a work ethic is an extremely important element of our society," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "But it's even

more important to be sure this is done safely. I encourage teens, employers and parents to become familiar with workplace laws applicable to teens so that our youth are as safe as possible in the workplace."

Parents also need to know which jobs are prohibited.

**Prohibited Jobs**

Hazardous non-farm jobs, as determined by the secretary of labor, may not be done by teens under the age of 18. Generally, teens may not work at jobs that involve:

- ◆ Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17).
- ◆ Roofing operations\*
- ◆ Excavating operations\*
- ◆ Power-driven wood-working machines\*
- ◆ Power-driven bakery machines
- ◆ Power-driven paper-products machines\*
- ◆ Power-driven hoisting equipment
- ◆ Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines\*
- ◆ Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears\*
- ◆ Meat-packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing)
- ◆ Manufacturing brick, tile and related products
- ◆ Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations
- ◆ Logging and saw-milling
- ◆ Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation
- ◆ Manufacturing or storing explosives

\*Limited exemptions are provided for apprentices and trainees under specified standards

**Hourly limitations**

- ◆ Teens 18 or older may perform any job, whether hazardous or not, for unlimited hours, in accordance with wage and overtime requirements.
- ◆ Teens 16 and 17 years old may perform any job that is not hazardous for an unlimited number of hours.
- ◆ Teens 14 and 15 years old may work outside of school hours in jobs that are not hazardous nor in mining

or manufacturing:

- Three hours on a school day.
- 18 hours in a school week.
- Eight hours on a non-school day.
- Forty hours on a non-school week.

Teens may work between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when their work hours may be extended to 9 p.m.

**For more information**

To find out which jobs are restricted or prohibited, or to get other details on child labor laws:

◆ Call DOL at 1-800-959-3652, or visit [www.dol.gov/dol/esa/welcome.html](http://www.dol.gov/dol/esa/welcome.html)

◆ Call TWC's Labor Law division at 1-800-832-9243 or (512) 837-9559, or visit [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org) (employer or worker services)

## Police Calls

All but three of the people jailed this week were arrested on warrants. Those arrested on warrants this week were:

- 22-year-old Amarillo man, arrested July 2 on warrants for speeding, driving without a safety belt, display of expired license plates and violation of promise to appear.
- 39-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 3 on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, third or more.
- 27-year-old Amarillo man, arrested July 3 on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- 30-year-old Amarillo man, arrested July 4 on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of promise to appear.
- 41-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 6 on warrants for expired motor vehicle certificate and violation of promise to appear.
- 44-year-old Amarillo woman, arrested Friday on warrants for

speeding, two counts of violation of promise to appear, two counts of driving with no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- 35-year-old Dimmitt woman, arrested July 7 on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Those arrested for other reasons were:

- 44-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 7 for driving while intoxicated with an open container, first offense.
- 17-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 9 for attempted burglary of a habitation.
- 60-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested Monday for public intoxication.

The current jail count is nine prisoners.

## Dimmitt reunion planned

There will be a Dimmitt High School Reunion for all classes through 1955 (and others who would like to attend) from Friday, Sept. 21 to Sunday, Sept. 23.

It will be held at the Fifth Season Inn, 6801 I-40 West, Amarillo, Texas. It is located on the east-bound access road between Coulter and Bell Streets. The Amarillo Room in the hotel is reserved as the meeting place.

To make reservations, call (806) 358-7881 and talk with Amy Leal or another clerk. Be sure to inform them that you are with the Dimmitt Reunion, because rooms for all guests who identify themselves with it are tax-exempt.

Rates for the rooms are \$45 for double beds, \$45 for one king-sized bed, or \$50 for a suite with a king-sized bed. All rooms include a hot breakfast. You must cancel 24 hours in advance, or the credit card on hold will be charged.

The hotel has an indoor pool, a sauna, a spa, exercise facilities, smoking and non-smoking rooms, and in-room coffee makers. Coffee will also be available in the Amarillo Room where the meetings will take place.

Arrival time is Friday afternoon

and check-out time is at 12:00 noon on Sunday.

In addition to snacks and drinks, which people attending are encouraged to provide, there are a variety of restaurants within the area, some within walking distance. On Saturday night, a barbecue meal will be served at 7:00 p.m. The price is \$10 per person. Please pay Phyllis Mooney for the barbecue at registration.

A general business meeting is planned Saturday evening after the barbecue, when future plans will be discussed. A general reunion chairman will be elected along with two chairpersons for all classes.

A financial report will be given and donations to meet expenses for the next reunion will be asked for. Joyce Autry will be the recognition chairwoman. Les Miller, Dimmitt Superintendent of Schools, will give a brief update on Dimmitt schools.

Sign-up sheets, will be placed at the entrance of the meeting room. It is important to sign in, giving your address, phone number, and e-mail address so you can be easily reached.

*Gracious God, help me to do my work with gladness. May I use the talents You gave me to do positive things today. Amen*

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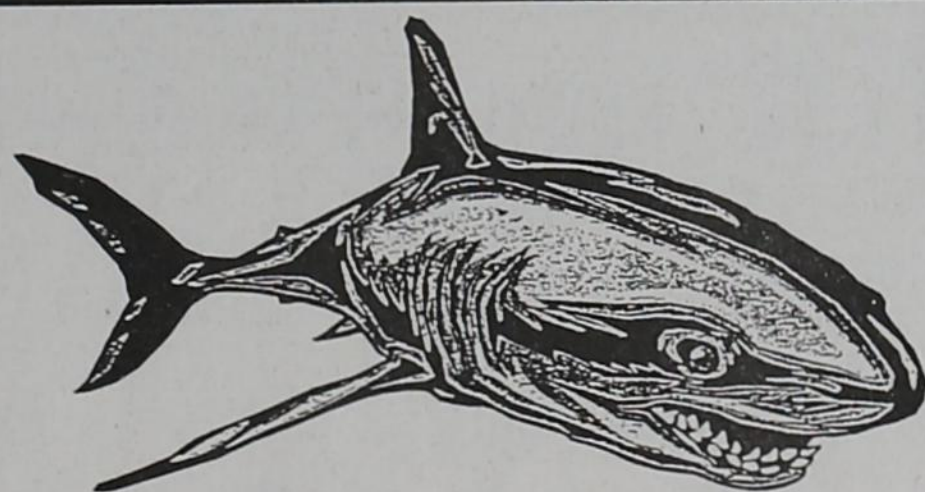
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**VOLUNTEER GARDENER**—Bob Walters (standing, right) created this flower garden in front of Canterbury Villa for the residents to enjoy, and keeps the flowers well tended. The colorful blossoms include geraniums, Wave petunias and zinnias. Ronnie Gfeller supplied the cotton-burr

mulch for the garden, and Dudley Wooten donated the necessary chemicals. Residents of the nursing home are shown seated, with staffers standing behind them. Walters' father-in-law, Deroy Cates, is a Canterbury Villa resident.  
*Photo by Don Nelson*

**More about**

# DISD, hospital at odds . . .

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asked Sloan, "From the school standpoint, with that being our only bidder, do you have any suggestions?" "I don't think you have a choice," Sloan said. Miller agreed. "Where we're concerned, it's either First Care or no care. We don't have a choice." "We want a good, solid relationship with our medical community," Schaeffer said. "Then I suggest you get together with the hospital board and work something out," Sloan told him. The school board adopted a motion by Paul Garcia to approve First Care's insurance proposal for the coming year.

"Hopefully, we can work out something with First Care and the hospital district," Schaeffer said. Mark Wishard, the hospital district's chief financial officer, told the *News* that most health maintenance organizations and preferred provider organizations negotiate for discounts of 20% to 25% on room rates, services and medications. But he said that First Care insists on a 45% discount, citing an old agreement with a previous board and administration. "We tried to talk with them last year but they wouldn't talk," Wishard said, "so we told them it was our desire to cancel the contract. They

came back to negotiate but would not contract with us for anything less than a 35% discount. We told them we would do it, but only because our school system was on their plan." The board adopted a drug/alcohol policy that deleted all the provisions of last year's policy that have been ruled unconstitutional by federal courts. All of the provisions that mandated drug testing for students taking part in any extracurricular activity have been stricken from the new policy. During an intense discussion, Garcia argued against "de-clawing" the policy.

"The federal district courts in Lubbock and Amarillo have ruled against mandatory drug testing," Schaeffer said. "The policy we had is unconstitutional. I think we'd all like to do more, but we have to work within the constitutional restraints." Board member Greg Odom said that a tough policy of drug testing, enforcement and punishment is "a luxury in a school district that's running a \$400,000 deficit." He termed the gutted policy a "feel-good thing," and added, "Our business is educating kids, not policing drugs." Supt. Miller agreed that the new policy "has no teeth in it, but we can't put any teeth in it."

**More about**

# Lights out! . . .

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blades above the transformer closed, there was only a loud power hum, which diminished over half a minute until it was barely noticeable. "That sounds normal," said Wallace Hill, SPS district manager. The breaker held, restoring power to most of the city. The transformer went back on line at 11:27 a.m., three hours after the electric wall clock in the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ office had stopped. Only the Cerestar plant was out of power the full three hours, though. SPS crews restored power to all of the affected area by 10:36 a.m. by switching the distribution over to the Dimmitt South substation. That isolated the Dimmitt East transformer and allowed the SPS crew to attempt to re-energize the huge transformer to start feeding power to the Cerestar plant again. When the re-start effort was successful, the rest of the city served by the Dimmitt East station was brought back online. According to Wallace, 1,353 Dimmitt residential and commercial customers were thrown out of power, in addition to Cerestar, which is one of SPS's biggest customers in the region. The outage caused some wet-and-wild problems for the City of Dimmitt.

Soon after the lights went out, City Manager Don Sheffy made an inspection tour of the water system and found water flowing out of a million-gallon supply reservoir and flooding Southeast Third Street. "Southeast Third looked like a river because there was no power to shut off the control valve or the wells that are powered by the Dimmitt East substation," Sheffy said. Saul Arce and Juan Almanza of the Public Works Dept. shut off the seven wells in the city's south well field, which are powered by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. "We also shut off the water going to Cerestar, because without electricity they lose control of all of their valves, which causes flooding in the plant area," Sheffy said. Since the outage occurred Sunday morning, it affected several churches and their members. Without electricity, many people couldn't operate such taken-for-granted appliances as blow dryers and irons, so the outage dealt a blow to church attendance. The churches made the best of the situation, however. At the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, for example, song leader E. L. Washington told the congregation that he couldn't see the title to the next song in the bulletin, but commented that the appropriate hymn probably should be "Send In the Light."

continue operations. The affected stores had to suspend business because they couldn't ring up any sales. Among the eating places that are normally open on Sunday mornings, the Sonic Drive-In and El Rodeo lost power, while The Pancake House, El Sombrero, Mr. Burger and Dairy Queen were able to conduct business as usual. The outage left SPS and Cerestar officials wondering what protocol would need to be used the next time the big Dimmitt East substation goes down. SPS provides the voltage that goes through the substation, but Utility Engineering owns the huge transformer, although Cerestar pays for a lease on enough of it to cover the plant's electricity load. The problem dates back to the time when the electric power industry was deregulated, Wallace said. He explained that Utility Engineering originally was a subsidiary of SPS but now is a separate company. "Since deregulation, we haven't known for sure what we can and can't do in a situation like this," the SPS district manager said, "but we're planning to get together with Cerestar and UE and get some specific procedures and responsibilities worked out." Cerestar General Manager David Bone said he has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday "to improve communications between all parties." "There's too much uncertainty on the part of the SPS crew as to what they could do at the substation on a transformer that's owned by another company," Bone said.

**More about**

# Cerestar manager . . .

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"In 1982, the plant's second owner, Amstar, processed 35,000 bushels per day and employed 175 people. "American Maize increased the plant's capacity again, to 54,000 bushels per day. "And now, Cerestar USA processes 70,000 bushels per day with 88 people, using computerized automation." The local plant holds a solid place in the American market, Bone said, producing 3% of the US supply of high-fructose liquid sweetener. "Our major market areas are Texas, Arizona and California," he said. "We produce about 14 rail cars of syrup per day. Each rail car has enough syrup to sweeten about two million 12-oz. cans of soft drink. Therefore, our daily output can sweeten 28 million cans of soft drink." Syrup from the Dimmitt plant also is used in such everyday products as chocolate milk, cough syrup, fried pies, pancake syrup, candy, eggnog, pastry frosting, canned fruit syrup,

ketchup, jellies and jams, Bone explained. The Dimmitt plant's energy bill this year will total about \$12 million, he said, and corn purchases for the plant will run about \$41 million. "Our city, county, hospital and school property tax bill for 2000 was \$1.1 million," he said. Worldwide, he said, Cerestar has 17 production sites, employs 3,900 people and processes 4.1 million tons of grain per year. Annual sales are about \$1.5 billion US, or \$1.7 billion Euro dollars. Cerestar's international headquarters are in Paris, France. Bone explained that Montedison, Italy's second largest electricity producer, owns 51% of Cerestar. Montedison currently is the target of a hostile takeover attempt by a group of investors led by Fiat of Italy, the world's sixth largest car manufacturer, and EIF, a French electrical utility. "Their interest is in Montedison's electrical generating business," Bone said.

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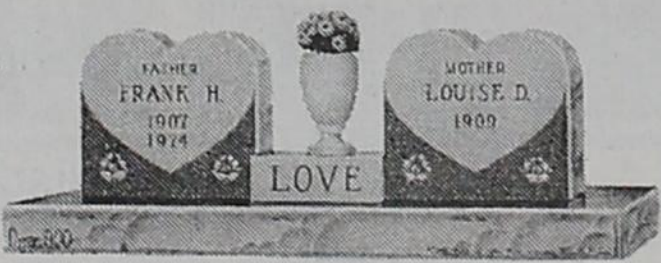
## Obituary

### Mary Woodburn

Graveside services for Mary Woodburn, 84, of Dimmitt, were held Friday at Castro Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, presiding. Arrangements were under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt. Mrs. Woodburn died Tuesday, July 3. She was born July 8, 1916, in Vernon. She married Lon Woodburn on Aug. 19, 1951, in Dimmitt. She was a Baptist and had lived in Castro County since 1933. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 17, 1993. Survivors include two sisters, Ruby Dempsey and Joyce Angel, both of Amarillo; three nieces; and four nephews. The family requests memorials be sent to Castro County Museum, PO Box 457, Dimmitt 79027.

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