

# The Castro County News

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## Late wheat crop still a puzzle

The late freeze and wet weather has delayed the wheat harvest for a couple of weeks, meaning that the first load will not come in for another week to 10 days.

Local crop observers say that they really cannot gauge what the 1997 crop has in store for farmers.

"I've heard more mixed opinion about the crop from farmers and producers than anything," said Don Graham at Dimmitt Agri Industries.

"It looked like this was going to be one of the best crops we've had in a while," said County Extension Agent Rebel Royall, "but the late freeze really hurt."

It not only hurt our area, but also wheat in the Oklahoma Panhandle and western Kansas.

Wheat in those areas, as well as here in the Texas Panhandle, was in dire need of rain in early April, and much of the wheat had been weakened by drought even before the freeze occurred.

Farmers caught a break, though. The cool, wet weather we have been having lately allowed the wheat to rebound nicely from the freeze damage.

In fact, according to the USDA 1997 Wheat Crop Forecast, 1.6 billion

bushels of wheat is expected to be harvested across the country, which is 8% higher than last year's total.

Still, experts have heard estimates ranging from 20,000 to 200,000 bushels lost to the freeze in mid-April. All of which proves that this year's crop is unpredictable.

"Some of the wheat is so good that it's beginning to lie down in the field," said Ricky Kuntz of Flagg Fertilizer. "But then there are some places where the wheat is not very good at all."

Some of the wheat that is "not very good at all" was not only damaged by the freeze but also rust, hail and wind.

"Rust got some of the fields out here," said Eddie Matthews at Easter Grain, "and some of the heads have broken and fallen to the ground."

"The rust appeared late in the wheat and it is really too late to do anything about it," Royall said. "Also, some wheat near Flagg received some hail damage."

"There is some rust in some fields," said Graham, "but it is really not a major problem."

The major problem for farmers this year could be the prices they get for

their harvested wheat.

"The price today (Tuesday) is \$3.37 a bushel," Graham said. "Last year on June 17 the price was at \$5.72. Of course this is just a product of supply and demand. The drought ruined much of the wheat in Kansas last year, decreasing the supply."

Even though many farmers and experts are at a loss to pinpoint how good the crop will be this year, it is obvious that overall production will be high.

According to the USDA Weekly Crop Progress, 3% of wheat across the country is very poor, 9% is poor, 28% of the crop is fair, 49% is good and 11% is excellent.

"There's no solid opinion," Graham said, "but at this time it looks like we'll have a pretty good crop."

A hail storm Saturday night ended the cotton season for a couple of farmers near Flagg.

"Some farmers have gotten hailed out, but overall there hasn't been that much hail damage to corn or cotton," said Matthews at Easter Grain.

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

If you want to see a good example of low-cost aerobic exercise, watch a boat-tailed grackle trying to stay on a fence post in a stiff wind.

Two years ago, Evelyn Noble had a skunk problem at her place just east of Dimmitt.

She mentioned it to Chet Braafladt, who came out with a trap and served as the follow-up dispatcher.

They trapped five skunks, all right. And nine raccoons. And three possums.

(Chet didn't dispatch the raccoons and possums; he just relocated them.)

This flat, semi-arid land of ours has never been renowned as a natural habitat for raccoons and possums.

My guess is that the Conservation Reserve Program cover crops, added to the abundance of corn, has made our corner of the world raccoon-friendly.

By the way, Evelyn quit trapping after that one big haul.

"I had a family of skunks getting under my house then," she said. "I still have all kinds of varmints around, but they're not bothering me."

This came over the Internet:

### SUMMARY OF THE WORLD

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this:

There would be 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere, including North and South America, and 8 from Africa.

51 would be female and 49 would be male.

70 would be non-white and 30 would be white.

66 would be non-Christian while 34 would be Christian.

80 would be living in sub-standard housing.

70 would be unable to read.

50 would suffer from malnutrition.

1 would be near death, and 1 would be near birth.

1 would have a college education.

Half of the entire village's wealth would be in the hands of only 6 people, and all 6 would be citizens of the United States.

Monette Kenmore Ray of Rochester, Minn., writes:

"We enjoyed your article regarding the Hmong people (1:1, May 22) as we have a Hmong Mission of our church, Emmanuel Baptist, here in Rochester. Several hundred Hmongs came to Minnesota after the Vietnam War.

"Most of the Hmong have become US citizens and are very proud of their new country!"

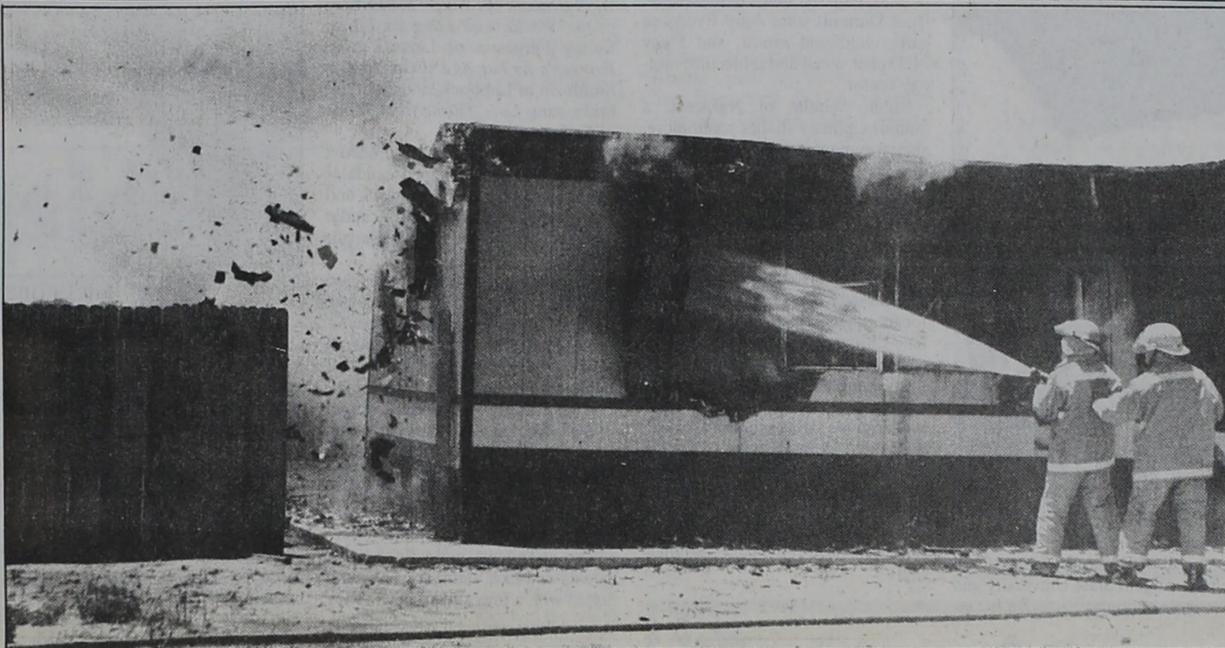
"Our Hmong pastor, Nhia Herr, has helped to translate the New Testament into the Hmong language.

"Not only did these people help our government during the war, but they are now very productive citizens in our state and throughout the country.

"Many of the women do very fine, intricate needlework. The women are helping to raise money for the publishing of the Hmong Bibles to send back to their countrymen...."

"The Hmong dress in their native dress on special holidays, and the costumes are quite beautiful as well as noisy. Small coins are sewn in great numbers on these headpieces as well as the costumes, and they really 'jingle' as they move about."

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**PUTTING OUT THE FLAMES**—Dimmitt Volunteer Firefighters attempt to squelch a house fire Tuesday afternoon. The trailer house, located out in the country, three-fourths of a mile north of FM 2397 on County Road 510, belonged to Blake Ellis. Local deputies described the

fire as pretty well a total loss. Ellis was not at home when the fire started. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation, but it does not appear to be arson. The Hereford Fire Department lent a hand at the fire.

Photo by Scott Brockman

## City pulls the plug on Ruskin idea

After hearing almost all negative comments about the city's possible purchase of the Ruskin Racquet Club facility, the Dimmitt City Council voted 6-1 not to buy it.

The vote was taken at the Monday night meeting of the council after hearing comments from 17 people present, mostly residents of the Ruskin Circle and Butler Boulevard areas. Roy Garza cast the dissenting vote. He felt the purchase would be a less costly alternative to replacing the current city pool.

Most of those expressing an opinion at the meeting were concerned about the additional traffic the facility would attract to their isolated neighborhood. Several also mentioned the children who would have to go so far to get to the facility, and would have to deal with the hazard of the heavy truck traffic on Butler.

Rita Ramos, a Dimmitt police officer who also lifeguards at the city pool, said she was concerned that the Ruskin pool would not hold the 132-plus swimmers who frequent the city pool on really hot days. She also said that any increase in the cost of swimming (currently \$1.25) would be too much for many of the children who use the facility now.

Mayor Wayne Collins said cost estimates for a new pool range from \$200,000 to \$300,000, not counting any land or building costs.

In other business, the council voted to advertise for bids from any who are interested in leasing the city's farm land south of Dimmitt.

Sheffy said the current lease holder, Eddie Waggoner, has said that he does not want to renew the lease. City Attorney Jack Edwards said he would draw up a lease agreement for bidders to base their bid on. Also, the council agreed to change the lease term to go from January to December and to require half of the lease amount at the beginning of the lease term. The first contract period of the new lease term would be for about a year and a half, with the cost adjusted accordingly.

A bid for repairs to part of the roof of the city hall building was accepted at a total cost of \$5,623. The only bid received was from T&D Roofing of Dimmitt for 3,520 sq. ft. of single ply roof membrane.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to former council member Malcolm Reynolds for his years of service on the council.

## Marker dedication set for July Fourth

An honor guard from Canon Air Force Base at Clovis, N.M., will be one of the highlights of the program at the dedication of a memorial marker in Dimmitt on the Fourth of July.

The Castro County Historical Commission has set the dedication ceremony for 11 a.m. at the gazebo on the courthouse square, and the public is invited.

The marker lists the names of 20 Castro County residents who were killed while on active duty in the armed services, including in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Conflict.

A short biography of each person listed will be read, and family members of the honorees have been invited to attend the ceremony. Also participating will be representatives of the local VFW and American Legion groups and auxiliaries.

The welcome will be presented by Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, and Bill Sava will act as master of ceremonies. The honor guard will perform the presentation of colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation will be led by Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church. The reading of the marker will be done by County Judge Irene Miller, with Sava assisting in recognition of any family members present. Also, recognition will be given to all veterans present.

The honor guard will perform a 21-gun salute, followed by the play-

ing of "Taps." The benediction will be led by Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church.

The marker, which will stand 4' by 2'6", will list the names alphabetically, and is inscribed: "In memory of those who gave their lives in service of their country, during World Wars I & II, Korea and Vietnam."

Those listed are: Carl Turner Ad-

ams, Cyrus Andrews Jr., Joe Bailes, Brodie Bronnell Bills, Stanley Bryan Byrnes, Raymond Theodore Dirks, Gene Easley, James David Erwin, Greer H. Estes, Billy Graef, Frank C. Herrera, Lonzo O. McDonald Jr., Vance Harwood Murphy, Roy Nelson, Emilio Nino Jr., Russel E. Slough, John Ray Stephens, Robert Daniel Truelock, George E. Wall, and Arthur Holland Webb.

### Law enforcement

## Domestic violence policies changing

Local law enforcement officials hope to increase the rate of conviction for domestic violence offenders in Castro County.

A new inter-agency protocol agreement is being worked out between the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., the Dimmitt Police Dept., and the Hart Police Dept., and the County/District Attorney's office.

The protocol will include a written policy for the handling of domestic violence cases.

Last year, city officers reported 24 assault/family violence cases, according to Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman. Out of those cases, 18 arrests were made, but only five convictions were obtained.

A big problem in the past was that officers would gather evidence and build a case against an offender, but the offender or other family mem-

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**A TRAIN OF TRACTORS** makes its way around the Antique Tractor Show in Hart Saturday. Paul Armstrong hosted the show which was sponsored by the Texas Plains Two-cylinder Club. Antique tractor owners from around the area brought their collections to show off. Also on display were one-cylinder engines

and antique cars. One of the highlights of the show was an 1897 center-crank, steam engine Case tractor. The huge, 12-horse power machine also made its way around the display area. All of the tractors at the show were operational.

Photo by Scott Brockman

### Free helmets

## Bike safety course, 'rodeo' set Saturday

The Dimmitt Police Dept. will give away 50 bicycle helmets to children who complete a bicycle safety course planned for Saturday.

Children ages 5 to 13 may register to win one of the helmets, which are being donated by the Texas Dept. of Health "Safe Riders" program. Winners will be selected in random drawings.

Registration for the safety course will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room. The safety instruction will begin at 10 a.m. The class should be over between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

The children will be dismissed for lunch, but are encouraged to attend

the 'rodeo' portion of the event at 1 p.m. in the south parking lot at the Dimmitt ALCO store. Participants will ride through six different courses to test their skill and demonstrate what they learned.

Some of the stations along the "obstacle course" will include a figure eight (to test maneuverability), a circle (to test balance), and a straight line (for steadiness). It will take 35 to 40 minutes for each participant to complete all six stations.

"We hope all the kids will come out to this event. We feel it will be beneficial and fun," said Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman.

# People



Stacy Nicole Walker and Ty Brandon Annen

## Pair plan July wedding

Tommy and Kathy Walker of Rocksprings announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stacy Nicole, to Ty Brandon Annen, son of Jerry and Debbie Annen of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to wed July 12 at the First Baptist Church of Rocksprings. They will reside in Eastland after the wedding.

A 1995 graduate of Rocksprings High School, the bride-elect is a junior at Angelo State University, where she is majoring in kinesiology.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mary Dove and the late Pete Dove and Ramona Leinen and the late Fred Annen, all of Dimmitt. He is a 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School and attended Angelo State University and Texas Tech University, where he studied business administration. He is employed by Dove Computer Consulting.

## Shop Dimmitt first!

### Volunteers Needed

The Central Plains Center for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse is looking for one (1) volunteer from Castro and Parmer counties to serve on the Public Responsibility Committee (PRC). The PRC is an independent, impartial third-party mechanism whose functions include the following: protecting, preserving, promoting and advocating for the health, safety, welfare and legal and human rights of individuals.

If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please submit your name, address and phone number to Mr. Ron Trusler, Executive Director, at 2700 Yonkers, Plainview, Texas 79072.

## Texas Tech names grads, honor students

County students from Dimmitt and Nazareth graduated and were named to honor lists for the spring semester by Texas Tech University recently.

Nicole Kleman of Nazareth, daughter of Georgiann Kleman, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Multidisciplinary Studies. She graduated cum laude.

Those named to the Dean's List, which includes students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 to 3.9, from Nazareth were Lynette Kleman, a food technology junior, and Jaret Schulte, an agribusiness sophomore.

David Nelson, an agronomy junior, of Dimmitt was also named to the Dean's List.

Those named to the President's List, which includes students who earn a 4.0 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork, from Dimmitt were Amy Byers, an early childhood senior, and Stacy McDaniel, a cell and molecular biology senior.

Robin Schulte of Nazareth, a multidisciplinary studies sophomore, also was named to the President's List.

## Teaschner named to ACU Dean's List

Terri Beth Teaschner of Dimmitt was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 1997 semester at Abilene Christian University.

To make the honor roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

About 175 miles west of Dallas, ACU is affiliated with the churches of Christ and has an enrollment of more than 4,400 students. All 50 states and 62 foreign countries are represented in this year's student body.



**Plains Memorial Hospital**  
 Rey and Delma Velasquez of Hart are the parents of a daughter, Abbie Delrey, born June 11. She weighs 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and is 20 inches long. She has a sister, Megan Radale, who is four years old. Her grandparents are Uvaldo and Adela Morales and Reynaldo and Amelia Velasquez, both of Hart. Great-grandparents are Jesuse and Trinidad Carrasco, Mel Gonzalez and Minga Garcia, and Jesuse Carlos Velasquez. Great-great-grandparent is Ramonita Reyna.

### Correction

In last week's listing of the rosters of the Kids' Inc. baseball teams, Matthew Calderon was incorrectly identified as Matthew Caldera. The News regrets the error.

## Amy Smithson weds Robert Harbin

Amy Nicole Smithson, daughter of Teddy and Vicki Smithson of Lamesa, exchanged wedding vows with Robert Lee Harbin, son of Larry and Karla Harbin of Crane, in a double-ring ceremony June 7 in the Second Baptist Church of Lamesa with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of Klondike Baptist Church, officiating.

The bride is also the granddaughter of Rayphard and Mary Lu Smithson of Dimmitt and of Gene and Willie Lampp of Sulpher Springs. The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Dannie Seward of Brownwood and Mrs. Hattie Harbin of Lubbock.

Following a Caribbean cruise, the couple plan to make their home in Lamesa before returning to Texas A&M of Commerce in the fall.

Walter Maynard of Dimmitt was the accompanist. *Jessica's Theme From Man From Snowy River* was the processional and *The Maker Said Take Her* by Alabama was the recessional. Tami Griffith of Dimmitt sang *Wind Beneath My Wings, Somewhere in the World, and Long as I Live*. Kenny Ferguson of Lamesa sang *Forever's As Far As I'll Go*. Amber Smithson of Lubbock, cousin of the bride, sang *Love Theme from Terms of Endearment*.

The church decorations included a 60-light horseshoe-shaped candelabra adorned with greenery, black and ivory pew bows, and a unity candle centered on the wooden cross podium.

The registry table was covered with a lace cloth and featured a black horseshoe pen holder with the couple's initial. Guests were registered by Tammie Tuggle of Meridian and Tanna Lampp, cousins of the bride.

Brandi Kilgore of Lubbock, friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Beck of Dimmitt and Angie Kidd of Andrews, friends of the bride. Karla Smithson of Lamesa, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

The attendants wore floor-length gowns of black satinback shantung styled with a low, square back. They carried long-stemmed ivory roses.

Morgan Lampp of Sulpher Springs, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a dress of ivory satin styled with petite flowers at the waist and adorning the train. She carried an ivory wicker basket with black ribbon and miniature black horseshoes.

Chris Harbin of Crane served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Josh Covington of Stephenville and Mark Villines of Crane, friends of the groom. Kory Smith of Lockney, cousin of the groom, was junior groomsman.

Ushers were Wesley Smithson of Lamesa, brother of the bride, and Phillip Hambrick of Midland.

The male members of the wedding party wore black tuxedo jackets, ivory shirts, and black jeans, completing their attire with feather gold vests, black boots, and ivory rose boutonnières.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of ivory Italian silky satin, designed by Mon Cheri. It featured a vee neckline complemented by short pouf sleeves. The neckline and sleeves were trimmed with a ribbon of cafe Italian silky satin, and the sleeves also were enhanced with a cluster of cafe satin petite fleurs. The bodice and sleeves also were accented with Alencon lace beaded with pearls and sequins. The basque waistline allowed the full ball gown skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a semi-



MRS. ROBERT LEE HARBIN  
 ... nee Amy Nicole Smithson.

cathedral-length train. The back featured a deep vee accented with a triple row of cafe ribbon. Cascading from the back waistline were twin back overskirts trimmed with cafe ribbon and petite fleurs. The overskirts were accented with a looped bow and a cluster of rosettes. The skirt and train were further enhanced with appliques of beaded Alencon lace. To complete her ensemble, she chose a wreath of porcelain rosettes finished with a soft pouf and fingertip veiling.

Her bouquet was a contemporary style featuring wild roses, lotus pods, lop berries and pods, and magnolias with caladium leaves. Tucked into the bouquet was a handkerchief from the bride's hanky baby bonnet. For something new, she selected her dress. Something old and blue was a handkerchief belonging to her maternal great-great grandmother. Something borrowed included pearls belonging to her maternal grandmother and a Bible belonging to her paternal grandmother. The Bible had been carried by both her mother and grandmother in their weddings.

A reception followed the ceremony at Second Baptist Church Activity Building. The main table was covered with an ivory tablecloth with ivory tulle. The five-tiered satellite cake was accented with flowers and the bride's Dreamsicle collection. Servers were Rebecca Ruebish and Pamela Kearney. They used a silver cake server belonging to the bride's paternal grandmother.

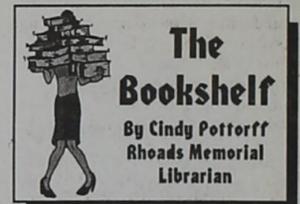
The drink table was covered with an heirloom cloth that had been used by the bride's great-grandparents on their 50th anniversary. Punch was served by Danielle Hill and coffee was served by Dolores Barrios from a silver coffee service belonging to the bride's grandmother.

The groom's table was covered with a black cloth with ivory tulle. A chocolate horseshoe cake with

basketweave chocolate icing was served by Chastity Slaughter, cousin of the groom, and Brandy Kennedy. Decorations included Dreamsicle "Sugar Foot" cowboy, a pair of handmade spurs belonging to the bride's father, and a floral arrangement held in a pair of child's boots.

A graduate of Klondike High School, the bride also attended South Plains College and Texas A&M of Commerce. She is employed at Texas Pest Management Assoc. of Brownwood County in Lamesa.

The groom is a graduate of Crane High School and attended SPC and Texas A&M of Commerce. He is employed by Dean Scott Construction of Lamesa.



Kids, are you finished with your bookmarks yet? So far, only one has been returned to the library. They are due back by next Tuesday, June 24. We'll take any original design that has to do with libraries or reading, but if you need inspiration, the theme of this year's summer reading program is: "The Incredible Dream Machine."

When you bring back your bookmark, sign up for summer reading! Summer reading begins the same day the bookmarks are due ... June 24. The program will continue for five weeks, until July 26.

Both readers and read-to-mes can participate. Here's how it works: Come to the library and sign up. Take home a reading log. On the reading log, record how long you read each week during the program. Read-to-mes will need to have either a grown-up or older sibling help keep track of how long someone reads to them each week.

At the end of each week, bring the reading log back to the library. Report how long you read during the week. If you read the minimum time—100 minutes for readers, 35 minutes for listeners—you can get a prize from the library. When you read extra time, you can get an extra prize for that week.

Sometime in July, we'll have a summer reading party. We're still working on the details.

Here are some answers to a few of the questions we're commonly asked about Summer Reading.

"Do I have to take a test?" No, just read.

"Do I have to read library books?" No, you can read anything. What's important to us is that you do read and that you enjoy whatever you read. We'd like it if you read library books, but you don't have to.

"How many books do I have to read?" That's up to you. Have fun! It's summertime! Just remember to keep track of how long you read and return your reading log to the library during the Summer Reading Program.

Baptist St. Anthony's Health System is happy to announce the transfer of the Hardee Family Medicine Clinic to the Medical Center of Dimmitt, effective June 30, 1997.

All patient records and x-rays will be transferred to Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Baptist St. Anthony's Health System wishes Gary Hardee, M.D. and Medical Center of Dimmitt *Best Wishes and Success.*

Baptist St. Anthony's  
 Health System

Mrs. Debbie Felts  
 Mr. Gary Felts  
 and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stidham  
 invite you to share in the joy of  
 the marriage uniting their children  
 Jennifer Jill  
 and  
 Dennis Lee  
 on Saturday, the twenty-first of June  
 nineteen hundred and ninety-seven  
 at six o'clock in the evening  
 First Baptist Church  
 Dimmitt, Texas

# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Edgar and Leta Dennis are back from Alaska where they went on a five day land tour from Fairbanks to Anchorage aboard the train, Midnight Express, and a seven-day cruise from Seward to Vancouver. They did everything that time allowed including flightseeing over Mt. McKinley, touring Donali National Park, river rafting, kayaking and panning for gold. The weather was really nice and the scenery was magnificent. They spotted quite a bit of wildlife such as moose, doll sheep, mountain goats, black and grizzly bear and caribou.

On the cruise portion of the trip, ports of call were Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. Sailing into Yakutat Bay to Hubbard Glacier, their ship passed right by an iceberg where a sea lion had just calved. The ship was able to get within about a half mile of Hubbard Glacier. The glacier was really active, calving frequently which produced magnificent "white thunder."

They also saw whales, porpoises, sea lions, otters and quite a few bald eagles. One side excursion took them along the old gold rush trail into Canada's Yukon territory on a narrow gauge railroad.

Rosetta Bellinghausen flew to Dallas to spend her vacation with her son and family, David, Melody, Jordan, Canaan and Shiloh

Bellinghausen in Ovilla. They attended church on Sunday and celebrated Shiloh's first birthday with presents, cake and ice cream. They attended Jordan's ballet recital. The Story Book Playhouse presented "A Night With the Stars 1997" at the Lancaster High School Auditorium. Jane Carson was the director. Some of the songs they danced to were "The Toy Store," "Balloon Ballet," "101 Dalmations," "Winnie the Pooh" and "Cowboys and Horses."

In the Tribute to the Stars, they danced to "Will Rogers Folies," "Thank Heaven For Little Girls" and "I Feel Pretty." Jordan danced to the songs, "One Sweet Day," "Be My Lover" and "Tapping to Mame."

Rosetta went on to Huntsville to visit her cousin and family, Rose Acker and her daughter and family, Alice and Jerry Elisor, Coby and Alisa Oldham. They celebrated Rosetta's birthday with a fish fry, french fries, hush puppies, salad, birthday cake and ice cream. One day Rose and Rosetta went to Houston and then back to Huntsville to visit with some of Rose's friends. Rosetta went back to Ovilla where she celebrated her birthday with presents, cake and ice cream. Jordan and Canaan also prepared a meal of manicotti, salad and homemade bread for her and the family. When Rosetta returned to Dimmitt, Mary Edna Hendrix took her to the Pan-

cake House for lunch to celebrate her birthday.

Alma Kenmore was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club, and she served pecan fruit cake for snacks and a delicious pineapple pie for dessert. Dude McLaren won high score and Alma won second high score. Others playing were Louise Mears, Virginia Crider, Neva Hickey, Dugan Butler, Cleo Forson, Susie Reeves, Edith Graef, Ina Rae Cates and Bill Thornton.

The Town and Country Extension Club met on Friday morning with Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting and leading in the prayer and creed. Betty Freeman read the minutes and called the roll. Each member answered with what she does besides eat and sleep for her health, and most of them said they exercise. Ferne Jones served doughnuts, coffee and cakes. Chaun Gunstream, manager of First Bank of Muleshoe in Dimmitt, gave an interesting and informative program on banking. Some of the topics were "Understanding your Deposit Account" and "Maximizing your Insured Deposits." Members present were Mary Cox, Ferne Jones, Edith Graef, Ann Henderson, Betty Freeman, Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Lois Scott, Retta Cluck and her daughter, Billie Cluck, attended the funeral of Clyde Renfro in Hereford Monday morning.

Robert and Crystal Nelson hosted a cookout honoring their dads, Ben Scott and Dan Nelson. Good food and ice cold watermelon was served and much visiting was enjoyed by their families. Those attending were Molly Scott, Hazel Nelson, Anessa Scott, Ben Scott, Jr., Cody Myrick of Hart and Lois Scott.

Kenneth and Linda Frye enjoyed Father's Day with several members of their family including their son, their daughter and her husband, and Kenneth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Frye. They attended church on Sunday morning.

Doug and Cheryl Pybus entertained several family members on Father's Day including their daughter and family, Carla and Chas Humphrey and baby, Quentin Douglas, Cheryl's mother, Mrs. Greathouse and other relatives.

Cheryl conducted the Children's message and gave the children a Father's Day card to give to their father.

A baby dedication was for Quentin Douglas Humphrey, son of Carla and Chas Humphrey and grandson of Doug and Cheryl Pybus. Special

music was by Brandy Smith, Alexis Proffitt and Lyndsey and Haley Heard who sang "Her Father's Eyes." The Good News Stampede Singers sang a special they learned in Vacation Bible School.

Jeff Watts brought the morning message at First Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Jeff is the son of Jerry and Carolyn Watts of Dimmitt. Jeff is a former member of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt and is now pastor of Caroleen Baptist Church in Caroleen, N.C. Several of his relatives attended church on Sunday morning including his parents Jerry and Carolyn Watts, his sister, Kim Ponds, and her family of Tulia, and his grandmother, Mrs. Gladys Hampton.

Following the morning service at First Baptist Church, the Dimmitt Youth Group sponsored a Spagetti Lunch. All funds will be applied to the cost of chartering a bus for the Youth Evangelism Conference trip. There will be 63 youth and sponsors

from Dimmitt going on the trip.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock entertained their family on Father's Day.

Doug and Debbie Smith and Alyson of Amarillo and Brad and his family of Portales N.M. were there to enjoy the day.

Doris Flynt flew to Dallas on Friday to attend the shower given in honor of Susan Bettencourt, Jeff Lindsey's fiancé, as well as to be with her daughter, Kim and her husband, Bill, for the weekend.

Irene Carpenter visited First Methodist with the Rice and George family Sunday.

Joy Jones Parsons will have valve replacement surgery Monday at High Plains Baptist in Amarillo.

Jill Davis leaves Tuesday for Girls State at Seguin. She'll be gone until June 27.

# Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Ten one-hundredths of rain was received Thursday morning with 1/2 inch received Saturday evening in a heavy downpour, lots of thunder and striking lightning and a little small hail and high wind. South of the draw the amount was less. Alton and Betty Loudder had only .40 inch. There was no rain in my gauge Monday morning, but others may have had some rain about 3 a.m. as the television reported. It must not have been stormy or it would have woke me up.

Verba Sadler fixed a fried fish supper Saturday night honoring all the fathers in the family, Ezell Sadler, James Powell, Larry Sadler, David Sadler and Tex Conard of Dimmitt. Others present were Norma Conard, Patricia Powell, Sharon and Carrie Sadler, Stacy Norman, Jeremy and Joshua, Laura Sadler, Matt and Kristen, Karla and Gay Sadler. The Powells are from Canadian and went home after midnight. Karla is from Breckenridge. She came by Lubbock and she and Carrie came together Saturday morning and went back to Lubbock together Sunday afternoon. Karla spent Saturday night with David and Gay, Carrie stayed with Larry and Sharon. Stacy and boys are from Muleshoe.

Friday, Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright drove to the Dallas area to attend the SBC and also visit with their children in the area. Russel Almon of Plainview, a senior at Wayland, filled the pulpit Sunday morning. His fiancé accompanied him. Gerald Elkins of Olton led the singing and Pat came with him. Willie Mae and Embree Roy and Myles Salder of Lubbock were also present. He spent Father's Day with them. Gay Sadler presented coffee

mugs full of hard candy, made by Bennie and Joyce, to all the fathers present.

Alton and Betty Loudder went fishing with Doug Loudder last weekend, but didn't catch many fish, and what they did catch was not good. They were at Stamford Lake.

The Kelley Green kids and others in the community have had strep throat this week, but are better now. Dara said they were all pretty sick for awhile.

Bess and R.V. Bills made the trip to Wichita Falls last week with no problems. They had a good time and were real glad they had gone.

Teeny Bowden talked to Naomi Brown of Hale Center Sunday evening. She is doing better now. The biopsy was okay, and her diabetes is under control. Lynn Brown had laser surgery in Dallas recently on his right eye, but the left eye was too far gone. Naomi drove herself to Dumas recently for the high school graduation exercises for her twin grandsons. She took the other grandmother with her and stopped in Amarillo and picked up Lynn, who was glad to get to go.

Emma Jean King and Teeny Bowden attended the Castro County Historical Commission meeting in the library Thursday afternoon to continue plans for the marker dedication July 4. Others present were Madge Robb, Clara Vick, Beckie Stovall, Lynn West and Martha Jo Hyman.

Betty and Bobby Sutton, and their children Brett and Brandy and girls, all of El Paso arrived Saturday to

spend the Father's Day weekend with Billie and Emma Jean King and Marshall and Kaye King, Lance and Lincon of Earth. Brandy and girls went home Sunday evening. Betty, Bobby and Brett went home Monday.

Robert Duke took Frances to Lubbock Thursday for a check-up with her doctor. She got a good report, just needs more time to completely heal. She went to church Sunday morning for the first time since her surgery and then since Sunday was their 45th Anniversary and their kids were gone. They drove to Tulia after church to celebrate both Father's Day and their anniversary by having a good dinner at El Camino since they like Mexican food.

Hershel and Retha Wilson had Father's Day with Lonnie and Renee Wilson and Flossie Jones of Olton. Since their daughter, Debbie Elder of Lubbock missed both Mother's Day and Father's Day with them she fixed

a special dinner for them Monday night in Lubbock.

Ray Jo Riley left Saturday for Alaska to spend about ten days on business and a vacation. He plans to do some fishing also.

Jo Eddy Riley spent Father's Day with her dad, Ira Scott and her mother in Hereford. She has been going to be with them at least once a week since her dad is not doing very well.

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "living on the hog"
- early Fort Worth lawless area: "Hell's Half"
- TX Roger Miller's "Dang Me" was '64 Song of the
- TXism: "pay him never mind"
- TXism: "in a coon's" (long time)
- TXism: "porch sitter" high cards
- TXism: "packed like in a can"
- TX Willie Nelson ag help concert (2 wds.)
- TX Tommy Lee was Woodrow in "Lonesome Dove"
- TXism: "a the pan" (one time)
- TX Roy Orbison's "the Lonely"
- rustled cattle
- A&M's color, with white
- S.S. Grandcamp cargo when it blew up in TX in '47: ammonium
- Pepper
- TX-shot CBS series "Curves"
- Gen. Robert
- TX ABC reporter Donaldson (init.)
- San Antonio's King William Street is named after King of Prussia

**DOWN**

- TXism: "couldn't buy for a nightmare" (poor)
- TX Blue Bell product: cream
- ex-mayor of Fort Worth Kay
- Galveston war memorial: Texas
- TXism: "opened up of worms"
- TX Tech women
- TXism: "put up shut up"
- it's classified in TX newspapers
- TXism: "got knocked or two"
- "top dog" in a TX corp. in Lamar Co. on 271
- Astro or Ranger base this George wasn't Texan cause he didn't lie (init.)
- ex-lottery director Linares
- Astro pitching goals
- Cowboys hold camp in July
- TXism: "got the short the stick"
- El Paso theater has a Wurlitzer organ
- name before Exxon
- TXism: "that's do you do"
- Rio Grande sediment
- tobogganers
- rare birds seen at Bentsen State Park
- TX pitching legend Ryan (init.)
- not an AM station
- TX boy
- TXism: "got deal" (cheated)
- TX drive-in eatery
- Ocean, TX
- TXism: "would have to prime my mouth to" (thirsty)
- embrace (2 wds.)
- Dallas Co. named for this George (init.)
- sweat outlet
- fruit grown in the Rio Grande Valley
- TX Roddenberry line: "where has gone before"
- TXism: "he's a rooster, he'll crow" (inevitable)

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## Cotton needs more hot, dry weather

Cool, wet weather continues to impact the overall progress of the High Plains cotton crop, even though most would agree prospects have not been significantly impacted so far.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) several recent thunderstorms have included isolated areas of hail with probably the hardest hit areas located in Hockley County where an estimated 25,000 acres could be shifted to alternative crops. Poor availability of seed for some alternate crops could influence replant decisions for many growers.

An additional problem associated with the recent round of weather has been the cool temperatures that have limited the number of heat units being accumulated by the crop and the occurrence of blowing sand with many of these storms.

Heat units are used to help gauge

the maturity of the crop during the year. Heat units levels correspond with development of the cotton plant and are helpful in knowing how far along the crop is during the year. Daily heat units (DD60s) are calculated as the average daily temperature minus 60.

"Based on long-term average heat unit accumulations, it appears we are 155 DD60s below normal at the Halfway Experiment Station in Hale County, 115 DD60s below average at Lubbock and 90 DD60s below average at Lamesa," explains Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) Cotton Specialist, Randy Boman of Lubbock.

"Essentially this means that young cotton is not growing as fast as we would like, additional cool, wet weather could adversely affect seedling health."

Boman notes that the solution to this problem is a return to warm, seasonal temperatures and lots of sunshine.

Insect pressure is also on the rise as producers are keeping an eye on rising fleahopper populations as well as emerging boll weevils throughout the area.

More and more cotton is reaching the pinhead square stage in areas south of Lubbock and producers, who have been witnessing some of the highest boll weevil emergence levels ever seen on the High Plains, are now beginning to make overwintered weevil applications in hopes of reducing populations somewhat during the summer months when the crop is blooming and setting fruit.

Peak boll weevil emergence appears to have been somewhat de-

layed by the cool, wet weather but should occur sometime during the 2-4 weeks. The probability that peak emergence will occur during a time when the majority of the crop will be squaring means producers need to be especially watchful. Taking preventive action as necessary to delay population increases can provide relief for producers during the early portions of the summer.

Members of the recently appointed Southern High Plains-Caprock (SHP/C) Zone Advisory Committee met Tuesday, June 10, in Lamesa to begin discussions for their recommendations to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Rick Perry.

Members of the 18-person committee agreed on proposals for several aspects of the SHP/C Program. Producers in the 19-county Zone will have the opportunity to vote on the future of their fight against the boll weevil August 1.

Highlights of preliminary action taken by the Committee are as follows:

1. Establish the SHP/C Zone as spelled out by recently passed legislation governing the program.
2. Recommend that growers have the opportunity to choose Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. as the primary contractor for carrying out boll weevil program operations in the SHP/C Zone.
3. Establish an assessment structure utilizing a post-harvest collection system in conjunction with area gins and an assessment level of \$6 per planted acre (taken to harvest) plus \$10 per bale produced.
4. Recommend that producers who paid 1996 boll weevil assessments to be given the opportunity to apply for credits equal to those assessments. Credits would be applied at a rate of 25% per year to any future assessment rate.
5. Determine producer support for authorization of borrowing authority for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation on behalf of the SHP/C Zone.

The next step in the process of developing recommendations for Commissioner Perry to consider will come today (Thursday) when a public hearing is to be held in Lamesa at the Dawson County Community Building.

The hearing, designed to receive comments from producers about the future of the boll weevil eradication effort in the SHP/C Zone, is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Following the time-line necessary to complete the August 1 referendum in the SHP/C Zone, all ballot items must be finalized by June 25.

### Clarification

The News reported in last week's edition that the Texas Corn Producers Board had approved expenditures of \$111,590 for studies aimed at improving insect control, irrigation practices, drought tolerance and soil fertility for High Plains producers.

This was part of more than \$258,000 approved overall in 1997 by the TCPB for corn research projects.

The article quoted Doug Higgins of Hart, TCPB Research Committee chairman, from the TCPB's newsletter, *The Kernel*.

Higgins said the article forgot to mention that TCPB also had granted \$60,000 to the US Feed Grains Council this year.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



### Buying a Franchise—How to avoid the pitfalls

For a would-be, small-business owner the lure of the franchise is strong. We often hear that franchises are growing at faster rates than the overall economy. Franchise proponents tell us that risk is virtually eliminated because of proven systems and methods. We also hear that franchisors look out for the best interests of their franchisees.

Unfortunately, not all we read and hear is true. While there are advantages in owning a franchise, there are also pitfalls. Please consider the following myths and suggestions before you part with your hard-earned money.

#### Five franchising myths

1. **A franchise is a safe investment.** Opening any business is a gamble. Even with tested formulas, there is risk. A 1992 congressional hearing found that nearly 40% of franchisees fail within the first five years.
2. **Franchisors look out for franchisees.** Don't bet the farm on it. Some franchisors are better than others, but their goal is to grow and increase profits and that may often conflict with individual franchisees' needs.
3. **Franchisees are easy to sell.** If things don't work out you can sell a franchise quickly, right? Wrong. All franchisees come complete with a contract. Some have buy-back clauses and most restrict the sale of the franchise.
4. **Franchisees prosper in bad times.** No business is recession-proof. Poor management can cause a franchise to fail in good economic times. In tough times, even well-run franchises can suffer decline or failure.
5. **All franchises are about the same.** Not true. Franchises vary and are like an ever-changing kaleidoscope. Some offer brilliant opportunities, while others become dull and unimaginative almost overnight.

#### How to pick a winner

Before you invest heavily in any venture, take a little time to avoid the most common pitfalls. Here are some suggestions to get you started.

- ◆ **Begin with an honest self-evaluation.** What skills, knowledge and abilities do you possess that will help you be successful? Are you really willing to work 70-80 hours every week? Are you comfortable earning less initially? Can you handle the tough parts of the business such as personnel, financial management, accounting and marketing? Do you understand financial statements, labor laws and insurance requirements?
- ◆ **Do your homework.** Learn about the industry surrounding any franchise you might consider. Study the products and services offered. Know the competition. Take a hard look at the trade area. There are many sources of information, but you'll have to dig data out.
- ◆ **Study individual franchisors.** Not all franchisors offer equal opportunities. Look at the company's track record. Learn about their growth, marketshare and paperwork requirements. Carefully study the company's disclosure documents. Look at information from two or more companies. Bring in professionals when you get ready to negotiate the contract.
- ◆ **Visit and interview existing franchisees.** Look for successful owners in markets that approximate your potential trade area. Visit in person all those you can. Find out what the franchising company provides and how cooperative it is. Ask about training. Were there any surprises? Would they do it again knowing what they know now? What changes would they make? Franchisees are an excellent, experienced source of information.
- ◆ **Visit the corporate office and talk to the staff.** You wouldn't buy a house just by driving by, so check out the inside of your first-choice franchisor. Is quality obvious? Are all the staff members friendly and courteous? Are they knowledgeable and forthright in answering your questions? Do they show interest in you, and your needs?

As with any business start, planning and gathering information are important to your success. Armed with a good plan and the right information, your franchise experience can be a positive one.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

## Thornberry joins in pressing Glickman on CRP enrollment

US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Tex) joined recently with other members of the Texas congressional delegation in writing Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to express their concern over the Clinton Administration's recent decision to drastically cut back the number of acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

The decision, announced by the USDA on May 23, resulted in a 26% reduction in the number of CRP acres enrolled across Texas. According to Thornberry, the letter was written to convey three important points:

1. That the Administration's decision to enroll 16.1 acres falls short not only of the 36.4 million cap set by congress, but also of the 19.1 acres provided for in the Administra-

tion's own budget for Fiscal Year 1998;

2. That because Texas lost so much CRP acreage, the Administration's decision will have a "disproportionately negative" impact on the quality of agriculture and the environment in the state; and

3. That the remaining acres of environmentally sensitive land in Texas originally intended to be enrolled in CRP should be considered in the next CRP sign up scheduled for this fall.

The text of the letter said:

"We are writing to express our concern over the US Dept. of Agriculture's recent announcement of acres to be enrolled in the CRP's 15th sign up. Congress and the Administration made a commitment to address the environmental concerns relating to agriculture when it reauthorized the CRP in the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. We expect the Administration to honor this commitment.

"The department's announcement of a 16.1 million acre enrollment is well short of both the congressional intent, falling over 9 million acres short of the 36.4 million acre cap, and the Administration's own budget of 19.1 million acres. As a result, Texans are being forced to bear a 26% reduction in participation in this very successful voluntary conservation program.

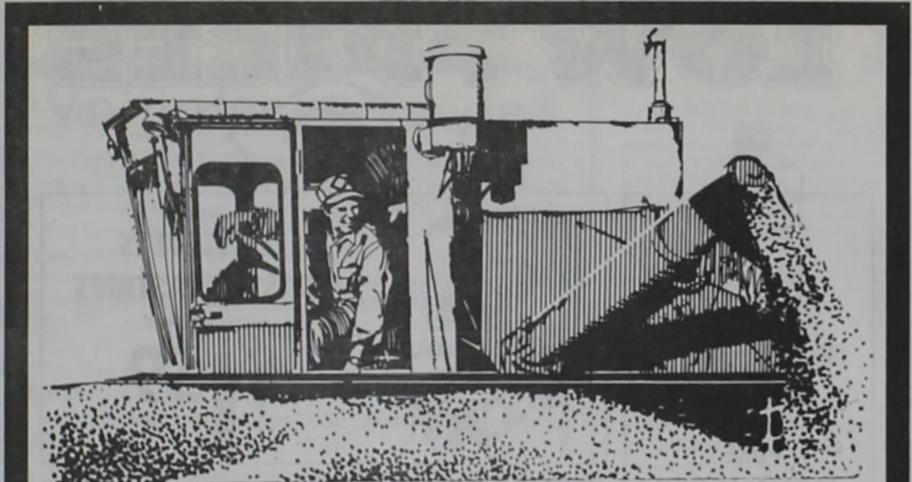
"Texas has almost 4 million acres of cropland currently enrolled in the CRP. Your decision not to fully utilize this program will have a disproportionately negative impact on the quality of agriculture and the environment in Texas.

"We expect that the remaining acres of environmentally sensitive land originally intended to be enrolled in the CRP will be considered in the next CRP sign up. We look forward to your timely response so that our farmers can make informed management decisions."



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES were held for Tips 'N Toes, a manicure and pedicure salon owned by Carla Bradley, as it becomes a new member of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Those attending the event were (back, from left) Don Nelson, Shelly Nutt, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, G.L.

Willis, Juanita Willis, Sabrina Hyatt, Lisa Mixson, Vicki Buckley, Todd Bradley, Carlie Warren, Chaun Gunstream, Marty Gerber and Mary Lou Schmucker. Also there were (front, from left) Mary Bradley, Shari Bradley, Carla Bradley, owner, Taylor Bradley, Betty Carpenter and Ann Carpenter. Photo by Scott Brockman



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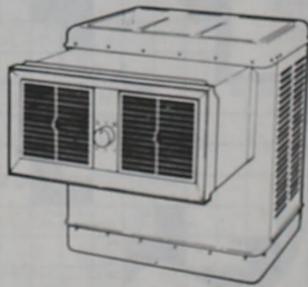
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### Central Bail Bonds opening local office

Kenneth Knowles, owner of Central Bail Bonds, recently announced the opening of his company's 19th and 20th offices in Dimmitt and Gainesville.

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### Riley once again named as chairman

Ray Joe Riley has been reappointed to a second term as chairman of the USDA Farm Services Agency State Committee.

The committee consists of five members. Other members include Ed Lehman of Vernon, Vera Harrington of Sulphur Springs, Gerald Clark of Edna and Raul Tijerina of Brownsville.

The committee meets in a regular session an average of once a month. They also have meetings when necessary.

Most of the time the committee meets in College Station but other meetings are held in designated locations. The next planned meeting will be in Wichita Falls in July.

## Crop year off to a good start

By REBEL ROYALL and GRETA SCHUSTER, County Extension Agents  
*General Crop Situation*

The 1997 crop year is off to a good start. With the exception of some grain sorghum, all crops have been planted and emerged. Overall, cotton and corn are growing as expected. Due to hail in parts of the county, some fields may have been replanted.

All areas in the county are above average rainfall. At present we have received 1.19 inches of rainfall since the first of June. Overall daily temperatures have been below normal, however, soil temperatures remain relatively warm (the 10 day average at the two inch mark being 67°F and 70°F at the 6 inch mark).

The wheat crop is nearing the harvest stage. Rust has been spotted in several fields around the county. However, at this stage it is too late to spray and in most cases unless a large yield is expected, it would not be cost effective.

What we need at the moment is some warmer weather in order to accumulate heat units and increase crop growth. The cool, wet weather we have been having facilitates several plant disease problems so be on the lookout.

#### Corn

In Castro County, corn is in the early whorl stage ranging from 6 to 8 leaves. We have been finding European corn borer (ECB) and southwestern corn borer (SWC) egg masses. ECB eggs are 15 to 30 in mass, overlap like fish scales and are normally deposited near the midribs on the undersides of the leaves. Eggs hatch in 3 to 7 days.

An insecticide application is justified if 50% of the plants are found to be infested with an average of at least one live larvae per plant.

SWC borers emerge from corn stubble, especially from corn adjacent to or near unplowed stubble. Fields next to these experience higher densities of SWC borer larvae feeding the whorl. Eggs are laid on the upper and lower surfaces.

Freshly laid eggs are creamy white and after about 24 hours three red bands appear on each egg. Larval feeding in the whorl is longitudinal, and transparent. Traps have been light with 50 to 150 moths per trap per week.

Expect to start seeing western corn root worm feeding in the next weeks. In the last couple of years, data from Greg Cronholm has shown that around June 14, 2nd and 3rd instar larvae have been observed.

Rescue treatments with Furadan® 4F has been very effective in the past when the product is incorporated and followed by rain fall or on irrigation. Adults should emerge around the end of the month.

We have seen a few corn earworm eggs. Larvae leaf feeding by corn earworm is generally considered to be minor. Corn earworm is variable in color ranging from green to tan to pink. These larvae have numerous small projections over the body called micro spines. Larval feeding will cause the leaves to appear ragged, but insecticide treatments are seldom recommended.

#### Cotton

Area cotton ranges from the 3-4 leaf stage. Between hail damage and excessive cool, wet weather, cotton has really had a hard time. Thrips have increased in many of the fields (even those fields with soil insecticide down).

Damage to most cotton ranges from the light to moderate level; although, fields with no soil insecticide show damage moderate to heavy with a high population of immature

thrips. Producers will need to control these critters, especially if we keep having cool wet weather.

Boll weevils are being found throughout Lamb County traps. There are a number of traps around Castro and Lamb counties being checked by the TAEX Agri-partners Demo-Techs. Castro County traps have not shown any weevils so far. When making an overwintering weevil application, remember that if you are finding 4 or more weevils per trap per week, treatment is probably justified.

Recently, emerged weevils feed on squares for 4 to 8 days before mating. Soon after the first squares are one-third grown, egg laying begins. On the average, a female lays about 100 eggs during their life period of about 30 days. Treatment decisions must be made at matchhead square which is approximately 45 days after emergence of cotton. Pheromone traps are a good way of monitoring boll weevil emergence and the need for overwintering weevil sprays.

If you need traps sources and supplies, here are a few listings: Hercon Environmental (717) 764-1191, Iselin Associates (602) 897-2051, and Great Lakes IPM (517) 268-5693.

The best time to put traps out is just after a field is planted. You need 4 traps per 160 acres as well as enough pheromone and kill strips for 8 weeks. The pheromone lasts 2 weeks and the kill strips last 4 weeks.

The following products are recommended for overwintering weevil control: Guthion®, Methyl Parathion® 4E, Phasor/Thiodan® 3E, Vydate®, Malathion® 91% and PennCap® M 2F.

#### Demo-techs and scouts

We have two new scouts this year. They are Jessica Kern and Justin Bingham, both of Nazareth. Those producers in the scouting program need to make sure they contact the office and/or these scouts when application of pesticides are used.

We also have several demonstration technicians this summer. In Castro County we have Amy Matthews and Emilo Nino, both of Dimmitt. In Lamb County, we have Morgan Hanlin and Brandi DeLeon.

This group is responsible for running corn borer, earworm, bollworm and boll weevil traps. They are also responsible for collecting data from all of our Research/Result Demonstration plots. So far we have 18 Result Demonstration plots in Castro and 8 in Lamb. This will tell you that we will be having one heck of a crop year.

Some of our tests include seed treatment vs. infurrow insecticides on cotton for thrip control, fungicide seed treatment for seedling diseases in cotton, Bt corn, 30 corn varieties, a herbicide trial in cotton, corn and sorghum, and a drought tolerant corn test (as if we needed this one.)

*Classifieds gets results*

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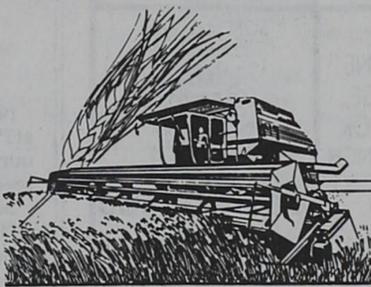


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of the Ladies' Golf Association, and Carla Luna, secretary and treasurer of the Ladies Golf Association. Accompanying the ladies were (front, from left) Diane's daughter, Jacy York, Brittany Heard and Carla's son, Brady. Photo by Scott Brockman

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# Asleep at the Wheel to headline Suds 'n Sounds

Asleep at the Wheel will headline the annual Suds 'n Sounds dance July 12 at the Community Center (the ballpark east of town on Highway 86).

The gates open at 4 p.m., but the first band, Insufficient Funds, will not start playing until 6 p.m.

Following Insufficient funds will be Southern Sky and Rowdy Ace, and then Asleep at the Wheel will wrap up the concert.

The dance features a 2,400 sq. ft. dance floor, and a concession stand will feature German sausage sandwiches and more.

Proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Charities and the Nazareth Community Hall.

## Dimmitt Darlin's Golf Tournament to tee off Saturday and Sunday

The Ladies' Golf Association will hold the Dimmitt Darlin's Golf Tournament this weekend, June 21-22, at Dimmitt Country Club Golf Course.

The event will be a two-lady scramble, and entry fee is \$60 per person which covers green fees and carts for the two days, and a steak supper on Saturday night.

To enter or for more information, contact the Country Club Pro Shop at 647-4502.

Donations to the Ladies Golf Association would also be appreciated.

The 25th Annual Nazareth German Festival will kick off the day-long celebration.

The Nazareth Art club will once again be sponsoring the Arts and Crafts Show in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The booths are 8'x10', with one table and two chairs. The cost of a booth is \$20.

The last day to make reservations for a booth is July 5. A request for a booth should include where the table is needed, either on the wall or as a center booth, information to what will be sold in the booth and the money to reserve one.

Requests should be sent to either Lucille Drerup, Box 3, Nazareth, TX 79063, or Rose Mary Wilhelm, HC 2 Box 13, Nazareth, TX 79063. Checks should be made to the Nazareth Art club.

The school cafeteria will be open 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 12 for booths to set up.

For more information contact Drerup at (806) 945-2562, or Wilhelm at (806) 945-2583.

In addition to the Arts and Crafts Show, the German Festival will feature a German sausage meal from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Tickets for the meal are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and

under. Also included in the festivities will be an adult and children's raffle, children's barrel ride, children's tractor pull and more.

## Muleshoe plans annual production

The Muleshoe Production Company is planning the third annual presentation of "Keepers of the Legend" for Aug. 8-11 at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Performances will begin each evening at 8:30, and tickets are priced at \$10 for adults, \$8 if purchased in advance, \$5 for children 12 and under, and lap children are admitted free. A season pass may be purchased for \$25.

Groups may call for special discounts and accommodations. Those wishing to purchase tickets in advance or needing more information may call 806-272-4405 or 272-5612 or 272-5476 or 272-3770.

"Keepers of the Legend" is a fictional account based on early 20th Century Bailey County and its settlers, presented through song, dance and dramatic performances by local and area actors and musicians. Cowboys, Indians, live animals and a moving locomotive provide entertainment and laughter for all ages.

Over 1,500 people annually have attended the previous two productions of "Keepers of the Legend."

The 1997 season is going to be the best yet, according to promoters of the production.

## Dimmitt Kids, Inc. Baseball Schedule

Here is the schedule of games for the coming week for the Dimmitt Kids, Inc. baseball leagues. The "home" team is listed in each pairing. All times listed are p.m.

**Thursday (today)**  
 Minor & Major (M/M) Leagues: 6:30, Yankees vs. Royals; 8, Pirates vs. Braves.

**T-Ball:** Double Elimination tournament continues.

**Friday**  
 M/M Leagues: 6:30, Mets vs. Expos; 8, Tigers vs. Giants.

**Monday**  
 M/M Leagues: 6:30, Expos vs. Yankees; 8, Giants vs. Pirates.

**Tuesday**  
 M/M Leagues: 6:30, Royals vs. Mets; 8, Braves vs. Tigers.

**Next Thursday**  
 M/M Leagues: 6:30, Yankees vs. Mets; 8, Pirates vs. Tigers.

## Softball tournament set for June 27-29

The Nazareth Community Center will be host to a Class D Men's Softball tournament set June 27-29.

Entry fee is \$125 per team and entry deadline is June 23. Each team has to furnish their own blue dot balls.

For more information or to enter call 945-2319 or 945-2534.

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## We've Gone Nuclear.

Nuclear medicine is our newest service at Plains Memorial Hospital. We received our state license six weeks ago to perform on-site nuclear medicine studies.

So what is nuclear medicine? "It's a diagnostic tool," says Deana Beames, manager of the new Nuclear Medicine Dept. "The procedures include mainly bone scans, and also brain scans and abdominal scans."

"It's another method you can use in diagnosing specific situations. Say, if you have an X-ray and the reading isn't really definite, a nuclear scan would give you a different look that would be helpful in further evaluation for diagnosis. X-ray, cat-scans, ultrasound, MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), nuclear scans—these are all tools that are used for different types of evaluations."

She emphasized that the service we provide is nuclear medicine studies, not treatment.

"The treatment that involves radioactive materials is radiation therapy," she explained, "and for that you'd need to go to a facility that specializes in that type of treatment."

Until now, when a local doctor felt that a nuclear scan was necessary for a proper

diagnosis, the patient would have to go to a larger city for it. But now the scan can be performed here, saving the patient both time and trouble.

"As far as I know, only one other hospital the size of ours in this area provides this service," Beames said.

The hospital district didn't have to buy expensive new equipment to provide the service. What makes it feasible for us is a mobile nuclear medicine scanner that is brought in from Lubbock when needed. The scanner is provided by MASI Healthcare Services, based in Fort Worth.

"A registered nuclear technologist comes with the unit," Beames explained. "They set up in our ultrasound room (in the northeast wing of the hospital). They do a complete study and leave the films with us. We send them to our radiologist to have them interpreted. MASI also provides all the nuclear material needed for the operation, and they always check the room before they leave and make sure there's no residual radiation."

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# Elementary and middle school students receive year-end awards

The Dimmitt Richardson Elementary has announced its award winners for the fourth ninth weeks and the year.

## SECOND GRADE

The Second Grade winners for the fourth ninth weeks include:

**Mrs. Collins' Class: Attendance**—Aaron Arcos, Candis Rodriguez, Bryce Parker and Jose Chavez.

**Spelling**—Jessica Arguijo, Alfredo By Goytia, Alondra Castillo, Natasha Jordan, Haley Lunsford, Parker and Brandy Smith.

**Hardest Workers**—Arguijo and Jorge Olmos.

**Penmanship**—Jordan, Lunsford, Arguijo, Julia Falscon, Castillo, Wesley Chavers, By Goytia and Victor Ortiz.

**Mrs. Matthews' Class: Attendance**—Kim Back, Rudy Corrales, Celena Gregory, Beau Gonzales, Jeffrey Nino, Clarissa Sanchez and Vikki Sanchez.

**Spelling**—Jerry Acevedo, Back, Corrales, Jason Dones, Jayme Flores, Gregory, Tabatha McAllister, Carmen Peña, Kayla Saenz, Clarissa Sanchez, Vikki Sanchez and Zane Matthews.

**Hardest Worker**—Clarissa Sanchez.

**Penmanship**—Back, Flores, Gregory, Matthews, McAllister, Peña, Saenz and Vikki Gonzalez.

**Ms. Thames' Class: Attendance**—Arica Cisneros, Kirsti Edwards, Isela Velo and Stephen Hernandez.

**Spelling**—Cisneros, Edwards, Samantha Howell, Seth McLain, Johnny Ramirez and Hernandez.

**Hardest Workers**—Elias Caldera, Raul Casas, Michelle Gonzales and Hernandez.

**Penmanship**—Casas, Cisneros, Daniela Covarrubia, Edwards, Gonzales, Joslyn Harmonson, Howell, Clynt Moyers, KaShondra Sherman and Velo.

**Mr. Luna's Class: Attendance**—Joshua Cano, Lorena Mendoza, Carlos Ontiveros, Jorge Quintana, Gerardo Reyes, Gladys Ruiz, Edith Velasquez and Isidro Villalba.

**Spelling**—Humberto Aguilar, Quintana, Jaime Esqueda, Reyes, Ruiz and Velasquez.

**Hardest Workers**—Ruiz and Velasquez.

**Penmanship**—Jacob Cardona, Yardia Garza, Mendoza, Ruiz, Marisela Saucedo, Edgar Vasquez and Velasquez.

**Mrs. Brown's Class: Attendance**—Chelsea Buckley, Jessica Castillo, Randi Cates, Rafael Gonzales, Micaela Salinas, Mary Sanchez and Dana Sandoval.

**Spelling**—Buckley, Cates, Scott Martinez, Salinas and Sandoval.

**Hardest Workers**—Castillo, Sasha Rodriguez, Sanchez and Seth Noland.

**Penmanship**—Buckley, Castillo, Cates, Rodriguez, Gonzalez, Martinez, Salinas and Sandoval.

**Mrs. Evan's Class: Attendance**—Anna Brockman, Cassandra Garcia, Brittany Heard, Amanda Lopez, Roxanne Martinez, Thelma Medrano, Daniela Zepeda, Omar Soto, Angelica Zambrano and Adam Lopez.

**Spelling**—Brockman, Anthony Flores, Garcia, Heard, Jessie Lara, Martinez, Medrano, Roger Ramirez, Zepeda, Zambrano and Lopez.

**Hardest Workers**—Zepeda and Martinez.

**Penmanship**—Brockman, Heard, Lara, Medrano, Ramirez, Soto and Lopez.

End-of-year awards were given out also. Those receiving these were:

**Mrs. Collins' Class: Honor Roll**—By Goytia, Castillo, Lunsford, Parker and Smith.

**Mrs. Matthews' Class: Honor Roll**—Acevedo, Back, Corrales, Gregory, McAllister, Peña, Clarissa Sanchez and Vikki Sanchez.

**Attendance**—Corrales.

**Ms. Thames' Class: Honor Roll**—Cisneros, Harmonson and Howell.

**Attendance**—Edwards and Velo.

**Mr. Luna's Class: Honor Roll**—Gladys Ruiz and Edith Ruiz.

**Attendance**—Gerardo Reyes and Villalba.

**Mrs. Brown's Class: Honor Roll**—Buckley, Cates, Martinez, Salinas and Sandoval.

**Attendance**—Cates, Castillo and Gonzalez.

**Mrs. Evan's Class: Honor Roll**—Brockman, Heard, Lara, Medrano and Zepeda.

**Attendance**—Brockman, Heard, Medrano and Zepeda.

## THIRD GRADE

Third Grade winners for the fourth ninth weeks are as follows:

**Mrs. Bain's Class: Honor Roll**—Ross Hunter, Sean Hunter, Brittany Williams and Laura Rasor.

**Citizenship**—Ross Hunter, Sean Hunter, Stephanie Enriquez and Ivy Sanchez.

**Hardest Workers**—Whole Class.

**Mrs. Axtell's Class: Honor Roll**—Jennifer Montes, Kristy Reyes, Ashley Roberts, Tabitha Sullivan—Ramos, Bianca Torres, Kathy Amador and Tucker Self.

**Citizenship**—Torres, Self, Reyes, Jessie Mendez, Krystal Martinez, Chris Velasquez and Amador.

**Hardest Workers**—Amador, Martinez and Montes.

**Mrs. Merritt's Class: Honor Roll**—Vanessa Caballero, Billy Dollar, Jennifer Fuentes, Jonathan Flores, Haley Heard, Ashlee Nino, Shauna Nutt, Rocio Rodriguez and Sergio Saucedo.

**Citizenship**—Dollar and Nino.

**Hardest Worker**—Rodriguez.

**Mrs. Upshaw's Class: Honor Roll**—Garrett Behrends, Ryan Hunter, Daniel Jackson, Casey Maurer, Gabriel Mireles and Zjhon Smothermon.

**Citizenship**—Elias Porras, Smothermon and Hunter.

**Hardest Workers**—Pedro Velez, Smothermon and Maurer.

**Mrs. Koch's Class: Honor Roll**—Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Kendra Puente, Hayli Wise, Shelley York and Vincent Casas.

**Citizenship**—Fisher, Wise, Ebeling, Puente and Casas.

**Hardest Workers**—Emilio Mendoza, Bo Sifuentes, Ashley Sears and Aaron Herrera.

**Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Sepeda's Class: Honor Roll**—Maria Quintana and Samantha Neri.

**Citizenship**—Alejandra Silva.

**Hardest Worker**—Marisol Arellano.

End-of-year awards went to:  
**Mrs. Upshaw's Class: Honor Roll**—Behrends, Clarissa Herrera, Ryan Hunter, Jackson and Smothermon.

**Attendance**—Fernando Aguero, Behrends, Maurer, Mireles, Porras and Ester Velasquez.

**Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Sepeda's Class: Honor Roll**—Quintana, Neri and Silva.

**Attendance**—Quintana.

Dimmitt Middle School has also announced its award winners and honor roll for the year.

Those named to the "A" honor roll included:  
**Fourth Grade:** Raynee Bradley, Shelley Burk, Holly Gilliam, Nyssa Martinez, Kristen McClure, Callen Mixson, Layne Penney, Ignacio Sifuentes, Alejandra Velasquez and Salud Zepeda.

**Fifth Grade:** Erica Abrego, Caleb Dickerson, Sheena Ehly, Todd Jansa, Angelica Larra, Amy Laurent, Katy Louder, Tyler Myatt and Matthew Sanders.

**Sixth Grade:** Jaclyn Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Jaci Hardwick, Ashley Irons, Valerie Martinez, Jill Merritt and Melissa Rueda.

**Seventh Grade:** Jeremy Bishop, Thomas Brockman, Tara Delamar, Ryan Hays, Brent Josselot, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl, Jace Weaver, Kelsey Welch and Cliff Wright.

**Eighth Grade:** Stephanie Casas and Lori Schulte.

Year-end awards were awarded to each grade also. The winners from fourth and fifth grades are listed as follows:

**FOURTH GRADE**  
Fourth Grade award winners for the year were:  
**Mrs. Howell's Class: Outstanding Students**—Layne Penney and Elias Zepeda.

**Hardest Worker**—Welson Allison.  
**Most Improved**—Linda Ramos and Rosina Ornelas.  
**Good Citizen**—Estela Garcia.  
**Awesome Attitude**—Raul Melendez.

**UIL Oral Reading**—Matthew Calderon, Bruce Swain, Melendez and Zepeda.

**Mrs. Casas' Class: Outstanding Students**—Ignacio Sifuentes and Felisha Stirling.

**Outstanding Spelling Student**—Maribel Montiel.

**Outstanding English Student**—Sifuentes.  
**Outstanding Reading Student**—Shelley Burk.

**Hardest Worker**—Irish Reyes.  
**Most Improved**—Angelica Covarrubia.

**UIL Oral Reading**—Rosina Ornelas, Raynee Bradley, Stirling and Liliana Aguilar.

**Mrs. Irons' Class: Outstanding Students**—Matthew Larra and Corrie Black.

**Outstanding Math Student**—Shelley Burk.  
**Outstanding Science Student**—Kristin McClure.

**Outstanding Social Studies Student**—Felisha Stirling.

**Hardest Worker**—Maribel Rivera.  
**Most Improved**—Angelica Covarrubia.  
**Good Citizen**—Yvonne Sifuentes.

**UIL Art**—Megan Lemons, Kristin McClure, Cody Clayton, Tasha Williams and Callen Mixson.

**Mrs. Bain's Class: Outstanding Students**—Jaime Cavazos and Liliana Aguilar.

**Hardest Worker**—Lori Garza.  
**Most Improved**—Javier Rodriguez.

**UIL Ready Writing**—Raul Barrios, Kristen McClure, Holly Gilliam, Meggie Lemons and Raynee Bradley.

**Mrs. Damron's Class: Outstanding Student**—Holly Gilliam.

**Outstanding English Student**—Kayla Acker.  
**Outstanding Spelling Student**—Nyssa Martinez.

**Outstanding Reading Student**—Alejandra Velasquez.  
**Most Improved in English**—Stuart Sheffy.  
**Most Improved in Spelling**—Raul Barrios.  
**Most Improved in Reading**—Charley Saenz.

**Accelerated Reader**—Gilliam.  
**UIL Spelling**—Layne Penney (second place), Martinez (third place), Callen Mixson and Sheffy.

**Mrs. Spring's Class: Outstanding Math Student**—Nyssa Martinez.  
**Outstanding Science Student**—Stuart Sheffy.

**Outstanding Social Studies Student**—Chuck Cruz.  
**Outstanding Citizenship**—Robin Beames and Ryan Miller.  
**Hardest Worker in Math**—Beames.  
**Most Improved in Science**—Viktorya Navarro.  
**Most Improved in Social Studies**—Matthew Ruiz.  
**UIL Number Sense**—Holly Gilliam, Alejandra Vasquez and Kelly Reyes.

**FIFTH GRADE**  
Those students who were named as award winners in fifth grade included:

**Ms. Barton's Class: Outstanding Art Student**—Sheena Ehly.

**Top 15 Accelerated Reader**—Rey Medrano.

**UIL Dictionary Skills**—Ehly, Medrano, Eva Paiz and Shae Odum.

**Mrs. Ramos' Class: Highest Math Averages**—Sheena Ehly and Angelica Lara.

**UIL Number Sense**—Erica Abrego and Justina Navarro.

**Mrs. Schacher's Class: Highest Social Studies Average**—Sheena Ehly and Todd Jansa.

**Good Citizenship**—Marcella Salinas and Jordan Delamar.

**UIL Charts, Maps and Graphs**—Rey Medrano (first place), Angelica Lara (third place), Ehly and Lisa Sears.

**Mrs. Goolsby's Class: Science Awards**—Sheena Ehly, Todd Jansa and Katy Louder.

**UIL Ready Writing**—Ehly, Jansa and Caleb Dickerson.

**Mrs. Harris' Class: Outstanding Language Arts Students**—Erica Abrego and Todd Jansa.

**UIL Oral Reading**—Caleb Dickerson, Jimmy Armstrong, Jared Griffith, Tyler Myatt, Amy McGowan, Kami Sanders, Shantell Self and Katy Louder.

**Mrs. Hunter's Class: Outstanding Language Arts Students**—Matthew Sanders and Tyler Myatt.

**UIL Spelling**—Sanders (fifth place) and Myatt (fourth place).

**Top AR Students**—350 points, Lizbeth Gonzalez; 200 points and above, Myatt, Erica Abrego, James Armstrong, Delia Arredondo, Sanders, Brenda Ramirez and Kami Sanders; 150 points and above, Caleb Dickerson, Jared Griffith, Reynaldo Medrano, Jorge Martinez, Todd Jansa, Samuel Cavazos and Anthony Zambrano.

**Mr. Ortiz's Class: Hardest Worker**—Nicolas Cuevas.  
**Highest Average**—Judy Soto.

**Mrs. Carlisle's Class: Outstanding Musician**—Casey Hargrove.  
**Most Improved Musician**—Jake Wright.  
**Most Improved Musician (woodwinds)**—Jhirvon Stirling.

**Outstanding Musician (woodwinds)**—Justina Navarro.  
**Outstanding Percussionist**—Samuel Cavazos.

**Outstanding Section (saxophone)**—Junior Martinez, Ethan Martin, Eva Paiz, Daniel Rodriguez and Sarah Silva.

**Outstanding Section (trumpets)**—Hargrove, Caleb Dickerson, Tyler Myatt, Chris Lindsey, Johnny Mireles, Israel Ellis, Amy Laurent, Shantell Self and Luis Cruz.

**Mrs. Myatt's Class: County Spelling Bee**—Tyler Myatt, first place, and Matthew Sanders, third place.



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## Letter 'Divide money equitably'

Dear Editor:

We have a serious problem in Castro County. The money is not divided up legally. The state laws say the county is to divide up the money judiciously and equitably between the precincts, which they don't do.

Precinct 4 is mostly dry land and they are not assessed the taxes that is assessed on the irrigated land. Also, it doesn't cost near as much to maintain the roads, so that has caused the precinct to have much better roads and better machinery, and more

money in the bank; and in the irrigated area to have roads not satisfactory for 1997.

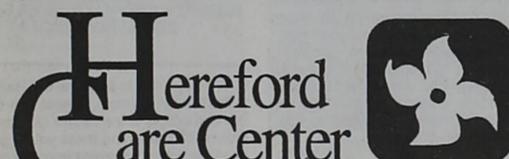
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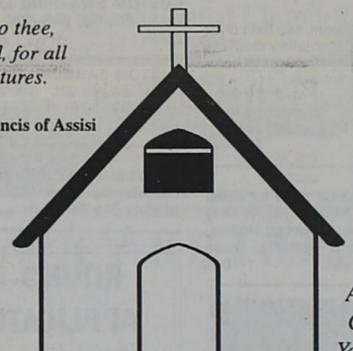
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## 1—Real Estate Homes & Land

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that the dwellings advertised in the newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

**FOR SALE:** Three bedroom, two bath, brick, fireplace, carpet, Heat Pump, refrigerated air, new carpet, new roof, 1,650 sq. Ft. \$55,000. 1010 Grant. 647-2594. 1-10-tfc

**HOUSE FOR SALE** with 1.6 acres. 5/3/2, country living, close to town, on pavement, cable television. 647-4258. 1-7-tfc

**SINGLE PARENT Program.** Special financing on new mobile. Call Oakwood Homes. Open Sundays. 1-800-372-1491. 1-7-tfc

**FOR SALE:** Home for sale in Nazareth. Three bedrooms, two baths, two living areas, large kitchen and dining room. Call 806-665-1321. 1-9-tfc

Let us help you with all your real estate needs.

## GREGORY REAL ESTATE

BILL GREGORY, Broker  
Phone 647-5421

## MORRIS REAL ESTATE

C.W. George, Broker

**THREE BEDROOM,** one bath, central heat and air, large lot. Great starter house. \$40,000.

**TEN ACRES** with house north of Dimmitt. Three bedroom, two bath, all highway frontage. \$85,000.

**MAPLE STREET,** 3700 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two full baths, two half baths, one three-quarters bath, two car garage, fireplace, finished basement with fireplace, bar, dishwasher, bathroom, sprinkler system front and back. \$175,000.

**GRANT STREET,** three bedrooms, two baths, one car garage, corner lot, storage building, large kitchen. \$60,000.

**SIX BEDROOMS,** four baths, two living rooms, corner lot, two storage buildings, 2,899 sq. ft. \$42,000.

**MAPLE STREET,** 2,515 sq. ft., three bedrooms, 2-3/4 baths, newly remodeled kitchen and living area, corner lot, sprinkler system. \$107,000 with hot tub.

**REDUCED—RUSKIN CIRCLE—** Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, nice size kitchen, closed in patio, large backyard. \$59,000.

**DARLING** two bedroom, one bath, one car garage, nice size kitchen, approximately 1300 sq. ft. \$28,000.

**FARMS**  
330 ACRES west of Dimmitt, 12 tower Valley nozzled at 650 with 60' spacings, two wells. \$550/acre.

615+ ACRES west of Dimmitt on Highway 86, five wells—two gas and three electric. Highway on two sides. \$550/acre.

300 ACRES close to town, three wells, one quarter mile pivot, perfect cattle farm. \$425/acre.

160 ACRES in the Sunnyside area, sprinkler, good water. \$850/acre.

TWO 10 ACRE TRACTS with one well per tract, between Dimmitt and Nazareth. \$15,000 per tract.

**COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE—** 1200+ sq. ft., three offices, receptionist area, two bathrooms, coffee bar, easy access to a bank, lots of parking. \$45,000.

**SCOTT MORRIS**  
112 W. Bedford, Dimmitt  
647-3734, Office  
647-3686, Night 647-9325, Mobile

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### LOVELY THREE BEDROOM,

two bath, two living areas, fireplace, on corner lot. \$75,000.

**THREE BEDROOM,** 1-3/4 baths, two-car garage in good location, \$52,000.

**EDGE OF CITY,** three bedroom, two bath, two car garage, fireplace, built-ins. Priced right, \$55,000.

**NICE THREE BEDROOM,** two bath with acreage that could be sold for lots. Good location. Reduced to \$67,500.

**THREE BEDROOM,** one bath, central heat, carpet, Morgan building. \$30,500.

**MUST SEE.** Two large living areas, three bedroom, two baths and lots of storage. \$45,000.

**VERY NICE** three bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, two living areas, free standing fireplace, great yard. \$48,000.

**AUSTIN STONE.** Three bedroom, one bath, one car garage, storm windows and storage building. \$40,000.

**NICE THREE BEDROOM,** 1-3/4 bath brick home in Hart. Good location, \$65,000.

**FARMS**  
WE HAVE SEVERAL farm listings locally and on the North Plains. Give us a call.

**31 ACRES,** three bedroom, two bath brick home with fireplace, plantation shutters, deck, fenced back yard, 40x40 metal barn, other out-buildings and pens. Paved from Highway 385, 11 miles north of Dimmitt. For sale by owner or consider trade in town. Call 276-5765 for appointment. 1-10-2tc

**\$500 REBATES** can be used for down payment on select models. Hurry. Only good till end of June. Oakwood Homes, 5300 Amarillo Blvd, E, Amarillo, Texas 79107. 1-800-372-1491. 1-10-tfc

## 2—Farms For Sale

**FOR SALE:** 640 acres on Highway 86 (3 miles west of Lakeview in Swisher County). CRP contract on 612 acres renewed. Total of eleven future payments will exceed purchase price. Wells and irrigation water available for livestock operation in future. Call (806) 792-5868. 2-10-4tp

## 3—Real Estate For Rent

**DIMMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS**  
622 N.W. 5th  
ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT  
Call 647-2638  
S&S Properties

**Stafford Apartments**  
One, two and three bedroom apartments. Call for availability. Call 647-2631 or 647-3696 evenings.

**FOR RENT:** One bedroom house. Range and refrigerator furnished. 647-2181; after 4 and weekends, 647-5480. 3-10-tfc

## 5—For Rent, Misc.

**RENT TO OWN**  
NEW TY'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES  
No credit checks.  
KITRELL ELECTRONICS  
647-2197 Dimmitt

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**IF YOUR CARPET** is stain resistant, then you need HOST, the Dry Extraction Carpet Cleaning System. Don't void your carpet's warranty with improper cleaning. Some methods can actually destroy your carpet's protective coating. But the makers of StainMaster, Wear-Dated and Worry-Free carpet say the HOST System won't void their warranties. HOST was rated #1 by a leading consumer magazine. Available at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., 109 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, 647-3161. 6-11-1tc

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Pipe-wick mounted on hi-boy. Row crop and vol. corn. 30" or 40" rows.  
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**Kent's Auto Sales**  
116 E. Jones St., Dimmitt, TX 79027  
Phone (806) 647-3427 or (806) 647-5561  
Fax (806) 647-2810

**1993 Chev. Corsica,** 4-Dr, V-6, AM/FM, tilt, cruise, low mileage, AT, PS, PB, AC.

**1993 Ford Tempo,** 4-Dr, 4 Cyl, AT, PS, PB, AC, 30,000 actual miles.

**1991 Buick LeSabre,** 4-Dr, loaded, 53,000 miles.

**1991 Dodge Spirit,** 4-Dr, 30,000 actual miles, one owner, loaded.

**1989 Mercury Sable,** 4-Dr, LS, loaded, leather interior.

**1988 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Brougham** 4-Dr Sedan, loaded. Come look!

**1990 Olds Regency 98,** 4-Dr, loaded, extra nice, one owner.

**1985 Chev Suburban,** 454, Trailing pkg, loaded, extra nice. Has been used to tow a travel trailer. Local owner.

Four other older models in good condition.

## Scott's Trading Post

Dimmitt's Oldest Dealer  
S. Hwy. 385 647-3414

**1995 BUICK LeSABRE LIMITED** 4-Dr., loaded, 14,000 miles. Luxury for less. White.

**1991 BUICK PARK AVE.** 4-Dr., loaded, very nice.

**1990 CHEV SILVERADO S/W 1/2 T** Loaded, special paint.

**1984 GMC 1/2 T WITH SHELL** Loaded, one owner, very nice.

**1986 CHEV. CELEBRITY** 4-Dr., clean, well equipped.

## 15—Recreational Vehicles

**FOR SALE:** 1990 CR500 Honda. Excellent condition. Runs great. 647-0726 after 5 p.m. 15-11-2tc

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on June 24, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Councilmen's Chambers at the City Hall to discuss and consider a variance of Section 14-21 of the City Code for Richard Gonzales, 211 Northwest 11th, who plans to construct a carport which will be located within the 5-ft. side lot line property and the 20-ft. front property line "No Construction Zone" as established by Section 14-21 of the City Code.

Persons wishing to make comment both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the office of the Department of Public Works, 217 E. Jones, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by Article 1011g of the Vernons Civil Statutes.

VICTOR BURROWS  
BUILDING INSPECTOR  
CITY OF DIMMITT  
25-11-1tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting proposals for instructional supplies, office supplies, testing materials/supplies, athletic equipment/supplies, shop equipment/supplies, furniture, library books, art supplies, magazines and periodicals, transportation supplies and miscellaneous maintenance supplies for the 1997-98 school year. Proposals must be received no later than 3 p.m. on July 31, 1997, at the DISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive formalities. Proposed specifications may be obtained at Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Dimmitt Independent School District is currently accepting proposals on propane, gasoline, diesel and oil for the 1997-98 school year. The school district requires at a minimum the following above-ground tanks to be provided by the vendor:

- Propane: 1,500-gallon tank with metered pump.
- Oil: 55-gallon drum.
- Gasoline: 1,000-gallon tank with metered pump.
- Highway-Use Diesel: 500-gallon tank with metered pump.

All proposal forms can be picked up at the administration office of Dimmitt ISD. All proposals must be submitted to the attention of Johnny W. Hill, Business Manager, at 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, no later than 3 p.m. on July 10, 1997. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

County Tax Assessor/Collector is now taking applications for the position of Deputy Tax Collector. Applications may be picked up in the Castro County Treasurer's office, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Applicants must have computer experience and typing skills. Applications will be accepted until July 1, 1997. Castro County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

IRENE MILLER  
CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE  
25-11-2tc

**County students attend Boys and Girls State**

Ten county students have been chosen to attend Boys and Girls State this summer.

Boys State ran from May 31 to June 6 at the University of Texas in Austin. Those attending were Charley Sanders of Dimmitt, Stacey Schulte and Dustin Ramaekers, both of Nazareth, and Lupe Delafuente and Eric Montemayor, both of Hart.

Area girls are at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin for Girls State which started Tuesday and will continue until June 27.

Representing Dimmitt at Girls State are Jill Davis and Heidi Weaver. Amy Pohlmeier and Sara Birkenfeld are there from Nazareth, and Dora Rodriguez was selected to go from Hart.

Boys and Girls State are annual events sponsored by the American Legion.

They teach incoming seniors the basics of government first hand. The students are divided into counties and cities and are encouraged to run for local and state offices.

**More about Domestic violence policies . . .**

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bers would put pressure on the victim to dismiss the charges. A new state law allows officers to pursue the case without cooperation from the victim.

"It takes the responsibility off of the victim," said Sheriff CD Fitzgearld. "Hopefully, it will stop some of it if they know the victim can't drop the case."

Aleman and Fitzgearld both said that family violence incidents will be treated as homicides from now on, with the case not hinging on cooperation or statements from the victim, although the victims may make a statement if they want to.

The new policy will put a greater burden of investigation on the officers who first answer the disturbance call, Aleman said. He has requested additional cameras for his department so that one can be placed in each patrol car to be used to record any damages or injuries in a disturbance call.

Officers are encouraged to record all circumstances of any disturbance call. Written statements from the victim, witnesses and the offender, if willing, would be taken at the scene, instead of taking sworn affidavits later.

**Police Calls**

A 41-year-old Hart man was jailed Sunday evening on charges of assault/family violence.

On June 10, two Dimmitt men were picked up on violation of probation warrants—a 49-year-old whose probation stemmed from charges of disorderly conduct and contempt of court and a 21-year-old on charges of DWI and burglary of a vehicle.

Alvin Kleman of Nazareth told deputies Monday that a Plainview man had used his pickup without permission back in April to pull another vehicle out of a muddy bar ditch and caused \$233 in damage to the clutch in his pickup. Kleman said the man said he would pay for the damage, but has failed to do so. Kleman has filed charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Juan Peralta told deputies June 10 that a three-day-old calf valued at \$40 is missing from his place two miles east of US 385 on CR 614. He said it was taken some time between 8 a.m. and noon on June 2.

Miguel Velasquez, manager of the Azteca Complex, told police Friday morning that someone had painted graffiti on the walls of the buildings.

Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. a house fire was reported out in the county, three-fourths of a mile north of FM 2397 on CR 510. A trailer house belonging to Blake Ellis was pretty well a total loss, according to deputies. A deputy said Ellis was not at home at the time the fire started, but returned to discover it. He went to the Raincat office to use the phone and personnel there helped try to put out the fire.

The Hereford Fire Dept. and EMS and the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. and Sheriff's deputies reported to the scene. An investigator said the cause of the fire is still under investigation, but it did not appear to be arson.

The policy being viewed for adoption states that although the initial decision to make an arrest is up to the law enforcement officer at the scene, the ultimate decision to pursue a case will be made by the prosecutor, and at no time in the process will the victim be asked whether or not he or she wants to pursue prosecution.

"A policy has been established that from now on there will be no dismissal of charges," said County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews. "Many times officers are called out, and the next day the victim comes in and wants to drop the charges. They'll say, 'he didn't mean to, he won't do it again,' but now if the cops go out and charges are filed, there will be no dismissal. This takes the pressure off the victim. A lot of times, the victims are pressured into dropping the charges."

"It will be beneficial in that—it won't stop it—but maybe it will make a few people think before they decide to start beating on a spouse, because, hopefully, they will know they will be prosecuted and they can't talk the spouse out of it," Matthews said.

Aleman said he and Assistant Chief Santos Perez attended a domestic violence update school in Amarillo in late April, and that is where they obtained the draft agreement they are working from to establish the local protocol agreement. He said they plan to attend another update session later this summer or in the early fall.

Aleman said his department has already had one case to fall under the new policy. Matthews said the victim did come to his office and try to get the charges dismissed, but he re-

**More about Wheat . . .**

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"We've seen scattered hail," Ricky Byers at Sunnyside Grain said. "Some cotton has been hailed out, and some has just been thinned out."

Kuntz said that hail seemed to damage some cotton and corn from southwest of Dodd up to west of Flagg, all the way to Easter.

"Some cotton got hailed out and some of the corn is pretty bad," he said.

**Small business workshop set**

Those interested in getting funding to open a business or expand an existing one can attend a free seminar July 1 at 7 p.m. at the Amarillo National Bank, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Plaza Two, 5th & Taylor.

Armando Garcia and Vicky Norton of the U.S. Small Business Administration in Lubbock and Don Taylor of the Amarillo SBDC will present "Financing Options: All You Should Know."

There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is encouraged due to limited space.

To register or to obtain further information, contact Ann Stanford with the Amarillo Small Business Development Center at (806) 372-5151.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
OF PROPOSED  
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
AUGUST 9, 1997

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**  
**ON THE BALLOT**

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase the school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are the principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-over tax freeze to another homestead. Specifically, the Legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the residence homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would also allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons cur-

rently receiving the 65-and-over tax freeze. Specifically, for a homestead affected by this limitation in 1996 or in an earlier tax year, the Legislature must provide for a reduction in the school property tax limitation in the 1997 tax year and subsequent tax years in an amount equal to \$10,000 multiplied by the 1997 school property tax rate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes subject to the limitation."

*Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 9 de agosto de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 a por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711*

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**WIFE members attend board session in D.C.**

The "Women in Red" made their presence known on Capitol Hill the second week of June as WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics) members from all over the country participated in the June board of directors meeting.

Attending from Castro County were Mary Emma Matthews of Dimmitt and Marylyn Higgins and Joan Clevenger of Hart.

Other Texas WIFE members from Hale Center, Cotton Center, Petersburg, Lubbock, Midkiff and Amarillo attended.

Texas had the largest representation at the national board meeting, with 11 attending.

National WIFE President Jenifer Felzien gavelled the meeting to order Sunday morning, June 8. In addition to hearing reports by officers and committees, the attendees were updated and briefed Sunday and Monday on:

- The Ozone and Particulate Matter Problem, by Clete Boykin, a representative of DuPont;
- The Ethanol Tax Incentive, by Eric Vaughn of Renewable Fuels;
- The New Banking Proposal, by Ron Ence;
- Ag Exports and Trade, by Dale Miller;
- Problems faced by the National

**Martin named to Dean's List**

Jeannette Martin, a 1977 graduate of Dimmitt High School, has been placed on the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University.

The Dean's List requires students to earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 above while taking at least 12 hours of course credit.

She is majoring in accounting at WTAMU.

She is the daughter of Don and Ramona Leinen, and the late Fred Annen. She is also the mother of Lezly and Ethan Martin.

Association of Farm Service Committee Employees (NASCOE) under the new Farm Bill.

Also, a panel conducted a Q&A session on capital gains, estate taxes and the federal budget.

On Tuesday, after the traditional Legislative Breakfast, the women visited their senators and representatives and others who serve on various ag-related committees, relaying some of their concerns about what is happening in agriculture.

Texas WIFE members visited with Representatives Larry Combest and Mac Thornberry; with Andy Johnson, aide to Rep. Charles Stenholme; and with John Deitz, aide to Sen. Phil Gramm. They also visited the office of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison but no one was available to talk to them at the time.

Tuesday evening a pizza party was held for the aides and interns of the senators and representatives.

**Marchman graduates**

Amy Marchman, a 1986 graduate of Dimmitt High School, recently graduated from Amarillo College at the Amarillo Civic Center.

She graduated with a degree in Respiratory Therapy.

She is the daughter of Janice Jordon of Enid, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bennight of Plainview. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Leinen of Dimmitt. All were in attendance.

Marchman's two children, Ashley, 6, and Kyle, 4, also attended and were recognized for supporting their mother.

Marchman is the granddaughter of the late Fred Annen.

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## Obituaries

### Denise Alford

Funeral services for Denise Alford, 44, of Lubbock, and formerly of Hart, were held Friday afternoon in Lubbockview Christian Church with Rev. Robert K. Schomp officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

She died June 11 in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born March 8, 1953, in Dallas, and graduated from Hart High School as valedictorian in 1971, moving to Lubbock that same year. She married Charles Alford on May 11, 1974, in Lubbock.

Mrs. Alford graduated from Texas Tech University. She was a member of Lubbockview Christian Church and the Microbiology Society of America. She was a microbiologist and medical technologist for the Veteran's Administration Outpatient Clinic in Lubbock.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Leslie Alford of Lubbock; a daughter, Maisie Alford of Lubbock; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Lowrey Jr. of Lubbock; a brother, Robert H. Lowrey III of Tulsa; and a sister, Leesa Price of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorial to Meals on Wheels, 2304 34th Street, Lubbock 79411.

### Junior McAnally

Funeral services for Junior McAnally, 72, of Edmonson, who farmed in the Dimmitt area, were held Friday morning in Kress Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Reed-Farris, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Parklawn Memorial Gardens in Plainview under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. McAnally died June 10 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born Sept. 17, 1924, in Southland. He married Frances Jones on May 1, 1952, in Floydada. He attended Post schools. He was a member of Kress Methodist Church, and was a US Army veteran of World War II.

He farmed in Dimmitt, Providence and Edmonson, retiring in 1987.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Vicki Street of Belton and Judy Springer of Kress; a brother, Monroe of Aiken; a sister, Margaret Miller of Aiken; and four grandchildren.

### Martin earns honors

Lezly Martin, a Dimmitt High School junior, was chosen by essay to appear in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Martin also received notification of her nomination to attend a session of the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law and the Constitution, to be held December 2-7 in Washington, D.C.

The Forum was aware of Martin through the Talent Identification Program (TIP), an in-classroom survey that assists institutions of high education and professional organization by identifying the academic abilities and career interests of secondary students.

She is one of 350 juniors and seniors to be selected throughout the United States.

Martin will be seeking the assistance and support of the community in order to attend.

She is the daughter of Jeanette Martin and the granddaughter of Don and Ramona Leinen and the late Fred Annen.

### Correction

In the obituary of Jose Perez Sr., in last week's edition of the News, it was incorrectly reported that he married in 1986. The actual year of his marriage was 1956. The News regrets the error.

### 4-H'ers participate in leadership camp

Eighty-eight 4-H'ers from District 2 participated in the 1997 South Plains 4-H Leadership Camp held June 10-12 at South Plains College in Levelland.

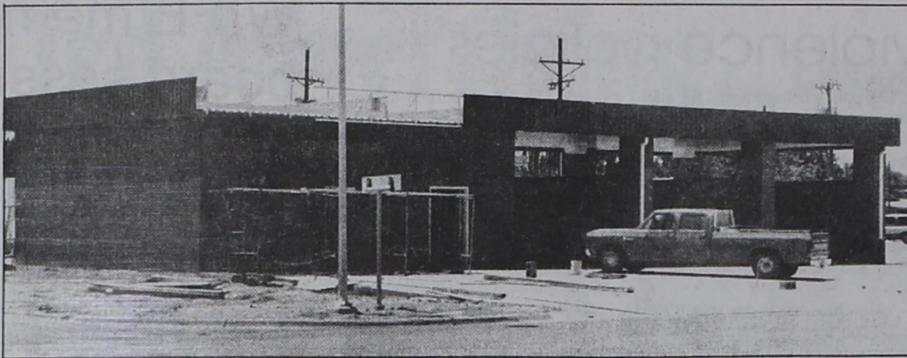
Outstanding Senior 4-H members from various counties in District 2 organized and conducted the camp.

"Here's Your Sign" was the theme for this year's camp, and 4-H'ers participated in many activities.

Senior 4-H staff members conducted sports tournaments and recreation leadership activities.

District 2 county extension agents, with assistance from 4-H staff members, conducted candlemaking, rock-etry, leather working, tie dying and public speaking workshops.

**Classifieds gets results**



THE BOBCAT CAR WASH is going up quickly across the street from the Rhoads Memorial Library here in Dimmitt. The car wash is owned by Kim and Kathy Rundell of Nazareth. Kathy said that it could be operational in about three to four weeks.

Photo by Scott Brockman

### More about

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"Our church also teaches 'English as a Second Language' to the many different internationals living in Rochester. These include Japanese, Chinese, Russians, French, Italians, Ukrainians, Laotians, as well as others, so you can see we are learning about a lot of different cultures. Some of them have a difficult time explaining how they learned West Texan English in Minnesota.

"Our lives have truly been enriched these past three years as George has served as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist.

"George enjoys working the Texas Crossword each week to keep us up on our Texas roots."

George and Monette (her maiden name was Kenmore) both are Dimmitt High School grads, circa mid-'50s.

Christine Bagwell Bell of Perryton, who grew up in the Bethel community, writes:

"I have enjoyed so many stories in the Castro County News through the years, and especially the recent one about Junior Coffey. That story made me proud to call Dimmitt my hometown."

Christine provided us with biographical information on Bethel pioneer William Smith in preparation for the Bethel centennial celebration coming up July 4.

Her book, *Memories of Bethel*, a 135-page illustrated history of early settlers, the Bethel school and community and her memories of growing up here, will be on sale at the celebration.

Jack Copeland (Dimmitt High School, 1953) has found fame and fortune as the founder and chairman of Copeland Consulting International.

But his main source of pride seems to be his daughter, Robin. Can you imagine that?

Jack sent an article from the front page of the *Journal of Commerce* on "skimming" that has been uncovered in our foreign aid to Russia:

"Nearly half the American aid intended for destitute Russian nuclear scientists is being siphoned off by duties, regional taxes, overhead charges and suspected payoffs, US energy officials said.

"The concerns were raised by a Dept. of Energy official in a recent cable from Moscow about a DOE program to assure that Russian scientists are not tempted to sell nuclear technologies or materials to countries like Iran. . . ."

That DOE official in Moscow who spotted the skimming and alerted Washington was Robin Copeland.

"Thought you'd be interested," Jack wrote. "This is what the little girl who used to go to the Colonial Inn is doing."

Thanks to Deanne Clark for this item:

In the recent session of the Texas Legislature, even the Lord was asked to yield to a point of order.

## Nazareth

with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The annual Andrew Acker, Katherine Paetzold family reunion was hosted by Josetta and Franklin Heinrich and family in the city park in Slaton last Saturday.

After dinner, the family enjoyed a raffle and auction. The afternoon was cut short by a sudden rain shower. Most of the family relocated to the Heinrich home for the remainder of the afternoon and evening. Activities there were watching the clouds, cards, watching the clouds, dominoes, watching the clouds and visiting.

Attending from this area were Shirley and Dicky Schacher, Francis and Bea Acker, Aurelia Schoenenberger; Michael, Lissa, Kiri and Ky Schoenenberger; David, Trish and Kaylen Gidden; and James and Pearl Acker. Les and Brenda Goad, former teachers in the Nazareth School system sent a message of greetings to all in Nazareth. They are now teaching in the San Antonio area.

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## What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the summer menus for Dimmitt for June 19-27. Morning snacks will be served from 9-10 a.m.

### DIMMITT

#### Summer Feeding Snacks

THURSDAY: Pimento cheese sandwich and apple juice.

FRIDAY: Carrot sticks, peanut butter and 1% lowfat milk.

MONDAY: Critter snacks and grape juice.

TUESDAY: Peas and 1% lowfat milk.

WEDNESDAY: Oatmeal cookies, orange wedges and 1% lowfat milk.

THURSDAY: Peaches and 1% lowfat milk.

FRIDAY: Fresh bananas, graham crackers, peanut butter and 1% lowfat milk.

#### Summer Feeding Lunch

THURSDAY: Hot dog on a bun with

chili/cheese, pork and beans, potato salad and 1% lowfat milk.

FRIDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, arroz Mexicano, taco condiment salad, orange wedges and 1% lowfat milk.

MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato rounds, hay stack finger salad and 1% lowfat milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potato with gravy, savory peas, hot wheat rolls and 1% lowfat milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken fillet strips, potato wedges, fruited gelatin, hot cheese rolls and 1% lowfat milk.

THURSDAY: Beef/bean burrito with chili, Mexicali corn, tossed salad and 1% lowfat milk.

FRIDAY: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, french fries, haystack finger salad and 1% lowfat milk.

## ALCO announces first quarter reports

Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc. has announced results for the fiscal first quarter which ended May 4.

The company reported fiscal first quarter sales of \$69.3 million, a 16.7% increase over sales of \$59.3 million in the first quarter of last year.

Net earnings of \$849,000 were 20.8% higher than the prior year first quarter total of \$703,000. Earnings per share were \$0.17 per share versus \$0.18 per share in the prior year, due to an increase in the weighted average number of common shares outstanding from 4.0 million to 5.1 million.

Same store sales for the first quarter increased 2.5%, from \$57.4 million to \$58.8 million. Same store sales for stores in markets where there are no competing discount stores increased by 3.4%, from \$36.5 million to \$37.7 million.

Glen L. Shank, president and chief executive officer was pleased with the first quarter operating results and announced the successful opening of 14 new ALCO stores in Indiana and Ohio.

He also said that at quarter end, 75% of our stores are located in non-competitive markets.

## Hart FFA members attend judging camp

Three Hart FFA members attended the Livestock Judging Camp May 31 through June 2 at EOSC campus in Wilburton, Okla.

Josue Beaves, Zach Smith and Aaron Hart participated in judging seminars from cattle, sheep and swine experts in their chosen field.

Their advisor, John Rhine, accompanied them on the trip.

They also listened to motivational speakers from all over the country on

how to "improve your life as well as others around you."

The speakers taught the FFA members that nothing in life worth having comes easy; you have to work hard to achieve your goals.

"I think these young men learned a lot from this camp that will carry them all their life," Mr. Rhine said. "These young men have bright futures ahead of them, and I expect great things from them in years to come."

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