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HEAVY DAMAGE to one bedroom and extensive smoke and heat damage throughout the house resulted from this fire at the home of Monticello Flores at 610 W. Stinson in Dimmitt last Thursday at 3:10 p.m. Fire Chief Tommy Cleavinger said it is

unknown as yet what started the fire. He said the bedroom was being used for storage. Family members had been gone from the house and returned to find smoke coming from the room. They were able to get out and no one was injured.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

DISD proposes tax rate of \$1.32 per \$100

The Dimmitt school board voted Monday night to propose a tax rate of \$1.32 per \$100 valuation for the 2000-2001 school year, a 4.7% hike over the \$1.26 that was set last year.

However, the proposed rate is lower than the \$1.358 rate that would be required to maintain the same level of maintenance and operations revenue as last year and to pay any debt service.

A public hearing on the budget and the setting of the actual tax rate will be held Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at the DISD administration building, 608 W. Halsell.

Estimated budget figures show revenues of \$7,663,019 and expenditures of \$8,037,157, for a budget deficit of \$374,138 that would be taken from reserve funds.

The average increase in taxes would be \$17.97, based on the average home valued at \$33,190, and taxed at a value of \$18,190.

The budget will be finalized and the tax rate set after the public hearing.

After an executive session, the board voted to hire Pat Bagley to teach at the alternative school in a half-time position.

The board also met in executive session for consultation with an attorney concerning a special education hearing. Additional revisions of a settlement offer were considered.

In other business, the board accepted bids for janitorial and paper supplies for the school year. Bids were accepted from Grainger for gum remover, Miller Paper for air

freshener and toilet paper, Xpedx for carpet shampoo, Cleancare for terrazzo sealer, and all other janitorial items from Hereford Janitorial Supply.

Board members voted to place Lidia Soto and Beatrice Agüero on the Language Proficiency Advisory Committee as parent representatives. Soto will serve for Richardson Elementary School and Agüero will serve for the middle school and high school.

The board also adopted the list of approved vendors, approved the list of teacher appraisers, accepted the evaluation calendar, approved the list of substitute teachers, and adopted an update for the local policy manual, as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards.

County studies more options for proposed 48-bed jail facility

Commissioners continued discussing plans for the county's proposed new jail Monday, approving a draft proposal of a contract with Burns, Fletcher, Gill Architects, the firm retained by the county to design a 48-bed jail facility.

In a unanimous vote, commissioners accepted the proposed jail contract, which will now be presented to Burns, Fletcher, Gill Architects for the firm's approval. County Judge Irene Miller said she expects the firm to make some changes to the contract before it is finalized.

Commissioners also agreed to have the land for the proposed jail surveyed, and to ask for proposals from construction management firms who would be willing to oversee the project, if it is approved.

Miller told commissioners the architect working with the county on the proposed project had requested a

land survey of the city block planned as a site for the facility.

Commissioners agreed to have the site surveyed, and authorized Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige to locate and hire a surveyor to perform the service as soon as possible.

The county is only in the planning stages as far as construction of a new jail goes—voters would still have to approve a bond issue before the county could proceed with the project. But several steps must be taken before the county can present the issue to voters, and those things are being covered now.

If construction of a jail becomes a reality, the county will have the option to hire either a general contractor or a construction management firm to oversee the project.

Gary Waddell with Commercial Industrial Builders, Inc. (CIB), a

construction management firm, presented a proposal to commissioners Monday.

According to Waddell, a construction management firm will meet with the architect on a project and figure costs of that project to the penny. The firm also would act as the contractor for the project, hiring the subcontractors and overseeing the project. He said construction management firms can save clients between 5 and 10% on projects.

After studying Waddell's proposal and discussing the advantages and disadvantages of having a construction management firm versus a general contractor, commissioners agreed to accept proposals from construction management firms before deciding which way they want to go with the project.

County reverts to 'Plan A' on annex renovation project

Estimates of \$75,000 for renovation of the old Cobbs building in Dimmitt sent county commissioners into a tailspin in July, but the county opted to go a less expensive option originally discussed over a month ago.

The county is leasing the building, located in the 100 block of East Bedford, for \$500 per month from the Clements Corporation. Once renovations are completed, the site will be used to house the adult probation department and GED lab.

Plans for the space include a reception area, two classrooms, a meeting room for the GED lab and two enclosed (private) offices. The two offices would be the only rooms that

would require walls all the way to the ceiling. The other areas would be separated with partial walls.

Costs for materials were originally estimated at around \$8,000—but that doesn't include electrical work or

installation of an additional heating and air conditioning unit. Estimates for the heat and air were around \$2,500.

When the county first agreed to

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GED lab hopes to temporarily relocate to Rhoads Memorial Library

There are 60 county residents taking advantage of GED classes offered through the adult probation department, and scheduling those classes has been difficult because the four-computer lab is currently located in the district court room at the courthouse.

The county hopes to move the lab and the entire adult probation department to an annex, but until renovations are made to that site (the old Cobbs building in the 100 block of East Bedford), the lab cannot be moved.

But Adult Probation Officer Eloyse Smith has come up with a temporary solution to the overcrowding problem. On Monday she asked for permission to move the GED lab from the courthouse to a temporary site at Rhoads Memorial Library until renovations on the new office can be completed.

Smith said she had talked with Librarian Marie Howell about moving the GED lab to the library's meeting room. Howell told commis-

sioners Monday she didn't think it would be a problem to have the GED lab in the library temporarily.

"If it doesn't interfere with the library's schedule, I think it would be fine," said County Judge Irene Miller.

Howell did say the library board would have to approve the matter, but she would contact each member.

If the board agrees, Smith said she will transfer the computer stations from the courthouse to the library and classes will be conducted there on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The GED classes are not just for probationers. The instruction is open to the general public, and Smith said several of those taking advantage of the program are not probationers.

The GED program is designed to function without a teacher, but the Region XVI Education Service Center has agreed to provide the necessary funding for an instructor to supervise those taking the GED classes, according to Smith.

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By Don Nelson

I guess we should have realized when they elected Jesse Ventura governor that Minnesota's politics and state government get sorta wild and crazy sometimes.

Now, this: All the different types of delectable casseroles that we Texans call "covered dishes," the people in Minnesota call "hot dishes."

(Maybe the difference in terminology has something to do with the weather up there and the flies down here.)

Anyway, Minnesota's state health department recently outlawed the serving of hot dishes at public functions.

The state's health-conscious bureaucrats evidently decided that hot dishes could be hazardous to your health since they aren't prepared in state-inspected or state-licensed facilities.

I can just see the good people of Minnesota raising their collective eyebrows and muttering, "Oh-h-h-h, well then..."

This was bureaucratic meddling at its crassest, and something clearly needed to be done to restore civility and order *vis à vis* the pot-luck dinner.

Well, one of Minnesota's state legislators, who also is a minister (Lutheran, of course) realized that this ruling, although aimed at averting indigestion, would actually cause mass deprivation and depression.

His church, he said, probably couldn't function without hot dishes. And neither could a lot of school and community organizations, county fairs or weddings.

So he got some of the boys in the legislature together and they cooked up a bill to exempt hot dishes from

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YOU SAY YOU NEED SOME WATER?—Karen Sheffy (as Christina) pours water on the head of Ethel Mermaid (played by Jennifer Harmonson) after she complained about drying out during a visit to announce her engagement to Christina's son, Junior, played by Bill Sava. Other players in the skit, "Guess What's Coming to Dinner," included Joslyn Harmonson and Don Sheffy. The skit was a part of the annual Follies presentation staged Saturday and Sunday, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	92	.. 63	
Friday	91	.. 61	
Saturday	94	.. 61	
Sunday	97	.. 63	
Monday	97	.. 66	
Tuesday	97	.. 59	
Wednesday	96	.. 60	

August Moisture 15

2000 Moisture 11.61

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

Eleven indicted

The Castro County Grand Jury issued indictments last week against 11 people.

Stacy Ann Hill, 29, of Dimmitt, was charged with forgery by passing.

Charges of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) under 1 gram were listed in separate indictments against Danny Rey Silva, 23, of Dimmitt, and Antonio Silva, 29, also of Dimmitt.

Elizabeth Barrera Cadena, 20, of Coronado Acres, Hereford, was charged with delivery of a controlled substance of less than 1 gram.

Francisco Peralta, 19, of Dimmitt, was indicted for aggravated assault/bodily injury/with a deadly weapon.

Johnnie Manuel Garcia, 43, of Dimmitt, was indicted on charges of sexual assault.

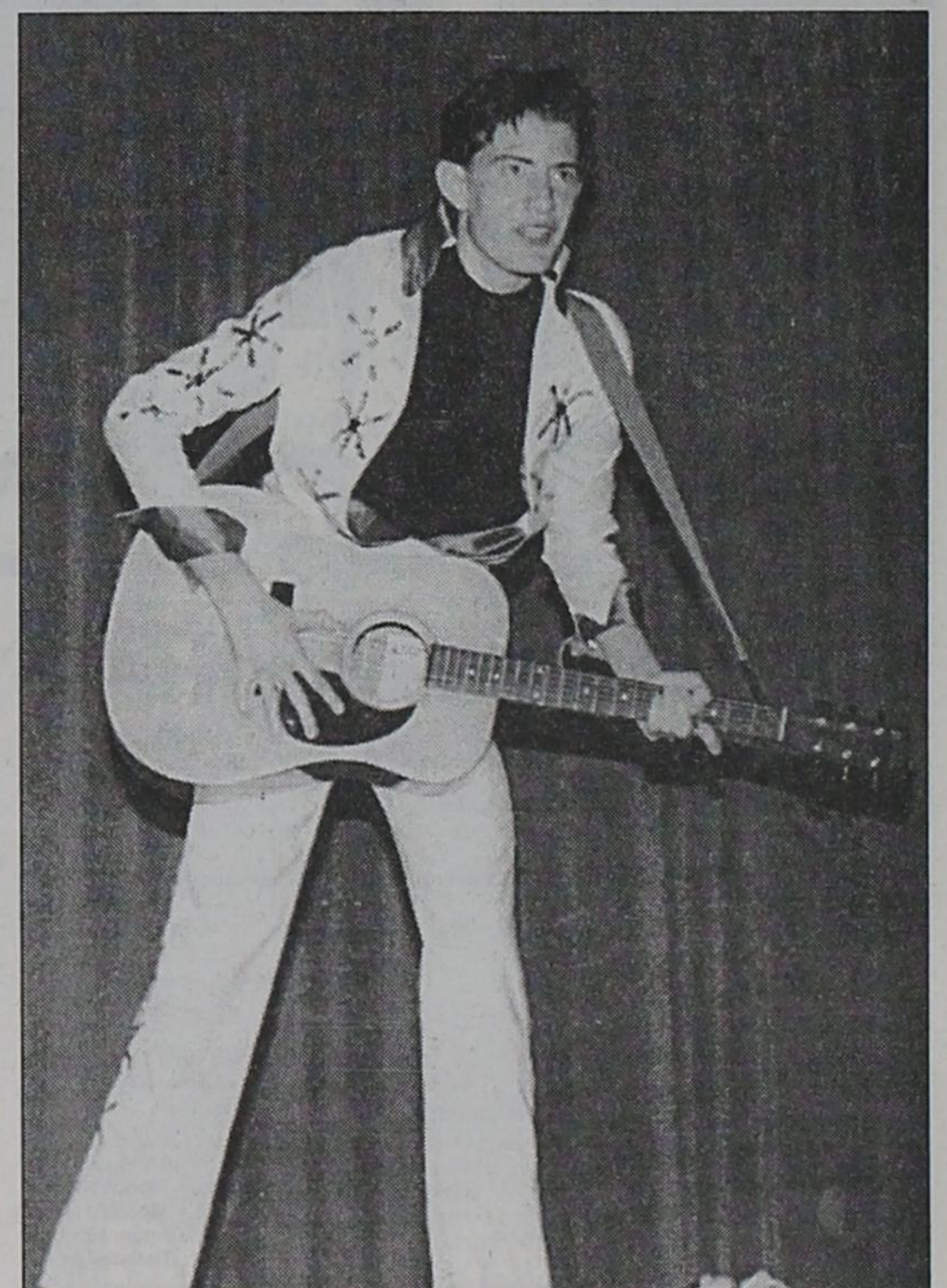
Possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram was the charge listed against Eleazar Vasquez Garcia, 36, of Dimmitt.

Juan Salome Tovar, 17, of Dimmitt, was indicted for indecency with a child.

Aggravated assault/serious bodily injury/with a deadly weapon was the charge against Manuel Rivera, 17, of Dimmitt.

Jerod Jones, 18, of Lubbock, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Antonio Juarez, 27, of Earth, was charged with driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.



AN IMITATION OF AN IMITATION—Casey Jones gives an imitation of the late actor Andy Kauffman doing an imitation of the late Elvis Presley. His performance was a part of the annual Follies production in Dimmitt, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. The Follies were staged Saturday and Sunday in Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

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state health department jurisdiction. I mean, to just take the state health department right out of the picture right there, by golly.

Of course the bill passed. In fact, when it came time for a vote, the speaker of the house ordered, "All in favor say, 'Ya, sure!' All opposed say whatever."

The minister-legislator commented, "If the health department wants something to worry about, they could look at my church's basement."

At last report, the bill to preserve the tradition of the Minnesota hot dish needed only Gov. Ventura's signature.

He wouldn't dare not. Not if he wants any supper.

Whether you call them hot dishes or covered dishes, some of the best ones in the world are served each summer at the Bethel Chicken Fry.

We attend the chicken fry every year (for professional reasons, you understand—I always shoot a few

pictures).

When we got to the Bethel Community Building last Thursday evening, I set the camera bag next to the east porch, shot a few early frames, then put away the camera and got on with the more important business at hand.

There was a big crowd, including a lot of new faces. We had fun stuffing ourselves, visiting with old friends and meeting new ones.

It was fairly late when we got home, and as we were unloading the car trunk I realized I had left the camera bag sitting next to the porch at Bethel.

When we went back for it, it wasn't there.

It was our oldest working camera, and wasn't worth much on the market. However, the replacement cost of the camera, lenses, bag and accessories would run a thousand or two.

But I didn't worry about it. Sure enough. The next morning I

got a call at the office from Mandy Gfeller, who had been the co-mayor of Bethel with her husband Matt until the night before, when Chrissy and Kevin Bruton were elected.

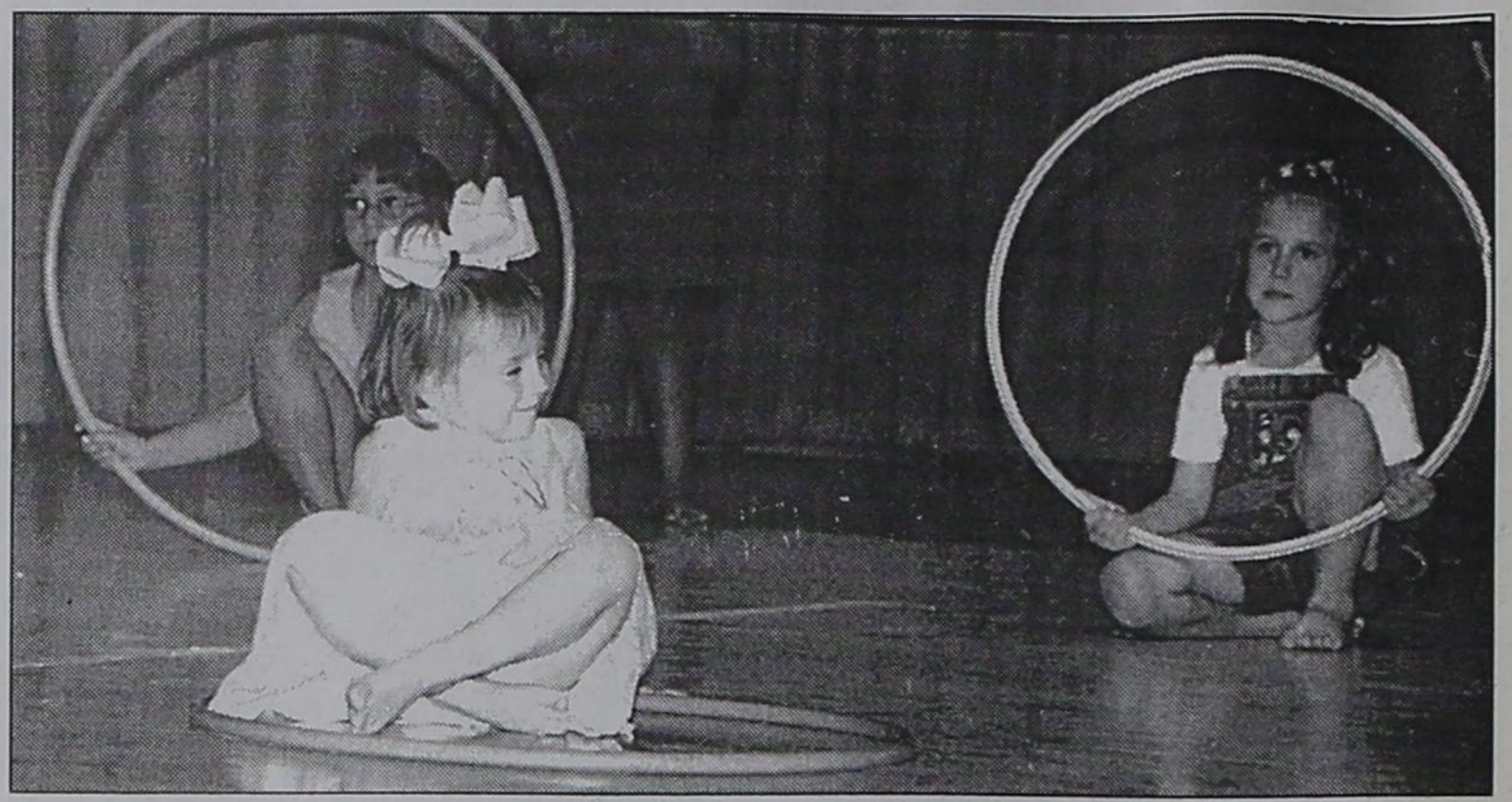
"I'm on my way to the store (Just Imagine) and I have your camera bag," she said. "I'll be there in about 10 minutes. I'm running late."

Still another reason to be glad that we live here instead of somewhere else.

The Bethel Chicken Fry is such an old tradition that in the early days it was always held during the first full moon after the wheat harvest so everyone could see what they were doing around the outdoor serving tables, because there were no electric lights.

Doris Lust said that one year they didn't realize that there would be a full lunar eclipse on the night of the chicken fry.

Not to worry, though. They just circled their vehicles and used the headlights.



LOOKING CUTE—Carsyn O'Brien (center) sits on the stage with Cailee Gilbreath (left) and Kelsey Schilling (right) in the background as they get ready to sing their production number, "Tomorrow" from

the Broadway musical "Annie." The girls were joined by 20 other children, singing and performing with hula hoops, under the direction of Cheryl Pybus and Carla Schilling. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Hospital adds in-house CT scan

Plains Memorial Hospital has a new, in-house CT scanner, according to Deana Beames, RT, radiology director at the hospital.

"We have had a mobile CT scanner that came to Dimmitt two days a week, but we realized we needed to expand the service to better serve the community," she said.

The GE Proscan is housed in a renovated area of the hospital and is ready for service this month.

Beames said that all the technicians in the department would be taking a seven-day training course on operating the new equipment.

"Every member of the department is registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologies, and two of us already have training with the CT," she said. "The extra training will familiarize each of us with the complexities of this particular piece of equipment."

The scans take from 20 minutes to one hour, depending on the part of the body scanned, she said. Appointments will be scheduled about an hour apart.

"The CT scanner will be available six days a week," she said. "That gives us the flexibility our physicians

need to make accurate diagnoses."

Beames said that the CT scan combines the use of a computer with x-rays that pass through the body at different angles.

"The great advantage of a CT scan is that the scan produces a clear cross-sectional image of areas of body tissue," she said. "The amount of x-rays that different tissues absorb is converted by the computer into an image which is then read by a radiologist, a physician who specializes in interpreting x-rays and

other radiologic studies."

Physicians at High Plains Radiological Association at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo will read the scans conducted at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Beames said that a diagnostic x-ray is being installed at Medical Center of Dimmitt and will be available when the CT scan is ready.

Technicians in the department include Rita Nanez, RT; Jan Villeneuve, RT; Mari Guajardo, RT; and Michelle Miller, RT.

Tibbets to address Pampa Army Air Field reunion

The 28th annual Pampa Army Air Field Reunion will be held in Pampa Aug. 16-19, and Gen. Paul W. Tibbets is slated to be the special speaker at a gathering Aug. 19.

Those who worked as civilians or went through pilot training at the air field during World War II have been attending this homecoming since its beginning in 1972.

Tibbets was the commander of

the *Enola Gay*, the B-29 bomber which dropped the first atomic bomb used in warfare over Hiroshima, Japan, during World War II.

The public is invited to the program featuring Tibbets, which will start at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa, which is located behind the Grand Coronado Hotel at Hobart (Hwy. 70) and Somerville.



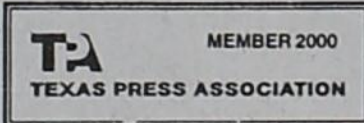
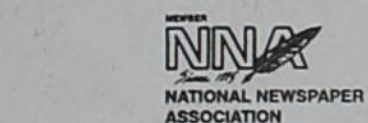
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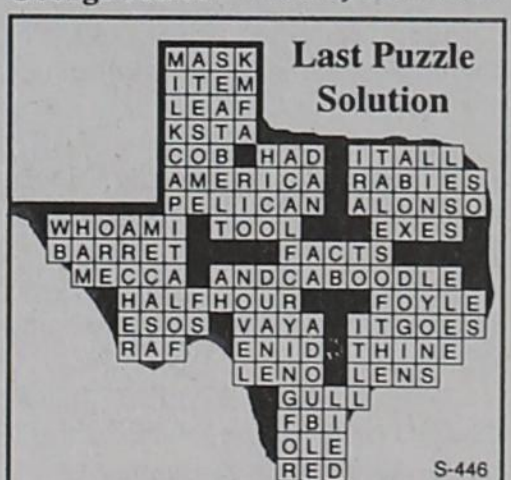
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THE FIRST DAY of school at Dimmitt Middle School last Thursday started with a flag-raising by Ted Stubblefield (left) and Don Howell of the local VFW Post, with all of the school's students, teachers and administrators gathered around. The opening-day ceremony also included the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jesus Quiroz, a patriotic reading by Bill Sava, the National Anthem led by Wayland Hazel, and a welcome by Principal George Raser. Photo by Don Nelson



Police Calls

A 17-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed last Thursday for assault/bodily injury/family violence after his 14-year-old sister was injured in a fall after being pushed. Police said the victim was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital where she was treated for a large bump on her head.

An 11-year-old Dimmitt boy told police last Thursday that someone took a bicycle, valued at \$150, from his home in the 700 block of West Grant.

A Dimmitt woman told police Aug. 8 that someone stole some items from her purse while it was at her place of work—Canterbury Villa. Taken were some checks, a credit card, her driver's license and her nursing license.

Saturday, a Dimmitt man told police that someone took a CD changer cartridge (valued at \$50) and ten CDS (valued at \$150) from a CD changer in his vehicle while it was parked in the 1000 block of West Stinson.

Employees of AgriFarms Industries told police Aug. 8 that someone used a fire extinguisher to spray the cab of a truck belonging to the company while it was parked in the 200 block of Southwest Fourth.

A 22-year-old Hereford man was jailed last Thursday for defective equipment and an expired inspection sticker.

Sunday night, a Dimmitt man, 20, was jailed for driving while license suspended.

Sunday afternoon, deputies investigated a report of a runaway child and located the juvenile in Dimmitt.

Jailed on warrants or court matters during the past week:

—Aug. 8, a Dimmitt man, 25, on a municipal warrant for no liability insurance; and a 25-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for criminal trespass.

—Aug. 9, a 54-year-old Earth man to serve time after court on charges of DWI, second offense; and a Dimmitt man, 27, on a warrant for sexual assault.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 25, on warrants for defective brakes and no medical insurance; and a 20-year-old Dimmitt man on warrants for speeding, failure to appear, and failure to provide proof of financial responsibility.

—Monday, a Hereford man, 24, on a bond surrender on a warrant out of Potter County for theft by check over \$20 and less than \$500.

Jail Count

There were 11 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning, with three farmed out for the week, at an estimated cost of \$38 per day for each of them. However, it costs \$23 per day to keep prisoners in the Castro County Jail, so the difference in expense per day equals \$15 per prisoner. The extra cost of farming out three prisoners would be \$45 per day or \$315 for the week.

Aug. 14 at 2:58 p.m. a 1987 Buick Century driven by Naomi Young Scarborough, 79, of Dimmitt, struck a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Rosalinda Enriquez Rivera, 23, of Dimmitt. Police said Rivera was stopped in the 200 block of West Bedford waiting to make a left turn when Scarborough came up behind her and struck her vehicle's right rear quadrant. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light. Scarborough was ticketed

for failure to control speed.

Larry Jess Ritter of Hereford reported to police Monday that someone struck the right back quadrant of his 1995 GMC pickup while it was parked beside the Donut Shack, causing light damage to the vehicle. The unknown vehicle left the scene of the crash.

Two crashes out in the county were attributed to wildlife.

Sunday at 2 a.m. Margarita Peralta, 55, of Dimmitt, reported that she swerved to miss a coyote that ran in front of her and she struck a no passing sign along the roadside about four miles north of Dimmitt on US 385 as she was heading south. Her 1990 Grand Am was rated with heavy damage, but she was not injured.

Monday at 4:55 a.m. Maria Flores, 42, of Hart, struck a deer on SH 194 four miles southeast of Hart as she was heading to Plainview. Her 2000 Ford pickup was rated with minor damage and she was not injured.

Project ChildSafe offers free firearm safety locks

Gov. George W. Bush recently launched "Project ChildSafe," a five-year, \$5 million program to provide free child safety locks and firearm safety information to Texas parents.

The innovative program is being funded through a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Materials for the program are being distributed through county sheriffs' departments and local police departments based on population data. The governor's office will work with local law enforcement officials to distribute the kits in the most efficient way possible.

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said he has ordered kits and information, which will be delivered in November. He said the Dimmitt Police Dept. also should be receiving the kits sometime this fall. The arrival of the kits will be announced at a later date for those who

are interested.

"Providing free child safety locks to parents is a common-sense, practical way that government can help parents improve safety in their homes," said Gov. Bush. "Most trigger lock proposals focus on legislation requiring manufacturers to put safety locks on new guns, which I would sign, and this proposal goes even further by making trigger locks available to millions of people who already own guns."

The governor also has signed laws making it a criminal offense for an adult to allow a child access to a loaded firearm unless the child is under adult supervision. Texas also has increased penalties for anyone selling, renting or giving a handgun to a child, and requires automatic detention for juveniles caught illegally carrying a gun or committing a crime with a gun.

ACROSS

1 "Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up ___ Cowboys"

5 TXism: "active as ___ in a hen house"

6 "Shark" dancing ex-Cowboy Kenneth

7 dir. to Abilene from San Angelo

8 part of mph

9 TX Buck Owens old TV show

15 dept. in many TX HEB stores

16 TXism: "pulled the ___ his eyes"

18 TXism: "if I was any better, the law wouldn't ___"

20 in Runnels Co. on 67

22 Gov. John Connally won the Legion ___ in WWII

27 Waco's "Great Texas ___ Race"

28 noisy confusion

29 rustled cow

30 TXism for mosquito

32 TXism: "want it ___ bad I could spit"

33 TXism: "in hollerin' ___" (near)

36 TX Hagman as J.R.

37 TXism: "all bought and paid ___"

38 this Jayne was '67 Miss America and a TX newscaster

39 series of snares

41 TXism: "does ___ have a climbing gear?"

42 Tex-Mex treat

45 puts on WFAA

46 moon to Houston: "The Eagle ___ Landed"

47 TX "Babe": Mildred ___ Dirikson

48 TX Lovett's "Here ___"

49 TX Cullen Davis was acquitted of killing him

52 TXism: "skinny as ___"

53 TXism: "let ___"

54 part of IOU

55 TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of it"

DOWN

1 mark the merchandise

2 TXism: "he's a few bricks shy ___ load"

3 Mount ___ overlooks Lake Austin

4 Southfork Ranch is where these were filmed for "Dallas" (2 wds.)

8 animal skin

9 TXism: "___"

10 ___ Siecke State Forest

11 ___ Paso

12 TX "Super Handyman's" area of expertise (2 wds.)

13 enthusiastic

14 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't an oil ___ in Texas"

15 TXism: "___ a June bride"

16 Barbara to George H.

17 causes

19 TXism: "if you sleep with dogs, you'll ___ up with fleas"

21 camping snack

22 "JFK" director (nit.)

23 ___ Davis, TX

24 up-to-date

25 this Myers designed the TX capitol

26 water area at Bentsen Rio Grande State Park

28 Houston Olympic coach Karolyi

31 "bull" south of the border

34 ex-Astro mgr. Howe

35 TXism: "___ hill for a stepper"

37 "legal eagle" group

40 TXism: "living ___" (fisherman)

43 Lady Bird: Claudia ___ Taylor Johnson

44 loud and clear

50 roughage

51 TX eatery: Steak and ___

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Alice Cowen has been traveling to several different places in the past few months.

Alice, her son Joe H. Cowen, and his wife, Malinda, went to Washington D.C., to visit Judge Wilson Cowen, the brother of Alice's late husband, Joe Cowen.

Earlier in the year, Alice visited her sisters, Louise Tye and her husband, Les, of Fort Worth, and Margaret Murph of Lewisville. Then it was on to San Antonio for a visit with her nephew, Dick Tye, and his wife, Judy.

Alice and her sisters paid a visit to their old family home in Comanche. This house had been in Alice's family for more than 100 years. Alice's grandfather, L.B. Russell, bought it during the early days of his marriage to Alice's grandmother. The house was originally two rooms

and a "path" the well was in the kitchen and had the convenience of a built-in milk cooler. As the house was passed down to new generations and rooms were added, it evolved into a low, rambling classic with a large porch and a steeple.

The present owners are restoring it, as much as possible, to its former structure. It has been awarded a plaque from the Texas Historical Commission.

To me, Alice is one of Dimmitt's finest. She taught third grade at Richardson Elementary School for many years before retiring in 1975.

She has the gift of making every child feel special, and of being a natural children's advocate.

My daughter, Cindy Hopson Lee, was fortunate enough to be in Mrs. Cowen's room when we moved here in September of 1959.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays Cindy said, "I'll be glad when the holidays are over—I miss Mrs. Cowen!"

A small tribute and insight into the life of a very special lady.

The Pro Family Forum, a conservative group which has members from Dimmitt, Nazareth and Hart, was formed 23 years ago and is still meeting and supporting family causes to this day. Friday night was a time for eating fish in Kress and holding their business meeting. The James Wilhelms, Veronica Wilhelm of Nazareth, Ann Kern and Irene Robel and Willie Fay Huseman of

Amarillo, Deanne Clark of Lubbock, Betty and Ed Freeman of Dimmitt and their daughter, Sally and her son Andrew of Colorado, and Darla and Pete Stewart of Dimmitt attended.

Deanne Clark dropped by for a brief visit and this Pro Family Forum news. She was in town for Brandi Rice's bridal shower.

Tory Baker, daughter of Jim and Sandy Baker of Dimmitt, graduated from Amarillo College in the spring and now works as a paramedic in Amarillo.

Tory and three friends and fellow paramedics of Amarillo had a delightful holiday this summer in San Antonio. They enjoyed Sea World, the Alamo and the River Walk.

The group drove on to Port Aransas. There they played on the beach, went deep sea fishing in the Gulf and caught their limit of snapper.

Terry and Cindy Mixson Smotherman have been living in Killeen, and the good news is they are moving back to Dimmitt. Terry will be affiliated with radio station KNNK of Hereford. Their daughters, Andrea, a ninth grader, and Baylei, a sixth grader, will be attending school here.

A Branson/Lust reunion attracted 70 relatives to Ceta Canyon for a recent weekend. The cousins are Mildred Bradford and Houston Lust of Dimmitt, Earlene Settle of Nash-

ville, Tenn., Loyal Branson of Vancouver, B.C., and Merle Branson of Enderly, B.C.

The descendants came from Lubbock, Amarillo, Canyon, Denton, Corsicana, Spade, Matador, Abernathy, Goodlettsville, Tenn., Albuquerque, N.M., Los Alamos, N.M., Griffin, Ga., and Gilbert, Ariz.

Anne Webster of Grass Valley, Calif., visited in the home of her sister, Sue and John Merritt, last week. They enjoyed seeing many friends and family members while she was here.

They visited with Lint, Connie, Julie and Jill Merritt. Suzanne and Harry Lunt and Jayme of Sunray came to see their Aunt Anne.

Anne, Sue and John drove to Lubbock to see Amy, Kelvin, Ty, Joel, Jake and Todd Parsons in their new home.

Judge Jack and Murna Miller entertained Anne, John and Sue for a dinner and time of reminiscing in Plainview.

Dorothy Sheffy had a tea party for Anne, Sue and Myrtle Lois Moran. Suzanne's son, Kaleb, came for an overnight stay and took Anne to Amarillo for her flight home.

Several "hardy" Harley bikers attended the Black Hills Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, S.D., this week. They are Rex Wooten, Stan McDaniel, Terry Widick and Van Hopson of Dimmitt. Joining them from Tulia were Dan Berg and his

sons, Jason and Lee.

They rode 750 miles the first day to Grand Junction, Colo. Their ride included a trip to Utah, Montana, and Idaho, before circling around to Sturgis.

This rally traditionally has a trade show and the revealing of the Harley 2001 models. They call this fun.

Birthdays! Birthdays! Birthdays!

Jimmy and Floyce George of Dimmitt and Darrell and Nell Kenmore of Lubbock were some from this area who attended the "Big O" birthday celebration for Joyce Autry of Rocky Ford, Colo. This was hosted by Kelly Autry of Crowley, Lou Ann Gallegas of Denver, and Lynette Autry Snowden of McCook, Neb., children of Joyce and her husband, James.

Some former Dimmitt residents of long ago who came to the party were Rowdy and Betty Martin of Lamar, Colo. Rowdy is the brother-in-law of Raleigh Strother of Dimmitt.

Bertha Thompson's children and their families came from far and near to celebrate her August birthday. Jack Thompson, Sandra Nelson and their spouses helped Bertha host her son, Lynn Thompson, his wife, Peggy, and their daughter, Brook, of Salinas, Calif. Lyndell Thompson Sinclair of Dallas was also here to join in the week-long celebration.

Billye Gwynn Davis was honored with a surprise birthday luncheon at "The English Garden Tea Room" in Lubbock last Saturday.

Friends and family were present for the fun party, which was hosted by Billye Gwynn's daughter and son and families: Andrea, Morris and Trent Price; and Lance, Mary and Leonard Davis.

It's an annual affair at the home of Tommie Sue Petty Nisbett, out on the farm, to have her daughter, Jeanne White of Amarillo, and Sherlon Dyer and husband, Ed, of Waco, to come for canning. They put up black-eyed peas, okra, pickles, and all of the goodies country folks

enjoy.

Since the Dyers (Ed and Sherlon) both have July birthdays, it has been a tradition for Tommie Sue to have a special party for them to celebrate their birthdays.

After being a part of the Dyers' party every year, daughter Jeanne shared her feelings about the situation. She said, "Mother, every year you have a special party for Sherlon and Ed while they are here. All of the family gathers, bringing gifts and cards. There's cake and ice cream and lots of fun! Well, my birthday is in October. Sometimes you call. Sometimes you don't. Sometimes you send me a card. Sometimes you don't."

This year, 21 members of the Petty family gathered in July at Tommie Sue's house for a big party. It was a birthday party for Jeanne, with cake, ice cream, presents and all the trimmings.

This group of people honored Carolyn Jones Wednesday and Doris Lust and Doris Flynt on Friday with birthday luncheons. Those attending were Polly Simpson, Tommie Nisbett, George and Carolyn Sides, Marie Perrin, Martha Jo Hyman, Myrtle Lois Moran, Bill and Katherine Birdwell, Houston Lust, Karron Smith, Gwen Bryant, Shirley Wise, Merle Arthur, Mildred Bradford, Joy Parsons and the honorees.

To streamline this column a bit, from now on this group will be known as "Birthday Group #7." When I refer to BDG#7, just think of those mentioned in the preceding paragraph and you will know (give or take a few) who celebrated someone's special day.

Birthday celebrations are important. They say to the honoree, "We love you, you are special and we want to commemorate the day you were born."

Others observing birthdays in August are Elois McMasters, Percy and Margaret Parsons, Retta Cluck, Avis Smith, Serena Teague of Walsenburg, Colo., Maurine Henderson of Stratford, and, I'm sure, many others.

Breast cancer screening set Sept. 12

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Sept. 12 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

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

4-H adult leaders will meet Aug. 26

The District 2 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association and 4-H Council meeting will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, at Texas Tech University's Agricultural Sciences Building.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting should dismiss around 11:50 a.m.

After a short business meeting, three concurrent sessions are planned. These include: 1. Texans Building Character; 2. Record Books 2001 and Beyond and 4-H scholarships; and 3. Adding humor to your life.

Any Castro County adult leader interested in attending the meeting should contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115 by Monday.

Band Boosters to meet Monday

The Bobcat Band Boosters will resume their monthly meetings on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School band hall.

This meeting is for all band boosters of any age. The organization is asking all parents of band members in the fifth through 12th grades to attend.

"By being a band booster, you are showing your support to the band members for their hard work in presenting the halftime shows at football games and their performance at their different contests," said a spokesperson for the group.

4-H project record forms are due soon

4-H'ers who completed projects during the past year will be recognized for their achievements at the upcoming 4-H banquet—but only if they have completed a project record book.

Those who have not completed record books should finish that activity and submit it to County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal as soon as possible.

The project record form is similar to a record book; however, it does not go into as much detail.

If you would like help in completing the form or need a copy, contact Neal at 647-4115.



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES—Bill Sava (far right) expresses appreciation to Karen and Don Sheffy (second and third from the left) for their many years of participation in the Dimmitt Follies. They have played a wide range of parts through the

years, and participated in "Guess What's Coming to Dinner" in this year's production. Helping with the presentation are Follies participants Cheryl Pybus (far left) and Sue Stephens (second from right).

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Freshman Composition I	106937	ENGL 1301 837	6:00-8:45 p.m.	Zinck TU
Principles of Nutrition	108208	HECO 1322 008	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Staff W
History of the United States I	158812	HIST 1301 012	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Manchee M
Basic Algebra I	108627	MATH 0302 827	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Staff TH
Weight Training and Conditioning I	149821	PHED 1113 821	7:00-8:15 p.m.	Staff TH
General Psychology	157510	PSYC 2301 010	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Staff W
Reading Techniques I	160410	RDNG 0321 810	7:00-9:05 p.m.	Staff MW

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People



Shower fetes Rice

Brandi Rice, bride-elect of Kurt Gerber, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Cheryl Pybus. Rice is the daughter of Danny and Shelly Rice of Dimmitt, and Gerber is the son of Glenda Gerber and the late Jerome Gerber of Nazareth.

The serving table was adorned with white linen, crystal and silver appointments, a bouquet of mixed summer flowers and a beehive of honeybutter. Guests were served a brunch menu of sweetheart biscuits, deviled eggs, watermelon and champagne punch.

Honored guests included Mary Gerber of Nazareth, grandmother of the prospective groom; and Irene Carpenter and Floyce George, both of Dimmitt, great-grandmother and grandmother of the bride-elect, respectively.

Other out-of-town guests included Robbie Grossman, the bride-elect's aunt; Amanda Brown, the sister of the prospective groom; and his aunts, Toby Gerber, Julene Gerber and Regina Hoelting.

The hostess gift for the couple was a set of cookware.

Craft show seeks vendors

A crafts show has been set for Sept. 23-24 in Westgate Mall in Amarillo and vendors of hand-crafted items are invited to set up a booth.

Booth costs range from \$90 to \$135 for the two days.

Proceeds from the booth rentals will go to the Amarillo Advisory Council to provide scholarships for students who might not otherwise get help for higher education.

Organizers of the event said it will be limited to hand-crafted items only.

For more information or to reserve a booth, call 806-353-1063.



Cody Joe Upshaw and Pamela Kay Ehly

Ehly to wed Upshaw

Emil and Mary Ehly of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Pamela Kay Ehly, to Cody Joe Upshaw, son of Freddy and Cheryl Upshaw of Dimmitt and Janice Mackie of Amarillo.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the First Baptist Church in Canyon.

Miss Ehly is a 1987 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from Texas Woman's University in 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy. She is employed by Baptist/St. Anthony's Outpatient Therapy Services.

The prospective groom graduated from Hart High School in 1993. He attended West Texas A&M University, graduating in 1998 with a bachelor of science degree in agri-business and economics. He is employed by United Ag Products.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Canyon.

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Vick, Adams exchange vows Aug. 5 in backyard ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Adams are home in Leander after enjoying a wedding trip to Alaska.

The couple were married on Aug. 5 in an informal, double-ring ceremony in the backyard of the bride's parents' home at 717 W. Grant in Dimmitt. Van Earl Hughes officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the former Jennifer Vick, daughter of Johnny and Janie Vick of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Eddie and Cindy Adams of Dimmitt.

An arbor accented with tulle, English ivy and burgundy, ivory and blue rose garlands with pearls and pearl hearts decorated the yard.

Music for the ceremony was provided by disc jockey Jerry Frazier. Selections included *Wonderful Tonight* by Eric Clapton as the processional; *I Love You Just the Way You Are* by Billy Joel; and *Adams Family* as the recessional.

The ceremony included passages from the Prophet on Marriage by Gabriel Kahan.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory gown designed with a vee neckline in front. Embroidered roses with pearl accents decorated the neckline in the front and back. The long skirt flowed into a long train.

Her headpiece was made of roses and pearl beads.

She carried a bouquet of three large ivory roses accented with freesia, calla lilies, pearls and flowing ribbons.

For something, old, borrowed and blue, the bride wore a pearl necklace with a blue sapphire clasp which belonged to her grandmother, Clara Vick.

Loren Ericsson of Houston, the bride's college roommate, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Jennifer Vick, sister of the bride; and Melissa Ivey of Dimmitt and Sara Cole of Austin, friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants were outfitted in strapless black satin gowns designed with embroidered daisies in blue, yellow and pink.



MRS. TYSON ADAMS
...nee Jennifer Vick

They carried bouquets of multi-colored zinnias, daisies and dianthus—the flowers that were prominent in the flower beds at the Vick home.

Best man was Ty Waller of Hart, a friend of the groom. Groomsmen included Jimmy Bryan of Dallas, Pete Patterson of Dimmitt and John Chavez of Austin, friends of the groom.

Ring bearer was Matthew Trejo of Dimmitt, friend of the couple. Leslie Sheffy of Houston, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

A reception followed at the Vick home.

The chocolate cake with ivory frosting was decorated with a cake top that had been used at the 50th wedding anniversary reception for the bride's late grandparents, Bob and Mildred Sheffy.

Punch was served by Angie Acevedo of Dimmitt and cake was served by Stephanie Davis of Austin.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown and is currently employed at Radio Shack.

The groom is also a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He manages Radio Shack in Austin.

FBC revival to start Sunday

First Baptist Church of Dimmitt has slated revival services for Sunday through Wednesday, with noon and evening services scheduled. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jon Randles of Lubbock will be the speaker and the music evangelists will be Sherman and Tammy Aten.

The revival will begin Sunday with the 10:30 a.m. service, which will be followed by a free barbecue dinner, with all area residents invited to attend.

Noon meals and services will be held Monday through Wednesday. The evening services will be at 6 on Sunday and at 7 the other three evenings. Child care will be provided for children age 3 and under.

For more information, call the church office at 647-3115.

Randles is the founder and president of the Jon Randles Evangelistic Association and Randles, Inc., in Lubbock. Through JREA, he is involved in evangelism, church growth conferences and evaluations, disci-

plemanship, student ministry, and missionary endeavors world wide through speaking engagements, books and tapes. He had been the pastor of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock when it was recognized as the nation's fastest growing congregation, with membership increasing from 657 to 3,463.

Randles also provides non-religious presentations on motivational concepts of excellence and success to universities, public and private secondary schools, government agency personnel, and private sector business and industry. One of his video presentations is used by a number of Texas counties to train Dept. of Human Resources employees.

He is a sought-after speaker for motivating collegiate athletic teams, including the football programs at Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, the University of Nebraska, the University of Oklahoma, University of Texas in Austin, and West Texas A&M University. He has

spoken at student camps and national leadership retreats for the fellowship of Christian Athletes for the past five years, in addition to state-wide collegiate retreats for Texas athletes in Texas and Oklahoma.

The Atens are alumni of Wayland Baptist University and North Texas State University. They have been traveling with their children, Joshua and Brooke, as full-time Christian musicians the past eight years.

They spend an average of 40 weeks per year ministering as music evangelists/concert artists in the US, Canada, Mexico, South America, Wales, Romania and Russia. They have ministered at para-church organizations such as Promise Keepers, Emmaus, and Aglow ministries.

"Their music reaches young and old alike, with a central message for today's Christian families," a spokesperson said.

DHS Class of '80 plans its reunion

Dimmitt High School's Class of 1980 is planning its 20-year reunion, which will be held Sept. 29-30 over homecoming weekend.

Those planning to attend should contact one of the following: Lou (Phillips) Flowers, Route 1, Box 62-A, Meadow 79345; Angie (Silva) Sandoval, PO Box 590, Dimmitt 79027; Debbie (Dennis) Underwood, Rt. 4, Box 78, Dimmitt 79027; or Jeri (Mann) Vines, 7201 King's Place, Amarillo 79109.

Organizers of the event are still trying to locate addresses for the following class members: Chonito Arce, Jimmy Joe Butler, Christina Davila, Steve Stone, D'Anne (Muffy) Truelock and Paula Williams. Anyone who knows how to get in contact with any of these people should contact one of the people whose address is listed above.

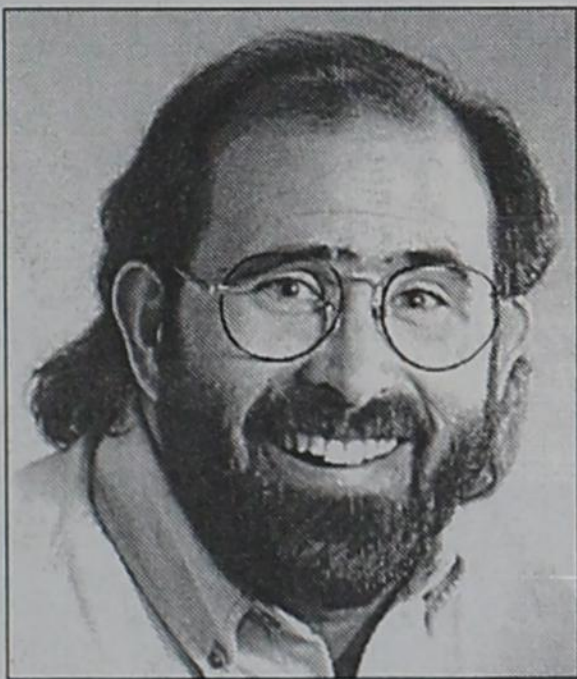


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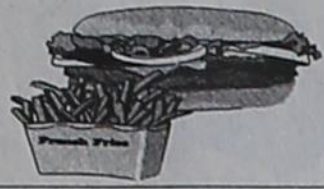
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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for August 17-25.

DIMMITT
Elementary Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh bananas and milk.
 FRIDAY: Rice Krispie treats, grape juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Hash brown potatoes, orange juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Teddy Grahams, fresh apples and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, fresh banana and milk.
 THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh banana and milk.
 FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Beef taco, Spanish rice, taco condiment salad, corn tortilla and milk.
 FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk.
 MONDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, fruited gelatin and milk.
 TUESDAY: Hamburger on a bun, potato chips, hamburger salad, watermelon and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito with chili, taco condiment salad, orange wedges and milk.
 THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.
 FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of green enchilada casserole; bean chalupas or chicken spaghetti; Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; hot rolls, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, nachos with cheese or chicken pot pie; savory green beans, tomato and okra gumbo or baked potato; tossed salad, cantaloupe or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 MONDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, beef enchiladas with sauce or barbecued hot links on a bun; tater tots, Mexipinto beans or vegetable medley; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; assorted muffins, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or turkey fajitas with onions and peppers; potato chips, broccoli and cheese sauce or baked beans;

hamburger salad, tossed salad or watermelon; oatmeal cookies, garlic bread or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef and bean burrito with chili, chicken fried steak or chicken taco; seasoned black-eyed peas, mashed potatoes or butter beans; tossed salad, orange wedges or taco condiment salad; as sorted muffins, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 THURSDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, tortilla chips or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions; candied sweet potatoes; mixed vegetables or parsley buttered potatoes; fruit fantasy, tossed salad or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART
Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Cinnamon toast, applesauce, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Breakfast burrito with salsa, variety of cereal, toast, jelly, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, cinnamon roll, graham crackers, fresh fruit and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, breakfast pizza and milk.
 THURSDAY: Waffles, sausage, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, jelly and milk.

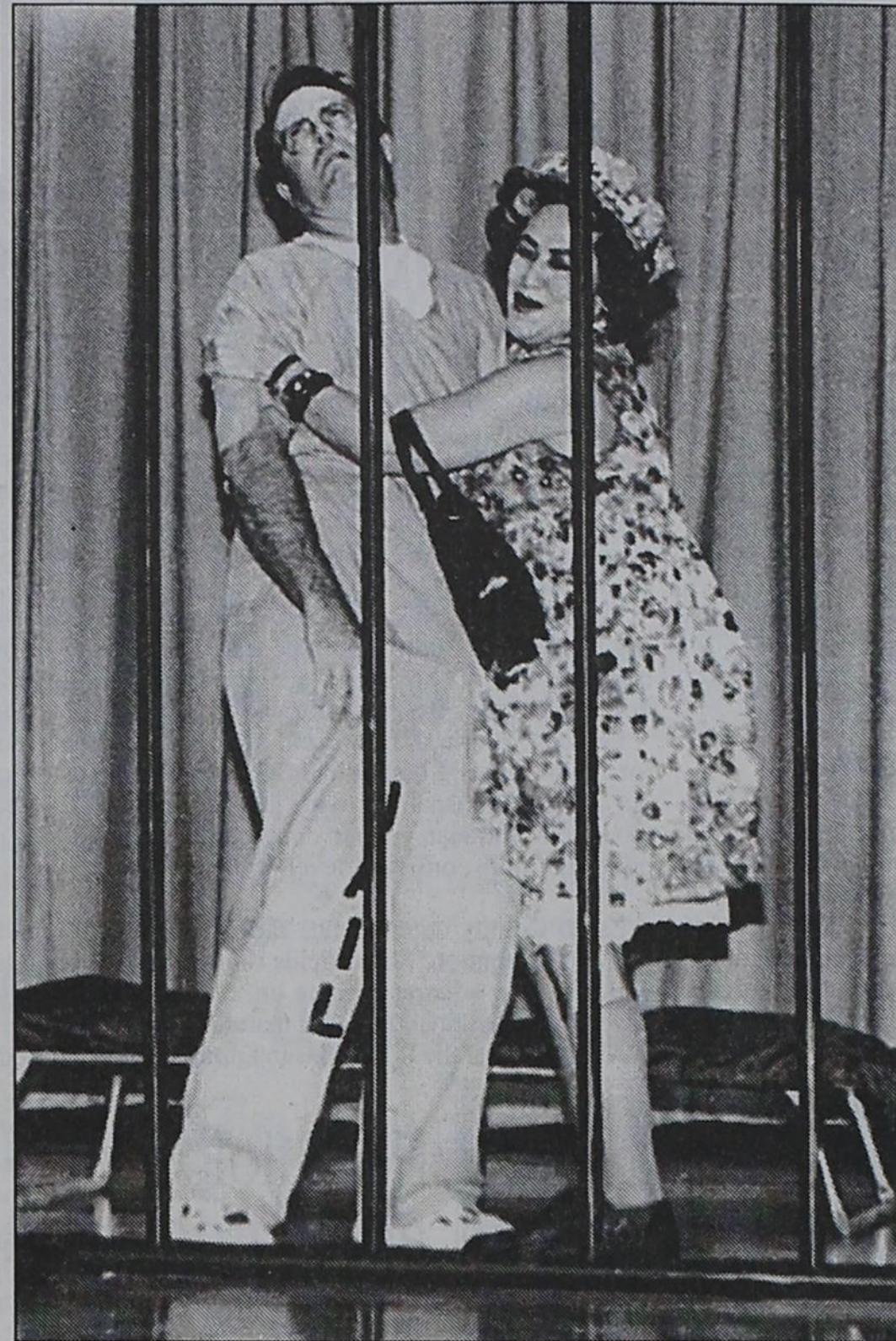
Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, hamburger with potato chips or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes and gravy; green beans, salad, wheat rolls, royal brownies and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of chef's salad, hamburger with potato chips or chalupas; baked potato, salad, Spanish rice, picante sauce, pineapple, Longhorn cookie and milk, punch or tea.
 MONDAY: Choice of chef's salad, hamburger with potato chips or pork chop; gravy, macaroni and cheese, peaches, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
 TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or hamburger basket; lettuce, tomato, pickles, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets; gravy, rolls, mashed pota-

toes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
 THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or lasagna with ground beef; Texas toast, corn, salad, ginger cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of submarine sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked potato with cheese, salad, ranch dressing, sour cream, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie, and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH
Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch
 THURSDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, orange, dessert and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, Jell-O and milk or juice.
 MONDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, bread and gravy; tossed salad, chicken rice, fruit cocktail, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.
 TUESDAY: * Frito pie or hamburger and French fries, cornbread, tossed salad, peas, grapes, dessert and milk or juice.
 WEDNESDAY: * Nachos and rolls or chef's salad, Mexican salad, corn, applesauce, dump cake and milk or juice.
 THURSDAY: * Ham sandwich or corn dog; tater tots, lettuce, beans, peaches, cookies and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: * Burrito or baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, pears, Rice Krispie treat and milk or juice.

Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.



"THINGS CAN BE JUST LIKE THEY USED TO BE," Zelda (played by Kaye Stevens) says to her prisoner husband "George" (played by James Baker), who has just been granted a pardon, but begs the warden (Rita Ramos) to keep him away from his nagging wife in the skit "Prison Nudge." The skit was performed as a part of the annual Follies production, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, with presentations on Saturday and Sunday. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Storyteller festival is slated Sept. 8-9

"Voices in the Wind," a storytelling festival and workshop, is set for Sept. 8-9 in Canyon and at Palo Duro Canyon State Park. The workshops will be held on the West Texas A&M University campus, and three concerts will be held. An evening concert featuring four storytellers is set for Sept. 8 under the stars at Palo Duro Canyon in a small performing area behind the Chuckwagon restaurant. Park entry fees will be waived for those attending the concert. Admission will be \$5 per person. On Sept. 9, a Kidz Storytelling Concert will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Quiet Lounge at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center at WTAMU. It will feature Tyler, Trey and Wesley Crump of Clarendon, along with three professional tellers. Then from 7 to 9 p.m., a concert will be held in the Branding Iron Theatre of the student center, featuring five storytellers. The cost for attending all of the festival events is \$25 for members of Storytellers of the High Plains, or \$35 for non-members. The evening concerts cost \$5 each and the Kidz Concert tickets are \$1 per person. A half-day rate for Saturday's workshop can be purchased for \$15. For more information or to register for the festival, call 806-655-0675.

Anticipating is even more fun than recollecting.
Holy Father, I ask for courage to let You control my life. If I have lost faith in You, even for a moment, restore it. Amen
On the edge of a precipice, only a fool does cartwheels.

Tickets are available now for Harvest Days barbecue supper

A barbecue supper catered by Desperado's Barbecue (formerly a partner of Dyer's Barbecue) of Amarillo will be held Sept. 9 in conjunction with the Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt. The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and tickets for the meal are on sale now. Adult tickets are \$6.50 in advance or \$7 at the door. Children's tickets will be \$4.50. The meal is being sponsored by the Castro County Masonic Lodge #879. Advance tickets can be purchased from any member of the Masons. Masons are the sponsors of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. Children accepted into the hospital are treated at no cost to the child or family. There are 16 such hospitals across the United States. Other charities supported in part by the Masons are an orphanage and a home for senior Masons of retirement age, located in Fort Worth. Locally, Masons give at least one

scholarship each year to an outstanding senior. The Hart and Dimmitt schools were represented by these scholarship winners during the past two years. Recently, the Dallas Stars Ice Hockey Foundation donated \$10,000 to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and the funds were used to help purchase equipment for the hospital's sled donor program. Sled hockey is an exciting new sport that provides psychological, social and physiological benefits for children with disabilities. The Castro Masonic Lodge helps support such charities.

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Beet armyworm infestation causing problems for area cotton producers

By **JOHNNA PATTERSON**
County Extension Agent—IPM

Another week, another batch of beet armyworms. The area continues to be hot and dry, which has continued to bring on the insects. With a continued lack of rain, some cotton fields have dropped in fruit retention.

Beet armyworms continue to be the dominant insect pest in cotton and southwestern corn borers are the dominant pest in corn.

Aphids continue to increase in nearly every Integrated Pest Management (IPM) cotton field.

Corn and cotton are maturing rapidly, but the extreme heat and drought is causing problem.

Insects and diseases

Cotton

Most IPM fields in Castro County range between 2 and 5 NAWF and fruit retention ranges between 60 and 92%. In some fields, this is a considerable decrease.

Beet armyworm sightings in Castro County are common in 63% of IPM fields this week. Numbers range between 2,730 per acre to 40,731 per acre. These fields were located in the Dimmitt and Dodd areas.

Bollworm larvae were only reported in one Castro

County IPM field this week and infestations were at a level of 1,925 per acre with egg lay ranging up to 1,663 per acre. Beneficial insect populations are low to moderate in most fields.

Cotton aphids are being reported in 70% of IPM program fields, with numbers running between 0.33 and 3.44 per leaf. Reproduction has increased considerably during the past week and we could be seeing fairly high numbers by next week.

I have already had several calls from producers reporting plants with 50 or more per leaf. Some fields have been targeted as "hot spots" already with heavy honeydew developing. Get ready for war!

Furadan, Bidrin, Lannate and Provado are all labeled for aphid control. Lorsban and Curacron also are listed in our guides, but usually provide less control than the previous four. Furadan is often chosen because of its lower price and more consistent level of high control.

Lamb County cotton fields range between 70% and 97% boll retention. Some fields remain fairly high, but with few new squares coming on, the fruit these fields have now may be all that will mature.

About 42% of the IPM fields in Lamb County reported

beet armyworm infestations above threshold levels over the past week. Most of these fields have received their second or third application of insecticide.

Beet armyworm infestations range between 1,447 to 146,040 per acre, with the highest numbers being reported from the Springlake, Littlefield, Spade and Amherst areas. Even in the fields with lower infestations, beet armyworms are found feeding in squares as well as in blooms, bracts and leaves. Hits of very small worms are found in addition to freshly laid eggs.

There continues to be no separation of flights and the small to large larvae continue to leap-frog.

I have received pretty good reports on the use of Tracer and some have had luck with Confirm, but I have also heard of several failures with Lorsban and other pyrethroid combinations.

Bollworm larval infestations in Lamb County run up to 3,292 per acre with egg lay ranging from 1,347 to 7,232 per acre. Producers are still doing okay in the battle with bollworms, but they aren't in the clear yet.

Corn

This week will be the last full week for scouting of corn in the IPM survey scouting program. Most IPM fields are in the dent to percent moisture stage and will be maturing rapidly.

If you have late corn, I would suggest that you closely scout for southwestern corn borers over the next several weeks. There are still a lot of moths out there and they are laying eggs. That could really hammer these later fields.

If you don't plan to spray for southwestern corn borers, make sure and get the crop harvested before it gets too dry and the plants begin to fall.

Southwestern corn borer activity in Lamb County really jumped over the past week. Infestations ranged between 12% and 30% with eggs and small larvae being detected.

On the other hand, Castro County infestations took a nose dive and zero infestations of unhatched eggs and

small larvae were reported. This doesn't mean that there is no activity in these fields, only that the infestations are light.

We are seeing holes in stalks. There is a problem with light infestations in these fields. Quite a bit of spraying occurred through the past week in many area fields.

Banks grass mite numbers were down over the last week and only a few fields reported infestations in light numbers. I have heard of some area fields being treated, but none of the IPM fields were. Fields that have been sprayed for southwestern corn borers should be watched.

Beneficial insects remain numerous at this time.

Boll weevils

Boll weevils are becoming a real issue in some areas outside of active eradication zones.

Punctured boll counts exceeding 50% have been reported and we haven't seen the worst yet.

Grid traps caught fewer weevils on average this week. Last week numbers had increased dramatically, so this is an improvement. There were still more weevils caught than there were two weeks ago, though. I think these adult weevils are now busy laying eggs rather than flying around looking for cotton and they are getting fooled by traps.

Once cut-out occurs, it is only a matter of accumulating with 350 heat units or more to achieve relative safety for this last cohort of bolls (flowers at cut-out).

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is getting an acid test at how good they are at keeping boll weevils at bay while avoiding flaring secondary pests. So far it has passed with flying colors.

Manipulating treatment trap triggers has resulted in maintaining the percent of acres treated below 10% in a given work unit in a given week. This is better than producers are doing in their efforts to maintain control of caterpillar pests, aphids and boll weevils in areas outside of active eradication zones.

Post fields for aphid treatment

Cotton growers are asked to notify the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation if they use Furadan to treat cotton fields for aphids.

By law, fields that have been treated with Furadan must have warning signs posted, cautioning people not to enter the field for 15 days. Fields can be entered after 48 hours if personal protective equipment is worn, but it is important that growers post signs to advise that a field has been treated.

In the interest of protecting employees, the foundation asks that all growers notify their nearest boll weevil office to advise of fields that have been or will be treated. Cooperation by growers will ensure that proper precautions are taken to protect the health and well-being of all individuals who need access to affected cotton fields.

4-H enrollment underway now

A new 4-H will begin on Sept. 1, and those who have not filled out a new enrollment card within the past three months are asked to stop by the Extension office and do so as soon as possible.

In order for a youngster to participate in 4-H activities such as the Food Show, Fashion Follies or stock shows, they must be a registered member of a club.

For more information about 4-H or how to join, contact County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

Natural gas expected to inflate SPS's fall billings

Dramatically escalating prices of natural gas used at power plants to generate electricity are forcing Southwestern Public Service Co. to ask Texas utility regulators to increase the "fuel cost recovery" portion of bills, beginning at the end of August.

If the Public Utility Commission of Texas approves SPS's requests, Texas residential customers of SPS using 800 kilowatt-hours of service monthly would see an ongoing price increase of \$3.44 per month. This is 6.7% higher than today's prices.

SPS also requests a short term "rider" increase that would be in effect for eight months. The rider would allow SPS to recover higher costs of natural gas already used to produce power during the past several months. The rider would bring the total increase to \$6.76 a month, from October through May. During those eight months, the total increase would be about 13% above today's prices.

"We are asking to spread the 'catch-up' phase of this increase over eight months in order to minimize the effect on a customer's monthly bill," explained David Hudson, SPS director of regulatory administration.

The last change SPS made in the fuel cost recovery portion of its bills to Texas customers was a reduction, in early 1999. A residential customer using 800 kilowatt-hours saw a price decrease of about \$38.50 a year. The ongoing increase SPS now is requesting would total \$41.28 annually.

SPS is requesting the "fuel cost factor," charged on a per-kilowatt-hour basis, also be increased for SPS's commercial and industrial accounts in Texas.

This filing does not apply to SPS customers in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

"Even with these potential increases, SPS's overall prices—for all classes of customers everywhere we serve—will continue to be among the lowest in the Southwest and even the nation," said Hudson. "The total price for service from SPS will remain among the lowest offered by a regulated utility in Texas. All utilities are paying higher natural gas-fuel prices—much like drivers are paying higher gasoline prices."

SPS prices have decreased markedly from a peak in 1983, when Southwestern brought its fifth coal-fueled unit on line, Hudson said.

"Even with the higher costs of natural gas reflected in the fuel-cost factor, our ongoing total prices for service will be approximately 20% lower than they were 17 years ago. Meanwhile, by contrast, overall consumer prices have increased by 71%," he said. "The inflation-adjusted cost of electricity from SPS has declined 53% since 1983."

"Clearly, SPS electric consumers will continue to receive a great value for their dollar."

Hudson added that SPS's use of coal at its largest generating stations, near Amarillo and Muleshoe, "is a great help in keeping our total price for service low. Coal is significantly

less expensive than natural gas, and is proving a real help in keeping SPS's overall prices down.

"The costs of natural gas are double what they were a year ago. The trend in costs of natural gas in continuing significantly upward, and is expected to continue at higher levels as we move into the winter heating months," he said. "We at SPS negotiate in the marketplace for the lowest fuel costs we can, in order to keep our service competitively priced. However, we cannot control these costs. Thus, this request for an increase in the fuel-cost factor."

Electricity bills in Texas are composed of "base rates" and the "fuel cost recovery factor." The base rates reflect a utility's costs to provide service—except for the costs of power plant fuel. SPS is not seeking to change its base rates, which it recently lowered—beginning last month—by about 1%.

The fuel cost factor captures the costs of the natural gas, coal and other fuels required to produce electricity at generating stations, as well as costs of power SPS sometimes purchases from other utilities.

Texas regulations require utilities to account for any undercollections or overcollections of fuel costs each six months, and to file for adjustments when a "true-up" is needed.

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High Plains farmers are bracing for second wave of pest infestations

As West Texas cotton growers battle the region's worst outbreak of beet armyworm infestations since 1980, they now must brace for a second wave of insects targeting their fields.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service personnel are reporting high counts of cotton bollworm moths and egg masses and expect bollworm counts to increase over the next two weeks. They stress that careful insecticide selection is vital to avoid the flaring of a third wave of pests—aphids.

A phenomenal level of bollworm egg laying has been reported in

Hockley and Cochran counties. In Lamb County, egg laying has ranged from 1,446 to 10,649 eggs per acre.

Even though high temperatures, low humidity and natural predators are accounting for some egg and small larvae mortality, many fields will likely see threshold numbers and require treatment.

To compound the problem, beet armyworm populations remain at high levels throughout the High Plains.

In a newsletter from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Dr. Jim Leser reminds growers that square, bloom and boll feeding will

exceed leaf feeding as August progresses.

Growers should treat armyworm and bollworm infestations using a threshold of 10,000 worms per acre, counting only the smaller worms.

According to Leser, Tracer and Naturallyte insect control works well in situations where bollworms and armyworms are the target pests.

Leser advises growers to be cautious in choosing products to control excessive worm populations because cotton aphids are currently being found in many fields. With some county reports showing aphids in 90% of fields, making the proper insect control decision is key to keeping the aphid population at a management level.

Spray coverage during late-season applications also is critical to achieving optimum control because the plant canopy becomes more dense. Increasing spray pressure and using a methylated seed oil and organosilicon surfactant will increase coverage and improve the consistency of performance.

Short supplies of some armyworm insecticides also have caused concern for producers the last few weeks.

Foundation is monitoring beet armyworm activities

Entomologists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service warned earlier in the year that conditions were ripe for a serious beet armyworm infestation during the 2000 growing season.

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials have always been aware of the potential of unusual outbreaks of secondary pests and built into the treatment protocols the flexibility to deal with outbreaks. Foundation program personnel continually monitor insect activity in fields so adjustments can be made when warranted.

This year has been no different, and the foundation has been taking special care to monitor the beet armyworm population since worms began appearing on weeds, peanuts and cotton early in the production season, said Charles Allen, program director for the foundation.

The foundation uses two sampling techniques for determining levels of beet armyworm infestation in a field, Allen said.

One method, called beat sampling or shake sampling, is conducted by beating or shaking the plants on a section of a cotton row, usually about three feet in length, and counting the larvae that are dislodged, he said. Four randomly selected sections in each field are examined.

This method is most effective early in the season when beet armyworms are primarily feeding on leaves, Allen said.

The other method the foundation uses is to randomly sample squares in the field, 50 to 100 per field, and check the number of beet armyworms found and the amount of visible damage, he said. This method does not provide an estimate of the number of larvae per acre but does give a quick and fairly accurate picture of the level of damage and amount of larval infestation of squares.

Other entomologists use a variety of techniques to sample fields for infestations, and the results may vary widely, Allen said, but they all provide a useful picture of insect activity in the field. Foundation personnel receive information from growers and entomologists in an area in addition to doing their own sampling and use all the data to make decisions on whether to change treatment criteria.

When significant levels of beet armyworm infestations are found, the foundation may change the criteria it uses to determine whether fields need to be sprayed for boll weevils, Allen said. Such a change allows for fewer acres to be sprayed, minimizing the impact on beneficial insects that prey on secondary pests.

This strategy appears to be succeeding.

In the latest edition of the Web-based newsletter, "Focus on Entomology," Jim Leser of Lubbock, extension entomologist, notes the foundation's efforts in monitoring and responding to beet armyworm infestations.

"Up to this point, I would be very hard pressed to show any correlation between beet armyworm or bollworm problems and eradication activities," Leser wrote.

High Plains and Rolling Plains cotton growers also can find information on levels of insect activity by accessing "Focus on Entomology" at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/ipm/AgWeb/index.html>

Student Council will wash cars

The Dimmitt High School Student Council will sponsor a car wash Saturday at the First United Methodist Church parking lot, located on 110 Southwest Third Street in Dimmitt.

Members of the organization will be washing cars from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

For more information contact Connie Dickerson at 647-3105.

Data at that site indicate that beet armyworm infestations are a problem across the Plains, inside and outside of eradication zones.

Allen has written an example of various sampling techniques that appears on the foundation Web site at www.txbollweevil.org/treatment.htm

Ag chemical conference planned Aug. 30 in Lubbock

West Texas agricultural producers and agribusiness people can update their chemical use and application skills and learn more about state and federal regulations, irrigation, conservation tillage and the future of agriculture and ag legislation on Aug. 30 at the 48th annual West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Conference at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

On-site registration over coffee and donuts will begin at 7 a.m. Registration fee is \$70 per person. Pre-registration costs \$50 per person, but must be postmarked by Aug. 18. Advance registration should be sent to the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute, in care of Ricky Kuntz, Flagg Fertilizer, Rt. 4, Box 42-A, Dimmitt 79027.

The general conference session will run from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and will include presentations on conservation tillage, laws and regulations, the federal Food Quality Protection Act, and irrigation scheduling.

The morning keynote speakers will include US Rep. Larry Combest, who will give an update on Texas agriculture; and William Lapp, ConAgra, Inc., who will discuss mega-trends in food and agriculture, including changes and challenges in the coming years.

More than 500 producers, chemical dealers and agribusiness people are expected to attend.

Participants can earn up to 5-1/4 continuing education units (CEUs) required by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for certification of commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators or several CCA education units.

The conference is sponsored by the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute, an organization of scientists, educators, industry representatives and agribusiness leaders. The institute has sponsored and conducted research and educational programs focusing on safe ag chemical use since 1953.

The noon luncheon will feature presentation of West Texas Agricultural Chemical Institute awards and

college scholarships totaling more than \$8,000. Election of new officers will also take place at the luncheon.

The afternoon general session will begin at 3:15 p.m. and will feature concurrent educational sessions on weed control and herbicides; peanut, corn and cotton insect control; and peanut and cotton diseases presented by Extension specialists, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists and Texas Tech University and industry representatives.

The weed control session will focus on control problems, new herbicides, weed identification and symptoms of herbicide damage. Topics in the insect session will be peanut insect control, managing cotton insects and an overview of corn insects. The plant disease session will key on peanut diseases, cotton seedling diseases and a cotton disease workshop.

Concurrent afternoon sessions will begin at 3:15 p.m. and wrap up around 4:55 p.m. Business meetings, closing remarks, CEU-CCA certificates and session evaluations will be the order of business after these sessions close.

Groups who plan to attend can receive a reduced hotel rate for the conference if reservations are secured by Aug. 18. Call the Four Points Hotel in Lubbock at (806) 747-0171 or 1-800-325-3535 and ask for the ag chem group rate.

Fund is started for Vetter family

The Texas Highway Patrol Association has started an account with Compass Bank to collect funds for the family of slain DPS Trooper Randall Vetter.

Jeanette Lioi, a spokesperson for the association, said that 100% of all funds donated will go to the Vetter family. The association also is donating \$10,000.

Donations can be sent to the Texas Highway Patrol Association, Trooper Vetter Fund, 8906 Wall Street, Suite 407, Austin 78754.



TAKING A VERY QUICK NAP—Stella Devers as Captain Claudette lays her head on the shoulder of Lieutenant Cindy (Donna Kuntz), while wounded soldiers portrayed by Jake Wright, Don Sheffy and

Casey Jones rest in the background during the skit "So Proudly We Heal." The skit was a part of the annual Follies production sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Linda Maxwell

USDA unveils procedures, dates for referendum on pork checkoff

Final procedures and dates for the upcoming referendum on continuation of the pork checkoff program were announced this week by Patricia Elliott, executive director of the Castro County Farm Service Agency.

US Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman authorized a vote on continuation of the checkoff program in February.

The congressionally-mandated pork checkoff program is funded by assessments collected from producers when hogs are sold. The funds are used for pork promotion, research and consumer information. Program funds cannot be used to affect the outcome of the referendum vote.

The final referendum rules provide for in-person voting Sept. 19-21 at the Castro County FSA Office, located at 114 W. Belsler, Suite A, Dimmitt 79027.

Absentee ballots can be requested now; however, absentee ballots for producers will become available from the FSA office on Friday and will be available through Sept. 18.

The public is invited to observe the counting of the ballots at the Castro County FSA Office on Nov. 29 at 9 a.m.

Producers who have owned and sold one or more pigs or hogs at any time from Aug. 18, 2000 through today (Thursday) are eligible to vote. Producers are to vote in the county

office where the producer's farm records are administratively located or, for other producers, in the county where the producer owns hogs or pigs.

The final rule was published in the *Federal Register* on July 13.

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Saturday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Viewing of all exhibits at the fair. Pick up exhibits. (All items must stay on display until 4:30 p.m.)

General rules and Regulations.

- Exhibitors in the Fair must be residents of Castro County. Anyone age 18 or under and single is in the Youth Division. Adults will be 19 and over.
- EACH PERSON MUST DO HIS OR HER OWN WORK.** The entry may not have been judged in a previous Castro County Fair.
- The superintendents in each section who are in charge of entries reserve the right to accept or reject entries, depending on conditions for suitability for exhibit.
- You may enter only ONE article in each class. Superintendents have final decision on classification.
- Entries must be entered as listed in each division from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8.
- Exhibitors' items must remain on exhibit until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11. Cash awards and/or items should be picked up Saturday, Sept. 11.
- All articles not removed from the building by 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, will become the property of the Fair Association and will be disposed of by the Association.
- All articles must be labeled with your name in an inconspicuous place.
- Label all entries with your NAME, SECTION, CLASS and DIVISION. Entry tags may be picked up at the Extension Office two weeks prior to the fair. This will speed up your entry process.
- There will be five (5) ribbons given, per class.
- Cash Awards must be picked up within 30 days at the Extension Office. Best of Show, \$5; First Place, ribbon and \$1; Second place, ribbon and 50¢. For more information contact the Extension Office, 205 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; or Marilyn R. Neal, County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Sciences at 647-4115.

Baking Section

- Products may have been frozen, but it is NOT necessary. Thaw at room temperature in packaging materials to be ready for judging.
- Display products on FOIL-COVERED CARDBOARD AND WRAP WITH CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP. If not displayed in this manner, your food will be disqualified. PIES SHOULD BE IN FOIL PANS. Cream pies may be taken after they are judged.
- No commercial mixes, unless decorated cake entry.
- Note the number of items required for each entry.

Class Number and Amount

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- Biscuits—6.
- Brownies, any kind—6.

- Candy, any kind—6.
- Candy, molded, any kind—6.
- Cinnamon Rolls—6.
- Cookies, any kind—6.
- Cornbread, any kind—6 pieces.
- Hot rolls—6.
- Muffins—6.
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- Quick bread (whole loaf).
- Yeast bread: white, whole wheat, other (whole loaf).

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Standards for Canned Products

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- All entries must have been canned by person making entry.
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 - All entries should be in standard canning jars in good condition with new self-sealing lids and jar rings free of dust, dents or other defects. All jars should be clean and free of dust. Any entries not canned in standard canning jars or lids will be disqualified.
 - All jars should be neatly packed with recommended head space and liquid covering product (if appropriate).
 - Jars should be sealed when tested by judges. Any jar not sealed will be automatically disqualified.
 - There will be no signs of spoilage such as leaky seals, bubbles, bad odors, cloudy liquid, sediment or mold.
 - All jars should be neatly labeled with name of product and canning date.
 - For information on quality canning standards, call the County Extension Office at 647-4115.

Canned Fruits & Vegetables

All canned products (except jelly and preserves) must be in standard square or round pint or quart glass tempered (mason) jars. Mayonnaise and other commercial jars are not to be used. Jelly and preserves may be in standard pint or half-pint jars. Jellies, jams and preserves must be processed and NOT paraffin-sealed.

Class Numbers

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| FRUITS: | |
| 1. Apples | 5. Fruit Juice |
| 2. Applesauce | 6. Peaches |
| 3. Apricots | 7. Pears |
| 4. Cherries | 8. Other |

JAMS, JELLIES & PRESERVES:

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| 9. Apple | 15. Pear |
| 10. Apple Butter | 16. Plum |
| 11. Apricot | 17. Strawberry |
| 12. Cherry | 18. Tomato Preserves |
| 13. Grape | 19. Other |
| 14. Peach | |

PICKLES:

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| 20. Beets | 27. Peach |
| 21. Bread & Butter | 28. Pepper |
| 22. Chow-Chow | 29. Picante |
| 23. Cucumber-Swt | 30. Relish |
| 24. Cucumber-Dill | 31. Corn Relish |
| 25. Hot Sauce | 32. Tomatoes |
| 26. Okra | 33. Other |

VEGETABLES:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 34. Asparagus | 43. Peas (English) |
| 35. Beans (Green) | 44. Potatoes |
| 36. Beans (Lima) | 45. Sauerkraut |
| 37. Beans (Shelled) | 46. Soup Mix |
| 38. Beets | 47. Squash |
| 39. Carrots | 48. Tomatoes |
| 40. Corn | 49. Tomato Juice |
| 41. Okra | 50. Other |
| 42. Peas (Black-eyed) | |

DRIED FOODS:

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|--------------|------------|
| 51. Apples | 56. Pears |
| 52. Apricots | 57. Plums |
| 53. Bananas | 58. Prunes |
| 54. Grapes | 59. Other |
| 55. Peaches | |

Clothing Section

All garments must be clean and on hangers. Age groups are: Junior I, 9-11 (at time of fair); Junior II, 12-13 (at time of fair); Senior, 14-18 (at time of fair); Adult, 19 and over (at time of fair).

- Apron
- Blouse
- Children's clothing
- Coordinates—pants, skirt or blouse (2 or more pieces)
- Dress
- Evening Wear
- Hat
- Holiday apparel—adult or children
- Jumpsuit
- Men's suit
- Pants
- Shirt
- Shorts
- Skirt
- Suit
- Vest
- Other

Craft Section

- Afghan—Crocheted, Knitted, Other
- Applique
- Baskets—Hand-woven, Padded, Other
- Calligraphy
- Ceramics
- China Painting
- Crochet
- Cross Stitch
- Counted—A. Baby Items; B. Pictures, C. Home Accessories
- Pattern/Kit—D. Baby Item; E. Pictures; F. Home Accessories
- Dolls, Any Kind.
- Doll Clothes
- Decorated Shirt—Applique, Painted, Other.

- Drawing—Pastels, Pen and/or Ink, Pencil, Other
- Embroidery—Crewel, Punch, Other
- Jewelry
- Knitted Items
- Leather
- Needlepoint
- Painting—Acrylic, Oil, Paper, Tole, Water Color.
- Pastels—Chalk
- Pillows—Applique, Candlewick, Needlepoint, Quilted.
- Place Mats—Quilted, Other.
- Rugs—Hooked, Braided.
- Stained Glass
- Stenciling—Fabric, Paper
- Stuffed Animals.
- Tablecloths—Applique, Crochet, Embroidery, Holiday, Pieced, Other.
- Tatting
- Wood—Crafted, Hand-Crafted, Painted, Other
- Wreaths other than Christmas
- Christmas wreaths
- Angels—Ceramics, Other
- Holiday centerpiece
- Nativity set
- Ornaments—Ceramics, Other
- Outdoor decorations
- Stockings—Counted Cross Stitch, Pattern Cross Stitch, Crochet, Felt, Knit, Needlepoint, Other.
- Trees—Ceramic, Other.
- Tree Skirts—Felt, Patchwork, Other.
- Holiday Items—Other than Christmas
- Paper crafts

Farm and Garden Section

- Corn: 6 ears for each exhibit (no shucks)
- Blue
 - Indian
 - Popcorn
 - White
 - Yellow
- Cotton: 10 open bolls
- Open Variety
 - Storm Proof
- Grain Sorghum: 10 heads
- Milo (red hybrid or white hybrid)
 - Sheaf Forage: at least 3-1/2" diameter
 - Alfalfa
 - Irrigated Pasture
 - Millet
 - Soybeans
 - Sudan
 - Sweet Sorghum

Horticulture Section

- African violet
- Floral arrangement
- Flower, one stem
- Potted plant
- Other

Photography Section

- (Professional and Amateur)
- A person may enter only one (1) picture in each class, except one set of sequences.
 - Each entry must be mounted separately.
 - Only mounted pictures will be accepted (heavier than construction paper for displays. DO NOT MOUNT ON WHITE.
 - Pictures will be judged on impact, technique and composition.

Snapshots: 3-1/2 x 5 or 4 x 6

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| 1. Animals | 6. Sports |
| 2. Building | 7. Still Life |
| 3. Landscape | 8. Transportation |
| 4. People | 9. Other |

Enlargements: 5 x 7 or larger

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 11. Animals | 16. Sports |
| 12. Buildings | 17. Still Life |
| 13. Landscape | 18. Transportation |
| 14. People | 19. Other |

Antiques: For display ONLY.

* 3 or 4 photos telling a story.

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Ollie Lane

Ollie Lane to celebrate 90th birthday

Ollie Lane of Dimmitt will be honored for her 90th birthday in a celebration Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt, hosted by her family.

Lane was born Aug. 21, 1910, in Wetumka, Okla. She married Sam Lane and they had six children. The family moved to Dimmitt in 1953.

She ironed and provided childcare for numerous Dimmitt residents and was known to them as "Lane." Before injuring her hip in 1992, she was an active member of the Assembly of God in Dimmitt. In spite of her injury, she still enjoys attending Kids, Inc., basketball and baseball games.

O Father, I am a link in a chain that connects all of Your children. Lead me on the path to strengthen that connection. Amen

Parade, roast meal, games will highlight Labor Day picnic

Holy Family Church in Nazareth will hold its annual Labor Day picnic on Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The day-long celebration will start with a parade at 10 a.m., followed by a roast beef dinner at the Community Hall.

The dinner, which will include roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and drink will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for those 12 and under.

An arts and crafts display, raffle, horseshoe tournament, washer pitching tournament, auction and adult Bingo are on tap to keep adults entertained at the Community Hall during the afternoon.

Children's games and rides will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Livestock and goods donated by area businesses will be featured on the benefit auction, which is slated to start at 2 p.m. near the Community Hall.

A hamburger supper will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Community Hall.

The festivities will conclude that night with a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by the band, "South Forty." Admission to the dance will be \$5 per person.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Dimmitt Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 28, 2000 in the Dimmitt I.S.D. Administration Building, 608 West Halsell Street. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.26	0	\$1.26	\$2,150.18	\$3,340.86
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.358	0	\$1.358	\$2,301.87	\$3,288.53
Proposed Rate	\$1.32	0	\$1.32	\$2,238.30	\$3,288.53

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the votes of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$32,630	\$33,190
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$17,630	\$18,190
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.32
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$222.14	\$240.11
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 17.97

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.399. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.399.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,924,092
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

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IMPROMPTU PERFORMANCE—Four members of the audience were drafted to take stage directions in "Romance in Curbless Corners" during each presentation of the Follies Saturday and Sunday in

Dimmitt. Delores Heller (left) and George Sides (right) were selected to help out during the Sunday presentation. Other "volunteers" included Randy Griffith and Justin Sutton. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

The first estimate of yield and production for the 2000 cotton crop was released Aug. 11 without many surprises.

The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has pegged 2000 crop production at 19.2 million bales while the Texas Agricultural Extension Service pigeon-holed Texas production prospects at 5.5 million bales. The Texas High Plains is forecast to produce some 3.47 million bales for the season, although recent infestations of beet armyworms, a complex pest line-up and no rainfall on dryland acreage could alter that production scenario.

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service's (TASS) crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S, which comprise the bulk of the High Plains acreage, received fairly rosy yield forecasts based on the state of the crop during the last week of July.

Yields in district 1-N were forecast at 670 pounds, with only 80,000 acres of forecasted abandonment from the 890,000 acres planted in the district.

District 1-S yields were estimated at 468 pounds per acre from 2.4 million harvested acres. The 1-S figures would indicate a final abandonment of 600,000 of the three million acres planted in 1-S by seasons end.

The effects of continued dry weather over much of the dryland acreage in 1-S and sustained insect pressure in fields throughout the area be seen as early as the Sept. 1 esti-

mate. If things don't moderate, the effect could be a drop in both expected yields and harvested acreage.

Despite the effects of Plains Cotton Growers, the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) and many others it appears there is no chance that growers will be able to utilize the insecticide Pirate against growing beet armyworm infestations throughout the Texas High Plains.

Conservative estimates indicate that more than 500,000 acres of High Plains cotton will eventually trigger economic treatment thresholds made little impression on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) personnel that visited the area on Aug. 7-8.

Even after listening to scientific arguments for the release of the product, EPA will not make a decision allowing growers to use Pirate this year.

Depleted supplies of Intrepid, Denim and Confirm also limit growers' treatment options.

EPA officials voiced sympathy for the situation growers are facing; however, sympathy won't kill worms.

Growers must re-think their options and concentrate on making the best possible use of both money and application resources to get them through the year.

Promises from Dow Agrosciences of adequate supplies of Tracer and Lorsban 4E, and from DuPont to increase production and delivery of

Steward should help growers weather the storm.

The bad news is that nothing comes cheap and runaway infestations that have resulted from a near-continuous egg lay will probably require multiple treatments before control is achieved.

Tough decisions will have to be made regarding marginal crops or treatment of fields that have already sustained significant yield-altering damage. Secondary considerations for growers also include the need to control additional pests such as aphids, boll weevils or any of several other worm pests such as bollworms, fall armyworms and yellow-striped armyworms.

Growers are advised to follow treatment recommendations closely and include recommended additives plus adequate water to ensure total plant coverage regardless of treatment method.

Clean-up day at 4-H Center set Saturday

Castro County 4-H'ers are asked to help clean up the barns and surrounding area at the Castro County 4-H Center on Saturday.

The clean-up day will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue until the site is finished.

"Plans are to hoe weeds around the swine and lamb pens and sweep and wash the floors at the 4-H Center," said an organizer of the event. "Everyone is encouraged to bring hoes, rakes and shovels. Work clothes and a good pair of working gloves is recommended."

Everyone who plans on housing livestock projects at the 4-H Center is required to attend at least two clean-up days during the show season.

For more information, contact County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115 or Virgil Brockman at 647-2303.

Early Settlers luncheon is set Sept. 9 in Dimmitt

The annual Dimmitt Early Settlers' luncheon, held in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration, will be held Sept. 9 at the Senior Citizens Center on West Jones. All former and current residents are invited.

The center will open at 9 a.m. and is on the parade route. The luncheon will start at noon and will be followed by a brief business meeting and recognition time.

Awards will be presented to the person who travels the farthest distance, the oldest person in attendance, and the earliest resident of the county, as well as the person with the most family present.

Any reunion (high school or family) groups are especially invited. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish for the dinner.

For more information, call Walter Maynard at 647-3115.

Ag updates will be offered at series of regional meetings

Nutrient management, weed issues, water issues, farm program expectations and more will be discussed at a regional agriculture meeting slated Aug. 29 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Scott Piercy of Poole Chemical Company will be chairman of the regional meeting, which is one of several planned across the area over the next few months.

Each seminar is designed to provide new, pertinent information to those involved in agriculture, specifically targeting crop management practices, protection and production technology.

The meeting opens with registration at 8 a.m., followed by educational sessions from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. After a lunch break from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., other education sessions are planned. The seminar is expected to conclude around 5 p.m.

Those planning to attend may register the day of the meeting, or by contacting Texas Ag Industries Association, coordinator of the meeting, at (512) 259-2118. Registration fee is \$60 for the first registration from a

company that is a member of TAIA. Subsequent registrations from the same company will be \$45. Individuals who attend more than one regional meeting per year will be able to pay the \$45 at the second meeting.

Registration and fees can be sent to TAIA at PO Box 339, Cedar Park TX 78630-0339 or fax to (512) 259-2164. Registration includes lunch.

Topics which will be covered at the Lubbock meeting follow:

◆ **NRCS Nutrient Management Plans Overview** by Monty Dollar with the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

◆ **Weed issues** by Peter Dotray with Texas Tech University.

◆ **Plains Water Issues** by Jim Bordovsky with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Halfway.

◆ **National Water Regulations and Crop Protection Issues** by Donnie Dippel, Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

◆ **Farm Program Expectations** by Tom Sell, a member of the congressional ag committee.

◆ **Second Generation Biotech-**

nology by Scott Hedderich with Pioneer Hi-Bred International.

◆ **Changes in Fertilizer Markets** by Joe Giesler with Terra Nitrogen.

◆ **Practical GPS Applications** by Jerry Brightdill, a grower from Plainview.

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Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Opening ceremonies for Nazareth School were held on the school's front lawn Monday morning with a huge crowd of parents and others attending along with 232 students and teachers.

Introduction to the ceremonies was given by Lindsie Marie Gerber, president of Family, Community and Career Leaders of America.

Mark Birkenfeld, Student Council President, delivered the opening prayer.

Supt. N. Dean Johnson then welcomed all students back to school and offered a special welcome to the parents and others who took the time to attend. He also recognized the kindergarten class who will be the Senior Class of 2013; the first grade class; the seniors of 2001; former American Field Service (AFS) student Pamela Van Delden from the Netherlands, who was Nazareth's foreign exchange student three years ago; this year's AFS student, Philip Bergendahl of Sweden; and the large group of new students attending different classes in the Nazareth School.

Erin Jones and Sage Annen of the FFA raised the flag while the National Anthem was played. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the FCCLA officers including Lindsie M. Gerber, Lindsey K. Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Mandy Hoelting, Danette Ramaekers and Laura Gerber.

NISD Principal Deb Clinton introduced the staff members and teachers, new and old.

The closing prayer was delivered by Father Peter Otto, who asked our Lord to protect each student and parent and to give them wisdom and insight. It was, as always, a well done program.

Our new foreign exchange student, Philip Bergendahl of Sweden, will be living with the Kent and Teresa Birkenfeld family this year.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed a social hour and dinner Sunday evening at the center. A short meeting was held, followed by games of cards and dominoes.

Joe and Janice Villeneuve were the guests of Fritz and Julene Gerber. Everyone is dismayed to see the Villeneuve family move back to South Carolina. They just fit right in to our little community, but we do wish them the best.

Final plans have been made and work lists have been distributed for the 2000 Labor Day weekend parish fund raiser, planned for Sept. 3.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. followed by dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A fancy work booth, country store, raffle, adult bingo, barrel rides, parish youth concessions, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments, horse rides, cow patty bingo, children's games, hamburger supper, dance and more will be held in and around the Nazareth Community Hall.

The state tractor pull contest was recently held in Lockney. Those from Nazareth placing in their respective divisions were Brandy Kern, second; Deavon Kern, first; Alan Gerber, first; and Jake Hoelting, second. Others participating were Daniel Kern and Chad Acker.

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



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN
It's a girl for Shawn and Amanda Potter of Lubbock. Their daughter, Macie Rachelle Potter, was born Aug. 11 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz., and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Jesse and Pam Odom of Dimmitt and Walt and Suzette Driscoll of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Mozelle Odom of Dimmitt, Ronald and Joyce Kersten of Wellington and Susie Gallimore of Lubbock.

Judges set for election

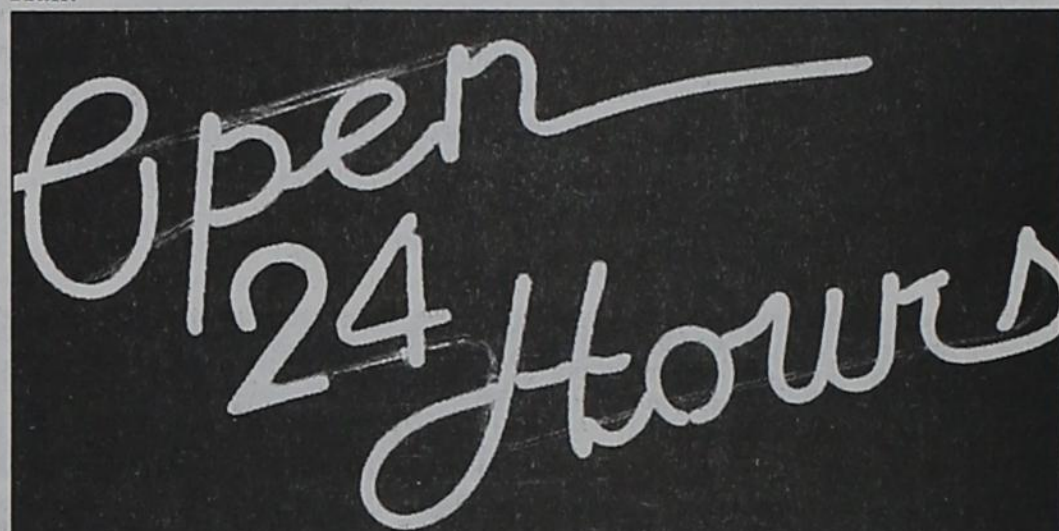
Castro County Clerk Joyce Thomas has named judges and alternate judges for the November general election.

Those who will serve include as election judges are:

Voting Box 101: Glyn Reed
Voting Box 105: Sharon Sadler
Voting Box 201: Bill Dannevik
Voting Box 206: Robert Duke
Voting Box 301: V.C. Hopson
Voting Box 307: Marguerite Cole
Voting Box 401: Delores Heller
Voting Box 408: Irene Wilhelm

Alternate judges selected and the voting box which they will serve are Shellie Hanes, 101; Al Gibbs, 105; John Nino, 201; Darrene Collins, 206; Don Newman, 301; Carleta Harkins, 307; Richard Hunter, 401; and Dorothy Kleman, 408.

The early voting judge will be Patsy Franks and the alternate will be Wanda Murdock.



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Castro County Hospital District Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility now offers Speech Therapy



Therapist Holly Davis, MS, CF-FLR, has recently returned to her hometown to offer this vital service to the community. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1995, received a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, both in speech language pathology. She currently holds an intern's license in speech language pathology.

CCHD's recently expanded Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility offers physical therapy and occupational therapy services for adults and children in the following areas:

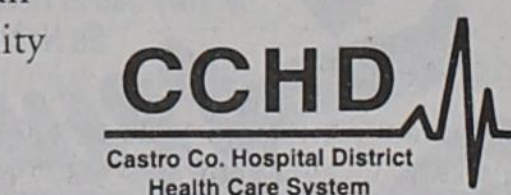
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy

The Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility serves patients with the following needs:

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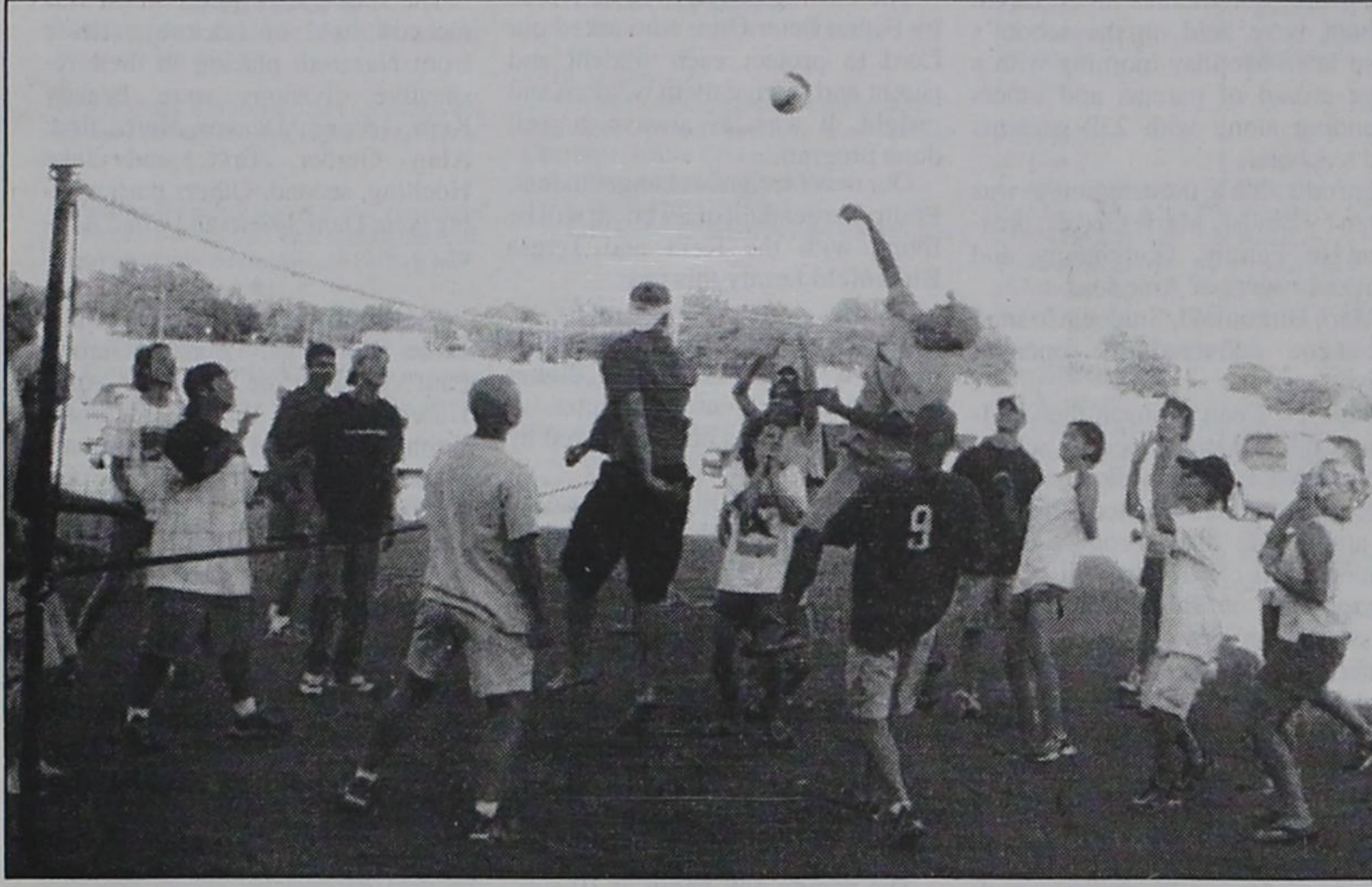
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Sports



VOLLEYBALL, ANYONE?—Students of Dimmitt High School join in the fun at the back-to-school party held at the school last Thursday night. The

watermelon feed celebrated the start of school, and included games and activities, and was sponsored by the DHS Student Council. Photo by Linda Maxwell

First skirmishes for Cats, Horns slated this week

Swifts' first scrimmage is next week

Football coaches from Dimmitt and Hart will be looking at how well players handle themselves against opposing teams and will be fine tuning offensive and defensive schemes this week as their squads take the field in the first scrimmages of the 2000-2001 season.

Dimmitt will scrimmage Portales, N.M., there, Friday at 6 p.m. while Hart will host Smyer in a scrimmage Saturday at 6 p.m. Nazareth won't scrimmage its first opponent until next week when the Swifts travel to Anton on Aug. 25.

The Bobcats had originally planned its first scrimmage against Sanford-Fritch next week, but the Eagles backed out, so first-year head coach Wade Wilson scrambled to find the Bobcats another practice opponent. Portales was the winner.

Bobcats

Wilson is thrilled about the upcoming season and the 78 players who reported for workouts. "We're going to be able to field three teams this year—freshman, junior varsity and varsity," said Wil-

son. "Workouts have been going great. I'm proud of the kids' work ethic. Everybody's been working hard and we're all ready to get the season going."

Friday night's scrimmage at Portales will open at 6 p.m. at Portales High School's field, and the freshmen will take the field first. The junior varsity will be next, followed by the varsity. Wilson said he expects the varsity scrimmage to begin somewhere around 7 p.m.

To reach the PHS field, Wilson said Dimmitt fans should take the cutoff from Muleshoe to Portales. That road will dead-end, then you turn left on the Clovis-Portales highway. Once you reach Portales, turn left at the intersection on Kilgore Street, then go 1-1/2 miles to reach the field, which will be on the right.

"We're hoping to lock in our starters, second team and third team in these scrimmages," said Wilson. "I'd like to two-platoon it this year and hopefully we can make it happen. I'd love to have 22 different players starting. This (scrimmage against Portales) should be a good test for us."

Dimmitt has planned its second scrimmage at Abernathy on Aug. 24 at 6 p.m.

The Bobcats will open regular season play on Sept. 7 at Springlake-Earth. Game time will be 7:30 p.m.

Longhorns

The Hart Longhorns gained a lot of valuable experience a year ago and the 40 players on this year's squad are primed and ready for action.

The Longhorns, operating under first-year mentor Todd Bryant, will test their new game plan against Smyer in a scrimmage Saturday at 6 p.m. at Hart.

The practice game will open with the varsity running 20 plays on offense and 20 plays on defense. Then the junior varsity will run 15 plays on each side of the ball. The second varsity unit will run 15 and 15, fol-

lowed by the junior varsity taking 10 snaps both ways. The first-team varsity squad will wrap things up with another 15-15 series.

"We're still pretty young this year, but the kids have come out with enthusiasm and they're working hard," said Bryant.

In Saturday's scrimmage, Bryant said he's hoping to work on basic fundamentals of the game.

"These guys need success. We're looking for something positive to build on. We need to start off by doing things right. We'll be looking at some of our younger kids to see how they handle varsity action," Bryant said.

"We want to see how the offensive changes we've made will work. We tried to keep the same basic offense and defense that we've been building on the past couple of years."

Hart will have a second scrimmage on Aug. 24 at Sudan and will open regular season play against Meadow on Sept. 1 at Hart.

Swifts

Nazareth won't line up against another team until Aug. 25, when the Swifts travel to Anton for a scrimmage at 6 p.m.

Thirty-five players reported for workouts this year, and veteran mentor Rick Price says workouts have been going well.

"Our running game is looking good. The throwing game is not where we want it to be, but it takes awhile to get it where it needs to be," Price said.

In the scrimmage with Anton, the Swifts will concentrate on sharpening up the passing game, Price said.

"Hopefully we'll be able to answer some questions we have at defensive spots—both defensive ends, one tackle and a strong safety. We'll be trying different guys at those spots and we'll try to make a decision after that scrimmage."

Nazareth will open the regular season on Sept. 1 when it hosts San Jacinto Christian Academy with an 8 p.m. kickoff.

Golf tourney will benefit Blood Center

The second annual Coffee Memorial Blood Center Golf Tournament will be held on Aug. 25 at the Arrowhead Course at Comanche Trail Golf course in Amarillo.

The four-person scramble will have a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start.

Entry fee is \$50 per person and includes green fees, cart, goody bag, beverage tickets and dinner donated

by Hoffbrau Steaks. The deadline for players to enter the tournament is Friday and it is limited to the first 32 teams to enter.

Major sponsors for the tournament are Amarillo National Bank, Saturn of Amarillo, Bell Helicopter Textron and Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Company of Amarillo.

There are many prizes including

two tickets donated by Southwest Airlines; and hole-in-one prizes that include a 2000 Saturn LS2 provided by Saturn of Amarillo, a golf cart provided by West Texas Golf Carts and a set of Ping irons.

For more information or to enter the tournament call Linda Guthrie at 358-4563.

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Reserve tickets on sale Monday

Reserve tickets for Bobcat Stadium in Dimmitt for the 2000 football season will go on sale Monday at the Dimmitt Independent School District administration building, 608 W. Halsell.

Those who held the reserve tickets last year will get a chance to renew their seating for this year, and will have through Sept. 1 to do so. Tickets may be renewed by coming by the administration office and paying

for them. The price is \$20 per seat for the entire season.

Those that are not renewed by Sept. 1 will be made available to the public on a first come-first served basis, starting Sept. 5.

The administration office is open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and someone will be available during the noon hour.

Rhea Scott tops the field at High Plains Play Day

Rhea Scott of Hereford shot an 82 to claim top medalist honors at the High Plains Ladies' Golf Association's Play Day, held last Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Country Club of Dimmitt.

Dimmitt's Carolyn Watts earned "low net of the field" honors with a score of 70.

Lady golfers from Dimmitt swept the Second Flight during the tournament and took "low gross" honors in the Fifth Flight.

Dimmitt leads the Hi-Plains Ladies Golf Association with eight traveling trophy points while Tulia's lady golfers are second with five.

Here are complete results from the play day in Dimmitt.

HIGH PLAINS PLAY DAY at Country Club of Dimmitt
MEDALIST OF THE FIELD: Rhea Scott of Hereford, 85.
LOW NET OF THE FIELD: Carolyn Watts of Dimmitt, 70.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT
Low Gross: Donna Malcom of Tulia and Gail Kinyon of Clovis, 85.
Low Net: Alice Doshier of Farwell, 81.
Low Putts: Jan Fontanilla of Farwell, 30.

FIRST FLIGHT
Low Gross: Irita Colson of Tulia, 86.
Low Net: Ka Wilfong of Tulia, 78.
Low Putts: Rita Colson of Tulia, 30.

SECOND FLIGHT
Low Gross: Jerry Lou Cook of Dimmitt and Audrey Shottenkirk of Dimmitt, 92.
Low Net: Mozelle Lilley of Dimmitt, 77.
Low Putts: Jerry Lou Cook and Mozelle Lilley, 32.

THIRD FLIGHT
Low Gross: Karen Edwards of Canyon, 99.
Low Net: Helen Templeton of Muleshoe, 80.
Low Putts: Helen Templeton, 29.

FOURTH FLIGHT
Low Gross: Richelle Cullifer of Tulia, 101.
Low Net: Norma Thompson of Hereford, 81.
Low Putts: Norma Thompson, 27.

FIFTH FLIGHT
Low Gross: Donna Charanza of Dimmitt, 113.
Low Net: Neats Foster of Muleshoe, 82.
Low Putts: Donna Charanza and Dee Parker of Canyon, 34.

Traveling Trophy Points: Dimmitt 8, Tulia 5, Hereford 3, Muleshoe 3, Farwell 2, Canyon 2, Clovis, 1.

Fair booths are still available

Anyone wanting to rent booth space at the Castro County Fair should contact Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce (647-2524).

Rates this year are \$35 for spaces inside the expo, \$25 for 10' x 12' spaces in the other buildings or outside, and \$35 for outside spaces larger than 10' x 12'. If an electrical outlet is to be used, there will be an additional \$5 charge.

"We're already filling up inside the main building, so anyone needing an inside space should let us know now," Sava said. "Another good reason for signing up now is to give us the opportunity to advertise the type of booths that will be there. Potentially, that can increase attendance and sales."

A required free food safety training class will be presented by the Castro County Extension Office on Aug. 31 to assure that all food vendors are familiar with safe food handling procedures.



TROPHY PRESENTATION—The Dimmitt High School cheerleaders present two trophies to the school—for Top Squad and Top Mascot—which they won at cheerleading camp this summer. The presentation was made at the opening assembly held last Thursday morning. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

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



'M'-SYNC—Members of the Dimmitt High School Student Council give an impersonation of a popular singing group as a part of the spirit building activities performed for the opening assembly at the school auditorium last Thursday morning. An enthusiastic member of the audience gets into the spirit of the performance by pretending to fawn on one of the performers. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Farm Service Agency update

By TRISH ELLIOTT, FSA County Executive Director

During the past few years, a number of factors have produced a serious economic crisis that threatens the existence of sheep and lamb producers throughout the United States.

Sheep and lamb prices, marketings and production have declined steadily since July 1997. Threatened by a surge of low-priced, imported lamb meat, many producers have lost the ability to remain competitive in the domestic marketplace.

In response to this crisis, on July 7, 1999, President Bill Clinton issued a declaration concerning lamb meat. In

that declaration, he directed the Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to implement adjustment programs to facilitate efforts of the domestic lamb industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition.

Year 1 benefits cover the period from July 22, 1999, through Sept. 30, 2000, and consist of the following components:

1. Sheep and lamb operations are eligible to receive up to \$100 per ram purchased for breeding purposes during the eligibility period. The rams must be at least 90 days old and held for 90 consecutive days in the breeding operation after purchase. The eligible ratio is one ram per 15 ewes.
2. In order to be eligible for the sheep improvement phase of the program, the sheep must be enrolled in the National Sheep Improvement Program or a similar program such as Instep, Lambplan or Ewebite.
3. Year 1 facility improvement

payments will be made to sheep and lamb facilities only with respect to improvements that will be maintained and used in the operation for at least the next three consecutive years from the date of the completion of the improvements. Virtually all "hardware" needed in a sheep operation is eligible, such as shearing equipment, fences, chutes, etc. Facility improvements made between July 22, 1999, and Sept. 30, 2000, may be eligible for a cost-share payment of 20% of the cost of the improvements, not to exceed \$2,500 per lamb operation.

4. Year 2 and Year 3 payments will be made, subject to availability of funds, with respect to feeder lambs and slaughter lambs.

If you have any questions about this program, call or come by the Castro County Farm Service Agency office in Dimmitt.

Divorce recovery seminar planned

A divorce recovery seminar designed to help persons cope with the experience of separation and divorce will be held Sept. 8-9 at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

The seminar is open to the public and registration fee is \$35 before Sept. 1 or \$40 after that date. The fee covers all printed material, snacks on Sept. 8 and lunch on Sept. 9. More information and brochures are available by calling 353-6615 or writing to Paramount Terrace Christian Church, 4000 mays, Amarillo 79109.

The seminar, which will be on the evening of Sept. 8 and all day on Sept. 9, will include both formal presentations and small group discussions. Topics to be presented include "The Stages of Divorce and Recover," "Beginning Again," and "Working Through Bitterness and Learning to Forgive."

In addition to these subjects, participants also may choose to attend the following electives: "Re-Entry into the Single Life," "Separation/Reconciliation," "Single Sexual-

ity," and "Kids in the Middle."

Entries are sought for Harvest Days Parade

Entries are being solicited for the Castro County Fair and Harvest Days Parade, which will wind through Dimmitt on Saturday, Sept. 9, beginning at 10 a.m.

Led by the Canon Air Force Base Honor Guard, this election-year parade will feature the theme "VOTE—For Castro County." Again this year, the Dimmitt Lions Club will officiate and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will furnish rosettes, ribbons and cash awards.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava suggests that organizations, businesses and individuals who are planning to have a parade entry contact him at the Chamber office, 115 W. Bedford Street to pick up an entry form or call him at 647-2524.

"If we know they're coming, it's just a lot easier to organize the pa-

rade," Sava said, "but we won't turn anyone down, not even on parade day."

"This is an excellent way to publicize a business, a candidacy, an activity, an organization's projects, or simply to show interest in Castro County," Sava said.

For judging, entries will be categorized as business floats, civic floats, antique cars, antique trucks, antique tractors, horse-drawn entries, and "other" (for any that do not fit another classification).

Three cash awards will be presented to those selected as "Best in Parade" (first, second and third place).

Ribbons will be awarded in non-competitive children's divisions, but no ribbons will be awarded to "political candidate/elected official" entries.

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The public hearing will be held on August 28, 2000 at 5 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Castro County Courthouse, County Courtroom.

FOR the proposal: Irene Miller, Newlon Rowland, Clyde Damron, W.A. Baldrige, Dan Schmucker

AGAINST the proposal: none
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: none

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Home value	\$31,890	\$32,690
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	0	0
Average taxable value	\$31,890	\$32,690
Tax rate	.514/\$100	.563/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$163.91	\$184.04 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$20.13 or 12.3 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.049 per \$100 of taxable value or 9.5 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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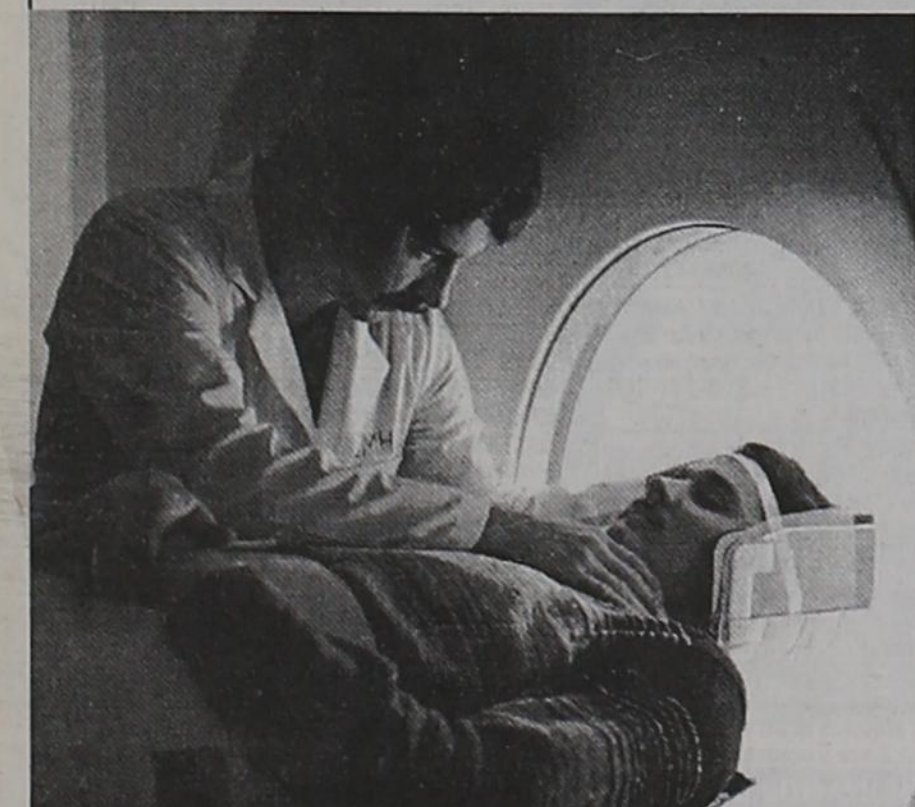
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22—Notices

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REWARD OFFERED for lost miniature red male Dachshund, wearing collar and tags. Answers to "Peanut." Call 647-2595. 23-19-2tc

24—Card of Thanks

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 24-20-1tx

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
 Castro County Commissioners are now taking proposals for Construction Management for a 48-bed jail facility. Proposals will be taken from August 21, 2000 to September 1, 2000 at 5 p.m. Information may be obtained at the Castro County Judge's office.
 IRENE MILLER
 Castro County Judge
 25-20-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Chad Davis has requested permission from the City of Dimmitt to build a livestock holding pen south of Dimmitt, Texas. The pens would be adjacent to South Front Street, approximately (1/2) one-half mile south of Butler Blvd. And 400 yards east of Front Street.
 The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at the Council Meeting, August 21, 2000 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend and participate at this meeting. 25-20-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is requesting proposals and specifications on group health, life and accidental death and dismemberment benefits for all eligible employees.
 Bids will be received by Sept. 7, 2000 by City Secretary, Don Sheffy, with intention to submit recommended bids to the governing board at its regular meeting following the fourth of September, 2000.
 The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid deemed advantageous to the City of Dimmitt. 25-20-2tc

God wisely designed the human body so that we can neither pat our own backs nor kick ourselves too easily.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING AND PLACEMENT
 The Castro County Comprehensive SSA provides education for children ages three, four and five who have problems in the areas of communication skills, concept development and gross and/or fine motor skills.
 Also, programming for children with vision or hearing disabilities is available from birth.
 Any child from birth through age 21 suspected of having a disability should be referred to the special education office for individual assessment as soon as possible. Parents or other interested individuals are urged to contact the special education office at 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, or phone (806) 647-3013 to schedule an appointment.

AVISO LEGAL

PRUEBA PARA COLOCAMIENTO DE NIÑOS PRE-SCOLARES
 El Departamento de Educación del Condado de Castro Ofrece Educación para los niños de tres, cuatro y cinco años de edad, que tiene problemas en las áreas de habilidades de comunicación, desarrollo conceptual, y coordinación macromotriz o micromotriz.
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 Si usted sospecha que algún niño recién nacido hasta la edad de 21 y tiene discapacidades, es muy importante que sea recomendado a la oficina de educación especial para la evaluación individual lo mas pronto posible. Se les urge a los padres de familia y demas interesados que se comuniquen con la oficina de educación especial que esta localizada por la calle 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas o, llame al numero de telefono (806) 647-3103 para hacer una cita individual.
 25-19-2tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CASTRO
WHEREAS, by Judgment dated July 27, 1999, AMERICAN TURBINE PUMP CO., INC., as Plaintiff, recovered a judgment against A.L. SEARS and RONNIE SEARS, dba CASTRO COUNTY PUMP CO., Defendants therein, said judgment being recorded at Volume 245, Page 566 of the Real Property Records of Castro County;
WHEREAS, said judgment remains unsatisfied to the extent of \$19,300.01, together with interest therein at the rate of 10% per annum, together with the sum of \$701.00 costs of suit, and also the costs of executing this writ;
WHEREAS, by virtue of a writ of execution issued by the Clerk of the 64th District Court in and for Castro County, Texas, in cause number 99-05-A-7440-CV, the following property was levied on July 17, 2000, at 3:40 o'clock, p.m., as indicated on the undersigned officer's written declaration on the return of the writ of execution:
 Lot 2, Block 115 of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas (also known as 602 S.W. 2nd Street, Dimmitt, Texas, consisting of a house and municipal lot in the City of Dimmitt in the amount of less than one acre, generally known as the Sears Place).
NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, the 5th day of September, 2000, I will sell the property to the highest bidder for cash, at 10 o'clock a.m., or within three (3) hours of such time as provided by Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 646a, and such sale will be conducted at the door of the Castro County Courthouse.
WITNESS MY HAND this 17th day of July, 2000.
 JAMES DOBBS,
 Castro County Constable
 25-19-4tc

Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.
 -Bertrand Russell

Rehab department adds speech therapy program

Holly Davis, MS, CF-SLP, has returned to her hometown of Dimmitt to add a new dimension to the rehab department at the Castro County Hospital District.
 "Holly is a highly trained speech therapist," said Nimfa Martin, a physical therapist and director of rehabilitation at Plains Memorial Hospital. "We are delighted that Holly chose to put her training and education to use in her own hometown."
 Davis, who graduated from

Dimmitt High School in 1995, received a bachelor of science and master of science degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Both degrees are in speech language pathology. She currently holds an intern's license in speech language pathology.
 "I hope to build up an outpatient clientele of children who have articulation and language disorders and with adults who have speech problems caused by neurological diseases or that occur after strokes."
 She said that, in conjunction with the hospital, she is currently working with several patients at the nursing home who have swallowing disorders.

"I'm excited to be working here," she said. "I hope I can bring a valuable service to our patients here."
 Speech therapy completes the rehabilitation department, which offers both physical therapy and occupational therapy.
 Martin offers all types of traditional physical therapy, including exercise and massage. One special feature is hydrotherapy. Martin and her patients use the Aquatic Center in Hereford for that treatment.
 Renee Marie, OTR, the occupational therapist, works with patients to regain full function at their jobs and in daily life. Depending on the patient's diagnosis and future career plans, Marie helps each person regain muscle control and strength to perform the needed tasks.

More about Renovation...

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lease the building, plans were to have probationers do a lot of the renovation work in exchange for their community service obligation. That would save the county a lot of money on labor costs.
 One county probationer who has experience in professional carpentry had agreed to oversee the project, and other carpenters on probation in nearby Swisher and Hale counties would also be able to offer their services under their community service agreements.
 Commissioners were worried about the county's liability for injuries while the work was underway, but those fears were alleviated by Probation Officer Eloyse Smith Monday.

Smith said she checked with her supervisors and was told that since the probationers would be performing community service work, the county would not be liable.
 After a lengthy discussion, commissioners agreed to go with their original "Plan A" of having probationers perform the work.
 County Judge Irene Miller asked Smith to contact an electrician for a bid on the necessary electrical work, and to talk to someone about actual costs for the heating and air conditioning.
 Commissioners also received an update on a renovation project at its other annex—the new Extension office at 205 N. Broadway.
 County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal told commissioners that work is almost complete, and she presented a cost estimate on the remaining work in the kitchen area and bathrooms.
 "We've really watched our budget and we shouldn't have to spend anything over the budgeted amount," Neal said.
 Neal also asked commissioners how the janitorial service would work, and they agreed to have the courthouse's janitor perform needed work at the Extension office on Wednesdays.
 Commissioners also authorized Neal to begin purchasing supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, etc., and have them delivered directly to the Extension office.

Discussion of construction and remodeling wasn't restricted to the two annex sites Monday—commissioners also approved work on the courthouse.
 They accepted a bid from Bobby Reed at Harris Lumber Company for replacement of some of the windows on the courthouse.
 Miller told commissioners the estimate she received was somewhere around \$2,000.



OOOH, LOOKY THERE!—10-year-old Paige Wing of Ralls (right foreground) points to a cake especially decorated for the "Bethel Chicken Fry 2000" while admiring the desserts last Thursday evening outside the Bethel Community Building. Farther up the table, adults take the covers off of a festive array of home-made dishes as serving time approaches. Paige is the daughter of Kelly and Cheryl Wing of Ralls and the granddaughter of Ernest and Marie Sammann. A large crowd had perfect weather for the annual feast. Photo by Don Nelson

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Nazareth Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 8:30 p.m. on August 23, 2000 in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room, 101 S. First Ave., Nazareth, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.194	0	\$1.194	\$1,227	\$5,011
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.2078	\$0.0713*	\$1.2791	\$1,331	\$4,995
Proposed Rate	\$1.2678	\$0.0713*	\$1.3391	\$1,393	\$4,995

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the votes of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$40,040	\$42,220
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$25,040	\$27,220
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.194	\$1.3391
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$298.98	\$364.50
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 65.52

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.3391. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.3391.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$250,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,500

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Obituaries

Sister Jane Frances Brockman

Sister Jane Frances Brockman, 91, of Fort Smith, Ark., sister of Ernest Brockman of Nazareth, died Monday at St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith.

Vespers were held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Scholastica Chapel. Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Scholastica Chapel under the direction of Putman Funeral Home of Fort Smith, Ark. Abbot Jerome Kodell was the celebrant of the mass for Sister Brockman.

Sister Brockman made her profession of faith on June 24, 1925. She celebrated the anniversary of her 75th monastic profession on July 15.

She was a teacher and an administrator. She received her bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind., and her master's degree from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

She taught elementary school in Lake Village, Ark., and in North Little Rock. She was a teacher and principal at St. Scholastica Academy in Fort Smith from 1940-1947. She was the administrator of St. Joseph's Home in North Little Rock for eight years from 1973 to 1981.

She was the Prioress of St. Scholastica from 1947-1959 and from 1963 to 1967. She was the president of the Federation of St. Gertrude from 1967 to 1973 and the director for the Hesychia House of Prayer in New Blaine, Ark., from 1981 to 1994.

Survivors include the sisters of her religious community; two sisters, Martha Woods of Baltimore, Md., and Mattie Endres of Hutchinson, Kan.; two brothers, Ernest Brockman of Nazareth and Victor Brockman of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were the sisters of her religious community.

The family requests memorials be made to St. Scholastica Continuing Care Fund, 1301 S. Albert Pike, Fort Smith, Ark. 72901.

James Noland

Services for James "Jim" Noland, 85, of Amarillo, brother of Eva Lookingbill of Summerfield, were held Wednesday morning in Llano Mausoleum with Dr. G.A. Roach, director of pastoral care at Northwest Texas Healthcare System, officiating. Burial followed in Llano Mausoleum under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Noland was born in Floyd County and grew up in Summerfield. He married Kathelene Wade in 1939 at Santa Rosa, N.M.

He retired from Santa Fe Railway in 1979 after working as a conductor for many years. He was a volunteer for the Northwest Texas Hospital Auxiliary for 17-1/2 years, working as chairman and assistant treasurer of the gift shop. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and belonged to the Palo Duro Masonic Lodge. He served as a past master of the lodge. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and Polk Street United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Joe Noland of Houston; two daughters, Kathy Thomas of Amarillo and Sally Noland of Moline, Ill.; two brothers, J.B. Noland of Hereford and Otho Noland of Amarillo; a sister, Eva Lookingbill of Summerfield; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Northwest Texas Healthcare System Auxiliary or Polk Street United Methodist Church.

Ricky Trevino

Services for Ricky Trevino, 39, of Hereford, formerly of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday morning, Aug. 10, at Rix Funeral Chapel in Hereford with Mark Powers and Ernesto Cantu Jr. officiating. Burial followed in Rest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Trevino died Monday at his home.

He was born March 6, 1961, in Dimmitt and lived in Dimmitt and Hereford all of his life. He was a 1980 graduate of Hereford High School. He was a farm hand.

Survivors include his father, Enrique Trevino Jr., of Spearman; his mother, Carmen Trevino of Hereford; and two brothers, Mario Trevino of Hereford and Randy Trevino of San Antonio.

County sets public hearing for new tax rate

Castro County will hold a public hearing concerning its proposed tax rate of 56.3¢ and 2000-2001 budget on Aug. 28 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the commissioners' court room.

A year ago, taxpayers paid 51.4¢ per \$100 of assessed value to Castro County.

This year's county effective tax rate is 51.9¢ per \$100 of assessed value. Commissioners are proposing to raise property taxes to the rollback rate of 56.3¢.

Meet candidate rally planned for Clinesmith

A "Beans & Jeans Rally" is set for Saturday at 7 p.m. in Tulia for area residents to have an opportunity to meet Curtis Clinesmith, Democratic candidate for the 13th Congressional District. Everyone is invited.

The celebration will be held in the Swisher Memorial Building at 127 SW Second Street in Tulia. It is being hosted by the Swisher County Democratic party.

Also, Democratic officials from Swisher, Castro and surrounding counties will be introduced.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP if possible by calling Delbert Devin at 627-8043 or e-mailing curtis@clinesmith2000.com or lisa@clinesmith2000.com

Secure permission before any hunting

Castro County Sheriff's Deputies have received complaints from land owners recently concerning unauthorized hunting on private land.

Deputy Mitchell McDonough said that citizens should be aware that it is a violation of state law to hunt from a roadway, and it is also a violation of state law to go onto someone's land and hunt without permission, no matter what is being hunted.

"With the recent heat and dry weather there is an added fire danger with vehicles driving through pastures and CRP land," McDonough said.

Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out who can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake.



WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?—Performers in the soap opera "As the Stomach Turns" strike vignette poses as the announcer questions the audience at the annual Follies production held Saturday and Sunday in Dimmitt, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Players included (from left) Cheryle Pybus, Ricky Kuntz, Trudy Jackson, Charles Axtell, Dick Schacher, Cindy Ellis and Wayne Proffitt.

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