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Dimmitt, Cargill reach agreement on plant

Closing imminent after due diligence completed

The City of Dimmitt and Cargill have signed a purchase agreement for the city to buy the plant from Cargill.

Details of the exact cost came under the heading of a nondisclosure agreement signed by the city, but all along Cargill has said it would be willing to sell the plant to the city for very little.

"This is what we've been working for since Jan. 12, 2005 when Cargill closed the plant and put 91 staff and 36 contract

workers out of work.

"This is extremely positive for Dimmitt," said Mayor Wayne Collins who had been negotiating with Cargill. "This is a step that had to be taken. This enables us to get possession of the plant and we can conclude negotiations with investors and move ahead with getting a plant under construction."

The next step is for the city to conclude its due diligence in terms

of getting the final report on environment and then closing the contract.

When the deal is closed the deed to the property will be transferred. At the same time, agreements signed by the taxing entities not to sue Cargill will be handed over to them. The goal is to close by the end of August or before - that's both the city and Cargill's goal, Collins said.

"We hope to have engineering studies completed by mid-October and have construction under way by the end of October," he said.

"The construction phase, well the best guarantee we've gotten is 12 months. The feeling is it could be done shorter than that if there are no material shortages - like stainless steel. I've been assured there aren't any stainless shortages now. There might be some

specialized pieces for ethanol but I'm not aware of any right now."

There are four groups vying to open an ethanol plant here - those four proposals will be taken before the Dimmitt Economic Committee on Monday, Collins said.

"We anticipate it will not only be presented to that committee and to the city council, we hope a decision can be made on Monday to select one group. We're confident all four there are legitimate, we've checked their finances and they're in place."

Jamaica time!!!!



These two young ladies, Marevea and Calista Peña, great-granddaughters of Petra Gonzales, make the most of their Sunday outing at the 2006 Jamaica sponsored by Immaculate Conception of Mary Catholic Church at the City Park. The turnout was good with plenty of food, games and other vendors.

City rescinds its transfer of Cargill to Dimmitt Ethanol

On Monday, the Dimmitt City Council rescinded its resolution transferring the Cargill plant to Dimmitt Ethanol. However, it was unable to transfer the plant to the City of Dimmitt Development Corporation because one of the three members of the DDC had been unavoidably detained out-of-town due to weather conditions.

At the next meeting, however, the plan is to give the DDC possession of the property for the purpose of getting an ethanol plant started in Dimmitt.

At the time the DDC was created, at the last council meeting, city attorney Jack Edwards said the purpose was to keep the city out of lawsuits over the matter of land that the city might own.

This way, the DDC can negotiate with the four groups that have expressed interest in opening an ethanol plant here.

City manager David Denman discussed with the council the school crossing and warning light at 10th and W. Bedford. Several city council members suggested moving the light further west so vehicles coming into Dimmitt saw it before they round the curve on Bedford Street. Denman said he will look into the matter with the police department and Code Enforcement officer Karen Hutson.

In other matters, Denman said the shredder and tractor are both in working order.

High plains nearing 1 million acres failed

BY SHAWN WADE

Following passage of the USDA Farm Service Agency's 2006 acreage certification date, it appears that a little more than 900,000 acres of cotton have already been reported as failed across the High Plains region. While still preliminary in nature, the estimate of failed acres clearly illustrates the seriousness of the 2006 Texas High Plains cotton crop situation. While it is clear that High Plains cotton production will be significantly lower in 2006, nobody is really sure whether it is the dryland producer, with little or no crop left, or the irrigated producer, trying to cope with escalating energy expenses, that is getting the shorter end of the stick when comparing situations.

On one side of the spectrum are dryland producers that have already failed about half of the area's dryland acreage and have a big part of their remaining acres rapidly approaching the breaking point.

On the other side are irrigated producers,

some of whom seem to have a pretty good crop growing, that have been spared from weather-related losses, but are having to spend significant amounts of money on irrigation as energy costs continue an upward spiral. Most of the acreage lost to date has been from the non-irrigated side of the ledger and things aren't getting any better as rainfall continues to snub the area. Without a significant moisture infusion over the next two, to three weeks, the area's abandonment total could climb even higher when federal crop insurance rules allow producers to begin receiving adjustments based on actual boll counts instead of the early season stand-count methodology.

The total acreage estimated as failed to date reflects an abandonment percentage that has already eclipsed the area's long-term average and will likely climb even higher. No matter how you cut it, the High Plains is taking it on the chin in 2006 from a devastating combination of drought and high energy costs.

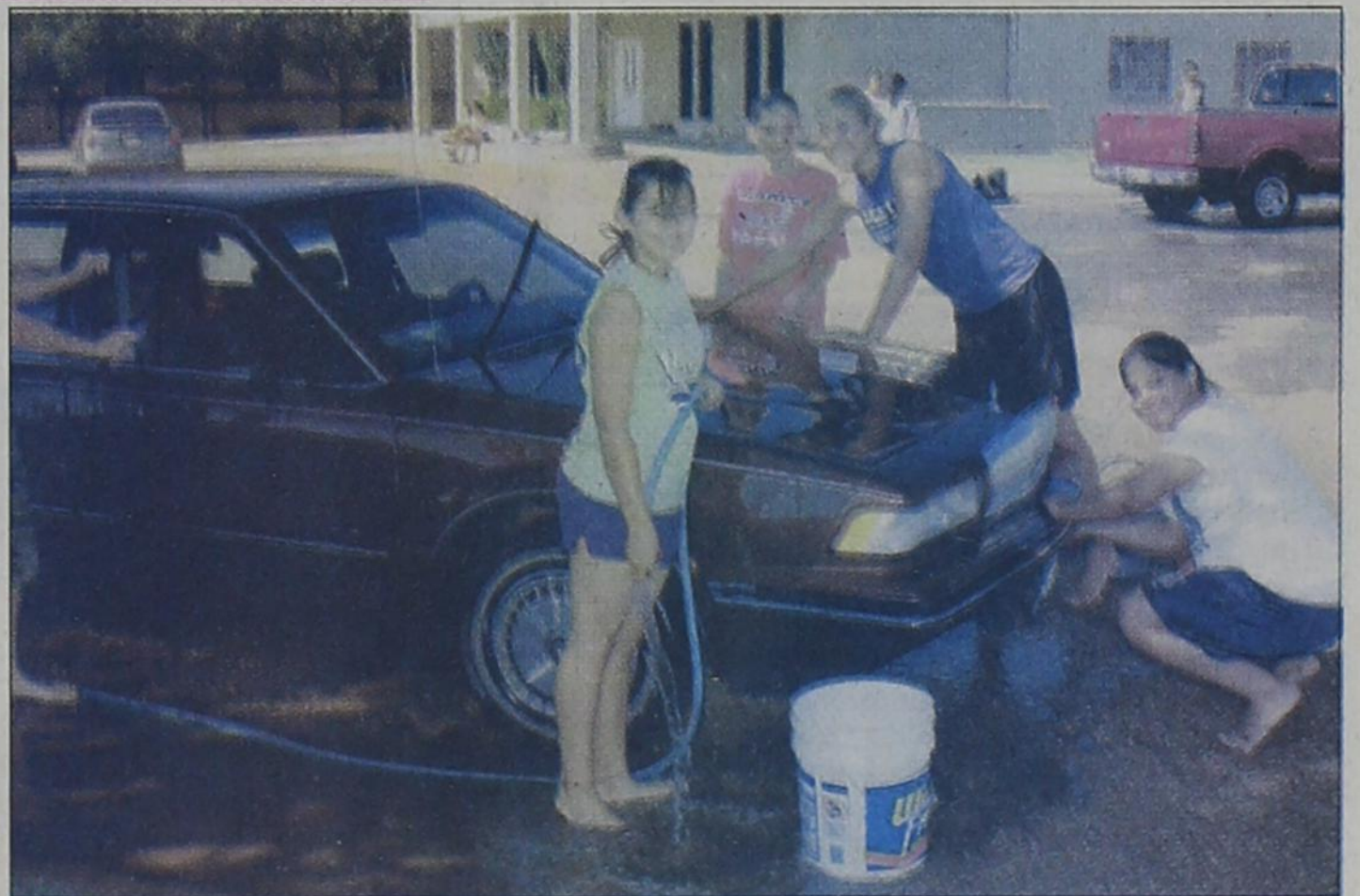


Photo by Carter Townsend

Almost that time again

Yes, that's right - school will start mid-August with sports workouts starting even earlier. Above, some members of the Dimmitt volleyball team hold a car wash on Saturday. Looks like they were doing a pretty good job!

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Forum

Help your kids beat summer boredom

BY JASON ALDERMAN

My parents never talked about money at home and like so many of us, I had to learn about it on my own, often making youthful mistakes along the way. Take this opportunity with the kids home from school this summer to instill in them your knowledge and values about money. It's a lesson that will last them a lifetime.

You don't need to make learning about money a boring form of home-based summer school. If you make it fun, do it together and integrate it in your daily life, your kids are bound to be more receptive.

Help them help you. Just because the kids are on summer break doesn't mean your regular errands disappear. Look for age-appropriate tasks they can do - for a price - in addition to any allowance-related responsibilities they may already have. If you've got yard work or grocery shopping to do, get your kids to help - it's a great way to spend more time together and provides an opportunity to teach them important money management skills.

Plant the savings bug early. Americans have a personal savings rate of minus 0.5 percent, the lowest since the Great Depression. If your kids don't learn the value of saving from you, possibly they never will. Teach them about "a rainy day" as early as possible by have them save a portion of their earnings. You can sweeten the deal by matching a portion of their savings yourself, much as your employer matches your 401(k) savings.

Teach kids what things really cost. When your parents said, "Money doesn't grow on trees," they weren't trying to interest you in horticulture. Try these ideas:

Take the kids shopping and let them help compare prices and value. Explain how discounts and coupons work, and ask for their ideas on how to reduce the total bill.

Teach younger children the basics of money, such as different denominations and how to count change after a purchase.

Involve older kids in planning vacations by researching travel costs online, calculating gas mileage, estimating hotel bills, etc.

When planning a major purchase like a house or car, have them help research and comparison shop, and explain how sales tax, loans and real estate broker commissions work.

Get rid of the junk. Most of us have closets bursting with things we no longer use or want. Hold a garage sale, sell it on eBay or donate your goods to charity and give the kids cash for their portion of the tax write-off. The Salvation Army has a helpful online tool for calculating the write-off value of donated items at www.salvationarmy.org under "Donate - receipts - valuation guide."

Don't forget the fun. Many family friendly websites have interactive financial education games you can play with your kids. Visa USA's free personal finance site, Practical Money Skills for Life, www.practicalmoneyskills.com, includes interactive games like Financial Football and Ed's Bank that teach math and financial skills in a challenging, fun way. The site also features a parent's resource section that can arm you with facts and suggestions on how best to talk to your kids about money.

So help your kids - and yourself - have a more enjoyable summer by getting involved in their financial education.

Jason Alderman directs the Practical Money Skills for Life program for Visa USA. More information about parent/children activities and other personal finance tips can be found at www.practicalmoneyskills.com.

Dallas students weigh-in on TAKS testing

Claims cheating took place frequently

By DIGGER ELAM

Recently, a senior from the class of 2006 from a school near Dallas was interviewed about student cheating on the state TAKS test.

The senior, who was Valedictorian of his class, told the Dallas Morning News that there was a lot of cheating by students in Texas on the TAKS tests given during last April.

The senior backed up his statement by telling about talking to other students from other schools at a leadership conference about TAKS test cheating.

The interviewer asked the senior how easy was it to cheat on the TAKS test?

The senior replied, "Real easy because all you need are students who are willing to cheat. Cheating is important to some students because it is the difference and graduating and not graduating."

This senior told the interviewer that there were many different ways to cheat.

The most popular way



Digger Elam

was to sneak a cell phone into the testing area and text-messages to students who needed help.

Another way was to wait for the teachers to leave the testing area and give out answers to the hard questions.

In fact, the teachers in our testing area left the room three or four times for five minutes or more each time. This allowed for widespread cheating.

Another way is to make up a series of hand gestures.

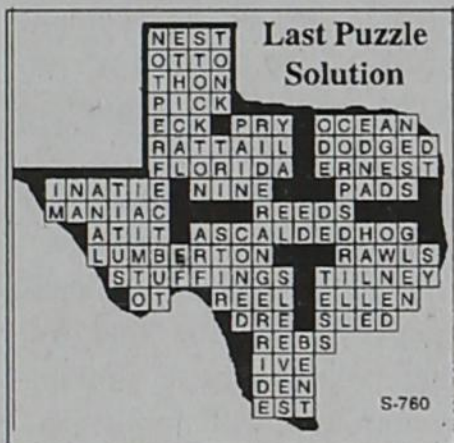
"I never needed to cheat because I aced the test anyway," replied the senior.

He told the reporter he had many friends that had cheated.

This writer is proud to say that I don't think any cheating occurred on the April TAKS test in any of the three Castro County schools.

The test administrators are all professionals and keep a close eye on all testing facilities and proctors.

Digger Elam recently retired as the superintendent at the Hart Independent School district.



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- a cow's hide when branding
- 5 Lady Bird: Claudia _____ Taylor Johnson
- 6 ex-Cowboy Leon
- 7 UT has collection of work of this folksinger Burl
- 8 Rangers traded this pitcher Robb in '93
- 9 this TX Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- 16 TXism: "just two whoops _____ holler away"
- 18 this TX Jamison was 1st black woman in space in Hadalogo Co. on 107: _____ couch
- 21 rodeo cowboys use rosin _____ to improve their grip
- 22 San Antonio street: _____ Chaney
- 24 Coleman Co.'s namesake was Aide-_____ to Gen. Sam Houston
- 30 TX prof.'s degree
- 34 TX Ginger film: "Shall _____ Dance?"
- 35 music system
- 36 LBJ took _____ of office on Air Force One
- 37 TXism: "legal _____" (lawyer)
- 39 Cinco de Mayo _____ Mexico defeat of France
- 43 _____ Duke (M.D.)
- 44 historic Kiowa chief

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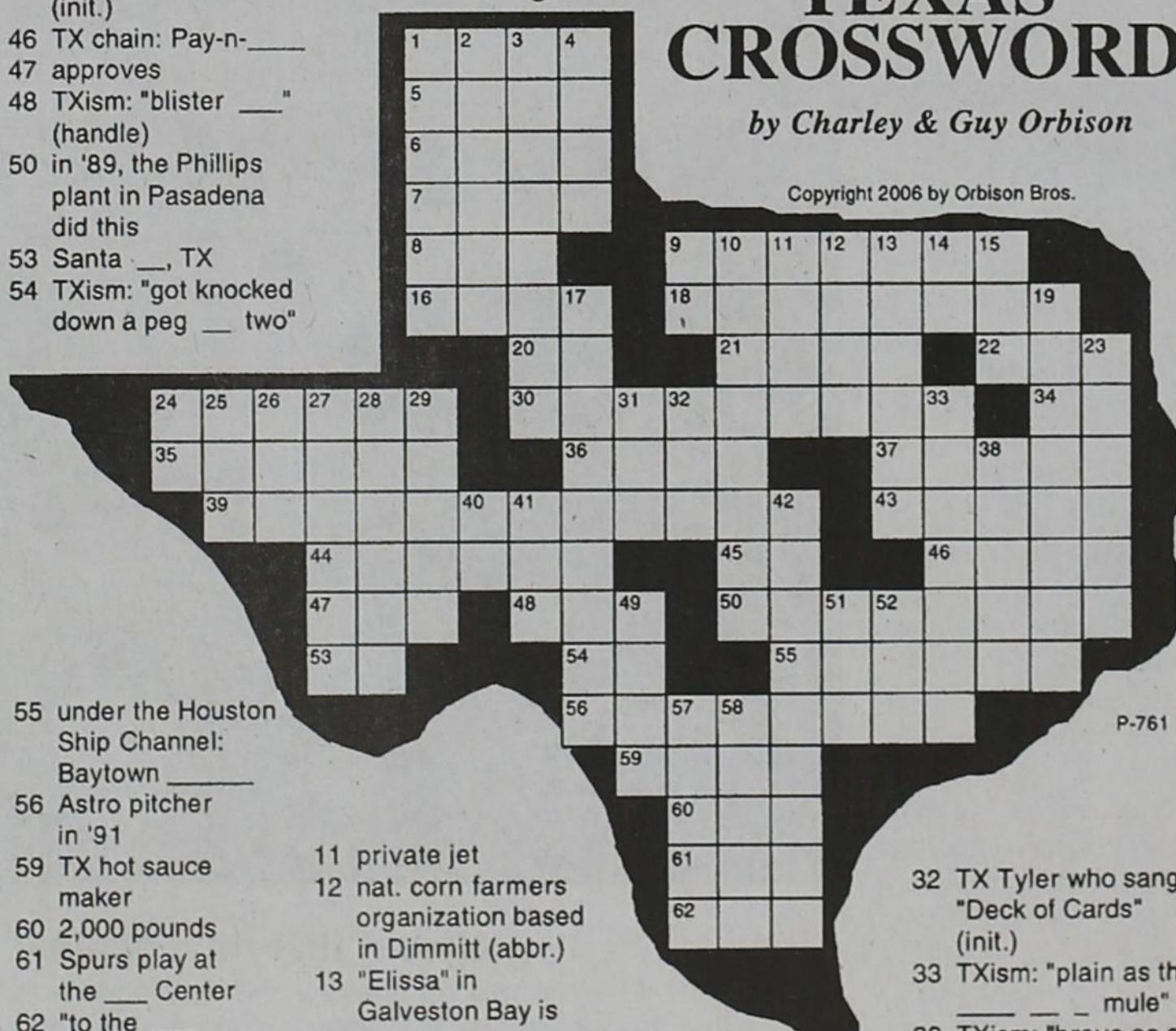
- 1 early Rio Grande indian tribe
- 2 a football team
- 3 "Texas" is most _____ outdoor drama in U.S.
- 4 barn critters
- 9 TXism: "size '____ up" (evaluate)
- 10 TX C&W singer Gary Morris played Rodolfo in this play

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- 11 private jet
- 12 nat. corn farmers organization based in Dimmitt (abbr.)
- 13 "Elissa" in Galveston Bay is three-_____
- 14 TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- 15 Rice's 1st pres. Lovett (init.)
- 17 TXism: "dumb as _____"
- 19 least toxic radioactive waste (2 wds.)
- 23 TX flag upside down means "help _____"
- 24 ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)
- 25 and so forth (abbr.)
- 26 TXism: "honcho" (company head)
- 27 meaning of Brazos: "_____ God"
- 28 TX Kristofferson's "Help _____ It Through the Night"
- 29 cowboy storytellers
- 31 Chester, TX named for this pres. (init.)
- 32 TX Tyler who sang "Deck of Cards" (init.)
- 33 TXism: "plain as the _____ mule"
- 38 TXism: "brave as a first _____ teacher"
- 40 first female gov.
- 41 TXism: "_____horse town" (small town)
- 42 century of Spanish exploration of TX
- 49 TXism: "just a _____ in the bucket"
- 51 English saloon
- 52 pitcher Nolan (init.)
- 57 TXism: "quick as you can _____ eye"
- 58 TX-born ragtime composer Joplin

	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	99	66		
Wednesday	98	62		
Thursday	100	62		
Friday	98	63		
Saturday	90	59		
Sunday	94	57		
Monday	98	65		
July Rainfall		1.26		
2006 Rainfall		7.98		
2006 Snow		1.00		

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

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, amigos. Hello, friends. I hope everyone is doing great. As for me and mine, well, I am home from the hospital, but still feeling a little down in the dumps. The doctor let me come home, but put me on COMPLETE bedrest.

I can't do anything. I don't think I've ever been so bored.

I have to travel to Amarillo twice a week for doctor appointments and even when I'm home I doing some kind of test or labwork.

But, if it keeps me and baby well, then I am gonna stick to it.

Right now or biggest goal is to keep baby safe and sound as long as possible. I'd really like to thank all the wonderful people who have helped us out in many ways, whether its been through prayer or just by bringing by a meal or stopping by to check on us. It truly means so much to us. Our neighbors, Santos G. Perez and Lino Perez have been great help and always have kindness to share with us.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. May God bless you all.

Unfortunately, I missed out on all the fun that was had at the annual ICC Jamaica. But, Josh did a really good job of bringing some of the goodies to me. I could also hear the music at my home. I hope to hear an update on the outcome of the event soon.

Well, thanks to my hubby Josh, I know have access to my computer and am able to receive e-mails, so I hope to hear from ya'll soon. Help make my days go by faster and the Hispanic Voice more interesting by sending me your info.

As always you can send your info to angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106, or 346-3882. No se les olvide que estoy muy, muy aburida, manden me sus noticias o un saludo. Don't forget that I am very, very bored, send me your info or just write to say hello.



FFA Awards

Eric Odom, left, and Dennis Underwood receive their Star Chapter Farmer Award at an awards banquet earlier this year.

Is it re-appraisal time already?

BY TODD PEBSWORTH

Brooke Insurance and Financial Services

Making home improvements can add style and comfort to a home and living space, but the improvements may also add value to the house.

Here is some advice for Dimmitt homeowners who may question when it may be appropriate to have a reappraisal on their homes for insurance purposes.

A general rule of thumb is to get a reappraisal every three to five years.

That is a reasonable period of time between appraisals because it gives homeowners time to start and complete both small and large scale home improvement projects. According to the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers, it's important for homeowners to remember what an appraisal does and does not do.

An appraisal does not create value, but interprets several factors, including the home's location, amenities, physical condition and its surrounding market to arrive at an estimated value.

Many homeowners may not know which construction projects add value and which add to the aesthetics of the home without adding value.

Home improvement projects such as remodeling a kitchen or bathroom, replacing windows, adding a deck, or installing a new heating or airconditioning unit add market value and will generate the greatest return on investment for homeowners.

Projects such as painting or putting on anew roof to your home maintain the current value, but do not add further value to the home.

Additionally, a home's value can fluctuate because of the increase or decrease in the surrounding market. Treasury Secretary John Snow said, in a speech given during a meeting of the National Association of Homebuilders, the

U.S. housing market is cooling from recent record highs, but still remains strong.

If the local housing market is increasing rapidly, getting a reappraisal every one to two years is a good idea. A reappraisal allows you to help track your home appreciation in light of other sales in your neighborhood and helps determine whether or not an increase in your homeowners insurance coverage is necessary.

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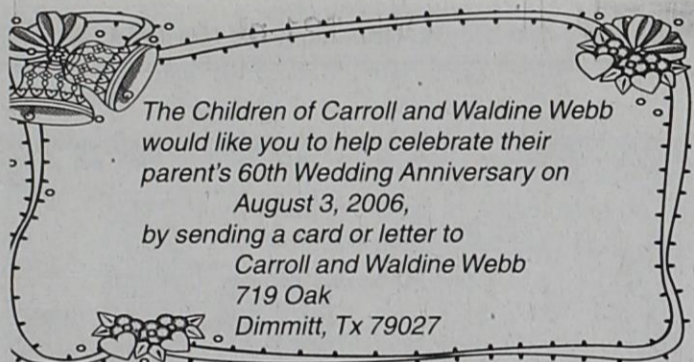
Carroll and Waldine Webb

Webbs celebrate 60th anniversary

Carroll and Waldine Webb will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 3, 2006. They will be honored by their children with a family dinner and a trip to see "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon.

Carroll married the former Waldine Key on Aug. 3, 1946, in Abilene. They moved to Dimmitt in 1956 where Carroll has been engaged in the farm equipment business.

Their children and spouses are Diane and Carter Townsend and Gary and Rhenea Webb. They also have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their family requests that friends send a card to celebrate this happy occasion.



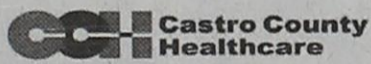
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Castro County TEEA meets

The Castro County TEA met with eight members present. Plans were made for the State convention that will be Sept. 12-14. We have seven members making plans to attend.

Jackie Edwards has been invited to do a program on recycling.

We are looking forward to driving just to Lubbock.

Last year it was held in Waco.

We invite anyone interested in joining to meet with us Aug. 11, at the Senior Citizens building at 10 a.m.

Members present were: Pauline Hoyler, Dee Brisco, Claudine Langford, Bessie Strickland, Jackie Edwards, Patsy Entrikin, Sandra Bagwell and Kylinda McCurry, agent.

NOTICE

The Castro County News invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births. However, in order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events. For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, will be the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad. For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. Other anniversaries may be charged for. Birth announcements with one column photos are run free of charge with names of immediate family, including grandparents and great-grandparents. Small stories describing showers, both wedding and baby, are run free of charge after the fact and include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and names of special or out-of-town guests. A deadline of six months after an event will be the rule.

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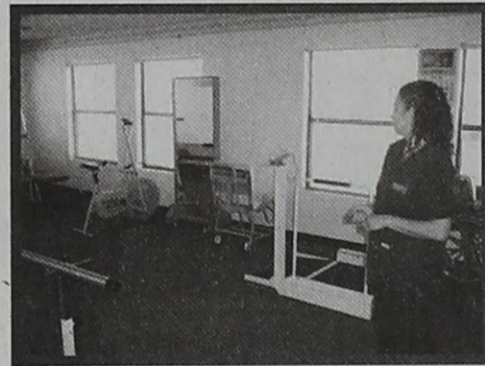
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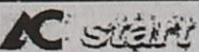
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I have found that my trust in my family has been a rewarding trust for my growth as a Christian.

My prayer is that everyone especially our young people can find a friendship in which they can trust in and grow from.

That is why our choice of friends and peers is important. Those you socialize with on a daily basis are the ones you will learn from, laugh with, cry with, travel with, and often grow with.

This is especially true with your friends at church, your

Christian friends. This also can be true with friends outside the church.

The foundation of our trust should be rooted in Christ.

Our Maker, the God of the heavens, our Savior and friend will always be there for us.

But what does this have to do with me having a trusting friendship while on earth?

If our thoughts and lifestyle are in tune with Christianity and the will of God, the details of life on planet earth will work out.

We see this in Matthew 6:33, if we seek Him out in our lives, He will give us all we need including that friend we can trust and grow with. My friends if we are connected to the "source" of trust, which is our Personal friend Jesus Christ, we will find that friend in which we can trust and grow with as we live on earth.

Need trust? Look Up! ***

Trent Tanaro, is the Youth Minister at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.

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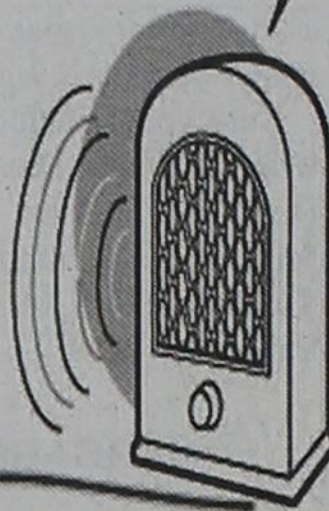
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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

THE VILLAINOUS NAME OF HEROD!

THE NAME OF KING HEROD IS SYNONYMOUS WITH CRUELTY AND MURDER IN THE BIBLE—BUT NOT TO JUST ONE MAN! HEROD WAS THE FAMILY NAME OF SEVERAL KINGS; A FAMILY IN EDOM WHERE, IT IS SAID, THEY WERE FORCIBLY CONVERTED TO JUDAISM ABOUT 125 B.C. THEY RULED IN PALESTINE FROM 46 B.C. TO A.D. 100. HEROD THE GREAT (73-4 B.C.) WAS THE RULER WHO, WHEN HEARING A FUTURE KING (JESUS) WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM, ORDERED ALL MALE BABIES UP TO AGE THREE IN THAT TOWN BE SLAUGHTERED SO THERE COULD BE NO THREAT TO HIS THRONE! BUT....



...IT WAS HIS SON, HEROD ANTIPAS, WHO ORDERED THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST AT THE INSTIGATION OF HIS WIFE, HERODIAS, WHO HATED JOHN FOR VILIFYING HER MARRIAGE TO HEROD ANTIPAS WHILE SHE WAS STILL THE WIFE OF HALF-BROTHER HEROD PHILIP! HEROD AGRIPPA I, A GRANDSON, KEPT FAMILY TRADITION ALIVE BY KILLING THE APOSTLE JAMES AND IMPRISONING PETER. HIS SON, HEROD AGRIPPA II, COMPLETED THE FAMILY ROLE OF VILLAINY BY FIGHTING ON THE SIDE OF THE ROMANS WHEN THE JEWS BEGAN THEIR REVOLT AGAINST ROME IN A.D. 66—A RECORD OF WHICH ONLY A HEROD COULD BE PROUD!

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Obituaries

DAVID MIXSON

A memorial service for David Mixson, 46, of Dimmitt were Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at Colonial Funeral Home Chapel in Dimmitt with Rusty Gray of the Tulia Christian Fellowship and Jeff Addison of First Baptist Church in Quitaque officiating.



David Mixson

Mr. Mixson died Sunday, July 23, 2006, in Dimmitt. He was born July 29, 1959, in San Angelo to James and Rickie Mixson. He lived in Dimmitt since 1969 and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1977. He married Rhonda Heath on Oct. 21, 1989, in Dimmitt. He worked for Excel in Friona. He was an avid guitar player for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda Mixson of Dimmitt; a son, Ryan Mixson of Dimmitt; a daughter, Perry Mixson of Dimmitt; his parents,

James and Rickie Mixson of Bronte; a brother, Terry Mixson of Dimmitt; two sisters, Elonda Kirkland of Lubbock and Cindy Smothermon of Dimmitt; his grandmother, Daisy Sims of Bronte; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Ryan and Perry Mixson Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1186, Dimmitt, TX. 79027.



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MARGARET CURRAN CANTRELL

Margaret Curran Cantrell, 96, of Nazareth and formerly of Nashville, Tenn., died Sunday, July 23, 2006. Local arrangements are by Colonial Funeral Home; funeral services will be held in Nashville at a later date.

Mrs. Cantrell was born and raised in Nashville before moving to Nazareth in 2002. She was a homemaker most of her life.

Survivors include a

daughter, Joanne Lucy of Hart; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

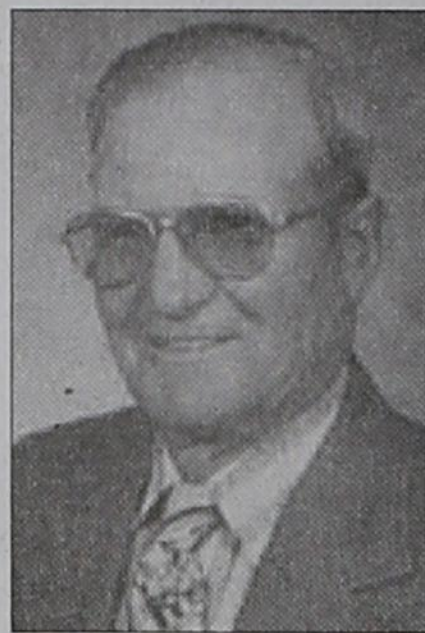
She was preceded in death by her husband, Denton W. Cantrell in 1982 and a brother, William J. Curran.



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HUBERT CLEVELAND EDWARDS

Services for Hubert Cleveland Edwards were Monday, July 10, 2006 at White Memorial Chapel in Lubbock officiated by the Rev. John Street. Interment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.



Hubert Cleveland Edwards

Hubert Cleveland Edwards was born August 8, 1913 in Grandfield, Okla., to Tandy and Sally Bet Butts Edwards. He died July 6, 2006 in Lubbock, at the age of 92 years.

Mr. Edwards moved to Lynn County in 1916. He attended Grassland schools where he met the love of his life, Willie Mae Harris. They married June 15, 1933. He farmed in the New Lynn community until moving to Dimmitt in 1956 where they continued to farm until his retirement in 1978.

After retiring from farming, he continued to work until December, 2001.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt where he served as a deacon and a teacher.

He is preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Combs; two grandsons, Robert Cleveland Edwards and David Baker; four bro-

thers, Lloyd, Cleo, Call and Joë Edwards; and three sisters, Nola Turner, Lillian Lambert and Estelle Cook.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae of 73 years from Lubbock; two sons, Melvin and wife, Jeanel Edwards of Lubbock, Leroy and wife, Jackie Edwards of Dimmitt; one daughter, Imojean and husband, Jack Tunnell of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

The family of Mr. Edwards request memorials may be made in his honor to the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, 1201 Western Circle, Dimmitt, TX. 79027. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.whitefuneralhome.com

MARY KATHRYN KING

Celebration of Life services for Mary Kathryn King, 87, of Lubbock were Friday, July 21, 2006, at St. John's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kathryn Boren officiating.

Ms. King died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Carillon House in Lubbock.

She was April 20, 1919 in Fort Stockton, the daughter of the late Earl and Urbie (Dilworth) Higday. She graduated valedictorian of Rankin High School in 1936. She then attended Texas Tech majoring in home economics.

She married Raymond King, June 26, 1938 in Rankin.

She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church.

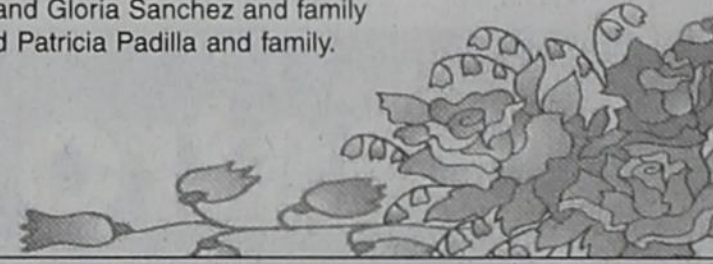
Survivors include her husband Raymond of Lubbock; children Sandra Hill and husband Bobby of Lubbock, Donna Spore and husband Tom of Lufkin, Larry King and wife Nancy of Dallas, and Mary Beth Karr and husband Tim of Lubbock; sister Marjorie Miller of Midland; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made to St. John's United Methodist Church 1501 University, Lubbock, TX 79401

Card of Thanks

Dear Dimmitt Community,

The family of Remedios Padilla wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to all our family and friends who cared for us as we laid our mother to rest. Thank you also to those who sent food and flowers. A special thank you to Mike and Eva Mullins and the staff of Colonial Funeral Home, your professionalism, courtesy, and personal attention to our family will not be forgotten.

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A. As a general rule, rain checks are a courtesy that the store extends to its customers not a legal requirement. A store must have a reasonable number of items for sale to meet anticipated demand, but when it runs out has no obligation to give a rain check. Of course, if the advertisement indicated how many would be available or stated quantity limited, the store must only comply with the ad.

Q. A "friend" stole my television. It cost almost \$2,000. Can I sue in small claims court to get it back?

A. Yes and no. You can sue in small claims court only for monetary relief.

In other words, you cannot sue to have the court order your friend to return the television, but you can sue for what it will cost to replace. You won't get back that particular television, but you may recover funds sufficient to buy a replacement.

Q. My apartment was recently flooded from a water leak in the apartment above mine. The landlord paid to have the rugs cleaned. I asked him to pay for the cost of cleaning my furniture and he refused. He said that either the upstairs tenant or I would have to pay. It is his apartment, why isn't he responsible?

A. Just because the landlord owns the apartment does not mean he is responsible for any damage that occurs. Basically, a landlord is responsible only for damage that either is caused by his breach of the

lease or his negligence. A landlord is not liable for damage caused by an accident, another person's negligence, or act of God. That is why all tenants are encouraged to obtain renter's insurance.

For example, if the landlord knows about a faulty pipe and does not take reasonable steps to repair it, or does not properly maintain the plumbing, he may be liable for any damage that results when a pipe leaks. On the other hand, if a pipe simply begins to leak, or an upstairs tenant clogs a drain causing an overflow, the landlord is not responsible. In fact, if the leak was caused by the negligence of the upstairs' tenant, the tenant would be liable.

I suggest you find out the circumstances surrounding the leak. Unless you can establish some "fault" on the part of the landlord, he probably is not responsible for the costs of cleaning your furniture.

Q. If I file bankruptcy, will I lose my house?

A. Not necessarily. In Texas, your homestead is "exempt" property.

This means that you do not automatically lose it in a bankruptcy.

The only parties who may take your house are creditors that are not subject to this "homestead exemption."

For example, a lender that loaned you the money to buy the house, a bank that made a home equity loan or a contractor who improved it, all have the right to take the property. As long as you are willing to reaffirm such debts and continue making payments, you should be able to keep your home.

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Community News

Community Computer Classroom at Home Merc

The **Community Computer Classroom** at the Home Mercantile building in Nazareth is ready to open!

The Classroom consists of 8 brand-new Dell computers with 19-inch flat screens, plus two satellite computer sites: one in the Senior Citizens Center and another in Nazareth City Hall. All these computers are to be widely accessible to the community for instruction and

Oath of office administered to 11th Silver-Haired Legislature

State Representative Elliot Naisht at from Travis County and member of the Human Services Committee, was the banquet speaker for the session. A native of New York City, he recalled some humorous experiences from his early campaigns as a city slicker trying to be elected to the Texas House of Representatives. However, the speech ended on more sobering thoughts, as Representative Naisht outlined his concerns about a budget shortfall in excess of \$4 billion and continuing court challenges in efforts to solve the school finance problems.

Among those sworn in by Secretary of State Roger Williams were Alan Abraham, Betty Trotter and Chester Cunningham, members of the Panhandle delegation. The ceremony took place in the chambers of the Texas House of Representatives in Austin. Panhandle delegate Jean Clark had to leave before the ceremonies because of an emergency illness in her family. She will be able to take the oath of office at a later time.

The Silver Haired Legislature began immediately preparing for the September session by electing officers and making committee assignments. Long time Silver Haired Legislator Charlotte Parks from Ben Wheeler was elected Speaker. Oscar Garcia from Fort Worth won the office of Speaker Pro Tem, and Betty Streckfuss of Houston was elected Deputy Speaker Pro Tem. Carlos Higgins, retired attorney from Austin, will be the Secretary and Dr. Al Campbell, retired professor from A & M, is the new Comptroller.

Positions on five Administrative and nine legislative committees were filled. Betty Trotter was appointed to the Operations Committee and the Retirement and Aging Committee where she was promptly elected Committee Secretary. Alan Abraham was appointed to the Human Services Committee and the Elections and Credentials Committee.

monitored use.

The first step is to invite people to receive training in how to use the computers, to find volunteers, and to find out what type of classes are needed. Two **Introduction/Training Sessions**: will be held on Tuesday evening, July 25th, and Thursday evening, July 27th, both from 7-9pm. Please come over, see what there is to offer, and help us set up a great asset that can be widely used by the community.

Blood drive in Nazareth

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be holding a blood drive from 3 to 7 p.m., Monday, July 31, at the Nazareth Community Hall, 104 N. First in Nazareth. Every donor will receive a T-shirt and a box of Girl Scout cookies! Call 331-8800 for an appointment.

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Ocean Invertebrates!

Do you know what **invertebrates** are? They are animals that have no backbone and live in water, air and on land. There are nearly two million kinds of invertebrates.

Deadly! Many creatures of the oceans grab, bite or sting. Some have poisons. Can you unscramble the letters to name the invertebrates?

Wow! He's 55 feet long!

This invertebrate lives in the deepest part of the ocean. It may have no backbone, but it puts up a giant battle!

It is the largest of all invertebrates.

This can't be good!

Giant squids have the largest eyes of any animal in the world.

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What do you think? Shall we sign up for the reading club? Well, duh!

Don't be crabby! Visit our website today at www.readingclubfun.com for more cartoon fun and to see the answers to the puzzles. While you are there, join our new national reading club. Check out Yoshi's Scrapbook!

Can you name some **invertebrates**? Let's look at some that live in the ocean:

starfish 1
jellyfish 2
sea urchin 3
sand dollar 4
oyster 5
worms 6
octopus 7
snail 8
crab 9
squid 10
lobster 11
sponges 12

Can you name some **invertebrates**? Let's look at some that live in the ocean:

1. I can change color to protect myself. I am well-armed. I really wrap myself around my prey.
2. We stick to rocks. Divers pick us and people use us for bathing and cleaning.
3. We have up to 40 arms! We are meat eaters. We pry open shells and eat the scallops, clams and oysters inside.
4. When I am shy, I pull my head and foot into my shell.
5. I look a bit like a silver dollar. Do you see a "flower" when you look at me? Those are rows of breathing holes.
6. I am round with long, pointed spines that protect me from my enemies and help me move along the sea floor.
7. I have an exoskeleton - a hard shell outside my body. I am a scavenger, eating the remains of fish and ocean animals.
8. We chew tunnels in sand and eat tiny pieces of animals and plants!
9. I move sideways and often burrow in the sand or hide between rocks. My pincers protect me!
10. I have 8 arms. I also have 2 tentacles that are longer and retractable. I use them to catch prey!
11. I am headless, but I know the secret of making a grain of sand into a pearl. I have a two-part, hinged shell.
12. I look like an umbrella floating gently in the water - but I might sting you!

Sliding Around

I can be found sliding in the ocean, in your garden or right here. **Connect the dots to see me.**

Find your colored pencils and color everything!

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Now, Puny Pearl isn't so eager to roam. Instead he is longing to journey back home.

Can you help Puny Pearl find his way home to the oyster bed?

Legal Notice

We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 24th day of July, 2006 and have found the same to be correct and in order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$2,319,921.95.

First United Bank - Dimmitt, Texas

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PRECINCT #1	\$ 227,248.08	\$ 7,649.26
PRECINCT #2	\$ 135,126.95	\$ 7,092.96
PRECINCT #3	\$ 217,437.08	\$ 6,814.80
PRECINCT #4	\$ 360,196.05	\$ 6,258.48

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 24th day of July, 2006.

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Commissioner, Precinct #1
Larry Gonzales
Commissioner, Precinct #2
Bay Baldrige
Commissioner, Precinct #3
Daniel Schmucker
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We must know how many will be at this dinner by Monday, July 23. Call 938-2206 to put your name on the list. If you fail to get your name on the list you will not eat.

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Castro County Classifieds

Real Estate Homes & Land

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

BRICK HOME-approx. 2,800 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living with fireplace, kitchen, sunroom, utility, garage, two car garage, three car garage, storage building. 24 X 40 building. Located in country with 1.8 acres.
1850 sq. ft.-3 bedroom, 2 bath, office, den with fireplace, kitchen, dining, utility, storage buildings, storm cellar, 30' X 40' shop, 1.8 acres.
LARGE Country Home 3/2 1/2, den, dining, kitchen, office and basement. Fenced yard with sprinkler system, 30 X 60 barn, 5 acres land.
BRICK HOME-3/2 living with wood burning fireplace, kitchen, sun room, fence, storage building and storm shelter, two car carport.
NICE-3/1 living, kitchen, utility, single garage. Two lots.
REDUCED-3/2 living, kitchen, utility, storage building, cellar, fenced yard. Nice.
BEAUTIFUL HOME-3/2.75/2, den, living room, remodeled kitchen with new appliances, utility, storage building, basement, circle drive.
2 acres-3/2 den, living, kitchen, sun room, basement, single garage, two storage bldgs.. Building two rooms with bath.
INVESTMENT PROPERTY-Mobile home trailer park-27 lots. Own 8 mobile homes and leases 9 spaces. Owner financing available.
NICE two bedroom, 1 bath, two living areas, kitchen, utility. Brick with metal roof. Central heat and air. Fenced yard with storage.
EDGE OF TOWN-six acres with city water, brick home, 3/2 living room, kitchen, utility, game room, basement. Nice metal horse shed with stalls, several more barns, shop building with large door. Property all fenced.
LAND:
Two lots- great location to build home. Sunset Circle.
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LAND:
449 acres of farm land with three good irrigation wells. House with large barn

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315 E Bedford Dimmitt
Shirley Cornett-Agent
Don Cornett-Broker
806-647-5642

Real Estate Homes & Land

We have buyers with their loans approved. We need your listings!
FARMS
640 Acres-South of Dimmitt, great water.
480 Acres-East of Hart-great water
Make offer-4/2.75/2-One of the nicest homes in Dimmitt, too many extras to list. Call today for details.
\$125,000-4/3/2-Large home, corner lot, fireplace, flagstone floor, sprinkler system. Seller helps with closing.
\$95,000-County Home, Large Rooms, Basement, Oversized Garage, Fence, on .7 acre.
\$82,000-REDUCED-3/2/2-Owner has moved. **SOLD**, great location, hot tub, nice shop. Seller helps with closing.
\$80,000 3/2/1-Nice house on corner lot, Large shop, close to High School, fireplace, great location.
\$69,900-Great home 3/2/2-lots of new paint and carpet, fireplace, corner lot, nice shop, close to schools.
MAKE OFFER-3,100 sq ft home/store on 14 acres, includes large quonset barn, compressors, tools, tractor, farm equipment, livestock barns and many more treasures. Lots of potential. Owner financing available.
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\$53,000-3/2/1-nice well-kept home with extra lot to park your truck or build a shop.
\$45,000-3/1/0 Two homes for the price of one, large corner lot. Rented unit rents for \$400.
\$40,000-2/2/0-Great home that has been well-kept. Soft water. Corner lots, trees, storage building, ETC..
DUPLEX-\$50,000-close to school.
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Hart, Texas
\$50,000-Four bedroom home in good location large lot. Call Norma today.
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On Pine St. 4/2. Owner would like to move. \$82,500.
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Newly Remodeled Home. New Storm Cellar, extra nice, priced to sell \$50,000.
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Notices

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Real Estate

House For Sale: 707 Stinson 3Bed/ 1 1/2 bath 1850 sq. ft. Beautifully remodeled. Closing Costs Pd by Seller, \$74,000. 806-773-1963 14-4tc-20

REDUCED: 3 bd/2 baths completely updated new carpet & paint throughout, corner lot, 600 Maple. Call 806-647-4508 or 647-0372, Cell# 512-925-9668 \$80,000. 14-tfc-20

Office/Retail For Rent

Office/Retail Space next door to K-Bob's Steak House. Call Fred @ 647-2318 or cell 681-3813. 17-tfc-20

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Lost a pet dog or cat or maybe even an iguana. We'll put your lost item in this space free

Notice

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE CLASSES Beginning August 14th **Pre-Registration is Required** Runningwater Draw Care Center 806-285-2677

Advertise Your Garage Sale Here for Only \$6.00

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas for a private club permit renewal to be located at 208 SE 4th, Dimmitt, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Gerry's First-Place.
Kayla Jones Weaver, president
Wayne Niel Christian, Vice president
Kellie Jo Bradley, secretary
17-2tc-58

Legal Notice Notice to Bidders

The City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas is now accepting closed bids for the use (farming) on the city farm described as follows: All that portion of Survey Numbers (3) and Four (4), Block M, Castro County, Texas, lying South of Highway 86 Castro County, Texas, owned by the City of Dimmitt, Texas (144 tillable acres). The contractual agreement is a cash lease agreement for the 2006/2007 crop year. The City Council will open bids at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 24, 2006 at approximately 8:30pm. The property has been sprayed for noxious weeds. The direct payment from the FSA office for 2006 will be \$2,926.00, which will be the property of the successful bidder. The City Council, in their sole discretion reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Legal Notice


The Dimmitt ISD will receive bids for janitorial products. All proposals must be submitted to the attention of Vicki Eaton, Business Manager at 608 Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 no later than 3:30pm on August 1, 2006

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Sale of Forfeited Assets

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received on seized and forfeited vehicles:
- 1994 Buick, 4 Door, Vin # 1G4CU5218R1604533
- 2000 Ford F-150 Pickup, Vin# 1FTZX1726YKA22455
Until 2:00pm on Friday, August 4, 2006, by the Castro County District Attorney's Office at Castro County Courthouse, 100 E. Bedford, Room 213, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027. Said vehicles may be inspected during normal business hours (8AM-12 Noon, 1PM-5PM) by contacting the District Attorney's Office. Said office reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Said vehicles are to be sold "AS IS" without warranty, express or implied.

PO Box 371 Hart, TX 79043 Home: 806-938-2313

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509 NW 6th - Nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath, carport, finished out cellar, fenced yard.
1009 FRONT-Spacious 5 bdrm, 3 bath brick home, double car garage, central heat/air, storage building, nicely landscaped, edge of town.
IN YOUR BACKYARD-five sections, hwy. frontage plus county roads, wells & pivot sprinklers. **PERMITS IN PROCESS!**
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY? - approx. 7.63 acres, 3 bedroom & office, 2 bath home (brick & rustic wood siding), nice landscaping, great horse facility with guest accommodations (fireplace), stalls training/riding pens & large metal barn fitted for stalls, pipe rail fencing.
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Dimmitt Babe Ruth Team

Back row: Coach Kasey Whatley, Nick Aguilar, Chase Hatla, Amendo Preto, Anthony Jackson, George Dones, Coach Rigo Jackson. Front row: Edgar Perez, Javier Sanchez, John David Gonzales, Chance Schilling, Josh Alvareg, Isaac Sifuentes and Mathew Vigil. The team represented Dimmitt at the State Tournament in Dumas over the weekend.

Windstream formed through spinoff and merger

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Windstream Corporation (NYSE: WIN) has announced its formation as a public company with the completion of the spinoff of Alltel Corporation's landline business and merger with VALOR Communications Group, Inc., creating the largest telecommunications and entertainment services company focused on serving rural America. Windstream common stock began trading tomorrow, July 18, on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol WIN. The company is a member of the S&P 500 index and expects to pay a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.25 per share.

"Our new company has a great deal of momentum as we begin operating," said Jeff Gardner, president and CEO of Windstream. "We have assembled an experienced leadership team backed by a talented workforce deeply rooted in our local communities, and we will be focused on generating solid financial results for shareholders."

Under the terms of the previously announced transaction, Alltel shareholders are entitled to receive 1.0339267 shares of VALOR stock for each share of Alltel they own. VALOR Communications, which has been renamed Windstream Corporation, issued approximately 403 million shares of common stock pro rata to the shareholders of Alltel, who will continue to own 1 share of the remaining wireless entity.

Any Alltel shareholder entitled to receive a fractional share will instead receive a cash payment.

Windstream has 8,000 employees and offers voice, broadband and digital TV services in 16 states. The company has 55 retail stores and operates a directory publishing and communications product supply business. Windstream broadband

service is expected to be available to approximately 80 percent of the company's customers by the end of the year. Windstream broadband service features speeds of up to 6.0 Mb. Windstream has launched a multi-faceted brand campaign — featuring newspaper, radio, TV, outdoor, online and direct mail advertising — to introduce the company. The central component of the campaign — developed by The Concept Farm of New York, Windstream's advertising agency — is a green vintage pickup truck. The truck is a recognizable classic that has been fully restored and features the latest technology.

"The Windstream green truck will serve as a memorable brand icon that evokes the spirit of our new company," Gardner said. "We have a proud heritage through our legacy companies of providing quality products and dependable services for our customers' safety and security and are now uniquely positioned to offer bundled, innovative communications and entertainment services at a great value to customers."

A multi-state mobile truck tour will start in August and travel throughout Windstream's markets.

An online showroom with the truck is available on the company's new Web site at www.windstream.com.

About Windstream Windstream Corporation (NYSE: WIN) provides voice, broadband and entertainment services to customers in 16 states.

The company has approximately 3.4 million access lines and about \$3.4 billion in annual revenues.

For more information, visit www.windstream.com. Windstream claims the protection of the safe-harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

2006 Property Tax Rates in Castro County

This notice concerns 2006 property tax rates for Castro County and Castro County Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start rollback procedures. In each case, these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	County General	County Road	Hospital District
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,771,155	\$ 589,680	\$ 1,545,656
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Last year's tax base	\$ 347,967,660	\$ 344,968,950	\$ 347,401,670
Last year's	\$ 0.509	\$ 0.171	\$.445
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on property)	\$ 1,771,155	\$ 589,680	\$ 1,545,656
/ This year's adjusted taxbase (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 338,580,460	\$ 335,586,620	\$ 337,958,980
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.523	\$ 0.176	\$ 0.457
Total	\$ 0.699		\$
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating Taxes (after subtracting taxes On lost property.)	\$ 1,886,756	\$ 589,680	\$ 1,545,656
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 338,580,460	\$ 335,586,620	\$ 337,958,980
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.557	\$ 0.176	\$ 0.457
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.602	\$ 0.190	\$ 0.494
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.792	\$	\$ 0.494

A county or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.034
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.758

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Castro County General	\$ 1,100,000
Castro County Precinct	\$ 750,000
Hospital District	\$ 1,141,102

Schedule C

Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(for cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive the following amounts in additional sales and use tax revenues

Castro County	\$ 115,601
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This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Castro County Appraisal District, 204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, Tx.

Notice prepared by Jerry Heller
Chief Appraiser
Prepared on July 19, 2006

TODO LO QUE QUERIAS SABER TOCANTE LA ESPIRITUALIDAD Y CATOLICOS PERO TENIAS MIEDO PREGUNTAR

Estas:

- ¿¿ dudando tu lugar en la vida eterna?
- ¿¿ Tienes preguntas tocantes asuntos espirituales en la vida de tu familia?
- ¿¿ No eres creyente de Dios o Jesús?
- ¿¿ No eres miembro de una familia parroquial pero te gustaría encontrar una?
- ¿¿ Estas interesado en aprendiendo mas tocante la Iglesia Católica?
- ¿¿ Estas casado con un Católico y deseas saber mas tocante sus practicas de fe?
- ¿¿ Estas en busca de algo en tu vida, pero no estas seguro que es?

Estas Iglesias Católicas del Condado de Castro están patrocinado un "Open House"

Donde puede visitar nuestra Iglesia, nuestra música, puede tomar refrescos, y tomar tiempo para hacer preguntas.

DIMMITT: Iglesia Católica de la Inmaculada Concepción de Maria

1001 por la calle West Halsell, el miércoles 16 de agosto, de 6 a 8 p.m.,

HART: La Iglesia de San Juan Nepomuceno, 312 por la calle siete, El domingo, 13 de agosto, de 6 a 8 p.m.

NAZARETH: La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia, 210 por la calle San José, el miércoles 9 de agosto de 6 a 8 p.m.

También, puede hacer preguntas con nuestros párrocos: Llame al

Rev. Lupe Mayorga, 627-7844, en Hart o Dimmitt, y

Rev. Ken Keller, 240-0043, en Nazareth.

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Are you:

- Wondering about spiritual issues in the life of your family?
- Unsure of your place in eternal life?
- Not a member of any church family but would like to check one out?
- Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- Married to a Catholic and want to know more about their faith practices?
- Seeking something in your life, but are not sure what it is?

These Castro County Catholic Churches are hosting "An Open House"

Tour of church, music, refreshments, and shared time for your questions.

NAZARETH: Church of the Holy Family, 210 St. Joseph St., Wednesday, August 9th, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

HART: Church of St. John Nepomucene, 312 Seventh St., Sunday, August 13th, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

DIMMITT: Church of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

1001 West Halsell, Wednesday,

Wednesday, August 16th, 6 to 8 p.m.

Also, informal chats to ask any questions of our pastors: Call Rev. Lupe Mayorga, 627-7844, in Hart or Dimmitt, and Rev. Ken Keller, 240-0043, in Nazareth.

Community Calendar

Dimmitt ISD Silent Auction August 4, 2006

A *Silent Auction* will be held at each campus on Aug. 4 from Noon-6 p.m. Tables, desk, chairs, lawnmowers, room dividers, and much more will be displayed at each campus. The *Silent Auction* will conclude promptly at 6 p.m., Aug. 4, and you will be responsible for paying and collecting your item(s)

at that time.
Locations:
Richardson Elementary
708 W. Stinson
Middle School
805 W. Jones
High School
1505 Western Circle Drive
Transportation Center
Butler Drive

4-J Fun Day is Wednesday
The third Annual 4-H Fun

Day will be Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Castro Co. Extension office. Children age 6 through 12 are invited to attend. This year's theme is Discover 4-H. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, crafts and snacks. Please call 647-4115 for more information. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

D.R.E.A.M.S. to meet Thursday
DREAMS (PTO) will have a meeting on Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 pm. It will be held in the East Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome.

FSA County Committee Elections

Aug. 1 is the deadline to get your name on the FSA county committee election ballot. Visit your local FSA office or USDA Service Center to learn how you can have a voice and take a seat on your area Farm Service Committee or go online at www.fsa.usda.gov for nomination forms and more information.

Harvest Days Fair set for Sept. 7-9

The Castro County Fair Association has begun renting out booth space and preparing for a great fair this year, which is scheduled to begin Sept. 7 and run through Sept. 9. Registration for the Junior Tractor Pull will be Thursday, Sept. 7 at 4:45 p.m. at the Castro County Expo; registration for the Pet Show will be the same day at 5 p.m. Friday, starting at noon, registration for fair exhibits will begin and end at 6 p.m. at the Expo Center. The Castro County Fair Parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 9. The theme this year will be "A Heart for Country Living." Let's make this a year to remember our parade with lots of floats and participants. Don't forget to nominate an individual for Parade Grand Marshal. It should be someone who has contributed and supported our community. Stop by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce to pick up a nomination form. The Chamber is planning on having a Street Dance this year on Saturday evening. For more information on booths, either inside or outside the Expos, call (806) 647-2524.

Hart Days is July 28

Hart Days coming up Activities for the annual Hart Days, include a Band Booster Dinner on Friday, July 28, to be held at the Methodist Church, along with an ice cream contest, sponsored by the Hart Days committee. The Miss Hart Pageant, with Ramona Neudorf as coordinator, will be at the Centennial Pavilion that Friday evening. On Saturday, the parade will get under way at 10 a.m. with lineup to begin at 9 a.m. north of Hart in the vacant lot east of FM 168. Following the parade, the Pentecostal Church and the Lions Club will serve food near the fire station. Also, there will be arts and crafts vendors set up in the fire station. Local artists and craftspersons interested in setting up a booth for \$25 should contact Neoma Williams. Kids games are planned by various groups. New Hart coaches, Jason and Casey Botos, will be coordinating the 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the basketball court and a punt, pass and kick contest at the City Park, south of the fire station. To enter or for more information, contact the Botoses at 938-2554. Contact Aaron Lee about tents which will be available for a fee.

Photo exhibit at the Home Merc

The photography exhibit "Where the Spirit Left" is on display in the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth, and can be viewed by the public (until Sept. 4) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7pm, or on Sunday from 10:30am to 12 noon. There is no charge for admission.

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