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Car thieves elude police in two towns

Two men led police on a chase Thursday through Dimmitt, winding through residential streets before taking a back road most of the way to Hereford.

Two men were in the car Thursday as it wound through Dimmitt. Dimmitt officer Sal Rivera clocked the car at 60 mph in a 40 mph zone on N. Broadway. Rivera radioed the Castro County Sheriff's Office to check the license plates. The check indicated the car was stolen from Illinois.

As Rivera exited his patrol car to question the driver and passenger, the driver made a u-turn and fled. The car, trailed by Rivera and Police Chief Dewayne Haney, left Dimmitt on W. Halsell (Farm Road 2392) and eluded officers about three miles west of town. Authorities believe the car turned on a county road and took a back road near where one of the suspects lives near Easter and most of the way into Hereford.

Officers believe one of the men left the car near his home in the Easter area. Willie Earl Ward, 51, was stopped several hours later at Gibson's in Hereford and held for questioning. He was released before warrants could be obtained from Dimmitt for evading arrest and reckless danger.

Kenneth Chambers, inspector for Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers out of Dawn, saw the copper-colored Toyota Camry as it turned north onto Farm Road 2943 (Big Daddy's Cutoff) from US Highway 385. He followed the car for sever-

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Heavy rains bust months-long drought

Several months of drought went that-a-way while one or more tornadoes sent farm equipment and outbuildings which-a-way in late May storms last week.

Dimmitt's official rainfall totals for the year skyrocketed to 7.35 inches for the year. That is just above normal for the year, but still doesn't catch up for a much drier than normal fall and winter season. During May, the city officially received 4.84 inches of rain.

The official tally might have been more, but a large storm last Wednesday afternoon was accompanied by winds so high that much

of the rain probably missed the official gauge at KDHN, two miles north of Dimmitt.

"The wind was blowing straight out of the west," said station owner Wayne Collins. "I think it blew a lot of it right on past the rain gauge. We got plenty through our front door, though."

That first of two storms Wednesday sent water over the curbs in downtown Dimmitt, bringing traffic to a standstill for several minutes. Law enforcement officers were out watching menacing clouds but apparently missed a tornado that caused several thousand dollars

in damage west-southwest of Dimmitt. A small barn belonging to Danny Heard and a center pivot on Dan Heard's place about 10 miles west of Dimmitt were destroyed; two trailers belonging to Clyde Damron were destroyed; and a stock tank was blown over a quarter-mile into an adjacent field.

"The dirt and rain both got so thick and heavy you couldn't see the storm," said Sue Boozer. "It all got very still and then the bottom fell out. It looked like a solid sheet of dirt coming up. It was a huge old rolling cloud of dirt and rain."

Some hail came with the storm. A small strip of corn just southeast of the Goodpasture plant southeast of Dimmitt on State Highway 194 was thinned to almost nothing, and several producers are looking at plowing and replanting southeast of Hart.

"There was quite a bit of hail around Hart, and the worst was east of town," said Neoma Williams, publisher of the *Hart Beat* and official weather observer. "We officially got .57 inch on Wednesday, but the wind was blowing so hard

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Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	81	50	.85
Friday	72	52	1.47
Saturday	70	53	Tr.
Sunday	87	58	
Monday	85	58	
Tuesday	91	59	
Wednesday	93	61	

May Moisture	4.84
June Moisture	0.00
1994 Moisture	7.35

KDHN RADIO
US Weather Observer



SPLISH SPLASH!—Jana Sweet, Karla Sears and Benny Schacher tumble in the runoff water on South Broadway after two heavy rainstorms last Wednesday afternoon. The first cloudburst, accompanied by high wind, deposited an official .54 of an inch within half an hour and almost flooded

downtown streets. (Many observers felt the rain gauges didn't record it all since it came in horizontal sheets.) The skies cleared, then a second downpour dropped an additional .31 of an inch. In all, the NWS gauge at KDHN Radio recorded an official 3.82 inches in four days. Photo by John Brooks

Gonzales, Moyers face special vote

Larry Gonzales will face Boyd Moyers in a special election Saturday to determine a city councilman for District 2—they hope.

Gonzales, the incumbent, and Moyers tied at 61 in the regular election on May 7. The votes were recounted several times that day and night, but each time they tallied 61 apiece.

Early voting ended Tuesday, and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the City Hall Meeting Room.

There were several suggestions for breaking the tie, including a coin flip or by casting lots, but the candidates and the council agreed on the special election.

City-wide sale set Saturday

How many bargains can you find Saturday in Dimmitt?

Thousands, at the seventh annual City-Wide Garage Sale throughout the city.

Over 100 homes will have the distinctive garage sale sign posted, signifying they're part of the community effort that attracts thousands of out-of-town visitors to the city. A flea market will also be set up on the courthouse square with a variety of goods sold at booths. Booth space is still available, for \$25 per booth, at the chamber office at 115 W. Bedford.

Persons who sign up by today (Thursday) will be included in maps that will be handed out at the stoplight on Saturday. The maps will include addresses, names and a brief summary of goods offered at each participating sale. Persons wanting to participate in the community effort are asked to pay \$10 in return for the sign and inclusion in the maps.

Thousands of bargain hunters usually begin their search before the posted 8 a.m. starting time hoping to find treasure in someone else's junk. The chamber annually gets inquiries from downstate Texas and out of state about the sale.

Leaders speak out for PMH, clinics

A delegation of Dimmitt business leaders voiced their support for the hospital board and the rural health clinics program during the board's regular monthly meeting last Wednesday night.

"Sometimes we feel things that we don't express," First State Bank President Ray Bain told the board. He commended the trustees for their work with the hospital and rural health clinics, and added, "I think you've done an excellent job and I hope the board will continue working and cooperating together."

Gary Thompson, general manager of American Maize-Products Co., added, "From everything I've seen, read and heard in recent weeks, I think the board has done a good job. ... Without a hospital here, we can write off a Fortune 500 company coming here. ... I'm for rural health care."

"When I visit with anyone thinking of locating here, the first thing they ask is, 'Do you have a good hospital?'" said City Manager Reelford Burrous.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller offered the chamber's help in setting up a town meeting to bring in outside, objective spokesmen to discuss the rural health clinics concept with the public.

Also, Heller said, physicians' assistants "have been met with a lack of education about their roles in primary health care," and added, "We need to let them know we appreciate them."

An audience of 24 attended the board meeting, including delegations from Dimmitt and Hart. (See separate story on discussion of the Hawkins Memorial Clinic in Hart.)

Board President James Welch administered the oath of office to the two newly elected trustees, Bill Clark and Teresa Lindsey. The new trustees join Welch, Garland Coleman and Lucille Drerup on the hospital board.

At the end of the meeting—after an executive session—the trustees elected Coleman as the new board president, with Welch as vice-president and Clark as secretary.

After the swearing-in ceremony, Richard Hoeth of the Texas Hospital Association presented a detailed outline of a hospital governing board's role. He also detailed which responsibilities were the board's and which were the administrator's in the long-range and day-to-day operations of a hospital.

Hoeth, who is the THA's director of rural health affairs, comment-

ed, "I like what I've read and heard" about the local hospital district.

"I picked up a copy of your local paper and I liked the spirit of discussion on the rural health clinics issue," he said. "I also liked the (graduation) section devoted to the community's youth."

"And I liked what I saw here tonight—the audience expressing support for the hospital district and the rural health clinic system," Hoeth said.

The board approved a mission statement for the hospital district and an updated organizational chart to include the new swing-bed program.

The mission statement reads: "The mission of the Castro County Hospital District shall be: To provide quality primary health

Hospital board reviews physician pay package

How much should the Castro County Hospital District offer to lure a new family-practice doctor here?

Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator Steve Goode urged the hospital board at its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday night to "continue to offer the compensation package we've been offering" to prospective new physicians, and said, "We really need to move quickly, I think" in the campaign to recruit a new family practitioner to Dimmitt.

The compensation package being offered here includes a \$120,000-a-year base salary, malpractice and health insurance, use of a primary-care clinic, support staff, business management services, a prospect of an additional \$12,500 per year for serving as either a supervising physician or medical director of a clinic, and pay for serving on-call duty or emergency-room duty at the hospital, plus allowances for continuing education, travel, etc. Whatever the physician bills for in-

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CCHD considers cutting losses at Hawkins Clinic

Should the hospital district shut down Hawkins Memorial Clinic in Hart to cut its losses, since the Hart schools are operating a health clinic of their own anyway?

Or should the rural health clinic be kept open with the hope that more Hart residents will take advantage of the local health-care system that their taxes help pay for?

It's a costly dilemma for the hospital board, and a predicament for many Hart residents who feel

tugged in different directions by the issue.

There won't be a decision right away. For now, the board is setting up a town meeting to talk the situation over.

Three members of the Hart City Council attended last Wednesday night's hospital board meeting to plead for keeping the clinic open, and two representatives of the HISD were there to defend the school health clinic.

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MEMORIAL DAY AT HART—Rev. Lillith Ardhuerumly, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Hart, delivers the keynote address at the Memorial Day Tribute Monday morning at the Hart Cemetery. Seated in the nearest chair in the front row is E. E. Foster, 98, one of the few living veterans of World War I. In right background are members of the Hart American Legion Post 311 honor guard who raised the flag to begin the service. Others

participating in the tribute were Joe Welps, who read the names of all deceased Hart veterans; soloists Vivian Bennett and Weldon Davis; trumpeter Jerry Jansa; and Gerald Aalbers, minister of the First Baptist Church. The cemetery service was followed by a covered-dish luncheon at the school cafeteria. The Hart Cemetery Association sponsored the Memorial Day activities.

Photo by Don Nelson

Nazareth Rodeo sets annual run beginning Friday

The Eighteenth Annual Nazareth Country Rodeo and Wild West Show, sponsored by Coors, will kick off Friday with a second performance Saturday and a matinee show Sunday afternoon.

The *Wildest Rodeo in the Texas Panhandle* will be held at Marvin Schulte's arena, behind Elmer's package store, 5 miles east of Nazareth on Highway 86.

Nightly performances will begin at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday's show starts at 3 p.m.

The rodeo will feature bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, bull dogging, girls' break-away roping, calf roping, barrel racing, team roping and single steer roping. Wild West events will include wild horse racing, wild cow

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On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Emily Clingsmith, Dude Mc-Lauren, Virginia Crider, and Loranel Hamilton just returned from Branson, Mo. They saw many outstanding shows while there. Among them were Toni Orlando, Andy Williams, The Brumby Show, John Davidson, Moe Brandy, Buck Trent, Kirby Van Burch and Phillip Wellford and Bobby Vinton with the Glenn Miller Orchestra. The shows were all outstanding as the main characters put so much of themselves in it. Most of them sang many good old spirituals and songs from the 30's, 40's and 50's. All these shows were good, clean wholesome show that were based on songs from the 30's to the 50's, religion and patriotism.

On the return trip they stayed at the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge that is on top of a mountain in the Ouachita Mountains out of Mena, Ark. It was a beautiful hotel and the landscape around it was breathtaking.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church honored their graduating seniors on Sunday with a dinner. Those enjoying this special occasion were Katrina Acker, Jimmy Casas, Claudia Dominguez, May Garcia, Alma Moctezuma, Daniel Trigo, Michael Zamora, Stace McDaniel, David Rodriguez, Art Ortega, Janie Robles, Diana Anes, Orlando Rodriguez, Terri Flores, Saida Rodriguez, Lalo Flores, Lorena Silva, Crystal Rodriguez, Mario Castillo, Timothy Anes, Rocio Garcia, Selma Montalvo, Ben Perez, Nora Rosado, and Adriana Lopez.

Several from Dimmitt attended the pretty wedding of Jan Robb and Mike McCord at Rhea Mills Baptist church. The reception was held at the Bill Bates (a Dallas Cowboy) ranch near Rhea Mills. A catered barbeque dinner was served to the guests and a live band entertained all through the reception. Mike is the equipment manager for the Dallas Cowboys.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock and Doug and Debbie Smith and Alyson of Amarillo were among the guests at the Robb-McCord wedding. While they were in that area they visited relatives, John and Darla Moon and daughter, Brandi, who graduated from Allen High School on Friday evening, and Dub and Joan Felder of Sunray, who were there for Brandi's graduation. On Sunday morning they all met at a restaurant in Richardson for breakfast. Rod, Michelle, and Ryan Rumsey of Dallas met the relatives for a short visit. The Murdocks and Smiths stopped in Denton to visit Doug's brother, Steve Smith and family.

The monthly birthday dinner celebrated by the residents of the Dimmitt Senior Citizens apartments was held recently in honor of those whose birthdays were in May, which includes Mary Cox, Susie Reeves, and Johnnie Pittman.

Those present were Mavis Tittle, Wreathel Green, Nola Ivey, Ioma Stokes, Una Ward, Sally Parmer, Gladys Hampton, Opal Thomas, Helen Wilmoth, Faye Ethridge, Alene Lilley, Virgie Moulton, Lorene Beach, Cleo Parks, Ida Mae Moore, Cecil Crum, and Roy Hollums.

Sundowners Club met in the home of Karen Carter for their

annual salad supper on Tuesday night. They enjoyed a meal of lasagne, tossed salad, and lime jello salad. Marilyn Neal gave the program "A New Style for Old Staples." Those attending were Faye Mohon, Maxine Myers, Karen Carter, and Marilyn Neal.

My granddaughter, Lauren Feazell and baby, Caleb, of Houston were visiting Bill and Mary Lynn Lankford in Amrillo so I had lunch with them before they took me out to the airport.

Charles and Betty Vaughan and I flew to Dallas for Kristin Vaughan's graduation from Berkner High School. Kristin is the daughter of David and Sue Vaughan. On Friday morning I went with Sue to her office. She is a travel counselor with the American Express Travel Co., and I met some of her co-workers. Friday evening we all attended the graduation exercises at the Moody Coliseum on the Southern Methodist University campus. The Berkner Band played *Pomp and Circumstance* for the procession as the 685 seniors marched into the huge Coliseum with their colorful green caps and gowns.

Charles and Betty Vaughan went with Betty's brother and wife, Elden and Mary Huett of Dallas, to Missouri to visit a sister. They spent some time in Arkansas with the Vaughan's daughter and husband, Beth (Charlene) and Joe, before going on to Missouri.

Saturday afternoon David and

Sue Vaughan honored Kristin with a reception following her graduation. This was held in the party room of the Clarion Hotel and they catered the refreshment buffet of fresh fruit, assorted cheese and crackers, salsa dip and chips, punch and coffee. A pretty decorated cake with "Congratulations Kristin, 1994" and green and white icing with a cluster of white roses, the class flower. A small graduate statue dressed in the school color stood on one side of the cake. Some of the friends and relatives who attended were school friends and their parents, Brent Vaughan and his friend, Tiffany Reeder, Gay Roper and her daughter, Amy, (former Tullia residents now living in Dallas), Bob and Vicki (Vaughan) James and family of Lancaster, and a friend of the late Ken Justice.

Sunday morning we attended church at the Richardson Heights Baptist Church. They had a salute to the Armed Forces and as the choir sang *As the Army Goes Rolling Along*, the men who had served in the Army stood; the choir sang *Into the Wild Blue Yonder* as those who served in the Air Force stood; as the choir sang *Anchors Away*, the men who had served in the Navy stood; and as they sang *Halls of Montezuma*, the men who had served in the Marines stood to be honored. The Heightsmen, a barber shop quartet, sang *The Majesty of Creation*. The church had planned a picnic for the evening service, but

it rained while we were in church so they cancelled the picnic.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock attended the graduation program for the US Air Force Airman Leadership School that was held at the Cannon PME Center near Clovis, N.M. Sgt. Brad Murdock was among the "A" Seminar graduates. There was a social hour, welcome, posting of the colors, invocation, introduction of guests, dinner, guest speaker, presentation of awards and diplomas, benediction, and retiring of the colors. Brad was recommended by his squadron commander for this honor. The Murdocks reported there was a tornado warning while they were there and everyone went to the halls for protection, but it did not touch down.

Linda Henderson, a teacher in the Odessa School System, spent the weekend with her parents, the J.C. Hendersons of Texhoma, and came by Dimmitt on Monday and had lunch with her grandmother, Maurine Henderson.

Our sympathy to the family of Mona Merritt.

Dude McLauren hosted the Thursday Bridge Club. Helen Braafadt won high score and Emily Clingsmith won second high score. Others playing were Alma Kenmore, Edith Graef, Louise Mears, Johnnie Vannoy, Neva Hickey, Cleo Forson, Elizabeth Huckabay, Loranel Hamilton, Mary Small, Dugan Butler, Virginia Crider, and Ina Rae Cates.

Kay Kellar, Janet Hand, Margaret Parsons and Deanne Clark spent Memorial Day weekend at Kay's cabin in Ruidoso. They played tennis each day and visited with the James Sims family and Ty Johnson. Janet saw Russell Birdwell and Doug Setliff at the races on Sunday. Chaun and Lisa Gunstream were at First Christian Church where Kay, Margaret and Deanne attended Sunday. The James Burnams were to be in Ruidoso for the holiday.

Gary Langford sponsored Brandi Rice and Amber Langford on a mission to San Marcos.



THANKS SWEETHEART—Tori Baker received a rose corsage and a bouquet of long-stemmed roses from the Dimmitt Lions Club at its annual installation banquet May 24 at K-Bob's Steak House. In the background is her dad, James Baker. Photo by Don Nelson

Nazareth

By Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

Many friends and relatives attended the marriage of Phillip Behrens and Stephanie Brockman on Saturday at Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee officiating. Reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Lucille Drerup and Dan and Ethel Schmucker attended Plainview High School graduation exercises at the Hutchinson Auditorium Thursday evening. Rodney Ball, son of Jim and Evelyn Ball, and Paula Wulf of Brazil, a foreign exchange student who lived with the Jim Ball family this year, were two of the graduating seniors.

Many friends and relatives attended the marriage of Cory Hoelting and Kimberly Morris on Saturday, May 23, at the Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee officiating. A reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Virgie Gerber returned to Austin after the Hoelting wedding, with her son Rick and family for a week-long visit. After flying home on Sunday, the Gerber and Yearly families gathered at the home of

Kevin and Melinda Gerber in Plainview to celebrate their daughter Miriah's first birthday.

Joe and Amy Schmucker and Dan Schmucker drove to the Panhandle Nursing Home to visit Amy's sister, Hilda Heiman, who is a resident at the home. They also visited with a friend, Mary Britten, at the home. She is a sister of the late Ed Drerup and Lucy Leinen.

Over 50 members of the Philip Pohlmeier family gathered for their 18th Annual Reunion over Memorial weekend. Frank and Sharon Pohlmeier were the organizers this year. Family members came from Amarillo, Dimmitt, Claude, Nazareth, Canyon, Lubbock, College Station, San Marcos, Yukon, Okla., and Denver, Colo. The days were spent playing cards, horseshoes, volleyball and a talent show. Everyone enjoyed visiting and meeting potential new family members.

Paige Hochstein was the honoree at a surprise birthday party Sunday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall. Hochstein and Hatla relatives enjoyed the evening.

Daniel Brian, son of Harold and Kirsten Verkamp of Amarillo, was baptized May 15 in St. Thomas Church in Amarillo by Msgr. Joseph Tash. Daniel's sponsors were Bridget Birkenfeld and Leon Verkamp.

Present for the baptism and dinner afterward were grandparents Leslie Birkenfeld and Robert and Mary Verkamp, and great-grandmother Rose Birkenfeld.

Also attending the baptism and dinner were Walter and Jenny Verkamp and children of Idalou; Paul Verkamp and Gery and Connie Verkamp of Lubbock; David Verkamp of Nazareth and Elaine Verkamp and Amelie Benke of Lawton, Okla.

Who's New?

OUT OF TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hays of Lubbock are the parents of a boy, Hayden Christopher, born May 27 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 6 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Ann Hays of Dimmitt and Len and Garlinda Rush of Farmersville. His great-grandmother is Rosamae Lance of Dimmitt.

Hali Alexis was born May 20, 1994 in Northwest Texas Hospital. The daughter of Rodney and Michele Bohr of Groom, she weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long. Her grandparents are Luke and Mona Acker of Nazareth and Bill and Linda Bohr of Groom. She also has a sister Candace, 10.



FIND "NEWSY"

We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the CASTRO COUNTY NEWS.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the Castro County News office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

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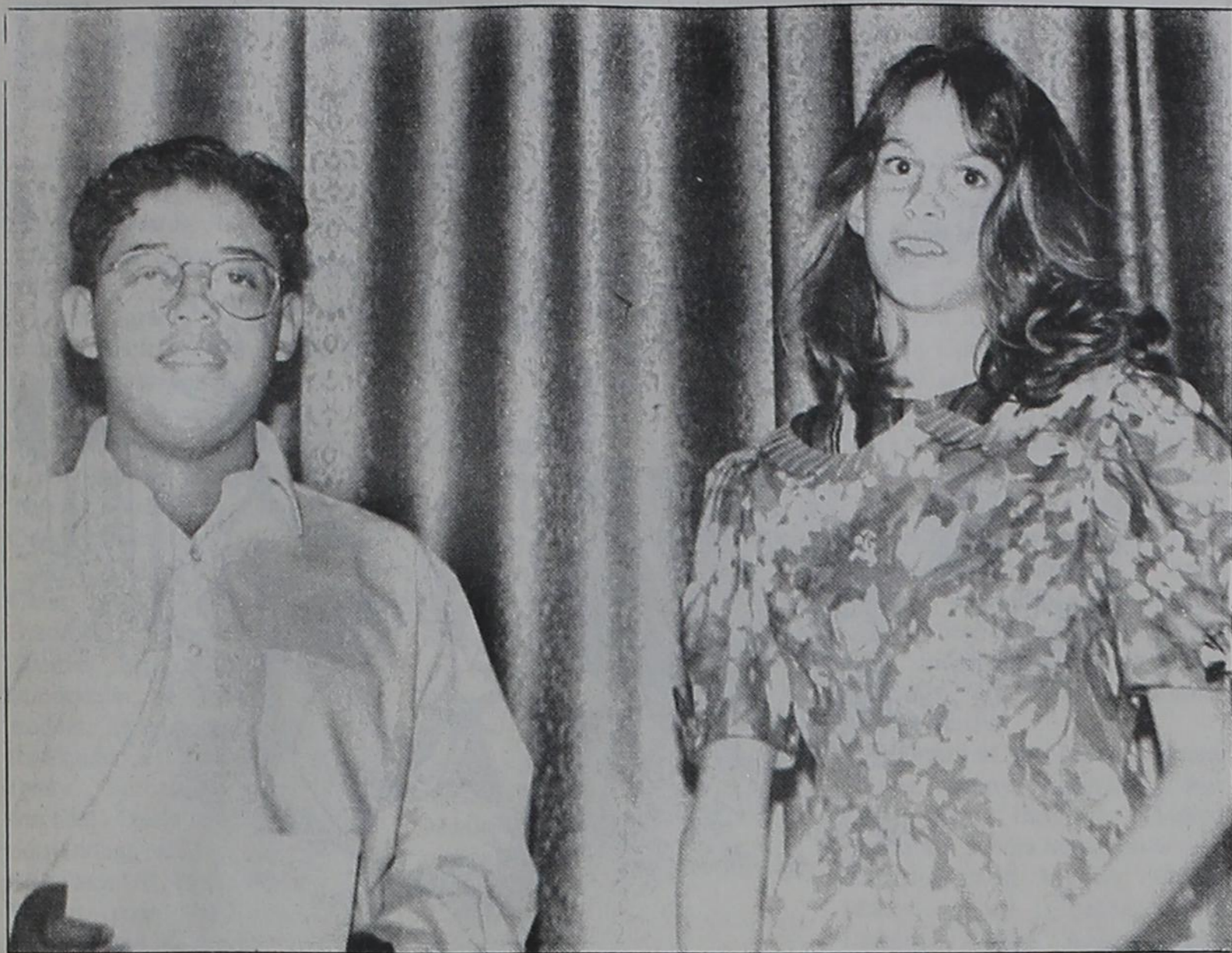
We appreciate you!

Dimmitt Independent School District would like to thank the following people for 517.5 hours of volunteer service:

- ★ Teresa Williams
- ★ Sue Wright
- ★ Elena Campos
- ★ Martha Correa
- ★ Emily Ramey
- ★ Darla Fisher
- ★ Mary Ann Larra
- ★ Mary Lou Enriquez
- ★ Connie Morris
- ★ Linda Grand
- ★ Ed Freeman
- ★ Maxine Tidwell
- ★ Linda Fitzgearld
- ★ Gertie Waggoner
- ★ Dorothy Hopson
- ★ Ester Espinosa

We appreciate you!

Les Miller, Superintendent
R.L. Stockstill, High School Principal
Doug Setliff, Richardson Elementary Principal
George Razor, Middle School Principal



EIGHTH GRADE CITIZENSHIP WINNERS--David Dimmitt Middle School They received the award at Medrano (left) and Amber Matthews were winners of the eighth grade Citizenship Award this year at promotion exercises held at the DMS Auditorium on May 25.

Photo by John Brooks

DMS honors students in seventh and eighth

Seventh and eighth grade students have been recognized for their work during the 1993-94 school year.

Students receiving honors included--**Girls Athletics:** Jacy Buckley, eighth grade best offensive player and high point runner; Tonya Robertson, seventh grade best offensive player; Tina Williams, eighth grade best defensive player; Heather Wise, seventh grade best defensive player; Amy Matthews, eighth grade basketball fighting heart; Shawna Kenworthy, seventh grade basketball fighting heart and high point runner; Amber Matthews, eighth grade most improved; Allison Roberson, seventh grade most improved; Traci Hightower, eighth grade high point field event; Jackie Bebout, seventh grade high point field event; Laura Torres, eighth grade track fighting heart; Stephanie Hinojosa, seventh grade track fighting heart.

Mr. Penney's classes: Russell Rickert and Jacob Larra, seventh graders, most outstanding; Jose Chavez, eighth, hardest worker. **Mr. Keith's classes:** Seventh grade most outstanding, Wesley Wright; eighth grade most outstanding, Jason Hall; best worker, Jayson Heck.

Band Awards: Dale West, seventh grade most improved; Jeremy Matthews and Michael Bell, eighth grade most improved; Miranda Turner, seventh grade outstanding musician; Amy Matthews, eighth grade outstanding musician.

Mrs. Moss's classes: Isaac Johnson, outstanding seventh grade; Tyson Traylor, most improved and hardest worker, seventh grade; Lupe Perez, outstanding eighth grade; Belen Rivera, most improved and hardest worker, eighth grade.

Mrs. Ragland's food production classes: Christina Fierro, outstanding seventh grader; Becky Ramirez, most improved seventh grader; Regina Martinez, outstand-

ing eighth grader; Belen Rivera, most improved eighth grader;

Mr. Johnson's seventh grade athletics: Beau Hill, football MVP; Robert Sepeda, most improved football; Derek Buckley, football Fighting Heart; Jerry Thomas, basketball MVP; Ralph Enriquez, most improved basketball; Jacob Larra, basketball Fighting Heart.

Mrs. Ball's science class: Lindsey Welch, Taryn Hays and Miranda Turner, highest average; Kassandra de la Cruz, hardest worker; Jessica Flores, Cody Brockman and Miranda Turner, fourth place UIL Science team.

Mrs. Richards's English class: Monica Ortiz and Lindsey Welch, most outstanding; Terry Nanez and Jacob Larra, hardest working; Monica Ortiz, Lindsey Welch, Kristin Doss and Valerie Gonzales, UIL Ready Writing. **Mrs. Buckley's math classes:** Maria Gonzales, pre-algebra outstanding student; Juary Cavazos and Charley Sanders, Algebra I outstanding students; Jacy Buckley fifth, UIL Number Sense; Michael Bell, sixth, UIL Calculators.

Ms. Clark's earth science class: Juary Cavazos and Traci Hightower, top students; Laura Torres and Alice Saucedo, hardest workers; Lupe Perez, most improved; Jeff Riggs, second place, UIL Earth Science; Rosendo Amador, UIL Earth Science. **Mrs. Hunter's class:** Jeremy Simpson, most improved special education; Susie Martinez, outstanding in Edmark Computer Series; Julie Sanchez, most dependable.

Mrs. Miller's reading classes: Heather Wise, seventh grade highest average; Jaime Escamilla, seventh grade most improved; Miranda Turner, second place UIL Oral Reading; Derek Buckley, third place UIL Oral Reading; Monica Ortiz, Brenda Flores, Derek Buckley and Lindsey Welch, seventh graders; and Timothy Proffitt, Lupe Perez, Jared Townsend and Julian Martinez, eighth grade, Student Senate.

Mr. Ortiz's ESL Class: Daniel Cardenas, top student.

Mrs. Greer's American History class: Michael Bell, UIL Spelling and outstanding student; Juary Cavazos and Amy Matthews, outstanding students.

Mrs. Blackburn's English class: Michael Bell and Charley Sanders, academic achievement; Eddie Maldonado, most improved; Michael Bell, first, and Amber Matthews, fifth, UIL Ready Writing.

Mrs. Hand's tennis class: seventh graders Kristin Doss and Lindsey Welch, district champions and most valuable players; seventh grader Monica Ortiz, district champ and MVP; seventh graders Taryn Hays and Derik Harkins, most improved; eighth graders Kami Hand and Jared Townsend, district singles champions and MVPs; eighth graders Jill Davis and Jeff Riggs, most improved.

Mr. Joiner's Choir Class: seventh graders Casey Arguijo, Darlene de la Paz, Debbie Gil, Valerie Gonzales and Jana Sweet and eighth graders Amy Covington, Brenda Garcia, Maria Gonzales and Sharlamar Jackson, first place ensemble medals at Greater Southwest Music Festival; Valerie Gonzales, seventh, first place solo medal at Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Mrs. Lemons's math class: Wesley Wright and Christina Fierro, pre-Algebra most outstanding; Olivia Rodriguez and Jerry Thomas, seventh grade math most outstanding. **Mr. Durham's Texas History class:** Monica Ortiz, outstanding student; Dale West, most improved.

Ms. Malcom's computer class: Jacy Buckley, Traci Hightower, Kaci Schulte, Amy Matthews, Charley Sanders, Amber Matthews, Jason Hargrove and Jeff Riggs, outstanding students.

Mrs. Schroeder's reading class: Amber Matthews, outstanding reader; David Medrano, most improved; Kami Hand, fourth place UIL Reading; Lisa Velo and Amanda Rios, UIL Reading.

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards: Michael Bell, Amy Garcia, Timothy Proffitt, Jeff Riggs, Charley Sanders, Juary Cavazos, Traci Hightower, Jill Davis, Andy Hill, Mckesha Atchley, Jacy Buckley, Michael Keith, Tracy Damron, Amber Matthews, Rosendo Amador, Jared Townsend, Vanessa Acevedo, Jeremy Matthews, Kaci Schulte and Ysela Gonzales.

"A" Honor Roll: Michael Bell, Jacy Buckley, Juary Cavazos, Amy Garcia, Ysela Gonzales, Michael Keith, Amber Matthews, Timothy Proffitt, Jeff Riggs, Charley Sanders and Jared Townsend.

Seventh grade Students of the Month: Wesley Wright, Olivia Rodriguez, Rusty Wooten, Christina Fierro, Rusty McDaniel, Valerie Gonzales, Jerry Thomas, Emily Robertson, Jacob Larra, Lindsey Welch, Cody Brockman, Kristin Doss, Robert Sepeda, Miranda Turner, Ralph Enriquez, Monica Ortiz, Stacy Villanueva and Kassandra de la Cruz.

Nazareth schools name students

Honor rolls have been announced for the sixth six weeks at Nazareth schools.

Named to honor rolls were:

First grade: A honor roll--Jenna Acker, Jamie Birkenfeld, Ross Birkenfeld, Melina Braddock, Garrett Kleman and Keli Schulte; B honor roll--Jeremy Acker, Ben Birdwell, Jamie Black, Michael Horn, Tyson Schulte, Sierra Wilcox, Edward Wilhelm, Jason Wilhelm and Shay Wilhelm.

Second grade: A honor roll--Brock Birkenfeld, Andrew Brockman, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting and Trey Robb; B honor roll--Sarah Ellison, Monty Hoelting, Adam Hunter, Cassie Price and Lindsey Wood.

Third grade: A honor roll--Craig Birkenfeld, Karen Birkenfeld, Ben Irlbeck, Laci McLaurin, Kristi Ramaekers, Ross Schulte and Rose Wilhelm; B honor roll--Adam Acker, Nicole Acker, Rey Bermea, Wendy Black, Tyler Ehly, Carson Gerber, Erica Gerber, Evan Huseman, Kody Huseman, Justin Kleman, Shane Kleman, Justin Myers, Kalissia Robertson, Eric Schilling, Chase Schulte, Megan Schulte and Shelby Wilhelm.

Fourth grade: A honor roll--Blake Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Laura Gerber, Mandy Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, Trinity Robb and Ky Wilcox; B honor roll--Jason Birkenfeld, Lesley Brockman, Shana Huseman, Aaron Kern, Jase Merritt, Daryl Pohlmeier, Danette Ramaekers, Kyla Schacher, Kade Wilcox and Jennifer Wilhelm.

Fifth grade: A honor roll--Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsie M. Gerber, Brooke Moyers and Holly Myers; B honor roll--Sage Annen, Lindsey K. Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Tara Kleman, Mark Lange, Matty McLain, Bryce Pohlmeier and Adam Schulte.

Sixth grade: A honor roll--Lisa McLaurin, Jill Schulte and Sara

Schulte; B honor roll--Cassie Birkenfeld, Melanie Book, Andrea Braddock, Mindi Ethridge, Dawn Ramaekers and Karen Wilhelm.

Seventh grade: A honor roll--Laura Birkenfeld, Susan Book, Stephanie Gerber, Susan Jones and Jessica Kern. B honor roll--Mandy Birkenfeld, Mitchell Brockman, Kristin Hales, Alyssa Irlbeck, Matthew Kern, Tiffany Schmucker and Ann Wilhelm.

Eight grade: A honor roll--Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington. B honor roll--Jerad Birkenfeld, Leon Birkenfeld, Sara Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, K'Lynn Gerber, Barry Hoelting, Lynsey Hoelting, Darren Huckert, Trina Johnson, Joy Long, Whitney McLain, Josh Merritt and Kourtney Robertson.

Freshmen: A honor roll--Margarie Durbin, Angela Fortenberry, Nathan

Hoelting and Sarah Olvera; B honor roll--Justin Bingham, Bryan Braddock, Heather Braddock, Marcus Brockman, Nicholas Gerber, B.J. Kern and Jill Ramaekers.

Sophomores: A honor roll--Casey Hoelting and Robin Schulte; B honor roll--Jaimye Bingham, Quentin Dobmeier, Kelly Jones, Gaylon Schilling and Robby Schmucker.

Juniors: A honor roll--Scott Brockman, Denia Durbin, Karmen Pohlmeier and Jaret Schulte; B honor roll--Ron Backus, Richard Herring, Amber Irlbeck, Adam Johnson, Jon Johnson, Tara Johnson, Rhonda Maurer and Colby Pohlmeier.

Seniors: A honor roll--Sabrina Acker and Mary Ellen Ramaekers. B honor roll--Kristin Brockman, Lena Durbin, Morgan Heck, Nick Johnson and Lynette Kleman.



ELEMENTARY CITIZENSHIP award winners from Nazareth for the sixth six weeks of school were (from back, left to right) Monty Hoelting, second grade; Erin Jones, fifth grade; Rey Bermea, third grade (Gerber); Mandy Hoelting, fourth grade; Jenna Braddock, third grade (Robb); Sierra Wilcox, first grade; and Kendra Huseman, kindergarten.

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Thanks should go to all of medical community

Dear Editor,
Dr. Hardee and I would like to thank each and every person who has sought to encourage us during the past days and weeks. But the commendations should not be directed so singularly.

Most of the citizens of Castro County do not realize how much we have all come to take for granted our abundant medical care resources. If any one piece of the network were to be removed, all the parts would start to fall like dominoes.

Dr. B. D. Murphy has served this county tirelessly for over 30 years, and as he starts to slow down a little, his dedication is being redirected in missionary work. How I admire him! Dr. Dhiraj Patel could practice his surgical skills anywhere — but he chooses to remain in Dimmitt. Just as Dr. Murphy, he is kind, dedicated and a true healer. His laparoscopic surgical techniques make his retention in Dimmitt crucial to the hospital and beneficial to all citizens.

Our physicians may be the most obvious, but what about all the other health care personnel? The physician assistants, nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, all of the nurses, the aides, the ambulance crews, the support staff, the two administrators, and business personnel who work day and night to be ready any time a citizen needs medical care, whether at a clinic or at the hospital. Working in the health care field is a true "calling," using special "gifts." Not everyone can do these things, but our local medical care employees do it better than anyone!

Commendations don't stop here.

This entire medical business is directed by an elected board. As I sat with the hospital trustees this past year, I came to understand their dedication, personal sacrifice, long hours and hard decisions — with very little thanks. Mildred Bradford and Stanley Schaeffer—you are role models. Daily I remember your counsels and example. Thank you both. Garland Coleman, Lucille Drerup, and James Welch will continue to work for us citizens and taxpayers. Thank you, thank you, please keep in mind that they consider all parts

of the hospital district in their informed decisions. And support Bill Clark and Teresa Lindsey as they strive to fulfill their elected duties.

Dimmitt's rural medical community has remained strong through tough times. Of all the opportunities that Dr. Hardee and I considered 10 years ago, this is the only one that still has a thriving medical community and has had a healthy vision for the future. Count your blessings and thank each of them, one by one.

CENCI HARDEE



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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Property-poor and property-rich school districts, after years of battling each other over funding, urged the Texas Supreme Court last week to reject the state's new school finance law.

Although their reasons are different, both sides of the funding case contend that the 1993 law is unfair and should be thrown out by the high court.

Attorneys for the state told justices that the new funding formula is the fairest yet devised by the Texas Legislature and will work if given a chance.

Assistant Attorney General Toni Hunter, representing the state, defended the law, saying that funding is equalized for 85 percent of the 3.5 million students in Texas. A funding advantage exists only for students in the high-wealth districts, she said.

But Al Kauffman, attorney for a group of property-poor districts, said many of the districts have suffered severe cuts in state aid this year, while high-wealth districts continue to enjoy a financial advantage of several thousand dollars per classroom.

"There is no reason why the Legislature had to pass a bill that took money away from poor districts..." said Kauffman, a lawyer for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Justice Raul Gonzalez asked Kauffman whether current law is the best that can be crafted given state budget constraints, a no-new-taxes pledge from state leaders and the state's heavy reliance on property taxes.

"How do you respond to some of those legislators who say, 'this is the best you are going to get'?" Gonzalez asked.

Kauffman answered by pointing out that the current law, while making progress, still allows some wealthy districts to raise 28 times more money than poorer districts. "The gaps in this bill are simply too great," he said.

'Unconstitutional State Tax'

Lawyers for property-rich districts said the five options in the law amount to a statewide property tax.

"It's an unconstitutional state (property) tax because it is imposed by the state and the state collects it," said lawyer Bob Luna, who represents property-rich districts.

Justice Lloyd Doggett said Luna was making basically the same argument the court rejected five years ago in a 9-0 decision.

Last week's hearing marked the fourth time since 1989 that the Supreme Court has reviewed the 10-year-old case. In three previous rulings, the court overturned finance laws and ordered lawmakers back to work.

A lower court has upheld most parts of the 1993 law, and the Supreme Court is considering appeals of that decision.

State District Judge Scott McCown approved the law in December, supplementing it with an order to the Legislature to take action to help low-wealth districts with construction costs.

Prison Expansion OK'd

A court-appointed special master says the state prison system's expansion should not be held back by an inmate's legal claims that the construction project unjustly displaces a softball field.

W. David Arnold indicates in his recommendation that recreational

needs at Amarillo's Clements unit will be met because the softball field is being replaced with basketball and volleyball courts.

Last month, U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler ordered Arnold to investigate the effect of the construction at Amarillo and other locations on the recreational needs of inmates.

\$187 Million to Texas Bases

The U.S. House has approved \$8.8 billion in military construction funds for next year, including \$187 million for improvements in Texas defense installations.

The House bill, which must be approved by the Senate, includes funds for:

- Fort Hood near Killeen: \$47.8 million;
- Fort Bliss near El Paso: \$42.7 million;
- Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio: \$17.1 million;
- Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio: \$16.5 million;
- Naval Station Ingleside near Corpus Christi: \$14 million;
- Dryfus AFB near Abilene: \$12.4 million;
- Corpus Christi Naval Air Station: \$11.8 million;
- Brooks AFB in San Antonio: \$6.5 million;
- Lackland AFB in San Antonio: \$5.2 million;
- Sheppard AFB near Wichita Falls: \$3.3 million; and
- Naval Air Station Kingsville: \$1.5 million.

Interstate Link Study

The Texas Transportation Commission has approved a feasibility study of adding a Rio Grande Valley link to a proposed new interstate highway.

As currently envisioned, Interstate 69, the proposed four-lane highway across the central United States, would run from Indianapolis, through Memphis to Shreveport, La. to Houston and then to Laredo.

A group of political and economic leaders from the Rio Grande Valley have asked that a leg be built that would extend to McAllen or Brownsville.

A Salute to D-Day

By SEN. PHIL GRAMM

The greatest invasion force ever assembled stood off the French coast as dawn broke on June 6, 1944: 9 battleships, 23 cruisers, 104 destroyers and hundreds of troop transports, and 5,000 ships bearing 100,000 men.

The naval bombardment that began at 5:50 that morning was the first assault on five beaches code-named Utah and Omaha for the Americans to the west, and Sword, Juno and Gold for the British and Canadians to the east.

Another 195,700 sailors fired guns, ferried supplies and cared for the wounded on the ships and landing craft in the English Channel, while 31,000 airmen flew bombing runs and reconnaissance missions.

The attack had been long in coming. From the moment British forces were thrown into the sea at Dunkirk in the face of stunning German attack, military strategists had planned a return to the Continent. Only then would the Allies be able to confront the enemy's power directly on the ground.

During the first months of 1944 the United States and Great Britain concentrated land, naval and air forces in England to prepare for the

operation, named "Overlord."

The day before, five-foot swells and low clouds compelled General Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of the Allied Expeditionary Force, to postpone the assault to the 6th.

Airborne units led the invasion. Just past midnight, the US 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions dropped near Ste. Mere-Eglise and Carentan to secure roads and beach exits from which the US VII Corps could push to capture Cherbourg.

By first light, the entire horizon off Normandy was filled with the Allied armada. The massive naval arsenal began bombarding German positions along the tops of the cliffs, and 2,000 planes bombed the beaches.

The landing by regiments of the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions and Army Rangers on Omaha Beach was wrenching. The first wave landing at 6:30 a.m. found the beach was a tangle of obstructions. Enemy guns fired down from cliffs and concrete cones, logs tilted seaward and slanted poles strewn across the narrow strip of beach thwarted the assault at the water's edge for much of the morning.

Mid-morning reports painted

such a bleak picture of battlefield conditions that Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley considered pulling off the beach and landing troops elsewhere. Losses had been high — 2,500 men killed in action — but if chaos ruled at first, raw courage asserted itself and by day's end, Americans controlled Omaha Beach.

The Utah Beach landings took place about a mile south of the planned target, an error that helped the U.S. 4th Infantry Division by reducing the losses. Landings in the British and Canadian sectors also went well.

By the evening of June 6, 1944, Allied power had prevailed all across the Normandy coast. The Americans had yet to surge far enough inland to prevent enemy artillery from hitting the supply depots and unloading points they were building along the beaches, yet more than 100,000 men were ashore, the first of millions who would follow.

As the sun set on Normandy that Tuesday, few who were fighting the war realized what they had achieved that day: the beginning of the end.

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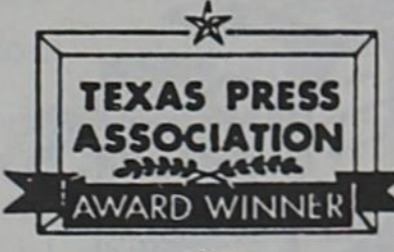
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- TX rodeo champ Murray
- Sam Bass' Denton hideout: Pilot ___
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End of year award winners announced

Dimmitt Middle School fourth, fifth and sixth grade students received awards for the 1993-94 school year at assemblies held recently.

Fourth grade students earning awards included **Mrs. Nelson's Class:** Reading, Brent Josselet and Christopher Reynolds; English, Rae Odom and Jake Laurent; spelling, Amber Allison and Saul Medrano; Teresa Marufo, hardest worker; Odom, citizenship.

Mrs. Atchley's Language Arts Class: Lyndee Behrends and Sarah Bradford, outstanding reader; Thomas Brockman and Melissa Maldonado, outstanding English student; Sally Stahl and Veronica Rodriguez, outstanding speller; Jenny Robertson, citizenship; Michael Ojeda and Patty Cruz, outstanding artists; Kelsey Welch, fifth place UIL Ready Writing; Cliff Wright, sixth place UIL Ready Writing; and Rae Odom and Tasha McAllister, UIL Ready Writing.

Mrs. Wardlaw's Class: Gabriel Garcia and Eric Bural, outstanding math students; Cliff Wright and Sarah Bradford, outstanding science students; Sally Stahl and Melissa Maldonado, outstanding Social Studies students; Edward Sarinana, citizenship; and Thomas Brockman, Sally Stahl, Sandra Jaramillo,

Charley Nutt, Sarah Bradford and Dana Gonzales, first place UIL Picture Memory team.

Mr. Ortiz's ESL Class: Teresa Marufo, hardest worker; Olga Diaz, most improved; Sandra Reyes, top student. **Mrs. Simmons's ESL Class:** Lupita Saucedo, hardest worker; Angel Castaneda, most improved.

Mrs. Spring's Class: Tanner Self and Ryan Hays, outstanding math students; Justin Clay and Dorothy Gil, most improved math; Jeremy Bishop and Alexis Proffitt, outstanding science; Albert Campos and Jesse Ramirez, most improved science; Sharla Kenworthy and Jose Garcia, outstanding Social Studies; Georgia Mireles and Jacob Dones, most improved Social Studies; Matthew Wright and Olga Diaz, citizenship; Self, highest average speed test.

Mrs. Damron's Class: Alexis Proffitt and Tanner Self, English; Angela Cartwright and Sharla Kenworthy, reading; Ryan Hays and Jeremy Bishop, spelling; Adrian Rivers and Jennifer Fuentes, art; Justin Clay, most improved English; Dorothy Gil, most improved, reading; Stacey Casas, most improved spelling; Lyndee Behrends, second place UIL spelling; Jeremy Bishop, fifth place

UIL spelling; Veronica Rodriguez and Ryan Hays, UIL spelling; Kelsey Welch, outstanding student with highest overall average.

Mrs. Hand's Class: Jake Laurent and Brent Josselet, math and social studies; Chris Reynolds and Brent Josselet, science; Saul Medrano and Rae Odom, math hardest workers; Chris Reynolds and Eric Martinez, social studies hardest workers; Adam Guzman and Amber Allison, science hardest workers; Erika Mendoza, citizenship; Brent Josselet, second place in county spelling bee; Chris Reynolds, third place county spelling bee; Chris Reynolds and Eric Martinez, Student Senate.

Students of the Month: Benny Pompa, Jenny Robertson, Rae Odom, Chris Reynolds, Thomas Brockman, Sandra Jaramillo, Bianey Saucedo, Brent Josselet, Miguel Maltos, April Tijerina, Jake Laurent, Amber Allison, Jake Loudder, Sally Stahl, Jaci Correa, Stacy Saenz, Melissa Maldonado, Cliff Wright and Adam Guzman.

Fifth graders receiving honors were **Mrs. Goolsby's science classes:** Kylie Webb, Stephanie Casas, Cherie Norman, B.J. Hill, Heather Black, Mandi Moore and Lori Schulte, highest average; Ramona Guzman, hardest worker and most improved; **Mrs. Hughes's Social Studies:** Outstanding student awards to Cherie Bell, Kylie Webb, Stephanie Casas, Lori Schulte, B.J. Hill and Mandi Moore; and UIL Ready Writing team awards to Debbie Peralez, Lillian Stewart, Natasha Vasquez and Amanda Rodriguez for sixth place.

Mrs. Setliff's language arts: Lillian Stewart and B.J. Hill, reading; Kylie Webb and Laura Gil, English; Amanda Rodriguez,

Christine Luna and Rachal Harman, spelling; Benjamin Ruiz and Susana Paz, fine arts; Debbie Peralez and San Juanita Castillo, hardest worker; Jessica Salinas and Tamara Robertson, most improved; and Lillian Stewart, Olga Gonzales, Debbie Peralez, Jason Reyes and Tyrell Bebout, UIL Picture Memory.

Mrs. Schacher's language arts classes: Mary Bradley and Cherie Norman, reading; Lisa Goode and Daniel Proffitt, English; Lori Schulte and Matthew Sandoval, spelling; Daniel Proffitt and Kristin Welch, fine arts; Oscar Corrales and Krystal Woolbright, hardest worker; Carmen Pineda and Celso Melendez, most improved; Kylie Webb, first place UIL Spelling; Cherie Norman, fourth place UIL Spelling; Lori Schulte and Stephanie Casas, UIL Spelling.

Mrs. Ramos's math classes: Lisa Goode, outstanding math student; Stephanie Casas, Marcus Larra, Corey Lane, Cherie Bell, Olga Gonzales, Amanda Rodriguez, Kylie Webb, Casandra Casas, Mandi Moore, Mary Bradley, Isaia Olmos, Daniel Proffitt, Lori Schulte, Rachal Harman, B.J. Hill, Alex Ontiveros, James Torres and Victoria Torres; Colt McCammon, Casandra Casas, Alex Ontiveros and Lisa Goode, UIL Number Sense team.

Mrs. Harris's language arts class: Casandra Casas and Marcus Larra, English; Heather Black and Stephanie Casas, reading; Mandi Moore and David Garcia, spelling; Gina Hernandez and Gina Arredondo, hardest worker; Tony Sifuentez and Anita Rodriguez, most improved; Crystal Garcia and Wesley Harkins, fine arts; Colt McCammon, B.J. Hill, Tanner Griffith, Laura Gil, Gina Hernandez,

Christina Moctezuma and Crystal Garcia, UIL Oral Reading.

Mrs. Simmons ESL class: Elena Olmos, top student.

Mrs. Hand's Class: Rachal Harman, first place, county spelling bee.

Students of the Month: Jacob Castillo, Emmanuel Jararillo, Lori Schulte, Valentin Olvera, Amanda Rodrigues, Jeremy Furr, Laura Gil, Oscar Corrales, Cherie Bell, Audrey Saenz, Gina Hernandez, Kylie Webb, Rachal Harman, Eric Enriquez, Carmen Pineda, B.J. Hill, Kassandra Casas, Lisa Goode, Heather Black and Krystal Woolbright.

Sixth graders receiving awards were **Mrs. McWhorter's language arts class:** Zack Morgan and Lacy Loudder, spelling; Sylvia Medrano, hardest working speller; Ivan Flores, English; Carol Summers, English hardest worker; Van Jeter, reading; Jessica Martinez, hardest worker reading; Larissa Fuentes, computer skills; Ivan Flores, thinking skills; Ivan Flores, Wendy Amador and Lupita Rodriguez, UIL Spelling.

ESL Class: Miguel Melendez, most improved.

Mrs. Newland's science class: Julie Merritt, Randy Porter, Michael Penney, Holly Goode, Kyle Wood, Christie Bryan, Van Jeter and Zack Morgan, outstanding science; Sonia Vasquez, Cameron McGowne, Myra Pena and Larissa Fuentes, UIL Oral Reading.

Mrs. Chisum's math classes: Brittany Porter and Michael Penney, outstanding students; Carol Summers and Samuel Prieto, hardest workers; Michael Penney, second place UIL Math, Kyle Wood, sixth place UIL Math; Taylor Matthews and Justin Sutton, UIL Math.

Mrs. Fortenberry's social studies classes: Julie Merritt and Michael Penney, outstanding students; Holly Goode, Juan Ornelas, Lupita Rodriguez, Stephanie Flores, Shane Furr and Samuel Prieto, hardest workers; Edith Fuller, school champion for county spelling bee; Sylvia Medrano, Julie Merritt, Jimmy Moss, Wendy Amador and Kevin Sanders, Junior Student Senate.

Mrs. Bain's language arts classes: Ivan Flores, art; Julie Merritt and Kevin Sanders, English; Melissa Sanders, spelling; Oscar Chavarria, reading hardest worker; Omar Quiroz, English hardest worker; Keevin Sanders, Taylor Matthews, Mark Casares and Zack Morgan, UIL Oral Reading.

Mrs. Sims's classes: Anthony Fuentes, creative dramatics; Lupita Rodriguez and Michael Penney, English; Brittany Porter, reading; Cameron McGowne, spelling; Justin Sutton, most improved English; Taylor Matthews, most competitive speller; Christie Bryan, most improved reading; Felicia Sanchez, English hardest worker; Teresa Holguin, most improved English; Brenda Leal, reading hardest worker; Larissa Fuentes, fourth place UIL Ready Writing; Lupita Rodriguez and Brittany Porter, UIL Ready Writing.

Mr. Joiner's Class: Larissa Fuentes, first place solo medal at Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Students of the Month: Randy Porter, Lupita Rodriguez, Raul Rios, Lacy Loudder, Justin Sutton, Stephanie Flores, Michael Penney, Jessica Martinez, Sammy Prieto, Brittany Porter, Van Jeter, Christie Bryan, Scott Phipps, Carol Summers, Juanita Vasquez, Eddie Vargas and Sylvia Medrano.

NJH students place at UIL literary contests

Nazareth Junior High did well in the district UIL academic competition. Six students won 10 first place honors in their event, while many others placed in the top six.

Seventh Grade
Calculator - 3. Susan Jones; 4. Mitchell Brockman; 5. Matthew Kern.

Dictionary Skills - 1. Susan Book and Vanessa Wilhelm; 3. Ann Wilhelm.

Life Science - 1. Jessica Kern; 5. Matthew Kern; 6. Susan Book.

Impromptu Speaking - 4. Stephanie Gerber; 5. Susan Book; 6. Susan Lange.

Listening - 1. Mitchell Brockman; 5. Mathew Kern; 6. Jessica Kern.

Maps, Graphs, and Charts - 1. Alyssa Irlbeck; 6. Laura Birkenfeld.

Modern Oratory - 3. Alyssa Irlbeck; 5. Kristin Hales.

Number Sense - 1. Jessica Kern.
Oral Reading - 1. Vanessa Wilhelm; 2. Stephanie Pena; 4. Ann

Wilhelm.
Ready Writing - 5. Kristin Hales; 6. Alyssa Irlbeck.

Spelling - 1. Susan Book; 2. Jessica Kern; 4. Alyssa Irlbeck.

Eighth Grade
Calculator - 6. K'Lynn Gerber.
Dictionary Skills - 2. Dustin Ramaekers; 3. Sara Birkenfeld, 4. Candie George.

Earth Science - 4. Amy Pohlmeier.
Impromptu Speaking - 6. K'Lynn Gerber.

Listening - 1. Amy Pohlmeier; 3. Kaci Wethington; 4. Josh Merritt.

Maps, Graphs, and Charts - 2. Darren Huckert; 5. Dustin Ramaekers.

Modern Oratory - 2. K'Lynn Gerber.

Oral Reading - 3. Amy Pohlmeier; 6. Josh Merritt.

Ready Writing - 4. Amy Pohlmeier; 5. Sara Birkenfeld.

Spelling - 1. Amy Pohlmeier; 3. Sara Birkenfeld; 5. Whitney McLain.

Naz elementary pupils win at literary contests

Nazareth elementary fared well in the UIL district meet with 18 students winning 26 first place honors. Awards were given to students in second through sixth grade, who placed in the top six in an event.

Second Grade
Creative Writing - 3. Tanya Her-ring; 4. Nicole Francis.

Storytelling - 1. Trey Robb; 3. Brock Birkenfeld; 4. Kimberly Brockman.

Third Grade
Ready Writing - 3. Adam Acker; 4. Erica Gerber; and 5. Karen Birkenfeld.

Spelling - 1. Eric Schilling; 2. Craig Birkenfeld; and 3. Koty Huseman.

Storytelling - 1. Wendy Black; 3. Ross Schulte; and 5. Reece Hales.

Fourth Grade
Number Sense - 1. Blake Birkenfeld; and 3. Trinity Robb.

Oral Reading - 1. Trinity Robb; 3. Blake Birkenfeld; and 5. Megan Hoelting.

Picture Memory - 1. Blake Birkenfeld, Jason Birkenfeld and Trinity Robb.

Ready Writing - 3. Ky Wilcox; and 6. Megan Hoelting.

Spelling - 3. Blake Birkenfeld; and 5. Megan Hoelting.

Fifth Grade
Dictionary Skills - 1. Brooke Moyers; 2. Bryce Pohlmeier; and 6. Jason Huseman.

Listening - 1. Adam Schulte; 4. Bryce Pohlmeier; and 5. Holly Myers.

Maps, Graphs, and Charts - 1. Mark Birkenfeld; and 4. Mattie McLain.

Music Memory - 1. Mark Birkenfeld, Mark Lange, and Holly Myers.

Number Sense - 1. Mark Birkenfeld; and 5. Lindsie M. Gerber.

Oral Reading - 3. Sage Annen.
Picture Memory - 1. Jaci Birkenfeld, Lindsey K. Gerber, and Whitney Hoelting.

Ready Writing - 2. Lindsey K. Gerber; and 4. Holly Myers.

Spelling - 1. Mark Birkenfeld; and 3. Whitney Hoelting.

Sixth Grade
Calculator - 2. Jill Schulte; 3. Mindi Ethridge; and 4th Melanie Book.

Dictionary Skills - 1. Mindi Ethridge and Lisa McLaurin; 6. Karen Wilhelm.

Listening - 1. Melanie Book; 3. Sara Schulte; and 5. David Verkamp.

Maps, Graphs, and Charts - 1. Jill Schulte; and 3. Cameron McLain.

Music Memory - 3. Tara Kleman, Brooke Moyers, and Judy Schacher.

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Oral Reading - 2. Karen Wilhelm; and 6. Jill Schulte.

Ready Writing - 1. Jill Schulte.
Spelling - 1. Lisa McLaurin; and 4. Cameron McLain.

Blood pressure screening set

A blood pressure screening clinic will be held June 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

The clinics are held the second Thursday of each month, and are conducted by the Texas Dept. of Health office in Dimmitt.



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People



Keri Leigh Rogers and Jerry Don McMillon

Rogers to wed McMillon

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rogers of Amarillo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Keri Leigh, to Jerry Don McMillon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMillon of Dimmitt.

The couple will exchange vows Saturday, September 17, 7 p.m., at First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Tascosa High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in secondary education in 1988 and a Master of Arts in 1990 from Texas A&M University. She is the director of student activities at West Texas A&M University. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, and Amarillo Junior League. She is also a doctoral candidate for a Doctorate in Philosophy degree in higher education at the University of North Texas in Denton.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Dimmitt High School. He earned a Bachelor in Business Administration in 1991 from West Texas A&M University. He is a Certified Public Accountant at Boatright, Kelly Co. in Amarillo. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Order.

They plan to make their home in Amarillo after the wedding.

Isett warns of pitfalls in healthcare plans

A Lubbock CPA warned of possible restrictions under new health care plans when she spoke to the Republican Organization for Women recently in Dimmitt.

Cheri Isett, who became involved in the health care reform issue last year when it appeared there could be a state plan similar to the plan proposed by President Clinton, covered several sections of the federal proposal. She said the plan (often referred to as "Hillary Care," Isett said) cancels Americans' present insurance and forces all citizens into a government approved plan, alliance or cooperative. All plans would offer a government-approved benefit package, with employers required to carry or pay for government-approved health insurance or pay additional payroll taxes.

Persons who choose to carry only low-cost, high-deductible catastrophic health insurance would be assessed penalty taxes. Persons with healthy lifestyles would pay the same premiums or health taxes as someone who smokes, drinks too much, uses illicit drugs or engages in unsafe sex.

Isett said the prime concern is that government will determine the

number of physicians and field of study that medical students will pursue. There will be a National Health Board, Isett said, with the power to impose price controls, deny access to medical specialists, or reduce the number of specialists. Isett said everyone will be required to pay into a plan that pays for abortions and federal employees will be treated differently from the rest of Americans.

Isett recommended writing to legislators calling for individual medical savings accounts in any health care plan selected by Congress. The accounts would be portable and shielded from federal income and payroll taxes, Isett said, so all Americans can spend or save their own health care dollars. She said tax fairness should be included in health care so self-employed and part-time employees will have the same right as big, wealthy companies to buy health insurance with pre-tax income and self-insure for all but catastrophic medical expenses.

ROW heard a report of the success of their steak dinner and distributed postcards to be sent to legislators.



Robert Herrera and Shelley Rowland

July wedding planned

John and Wanda Rowland of Amarillo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelley D., to Robert Herrera, son of Miguel and Carmen Herrera of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange vows July 1 at 6 p.m. in Lawndale Church of Christ in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Caprock High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Lubbock Christian University in 1991. She is presently employed with Adventures in Missions program of Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended the University of Mexico City during 1992-93. He is currently employed with Adventures in Missions program of Sunset School of Preaching.

The couple plan to make their home in Lubbock after the wedding.

Quinn campaigns for judicial post here

A Lubbock lawyer campaigned in Dimmitt May 23, stumping for support in his bid for the Seventh Court of Appeals.

Brian Quinn, a partner in McWhorter, Cobb and Johnson, LLP, was unopposed in the Republican primary. He will face incumbent H. Bryan Poff in November. He said his conservative values and ideas of judicial restraint should make him well-suited for the court.

"I don't believe in legislating from the bench," Quinn said. "I believe in researching the law and reviewing points. I think legislating should be left to legislators."

Quinn graduated from The University of Texas at El Paso in 1978 and the Texas Tech University School of Law in 1981, graduating fourth in a class of 181.

"I want to bring a certain respect, a little restraint, in certain aspects to the court," Quinn said. "The court has judges like Judge John T. Boyd, who is a darn good judge, and Judge Reynolds and Judge Dodson. I want to supplement their legal background and intelligence. I also bring a point of view of coming more recently from the private sector of practicing law. That's basically what I do, that's my work and I work hard. I'm not saying the other judges I named don't but I am saying I feel a need to work hard and I've always worked hard."

Quinn said he was not worried about geographical issues, which Poff has already brought up in campaigning.

"Where you are from is not as important as your willingness to work and your abilities," Quinn said. "Where a judge lives is not an issue. Given this area, Lubbock has a lot in connection with everybody on the Caprock. There is a unity of concept and idea, and there are a lot of common threads throughout the Panhandle."

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden.

Verba and Ezell Sadler, and others from the community attended the funeral services of Jerry Townsend, a member of the Sunnyside Baptist church, in the Springlake-Earth school Sunday afternoon. Jerry's dad, Edd, worked at the El Paso Natural Gas plant here when it was new. Jerry got saved and was baptized at the Sunnyside Baptist Church in 1960. Although other family members moved their letters of membership, Jerry never did.

Embree Roy and Willie Mae Sadler took Verna and Gale on a vacation this week so they could see the mountains in New Mexico and Colorado again. Their destination was to see Susan and Gregg Harmon and their children and spend some time with them in Colorado.

Elgin Brooks has been dismissed from the Clovis Hospital and is much better.

Anthony Sisemore, Mary Cluck, Tammi Cluck, LaWanda Wilson, and Clyde and Judy Damron attended the Junior High graduation services to see Tracy Damron and Traci Hightower graduate.

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County quartet going to state 4-H roundup

Four Castro County youngsters will compete in the Texas 4-H Roundup June 6-9 in College Station.

They are among the 1,000 youth who competed in district events recently at Levelland Junior High School.

Earning first place in senior division events were James Wilhite, high point individual in the Entomology Contest and Identification, and the team of Tawnee Mathews and Cameron Lust in meat science. Karmen Pohlmeier was second in the senior division Food and Nutrition Educational Activity and will also compete at the state roundup.

Also competing at the district meet were Ramey Rice, Junior I Companion Animals; Mitchell Brockman, Matthew Kern and Jessica Kern, first place Junior II Entomology Contest and Identification team (Jessica Kern was second and Brockman third among individuals); Timothy Braddock, second, and Aaron Kern, participant, Junior I Entomology Contest and Identification; Brandi Rice, third place senior Focus on Health;

Also, Rusty McDaniel, first place Junior II horse; Lori Schulte and Tanner Griffitt, first place Junior II Housing and the Environment Educational Activity; Kaci Schulte and Amber Mathews, first place Junior II Meat Science; Shawn Pohlmeier, participant se-

nior natural resources; Kami Jo Hand, second place Junior II Open Class; Kristin Hales, participant senior public speaking; Aaron Hart, Junior I first place Sheep and/or Goats.

Only first or second place teams and individuals in the senior division qualify for the state contest. Juniors (youngsters ages 9-13) do not compete beyond the district level.

Hasley diary included in war exhibit

A diary excerpt by Vernon Hasley of Dimmitt, dated Jan. 14, 1944, has been touring the U.S. since December 7, 1991. The excerpt is part of an exhibit called "Personal Accounts — Pearl Harbor to V-J Day."

The diary excerpt will now be added to a CD-ROM computer learning package, which the National Archives along with a British company, Interactive Learning Productions, are co-producing. The program, "World War II — Sources and Analysis," features written documents, photographs, sound recordings, and films relating to the Second World War.

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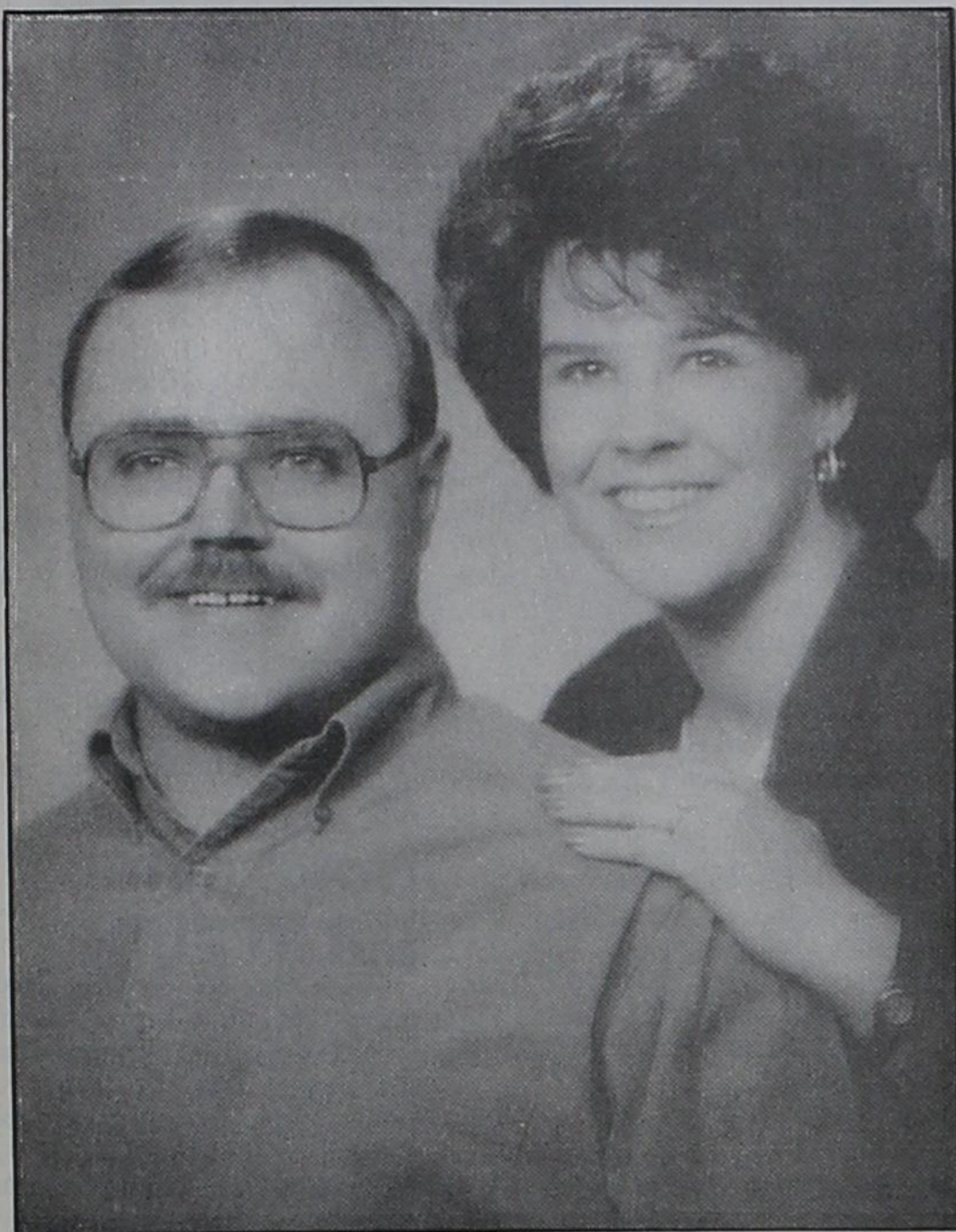
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Kent Hoelting and Lora Schulte

Schulte, Hoelting to wed

Lora Kay Schulte and Kent Hoelting will exchange vows July 30 in Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Susan Schulte of Austin and the late Howard Schulte. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hoelting of Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Luling High School in Luling. She received a bachelor of science in education from Texas Tech University in 1991, and is currently employed as a business teacher at Palo Duro High School.

The prospective groom is a 1981 graduate of Nazareth High School. He received an associate degree in automotive mechanics from Amarillo College in 1984. He is currently employed as a Snap-On tool dealer in Amarillo and Canyon.

The couple plan to reside in Amarillo after the wedding.

Laney dinner set Tuesday

Hundreds of persons, including Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and other state elected officials and former Texas House speakers, are expected at a "Thanks Pete Laney" appreciation dinner Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview.

Complimentary tickets for the combread and beans dinner are available in Dimmitt from Danny Bruton at 647-2285 or Carl King at 647-4224 or 647-3297. In Hart, tickets are available from Dewayne Brown at 938-2266. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The dinner is a fundraiser for Laney, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives and Dimmitt's state representative for several years.

"This is an opportunity for people from other areas of the state to become acquainted with our area and West Texas people," Laney said.

"Scores of helpers from each county are helping make this event a success, and this is a wonderful chance for the folks in the 85th District to shake hands and say hello to some of the political and corporate leaders of Texas," said John C. Anderson, the event's general chairman. "I urge the people of this district to turn out in large numbers to show their appreciation to and support of Speaker Laney."

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Happenings

Environmental Sabbath is Sunday.

Sunday Church School classes meet at 10 a.m.

"Are Christians Conservative?" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

Mid-week Bible Study is Wednesday at 7 p.m.

CPS board has meeting

The Castro County Child Protective Service Board met May 12. In response to the April Child Abuse Prevention Month emphasis, there were 52 coloring and essay contest entries. A total of ten prizes were awarded to Pre-K and elementary children.

Several Castro County merchants assisted the board by awarding prizes for the contest. Those merchants that assisted included: Nazareth - Home Mercantile and Oasis; Hart - Lowe's Pay-N-Save; Dimmitt - Video Magic, Perry's, Dairy Queen, ALCO, and Mr. Burger. The board wishes to thank these merchants for their excellent contributions.

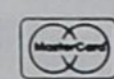
Joe Josselet was welcomed as a new member to the board. The board still has a vacancy. Anyone interested in serving on the Child Protective Service Board is urged to contact Joan Aalbers at 938-2332.

Those board members in attendance at the meeting were Joan Aalbers, Clara Patton, Paula Graham, Connie Wilhelm, Kathy Welch, Christine Acker, Carleta Harkins, Donna Stump, and Joe Josselet.

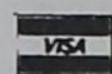
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Now Isaac had come from Beerlahairoi, and was dwelling in the Negeb. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there were camels coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man yonder, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into the tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis 24:62-67



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Kids, Inc. lists baseball teams, schedule

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Make-up games will be played on the Saturday of the scheduled week at the same time weather permitting.

An Awards program will be held July 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Expo Building.

Games for all leagues will begin Monday.

Team members, sponsors, coaches, colors and schedules are listed below.

T-BALL

Team: Angels.
Sponsor: Dimmitt Brake & Muffler.

Coaches: Cindy Odom, Shirley Brockman, and Jim Wright.

Color: Red.

Members: Shae Odom, Anna Brockman, Jinna Wright, Ricky Reyes Jr., Charley Saenz, Christopher Saenz, Kristy Reyes, Mark Anthony Dones, Laura Rasor, Albert Arthur Ruiz, Matthew Larra, Rudy Salinas, and Diego Salinas.

Team: Blue Jays.
Sponsor: Northrup King.

Coaches: Phil Lemons, Charlie Perez, Kenny Paxton, and Bill Sanders.

Color: Navy Blue.

Members: Meggie Lemons, Chris Perez, Kathy Amador, Kami Sanders, Shelley Paxton, Ryan Hunter, Ross Hunter, Stephen Bueno, Ignacio Sifuentes Jr., Mandi Ebeling, Bo Sifuentes, Bryan Hall, and Martin Alvarez Jr.

Team: Padres.
Sponsor: Roy's Plumbing.

Coaches: Brent Self, Roy Gonzales, and Sal Ortiz.

Color: Green.

Members: Shantell Self, Tucker Self, Corrie Black, Beau Gonzales, Kendra Puente, Zane Matthews, Nicholas Ortiz, Javier Rodriguez,

Amy McGowne Carlos Escamilla, Rebecca Bryan, Casey Alaniz, and Sergio Saucedo.

Team: Rangers.
Sponsor: Flagg Fertilizer.

Coaches: Terry Mixson, Gene Penney, Les Miller, and Camerino Gamez.

Color: Orange.

Members: Shayla Kenworthy, Christy Morgan, Cinnamon Trotter, Callen Mixson, April Morgan, Fabian Pena, J.J. Pena, Ryan Miller, Layne Penney, Justin Trotter, Jeremy Gamez, Erica Abrego, and Sarah Silva.

Team: Cubs.
Sponsor: First State Bank.

Coaches: Gary Hunter, Danny Heard, and Frank Welch.

Color: Royal blue.

Members: Sean Hunter, Weldon Allison, Garrett Behrends, Mindy Maxwell, Ramon Juarez, Marisa Allison, Daniel Coleman, Alicia Heard, Niccole Heard, Jonathan Welch, Shauna Nutt, and Shaun Martinez.

Team: Cardinals.
Sponsor: ALCO.

Coaches: Larry Jackson, Leroy Ramirez, and Ronnie Calderon.

Color: Yellow.

Members: Gregory Calderon, Matthew Calderon, David Carter, Kevin Jackson, Tyler Waggoner, Angelica Lara, Joe Luis Limas Jr., Raynee Bradley, Kelly Reyes, Ashley Burks, Kayla Acker, Jennifer Montez, and Linda Saucedo.

Team: Mariners.
Sponsor: IGA.

Coaches: Don Bell, Arturo Velasquez, and Armando Velasquez.

Color: Maroon.

Members: Jordan Bell, Adam Mendoza, Jared Bell, Amber Enriquez, Darcy Fisher, Kristin McClure, David Diaz, Christopher Velasquez, Whitney Nutt, Maribel Rivera, Isaac Aguilar, and Aaron Herrera.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Team: Pirates.
Sponsor: Lane Dirt Inc.

Coaches: Randy Griffith, Kent Lindsey, Charlie Lane, and Neila Malcolm.

Color: Royal Blue.

Members: Tanner Griffith, Van Jeter, Corey Lane, Michael Penney, Tyrell Bebout, Jake Loudder, Tony Sifuentes, Bobby Navarro, Michael Ojeda, Fabian Frank Rodriguez, Gabriel Garcia, Brent Josselet and Omar Torres.

Team: Braves.
Sponsor: Thrasher's Auto Sales.

Coaches: Bill Sanders, John Furr, and Jerry Matthews.

Color: Maroon.

Members: Keevin Sanders, Shane Furr, Jeremy Furr, Wesley Harkins, Taylor Matthews, Colt McCammon, Zachary McClure, Matthew Sandoval, David Garcia, Tanner Self, Trinity Robb, Miguel Neri and Samuel Prieto.

Team: Tigers.
Sponsor: Castro Oil & Gas.

Coaches: Johnny Gonzales, Steve Buckley, Shirley Brockman, and Mario Moreno.

Color: Red.

Members: Deacon Buckley, Thomas Brockman, Anthony Oliviero, Ky Kirby, Bo Hunter, Luis Menchaca, Julian Velo, J.R. McLean, Matthew Gauna, Albert Campos, Jake Laurent, Cliff Wright and Daniel Dones.

Team: Giants.
Sponsor: Wright & Sons Produce.

Coaches: Rick Wright and Norman Hays.

Color: Orange.

Members: Justin Sutton, B.J. Hill, Daniel Proffitt, Zack Morgan, Clayton Ehly, Eric Bural, Matthew Wright, Ryan Hays, Lori Schulte, L.J. Soler, Eric Martinez, Jason Harris, and Ruben Leal.

Team: Rockies.
Sponsor: Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply.

Coaches: Albert Acevedo, Juan Martinez, Larry Jackson and Leroy Ramirez.

Color: Navy Blue.

Members: Joe Acevedo, Johnathan Jimenez, Mike Carter, Oscar Dones, Kody Laurent, Marcus Larra, Mark Casares, Damian Martinez, Heather Black, Benny Pompa, Abel Espinosa and Jeremy Bishop.

MINOR LEAGUE

Team: Expos.
Sponsor: Nelson Well Service.

Coaches: Manuel Saenz, Julian Saenz, and Anita Saenz.

Color: Maroon.

Members: Marcus Ortiz, Aaron Saenz, Freddy Flores, Ben Ojeda, Raul Dones Jr., Brandon Martinez, Nicky Gauna, Alonso Lopez, Jake Wright, Jordan McLean, Mark Goode, and Adam Saucedo.

Team: Yankees.
Sponsor: Lindsey's Property Shoppe.

Coaches: Rick Wright, Kent Lindsey, and John Furr.

Color: Orange.

Members: Adam Wright, Zacha-

ry Morris, Brandon Furr, Juan Diaz, Eric Lee Ward, Joel Puente, Sharla Kenworthy, Kris Lindsey, Mario Diaz, Andy Garcia, Darrell Reyes, and Ruben Espinosa Jr.

Team: Mets.
Sponsor: Dimmitt Consumers.

Coaches: Gary Hunter and Kyle Aljoe.

Color: Red.

Members: Amy Laurent, Patrick Hunter, Ramey Rice, Trey Robb, Steven Caballero, Ruben Aguero, Javier Jackson, Colby Williams, Reggie Wilkerson, Stuart Sheffy, and Matthew Ruiz.

Team: Royals.
Sponsor: American Maize.

Coaches: Joe Bob Sanders, Randy Griffith, and Layne Myatt.

Color: Royal Blue.

Members: Matthew Sanders, Tyler Myatt, Alex Wilkerson, Kendra Martinez, Todd Jansa, Chris Casas, Jared Griffith, Coby Martinez, Steve Martinez, Brett Hoelting, Brock Birkenfeld and Harold Casas.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Team: Falcons.
Sponsor: NAPA Auto Parts.

Coaches: Rhenea Webb, Cindy Odom, and Jan Bryan.

Color: Yellow.

Members: Kylie Webb, Rae Odom, Audrey Saenz, Stacy Saenz, Valerie Everett, Christie Bryan, Wendy Amador, Vicky Arellano, Roxanne Rivera, Rose Anne Rivera, April Tijerina, and Lupita Rodriguez.

Team: Larks.
Sponsor: Lane Dirt, Inc.

Coaches: Susie Flores and Jerry Pena.

Color: Spring Green.

Members: Brenda Flores, Ruby Rodriguez, Angelic Luna, Joann Puente, Anglea Cartwright, Charlie Nutt, Myra Pena, Casandra Casas, Sally Stahl, Jade Vick, Elizabeth Cartwright, and Holly Lane.

Team: Robins.
Sponsors: Big M's and One Bullet.

Coaches: Teresa Lindsey, Robin Gonzales, and Frank Welch.

Color: California Blue.

Members: Valerie Gonzales, Dana Gonzales, Heather Jeter, Kristen Welch, Monica Ortiz, Alexis Proffitt, Stephanie Flores, Cassie Gonzales, Natalie Jimenez, Leah Scarborough, Lacy Loudder, Amanda Rodriguez, and Veronica Rodriguez.

Team: Orioles.
Sponsor: First Bank Dimmitt Branch.

Coaches: Mark Welch, Kenny Doss, and Lint Merritt.

Color: Raspberry.

Members: Lindsey Welch, Kristin Doss, Daphanie Rivera, Julie Merritt, Kelsey Welch, Jill Merritt, Ariana Carpio, Amber Allison, Cassie Vasquez, Amy Hubble, Lyndee Behrends, and Amber Bell.

DIMMITT, FRIONA & NAZARETH LEAGUE

Team: Reds.
Sponsor: Red X.

Coaches: Russel Harkins and Wally Silva.

Color: Red.
Members: Ryan Lowance, Chad Ewing, Jason Nino, Derik Harkins, Luis Nino, Joey Murillo, Dale West, Derek Buckley, Luis Silva, Ryan Harkins, Luke West, Brandon Irons, Jared Aven.

Team: Dodgers.
Sponsor: B&W Aerial Spray.

Coaches: Raul Jackson and Lauro Jackson.

Color: Royal Blue.

Members: Will Shannon, Cody Brockman, Luis Reyes, Ben Prieto, Stuart Sutton, Nathan Killough, Benny Navarro, Beau Hill, Codi Davisson, Roy Rivera, Manuel Velasquez, Sergio Navarro and John Paul Ramos.

Team: Sox.
Sponsor: Circle M Irrigation.

Coaches: Derrell Matthews, Dudley Wooten and Joe Bob Sanders.

Color: Green.

Members: Wesley Wright, Charley Sanders, Conrado Saucedo, Nicholas Salinas, Zack Matthews, Omar Rascon, John Kelly, Daniel Maxwell, Richard Carpio, Rusty

Wooten, Troy Odom, Daniel Salazar and Tony Leal.

Team: Nazareth.
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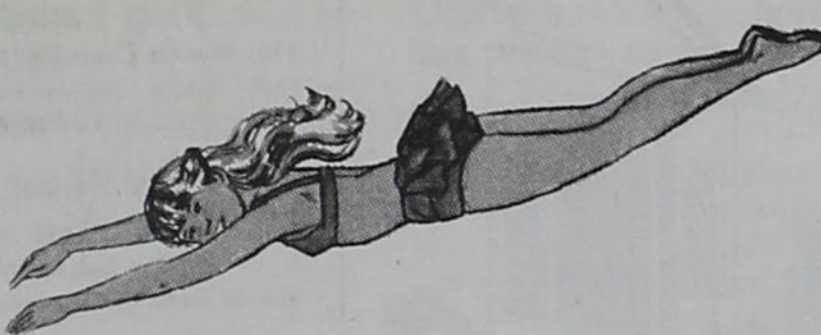
Reds, Dodgers, Sox and Nazareth will use Dimmitt as their home field. Bi-Wize and Cattle Town will use Friona as their home field.

Boys camp set in June

Coach Alan Steinle will hold the annual Dimmitt Camp of Champs for boys, June 20-24 at the Dimmitt High School Gym.

The camp is open to any boy completing third grade and up (younger if they are willing), and the \$40 fee includes a t-shirt, a week of fundamentals and fun.

Forms are available at Dimmitt Thriftway and IGA Foodliner. Registration forms may be returned to Steinle at 905 W. Bedford in Dimmitt. Registration will be allowed the first day of camp, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day.



Swimming Lessons

start
Monday, June 13th
at the Country Club of Dimmitt
Classes begin at 11 a.m.
* 1-week session (5 days)
Beginner—Advanced Groups

Libby Cleveland 647-4450
Beth Buckley 647-2247

* 2 one-week sessions: June 13-17, June 20-24

Team: Expos.
Sponsor: Nelson Well Service.
Coaches: Manuel Saenz, Julian Saenz, and Anita Saenz.
Color: Maroon.
Members: Marcus Ortiz, Aaron Saenz, Freddy Flores, Ben Ojeda, Raul Dones Jr., Brandon Martinez, Nicky Gauna, Alonso Lopez, Jake Wright, Jordan McLean, Mark Goode, and Adam Saucedo.

Team: Yankees.
Sponsor: Lindsey's Property Shoppe.
Coaches: Rick Wright, Kent Lindsey, and John Furr.
Color: Orange.
Members: Adam Wright, Zacha-

Girls' basketball camp set for June

A basketball camp for girls ages K-8th grade will be held June 20-24 in the Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The camp costs \$50 which includes a purple and white Baden official size basketball.

Forms can be picked up at Dimmitt Middle School or High School. Richard Wood, Dimmitt girls head coach, will be directing the camp. Assisting in the camp are Ritchie Tarbet, Nazareth girls head coach; and Neila Malcom and Nita Krob, Dimmitt girls assistants.

Awards, including first, second and third place medals for individuals as well as certificates and ribbons for team awards, will be given.

For more details contact Richard Wood.

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Friday Night Scrambles
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Entry fee is \$7.50 per player (cart included). Non-members must pay an additional \$2.50 for green fees.
Tee off time is set for 6 p.m. Entry deadline is 5:30 p.m.
A hamburger cook-out will be offered at the conclusion of play.
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For more information, call
Country Club of Dimmitt Pro Shop
647-4502
SEE YA AT THE CLUB!

'94 summer league ready to open Monday

The 1994 girls' summer basketball league begins play Monday. This year's league will feature players from Dimmitt and Nazareth, as well as Vega, Tulia, and a few from Adrian.

Teams will play 20 minute halves and four games will be played each night, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

Eight teams will compete in the league this summer and members of those teams include:

ROCKETS: Lori McDonald and Alesha Moore of Vega; Heather Braddock and Courtney Robertson of Nazareth; Anna Bartram and Becky Gidden of Tulia; and Jennifer Borman and Cindy Perrin of Adrian.

KNICKS: Anna Green, Melissa Borman and Mika Karber of Vega; Robin Schulte, Margie Durbin, Whitney McLain and Misti Ball of Nazareth; and Jacy Buckley of Dimmitt.

BULLS: Amelia Settles and Deidra Henderson of Vega; Kim Thomas, Randa Wood, Tawnee Matthews and Amber Matthews of Dimmitt; Sarah Bevell and Miranda Hooper of Tulia, and Carrie Wethington of Nazareth.

SUNS: Megan Vestal, Suri Bossett, Kara Culwell and Katie Daniel of Tulia; Amy Pohlmeier and Celina Braddock of Nazareth; and

Cicely Reyna, Lacsra Sherman, and Jessica Vasquez of Dimmitt.

BULLETS: Tammy Altman, Sabrina Hawthorne, and Katherine Tucker of Tulia; Jennifer Vick, Amber Langford, Tina Williams, and Andraena Mondragon of Dimmitt; and A'Llynn Garza and Angela Fortenberry of Nazareth.

SPURS: Melinda Schmucker, Lynsey Hoelting, K'Lynn Gerber, and Trina Johnson of Nazareth; and Amy Ethridge, Amy Matthews, Summer McLean, and Emily Roberson of Dimmitt.

MAGIC: Tiffany Wilcox, Kara Josselet, and Jana Nelson of Dimmitt; Kaci Wethington, Sarah Birkenfeld, and Heather Durr of Nazareth; and Shelly Moore and Brady Hayhurst of Tulia.

LAKERS: Dolores Dimas, Carrie Bradley, and Teresa Robertson of Dimmitt; Brandi Turner, Karla Kirkpatrick and Amanda Cosby of Tulia; Tanya Wethington, Jill Ramackers and Kara Scroggins of Nazareth.

Here is a schedule of the summer's games:

JUNE 6: 6 p.m. Rockets vs. Knicks; 7 p.m. Bulls vs. Bullets; 8 p.m. Spurs vs. Magic; 9 p.m. Suns vs. Lakers.

JUNE 7: 6 p.m. Bulls vs. Spurs; 7 p.m. Lakers vs. Magic; 8 p.m.

Bullets vs. Knicks; 9 p.m. Suns vs. Rockets.

JUNE 13: 6 p.m. Magic vs. Bullets; 7 p.m. Knicks vs. Suns; 8 p.m. Spurs vs. Lakers; 9 p.m. Rockets vs. Bulls.

JUNE 14: 6 p.m. Rockets vs. Suns; 7 p.m. Knicks vs. Lakers; 8 p.m. Bulls vs. Magic; 9 p.m. Bullets vs. Spurs.

JUNE 20: 6 p.m. Lakers vs. Bulls; 7 p.m. Spurs vs. Suns; 8 p.m. Rockets vs. Bullets; 9 p.m. Knicks vs. Magic.

JUNE 21: 6 p.m. Bulls vs. Knicks; 7 p.m. Sprus vs. Rockets; 8 p.m. Suns vs. Magic; 9 p.m. Bullets vs. Lakers.

JUNE 27: 6 p.m. Bullets vs. Suns; 7 p.m. Magic vs. Bulls; 8 p.m. Lakers vs. Rockets; 9 p.m. Knicks vs. Spurs.

JUNE 28: 6 p.m. Rockets vs. Knicks; 7 p.m. Bulls vs. Bullets; 8 p.m. Spurs vs. Magic; 9 p.m. Suns vs. Lakers.

JULY 5: 6 p.m. Bulls vs. Spurs; 7 p.m. Lakers vs. Magic; 8 p.m. Bullets vs. Knicks; 9 p.m. Suns vs. Rockets.

JULY 11: 6 p.m. Magic vs. Bullets; 7 p.m. Suns vs. Knicks; 8 p.m. Spurs vs. Lakers; 9 p.m. Rockets vs. Bulls.

JULY 12: 6 p.m. Magic vs. Rockets; 7 p.m. Knicks vs. Lakers; 8 p.m. Suns vs. Bulls; 9 p.m. Bullets vs. Spurs.

JULY 18: 6 p.m. Lakers vs. Bulls; 7 p.m. Spurs vs. Suns; 8 p.m. Rockets vs. Bullets; 9 p.m. Knicks vs. Magic.

JULY 19: 6 p.m. Bulls vs. Knicks; 7 p.m. Spurs vs. Rockets; 8 p.m. Suns vs. Magic; 9 p.m. Lakers vs. Bullets.

JULY 25: 6 p.m. Bullets vs. Suns; 7 p.m. Magic vs. Bulls; 8 p.m. Lakers vs. Rockets; (p.m. Knicks vs. Spurs.

JULY 26: 6 p.m. Rockets vs. Knicks; 7 p.m. Bulls vs. Bullets; 8 p.m. Spurs vs. Magic; 9 p.m. Suns vs. Lakers.

Baseball Schedule

T-BALL

JUNE 6: 6 p.m. Padres vs. Rangers; 7:15 p.m. Angels vs. Blue Jays.

JUNE 7: 6 p.m. Cubs vs. Cardinals; 7:15 p.m. Mariners vs. Padres.

JUNE 9: 6 p.m. Blue Jays vs. Rangers; 7:15 p.m. Angels vs. Padres.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

JUNE 6: 5:30 p.m. Falcons vs. Larks.

JUNE 7: 7 p.m. Robins vs. Orioles.

JUNE 9: 5:30 p.m. Falcons vs. Robins.

MINOR LEAGUE

JUNE 6: 7 p.m. Expos vs. Yankees.

JUNE 7: 5:30 p.m. Mets vs. Royals.

JUNE 9: 7 p.m. Expos vs. Mets.

MAJOR LEAGUE

JUNE 6: 8:30 p.m. Pirates vs. Braves.

JUNE 7: 8:30 p.m. Tigers vs. Giants.

JUNE 9: 8:30 p.m. Braves vs. Rockies.

DFN LEAGUE

JUNE 6: 7 p.m. Reds at Dodgers; 7 p.m. Sox at Cattle Town.

JUNE 7: 7 p.m. Sox at Nazareth.

JUNE 9: 7 p.m. Nazareth at Bi-Wize; 7 p.m. Cattle Town at Reds.

Ballparks set work session

A work night will be held today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at the Kids Inc. Baseball Complex in Dimmitt. All persons who are able are asked to attend. Workers should bring hoes, rakes, shovels, pruning tools, painting clothes and other accessories.

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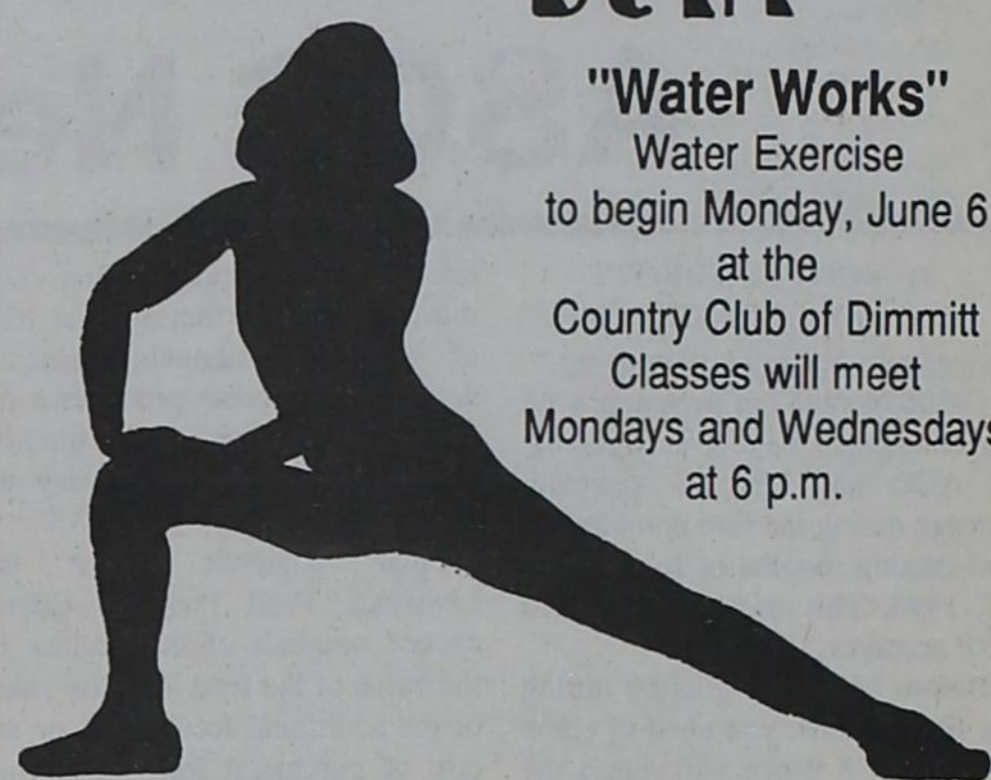
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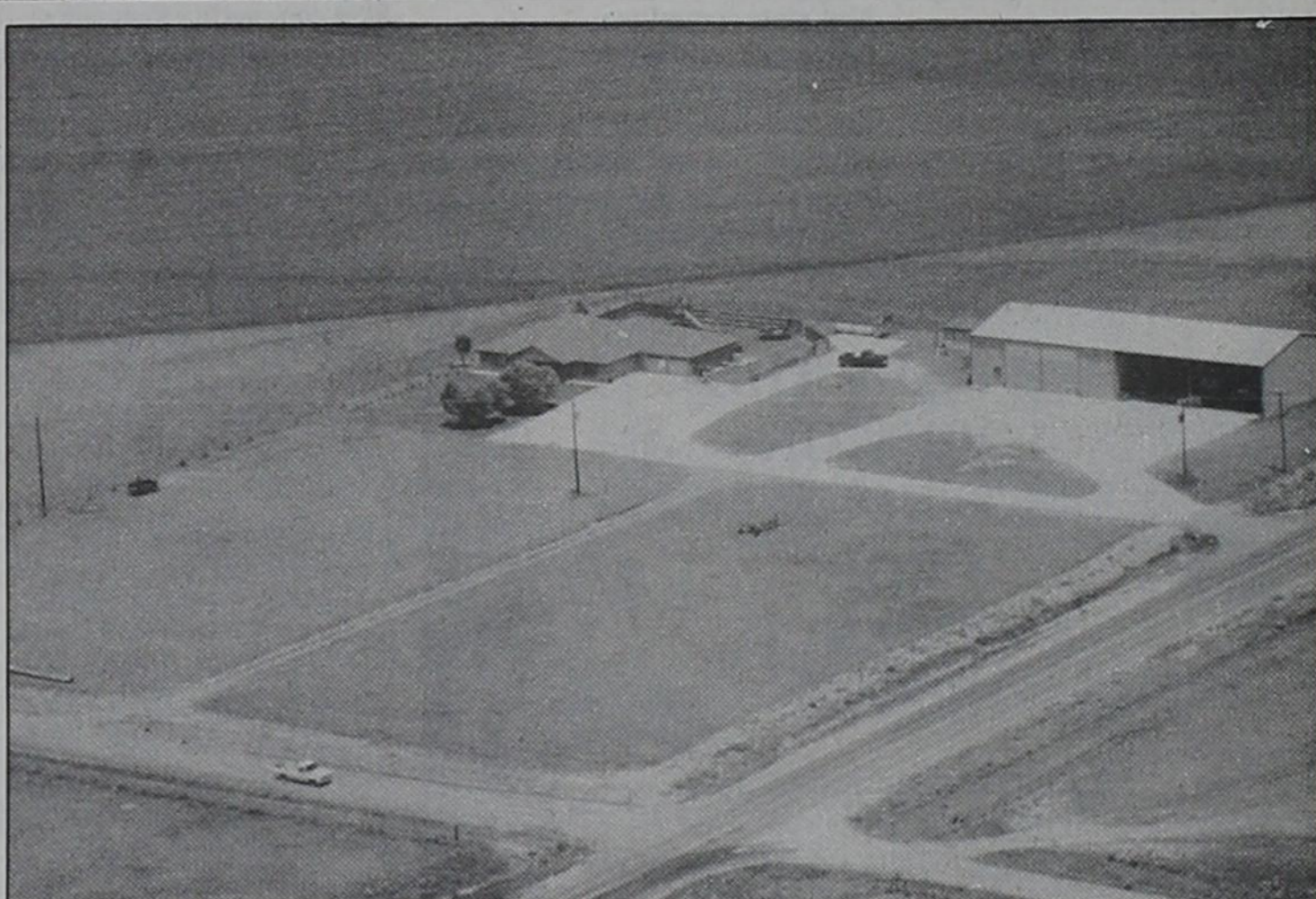


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Summer Classes begin June 6 and will meet Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 7:30 a.m.
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RIDING OFF INTO THE SUMMER—Students at Pybus Pre-School in Dimmitt enjoy pony rides on the last day of school last week. The students enjoyed several activities on the last day before summer vacation. Photo by Nicole Kleman

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE MYSTERY FARM?



Win a \$50 Savings Bond!

Once each month, the First Bank of Muleshoe/Dimmitt Branch shows an aerial photo of a Castro County farm. No one will know whose farm it is until it is identified and verified.

If you can identify this Mystery Farm (whether it's yours or not), come into our bank IN PERSON by next Thursday and fill out a Mystery Farm Ballot.

The owner or operator of the Mystery Farm is asked to call Morris Wilcox, Chaun Gunstream or Jacque McLain at the First Bank, 647-2265, and identify his farm. The owner will receive a FREE 4x5 aerial color picture of the farm. (Enlargements will be available.)

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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

Quality tips

Some business-building concepts are so elegantly simple that we say to ourselves, "Why didn't I think of that?" This is the case with a local company's quality improvement program.

Culligan Water Systems of Amarillo uses a straightforward approach for creating excellence from within. Tom Grimes, the company's owner, shared his five-element plan with us several weeks ago. The quality program was developed by the entire staff.

I've read the five elements several times as I've sorted piles of information on future column topics. Each time I reviewed the five points, I was reminded that good programs don't have to be complex.

Recently, quality critics have criticized some of America's larger companies' TQM programs because of their complexity. The critics say that several of these programs are failing because the process is too complicated to understand and implement.

We realize that all business management issues are easier to discuss than to put into practice. However, if the process is too complex or if those charged with responsibility of implementing the program feel that it is too complicated, it is doomed from the start.

This is why keeping it simple and straightforward is beneficial. If you can express the main elements of your quality control efforts simply, you can work out the methods of implementation and measurement.

Chrysler's simple turnaround

Lee Iacocca, the retired chairman of Chrysler Corporation, described his success in turning the troubled company around a few years ago. He said the fundamentals were to, "Create a quality product, deliver it to the marketplace and make sure you let everyone know about it."

Iacocca's formula is neither complex nor difficult to understand. He founded it on sound manufacturing principles: Produce and deliver quality and then promote it.

Many specific operations are required to produce quality. You should examine each aspect of your business operation to ensure that it is contributing to quality in your products or services.

The elements of quality will vary from business to business. Some companies will be more product oriented, others more service focused.

The Q.T.I.P.S. program

For Tom Grimes and his Culligan team, the quality effort began by identifying five areas to improve. They call their process the Q.T.I.P.S. Program. Here it is as Grimes shared it with us.

- Q--Quality. Quality products, quality image and the most import factor, quality people. Customers will pay more for real quality. Employees take pride in working for a quality company.
- T--Teamwork. Work together toward common goals. Teamwork makes heavy loads lighter and laughter brighter. Insist on cooperation from all departments and staff. Eliminate bad apples from the barrel (firm).

• I--Integrity. This is the foundation: Honestly and fairness. Customers respond to integrity; employees thrive on it. There is no other way to do business.

• P--Profit. Profit is not a dirty word. Profits mean good wages, new trucks, better products and services. Who is responsible for profit? Everyone in the company. Selling is essential for profit. Who sells? Everyone in the company.

• S--Service. Service is the Hallmark of good business. It separates the best from the rest. People take pride in providing good service. Customers demand it. The key elements are good people, trained well.

Start with quality and end with service. Build a team of dedicated individuals. Run the business with integrity. Watch the bottom line profits.

Grimes summarizes the process by saying, "QTIPS sound simple but you and I know better. It takes dedicated people to make it work and it is an ongoing process."

ASCS News

By SCOTTY ABBOTT
County Executive Director

Emergency haying and grazing

Castro County has been approved for emergency haying and grazing of ACR and CU for payment acreage during the five non-haying-and-grazing months of June 1-Oct. 31, 1994. This does not apply to CRP acreages.

Before haying or grazing during the five months, you need to come to the ASCS office and report the acreage to be hayed or grazed and sign a register designating the intended use.

(See related story in today's News for more information.)

Livestock feed program

Castro County has been authorized to implement the livestock feed program. Applications are accepted when part of the grazing or crops normally produced to feed livestock have been lost because of a natural disaster. It is recommended that the owner apply as soon as possible. The producer's feeding period does not begin until the date of application.

To be eligible, you must have owned or have leased the livestock for at least six months. Purchased or leased livestock cannot be included until they have been owned for at least six months unless

one of the exceptions is met. You must also certify that at least 10% of your gross annual income is derived from the production of livestock and grain. To qualify, your gross annual income may not exceed \$2.5 million.

Final payment under the Livestock Feed Program cannot exceed one-half of the smaller of the value of the feed loss, the value of the additional feed needs, or the cost of purchased feed fed during the feeding period.

Measurement service

We have not received our slides to complete your measurement service requests for small grains. When you get ready to harvest your small grains crop and you have not received your notice of measured acreage, you need to give us a call. We will try to get your service completed before you harvest the crop so you can make any necessary adjustments. If we cannot complete the service, you will need to measure the acreage and come into the office and report the acreage before harvesting.

New state committee policy on certification

The Texas State ASC Committee has determined that to maintain eligibility for any disaster benefits on program or non-program crops (includes fruits and vegetables), the

producer must file an accurate and timely Form ASCS-578 (Report of Acreage) and Form ASCS-574 (Application for Disaster Credit).

CRP maintenance

It is the sole responsibility of the CRP participant to maintain their CRP acreage, which includes weed control for the life of the contract. Failure to control weeds will result in penalties (annual rental payment reductions).

Failed crop acreage

You need to report your failed acreage and then file Form ASCS-574 prior to destroying, grazing or making other use of the acreage. Failure to do this could result in loss of program benefits and base protection.

Final planting dates

Final planting dates for Castro County are corn, May 15; cotton, May 31; and grain sorghum, June 30. You can plant after these dates. These dates were established for the purpose of requiring you to replant any failed acreage back to the crop through the final planting date if you want payment or history credit.

1994 commodity loan rates

Your 1994 commodity loan rates are wheat, \$2.59 per bushel; barley, \$1.74 per bushel; oats, \$1.02 per bushel; and rye, \$1.52 per bushel.

1994 crop loans

To place a warehouse-stored grain crop under loan, you will need to: 1) Obtain a warehouse receipt from the storing warehouse; 2) Provide proof of storage for nine months in advance; 3) Bring warehouse receipts and any lien waivers to the ASCS office.

Loan deficiency payments--marketing gains

Marketing program options are available for 1994 crop wheat and feed grains grown on participating farms. Producers who place 1994 grains into the loan may now redeem their grain from loan using the lesser of the posted county price or the principal plus interest.

In addition, a loan deficiency payment (LDP) is now available for producers who forego the loan. To be eligible for a LDP on grain, the posted county price must fall below the county loan rate for the crop. At this time, the posted county price is above the county loan rates for grains.

To be eligible for loan or LDP, you must have beneficial interest in the crop. Grain that has been sold is ineligible. For further details, please contact the ASCS office.

Haying, grazing is okayed

Castro County has been approved for emergency haying and grazing of ACR (Acreage Conservation Reserve) and CU (Conserving Use) for Payment acreage during the five month non-haying and grazing period that begins June 1, 1994, and ends October 31, 1994, according to Scotty Abbott, Executive Director of the Castro County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). This does not apply to CRP acreage nor does it extend the date that small grain acreages can be hayed.

Hay and grazing may be used by livestock owned or leased by the participant or sold to a livestock producer for any price. However, if the participant sells standing or harvested hay or rents or leases the grazing privilege to a livestock producer, the participant must obtain from the livestock producer a signed statement that the livestock producer will not resell the hay or sub-rent or sublease the grazing privilege to anyone and that the hay or grazing will be used only to feed livestock owned or leased by that livestock producer.

An approved cover can be established later for future grazing or haying, after haying and grazing the original cover. Haying and grazing of ACR and CU for Payment acreage is authorized through Dec. 31, 1994.

All interested producers must come by our office to designate and certify the applicable acreage and then declare the intended use (haying or grazing) before the acreage can be hayed or grazed. For more information, please contact your local ASCS Office.

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GTE and Contel propose to implement the new tariffs on a revenue neutral basis. The Local Transport category of GTE and Contel's Switched Access Service is primarily for interexchange carriers.

Persons who wish to intervene should file a motion for intervention with the PUC by June 17, 1994 with reference to Docket No. 12866 (GTE) and/or 12865 (Contel). Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.



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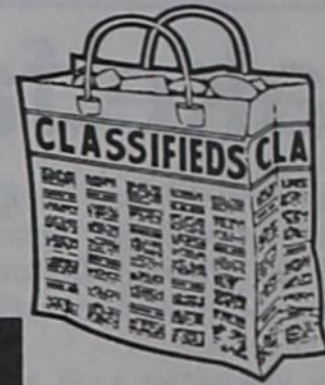


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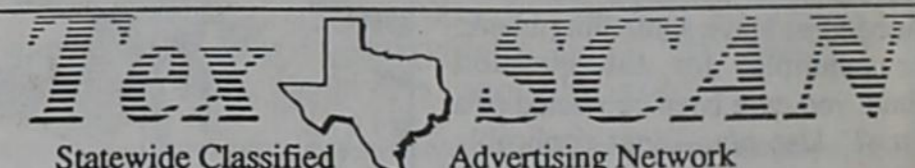
I wish to say thank you to so many people. Space does not allow me to name everyone that has been so gracious and kind to me in all the years I was allowed to serve the school district. I loved my job and the children, they are so dear to my me. My workers have been marvelous and all the administrators and all the school boards that I have served under have been so good to me. A special thanks to the present administration. Thank you dear teachers for caring and helping me, so much. You do a tremendous job and so often are not even recognized. I love each of you! I look forward to retirement and feel that I am leaving the job in expert hands of Mr. Charles Ketchum. I will always have a spot in my heart for each of you and pray God's blessings on each one that touched my life so specially.

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DIMMITT CLASS OF 1994
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents that helped put together the Drug-Free Party for the Seniors. To Nancy Fuller, Connie Nelson, Debbie Annen, Cindy Ellis, Pam Odom: a really big THANK YOU for all your help. It couldn't have been done without you!! Thanks also to all those who came and stayed all night and helped us at the party.

BETH ROBERTS
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More about

Leaders . . .

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Dr. Hendricks will provide full-time coverage including emergency-duty, Dr. Hardee said.

Dr. Hendricks, who has worked here before, was placed through Staffcare, a physicians' temporary placement service, Goode said.

In his administrator's report, Goode compared the hospital district's tax rate and wage scale with statewide averages.

"Of 93 hospital districts in Texas, eight have higher and 84 have lower tax rates," he said. "On a per-capita basis, the tax averages \$135 per capita here. There are 14 districts higher and 78 lower in this category."

"On one hand, the statistics show we're on the high side (at 35 cents per \$100 valuation); on the other hand the same statistics show that we're nowhere near being off the scale," he said.

On wages, Goode said the average wage paid by the CCHD is \$10.93 per hour, while the average in the Lubbock Metropolitan Statistical Area is \$15.59 and the average in Texas rural hospitals is \$13.29.

Goode said the hospital district's auditors recommend that the board "designate either some dollar amount or percentage of the tax levy as belonging to the (rural health) clinics and some dollar amount or percentage as belonging to the hospital district." Goode said later that this recommendation will be considered when the board sets the 1995 tax rate, probably in September.

Goode reported that he has been approached by two more "health management" organizations.

"HealthSmart claims to have connections with Dimmitt Agri Industries, and also is trying to get established with the Dimmitt Independent School District and the Hart Independent School District," Goode said. "If they are successful in landing any of these, we'd be forced to deal with them because we wouldn't want to lose that big a bloc of people."

More about

Hawkins . . .

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"I'd hate to see you close the Hawkins Clinic," Mayor Tony Leibel said. "I was raised in South Dakota and we had rural clinics there, and they were very important to us."

"My family and I have used the clinic several times, and I just can't see us doing without it," Councilman Doyle Davis said. "The care has been super-good. . . . I think it would be premature to close it."

City Councilman Todd Pebsworth also urged that the clinic be kept open.

The three elected officials also presented a supporting letter from City Councilman Weldon Jones, who recently received emergency care at the clinic after a heart attack.

Hawkins Memorial Clinic, which opened last August, has averaged only six patients per day, according to Vince Moss, administrator of Castro County Community Clinics. Assistant Administrator Cenci Hardee said the clinic will have to have at least 10 to 12 patients a day to receive Medicare certification.

Moss said the CCCC anticipates a \$130,000 operating loss at the clinic during the coming fiscal year.

The school health clinic was put in place about the same time the Hawkins Clinic opened, and is funded by a grant from the Texas Dept. of Health, with a verbal agreement to operate two more years, Supt. Mike Smith said.

Smith added that he didn't feel the school clinic was competing with the Hardee clinic because it was "only for students and siblings of students—no adults or faculty."

School Nurse Retta Knox, R.N., explained that a resident physician in pediatrics from Texas Tech's University Medical Center comes to the school clinic each Wednesday.

"He's a resident — he's not licensed for general practice yet," Dr. B. D. Murphy commented.

Dr. Murphy added, "I've noticed there is competition between the school clinic and the rural health clinic," and urged the school district to "get rid of this federal money and get those outside people out—you don't need them."

Smith responded that "70 to 80 percent of the kids we see wouldn't be getting health care anywhere else."

Knox added that the school clinic has turned up three heart conditions and a variety of other major health problems among Hart children.

Plains Memorial anesthetist Michelle Bailey, C.R.N.A., wondered where these children were sent for treatment and surgery.

"Most of my patients are from Nazareth and Dimmitt," she said. "I haven't seen very many Hart patients at all. I don't know where they're going, but they're not coming here."

"A lot of people do most of their shopping in Plainview, so that's where they find a doctor," Leibel said.

Asked where the student patients were sent for care, Knox said, "We usually refer to specialty care."

"You need to get rid of these outside people," Dr. Murphy repeated. "If you want the hospital district to keep a clinic in Hart, you should support the local hospital district."

Cenci Hardee added, "We're going to have to change habits and traffic patterns" if the Hawkins Memorial Clinic is to get its "encounter rate" up to a level that would be safe from Medicare closure.

Leibel said one hindrance may be the cost; he had heard the Hawkins Clinic charges \$70 for an initial visit. Hardee said the initial charge is only \$34.

"Hispanics get a lot of free service," said Neoma Williams of the Hart Beat. "I think they don't understand that it's available through the Hawkins Clinic also, and they'll keep going to the school clinic if that's where they can get free care."

Hardee said the Hawkins Clinic can file for either Medicaid or Indigent Care assistance for low-income patients.

Prescription availability is "a major problem" for Hart residents, Leibel said. He wondered if a pharmacy service couldn't be incorporated into the clinic.

Providing a pharmacy service is difficult, Moss said. However, the Hawkins Clinic staff now provides a prescription courier service for next-day pickup.

Later in last Wednesday night's session, the hospital board agreed to set up a "town hall meeting" in Hart. Moss and PMH Administrator Steve Goode are working out details for the meeting, and the date is to be announced later.



NEW LIONS CLUB OFFICERS—Officers for 1994-95 were inducted into the Dimmitt Lions Club at ceremonies held May 24. Standing are (from left) Bettye Wallace, secretary; Les Miller, tail twister; (seated, from left) Chaun Gunstream, third vice president; Mark Bruegel, Boss Lion; Don Graham, first vice president; and John Brooks, second vice president.

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More about

Doctor pay . . .

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patient services (surgery and hospitalization) would be in addition to the compensation package.

Quoting statistics from a 1992 survey, Goode said, "Generally, recruiting a primary care physician in 1992 required a salary of \$95,000 to \$120,000 for new practitioners and \$120,000 to \$140,000 for experienced practitioners. The same report stated that cash compensation had increased by 15% that year. If we assume a 15% increase for the next two years, the \$120,000 figure from 1992 becomes \$138,000 in 1993 and \$158,700 in 1994. This is in addition to recruitment costs in 1992 of \$25,000 to \$30,000."

He added that such perks as moving expenses, office space, malpractice insurance, signing bonuses, management services and support staff are becoming more common in recruitment strategies.

Hefty compensation packages can be justified, Goode said, because a family practitioner can be expected to generate an average \$619,000 in annual in-patient revenue for a hospital and about \$300,000 revenue for the clinic in which he or she practices.

Also, competition plays a major role in salary offers, Goode said.

"Those (physicians) who go into primary care tend to settle in cities and towns larger than Dimmitt," he said. "Those who do choose small towns tend to choose scenic locations where there are trees, mountains, lakes or coastline. Also, managed care plans and provider networks need primary-care physicians and are making lucrative offers to get them. This means that the demand is increasing while there is a shortage of supply to begin with."

The board called a special Wednesday-night meeting for this week, with the compensation package on the agenda.

Goode said he plans to meet this week with a representative of Merritt & Hawkins, a recruitment firm being retained by the hospital district in its search.

Goode estimated that the CCHD has spent \$6,000 with Merritt & Hawkins so far. The district also is in contact with several physicians as the result of a recent statewide "health job fair" attended by a local delegation.

More about

Heavy rain . . .

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that some rain undoubtedly missed the gauge."

The first storm cleared Dimmitt about 3:15 p.m., and the city was surrounded by clouds as if it were in the calm eye of a hurricane. By 3:45 p.m., a wall cloud had formed about 10 miles west of Dimmitt that was visible from downtown. Several fingers of funnels descended from the cloud, and a funnel was spotted by citizens west of Dimmitt on the north side of SH 86. The funnel disintegrated, and the wall cloud fell apart a minute later only to reform about five miles west of Dimmitt.

The rain was not nearly as intense as the second storm passed through the city, dumping another .31 of an inch at KDHN's official gauge.

The storm let up somewhat as it passed to the east, but Tammy Robb, who lives between Nazareth and Hart, said things "got real yucky looking with rain and hail both times."

"The wind was bad here in the second storm, and we had some scattered wind damage," Robb said. Nazareth picked up about .85 of an inch Wednesday and another .985 of an inch Thursday.

Dimmitt received 1.47 inch of rain Thursday from two storms: an early-evening storm that put the county under a severe thunderstorm warning from about 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. brought a half-inch of rain; and an all-night shower added another inch to the total.

Some places in the county received as much as six inches or more from the first rains on May 22 through the all-night rain Thursday.

"By and large, this is a real good rain for the county," said Carl King of Texas Corn. "The timing wasn't great but we'll always take rain."

For some, the rain might have been too much.

"There was some corn that was pecked on some, but I think the corn will be fine," said County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland. "We could be looking at some losses in some of our cottom. The older, more mature beets will probably be coming out okay. Some of the beets that have just been replanted will not fare as well. The younger beets are not as tolerant to damage, but everything varies from field-to-field and stage-to-stage."

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Obituaries

Cullen H. Butler

Cullen H. Butler, 87, of Farmington, N.M., died May 27 in Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Mr. Butler was born April 4, 1907, in Canute, Okla., and had lived in Mesa, Ariz., for 18 years. He moved to Farmington, N.M. in 1993. He married Rube Hyatt on Dec 26, 1934, in Clovis, N.M. He was a retired car salesman, a Baptist and a Mason.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Sam of Farmington and Michael of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Arvilla Smith of Sacramento, Calif., and Jewell Price of Salt Lake City; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials go to a favorite charity.

Horace Cochran

Horace Elwin Cochran, 71, of Texarkana, died Thursday.

Services were Saturday in the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer in Texarkana with the Rev. Bruce Rux officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Park by East Funeral Home of Texarkana.

Mr. Cochran was born June 14, 1922 in Malta. He was a retired business analyst for Dun and Bradstreet. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer and was a past lieutenant governor for the Texas-Oklahoma District for Kiwanis. He was a veteran of the US Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Ruth Anna Cochran of Dimmitt and Elise Larue of Rockwall; a brother, Norman Cochran of Texarkana; a sister, Margaret Thomas of Greenville; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer in Texarkana.



Mona Merritt

Mona Merritt, 60, of Dimmitt, died Monday.

Services were Wednesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor, and the Rev. John Street, former pastor, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens by Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Merritt was born June 22, 1933 in Hereford. She moved to Dimmitt in 1949 from Silverton. She was a 1950 graduate of Dimmitt High School and married Glenn Merritt on July 7, 1950, in Clovis, N.M. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Brock Merritt of Flint and Mark Merritt of Midland; two daughters, LeAnn Kramer of Kingville and Deannea Tanner of Carrollton; her mother, Mabel Brock of Dimmitt; a brother, Dr. Robert A. Brock of Palestine; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to Rhoads Memorial Library, 105 SW Second in Dimmitt.

Pallbearers were Reb Brock, Shea Brock, Lint Merritt, Brian Merritt, Johnny Merritt, Butch Merritt, Sammy Merritt and L.B. Garvin. Honorary pallbearers were Decimae Dennis, Mary Cluck, LaRue Garvin, Dorothy Gilbreath, Dorothy Mayfield and Courtney Armstrong.

Correction

Phil Thrasher was omitted from the list of all-district players named on the District 2 - 3A all-district squad announced last week.

Thrasher was an honorable mention outfielder. The News regrets the omission.

Frank Espinosa

Frank R. Espinosa, 81, of Dimmitt, died May 19.

Services were May 21 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens by Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Espinosa was born Oct. 4, 1912, in Refugio. He moved to Dimmitt from Corpus Christi in 1956. He married Nicolasa Benavidez in Gonzales on Oct. 16, 1937.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jesse Espinosa, in 1969.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Abel Espinosa of Hereford and Johnny Espinosa of San Antonio; two daughters, Alice Galvan and Josie Espinosa, both of Dimmitt; a brother, Sam Espinosa of Dimmitt; six sisters, Fela Munoz and Lupe Garcia of Houston, Rita Picon of Mendota, Calif., Fanny Garcia of Santa Maria, Calif., Carmen Gutierrez of Sacramento, Calif., and Cleotilde Santos of Gregory; 28 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hospice of the Plains, 4416 Olton Road, Plainview 79072.

Pallbearers were Sam Espinosa Jr., Larry Espinosa, Robert Espinosa, Michael Espinosa, Johnny Espinosa and Lupe Galvan.

Arthur Wilcox

Arthur Wilcox, 78, of Dimmitt, died May 30, 1994.

Graveside services were held

Wednesday at Westlawn Memorial Park with the Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Mr. Wilcox was born Nov. 12, 1915, in Calvin, Okla., and lived in El Centro, Calif., before moving to Dimmitt in 1959. He married Christell Moore on Nov. 16, 1935 in Hollis, Okla. He was a maintainer operator for Castro County for 17 years before his retirement.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Joe of Crane, Stanley of Hereford, and Bob of Mineral Wells; a sister, Marie Cummins of Modesto, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

More about Rodeo . . .

(Continued from Page 1) milking, kids' calf scramble and kids' steer riding.

Admission to the rodeo is \$5 for adults and high school students, \$2 for students, 12 years to high school age, and free for children under 12.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept.

The rodeo is sanctioned by Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association. Timed event stock will be furnished by the Nazareth Country Rodeo.

Trophy buckles will be awarded in all events.

In addition to the rodeo, a dance will be held Saturday night in the Nazareth Community Hall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music provided by Slo Motion of Amarillo. Admission will be \$5 per person.

More about

Thieves . . .

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al miles but lost sight of it. DPS Trooper Eduardo Aguilar then saw the car about two miles east of Hereford on US Highway 60.

The DPS trooper chased the car into town, where Hereford police assisted in the chase.

Aguilar chased the car through streets and alleys in northeast Hereford before losing sight of the car. It was spotted by Hereford police in northeast Hereford and stopped at 15th St. and Ave. J in Hereford.

The suspect was chased by Aguilar and Hereford DARE Officer Terry Brown, but eluded them. That man is believed to be Don Earl Ward, 28. Warrants have been issued for him for reckless danger and evading arrest.

Hereford police conducted a house-to-house search for Don Earl Ward in a two block area. Policeman Dave Ellis and his dog, Ricky, tracked Don Earl Ward into a yard on Ave. K in Hereford, but the man was not found.

The search area was across from Aikman Primary School in Hereford. The school was locked down as part of a special crisis plan. Outside doors were immediately locked, children were ushered into classrooms away from windows, and officials began a search for anyone not supposed to be on school grounds.

Haney told the News that the car was clocked at over 100 mph during the chase, but not while the car was in the Dimmitt city limits.

He also said the car was registered to an owner in Gary, Ind. The Indiana plates were found in the car after the chase ended in Hereford.

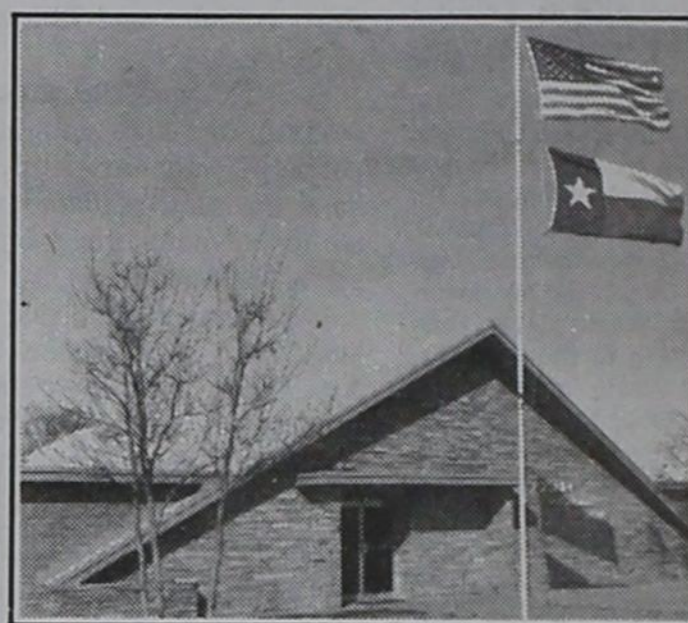
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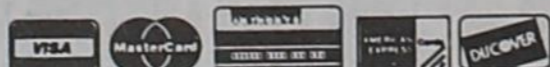
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National Trails Day . . .

QUITAQUE — The second annual National Trails Day celebration will take place in Quitaque on Saturday, June 4.

Last year more than 2,500 people gathered for the official opening of the Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway and the day of festivities, and another large crowd is expected again this year.

A full day and night of events is planned and there should be something for everyone. There will be a mountain bicycle race along a portion of the Trailway, hot air balloon demonstrations,

Caprock Canyons Trailway to celebrate national trail event Saturday . . .

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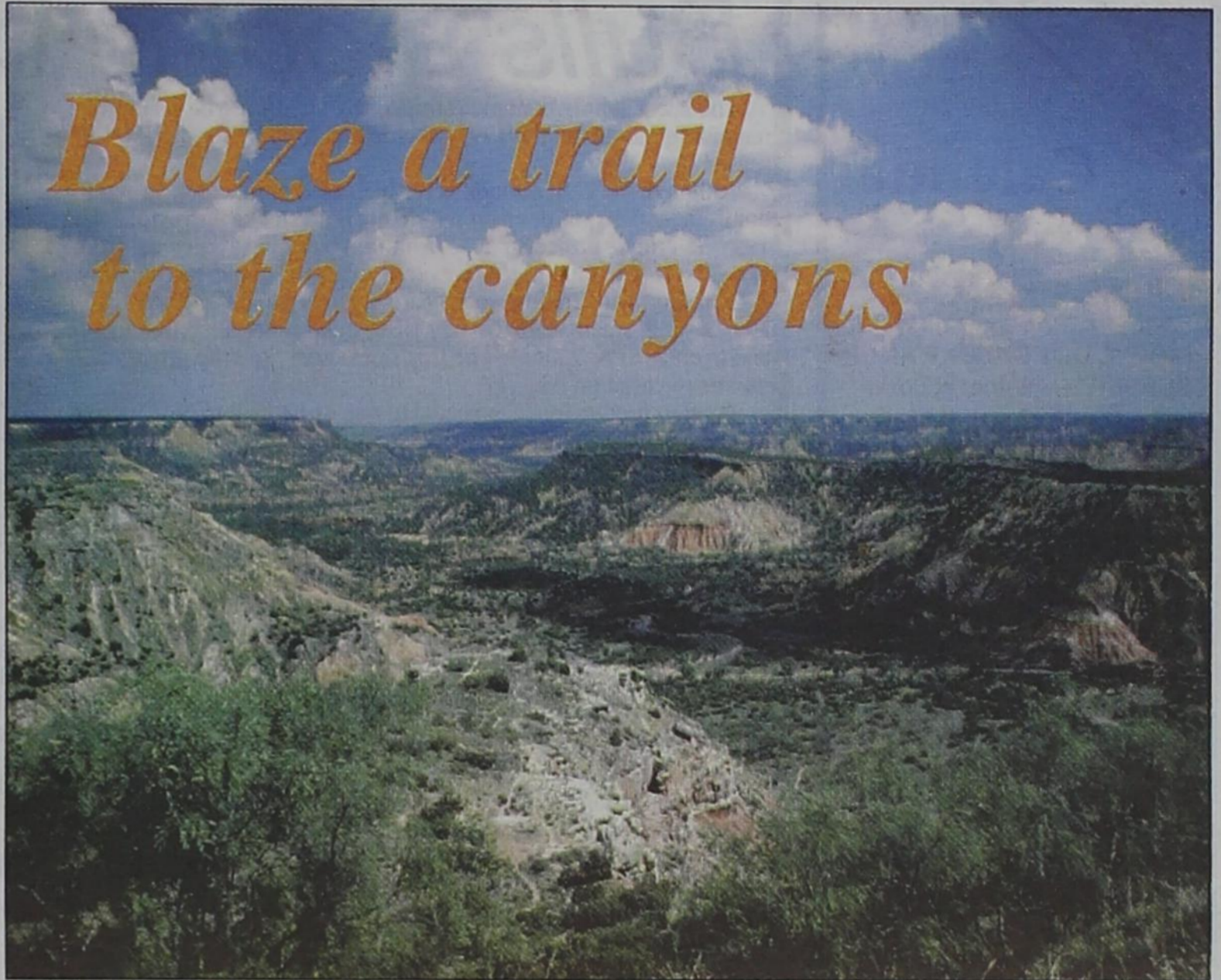


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Calendar

JUNE 4

CIRCLE DOT CHUCKWAGON SUPPER — Another chuckwagon ranch dinner at 6 p.m. in connection with National Trails Day celebration.

JUNE 6

HEREFORD SOIL NUTRI-TION AWARENESS — He Southern Plains Study Club will sponsor a Soil Nutrition Awareness seminar at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford Community Center. Dr. P.I. Ittycheriah, owner of National Agrimate Biolabs in Clovis, will present a program entitled Understanding Soil Nutrition Beyond N, P and K, exploring the need for soil nutrients such as secondary ingredients like sulfur and trace elements including zinc and boron to produce quality yields. The meeting, open to the public, is part of the study club's year long focus on soil. The year will culminate Jan. 14, 1995, with the sixth annual Southern Plains Conference at the Amarillo Civic Center.

ARMSTRONG FARM TRAC-TOR PLAYDAY — Paul and Jackie Armstrong of Hart will host their annual tractor show on their farm 3 1/2 miles west of Hart on FM 145, then three miles south. A slow race, parade and plowing contest will be held.

JULY 9

LEVELLAND CELEBRATION AND TRACTOR PARADE — Parade and celebration including old tractors. For information contact Preston Reeves.

SEAGRAVES REUNION — Day of fun and displays of old tractors as part of Seagraves Day events.

TULIA'S SWISHER COUNTY PICNIC — Traditional picnic celebration features noon barbecue meal.

JULY 28

OKLAHOMA STATE TWO-CYLINDER SHOW — One of the major tractor shows in the Southwest, to be held in Fairview, Okla.

Bulls afoot in cotton market

The latest supply/demand estimates by USDA are bullish for the remaining months of the 1993-94 crop and friendly for the 1994-95 season.

Although the U.S. outlook is for increased production, strong domestic and export demand will likely hold stocks fairly tight. The 1994-95 crop is projected at 17.7 million bales, up 10 percent from last season. The total use, however, is expected to increase slightly to 17.5 million with ending stocks barely gaining to 3.9 million. The 1994 crop estimate is the first by USDA and is based on trend yields and average expectations. The first field survey of crop prospects will be released on Aug. 11.

Foreign production is expected to rise 11 percent to 66.3 million for the new crop. With usage at 75.0 million ales, ending stocks are likely to decrease to 24.7 million from 26.7 in 1993-94. The result is that foreign stocks-to-use (s/u) declines to 33 percent, the lowest since 1990-91 season. That compares with 36 percent in 1993-94 and 45 percent two years ago. Because foreign stocks are expected to remain tight for another year, prospects for U.S. exports are good.

As a result, estimated exports increased 300,000 bales to 7.0 million for 1993-94 and were also projected at 7 million for the 1994-95 season. In 1992-93, exports were only 5.2 million, and they totaled 6.65 from the 1991-92 season. Domestic use, at 10.3 million, advanced 100,000 bales for a total 1993-94 offtake of 17.3 million bales. Ending stocks dropped 400,000 bales to 3.6 million, somewhat lower than expected.

It is interesting to note that U.S. exports have increased when the "A" Index is over 80 cents and decreased when the price is about 20 cents/lb. lower. The reason is that when foreign stocks are plentiful, buyers are scarce even though prices are depressed. Besides, cotton production in China is the driving force behind U.S. exports. If production is high, they export. If low, China imports cotton to keep mills running. In other words, regardless of price, the U.S. is largely a residual supplier to the international market.

Crop prospects, whether good or poor, will be the key behind price movements for the next several months. The West Texas cotton area has received encouraging rainfall in recent weeks. The Rolling Plains area of Texas now has good planting moisture. Cotton planting across the U.S. is ahead of schedule and progressing well. An 18 million bale crop is possible and would provide ample supply for a 17.5 million offtake.

With the "A" Index around 85 cents and the AWP above 70 cents,



COTTON MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Carl Anderson

the U.S. price received is averaging in the mid-60 cent level. This suggests the 1994 deficiency payment may be substantially less than the 12.9 cents projected. However, it may be slightly above the 6.45 cent advance payment.

This means producer income will largely depend on market prices. But, cotton program costs will drop considerably. Therefore, marketing strategies selected should consider risk of lower prices yet allow benefits from higher prices if production falls below average. The next two months are critical for the market to size up potential supply to demand, and respond accordingly.

Cotton Market Indicators: ARP, U.S. and Foreign Stocks-to-Use Percentages, and Selected Prices, 1990/91 - 1994/95.

Season Pmt	ARP	Stocks - To - Use		Price			Def. AWP
		U.S.	Foreign	Memphis "A" Spot	Index		
		----- Percent -----		----- Cents/Lb. -----			
1990/91	12.5	14	34	74.84	82.93	65.80	7.30
1991/92	5.0	23	49	56.17	63.16	47.07	10.10
1992/93	10.0	30	45	55.02	57.51	43.90	20.30
1993/94	7.5	21	36	73.29 ^{1/}	79.24 ^{1/}	???	18.60
1994/95 ^{2/}	11.0	22	33	???	???	???	12.90

^{1/} 1993/94 estimated from 1/3/94 through 5/10/94

^{2/} 1994/95 projected

Note: Memphis Spot Quote is now called North Delta

Source: USDA

Assessing first quarter's cattle activity

Despite higher feedgrain prices and lower fed cattle prices, calf prices have remained strong during the first quarter of 1994.

In fact, the 400-500 and the 500-600 pound steer calf prices have averaged, in some Texas markets, higher than they did a year ago. In other Texas markets, the prices for the steer calves have only dropped about \$2 per hundred-weight (cwt.) from year ago prices. In a word, calf prices have remained strong thus far into 1994.

Probably the most contributing factors for continuing strong calf prices has been the slow growth in cow numbers during this cattle cycle that began in 1989 and the smaller than expected 1993 calf crop. The U.S. cow herd numbered 43.78 million head on January 1, 1989, with 33.62 million of those being beef cows. By January 1, 1994, the U.S. cow herd numbered only 44.53 million head of which 34.89 million head were beef cows. That represents only a 1.7 percent growth in the U.S. cow herd in 5 years . . . very slow, deliberate growth! Of course the growth in the beef cow herd has been at a greater rate, 3.8 percent over the same period. This, however, is still relatively slow growth given the price strength for cattle and calves since mid-1987.

Where economic losses on fed cattle and higher feedgrains prices have had their effects has been on the heavy weight feeder cattle prices, i.e., those feeder cattle weighing 700 pounds and over. Prices for 700 pound plus feeder cattle have been \$3 to \$5 cwt. less than a year ago, but have still averaged some \$9 to \$11 cwt. above fed cattle prices during the first quarter of 1994.

The final estimate of the 1993 U.S. calf crop was nearly one-half million head below the original mid-year estimate or 39.64 million head. This too has added strength to the calf prices during 1994 and should provide price strength into the summer and fall runs of the 1994 calf crop.

March Cattle on Feed

Currentness of fed cattle marketings looms as the question of most concern as fed cattle prices begin to rise back to the high \$70 cwt. levels. Given all the red ink in the cattle feeding sector since July 1993, it is amazing how well feedlots have remained current in marketings of cattle. Once again, the March Cattle on Feed report reported the largest number of cattle on feed for March 1 since 1974. February placements were 7 percent above the relatively low placements rates of February 1993, but were 7 percent below the 5-year



LIVESTOCK MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Ernie Davis

average February placement rates. Even while sustaining losses on nearly every head marketed, cattle feeders marketed 4 percent more cattle during February than they did for the same month in 1993. The February feedlot marketings were 2.5 percent above the 5-year average.

Fed cattle prices should peak seasonally sometime in April or May before experiencing their seasonal summer decline. That decline probably will not be the 12 percent decline experienced during 1993 when fed cattle prices dropped from \$82 cwt. levels to \$72 cwt. levels. Expect fed cattle prices to peak at around \$78 cwt. this spring and, unless cattle feeders get bullish, summer fed cattle prices should not drop below the \$72 cwt. level . . . please no lower

Texas Panhandle 1100-1300 Lb. Fed Steers, Cash Market Prices, 1992-1994 Dollars per Hundredweight

CATTLE FEEDING STATISTICS

On Feed: Cattle and calves on feed March 1 in the 7 monthly reporting states totaled 8.91 million head, up 2 percent from year ago counts and 9 percent above 1992. Texas feedlots had 2.54 million head of cattle and calves on feed, 9 percent above year ago numbers.

Placements: Cattle and calves placed on feed in the 7 States during February totaled 1.34 million head, up 7 percent from last year, but down 10 percent from February 1992. Texas feedlots placed 320,000 cattle and calves on feed during February. This was 7 percent above February 1993 placements.

(Dr. Ernie Davis, Extension Cattle Marketing Specialist for the Texas A&M Extension Service, is an authority on the cattle markets)

Watermelons in Georgia threatened by blight

By **RON SMOTHERS**

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CORDELE, Ga. — The Fourth of July and watermelon.

Both are probably rivaled only by mom and apple pie in evoking a tableau of Americana. And each year in late June, rail cars, tractor trailers and dusty pickup trucks laden with watermelons rumble out of this town of 10,000 people in south-central Georgia, their cargoes headed for picnics, family outings and holiday celebrations throughout the eastern United States.

But growers like Oren Childers are nervous. They are walking their sandy fields, eyeing their half-grown fruit for early signs of a new, stealthy scourge: watermelon bacterial fruit blotch.

The blight, discovered in scattered watermelon patches in Florida and Indiana in 1989, first appeared in Georgia and South Carolina in 1992. It turned up again this year in some Georgia greenhouses that were nurturing seedlings.

The seedlings were destroyed before they reached the fields, said Ken Lewis, an agent for the State Agriculture Department in Tifton, Ga. But their discovery has prompted anxious watermelon growers in Georgia to sue seed companies.

Georgia's \$68 million crop makes the state the nation's fourth-largest watermelon-producer after Florida, California and Texas.

The bacteria, which scar the melons with brownish scabs and eventually sour the melons' sweet meat, can spread rapidly and quickly render whole fields unharvestable if the blotch is undetected. That is what happened to Childers's farm two years ago.

"I thought that I had the prettiest crop you could have," Childers said. "Then four or five days before it was time to harvest them, this blotch started showing up, and all I had left was

a field of ugly melons." He lost a third of his crop.

Growers and the National Watermelon Promotion Board maintain that any diseased melons are so ugly that they never reach consumers.

When the disease first appeared, scientists were puzzled, and a sort of mythology began to arise among farmers. The story was that the fermentation that takes place in infected melons caused them to explode without warning. Those things that go splat in the night, farmers feared, were their livelihoods self-destructing.

To separate fact from fable, growers and seed companies financed four studies last year. Dr. Don Hopkins, a plant pathologist at the University of Florida and chairman of the National Watermelon Fruit Blotch Research Project, said the infected fruit did not explode so much as crack and ooze a bubbly liquid.

The research has yet to resolve whether lia-

bility for the disease can be traced to the seeds, to farming practices or to the environment.

Plant pathologists have tentatively concluded that the disease is seed-borne. But they also say that later outbreaks may have been caused by the dispersal of bacteria by wind or farm equipment, by the bacteria's dormancy or by their ability to survive in other plants until more scientists have also been examining newer farming techniques. The disease's emergence coincides with growers' increased use of hybrid seeds developed by the seed companies through costly hand pollination.

Several growers have sued seed companies; a settlement has been reached in a least one case, and another has been dismissed. Lawyers for the companies note that naturally pollinated seeds have also been infested.

"This is not a seed company problem, but a watermelon industry problem," said Wayne Weibe, a plant patholo-

gist with the Peto Seed Co. of Woodland, Calif. "Seed is not the only way that this can grow."

Whatever way the disease spreads, growers have increasingly used greenhouses to develop seedlings for transplanting. But the hothouse atmosphere is just that, a place where scores of living things can thrive and spread, including bacteria.

"You can have one seed with the bacteria and it can grow in a greenhouse setting and develop a tiny lesion on the leaf that houses the bacteria," said Hopkins, the plant pathologist. "The droplets of water splashing on the lesions when you water the seedlings, or any wind, can broadcast the microscopic bacteria."

When the seedlings are transplanted to the field, the lesions are even harder to spot until the fruit ripens.

Plant pathologists say they are confident that all the infected seedlings

were destroyed this year; nevertheless, Childers is examining his crop carefully. He is also regularly spraying with copper sulfide, a chemical believed to retard the bacteria's growth.

Childers, 50, has about 300 acres of watermelon this year on his 1,000-acre Cedar Creek Melon Farms. As he stood in a field listening to the hum of bees he had brought in to pollinate his watermelon vines, he talked of the fruit blotch as something as devastating as hail, coyotes or crows.

He has planted wheat in the fields that were affected by the bacteria two years ago, and is following the experts' suggestions that he avoid replanting those fields with watermelon until next year at the earliest.

"We spray and watch daily because we don't know what else to do," Childers said. "And we plow under the infected crop, grow grain in those fields for three years because that's all that the scientists can recommend. But we really don't know the long-term effect of this thing."

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Texas fishing heats up as summer vacations begin

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for last week:

WHITE RIVER: Water muddy, 70 degrees, 7 feet low; black bass are good to 10 pounds on motor oil colored worms and white/chartreuse spinners; crappie are slow; catfish are fairly good to 50 pounds; walleye are fairly good to 10 1/4 pounds in 12 feet of water.

MACKENZIE: Water clear, 68 degrees, 30 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are good on minnows, jigs and small Rat-L-Traps; white bass are excellent to 2 pounds trolling cranks; catfish are fairly good to 5 1/2 pounds on jug lines and trotlines baited with chicken liver.

MEREDITH: Water clear at the upper end, muddy in the lower lake, 65 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are fairly good on topwaters in the shallows; smallmouth are good to 5 pounds on jigs in the shallows off the rocky points; white bass are good trolling and using Thunder Sticks, minnows and jigs; catfish are fair and

improving; walleye are excellent to 10 pounds with numerous fish in the 5-7 pound range on bottom bouncers with leeches or night crawlers attached.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 66 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are good to 4 1/2 pounds on cranks in the shallows; white bass are good on minnows and jigs in 12-20 feet of water; crappie are good at the same depths over brush; catfish are good to 14 pounds on rod and reel on minnows; walleye are fair to 4 pounds.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 10 feet high; black bass are good; striper are very good to 15 pounds on live bait; crappie are good on minnows; catfish are slow.

KEMP: Water off color, 70 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are slow; white bass are good in the shallow end of the lake off the islands and off the points; catfish are fairly good off the rocks near Rattle Snake Island.

O.H.IVIE: Water muddy in the main lake, clear at the upper end, 70 degrees; largemouth bass are excellent to 9 3/4 pounds caught May

21 for a possible new lake record caught on topwaters early and late along shorelines and dark worms during the day off points, ridges and brush in 10-20 feet of water; smallmouth bass are good on cranks, jigs and worms along ridges and rocky ledges in 10-25 feet of water; white bass are fair on cranks or trolling near the sandy areas or points in 8-20 feet of water; crappie are slow on minnows in 30-40 feet of water near brushy points and ridges; channel catfish are fair up river on rod and reel and cut baited trotlines; yellow catfish are slow; walleye are fair with a possible new lake record of 4 1/4 pounds on jigs, cranks and minnows in 10-20 feet of water early and late or on cloudy days.

AMISTAD: Water clear, 76 degrees, 20 feet low; black bass are good to 7 1/2 pounds on all colored worms, lizards and cranks in 5-15 feet of water; striper are good with most fish too small to keep; white bass are fairly good running with the striper and at night under the lights on minnows; crappie are slow; catfish are good,



Woody Williams/The Canyon News

Good cattle feeding conditions

A native pasture used for cow/calf operations south of Conner Park in Canyon shows a healthy calf crop and good grass afforded Spring calves.

Petersburg Day plans made

PETERSBURG — Plans for Petersburg Day are moving ahead in southeast Hale County.

The third Saturday in August (August 20) is the date on the calendar for the celebration and things are beginning to take shape.

A theme has not yet been chosen as the Chamber is still waiting for suggestions from you, the people who attend. As of this date only one idea has been submitted. The deadline for entering is May 27. Theme suggestions should be mailed to Jo Carole Mayo, Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 285, Petersburg, TX 79250 or drop them off at Mayo Agency. A \$25 cash prize will be awarded to the one whose theme is chosen.

Several committees were set up during the meeting. Jo Carole Mayo will

again be in charge of all outside booths and any group or organization planning on setting up a booth needs to contact her at 667-3593 or 667-3496.

Chris Pierson will be handling the arts and crafts booths. These booths have been avoided the last few years, but several have shown an interest and hopes are of having several booths available. If anyone is interested in having an arts and crafts booth contact Chris at 667-3841 or 667-3630.

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The March issue of Texas Highways had an eight-page article entitled "Rails to Trails" and the back cover of the magazine had an overhead color photograph of the Trailway

that showed the Los Lingos bridge and the beautiful fall foliage along the creek. In April The Lallas Morning News covered the Trailway in two editions of its Sunday Travel Section. The most extensive coverage was in the April 10 issue, when it was featured on the first page of the 16-page travel section. Then in May, Southern Living magazine came out with a

splendid article entitled "Rail Trails—After the Trains are Gone," and to kick off the article was a brilliant two-page color photograph that should make anyone who loves the great outdoors want to come and view first-hand the beauties of this Caprock area.

More than 100 residents from the Panhandle of Texas visited the Quitaque area on April 16, when the

Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon and the Square House Museum in Panhandle sponsored a field trip to Caprock Canyons State Park in observance of Texas Archeology Awareness Week. During the day Eddie Guffee of the Llano Estacado Museum in Plainview presented an informative program on the excavation of the

Comanchero dugouts on the Merrell Ranch south of Quitaque. After a fajita lunch, Billy Harrison, who is a retired curator of the museum at Canyon, explained the discovery and excavation of the Folsom Age Butchering Site on Lake Theo. Following his presentation, Wayne Lambert of WTA&M explained the geology and ecology of the Park.

Palo Duro's TEXAS kicks off 29th crowd pleasing season Wednesday

By **KATHIE GREER**

TEXAS publicist

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Alamodome may draw politicians, tourism to Texas

By S. HOWE VERHOVEK
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SAN ANTONIO — With four skyward-soaring towers and brightly colored suspension cables, San Antonio's Alamodome has been hailed as an architectural inspiration.

The less reverent call it the Armadillo dome, pointing out that the concrete towers and the dome's curved steel roof inspire images of an animal often seen on Texas highways, upside down and in rigor mortis.

But since opening one year ago, the \$189 million Alamodome, home to the NBA Spurs, has lured big crowds: 48,000 people for a Paul McCartney concert; 54,000 for a boxing match involving Julio Cesar Chavez, a Mexican sports hero and heartthrob; 63,500 for a Dallas Cowboys-Houston Oilers football game.

Now San Antonio, with the Alamodome as the prospective venue, has launched a furious bid for what one city official calls "the grand prize": a national political convention in the summer of 1996.

The city, which has positioned itself as a hub for the North American Free Trade Agreement

and a place to showcase appeals to Hispanic voters, is a finalist site for both parties. It joins New York City, Chicago, New Orleans and, in the case of the Republicans only, San Diego.

San Antonio's chances of snaring a convention may be better for the year 2000. Chicago clearly remains the odds-on favorite for the Democrats in 1996, in no small part because it is the hometown of the party chairman, David Wilhelm, who is expected to announce a selection next month. Republicans, who will not choose a site until next January, say the contest is wide open.

But a senior Democratic official said San Antonio had done a remarkable job of transforming itself in the selection process from a city whose bid was not taken seriously to the clear challenger to Chicago.

"The only criticism I've heard from anybody on the committee was that we'd been putting too much salt in his Margaritas," said Jose Villarreal, a lawyer and chairman of the city's bid to host a Democratic convention.

Villarreal was referring to the party's site-selection advisory committee which, in

between boat trips along the San Antonio River and a ranch barbecue, toured the Alamodome during a visit last month. A Republican committee will visit next month and be greeted by former Rep. Tom Loeffler, who is leading the city's GOP effort.

At the heart of the effort is the Alamodome, which was almost single-handedly sold to voters in 1989 by the city's then mayor, Henry G. Cisneros, now President Clinton's housing secretary, who said in an interview that the dome allowed his native city "to play in the big leagues, literally and figuratively."

In its quest for big-time attention, the city has long found that its relaxed small-town grace can be something of a mixed blessing.

San Antonio is certainly a favored tourist destination, but it is also the 10th-largest city in the country. San Antonio may indeed be a wonderful place for lovers but Houston and Dallas, its bigger Texas cousins, are often viewed as a more substantial place for corporate executives or conventioners.

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San Antonio already has a commitment for the 1998 NCAA basketball tournament and the 1996 National Square Dance Convention.

City leaders say a political convention would bring immeasurable prestige.

"We're talking about days and days of solid national attention," said Alexander E. Briseno, the city manager. "If we can pull this off, what this says to the world is, San Antonio is in the big leagues now. We can do

anything." San Antonio has hired Charles Howell, who worked on New York City's successful bid for the 1992 Democratic convention and who managed both the 1984 and 1992 party conventions, as a consultant in the effort here to attract either party.

Mayor Nelson Wolff concedes that the decision about where to hold a convention is based as much or more on politics than on technical logistics. Texas is certainly due a Democratic convention — the last one was 1928, in Houston — but then again, Bill Clinton lost the state in 1992.

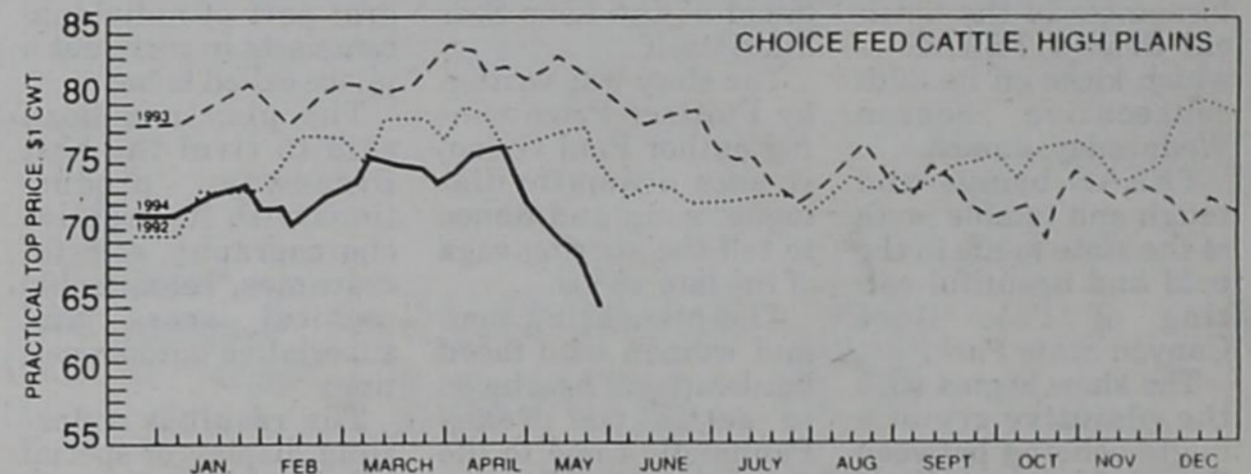
"He did carry Bexar County," where San Antonio is located, said Wolff. "We want the president to know that."

For the Republicans, hoping to attract Hispanic voters, the

fastest-growing ethnic segment of the electorate, and to keep the country's second-biggest state in the GOP column, the appeal of a San Antonio convention is obvious. On the other hand, two of the last three Republican conventions were in Texas — Dallas in 1984 and Houston in 1992 — and San Diego could represent an important way to woo the California vote.

But all this political calculation can get confusing, so Joseph R. Krier, president of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, brightly suggested that party officials simply use another criteria for their selection.


"Come on, let's face it," Krier said in an interview. "They'd have a better time here. They know they'd have a better time."



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