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County approves redistricting plan

Castro County Commissioners, in a split vote on Monday, adopted a redistricting plan that they will now submit to the US Justice Dept. for final approval.

The plan adopted is a revised version of one of the three original plans submitted to the county by the Austin law firm of Allison, Bass & Associates.

At a public hearing on July 9, the county took "Plan 3" and revised it, but commissioners didn't adopt the plan until Monday when they gath-

ered in a called session. Under Plan 3, each of the county's four precincts includes a small part of the City of Dimmitt.

After going over the detailed plan, commissioners still hesitated about adopting it.

One problem they noticed involved three roads which were marked as "Unknown" on the City of Dimmitt map.

Another question commissioners had concerned an area on Jones

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REDISTRICTING MAP ADOPTED—Castro County Commissioners approved these boundaries for county precincts during a special meeting Monday morning. Precinct 1 is designated by red, Precinct 2 is marked in yellow, Precinct 3 is highlighted in blue and Precinct 4 is shaded in green. The darker shaded boxes in each precinct reflect "minority census blocks." The yellow diamonds are the existing voting boxes in each precinct. A map showing a breakdown of how the new plan affects residents within the city of Dimmitt will be published as soon as it becomes available.

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By Don Nelson

I can't resist saying it: I told you so.

And so did Carl King and nearly every other commodity-group leader around here.

In a conference call with the editors in his district Friday, Republican Congressman Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, pretty well made it official:

"I think the consensus is that the Freedom to Farm Bill was a mistake," Combest said. "It didn't work."

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Pray for rain

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday ...	100	...	65
Friday	105	...	65
Saturday	98	...	65
Sunday	94	...	67
Monday	101	...	65
Tuesday	102	...	67 .. 0.02
Wednesday ..	99	...	67

July Moisture 0.02
2001 Moisture 13.71

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



DIMMITT FIREFIGHTERS direct streams of water toward blazing grassland just east of KDHN Radio, north of Dimmitt on US 385 Friday afternoon. About 1 p.m. Friday, sparks from burning trash in a pit on the east side of KDHN ignited the grass fire, which singed a large area before

firefighters were able to extinguish it. Firemen headed back to the site later that afternoon when the fire erupted again. Firefighters were able to keep the flames from reaching the KDHN office. Photo by Anne Acker

R-A-I-N would spell R-E-L-I-E-F

By SUSAN BOOK

Everyone is feeling the burn lately with temperatures above 90 degrees, but none more than the county's farmers and livestock owners.

The last substantial rainfall Castro County had was the weekend of May 4-6 according to KDHN, the official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

KDHN recorded 4.84 inches that weekend, and during the 11 weeks since then the county has not gotten even half an inch. Combined with the soaring temperatures, it is safe to say that the county is experiencing a drought. Since that weekend almost three months ago, the county has seen 39 days over 90 degrees.

Texas Agricultural Extension Agent Rick Auckerman says that the situation is "the same every year, unfortunately. In a scenario with no rain, farmers are just surviving right now."

Farmers have to decide how much they want to irrigate their crops and how much they can afford to irrigate. When one considers the added high costs of gas and electricity combined with the low prices being offered for

crops, it's almost a no-win situation for farmers.

"Drought puts more stress on different crops," says Norman Gerber of Agro Distribution. "When this happens, farmers often come into bug problems."

"They spend more on irrigation and more on spraying, creating a domino effect," Gerber said.

The decision of what crops to plant this year was also made with the drought conditions common in the summertime in mind. Carl King of the Texas Corn Growers' Association says that the number of corn acres is down about 40%.

Corn is one of the most water-consuming crops that farmers can plant, and many have decided that the input costs are not worth the risks when the prices for corn are so low.

Ranchers and cattle feeders have their own problems to deal with because of the drought.

"The cattle are under continual heat stress," said Auckerman.

Mark Cluck of Cluck Feed Yard says that a drought "makes a lot more health problems, a lot more

sick cattle and a lot more deaths."

Not only the heat, but also the dust in feedlots can cause health problems. "When cattle have to live in the dust, it makes them sick," said Cluck.

Bud Hill of Hill Feedlot said that the dust can cause respiratory problems in the cattle and "the more dust you have, the more sickness you have."

The drought is also causing more cattle to enter the market and feed grain prices to rise.

Feedlots are also having to deal with the high gas and electricity costs. "When utilities go up, less people buy, and you lose money

when that happens," said Cluck.

Hill said that high utility costs also make feed costs and the processing of feed more expensive.

People can only hope that the drought will be relieved soon. The county's firefighters have already put out several grass fires and for them the end of the dry spell cannot come soon enough.

Last year's drought was relieved in October with less than half an inch of rain. The first significant moisture came in November in the form of snow.

As Norman Gerber put it, "We can pray for rain, and that's about it."

FSA is still accepting disaster loan requests

Castro County producers facing financial hardships because of drought and other natural disasters may qualify for a helping hand from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Castro County was declared eligible for FSA disaster emergency loans on Jan. 3 and again on Feb. 12, and applications for those loans will be accepted through Aug. 20 and Oct. 12, respectively.

The first disaster declaration came on Jan. 3—EM Release/Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1501—and producers may apply for these loans through Aug. 20.

The second, announced on Feb. 12—EM Release/Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1356—will include applications from producers until Oct. 12.

"Farmers who have lost at least 30% of their production due to damages and losses caused by various disasters that occurred from Jan. 1, 2000, through Jan. 15, 2001, are eligible for these FSA loans," said Castro County FSA Farm Credit Manager Edward C. Luebken. "Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility."

Luebken said all farmers interested in receiving an emergency loan should submit applications to FSA as soon as possible.

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Takeover battle continues for Cerestar's parent firm

In Italy, the battle for control of the Montedison group has become a high-dollar spectator sport.

Montedison is an agro-energy conglomerate whose international holdings include Cerestar USA, which it acquired recently in a takeover of Paris-based Eridania Beghin-Say.

Montedison is the target of a hostile takeover attempt by automotive giant Fiat and Electricite de France, who are using Italenergia as their bidding vehicle. Together, they own the majority stock in Italenergia.

Montedison attorneys asked Con-

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Newly published author will sign books in home town of Nazareth

By ANNE ACKER

God, family and friends are the most important things in Stacy Wilhelm's life, and that's evident in her first published novel, *The Long Way Home*, which is an inspirational, contemporary Christian romance.

Writing under the pen name of Staci Stallings, Wilhelm just had her first book published last month.

She is planning a special book signing from 2 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 4 at The Home Mercantile in Nazareth. The public is invited to attend.

Wilhelm, daughter of Ralph and Evelyn Albracht of Nazareth, graduated from Nazareth High School in 1988. After graduating from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in journalism, she went to work at Alamo Catholic High School in Amarillo, teaching English, journalism and business. In the past, she has written news, feature and sports stories for several newspapers, including *The Castro County News*.

She is married to Damian Wilhelm and the couple have two children—6-year-old Stefanie and 2-year-old Kayla. She's now a stay-at-home mom living in Amarillo.

In between caring for her family and home, Wilhelm has worked on fulfilling her lifelong dream of writing.



STACY WILHELM
... Author of *The Long Way Home*

"I started writing when my children were 3 and 1. I write while they are playing and sleeping," Wilhelm said.

"The best part (of writing) is that I have yet to write a book from which I didn't manage to glean some life insights," she said.

She put the finishing touches on *The Long Way Home* in February of 2000 and a month later American Book Publishing agreed to publish the book. The first release became

available in June.

Copies of the book will be available at the book signing, or may be ordered from American-Book's Publisher Direct Bookstore. A link to the book store can be found on her web site at www.stacistallings.com.

The Long Way Home is an adventure of love and reconciliation, as its three central characters, Ami, Jaxton and Jaxton's grandfather, must make difficult decisions in order to realize their dreams. There are episodes of humor, danger, conflict and crisis and, finally, moments of hope. The book is set in Kansas' Flint Hills and it is an inspirational story of love and hope.

It is a story of hurt, hope, trust and love as an embittered son reluctantly leaves the familiar surroundings of the big city for rural Kansas. What awaits him is beyond anything he imagines—forgiveness, patience, a family, and true love.

The Long Way Home isn't the first book Wilhelm has completed, but it is the first to be published.

"I've finished 11 books and I'm working on six others now," Wilhelm said.

"I worked on *The Long Way Home* for about four months. When I

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It's a dizzy job, but somebody's got to do it!

Darcy Schulte was one of many who took a "spin" on the gyroscope at the Nazareth German Festival Saturday afternoon. The ride was the highlight of several games held in conjunction with this year's festival. Hundreds enjoyed a German sausage meal at

noon, then the town's population swelled in the evening as more than 2,700 people flocked to the Nazareth Community Center that evening for the Suds and Sounds outdoor concert. Photo by Jenna Acker

More about

Newly published author . . .

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 started it, I only completed five pages before I got stuck."
 Wilhelm said a trip she took to Kansas provided the trigger that ended her temporary writer's block.
 "While I was there, I discovered the problem with my book was that I had set it in the wrong place—it should have been set in Kansas," Wilhelm said.
 "It was originally set on my grandparents' farm in Texas. Well, I wrote about five pages of it and got stuck, so I started working on something else. Then about a year later I had the good fortune to be invited to my great aunt and uncle's 60th wedding anniversary in Olpe, Kan.
 "I had never been there before, but I had heard all the stories about how my great-grandfather had just fallen in love with the place on a cattle run and impulsively bought a half section there. That's where my great aunt

and uncle live today.
 "That land is truly inspiring. The second I saw it, I knew that was the problem I was having with this book—this was where it was supposed to be set," Wilhelm said.
 She returned to Amarillo with the inspiration to complete her novel and as they say, the rest in history.
 Just a few short months later the book was complete, the publisher was lined up and Wilhelm found herself busy with promotional plans.
 When she first began writing, Wilhelm said realized that her work incorporated God and spirituality in ways that most romances she had read didn't.
 "I just wrote what I knew—about faith being the foundation on which to build a life and relationship," Wilhelm said.
 "Writing was a talent that God gave me to use for His purposes—

present His messages in ways that even non-church goers can hopefully grasp and implement in their lives. With every word I write, I try to keep that responsibility in perspective, although there are times when my characters seem to not cooperate with that too well. . . . Usually by the end of the book, I realize how they had to go through an experience to really get the message that God really does love them.
 "I think God wants us to experience Him in every moment of every day, rather than listening to Him on Sundays and then going about our business the rest of the week as if he doesn't exist. Sometimes there are churches involved in my books; sometimes not, but God is there no matter what," Wilhelm said.
 "If I could just get that message across, I've accomplished something beneficial."

Bethel Chicken Fry is slated for July 26

Beef will join chicken in the deep fryer this year at the annual Bethel Chicken Fry.
 This year's event is slated for 7 p.m. next Thursday, July 26, at the Bethel Community Center and the public is invited to attend.
 "This year we have had several requests for chicken fried steak," said Krisse Bruton, one of the organizers for this year's event. "If you and your family want chicken fried steak, just bring enough steak for your family in place of chicken. A few ladies have volunteered to

make gravy, so there will be gravy if you want it."
 Those planning to attend the event are asked to bring enough chicken or steak (thawed and cleaned) for their family to the Bethel Community Center by 4 p.m. on July 26. Each family also is asked to bring two covered dishes.
 "We are so excited about this year's chicken/steak fry and we hope that you will be able to attend," said Bruton.
 For more information, call Kevin or Krisse Bruton at 647-2991.

Contestants sought for Miss Hart pageant

Young, single ladies who attend Hart High School or those who just graduated are invited to compete in the annual Miss Hart pageant, which will be held July 27 at the Centennial Pavilion in Hart.
 Contestants cannot be married and must never have been married. Mothers and expectant mothers also are not allowed to enter the contest. Each girl entered in the contest

will be required to wear two outfits—sportswear and formal wear. A third portion of the contest will be an interview with the judges. For the interview, contestants will be required to wear an official Miss Hart t-shirt, which will be provided.
 In addition to the Miss Hart title, judges will present a special "Judge's Award," and will name "Miss Congeniality."



THE BEST WAY TO BEAT THE HEAT—and make a little extra spending money is to open a lemonade stand on a hot day. That's what Brooke and Nick Gunzelman of Fort Worth did while spending some time in Dimmitt with their grandparents, Betty and Truman Touchstone. The youngsters operated a lemonade stand at the Touchstone home on July 5, selling cups of the juice for 10¢ each. Free cookies were part of the deal, too. The two raised \$40.25, according to their grandmother.

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 That's not much consolation, of course, to the thousands of farmers who have been forced out of business since 1996 by below-cost commodity prices in an unregulated, surplus-driven market.

Why in the world Newt Gingrich and his Republican majority in Congress had to come up with the dingbat idea of removing all crop programs and agricultural subsidies, calling the new bill "Freedom to Farm," and making it part of the 1996 "Contract With America" is beyond me.

And just as puzzling to me is why so many of our nation's farmers—including most around here—continue to vote for those guys who were responsible for almost killing us all off.

What "Freedom to Farm" actually did for us was:

> Turned our farmers into a source of low-cost raw materials for the corporate grain traders and processors such as Archer Daniels-Midland.

> Forced Congress to make hurry-up appropriations of billions of dollars for emergency funds to keep at least some of our nation's farmers—the better-heeled ones—on the farm to struggle for another year

Rep. Combest was the best man in Washington to deliver the epitaph on the Freedom to Farm Act. He has been on the House Agriculture Committee longer than anyone except Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Texas), and he is a member of the party that pushed that dingbat concept into place as government policy.

The free-market concept works great for some segments of the economy.

But in a society as complex as ours, there are industries that simply must be regulated and, yes, subsidized when necessary, for the common good.

One of those industries is agriculture.

We depend on our farmers to secure our nation's food supply. At the same time, we force them to compete with cheap imports, many of which are brought in under the umbrella of the North American Free Trade Agreement by market manipulators who couldn't care less how the American farmer is doing.

Thank goodness, "Freedom to Farm" may soon be a thing of the past, thanks largely to the two Texans on the House Ag Committee.

It's high time that we booted "Freedom to Farm" and returned to some of the proven policies of the past.

I realize that my views on this may subject me to attack by right-wingers.

I don't care. I'm right. They're wrong.

Father in heaven, You have given me so many material things, now I pray for those things that will help me grow—understanding, kindness and love. Amen

People do not usually reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.

Last Puzzle Solution



NEW BATCH GOING IN—With a little help from his friends, Julius Birkenfeld loads German sausage links onto one of the three grills in the big custom-made cooker used for Nazareth's German Folk Festival. Workers made 3,000 pounds of sausage for Saturday's big dinner in the Nazareth Community Building. The festival also included outdoor rides and games, an arts and crafts show and the annual Suds 'n Sounds outdoor concert, and drew thousands of visitors.

Photo by Don Nelson

Police Calls

Law enforcement officials investigated an occurrence of counterfeiting on July 13. A witness found a counterfeit fifty dollar bill on the roadway near the 500 block of South Highway 385.

Mario Sanchez of Dimmitt reported to police on July 15 that someone had stolen a Rosford Fosgate Bass Cannon, valued at \$150, from his pickup truck near his house on 6th Street.

On July 15, an account of assault with bodily injury was reported on the 800 block of Southwest 5th Street. The suspect jumped the victim while he was sitting in his vehicle.

This week, half of the people jailed were taken in due to alcohol or drug-related offenses.

Eternal Spirit, in my solitude I hear Your gentle voice, see Your kindly smile and feel Your comforting hand on my shoulder. I know You are with me always. Amen

Law of Destiny: Glory may be fleeting, but obscurity is forever.

Those jailed for these offenses were:

- 60-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 11 for public intoxication.
- 19-year-old Slaton man, arrested July 14 for driving while intoxicated.
- 44-year-old Plainview man, arrested July 15 for driving while intoxicated.
- 41-year-old Olton woman, arrested Sunday for driving while intoxicated.
- 20-year-old Amarillo man, arrested Sunday for driving while intoxicated.
- 32-year-old Nazareth man, arrested Sunday for driving while intoxicated.
- 23-year-old Amarillo man, arrested Sunday for driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- 49-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 16 for public intoxication.
- 33-year-old Dimmitt woman, arrested July 17 on warrants for possession of marijuana under two ounces and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Those jailed for other offenses this week were:

- 44-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 11 on a warrant for aggravated assault, no driver's license, speeding and expired license plates.
- 26-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 13 for failure to complete a sex offender's duty to register with a previous conviction, out of Potter County.
- 27-year-old Amarillo man, arrested Friday on three warrants for forgery by passing.
- 29-year-old Henrietta man, arrested Friday for driving while license is suspended.
- 18-year-old Amarillo man, arrested Friday on a warrant for theft by check.
- 67-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested Friday on a warrant for theft by check.
- 19-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 14 on a warrant for theft by check greater than \$50.
- 22-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 16 for no driver's license, second offense and failure to identify.
- 52-year-old Hereford man, arrested July 17 on a warrant for theft greater than \$20, but less than \$500.



WOOD CRAFTSMAN Tom Bragg of Wolfforth cuts out Blane Lopez's name in script letters in the middle of a hockey-player silhouette at the Folk Festival Arts

and Crafts Show at Nazareth Saturday. Bragg and his high-speed bandsaw were kept busy by customers wanting personalized plaques.

Photo by Don Nelson

ACROSS

- 1 TX address: "howdy" _____
- 5 Lady Bird: Claudia _____ Taylor Johnson
- 6 Ranger Rodriguez achievements _____
- 7 author of "The German Texans" _____
- 8 TXism: "you can write it in _____ (positive)"
- 9 TXism: "come _____ the seams"
- 16 famous western: "High _____"
- 18 Austin writer of "Virgin of the Rodeo" _____
- 21 TXism: "_____ hill for a stepper"
- 22 Fr. explorer in TX: _____ de La Salle
- 23 TXism: "every _____ and then"
- 24 they played at TX Willie's Farm Aid IV: "Guns _____"
- 30 TX George W. _____ concern: _____ to Taiwan
- 34 TX ZZ Top album: "Grange" _____
- 35 TXism: "it _____ pretty penny"
- 36 11 footballers _____
- 37 TXism: "dab it on" _____
- 39 TXism: "wouldn't touch _____-foot pole"
- 43 TX Sam Bass was a _____ robber
- 44 TX Tanya's "One Love _____"
- 45 TXism: "let it _____"
- 46 this TX Armstrong was ambassador to England _____
- 47 acting right _____
- 49 ex-Astro SS Eric _____
- 52 TXism: "take a look _____"
- 53 TXism: "_____ tight he squeaks when he walks"
- 54 Lady Di or Ms. Ross _____
- 55 horse and gooseneck _____
- 58 "TX Troubadour" Tubb _____
- 59 newspaper insertions _____
- 60 sketch of one's life _____
- 61 _____ Diego, TX

DOWN

- 1 seat of Falls Co. _____
- 2 Snyder has _____ buffalo statue _____
- 3 TXism: "could put a loop over _____ mule's back" (good roper) _____
- 4 home brew: "sour _____"
- 9 TXism: "innocent _____ a newborn calf"
- 10 TX Johnny Rodriguez 1st hit panhandle _____ code is 806 _____
- 12 TX Supreme Ct. justice Gonzales _____
- 13 Astro Jeff Bagwell is a _____ at the plate _____
- 14 this TX Blocker designed XIT brand _____
- 15 TXism: "_____ horn" _____
- 17 Texarkana is in _____ Texas _____
- 19 West Texas _____ Plains _____
- 20 ex-Astro reliever Henry _____
- 24 former TX first lady Connally (init.) _____
- 25 TXism: "_____ gut" (liquor) _____
- 26 fed. workers' agency _____
- 27 LA, OK, AR & NM are border _____
- 28 millions were made in TX real _____
- 29 Wynonna single "I _____ Light" _____
- 31 TXism: "gave _____ song and dance" _____
- 32 bath night (abbr.) _____
- 33 injuries for Mavs, Spurs & Rockets _____
- 38 _____ Maria, TX _____
- 40 TX Willie's Farm Aid _____
- 41 cable film net. _____
- 42 devil "put _____ cactus, horns on toads" _____
- 48 TX traditions _____
- 50 TX tales _____
- 51 Dallas transit co. _____
- 56 swift chestnuts _____
- 57 world's second most populous nation _____

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

The Dimmitt Duward Strickland families were in Dallas for the wedding of Jonathon Strickland and Elizabeth Ann Haufman of Dallas. Jonathan is the son of Butch and Pam Strickland.

The wedding was held in the Northway Baptist Church and Butch, pastor of Independence Baptist Church, conducted the ceremony.

Jonathan lived in Venezuela for many years when he was a child, growing up as a "missionary kid." He attended Ouchita Baptist University in Arkansas where he met Elizabeth Ann.

Those attending the wedding included friends from New York, Maryland, Oregon, Arizona and Arkansas. Many people from Venezuela also attended, including a former missionary to Venezuela, Bill Goss, who is now a professor of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

On Thursday, Bessie Strickland

attended a luncheon for the bridal party, mothers and grandmothers of the couple. It was hosted by the bride's mother. Other members of the Strickland family enjoyed a trip to Six Flags over Texas during this time.

The couple spent their honeymoon in San Antonio and will teach seventh-grade history and second grade this year in the Bryan Independent School District.

Recently, Marty Benton and George and Carolyn Sides attended the wedding of Elizabeth Hill and Gary Gunter in the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas. A reception followed at the Dallas City Club.

For those of you who are Dimmitt pioneers, let me refresh your memory about the bride, Elizabeth Hill.

She is the granddaughter of the late Marion and Lena Benton. Marion was manager of Dimmitt

Wheat Growers in the 1930s and 1940s. Their children are Ruth Ann (Benton) Hill, Helen (Benton) Williams and the late Robert Benton.

Marion and Lena Benton moved to Lubbock while Robert and his sisters were still in school. Several years later Robert married Marty (Adams) Benton and they moved back to farm the Benton place west of Dimmitt. Robert's sister, Ruth Ann, married Joseph Hill.

The George Sides family and the Benton family, after years of friendship, were united when the Sides' daughter, Laurie, and Ruth Ann Hill's son, Joe, were married in 1992. They are the grandchildren of the late Marion Bentsons and the late George Bagwells.

Laurie and Joe now have three children—Sara, Turner and Grace. They live in Kodiak, Alaska, where Joe is stationed with the United States Navy. He will soon be transferred to Virginia.

Three young people, Stephanie Hazel, Drew Hazzard (Laqueta and G.T. West's grandson) and Jake Wright, along with the First Baptist Church youth director from Griffin, held a Vacation Bible School at Lindreth, N.M. and helped decorate and prepare the Cuba, New Mexico, Baptist Church for its Vacation Bible School.

A group of adults from First Baptist Church in Dimmitt went the following week to assist with the Vacation Bible School and do some work on the church buildings there. Those attending from Dimmitt were Howard and Belinda Rhodes, Elbert and Frances Smith, Debbie Annen, Kathy Jackson, Wayne and Faye Mohon and Jackie Edwards.

Willie Mae Edwards' children made her birthday a special one when they came to celebrate it with her recently.

These loved ones came to treat Willie Mae and Hubert to a Mexican food dinner: Jeanell and Melvin Edwards of Lubbock, Jack and Imogene Tunnell of Amarillo, Dennis and Darla and daughter, Danielle of Canyon; Bruce, Deanna and Holly of Hereford; and Leroy and Jackie Edwards of Dimmitt.

Josefina Diaz-Vogt and her boys, Harald and Ivette, hosted a dinner party serving exotic seafood and Chinese cuisine. Their special guests were Josefina's mother, Anais Lem de Fragomem and her aunt, Mireya Len de Chang of Panama.

The menu included chicken and seagood (fronds and octopus), cabbage, pork and wonton meat.

Other guests were Mark and Brenda Welch, Brent and Tucker Welch and their son, Will, and Martha Jo Hyman.

James and Bonita Sparkman and their son, Roger, of Fort Smith, Ark., came to Dimmitt to pick up Bonita's mother, Glendora Clark, and drove to Phoenix, Ariz., for a few days. The left Roger in Phoenix and brought their other son, Robert, back to Fort Smith with them.

Glendora stayed for several weeks with them in Fort Smith. They visited a historical cemetery and a pretty

park, among other things. It was too hot to do too much except stay inside where it was cool.

Glendora celebrated her birthday while she was with her family. Since she's been home, her son, Robert Clark, and a friend, Terry Davis, came to bring birthday goodies and to welcome her home.

The summer of 2001 has been busy and eventful for the W.J. Hill family so far.

Andy Hill, who will be a senior at Texas A&M University this fall, went with 100 students and several sponsors from the A&M School of Business on a four-week trip to Europe in May and June.

Guest lecturers and guides joined the students in each city and country to help the students learn about business in each country where they toured various companies.

The students visited London, Paris, the South of France, Nice, Lucerne, Munich, Cologne and Amsterdam before returning to Houston on June 15, the very day W.J. and Sara's first grandbaby was born in Houston.

Scott and Yvette Hill are the proud parents of a baby boy, Aidan Scott. His arrival was delayed by the "Great Flood of 2001" in Houston.

Scott and Yvette's house was flooded, as were several of the hospitals in Houston on the very day the baby was due.

After what seemed like a long wait, Texas Women's Hospital allowed Yvette to come in to be induced.

Aiden was well worth the wait, according to W.J. and Sara.

Barry and Vanessa Hill have finished their second year of medical school at the University of Texas

Medical Branch in Galveston. They took the first part of three of their board exams in late June.

To reward their massive effort of studying, W.J. and Sara took Barry and Vanessa to Sedona, Ariz., for a long weekend.

One day they drove over to the Grand Canyon. Once back in the Sedona area, they hiked to the Devil's Bridge and to ancient Indian dwellings. They ate a lot of delicious food.

Now Barry and Vanessa are busy with the rotations of third year medical school. During the year they spend several weeks in each area of medicine so that they can decide how they want to specialize.

Ed and Betty Freeman have two wonderful daughters who drove 2,350 miles to take them to Huron, S.D., and Minneapolis, Minn.

Susan Gose and her 12-year-old grandson, Miles Nelson, visited the Freemans on their return trip from an Intergenerational Elderhostle at the Space Center in Houston and Galveston.

The Gose and Freeman families had a glorious celebration on July 4 in Huron, S.D. Then Sally Ortiz drove from Denver, a niece, Mary Wilson Ashley of Yakima, Wash., and her brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Kathy Wilson of Kingstons, Wash., all joined in the celebration.

Sally drove her folks to Minneapolis to visit their daughter, Carol Walker and the rest of the Wilson, Watson and Jacobson families at a wonderful picnic reunion.

It was a quick eight-day trip for the Freemans.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The F.P. Schacher family recently enjoyed a family reunion on June 30. Instead of getting together for Christmas they had a Christmas get-together in June.

The day began with a mass celebrated in Holy Family Church for the living and deceased members of the F.P. and Lucille Schacher families.

A great meal of sausage and sauerkraut, barbecued brisket and all the trimmings followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

All of the Schacher children were present including Catherine and Junior Hochstein, Leona and Al Maurer, Margie and Sam Albracht and Edwin and Juanita Schacher, all of Nazareth; Rosalie and Virgil Davis of Colorado; Georgianne and Jim McCormick of Amarillo; Bob and Charlotte Schacher of Tulsa; and Alverna Schacher of Lazbuddie. Many of their children and families were present, also. There were 120 people in attendance.

An auction of donated articles was held to help defray expenses of the reunion.

Those attending enjoyed a lot of visiting and reminiscing, and a great time was had by all.

Dorothy and Leroy Pohlmeier of Nazareth and their daughter, Lisa Pohlmeier of Dallas, enjoyed a few days in Colorado. They spent a couple of days with Pam and Lyn Bogle of Center, Colo., and their families. Then they traveled on to Colorado Springs to spend a few days with Brenda and Tom Conrad and their families.

It was special to meet their new great-grandchild, Caleb, infant son of Blake and Kristin Conrad of Denver, Colo.

Gerber relatives were happy to see Bryan Charanza this weekend. He was home on a weekend pass from

Fort Gordon, Ga.

Jim and Sandee Hoelting, Whitney and Jake; and Mandi Moore of Canyon spent last weekend in Austin.

Whitney and Mandi registered on Tuesday to play basketball in the Texas Girls' Coaches Association Division I All-Star Game. Whitney played on the North team. The South team ended up winning an 81-72 overtime victory. Whitney had a game high of 15 points.

Gerber and Birkenfeld relatives attended the marriage of Ryan Gerber, son of Dennis and Dolores Gerber, to Shay Cayton of Amarillo on Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Amarillo. A reception and dance were held at the parish hall.

Prayers are asked for Tommy Wethington, Norma Schacher, Elma Schacher, Dale Brockman, Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Ray Schmucker, Ann Heck, Julia Baca and Randy Schilling, who is recuperating from a surgery he had Monday at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Alphonse and Viola Kleman, Carl and Mary Kleman and Elmer and Anne Kleman of Amarillo spent last weekend enjoying the cool pines of Ruidoso, N.M.

Correction: First Assembly of God welcomes new pastor

Joe and Sandy Vaughn are both Distance Education students with Southwestern Assembly of God University, where Joe previously served as facilities coordinator. Sandy served as chapel coordinator and missions accountant.

Joe is completing his bachelor's degree in pastoral ministries and Sandy is completing her bachelor's degree in Christian education, with plans to obtain a master's degree in education.

Their daughter Amy Townsel, lives with her husband Willard in Albertville, Ala.

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People



Beauty pageant, parade, games planned for Hart Days, July 27-28

A new Miss Hart will be crowned in a special beauty pageant on July 27, kicking off the annual Hart Days celebration.

This year's event will be held July 27-28 in Hart, and the pageant, a parade, meals, games and more are planned.

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

A group from Lazbuddie will furnish the small carnival rides and volunteers are needed to help with this activity. Those interested should call Aaron Lee at 938-2267.

July 27

Hart High School's sophomore class will host a Mexican Fiesta on Friday, July 27, and also plans to sponsor a couple of fun activities for children and teenagers.

A cow patty bingo will be one of the events the sophomores are organizing, and it will be held in conjunction with the Mexican Fiesta meal.

The meal will be served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Centennial Pavilion and advanced tickets may be purchased.

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chased for \$5 (adults) and \$2.50 (children 10 and under) from any class member. Tickets at the door will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Squares for the cow patty bingo will be sold at a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A television set will be awarded to the winner of the adult game and a bicycle will be presented to the lucky winner in the children's game.

Advance tickets for the cow patty bingo can be purchased from Trent Barnes, class member, by calling him at 938-2418.

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

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

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

A list of contestants entered in the Miss Hart pageant will be available next week.

July 28

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

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

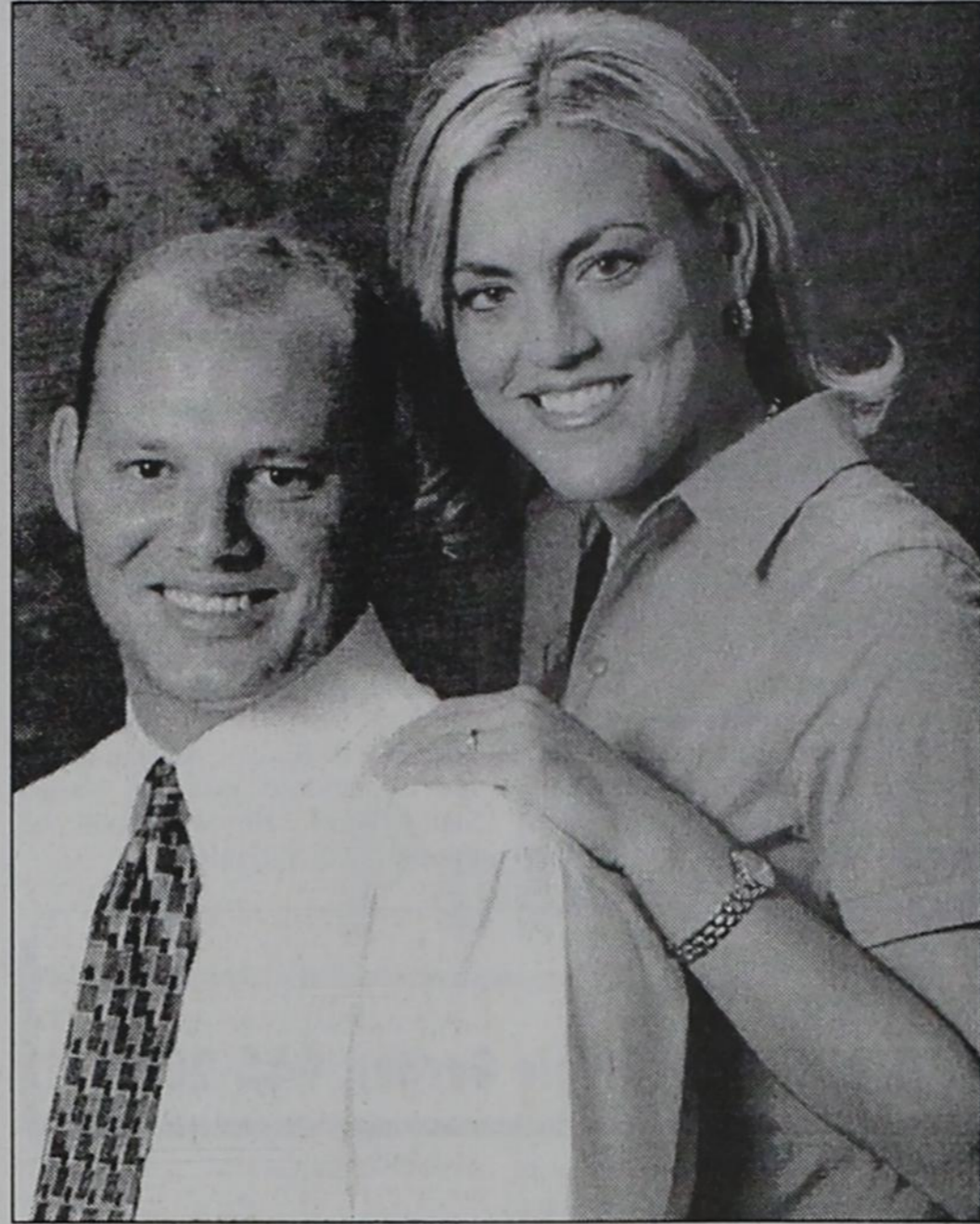
Theme for this year's parade is "Days Gone By," and the Hart Days Committee has selected Joy Barham and Nora Cross as parade marshals.

Floats, antique cars and antique tractors will be judged. First-place winners will receive a plaque while second- and third-place winners will receive a framed certificate.

Children are urged to decorate their bicycles and ride in the parade, too.

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

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



John Colby Pohlmeier and Micah Adrean Crutcher

Crutcher, Pohlmeier to wed

Mike and Chris Crutcher of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Micah Adrean Crutcher, to John Colby Pohlmeier, son of J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier of Nazareth.

The couple plan to marry at 3 p.m. on Aug. 18 at Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Lubbock Monterey High School. She attended Frank Phillips College and Lubbock Christian University. She is currently employed as a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines.

The prospective groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1995. He attended Texas Tech University and West Texas A&M University, studying history and general studies. He will graduate in August with a bachelor's degree. He is employed by the Nazareth Independent School District as a history teacher and assistant football, basketball and baseball coach.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Nazareth.

Safety training set July 23-27 at Red Cross

A week-long training session for Red Cross volunteers will be held July 23-27 at the Greater Amarillo Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1800 S. Harrison, in Amarillo.

The goal of the safety and preparedness institute is to train local volunteers in various functions so they are ready to respond to disasters in the Texas Panhandle.

Many of the instructors flying in for the seminar have just returned from Houston, where they assisted the Red Cross in serving victims of the devastating floods.

These volunteers can speak firsthand on the need for locally-trained volunteers who are ready to help.

Volunteer job opportunities range from damage assessment, shelter operations, disaster computer and communications, or critical, behind-the-scenes organization of logistics.

Whether it's an F3 tornado in White Deer, severe winter storm in Dumas or a grass fire that sweeps through a trailer park on the outskirts of Amarillo, the needs are the same. The community always seems to band together to provide those basic supplies of food, shelter and clothing.

Participants in the workshop can attend a four-hour class or attend sessions eight hours for five days. Any training will be invaluable should a disaster strike the community.

Training topics include the following: "Fire/Water Disaster Blaster," on Monday; "Weapons of Mass Destruction" on Tuesday; "Aviation Disaster" on Wednesday; a disaster breakout session on July 26; and "TEXAS! Palo Duro Canyon" on July 27.

Sessions range between a couple of hours to multi-day. For more information about specific classes, contact Emily Nolte, American Red Cross disaster services director, at (806) 376-6309 or (806) 584-8909.

Gonzales named to dean's honor roll

Valerie R. Gonzales of Dimmitt has been named to the 2001 spring semester dean's honor roll at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M.

To be eligible for the dean's honor roll, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 grade-point average.

Gonzales is majoring in elementary education.

Participants needed for Hart Days parade

The annual Hart Days will be held July 27-28.

Parade coordinator, Neoma Williams invites all interested parties to participate in the parade. The parade will be held July 28 at 10:00 a.m.

There will be separate divisions for antique cars and tractors.

For more information, contact Neoma Williams at (806) 938-2640.

The truest test of friendship is to sincerely share someone's joy and accomplishments without a trace of envy. Help me to be that kind of friend, Dear Lord. Amen

Thanks!

So many thanks go to this community for the great support and participation in the Castro County Relay for Life. We are one in the fight against cancer. Thanks to the survivors, their families, to all the brave hearts and to the teams and those who worked to put this relay together. Thanks to the spectators who said "YES" when walkers went by and to those who gave donations and their time and labor.

Let's look forward to the next Relay for Life!

Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

Ed and Crystal Garvin of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Joshua David Garvin, who was born at 11:03 a.m. on July 10 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Joshua weighed 9 lbs., 11-1/2 ozs., and was 21 inches long. He has a big brother, 5-year-old Christopher. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Linda Prough of Amarillo, and Edward and Marcie Garvin of Columbus, Ga. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Nancy Chambers of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Clarence and Aileen Chambers.

Together We Can

4-H officer workshop set

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

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

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

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

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

Clothing day camp set for Wednesday

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

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

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

County 4-H officer training to be held

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

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

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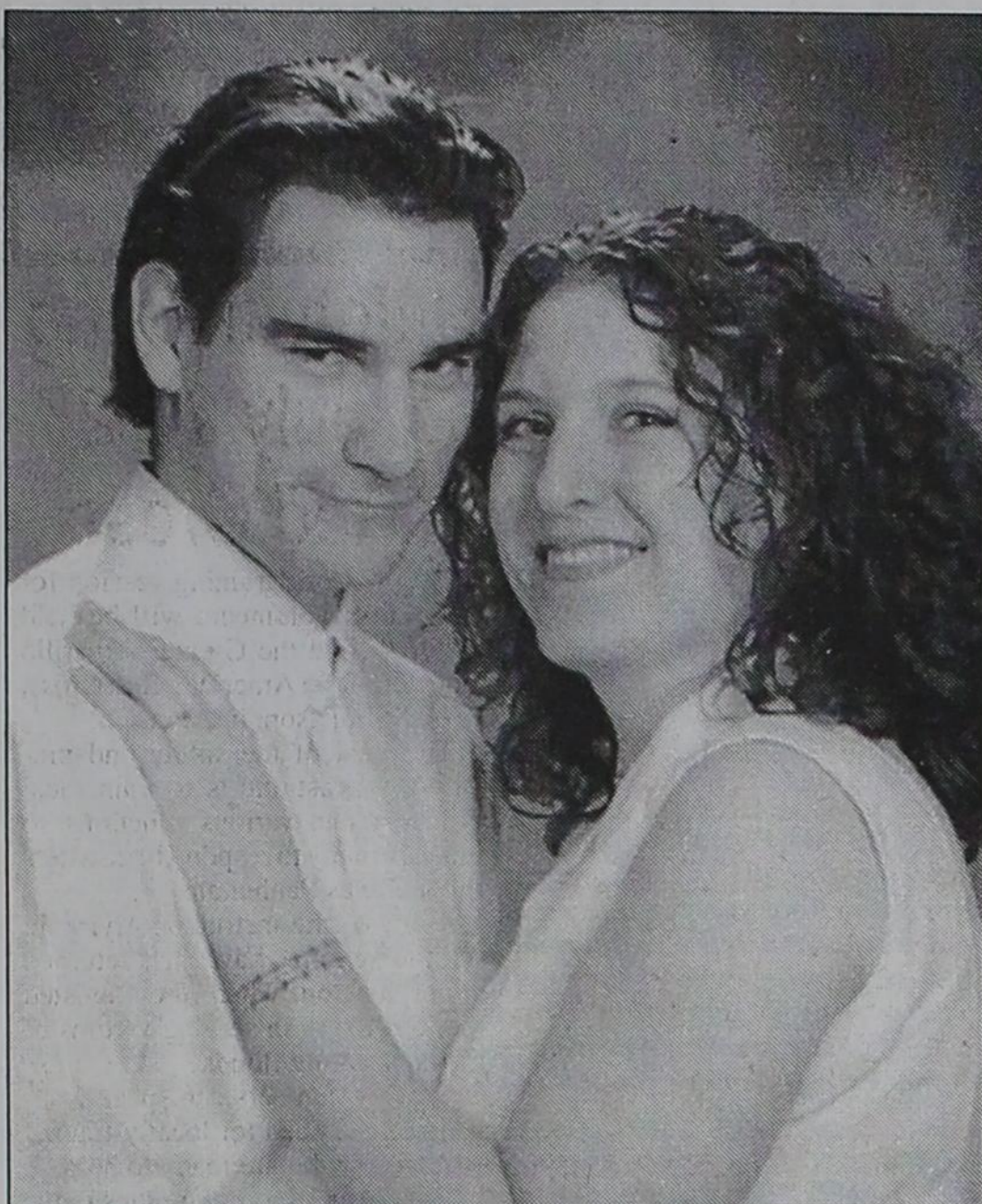
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Tyler Mason Downey and Erin Lorene Huckabay

August wedding is planned

Ron and Charlotte Huckabay of Andrews announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Erin Lorene Huckabay, to Tyler Mason Downey of Henderson, Nev., son of Tony and Nancy Downey of Lubbock and Bob and Barbara Prince of Rosarita, Baja, Mexico.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bettye Huckabay of Dimmitt. The couple are planning to marry on Aug. 4 in the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas, Nev.

Miss Huckabay is a graduate of Lubbock High School. She attended Texas Tech University. She is employed by Starbucks.

The prospective groom graduated from Texas Tech University and is employed by Warren Walker Academy.

Music, fun on tap at July 29 festival

An evening of music and fun is planned in Nazareth on Sunday, July 29, and organizers are hoping Mother Nature will join in the celebration by sending a little rain to complete the event, which is being dubbed as a "Rainin'" on "Sunday Festival."

The event will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth and the public is invited to attend.

Food and drinks will be available throughout the evening. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

The name for the event, "Rainin' on Sunday Festival," stems from a situation in rural towns that occurs during the busy summer season when, on a rainy day, people take a break from their regular schedule of

caring for crops and cattle to enjoy music, recreate and relax together.

The festival will feature three distinct performances by local musicians.

Sara Atherton and her all-woman band will take the stage first, playing Irish ballads and humorous songs that are guaranteed to delight any audience.

Next, Moses Morin of Amarillo will perform acoustic instrumentals highlighting a Flamenco/jazz fusion style. Morin works full time for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroads and is a self-taught guitarist.

Amarillo singers and songwriters Mike Fuller and Tennessee Tuckness will team up to offer the best in "home-grown" contemporary folk music to round out the evening's entertainment.

Hospice Thrift Shop looking for donations

The Hospice Thrift Shop, recently renamed as The Rose Garden is located next to the Medical Center of Dimmitt at 112 W. Jones and it is currently seeking donations.

The shop is in need of everyday items such as clothing, shoes, books, small pieces of furniture, bed linens, and other miscellaneous items.

All gifts are greatly appreciated, but they request that all items donated be in good condition, clean, and usable. All items must be checked in by one of the volunteers on duty. Please do not leave dona-

tions on the outside.

Proceeds from the thrift shop benefit the Hospice Care program.

The shop is staffed by the heart of the hospice - the volunteers. At present, they are staffed Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Their goal is to recruit enough volunteers to keep the doors open Monday through Friday.

If you are interested in this community service, please call the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 647-3020.

Music festival set July 28-29 at Mobeetie

A music festival featuring several area bands and vocalists will be held July 27-29 on the courthouse square in Mobeetie.

Headlining the list of performers will be Mary McDonald and A Touch of Grass from Stonewall, Okla. McDonald was voted the 1998 Female Vocalist of the Year by the Traditional Music Association.

Another top performer will be the Magic City Cowboys. Some members of this group have performed with the Bob Wills Band.

Also featured during the festival will be Star Canyon of San Angelo, Texas Country of Wickett, Buddy and Tina Wright of Lubbock, Duffin Family of Montague, Harmonica Wrygrass of Amarillo, The Lighthouse Beacons of Amarillo and many others.

Shows will be from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight on July 27; from 10 a.m. to 12 midnight on July 28 and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on July 29.

Admission will be \$8 per person on Friday and \$10 on Saturday or a weekend pass can be bought for \$16. Sunday admission is free. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

Seating is not provided, but those attending are invited to bring their lawn chairs.

RV hookups will be available at a cost of \$10 per day and reservations can be made by calling (806) 845-2028 between 1 and 5 p.m. Hookups for 10 days will run \$75. For \$55, hookups can be purchased for seven days.

During the festival, a concession stand will be operated by the Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department. Featured at the concession stand will be homemade ice cream.

Dear Lord, guard my loved ones as they work their way through another day. Lift their spirits when they feel discouraged and bring them home safely. Amen



A TEST OF STRENGTH—Jake Gesling swings the hammer with everything he has and rings the clown's bell Saturday during Nazareth's German Festival. This game was one of several set up for children to

enjoy during the afternoon. A German sausage meal, arts and crafts show and the Suds and Sounds outdoor concert drew thousands of people to Nazareth over the weekend.

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Jamie Dunnam

Dunnam attends Pampered Chef meeting in Chicago

Jamie Dunnam of Dimmitt, an independent consultant for The Pampered Chef, Ltd., recently attended the company's national conference in Chicago, Ill.

Theme for the conference was "The Best Is Yet to Come." The meeting was held at Lakeside Center, McCormick Plaza, in Chicago.

More than 12,000 of the company's top representatives from across the United States attended the conference.

Dunnam has been with the company since February and holds the rank of independent future director.

The conference featured introduction of new fall and winter products, and sales and leadership training.

The audience enjoyed special addresses by Pampered Chef founder and chairman, Doris Christopher, and the company's president and chief operating officer, Sheila O'Connell Cooper.

Christopher founded the company in 1980 in the basement of her suburban Chicago home, and today more than 62,000 consultants generate annual sales of more than \$700 million through the sale of kitchen tools at in-home cooking demonstrations in the US, Canada, the United Kingdom and Germany.

Applicators should use caution when applying 2,4-D near cotton

With cotton production's gradual move north into the Texas Panhandle, growers should exercise extra care when this crop is planted near corn and sorghum.

Crop injury can occur whenever 2,4-D or dicamba are applied in neighboring fields, according to Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Both products, used for years, offer good economical control for a wide range of broadleaf weeds, but cotton is extremely sensitive to these herbicides, especially 2,4-D. Severe injury can and does happen whenever it drifts in from other fields.

"This can lead to economic losses, and result in lawsuits and payment of damages between traditionally good neighbors," he said.

While the potential for drift cannot be completely eliminated, it can be reduced by using proper equipment and spraying techniques.

Chemical drift, usually in two forms, volatilization (vapor) and physical can occur. Volatilization is associated with the phenoxy or 2,4-D type herbicides.

"When material 'volatilizes,' it is changed from a liquid to a vapor (gas)," Bean said.

Wind currents have the capacity to carry the vapor long distances. Under the right conditions, cotton can sustain severe damage, even when grown several miles from the application site. The old "ester" formulations of 2,4-D were particularly vulnerable to volatilization.

Today, only 2,4-D amine and low-volatile ester products are sold. The amines are the least vulnerable to volatilization, followed by the "isooctyl" and "butoxyethenol" esters.

Producers do have many options to minimize the risk from volatilization. They should use 2,4-D amine formulations or dicamba rather than the low-volatile esters when cotton is within range.

The 2,4-D amines are only slightly more volatile than dicamba under normal conditions. When possible, avoid application when temperatures are above 90 degrees.

Physical drift can occur with any herbicide, according to Bean.

"This is the most common type, and many variables impact drift," he said.

One study by researchers at the University of Mississippi showed that wind speed, boom height, and distance downwind to susceptible vegetation as having the greatest effect.

When wind speed doubles, the potential for downwind drift increases seven fold. Avoid herbicide applications when the wind speed is more than 10 miles per hour, Bean said.

The sprayer boom height also plays a role. If doubled, the risk for drift increases 350%.

"Keep booms as close to the target as possible," Bean said.

Spacing 20 inches apart is the norm for standard flatfan nozzles. With this spacing, when using 80-degree tips such as an 8003 nozzle, the boom should be placed 17 to 19 inches above the target.

For 110 series nozzle tips, the height needs to be set at 15 to 18 inches over the target. Lowering the boom also reduces excessive drift.

Distance away or downwind from a spray zone is critical. Researchers involved in the Mississippi study saw a five-fold or 80% reduction for drift when the distance downwind was doubled.

"Planting a buffer strip between a sprayed field and any susceptible vegetation is recommended," Bean said. "A safe zone, 200 to 300 feet across, is usually adequate if used with other good drift control practices."

"Droplet size is an important factor for control, the smaller it is, the greater the risk," Bean said. "Using a larger orifice size on the nozzle tip helps; for example, an 8004 tip emits fewer small droplets than the 8003."

"Increasing water volume is important. 15 gallons per acre is better than 10 gallons," Bean said.

Use the lowest possible pressure setting within a nozzle's ideal range. More pressure increases small droplet emissions. The type of nozzle and tip used governs the amount and size of liquid produced. The drift guard and new air induction tips were designed to lessen the amount of small droplets.

"Spray equipment dealers have good information on those that emit larger, more uniform droplets," Bean said.

Finally, everyone from the grower to the herbicide applicator should know about a weather conditioned called thermal inversion.

"Never spray if an inversion is present," Bean said. "The anomaly occurs anytime warm air is trapped between two colder layers. While difficult to identify, it is most common during early morning under cloudy, still conditions. Dew and fog close to the ground are good indicators that a thermal inversion is present."

Another good indicator for an inversion is dust that lingers in the air. This can cause drift to move several miles, and extra caution is warranted. Once the temperature starts warming and the air starts mixing, a thermal inversion will dissipate. Bean urged growers and applicators to be vigilant.

"If cotton is growing nearby, use as many drift control practices as possible. Keep in mind that 2,4-D or dicamba are contained in many herbicide premixes. Always check container labels," Bean said.

County agents keep a list of the most common products containing these compounds. They can also make suggestions on herbicide alternatives.



DON'T STOP PEDALING—6-year-old Hayden Sager knows the secret to conquering the pedal tractor contest—once you start pedaling, you don't stop until you reach the end. Sager was one of several 6-year-old contestants to achieve a "full pull" Saturday in the tractor pull held at Nazareth during the German Festival. Those who tied got another shot at maneuvering their tractors down the designated runway. Several children's games were enjoyed along with the traditional German sausage dinner and an outdoor concert and dance Saturday in Nazareth.

Photo by Anne Acker

Oppressive heat results in record SPS peak load

Record-breaking temperatures in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas spiked the demand for electric service last week, creating three consecutive all-time peak loads in Southwestern Public Service Co.'s service territory.

SPS hit its newest all-time peak, 4,169 megawatts, last Thursday, July 12. The peak was 83 megawatts higher than the previous peak of 4,086 megawatts, which was reached in August 2000.

One megawatt serves the electric service needs of about 1,000 homes, according to SPS.

SPS serves more than 415,000 meters—industrial, commercial, wholesale and home accounts. About one million people live in the service area.

The consecutive all-time peak uses of energy began Tuesday, July 10,

when total SPS load was 4,088 megawatts. Use of energy to power air conditioning and for crop-irrigation pumping spurred the high demand.

A second new peak, 4,150 megawatts, was set on Wednesday, July 11. That day, the SPS Daily Report of Operations described temperatures as simply, "HOT, HOT, HOT."

The temperatures last Thursday, July 12, were even hotter—hot and still. A number of SPS-served communities, including the two largest, Lubbock and Amarillo, were dry baked at 104 degrees Fahrenheit, a day-record high for some of those communities.

SPS provides service primarily from seven major power generating plants located near Amarillo, Muleshoe, Earth, Lubbock and Hobbs, N.M.

Trull attends fireman's training school

Ronny Trull, a member of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., will be attending the 72nd annual Municipal Firemen's Training School, which is slated to start Monday in College Station.

The week-long school will be held on the campus of Texas A&M University and will feature nearly 2,000 students from about 750 cities and 25 states.

Firemen can choose a course at the school from a list that includes fire fighting, fire prevention, fire department officer development, fire service rescue practices, specialized fire protection and public safety emergency service dispatcher.

Trull's training is sponsored by the Castro County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, which contributed toward the cost of the school.

Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 county Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the state-wide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Texas Farm Bureau President Donald Patman of Waxahachie. "It is our hope in sponsoring the program that the firemen will help the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Castro County."

When will you get your refund?

Taxpayers who filed returns in 2000 are entitled to receive rebates under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2001.

The refunds will be up to 5% of income up to \$6,000 for single taxpayers and up to 5% of income up to \$12,000 for married taxpayers. Single parents qualify for up to a \$500 refund.

To determine when you can expect to receive your refund, match the last two numbers of your Social Security number in the chart below to determine when your check will be "in the mail."

Social Security Number	Date refund will be mailed
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10-19	July 30
20-29	Aug. 6
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STRESS RELIEF—Youngsters pass around a stress relief ball as part of the positive skills-based youth camp Friday morning at the Dimmitt City Park. The event was sponsored by Catholic Family Services

and included a variety of games, interaction between the youngsters and with youths and adults, and a picnic lunch.
Photo by Joyce Nelson

Farm Service Agency update

By TRISH ELLIOTT, FSA County Executive Director

The new Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) will work a lot like the catastrophic (CAT) insurance program, with producers buying coverage for non-insurable crops.

The program is designed to cover losses related to damaging weather conditions that affect non-insurable crops in the county.

Examples of crops not covered by insurance in the county are sweet sorghum, sorghum silage/bales, sudex, alfalfa, rye, triticale, millet, fruits and vegetables, small grain grazing and native and improved pasture.

To acquire coverage, producers must purchase a \$100 policy for each crop or crop grouping, not to exceed \$300 per county or \$900 per person. These fees are non-refundable.

Crop acreage reports are required for this program. Reporting dates will be announced and they may not coincide with "normal" reporting dates. Application periods will be similar to crop insurance sales closing dates.

A major difference from past NAP programs will be the requirement to maintain accurate production records.

Since the program is general based on actual production history, producers should keep track of the number of bales, bushels, etc., they produced, and the farm number where the crop was produced. Reliable and verifiable production records will be required to maintain actual production history and determine whether loss thresholds are met.

Rates and yields have not yet been established, but are expected to be set by the state committee this month.

When all eligibility requirements are met, payments will be made to a

producer when the loss of production is in excess of 50% of the producer's expected production (based on the crop acreage multiplied by the actual production history yield).

The payment rate will be payable to eligible producers at 55% of the established market price.

NAP payments won't exceed \$100,000 per person, per crop year.

Any producer who has a qualifying gross revenue in excess of \$2 million for the most recent tax year won't be eligible for NAP payments.

2000 Quality Loss Program

Preliminary provisions of the 2000 Quality Loss Program (QLP) have been announced.

QLP is a supplemental quality program for those situations where the quality loss payments for disaster-affected crops were inadequate or nonexistent under the 2000 crop disaster program.

QLP payments are based on affected 2000 crop year harvested production. The crop must have suffered a documented loss of at least 20% due to quality problems caused by weather-related disaster.

Producers must provide specific, written documentation substantiating the crop's poor quality. Examples of acceptable documentation include commercial or university lab results acceptable to the county committee, sales receipts showing the disposition to a secondary market because of poor quality, or grading receipts from a warehouse or licensed grader.

QLP is a separate application from the crop disaster program. A sign-up date will be announced once forms are created.

Deadline for PFC

Aug. 1 is the deadline for produc-

ers to designate their shares of the 2001 PFC program, report any changes or successors on PFC contracts, and to submit any other required information to be eligible for 2001 PFC payments.

Check with the Farm Service Agency office in Dimmitt if you have any questions.

"LDP-like" payments

Eligible producers who elect to use acreage planted to wheat, barley or oats for grazing livestock, and agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity may request a loan deficiency payment (LDP).

Producers may request this LDP through Aug. 31, and the price locked-in will depend on the date of application.

Reminders

Producers are limited to \$75,000 per person on loan deficiency payments and marketing gains when redeeming loans.

Commodity certificate repayment may be used when redeeming loans at less than the loan rate. The market gain does not count against the \$75,000 limit.

A request for loan deficiency payments must be filed in the Farm Service Agency office before losing beneficial interest in the crop.

If your crop is contracted, will be sold as it crosses the scale, or an ensilage crop delivered to a feed yard, then a CCC-709, *Direct Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement*, must be on file in the Farm Service Agency office prior to the crop's harvest. For field direct, the rate is the rate in effect on the date of delivery.

2001 loan rates

The 2001 loan rates are \$2.63 per bushel for wheat; \$1.29 per bushel for oats; \$3.43 per hundredweight for sorghum; \$8.85 per hundredweight for sunflowers; \$1.90 per bushel for barley; \$2.24 per bushel for corn; and \$4.82 per bushel for soybeans.

Late-filed 2000 crop LDPs

Producers who didn't request a loan deficiency payment on an eligible 2000 crop LDP commodity, and marketed the crop before March 31 for barley, oats or wheat; and before May 31 for corn, sorghum, soybeans or cotton, may file a late request before July 31.

If you aren't sure if you qualify for the late-filed request option, call the Farm Service Agency office.

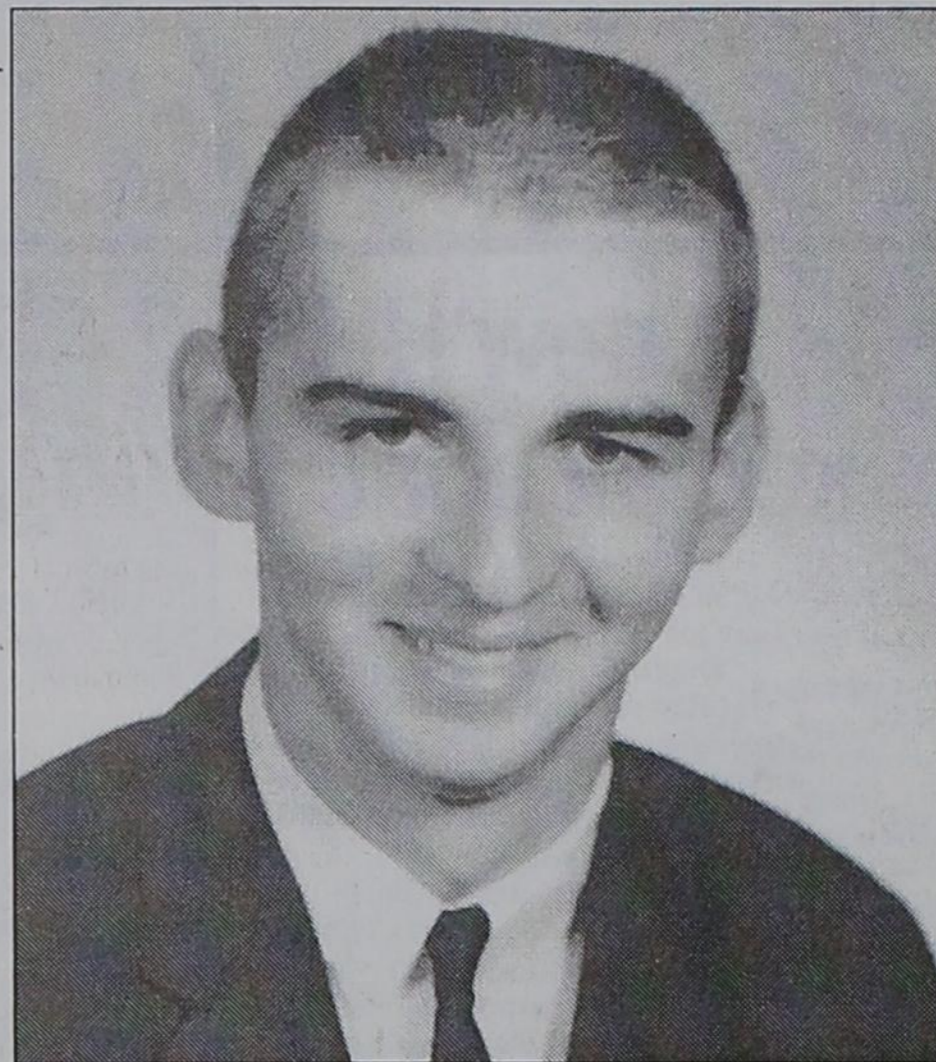
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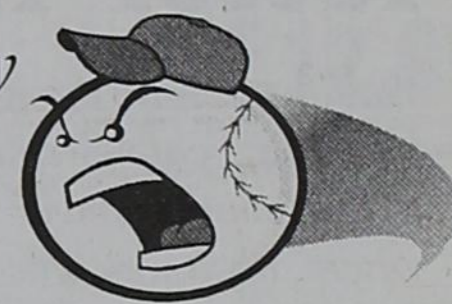
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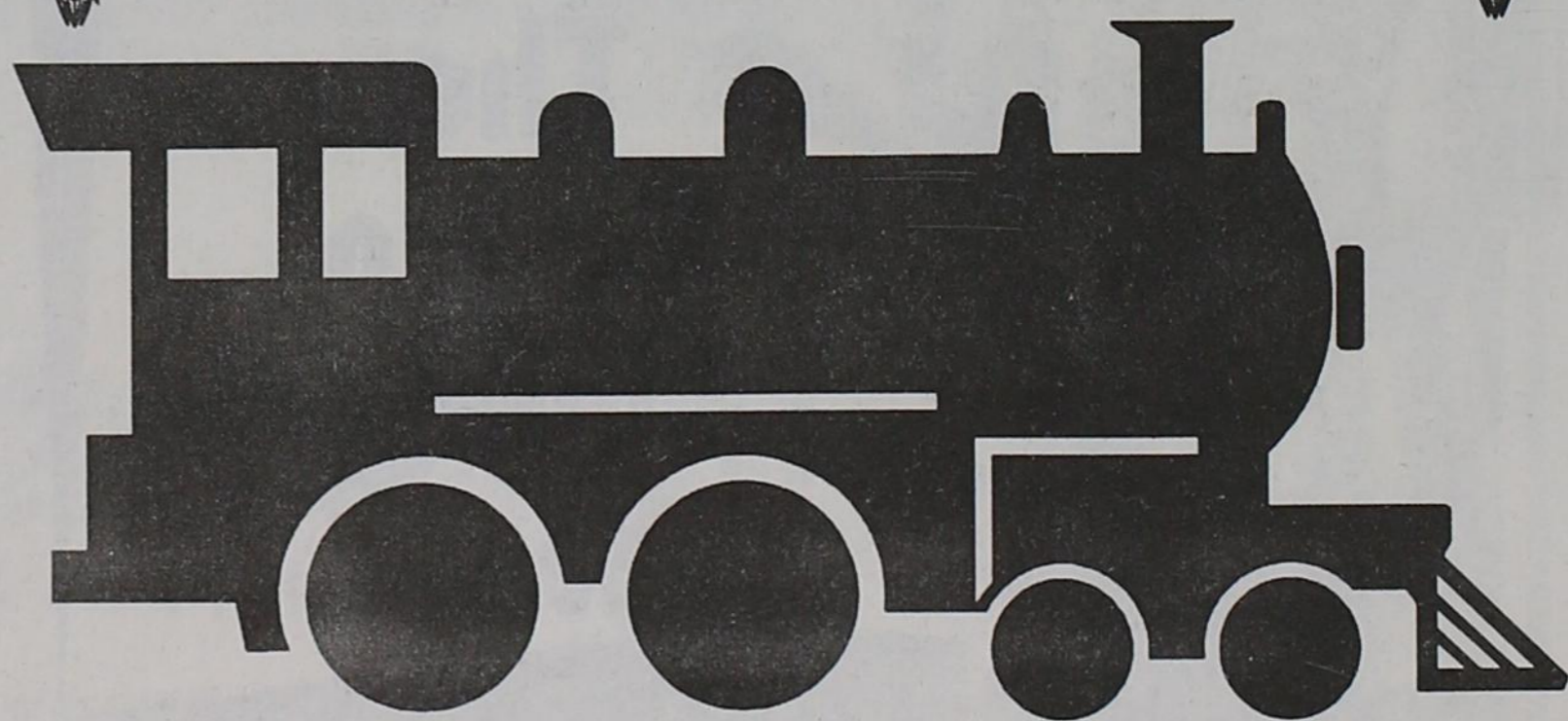


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2002 farm bill will be topic of July 27 meeting

Those interested in discussing or hearing about proposals for the 2002 farm bill are invited to attend a special workshop on July 27 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 N. Spring St., in Amarillo.

The meeting is being billed as "A day of listening and advocacy for the 2002 farm bill," and it is being sponsored by several organizations, including the Promised Land Network.

Refreshments throughout the day and a noon meal will be served to all participants. There is no registration cost, but those who wish to attend should call Lydia Villanueva at (806) 364-4445 or e-mail pln1@wtrt.net as soon as possible.

The US Catholic Bishops Conference is currently reviewing its social policy positions on livestock feeding in agriculture, the effects of agricultural concentration and its ramifications for workers, rural communities and the food system. The structure of agriculture in Texas and the surrounding High Plains area is crucial to the bishops' understanding of fair farm prices, grower/farm labor relationships and environmental stewardship.

In the morning session, the public is invited to participate in a series of open discussions and workshops planned to coordinate legislative action among farm, faith and citizen groups.

The goal is to develop a strong voice and learn strategies to shape the new 2002 farm bill. Participants can gain new connections and a greater awareness of trends hurting rural people, gain greater knowledge

of federal farm legislation and how to make an impact.

There will be workshops on fair competition and farm prices, conservation programs and green payments, rural life and enterprise development and a wrap-up presentation on shaping a fair and just farm bill.

The morning session is sponsored by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, the National Family Farm Coalition and the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture.

After lunch, a series of presenter panels will offer testimony focused on concentration in the livestock feeding and meat packing industries, the challenges facing rural communities and the concerns of immigrant agricultural workers. These presenters will address issues and identify key points for new policy directives.

Special guests hearing the testimony will be Bishop Charles Grahmann of Dallas and Bishop Nicholas Dimarzio of Camden, N.J., members of the US Bishop's Ad Hoc Committee on Agricultural Issues. The hearing is being organized and conducted by the US Catholic Conference.

In the evening after supper, the bishops and organizing groups will travel north to host a meeting with Hispanic agricultural workers at the Cactus Community Center from 7 to 9 p.m. to hear concerns and conditions experienced by meat packing and livestock feeding workers. Catholic Charities USA and The Promised Land Network are sponsoring this meeting.

Sports



Carl Irlbeck is new HHS boys' basketball coach

Carl Irlbeck has recently been hired as the new head boys' basketball coach at Hart High School.

Irlbeck started his coaching career in Nazareth in 1962 and coached there until 1965. He then moved to Clarendon from 1965 to 1971, where his team advanced to state, but never won.

In 1971, he left for Abernathy and coached two boys' basketball teams to state titles. He also helped the school win three tennis state championships and two cross country state titles.

He went to Plainview in 1985 and stayed there until he retired in 1994. He coached Plainview High School's boys' team to a state title and also helped the girls' basketball team and volleyball team at Plainview Christian to win state championships.

He retired in 1994 because of health problems, but he feels that he is now healthy enough to coach again. "I'm healthy and I have energy and I feel I could do a good job," said Irlbeck.

He did do some assistant coaching

at Lubbock Monterey after he retired, but this is his first head coaching job since 1994.

Digger Elam, secondary principal for Hart was also instrumental in his decision to coach again. Elam wanted him for the job, and Irlbeck feels that coaching at Hart would be a great opportunity.

Irlbeck grew up in Happy and went to Clarendon Junior College to play basketball. He then went to West Texas State to get both his bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. He will be teaching math at Hart.

He and his wife Arlene have four children. Their daughter, Ramona Thiel lives and teaches at Nazareth. She has six children.

Their son Cletus lives in Abernathy and has two children. Their other sons Edward and Bruce live in Dayton, Ohio and Lubbock, respectively.

Irlbeck is excited about coaching the Hart boys this year. "I think it will be a challenge, and I think it will be fun."

An idea is a curious thing--it will not work unless you do.

There is a difference between an open mind and a hole in the head.



THE DIMMITT SHE-DEVILS downed five-of-five opponents in a recent basketball tournament in Bovina, and that gave the eighth- and ninth-graders the tournament championship. Team members are (from left) Shae Odom, Heather Hargrove, Corrie Black, Shelley Paxton, Christina Ramos, Raynee Bradley, Meggie Lemons, Kristen McClure and Jacqui Hinsley.

Courtesy Photo

Dimmitt girls capture tourney title in Bovina

The Dimmitt She-Devils, a group of eighth- and ninth-grade girls from Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School, won five basketball games and the tournament championship in Bovina June 22-24.

The first three games of the tournament were pool play, and the She-Devils first opponent was the Sudan Hotshots. Dimmitt won that game, 34-15, to open the tournament.

In the second game, the She-Devils easily handled Muleshoe Sting, 37-19. Later that day, the Dimmitt girls beat the Bovina Fillies, 48-15.

Those three wins moved the She-Devils into first place as they entered the bracketed portion of the tournament.

The first game in the bracket pitted

the Dimmitt girls against the Sudan Hotshots again, and this time the She-Devils posted a 42-27 victory.

That win moved them into the tournament championship game against Muleshoe Sting.

The Dimmitt girls used a stingy defense that limited Muleshoe to nine points enroute to a 29-9 win and the championship.

High-point scorers for the She-Devils in the tournament were Heather Hargrove, who had 43 points in the five games; and Kristen McClure, who had 41.

Other members of the team are Shae Odom, Corrie Black, Shelley Paxton, Christina Ramos, Raynee Bradley, Meggie Lemons and Jacqui Hinsley.

Harold Brannan named Texas Tech University Distinguished Alumnus

Dr. Harold Brannan of San Antonio, a native of Dimmitt, is one of four Texas Tech exes named as "Texas Tech Distinguished Alumni" for 2001.

Brannan is a 1949 graduate of Dimmitt High School. His father, B.J. Brannan, owned and operated the Brannan dairy here in the 1940s and 50s.

He graduated from Texas Tech in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. While a student, he served as president of the Student Association and was a member of Kemas social club, which later became Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He also was president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Northwest Texas Conference.

After completing his undergraduate education, Brannan attended the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, earning his medical degree in 1957.

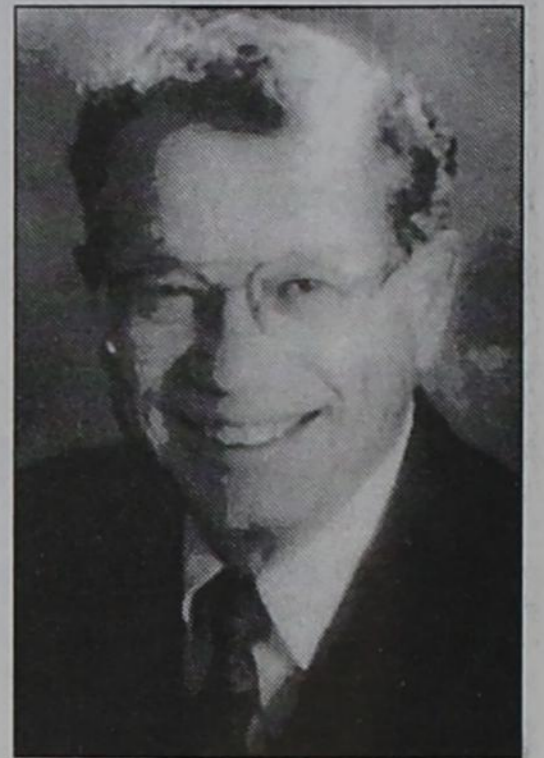
While attending medical school, he was president of the Student Association. He served as a medical intern at Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma, Wash., from 1957 to 1958.

Brannan had a radiology residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., from 1960 to 1963, where he received the Carmen Award for Outstanding Radiology Resident. Brannan also earned a master's degree from the University of Minnesota in St. Paul in 1963.

As a practicing radiologist in San Antonio, Brannan is active in the medical community. He is president of South Texas Radiology Group. He was chairman of the advisory board of the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio.

Brannan has also served on the advisory board of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas and is a member of the advisory board of Frost National Bank.

Past positions Brannan held were



Dr. Harold Brannan

president of the Clinical Society of Radiology, the Texas Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine and the Radiology Alumni of Mayo Clinic. He was chairman of the Section on Radiology and a member of the Committee on Nuclear Medicine of the Texas Medical Association.

Brannan served as chief of radiology and chief of staff of Nix Medical Center in San Antonio for several years. In addition, he was on the active staff of Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital, St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, and the Cancer Therapy and Research Center of South Texas.

Brannan served on the advisory board of the Bexar County Hospital and also on the board of directors of the Bexar County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. He was a member of the speaker's panel of the American Cancer Society to Physicians Groups in Texas.

He served on the member council on medical education of the Texas Medical Association and was a founding board member of the Cancer Therapy and Research Center of South Texas.

Although he has accomplished much in his life since graduating from Texas Tech, Brannan remains an active member of the Tech community.

He has been chairman of the Texas Tech University Horizon Campaign for San Antonio. He is a member of the Texas Tech Spur Society. Brannan has been a recipient of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Distinguished Service Award.

Brannan is married to Margaret D. Wood Brannan, a 1954 graduate of Texas Tech. She is past president of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association National Board of Directors. They have three children, Rhonda Brannan Low, Ross W. Brannan and Stephen K. Brannan.

The Texas Tech Ex-Students Association will honor Brannan and three others with a reception and dinner on Nov. 2 at the Market Alumni Center in Lubbock.

Also to be honored are Susan Graham, of New York City, New York; Gary R. Peterson, of Houston; and Bill R. Womble, of Dallas.

Dates set for athletic physicals

Students who are required to obtain a physical before they can compete in athletics will have a chance to do so in Dimmitt during August.

The staff at Medical Center of Dimmitt will conduct physicals for boys on Aug. 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Girls' physicals will be offered on Aug. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Cost for each physical examination will be \$10.

All Dimmitt High School football players should report to the DHS field house at 7 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 6, for the first day of workouts for the fall 2001 season.

Correction

On page 9 of last week's issue of the News the boy's name in the future quarterback photo was misspelled. It should be J'Juane Triana. The News regrets the error.

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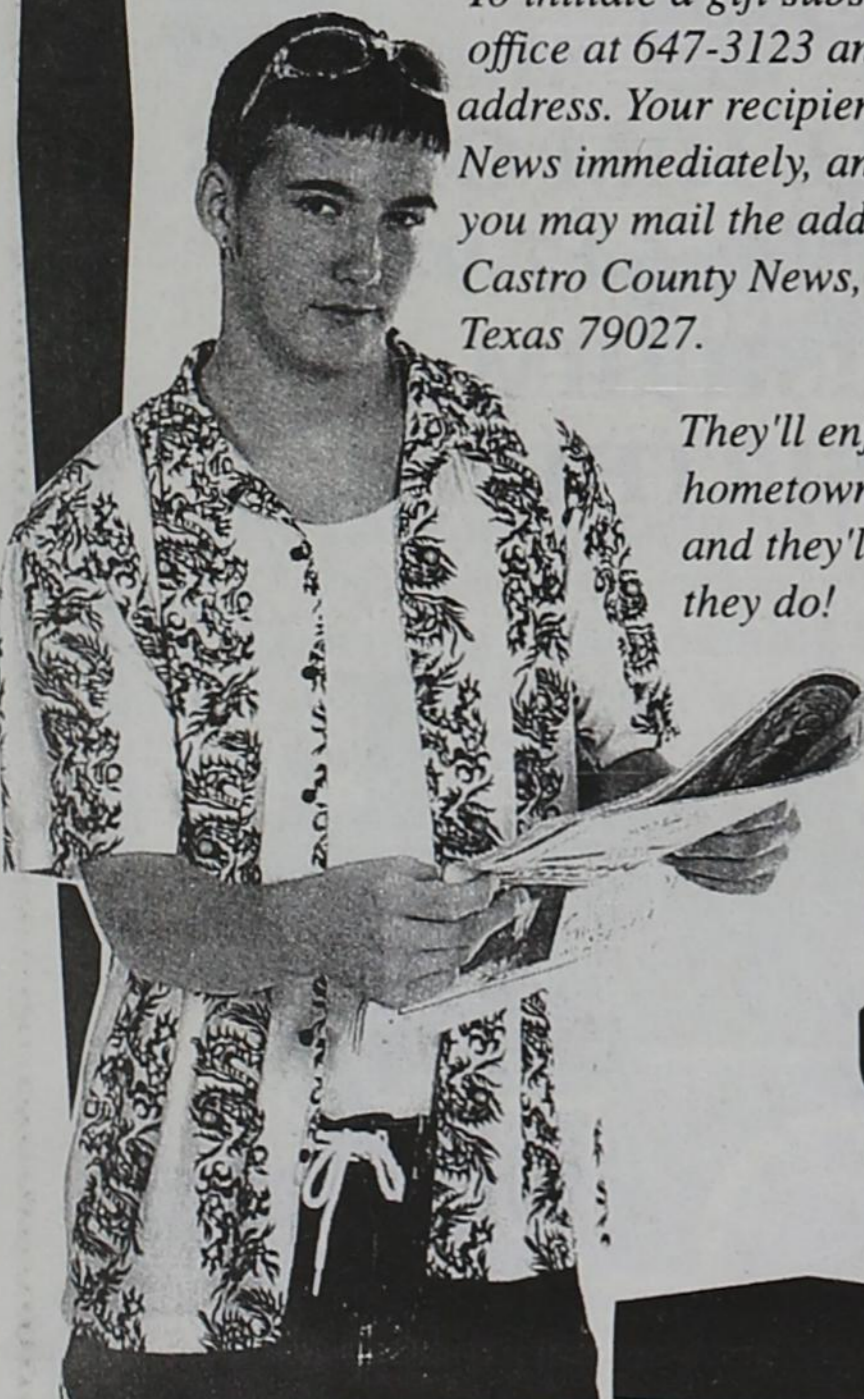
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JOSHUA BRADDOCK, 11, goes into the drink at the dunking board event at the annual Nazareth German Folk Festival Saturday. A dozen or more outdoor games, rides and concessions were provided by Laz-buddie Services for the celebration.

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Kelsey Welch and Morgan Hazel

Welch and Hazel attend Girls State

Kelsey Welch and Morgan Hazel, both of Dimmitt, attended the annual American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State which was held in Seguin, at Texas Lutheran University.

Kelsey was elected to the office of City Councilwoman. She is the daughter of Mark and Brenda Welch. Morgan was elected to the office of City Health Officer. She is the daughter of Wayland and Elaine Hazel.

They were sponsored to Girls State through the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #445.

Girls State was organized as a National Americanism activity in 1937 by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Non-partisan and non-political, the purposes of the Girls State program are to provide citizenship training for girls of high school age, to afford them an opportunity to live together as a self-governing group and to inform them of their duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities which they will assume when they become adults.

They learn the problems of government by simulating the duties of city, county and state officials. Each year citizens are selected at local

levels from students who have just completed their junior year in high school. The selection is based principally on character, leadership and scholarship.

The 2001 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Texas Bluebonnet Girls State has grown from an experimental conference of 94 girls, held at Baylor University in 1941, to become the largest single extracurricular educational program for high school girls in Texas.

Because no sessions were held during World War II, the 2001 session marked the 57th year of Bluebonnet Girls State. This year 530 girls were in attendance, making a total of more than 26,000 girls in Texas who have participated in this top-level citizenship program.

Former citizens of Girls State and members of the Texas American Legion Auxiliary comprise the 70 members of the staff and counselors who volunteer their services to direct and lead this program.

The elected state officials of Bluebonnet Girls State received the oath of office Monday, June 18 in the House of Representatives at the State Capitol. Texas Governor, Rick Perry, gave the inaugural address.

More about

Takeover battle . . .

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sob, the Italian stock market regulator, to reject the takeover bid by Italenergia.

However, at midweek, Consob appeared likely to rule that the Fiat/EdF bid is admissible under Italian takeover rules, according to the *Financial Times* Internet service, *FT.com*.

Italenergia increased its offer by almost 9% after talks with Consob, the financial news service reported.

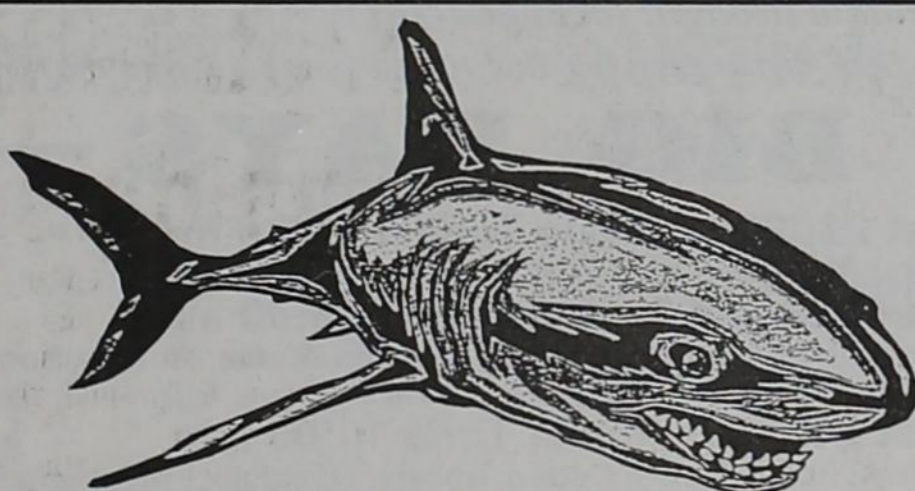
David Bone, general manager of the Cerestar USA plant in Dimmitt, said the European battle of financial titans and its ultimate outcome should have little or no effect on the local plant.

While Consob ponders whether the Fiat/EdF takeover attempt falls with-

in the Italian rules, the competition commissioner of the European Union in Brussels, Belgium, is deciding whether the EU should have a say in EdF's expansion into Italy, *FT.com* reported.

"There is much at stake in both decisions," said Jo Johnson of *FT.com*. "If Consob rules in favor of Fiat/EdF, the takeover clock will start ticking for Montedison, with Italenergia's bid expected to close by the end of August."

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19—Students Wanting Work

15-YEAR-OLD BOY will do odd jobs for you this summer. Call 647-3503. 19-9-tfc

EIGHTH GRADE GIRL will do babysitting for you this summer. Call 647-3503. 19-9-tfc

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Heavenly Father, there are times when I want to share experiences and thoughts with other people but often I do not feel they will understand. I am thankful I can talk with You and feel Your understanding. Amen

3—Real Estate For Rent

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20—Help Wanted

OFFICE ASSISTANT: High school graduate or equivalent—knowledge of personal computers and typewriter. One-year experience in business office environment. Contact Castro County Hospital District, PO Box 278, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas 79027; Phone (806) 647-2191; fax (806) 647-2407. 20-16-tfc

OPERATOR NEEDED for manure spreader truck. CDL required. Call Kreig at 344-7272 (mobile) or (806) 276-5321. 20-13-tfc

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BUSINESS OFFICE PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE—High school graduate or equivalent. Strong computer skills in Excel and Microsoft Word. Strong interpersonal skills. Primary duties include charge posting/data processing, patient financial counselor, assist in finance dept. as required. Contact Castro County Hospital District, PO Box 278, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas 79027; Phone (806) 647-2191; fax (806) 647-2407. 20-16-tfc

MECHANIC NEEDED. Must be capable of diagnosing and making repairs to Class 8 tractors and trailers including A/C, brakes and tires. Must be energetic and possess skills necessary to maintain the company's fleet to DOT and company standards. HM 183, ASE, and other certifications a plus. Pay based on experience and training. Excellent benefits. A challenging but rewarding work environment. Applications may be obtained at Tri-State Delivery, Old Rodeo Grounds Road. Telephone (800) 366-7462 or (806) 647-3183. 20-16-1tc

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-14-4tc

22—Notices

6—For Sale, Misc.

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Call before noon Tuesday to place your classified ad:
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 - Auto parts and supplies
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 - Services
 - Insurance
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 - Help wanted
 - Notices
 - Lost and found
 - Cards of thanks
 - Legal notices

20—Help Wanted

HELP WANTED for an at-risk youth counselor. Requirements of degree of BSW, BA or BS. Prior experience, bilingual preferred. Working with youth at risk of running away. Truant or first offender behavior. One position available in Dimmitt. Computer experience preferred. Mail or fax resume to Catholic Family Services, Attn: Mark Swoboda, 102 Ave. J, Lubbock, Texas 79401. Fax (806) 765-8630. No phone calls, please. 20-16-1tc

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CARD OF THANKS
Thanks a million...
It's not the size of the donation that counts, it's the size of the heart that gives it!
Hospice Care would like to thank each of you who have so generously donated items to our thrift shop, "The Rose Garden."
May I encourage others in our community to help support such a great program as Hospice with your donations. Your donations directly benefit the families who have been impacted by a terminal illness.
If you have donations or would like to volunteer your services to the Hospice program please come by the office at 112 West Jones or call 647-3020, Monday-Saturday. 24-16-1tc

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Grain Trucks, Truck Tractors, Implement Trucks, Trailers, Cars, Pickups, Buses, Hopper Bottom Grain Trailers, Livestock Pot & Straight Trailers, Float Trailers, Motor Homes & Travel Trailers
Thursday, August 23, 2001 – Sale Time 10:00 a.m.
Cotton Strippers, Module Builders, Boll Buggies, Cotton Trailers, Livestock Equipment, Stock Trailers, Irrigation, Hay Equipment, Ensilage & Peanut Equipment
Friday, August 24, 2001 – Sale Time 10:00 a.m.
Tractors, Backhoes, Loaders, Front End Loaders, Construction Equipment, Motor Graders, Forklifts, Crawlers, Tractor Makeups
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25—Legal Notices

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CARD OF THANKS
I would like to thank the following people for their support and dedication in providing a positive skills-based youth camp:
Thanks to Castro County News for providing public recognition.
Thanks to Pizza Hut for providing our youth with a great lunch and great prices.
Thanks to Mr. Burger for providing our youth with great lunch and great prices.
Thanks to Thriftway Supermarket for providing services with the cost of groceries and account info.
Thanks to Dena Berry for your support with the Juvenile Probation Department.
Thanks to Panhandle Community Services for always being supportive and for being great neighbors.
Thanks to Casas Welding Service for transporting supplies and providing the gas grill.
Thanks to Castro County Police Dept. for their positive support.
Thanks to Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., for providing the supplies for our activities.
Thanks to Stacey Casas, Crystal Walls, Leo Olivera and Jessica Montes for volunteering their time and energy.
Most of all we would like to thank the children who participated in our group and their parents for their support and dedication towards their children and our agency.

DONNA MONTES
At-Risk Youth Counselor
Catholic Family Services
24-16-1tc

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
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District: Lubbock.
Contract 0905-00-027 for MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION IN LUBBOCK COUNTY, etc., will be opened on Aug. 8, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the State Office.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's web site at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 3937.

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

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting proposals for art supplies, athletic equipment and supplies, band supplies, furniture, instructional supplies, library books, magazines and periodicals, office supplies, shop equipment, technology supplies and equipment, transportation supplies, miscellaneous food supplies, and other miscellaneous supplies for the 20001-2002 school year. Proposals must be received no later than 3 p.m. on Aug. 6, 2001, at the Dimmitt Administration Office, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive formalities. Proposed specifications may be obtained at the above address.
25-15-2tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Dimmitt Independent School District will receive proposals for the purchase of maintenance and janitorial supplies until 3 p.m., Aug. 6, 2001. Bid specifications may be obtained by calling John Chase, Business Manager, at (806) 647-3101 or requested by mail at 608 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas, 79027. One copy of the proposal should be delivered or mailed to the address shown above and to the attention of John Chase. The envelope or package containing the proposal should be clearly marked "RESPONSE TO MAINTENANCE AND JANITORIAL SUPPLY BID." The Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive formalities and technicalities.
25-15-2tc

25—Legal Notices

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

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

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

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

The Board of Education will consider proposals for award at a scheduled meeting in August.
25-15-2tc

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.
25-15-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2001, at 2 p.m., bids will be received at the offices of A&S General Contractors, Inc., 5744 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX, the Construction Manager at Risk for Castro County, for the following project: **ADA Modifications for the Castro County Courthouse.** Prospective sub bidders will need to contact the Construction Manager.

Bidding information can be obtained by calling (806) 355-8253. Faxed bids received prior to the deadline will be accepted. The fax number is (806) 353-0719. Faron Walker is the Project Manager.

Some of the Scopes of Work required and the Bid Packages are BP #1 Environmental Assessment & Testing (any required remediation is not part of this solicitation), BP #2 Selective Demolition and Trash Removal, BP #3 General Construction, BP #4 Finishes, BP #5 Plumbing and Mechanical and BP #6 Electrical.

Castro County and A&S General Contractors, Inc., are equal opportunity employers. HUB participation is encouraged.
25-16-2tc

Class of 1991 plans reunion

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

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

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

All members of the class are asked to get in touch with Jamie Baker Mendoza at 647-0443 or log on to the reunion web site at www.angelcities.com/members/dhsc91/index.html and leave their information.

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



CHOOSE YOUR FRAGRANCE—Janice and Don Burke (right) of Lubbock buy hand-poured candles from Tracey Snow Murphy of the Mementoes Candle Co. of Wolfforth during the Folk Festival Arts and Crafts Show in the Nazareth School Cafeteria Saturday.
Photo by Don Nelson

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Plains Cotton Growers officials say the proposed outline for a farm bill, announced last week by the House Ag Committee, includes the three basic elements sought by the cotton industry and that could result in a "significantly improved US ag policy."

Although feeling that support levels outlined for cotton were lower than needed to fully realize the safety net envisioned in PCG's policy, the best description of PCG's initial reaction is cautiously optimistic.

"The concept paper presented by the House Ag Committee provides a framework that we believe provides the best combination of delivery mechanisms," said Steve Verett, PCG executive vice president. "We have never advocated an approach that put all our eggs in one basket and we are pleased that the House Ag Committee is including the multiple-part approach in its proposal."

Under the proposal, any changes after discussions between Congress and the agriculture industry, which would increase funding in one area will have to be offset by reductions in spending in other areas.

The proposal projects program costs at nearly \$168 billion over the 10-year period which runs from 2002 to 2011. This includes \$73.5 billion in new spending over that period.

House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest wants to have a new

program implemented for the 2002 crop year, but completion of a plan will depend on how fast the Senate completes its version of new legislation.

House plan

The House Agriculture Committee's proposal made very few changes to the base loan rates for program crops. The only exceptions to this were slight reductions in loan rates for soybeans and minor oilseeds.

Cotton loan rates would be established at the current level of 51.92¢ per pound.

PCG officials feel that the base loan rate for cotton needs some adjustment to more closely reflect modern production costs, and have suggested a move up to 60¢ per pound.

Payment limits for loan deficiency payments and marketing loan gains remain unchanged at \$75,000. Availability of generic commodity certificates was retained.

The House proposal retains a fixed, de-coupled payment for all program crops at the 2001 Agriculture market Transition Act (AMTA) payment rates.

The cotton payment rate under this part of the program would equal 5.54¢ per pound.

The fixed payment would be paid on 85% of the enrolled farm's payment acreage base multiplied by the current payment yield in effect

for the farm. Growers will be allowed to update base acres to reflect the average cropping pattern on the farm during the 1998-2001 time period, or they can elect to leave the bases unchanged. Payment yields will remain frozen at current levels.

Proposed implementation of a counter-cyclical, target price-based support mechanism is a return to the type of support seen in the 1990 farm bill.

The House proposal reintroduces target prices for all program commodities at 1995 levels, and institutes new targets for soybeans and minor oilseeds.

The target price for cotton is proposed at 72.9¢ per pound. Payments would not be tied to planting, but would instead be made on 85% of the payment base acres on the farm times the frozen payment yield.

Counter-cyclical price payment rates would be determined by subtracting a total of the fixed, decoupled payment (5.54¢ for cotton) and the higher of the average price received by growers or the base loan rate for cotton from the 72.9¢ target price.

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ACGA president is opposed to Trade Promotion Authority

Keith Dittrich, president of the American Corn Growers Association has publicly announced his organization's opposition to new Trade Promotion Authority legislation currently before Congress.

Dittrich says that until existing trade agreements have been drastically improved to provide equity to US farm families, there should be no further expansion of those agreements.

"The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has devastated farmers from the wheat fields of Canada to the corn fields of Mexico and from the tomato patches of Florida to the milking parlors of California," said Dittrich.

"Until we can accomplish a major overhaul of NAFTA to insure that it is fair for farmers and farm workers, and that it helps sustain family farms and the rural economy, the American Corn Growers Association will oppose the negotiation and ratification

of the expansion of that trade agreement," he said.

The Trade Promotion Authority legislative initiative, also referred to as "Fast Track," would delegate the authority to negotiate treaties, vested in the Congress by the Constitution, to the executive branch in order to negotiate the proposed Free Trade of the Americas (FTAA) treaty.

Dittrich made his statement at a Capitol Hill news conference in Washington, D.C. Standing with other agriculture, consumer and religious leaders, he was joined in his opposition of Fast Track and in support of improving current trade policy.

"As trite as it may sound, I am extremely serious when I declare that we must have fair trade if we are to truly have free trade," he said.

Dittrich agreed with the others present to support trade reforms which:

- ◆ Allow countries to give priority

to sustaining family farms and achieving global food security.

- ◆ Vigorously enforce and strengthen local, regional, national and international antitrust laws.

- ◆ Allow countries to establish domestic and global food reserves.

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Redistricting plan . . .

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Street east of Rodeo Road which has one small block in Precinct 4 while the rest of the area is in Precinct 1.

Commissioners said they thought the county map was accurate, but they felt like that small area on the south side of Jones Street should be assigned to Precinct 1 because areas to the east and west of it are in that precinct.

"The city map and the county map look different to me. This isn't the way I remember the map looked last week," Rowland said. "I think there's a mistake somewhere."

County Judge Irene Miller called Portia Bosse twice during Monday's meeting, asking for more details and to clear up questions commissioners had concerning the plan.

Bosse told Miller that the "unknown" roads were "no big deal," saying the computer just didn't rec-

ognize them.

Bosse also assured Miller that the small area on the south side of East Jones Street was supposed to be assigned to Precinct 4.

"Portia said this county map is the same one from which the city map is drawn, and they do correspond," Miller told commissioners. "The area is just so small that it's hard to tell on the county map. She also said the area commissioners were questioning doesn't include just the Azteca Complex, it's an entire minority census block and other residents are included."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige made the motion to sign an order adopting the latest revisions as the county's redistricting plan and Precinct 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker offered a second. After hesitating, Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland voted in favor.

Miller also added her approval to the plan.

The lone dissenting vote was cast by Precinct 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron.

"I just can't vote for it," Damron said. "I've talked to too many people who just want the precinct lines squared off. That's never going to happen, but I just can't vote in favor of this."

"It's a tough, tough vote," Rowland said. "I still prefer the original Plan 3. But when you're dealing with redistricting, you can never be completely satisfied."

Under this plan, the county has two precincts with large minority populations—Precincts 1 and 2.

Precinct 1 will have 24,743% of the total population, which comes to 2,050 people. Of those, 675 are Anglo, 1,305 are Hispanic, 50 are Black and 20 are of other ethnicity.

Precinct 2's population will total 2,091, which is 25.2384% of the county's. The ethnic breakdown is as follows: Anglo, 548; Hispanic, 1,467; Black, 67; and other, 9.

Precinct 3 will have the largest percentage of the county's population with 2,099 residents (25.3349%). Of those 2,099, 1,377 are Anglo, 678 are Hispanic, 31 are Black, 1 is Asian and another 12 are of other ethnic backgrounds.

Precinct 4 includes 2,045 people (24.6832%), including 1,165 Anglos; 829 Hispanics; 31 Blacks; and 17 other.

The county also has to find another location for a voting box.

Schmucker told commissioners he had visited with officials at Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) in Dimmitt about using their office as a polling place. The office meets all ADA standards.

Schmucker said the local TxDOT office had to receive permission from the district office in Lubbock before it could okay the office as a polling place.

In other action, commissioners agreed to retain the firm of Davis, Kennard & Co., as the county's outside auditor.

Miller informed commissioners that the firm had increased its rate from \$10,200 to \$10,500 this year.

"They've done a good job for us in the past," Rowland said. "I like the people and I like what they do."

The decision to retain Davis, Kennard & Co., was a unanimous one.

Man is ordered into rehab after multiple DWI charges

Narciso Lopez Gauna Jr. had the judicial book thrown at him in 64th District Court after committing a felony DWI offense while he was still on probation for an earlier one.

Judge Jack Miller sentenced Gauna to go through the rehabilitation program at the Court Residential Treatment Center in Brownfield, and ordered him jailed here until a bed becomes available at the rehab center.

Gauna pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated (third degree) on June 1 while he was serving probation for another third-degree DWI conviction (third or subsequent offense) that dated back to January 2000.

During the recent court hearing, Judge Miller also found that Gauna had failed to report to his probation officer; had failed to notify his supervising officer of a change of address; had failed to pay \$140 restitution, \$160 community supervision fee or \$50 to Crime Line as ordered; still lacked all 400 hours of his required community service; had failed to earn a high school diploma or GED certificate; had failed to install an ignition device on his vehicle; and had failed to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Judge Miller also extended Gauna's probation two years and added another \$250 in attorney fees, with the new terms to run concurrently for both offenses.

In another DWI-related case,

Judge Miller ordered the probation of Leroy Martinez Ramirez modified and extended.

Ramirez originally was sentenced in April 2000 to four years' probation and was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$272.25 in court costs and \$50 to Crime Line.

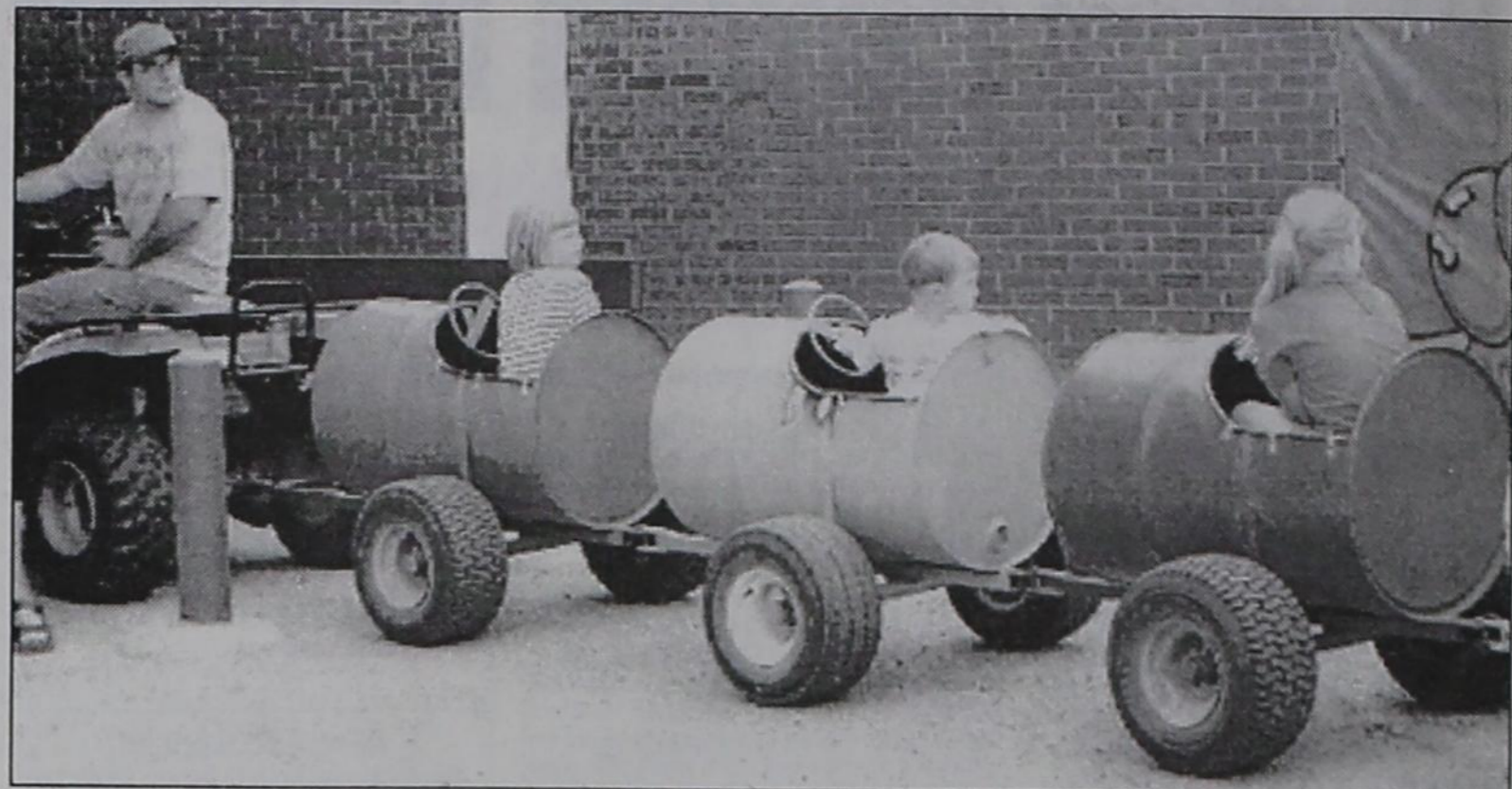
In modifying the terms of Ramirez's probation, Judge Miller found that he had failed to avoid persons or places of disreputable character; had failed to keep his probation officer informed of his address and employment status; had used alcohol and controlled substances; had failed to complete his community service; and had failed to pay most or all of the ordered fines and fees.

Desiree Lynn Luttrull pleaded guilty in 64th District Court to possession of a controlled substance (second degree) and waived a jury trial. The charge dates back to November 1999.

Under the terms of her plea bargain, she is to serve five years' probation, perform 400 hours of community service, and pay fines, fees and court costs totaling \$1,712.25.

In 242nd District Court, Juan Guerrero pleaded guilty to the May 1999 burglary of a building and waived a jury trial.

Judge Marvin Marshall sentenced Guerrero to five years' probation and ordered him to pay \$8,316 in restitution plus fines and fees totaling \$1,297.25.



ALL ABOARD!—Youngsters pile into the barrel train, ready for a ride around the grounds at Nazareth Community Hall Saturday afternoon. The barrel ride was one of many attractions for the younger

generation at the Nazareth German Festival. A sausage dinner, outdoor concert and dance, arts and crafts show and kids' games were held throughout the day.

Photo by Jenna Acker

More about

FSA disaster loans . . .

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FSA lends money and provides credit counseling and supervision to eligible applicants who operate family-size farms. Several types of loan programs are available.

Under the guaranteed loan program, FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 95% of the principle. The lender may sell the guaranteed portion of the loan to a third party; however, that will not change the relationship with the lender. All loans must meet certain criteria to be eligible for guarantees, and FSA will monitor the lender's servicing of the loan.

Farmers interested in guaranteed loans apply directly with a conventional lender, who then arranges for the guarantee.

For those unable to qualify for guaranteed loans, FSA offers direct loans, which are made and serviced by FSA officials.

Funding for director loans is limited, and applicants may have to wait until funds are available.

To qualify for a direct farm operating or direct farm ownership loan, applicants must have sufficient repayment ability and loan collateral.

"We will work with you to analyze your situation, provide technical assistance and tailor loans to meet your needs," Luebken said.

FSA also makes loans to individual rural youths interested in estab-

lishing and operating income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America and similar organizations.

Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient money to repay the loan, and provide the youngster with practical business and education experience.

FSA also has a loan program designed to help members of socially disadvantaged groups acquire land for farming in Castro County. This program covers farm ownership and farm operating loans.

Socially disadvantaged population groups include Hispanics, Native Americans, Black, Asians, Pacific Islanders and women. Persons who think they may be eligible should contact Luebken.

The operating loan interest rate has dropped to 5.25%, according to Luebken.

Operating loans may be used to

produce or lease items needed for a successful farm operation such as livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance or other operating expenses.

The farm ownership loan rate is currently based on a 6% interest rate. Contact Luebken for more information.

Correction

In the story in last week's issue on the Dimmitt School Board's July meeting, the *News* reported that the board "adopted a drug/alcohol policy that deleted all the provisions of last year's policy that have been ruled unconstitutional by federal courts."

However, the board did not approve the proposed policy. According to Supt. Les Miller, the motion to approve the gutted drug/alcohol policy failed by virtue of a 3-3 tie vote.

Barbara Bain, John Nino and David Schaeffer voted in favor of adoption, while Greg Odom, Chevo Lumbra and Paul Garcia voted against, Miller reported.

The *News* regrets the misunderstanding.

Obituaries

Deroy Cates

Funeral services for Deroy Cates, 88, of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Cates died at 8 p.m. on July 10 at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

He was born Nov. 12, 1912, in Kress. He married Lorena Boggs on Aug. 5, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. She died on April 2, 1993.

He graduated from Kress High School in 1931 and moved to Castro county in the fall of 1937. He worked as a custom combine operator and he raised and trained bird dogs. He was a member of the North Fork Hunting Dog Club. He was recently honored for more than 30 years of support of the Dimmitt Bobbies and Bobcats. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife; and a son, Kelton "Butch" Cates, on July 19, 1997.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Bob Walters of Dimmitt; a daughter-in-law and her husband, Jan and Garry Metcalf of Ulysses, Kan.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice Care, 213 W. Etter St., Dimmitt 79027; or a favorite charity.

Bill Conyers

Bill Conyers, 54, of Dimmitt, died Saturday in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Conyers was born March 1, 1947, in Ardmore, Okla. He grew up in Hereford and attended school there, graduating from Hereford High School in 1965. He moved to Dimmitt in 1968, and he married Kay Wood on Jan. 22, 1971, in Dimmitt.

He had numerous occupations until the mid 1980s when he started a water-well business, Conyers Services, which he owned and operated. He was active in the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., having served as a member for 25 years. He was treasurer and information officer for the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Brian Conyers of Dimmitt; and a brother, Fred Conyers of Austin.

The family requests memorials be to the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., or a favorite charity.

Lord, teach me to be content with the work I accomplish today. Let me not begrudge interruptions but rather welcome them as a time of communion with those around me.

State Sen. Tom Haywood dies

State Sen. Tom Haywood, 61, of Wichita Falls, died last Thursday of an apparent heart attack.

Haywood suffered from Parkinson's disease, but still played a major role in the Texas Senate.

He served as senator from District 30, which includes 32 North and West Texas counties, including Castro. A two-term Republican, he was chairman of the Senate Natural Resource subcommittee on agriculture. He had planned to announce his bid for re-election in September.

"Despite the personal challenges he faced daily, Tom never let them interfere with his commitment to serving the people of his district and his state," said Gov. Rick Perry. "Texas has lost more than a senator. We have lost someone who truly loved Texas and personified what public service is all about."

Haywood worked to establish a state agriculture policy reform bill. He also helped bring the hate crimes

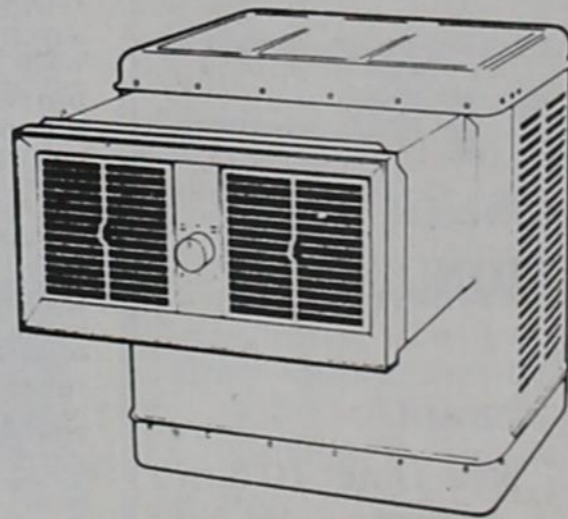
bill to debate in the Senate; and although he voted against the measure, it passed the legislature and was signed into law. He also blocked a House bill that would have required utilities to refund billions of dollars in overcharges to consumers.

Haywood was a native of the Dallas area and was a former physics professor at Midwestern State University and the University of North Texas. He also had worked as an executive with the North Texas Oil and Gas Association. He was a property-tax consultant when he retired from business in 1998.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Haywood; three daughters, Denise Haywood of Wichita Falls, Alisa Haywood Green of The Colony and Jamie Haywood Ratliff of Grand Prairie; and seven grandchildren.

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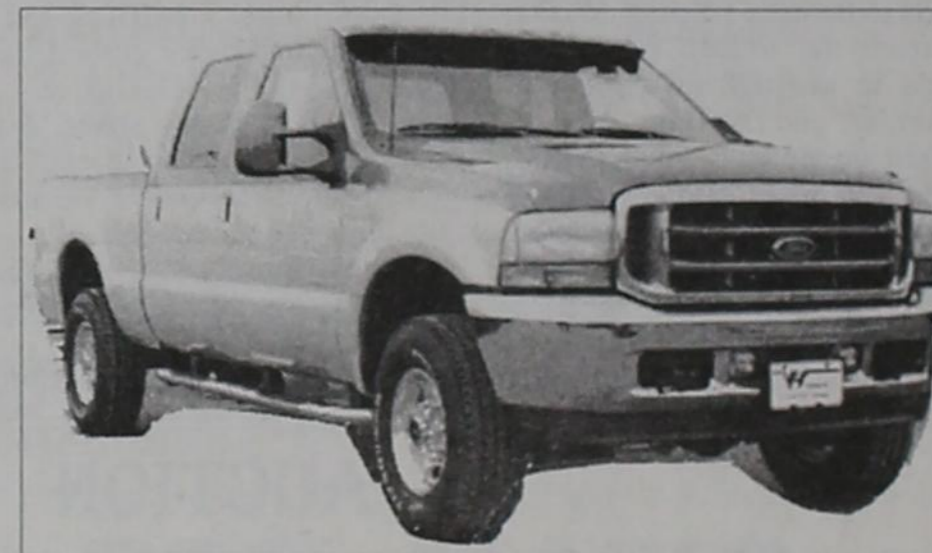


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