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LITTLE PAPOOSE—DeLesa Perez, 5, is dressed in Native American costume to match her doll at the Doll Parade held Saturday in Hart, preceding the annual Hart Days Parade. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Dimmitt schools to hold registration Wednesday

School is right around the corner for county students, but before they can attend class, they have to register.

The Dimmitt schools will be holding registration Aug. 6. School will begin Aug. 12.

Superintendent Les Miller wanted to remind the parents of all students, as they shop for school clothes, to remember the dress code.

"Saggy and baggy clothes are not allowed in the Dimmitt school system," he said.

Dimmitt High School seniors will begin registration at 8 a.m., Wednesday morning. Freshmen will follow them at 9:30 a.m., then the sophomores will follow at 11 a.m. Upcoming juniors will be able to register at 2 p.m.

All students in ninth through eleventh grade will also take their pictures on Aug. 6. They need to go to the auditorium first to have their picture made, then they can register. The dress code is in effect.

All Dimmitt Middle School students will be required to register for the 1997-98 school year on Wednesday, August 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A parent must accompany the student to the registration at the Mid-

dle School. Both the student and the parent will need to bring their social security cards.

New students will need to bring all of their information from the last school they attended.

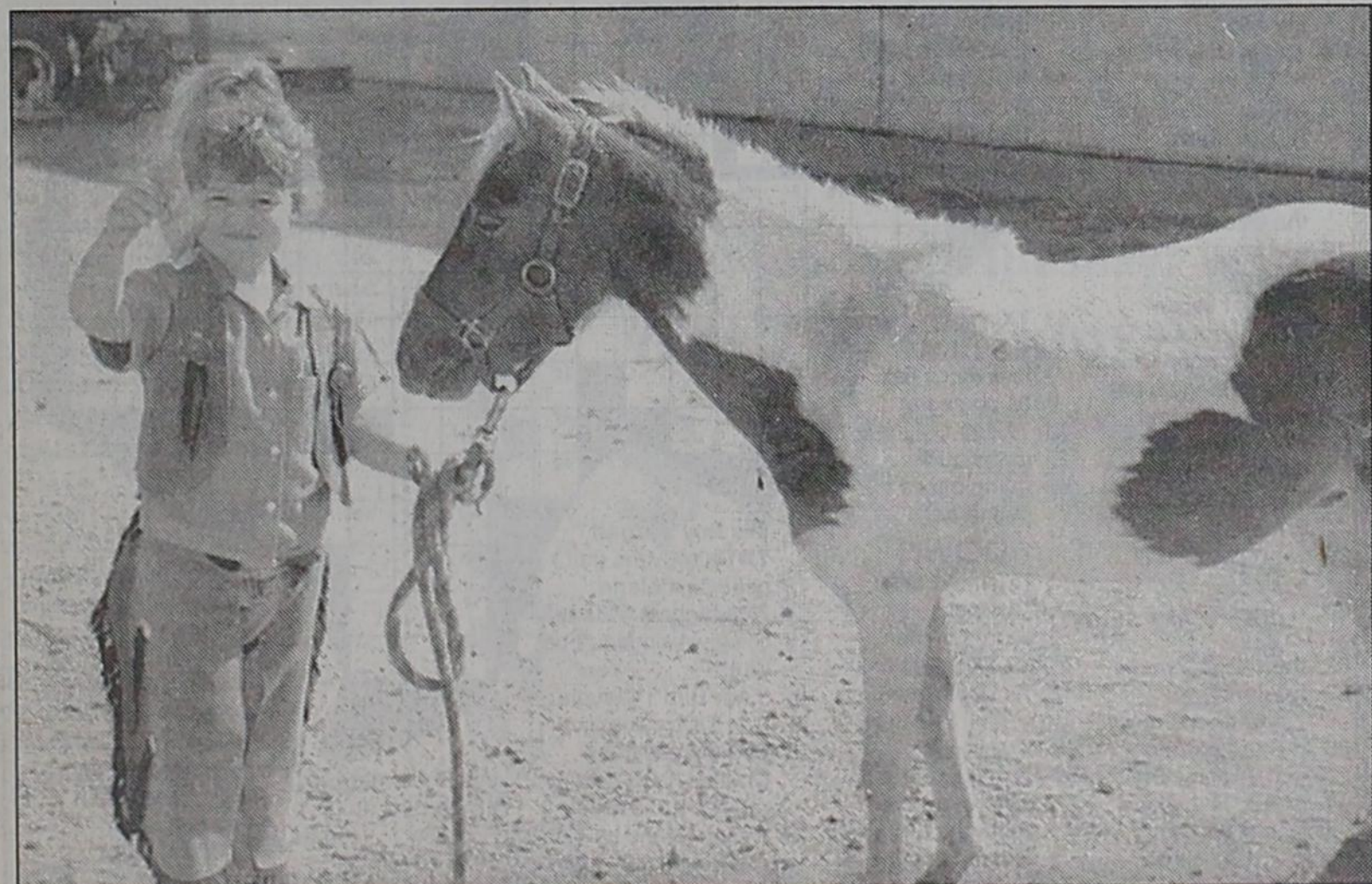
The following schedule will be implemented:

4th grade-8:30 to 9:30
5th grade-9:30 to 10:30
6th grade 10:30 to 11:30
Lunch- Building will be closed
7th grade- 1:00 to 2:00
8th grade- 2:00 to 3:00

Dimmitt Richardson Elementary students have already pre-registered. Any formalities in the registering process will be taken care of the first day of school.

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	90	61	
Friday	95	64	
Saturday	95	65	
Sunday	95	64	
Monday	95	65	
Tuesday	95	64	Tr.
Wednesday	93	65	.11
July Moisture	1.62		
1997 Moisture	12.63		



LOOK WHAT I WON!—Jacy Black of Hart won a blue ribbon with her horse Mystic during the Hart Days Pet Show last Thursday. Nine participants

showed various animals in the show including dogs, cats, a turtle, a frog and, of course, a horse. Each one of the entrants won a blue ribbon.

Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld

DISD school board

Across-the-board teacher raises approved

Dimmitt teachers will get \$1,000 more pay this year than they did last year, but hardly anyone is happy about it.

Teachers expected more because of a publicized raise in the minimum level of salaries for teachers that will go into effect if Proposition 1 is passed by the voters Aug. 9.

The school board was reluctant because of limited funding sent by the state to cover the raises.

Taxpayers won't be happy because it looks like a tax increase is likely for the school district, due to several funding issues, not just the teachers' pay.

At a called meeting July 23, the Dimmitt school board voted 6-1 to give teachers the \$1,000 increase. Voting in favor were Debbie Annen, Steve Buckley, Paul Garcia, Chevo Lumbra, John Nino, and Avery Thrasher. Earl Behrends voted against. Behrends said he ran on a platform of holding down taxes and felt he would be unable to look farmers and business owners in the eye if he voted for the increase.

Minimum teacher salaries are set by the state, and most individual school districts add a local stipend to attract and retain quality teachers. In the past, DISD has paid a local stipend of \$1,500 per year for teachers with a bachelor's degree and \$1,700 per year for those with a master's degree.

The minimum level set by the state goes up for each year a teacher has taught (called "steps"), through Step 20. 20-plus stays at the same level as 20.

The action taken by the school board took away the \$1,500 and \$1,700 local stipend, replacing it with an across-the-board \$1,000 pay increase.

Even though teachers will be making more than the previous year of their employment with the \$1,000 raise, some will be making only \$40 above state minimum, while others will be making \$880 above minimum.

Teachers at the school board meeting asked why there was any problem with maintaining the \$1,500 and \$1,700 stipend, since the legislature has said the raise in minimum salaries has been "fully funded."

DISD Supt. Les Miller said the state is only sending \$19,000 to fund the mandated raises for Dimmitt's 127 teachers. Miller said that part of the problem is the way the raises in the minimum salaries were figured.

In figuring how much the state will send local districts to fund teacher pay, penalties will be figured in for local stipends paid last year. For example, beginning teachers will make \$1,100 more in state minimum than beginning teachers made last year. DISD had paid a local stipend of \$1,500.

Miller said the state says if the district could afford the stipend, then the district should still be able to cover it. So, if the stipend was greater than the state raise, then the difference is taken off of what the state would have sent to Dimmitt to fund the raise. That is a \$400 penalty for each of the 9 teachers who will be at the beginning level. Each pay

scale "Step" has comparable penalties. At Step 1, the difference in state minimum is \$1,130, so the penalty is "only" \$370.

Beginning at Step 9, DISD finally gets out of the "loss" column. When the stipend was less than the state raise, the state pays the difference. The state minimum for Step 9 increased \$1,540, so Dimmitt will receive \$40 funding for the raise for each teacher at that step. DISD has 39 teachers at Step 20 and above. The state minimum was raised \$1,950 for those levels. DISD will receive \$450 each for those 39 teachers to fund the raise in the minimum.

Teacher salaries are funded through state foundation, federal and local funds. The state will be sending an additional \$19,000 to fund the raises, but it should have sent \$194,000 if the penalties had not been incorporated. Also, any local

stipend still must be funded locally, and, according to Miller, it will be penalized again next year, when a smaller raise in state minimums is incorporated.

If Proposition 1 fails on Aug. 9, school funding will remain the same as last year.

Miller said if the district continued the \$1,500 and \$1,700 stipends it would require \$179,593 in local funds. He said that the local budget is already facing a shortage of funds for several reasons. Local property valuations decreased enough to make the property tax revenue \$159,552 less than last year. Foundation and per capita money sent by the state will be \$257,386 less than last year. The per capita is down because student population is expected to be down by 59 students.

Three county stops highlight crop tour

The biggest event of the year for the Extension Service, the 1997 Llano Estacado Crops Tour, will take place tomorrow (Friday).

Registration for the day-long event will be between 7:30 and 8 a.m. at Flagg Fertilizer.

Sponsored by the Castro County Agricultural Committee, the Castro County IPM Committee, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the tour will feature 10 speakers and stops all around Castro County.

Six continuing education units are available for commercial, non-commercial and private applicators.

The first stop in the tour will be at Roland Stevens farm south of Dimmitt. This stop will cover corn varieties, Bt corn and drought resistant corn.

The speakers who will be featured there will be Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist in Amarillo and Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist in Amarillo.

The tour will then move on to its second stop at the farm of Lance Loudder. Here farmers will study ultra narrow row cotton. Randy Boman, the Extension Agronomist for cotton in Lubbock, will be the speaker.

At about 11 a.m. the tour will

move on to its last stop at the farm of Bob Phipps. Peter Dotray, an assistant professor (weeds and herbicides) at Texas and Tech and the Texas Ag. Extension Station, and Wayne Keeling, research weed specialist in Lubbock, will be the featured speakers as farmers study cotton pre- and post-plant herbicide application for weed control.

Lunch will then be served at Bob Phipps' farm with Danny's Fens and Hens in Lubbock catering the meal.

After the meal, Boman, Harold Kaufman, Extension plant pathologist, Jim Leser, Extension Entomologist in Lubbock and Greta Schuster, Castro and Lamb County Extension Agent, will discuss many topics concerning weed and insect control.

Among the topics discussed will be plant population, seed treatments vs. in furrow fungicides for seedling disease control, at-planting soil insecticide early for insect control in cotton and soil insecticide interaction with fungicide treated cotton seed.

The farmers then will take a break at around 2:30 p.m. before going over the final section of the tour.

Schuster and Dotray will be the speakers as farmers study drought tolerant corn, roundup ready cotton and white variety corn tests.

Early voting to end Tuesday

On Aug. 9, Texas voters will vote on Proposition 1, which would increase the amount of the homestead exemption allowance and would make the senior citizen tax freeze transferrable. These changes would only affect property taxes for school districts.

Early voting will continue through Tuesday, with early voters able to cast their ballots at the County Clerk's office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Voters should bring their voter's registration card to simplify the voting process.

On the ballot, the proposition is worded, "The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and reduction in taxes on homesteads subject to the limitation." Voters are asked to vote "for" or "against" that proposition.

Proposition 1 would increase the exemption by \$10,000, so that homeowners would be paying taxes on \$15,000 less than the appraised value of their home.

The other part of the proposition, concerning the "tax freeze" for

senior citizens, is referred to as the "portability provision."

There is a current constitutional amendment that allows school property taxes on residential homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older to be "frozen" at the same dollar amount, as long as the dwelling is used as a homestead, or until the value of the property is increased significantly by making improvements.

If the person buys and moves to another house, he or she would have to requalify for the tax freeze.

Under Proposition 1, the tax freeze would be "portable."

Benny Martinez is new assistant county agent

The Castro County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday morning to hire Benny Martinez as the new assistant county agent. He will begin his duties here Monday.

Martinez grew up in Clovis, N.M., graduating from Clovis High School in 1991. He just completed his master's degree in agricultural and extension education from New Mexico State University, where he also obtained his bachelor of science degree in animal science in 1995, graduating with honors. Also, he was a member of the Pheta Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Golden Key National Honor Society. He was named to "Who's Who" in both high school and college, and was on the Dean's List throughout his college years. He received several scholarships and won numerous awards and honors in livestock judging competitions.

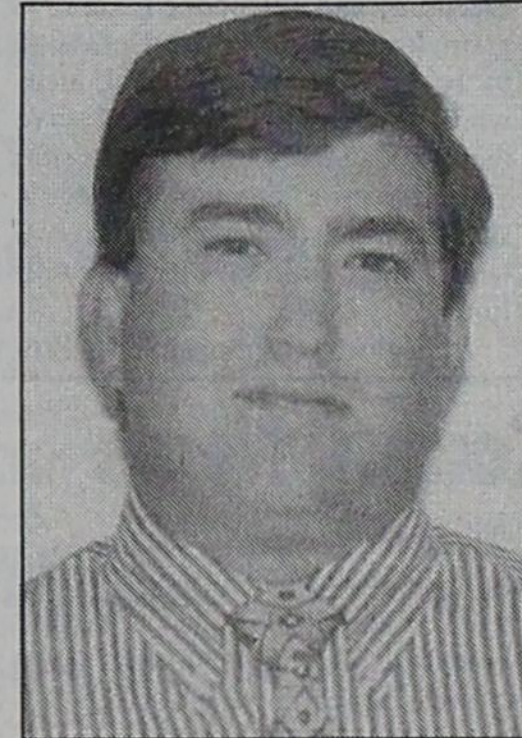
When asked why he wants to be a County Extension Agent, Martinez said he was involved in 4-H growing up in Curry County, and learned a lot through 4-H programs.

"I believe in the work ethic promoted by 4-H. I believe in 4-H and the good that the extension program does," Martinez said. "I want to help youth develop skills and a good work ethic."

Dr. Kathy Volante of the Extension Service told the commissioners that Martinez also had experience with FFA.

Martinez told the commissioners that he is bilingual.

In other business, the commissioners signed a proclamation, authorized the annual outside audit, maintained



BENNY MARTINEZ
...new Assistant County Agent
Photo by Scott Brockman

the same level of road and bridge fees, and changed the polling location for Voting Precinct 408.

The week of Aug. 4-8 was declared Community Action Week as proposed by the local office of Panhandle Community Services. Stella Devers, center coordinator of the Dimmitt office, told the commissioners that 107 elderly families have been helped with weatherization projects throughout the Panhandle, 25 of them in Castro County. She said over 17,000 one-way trips were provided by the Panhandle Transit, well over the 300 trips logged the first year of the transit's operation here.

"We feel Panhandle Community Services has worked hard in this

area, and we want to continue to be active in Castro County," Devers said. "Also, the area residents have been exceptional in their support of our programs."

A contract was approved for Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C., to perform the annual outside audit at a cost of \$10,300. The same firm has done the audit for the county for several years.

The commissioners voted to continue the \$10 fee added to state vehicle registration fees for road and bridge funds for the county precincts, as allowed by state law. The commissioners declined the opportunity to increase the fees collected.

Approval was given for the polling location for Voting Precinct 408 to be moved only for the Aug. 9 election. Voting Pct. 408 usually casts ballots at the Nazareth Community Building, but a wedding reception had already been scheduled for Aug. 9. The polling will take place at the Nazareth City Hall, pending approval by the US Justice Dept.

The other commissioners gave their blessing for Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales to continue his efforts to investigate grant funding sources for improvements needed in the courthouse, such as for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Installing a separate phone line for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission office was tabled until further information can be obtained.

A decision on whether to hire a company to audit the county's wage and payroll procedures was tabled until the next meeting of the commissioners.

Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



Space technology allows farmers to boost yields

By JIM LOVELL

Thanks to the Pathfinder spacecraft and others to arrive soon at Mars, we are vastly increasing our knowledge about our celestial neighbor.

But just as incredible as the images spacecraft transmit is the technology that makes it possible.

Cutting-edge space hardware that sends us to Mars and beyond also finds its way to benefits here on Earth in many ways we don't even realize.

Some of the most amazing advances are being applied to farming.

Growers who once relied on their observations decide how much water crops needed or the best location to lay seed now can use information from satellites put in space by private companies to improve the way they manage their crops and fields.

It's called precision agriculture and it can lead to larger profits for farmers and better crops for our planet's growing population.

Farmers have long relied on satellites for information about rainfall and other weather conditions, but precision agriculture brings advanced technologies like remote sensing to farmers so they can know more, sooner about the condition of their land.

In simplest terms, remote sensing is the process acquiring physical information from a distance.

Sensors aboard planes or satellites detect radiation reflected by objects on Earth.

Because each object has its own special "signature," the data can be interpreted to tell the difference between one kind of vegetation and another, between clear and polluted water, or between densely populated urban areas and lightly populated farmland.

With the detailed information from remote sensing satellites, we can do a better job of environmental management, civil planning for tasks such as where to place a new road so it won't cause flooding, and for farming.

In other words, remote sensing is all about information—information that can be used to protect our planet and develop our economy.

With remote sensing data, a farmer in Topeka, Kans., can monitor current crops to make adjustments in variables like fertilizer and water and can use what he learns to improve his field for the next season.

By studying the data, farmers learn more about their fields—where the land dries first, or where more herbi-

cides or pesticides are needed.

Then they can make changes in exactly the right spot by linking the remote sensing information to a precise location confirmed by data from the Global Positioning System, a 24-satellite constellation developed for the military and now available for use by the private sector.

All together, this space information—provided in large part by new companies springing up across our nation and around the globe—will allow growers to create high-tech farms for the 21st Century with higher yields, lower costs and a cleaner environment.

Satellites in space have helped turn telecommunications into a multi-million dollar private industry and a huge employer. Now the same potential exists for other commercial space industries.

In fact, revenues from remote sensing applications like the images sold to farmers are expected to grow from \$611 million in 1996 to more than \$1.2 billion by the year 2000.

Commercial space applications like remote sensing have become a huge economic engine for our country and the world.

With support and guidance from government where it's needed and a hands-off approach where it's not, remote sensing can grow from largely government applications to mainly private applications, like farming.

An ongoing NASA project is an example of a good partnership between government and entrepreneurs.

The space agency works with private companies that need help developing their business plans for the marketplace by providing them with access to NASA facilities, data and expertise.

If we continue to tap the technology and know-how that launch spacecraft to the moon and Mars, the United States can turn the wonder of space into tremendous economic growth that will benefit all of us.

Jim Lovell, commander of the heroic Apollo 13 lunar mission, heads Mission HOME (Harvesting Opportunity for Mother Earth), a campaign urging Americans to "Take Up Space!"

Readers may write to him at: Space Talk, PO Box 8797, St. Louis, Mo., 63101-8797, or visit him at the following site: www.missionhome.org on the World Wide Web.



Proposition 1 to benefit many

By TOM HAYWOOD
State Senator, Dist. 30

On Saturday, Aug. 9, Texas voters have the opportunity to give themselves a tax break. The proposed constitutional amendment, Proposition 1 on the ballot, will provide for an increase in homestead exemptions from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Additionally, senior citizens will be able to transfer their tax freeze from one property to another if they should move. If approved by the voters, the \$10,000 exemption increase will become the largest property tax cut in Texas history. The provision allowing our elder citizens to keep their taxes low will be welcome relief for those struggling on fixed pension incomes.

The idea is simple: if state government has a surplus of taxpayer money, that surplus should be returned to the citizens of Texas. This is how we intend to pay for property tax relief. Not by raising taxes, but by keeping the size of state government in check.

The 75th Legislature, challenged by Gov. George W. Bush's call for property tax relief, struggled for 140 days to find a way to reduce the tax burden of all Texans. After numerous attempts to overhaul the

antiquated Texas tax system failed, legislators decided the quickest way to give property tax relief to homeowners was to refund the \$1 billion budget surplus. This budget surplus will be used to replace the revenue school districts will lose as a result of the increased exemptions. Overall, this represents a progressive average tax refund of \$140 to \$150 per homestead.

The proposed constitutional amendment will also provide relief for senior citizens. Currently, property taxes are frozen at the rate in effect when a homeowner reaches the age of 65. However, if the homeowner decides to sell their home and purchase another, they must pay taxes on the value of their new home at the rate established at the time of purchase. If voters approve Proposition 1, senior

citizens will be able to transfer the limited tax rate to another qualified homestead. The seasoned citizens of our state will not longer be penalized for changing their place of residence after the age of 65.

Another benefit from the passage of Proposition 1 will be an increase in salary for some of the hardworking educators of this state. For those teachers who are currently receiving the state mandated minimum salary, the companion legislation for the constitutional amendment will grant them a modest 8% increase in salary for the next school year, and a 3.5% increase for the following year. This percentage increase may vary from district to district. For school districts that compensate their teachers above the state minimum pay, it will be up to the local school board to decide whether their teachers should receive a pay increase.

The Governor and Legislature have done the right thing by offering citizens a \$1 billion refund resulting in the largest tax cut in Texas history. Now it's up to the voters to approve it or reject it. I encourage everyone to vote in this election because more than just providing a tax cut, you are sending a message that will help foster more tax cuts in the future.

Letter

Castro County should be proud

Dear Editor:
The people of Castro County are very fortunate and should be proud of the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Department.

Recently our children were involved in a motor vehicle accident in rural Castro County. Upon arrival at the accident site we found the Nazareth volunteers knowledge and professionalism a comfort.

The Dimmitt EMS/Paramedics were superior in stabilizing the kids and were very supportive to the families. Officer Smith of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Castro County Sheriff's Department, and the Canyon EMS crew was superb and very courteous.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all personnel who assisted at the scene, each of you have a special place in our hearts.

May God bless each of you, especially in your assisting of others.
MICHAEL AND INGRID GRAVES
ROGER AND CONNIE JONES
MICHAEL AND KIPA KOENNING

The number one foreign language studied in the public schools is Spanish.

Letter

Senators do not understand 'fairness'

Dear Editor:
Senators Tom Daschle and John Rockefeller staged another "patented pity party" the other day on C-SPAN to define "fairness".

"All we want is to be fair," Senator Daschle said and turned the microphone over to Senator (look his family up in the Worldbook) Rockefeller, who wanted to give this poor family an extra \$500 a year. That's all right, except it is taxpayers' money, not his money.

How can these two Senators who are paid twelve times as much taxpayer money as this couple makes in a year doing productive work, define "fairness" as \$500 and not be hooted off the stage?

Here's my hoot!
May God save us from big government!

WILLIAM P. DANNEVICK

Letter

12 outrageous government giveaways need to be cut

Dear Editor:

The Public Citizen, a organization protecting health and safety and democracy since 1971, founded by Ralph Nader, and its Bipartisan Coalition of consumer taxpayer and good government groups hope to cut \$11 billion in corporate handouts from the federal budget this year. They are also trying to work to get our Texas Congressional Delegation to cut 12 outrageous government giveaways. They are:

1. Timber Roads in the National Forests: Most were built for access for timber companies a long time ago. If private companies now profit from destroyed lands they—not the taxpayers—should pay for the full cost of the roads. The savings would be \$100 million.
2. Clean Coal Technology Program: This helps private industry develop commercial ways to use coal in environmentally sound ways. It benefits electric utilities, and large industrial users of coal who can afford to develop their own new products. This would save taxpayers \$500 million.
3. Market Access Program: This program helps U.S. Agricultural exporters, including several successful companies like Hershey and Campbell Soup to promote their products overseas. Savings would be \$347 million.
4. Animas-LaPlata Project: American taxpayers are footing the bill for irrigating low-value crops on corporate farms. Savings: \$432 million.
5. Plutonium Pyroprocessing Program: Big companies like Westinghouse, General Electric, and British Nuclear Fuels benefit from this program—but it is safer and cheaper to simply bury the nuclear waste. Savings: \$100 million.
6. Rural Utility Service (RUS) Electricity and Telephone Loan Program: It was begun in the depression to bring electricity to rural areas when other utilities would not serve them. Today RUS still provides subsidized loans to one type of electric supplier which no longer needs assistance. This would save us \$190 million.
7. Highway Demonstration Pro-

jects: These are specific construction projects that members of congress have requested—from paving a gravel road to building a multi-lane highway. Often these projects are not needed or cause environmental damage. This would save us \$4 billion.

8. Fossil Energy Research and Development Program: Oil, coal and gas research that benefits companies like Exxon, Chevron and Texaco—and that private companies already are developing on their own. Savings: \$1.37 billion.

9. Appalachian Regional Commission Road Program: This program is supposed to promote long-term economic development in the 13 Appalachian states. While it benefits construction companies, most of the roads simply link affluent urban centers with other affluent urban centers. This would save us \$500 million.

10. Overseas Private Investment Corporations: Provides government loans and insurance to U.S. companies that invest in risky, developing countries—benefiting large corporations and politically connected individuals. If their investments pay off, they benefit. If not, taxpayers foot the bill. Savings: \$281 million.

11. IMF General Agreements to Borrow: This International Monetary Fund Program is intended to prevent "international monetary crises" caused by developing countries that cannot pay their bills—usually to big American banks. Taxpayers bail out the bank—and encourage developing countries to continue wasting money on loans that harm their economies and their environment. This would save us \$3.5 billion.

12. FCC Licensing of Spectrum Channels: "Spectrum" is a term for a new high-density spectra of wavelengths that soon will be carrying clearer, better TV and radio signals. But instead of auctioning or charging fees for the use of these valuable wavelengths, as the FCC does with AM and FM radio bandwidths, they are simply giving them away to networks and media corporations! Savings: \$3.6 billion.

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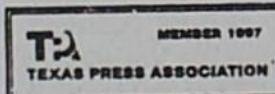
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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "two peas in a..."
- 5 TXism: "___ as a squirrel up a tree"
- 6 Hereford is "town without a tooth"
- 7 TXism: "that gets my dander ___"
- 8 TX Charley Pride's "Then Who ___?"
- 9 ex-Ranger slugger: Ruben Sierra
- 15 TXism: "build the coop before you buy the chickens"
- 16 ex-Ranger catcher Geno
- 18 TXism: "___ a lick of sense"
- 20 green stroke at TX's Byron Nelson Classic
- 21 where Rangers bat the best slugger
- 26 TX screenwriter of "Hook" & "Dracula" in San Antonio: Ernie Street
- 29 get ready to drill again
- 30 in Anderson Co. on 294
- 32 shortened "howdy"
- 33 TXism: "___ bottom of a well"
- 36 in San Antonio: ___ Adams St.
- 37 TXism: "it'll take a faith healer to ___ it"
- 38 Boerne's titless cave "is too pretty ___"
- 39 Arlington citizens pay ___ sales tax for ballpark

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "drunk ___ skunk"
- 2 source of money for TX politicians
- 3 TX Department ___ Services
- 4 ___ of Texas (where the stars shine big & bright)
- 8 TXism: "best I ever wrapped ___ around"
- 9 TXism for "learn"
- 10 TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit"
- 41 lake near Burnet
- 42 TX Carolyn Jones was Morticia ___ on TV
- 45 TXism: "ridin' ___ horse" (arrogant)
- 46 Chester, TX is named for this Pres. Arthur (init.)
- 47 TX pitching legend Nolan
- 48 TXism: "that ___ won't float" (won't work)
- 49 big TX hat
- 52 holders of TX Blue Bell products
- 53 TXism: "___ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- 54 TXism: "___ it in the bud"
- 55 Irving-based phone co.
- 11 this Roy married TX Dale Evans (init.)
- 12 near Candelaria, TX's highest waterfall
- 13 cowtown slogan: "Foat Wuth, ___ Yaw"
- 14 "Lady Bird": Claudia ___ Taylor Johnson
- 15 UT's Humanities Ctr. has handwritten songs by this artist
- 16 TXism: "bland as beans without salt ___"
- 17 TXism: "I'm ___ to do it" (can't wait)
- 19 this TX Storm was "My Little Margie"
- 27 Odessa AM station
- 28 Dallas JFK museum: "The ___ Floor"
- 31 TXism: "wouldn't know him from ___"
- 34 San Antonio shoe
- 35 Gov. ___ Campbell
- 37 to pretend
- 40 ___ choo train
- 43 to color hair
- 44 TXism: "boot scootin' ___"
- 50 TXism: "fits like ugly on ___"
- 51 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___Sueur

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Francis and Bea Acker and Dicky and Shirley Schacher spent the weekend of July 12-13 at Ruidoso. They enjoyed playing golf, going to the horse races and the casino.

Francis and Bea had house guests on the weekend of July 18-20. Katrina Armes and Cierra of New Home came home for a three-day weekend, while her husband, Jeff, was in a golf tournament. On Saturday morning, Heath Acker of Canyon and Scott Acker of Lubbock came home to play golf with Francis. Saturday evening, they went to Amarillo to watch the Dillas-Crickets baseball game.

Grandma and Grandpa Acker enjoyed the three days they had playing with the grandbaby and visiting.

Howard and Belinda Rhodes had many visitors in their home lately. For the past week, those staying at their house included Amber and Phil Peacock and Seth of Standardsville, Va.; Jeff Rhodes and Lance of Plainview; and Greg Rhodes of College Station, who came in on Thursday.

On Sunday Howard and Belinda held a family gathering. Those attending were Mrs. Maybrian Rhodes, David and Betty Smith, and Sharon and Larry Rector and Janet, all of Friona; Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes of Bovina; Pam Heinrich and Justin of Slaton; Scott and Mendy Warlick of Amherst; Cleatus Rhodes of Tatum, N.M.; Koby and Ramona Rhodes and Lynsey, Justin and Lacy of Cheyenne, Okla.; Margaret Coker of Amarillo; Ross and Shayla Armstrong and Brandon and Maggie of Amarillo; and Barbara Grimsley of Friona.

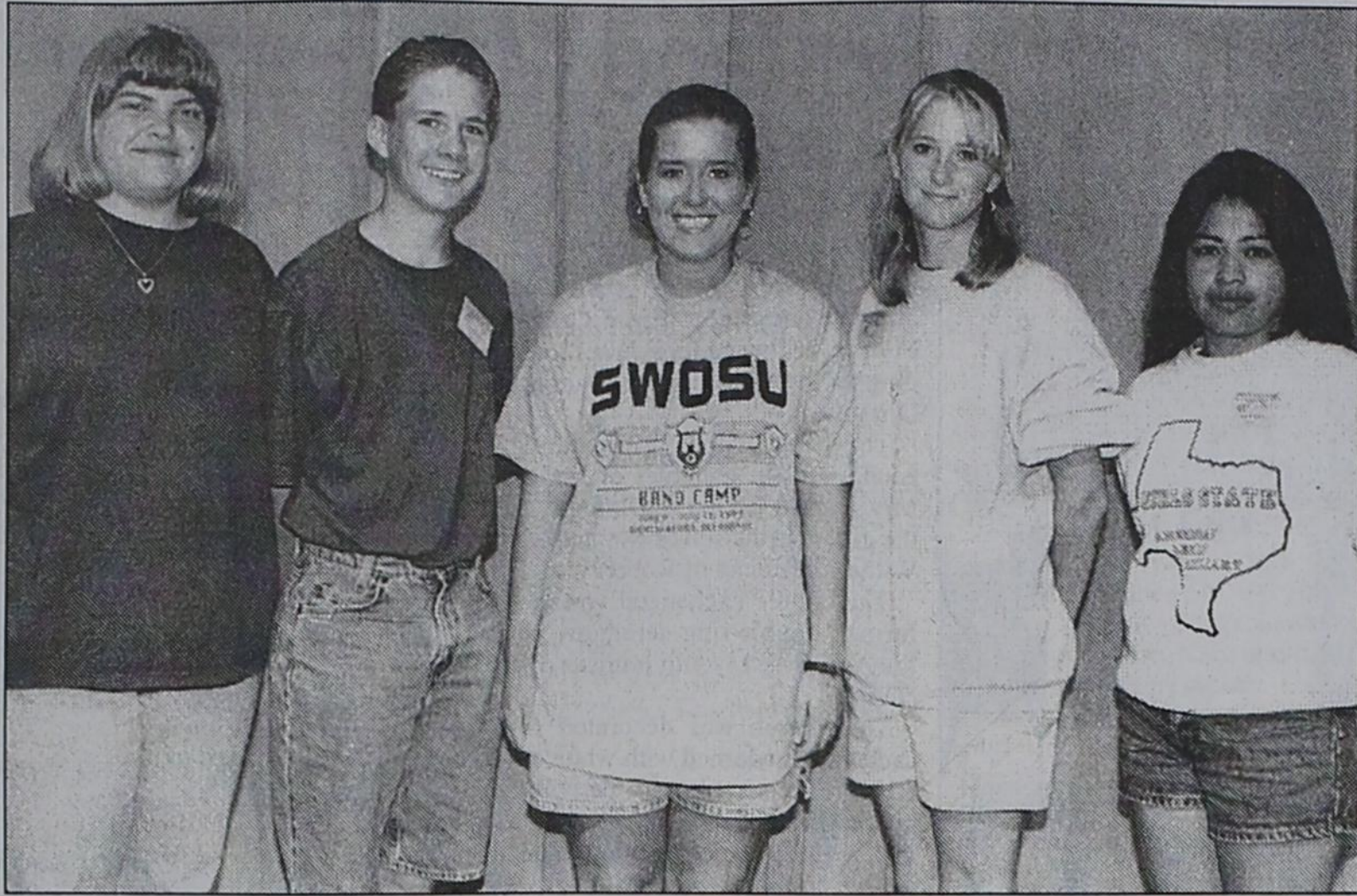
The entire congregation of the Church of Christ met in the backyard of Steve and Vicki Buckley on Sunday evening. A church service was conducted with a short sermon and singing. This was a farewell party for Ronnie and June Parker, who are moving to Weatherford. A hamburger cookout was enjoyed by a large crowd who attended. The Parkers will be missed.

The children and grandchildren of Houston and Doris Lust hosted a reception to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary that was held at the First United Methodist Church Saturday evening. A large crowd attended this special occasion for a lovely couple. One table was filled with pick-up foods and fruit, and another table held the delicious cakes, one white and one spice, that were served with punch. Beautiful flower arrangements were on both tables. The children are Sue Summers, Flo Touchstone, Ann Cayton, and Joe and Rex Lust.

Opha Burks was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club and she served a delicious cherry cheesecake for dessert. Emily Clingsmith won high score and Alma Kenmore won second high score. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Neva Hickey, Bernice Hill, Louise Mears, Carol Lantz, Cleo Forson, Ina Rae Cates, Elizabeth Huckabay and Bill Thornton.

Our sympathy to the family of Shirley Stephens.

This is a small world after all! Gale



FOUR CASTRO COUNTY STUDENTS attended the 42nd annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University band camp July 6-11 on the Weatherford campus. They were (from left) Susan Lange and Quentin Jones, both of Nazareth, and (from right) Dora Rodriguez and Wyndi Law, both of Hart. In the middle is Liz

and Verna Sadler are missionaries to Tanzania, Africa and our new pastor at First Baptist Church, Howard and Belinda Rhodes, were in Africa as missionaries and have known the Sadlers for a long time. Gale and Verna have been in the states on furlough and on Sunday during the Sunday School hour at First Baptist Church they told of their ministry in Tanzania. They showed some slides of the country and the people and their work there, and in some of the pictures were Howard and Belinda Rhodes! The Sadlers gave each one a letter opener and a small coin. Gale and Verna are former residents of Sunnyside.

Faye Mohon conducted the children's sermon on Sunday morning, and she talked about saying something you would regret later. She blew some bubbles and told the children you can't bring the bubbles back, just as you can't bring your words back!

Janet Rector of Friona is the great niece of Bro. Howard Rhodes and she sang a special message in song during the morning service at First Baptist Church.

Brandon Burks has spent the summer with his grandparents, Charles and Opha Burks.

Ben Scott took his mother, Lois Scott, to her school homecoming

Sunday at Bradshaw. (This is near Abilene.) She reported a good time visiting with former school mates and relatives. There was lots of delicious food and many took some food home.

Frances Goodwin was honored on July 10 with a surprise 80th birthday celebration while she was in the Plains Memorial Hospital. The party was held in the dining room of the hospital. Her daughter, Ricki Dane of Big Lake, planned the party and other relatives assisted. The kids blew up 80 balloons of all colors and tied them together in bunches to take to the hospital. P.O. Goodwin gave his wife 80 roses, all colors, and baked a birthday cake while Ricki decorated it. There were 60 guests, and they enjoyed the fun, cake and punch that was served.

Out-of-town guests were Debbie and Gabe Goodwin of Friona; June Blakemore, a niece, Donald Vearna, a nephew, and his wife Dorothy, all of Shamrock; Gene and Leah Goodwin of Lubbock; Anthony, Karen, Christelle and Amanda Gibson of Abilene; Scott and Katy Nelson and children, Hanna, Sarah, Leah and Jacob of Friona; Robert and Danetta Freeman and boys, Travis, Trevor and Trent of Clovis; Karla Fuentes and Quaid and Amber of Iraan; Brandi and Bill Gunn of Jefferson City, Miss.; and Tiffany Dane and children, Johnna and Justin of Ozona.

Ferne Jones of Dimmitt and her family, Ferne's two sisters Verne and Bob and family of Wellington, and Ina and Ray Vaughan and family of Dumas enjoyed a three-sister reunion at the Ramada Inn in Amarillo recently. They enjoyed visiting, eating out and just having fun!

Joan and Paul Craig visited Randall Craig while he was working in Dallas. Paul was excited about going to Six Flags and Joan enjoyed touring the art galleries.

Dickerson had Rusty's parents from Lubbock as well as friends visiting in church.

Ina Ray Cates and her daughter, Dann, of Lubbock visited Alma Kenmore in church. Dorothy Sheffy had grandchildren from Tulsa visiting, and Bill Thornton had his two daughters and a son-in-law and granddaughter with him in church. Mildred Bradford had a houseful of guests from Canada and Tennessee who were here for Doris and Houston Lust's 50th anniversary reception. Houston and Doris celebrated early since their family was visiting.

Eight more folks did gleaning on Tuesday and shared with Breedlove Food Bank and several needy families.

Martha Dannevik is home after successful knee surgery and Shirley Wise spent a day or so in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Castro and Bailey Counties celebrated Cultural Arts Day July 22 at Muleshoe. Marilyn Neal, Castro County Agent, gave an informative lesson on "Care of Antique Fabrics," and the importance of putting clothes away clean after each season and not

in plastic, but old sheets to cover. Marilyn also gave a lesson on candle making, and she shared the project of Parenting Packets which the local group assembled for new mothers.

Gail Gladden, the FCE agent for Bailey County, gave a welcome to the 26 women who attended, and presented the lesson on Button Art, and presented suggestions to interest new members to FCE.

The third leader, Iris Johnson of Portales, gave the workshop on Quilt Painting, Chair Weaving and Care of Photographs.

Those attending from Dimmitt besides Marilyn, were Faye Mohon, Claudine Langford and Betty Freeman, who will share these lessons with the FCE members at their next meeting on Aug. 8 at 10:15 a.m. in the Courthouse basement meeting room. Each of the women attending had time to "show and tell" some of their hobbies. Claudine showed a lovely baby quilt; Faye showed an angel made from antique handkerchiefs, and Betty showed a knitted baby sweater set. It was a FUN DAY. Our group would welcome any women who are interested in Family and Community, as we have varied programs which are very beneficial.

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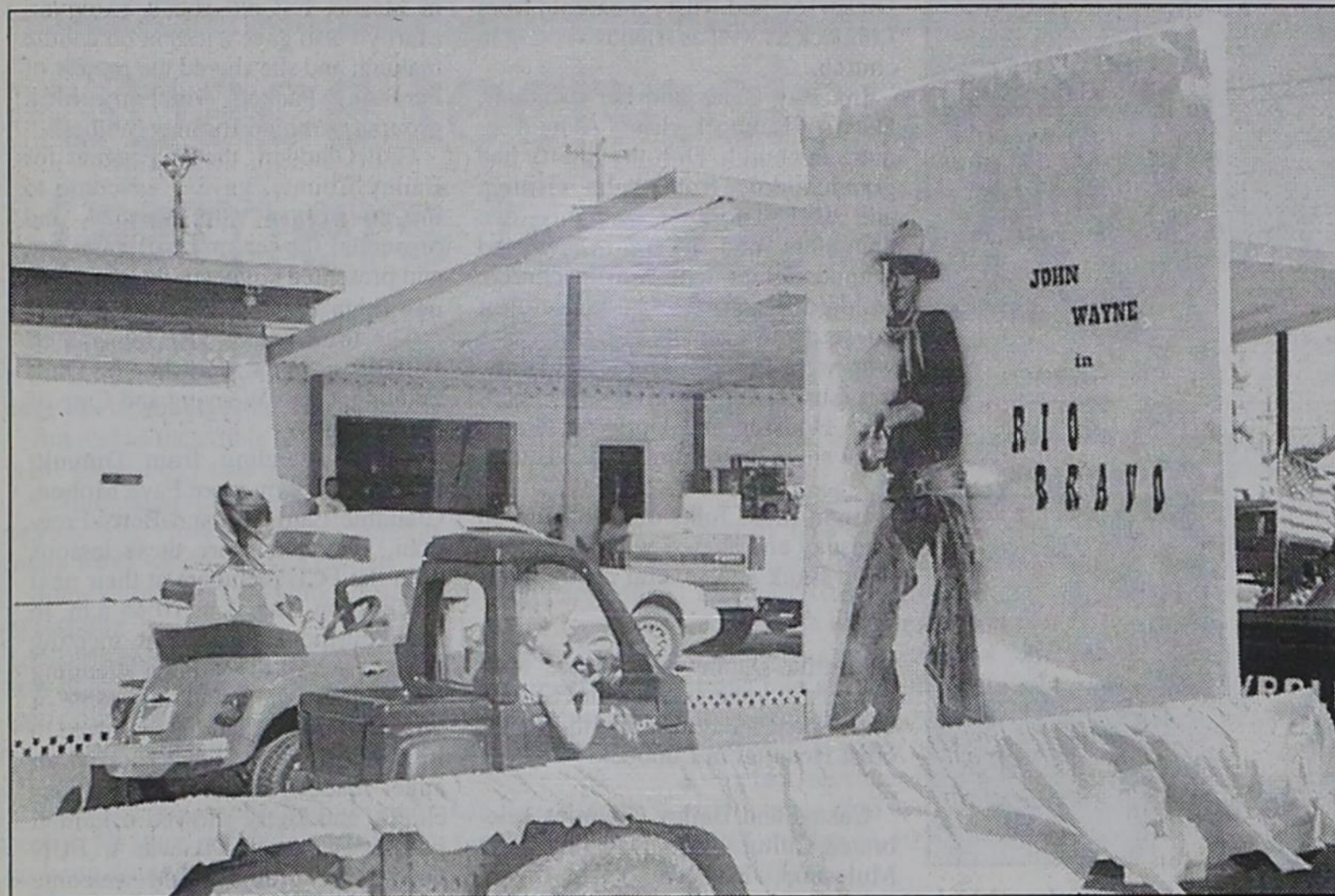
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FIRST PLACE FLOAT at the annual Hart Days Parade Saturday morning is this depiction of a drive-in movie theater. The float was entered by Hart Auto/Jim Black Oil. On the float are Tiffany and Bailey Hooper. The theme for the parade was "The

'50s." Other float winners were Cargill, with a depiction of dancers and loungers dressed in the '50s style, second; and the W.I.T.H. Association, with "Elvis and Friends," third.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Mr. and Mrs. Pammy Millican establish new home in Silverton

Mr. and Mrs. Pammy Lynn Millican are at home in Silverton after a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, following their July 12 wedding in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

The bride is the former Jill Suzanne Gfeller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gfeller of Dimmitt, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbern Millican of Robert Lee.

The couple exchanged vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony with Randy Gressett, youth minister, officiating.

The church was decorated with candelabras adorned with white tulle and greenery, urns of periwinkle hydrangeas, tulle and fern pew bows and a unity candle centered on a Gothic column.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a white wedding gown by Isis. The bodice of Alencon lace was encrusted with pearls and sequins and featured a sweetheart neckline, leg-o-mutton sleeves and a dropped waistline coming to points in front and back. Hand-beaded lace cut-outs swept down the front of the gown and bordered the entire skirt. The back cut to a deep vee, which was accentuated with a large satin and lace bow centered with a rosette. The full satin skirt swept into a cathedral-length train adorned with lace cut-outs re-embroidered with pearls and sequins. Her fingertip-length veil of illusion was anchored by an elegant pearl crown. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies and English ivy.

Her maid of honor was her friend, Tori Baker of Amarillo. Bridesmaids were Mandy Gfeller of Dimmitt, sister-in-law of the bride, and Tiffany Wilcox of Dimmitt and Angie Duckworth of Arlington, friends of the bride.

Serving his friend as best man was Kyle Gibbs of Robert Lee. Groomsmen were Wes Hood of Bedford, Cody Anthony of Midland, and Jon Roger of Lubbock, all friends of the groom.

Candle lighters were Matt Gfeller of Dimmitt, brother of the bride, and Jason Wink of Lubbock, friend of the groom.

Flower girl was Courtney Flinn, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Matt Gfeller, Coby Summers of Dimmitt, friend of the couple, and Jason Wink and H.P. Skipworth of



MRS. PAMMY LYNN MILLICAN ... nee Jill Suzanne Gfeller.

Robert Lee, both friends of the groom.

The feminine attendants wore teal-length gowns of periwinkle georgette featuring an empire waist, scooped neckline and a long sash tied in a bow in the back. They carried mixed bouquets of snapdragons, daisies, iris, queen's lace and fern.

Organist was Deanne Clark and pianist was Walter Maynard. Soloist was Vivien Bennett. Selections included *I'll Still Be Loving You*, *Your Love Amazes Me*, *Wedding Song*, and *The Lord's Prayer*.

Following the ceremony, a wedding celebration was held at the Hereford Country Club. The reception tables held crystal and silver appointments and were draped with tulle and greenery. The unique wedding cake appeared to be four tiers of elegant packages accented with golden and lace ribbons. The matching groom's

cake was a chocolate package confection.

For her traveling attire, the bride selected a denim dress with a tucked bodice, complemented with navy accessories and pearl jewelry.

The bride is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and is a junior at West Texas A&M University, where she is majoring in special education.

The groom obtained his bachelor of science degree in animal science from Angelo State University, and his master's in agricultural education from Texas Tech University. He is employed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Silverton.

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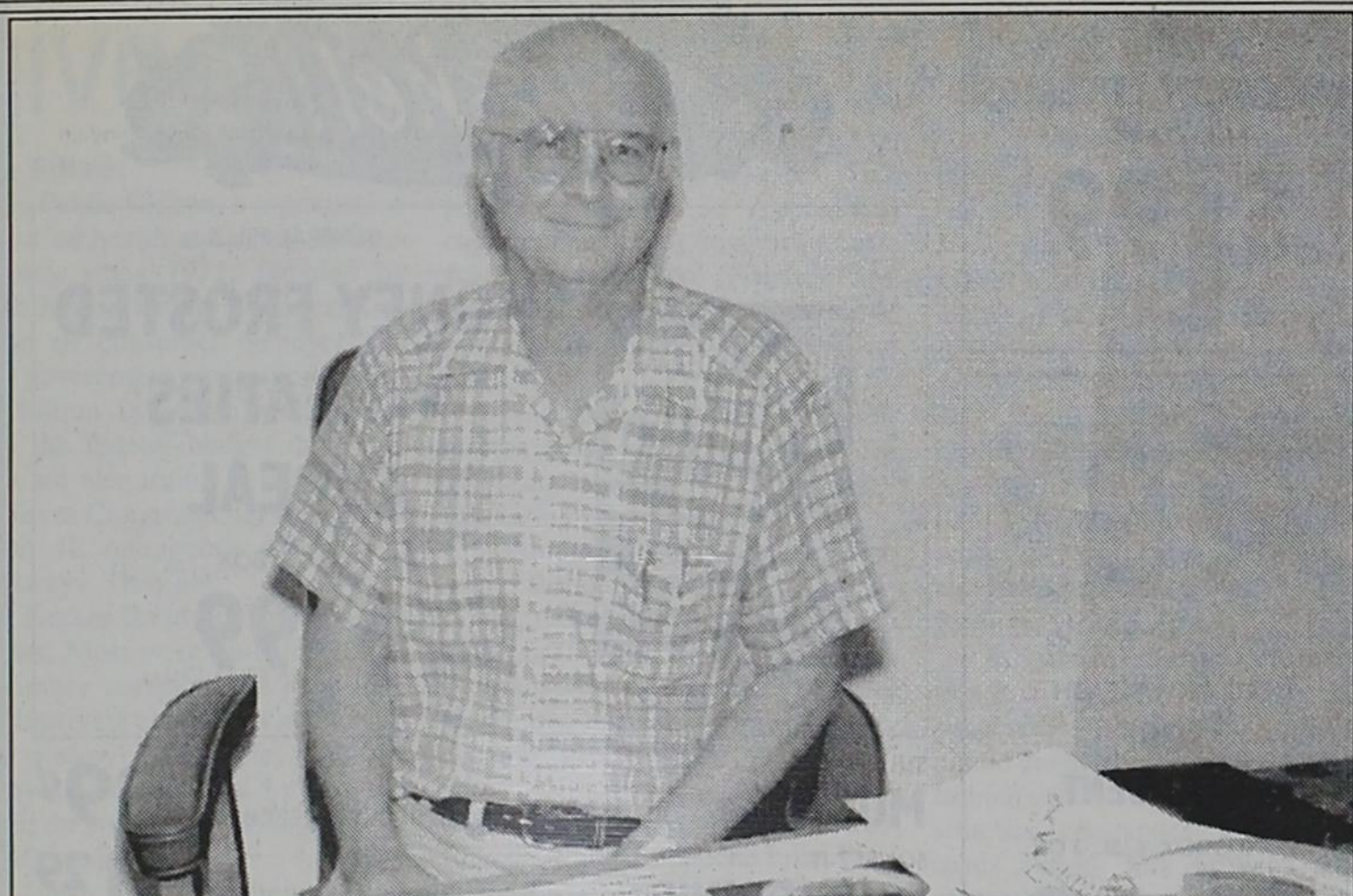
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Michael and Norma Smothermon of Indio, Calif., announce the birth of a baby boy, John William born June 5 at Palm Desert Hospital in Palm Springs, Calif. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and was 19½ inches long. He has an older brother, Thomas Samuel, who is 2½ years old. His grandparents are Delbert and Jackie Smothermon of the Easter Community.

Plains Memorial Hospital
Floyd and Mariza Lopez, Jr. of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Marco Antonio Lopez, born July 24. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Floyd Lopez Sr. and Mary Lopez, both of Dimmitt, and maternal grandparents are Antonio and Rufina Rodriguez of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Lala Nunez of Mexico, Maria Lopez of Lubbock, and Rosa Rodriguez and Josepha and Gabino Rodriguez, all of Dimmitt.



We Salute

Dr. Bill Murphy

Dr. Bill Murphy is the dean of Castro County's physicians, having practiced family medicine in Dimmitt more than 32 years. We're proud to have him on the staff of the Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Dr. Murphy serves our local people in all phases of family medicine, including limited surgery. He also is certified in advanced cardiac life support and advanced trauma life support. He has been a member since 1963 of the American Academy of Family Practice, which requires 150 hours of continuing medical education every three years to maintain certification.

In addition to treating thousands of patients and performing countless surgeries, he has delivered more than 2,000 babies.

Dr. Murphy was raised in Dimmitt. His father, Andrew, farmed here and his mother, Ola, was the Castro County clerk for many years.

He was an all-regional football player in Dimmitt High School, and still is an enthusiastic fan of our local teams.

After graduating from high school in 1951, he attended Abilene Christian University and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, receiving his M.D. degree in 1959.

He practiced medicine in Littlefield five years before joining Dr. R. E. Cogswell here in 1965. He owned and operated the Dimmitt Medical Clinic from 1966 through 1995, then joined the Medical Center of Dimmitt in early '96.

His main hobbies are fishing and bird hunting. He also is a trained musician and singer. (His youngest brother, Fawayne, was a career tenor with the Metropolitan Opera in New York.)

Dr. Murphy's main avocation in recent years has been missionary work in the Ukraine. He has been to the Ukraine "six or seven times" for periods up to two months, teaching Christianity and performing medical services. It was on a missionary trip there that he met his wife, Yulia.

Dr. and Mrs. Murphy, who are members of the Church of Christ, plan to go back to the Ukraine for about three weeks in October.

"I enjoy practicing for the people of Castro County," he said. "I like to try to keep Castro County as healthy as possible."

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The Arts and Crafts Show will be held in conjunction with the annual celebration. Other activities will include a parade, fiddler's contest, kid's tractor pull, rodeo, street dance and much more.

Each booth is 10 ft. wide and 12 ft. deep. The cost is \$30 for a space within the Expo Building and \$25 for spaces in the Quonset barn and outside. Spaces within the Expo are very limited and are offered on a first come, first serve basis. One table and two chairs will be furnished to exhibitors. All display equipment must be brought by the exhibitor.

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Leonard and Rose Mary Wilhelm

Wilhelms celebrate 50th anniversary

Leonard and Rose Mary Wilhelm of Nazareth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday with a mass in Holy Family Catholic Church, followed by a reception. The mass will begin at 4 p.m. and the reception will follow immediately in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Leonard married Rose Mary Guggemos August 6, 1947, in Nazareth. They have farmed and ranched for 50 years in the Nazareth area. Hosting the event are Joy and Larry Ringwald, Dean and Diana Wilhelm, Julius and Kathy Birkenfeld, and the couple's eight grandchildren.

Parade winners named at Hart Days celebration

Winners at the annual Hart Days Parade held Saturday morning were honored in several different categories. Theme of the parade was "The '50s." Honored pioneers were Glen Reed and Jometa McLain.

'50s Cars
1. 1954 Chevy pickup owned by Stan and Dustin Dyer and driven by Dustin Dyer. 2. 1950 Chevy, owned and driven by Benny Moore; and 3. 1955 Chevy pickup, owned and driven by Shane McLain, with Drew Higgins and Christopher George, passengers.

Floats
1. Hart Auto/Jim Black Oil, a depiction of a drive-in movie, with Tiffany and Bailey Hooper; 2. Cargill, dancers and loungers of the '50s, with Buddy Seago, Debbie Scott, Donald Robinson, Ismael Carrasco, Abelino Carrasco, Uvalo Moroles, Alonzo Trevizo, and Sarah Seago; and 3. W.I.T.H. Association, "Elvis at the Soda Shop."

'50s Tractors
1. 1950 Oliver Row Crop 66, owned by Paul Brooks and driven by Rene Mata; 2. 1950 Farmall McCormick Model M, owned by Jimmy Ray Davis and driven by Efrén Guerrero Sr.; and 3. 1959 John Deere 530 owned by Rowland Smith and driven by Zachary Smith.

General Tractors
1. 1973 John Deere, owned and driven by Bob McLain; 2. 1934 Model D John Deere, owned by Jimmy Ray Davis, driven by Efrén Guerrero Jr., with Kristy Franco, passenger; and 3. 1952 MW John Deere, owned by Jessica Brown, driven by Stephen Brown.

General Cars
1. 1931 Ford pickup owned and driven by Jack George; 2. 1931 Ford, owned and driven by Lytton Stark, with passenger Ola Stark; 3. 1967 Ford Mustang, owned by Jack George and driven by T.R. George.

Tickets on sale for Muleshoe musical

The Muleshoe Production Company will stage its third annual production of "Keepers of the Legend" Aug. 8-11 at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

The production is a fictional account of early Twentieth Century Bailey County and its settlers. It features song, dance and dramatic performances by local and area actors and musicians.

Cowboys, Indians, live animals and a moving locomotive provide entertainment for those attending.

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

Performances will begin each evening at 8:30 p.m.

The Muleshoe Heritage Center is located just north of Highway 84 on the west edge of Muleshoe.

Tickets are \$10 for adults at the gate, \$8 in advance. Children 12 and under are \$5. Lap children are free.

A season pass may be purchased for \$25, and groups may call for special discounts and accommodations.

Those wishing to purchase tickets in advance or to obtain more information about the show should call 806-272-4405, 272-5612, 272-5476, or 272-3770.

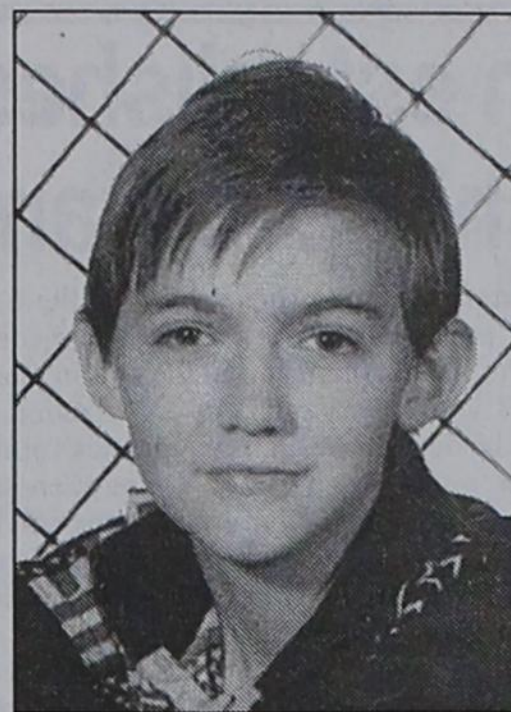
Wright is Achievement Academy award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Cliff Wright, a Dimmitt Middle School student, has been named a United States National Award Winner in science.

Wright was nominated for this national award by Debra Ball, a teacher at the school. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.



Cliff Wright

Wright is the son of Jim and Danice Wright of Dimmitt. His grandparents are Katy and Donald Wright of Dimmitt and Dan and Shirley Davis of Leander.

Bethel to hold garage sale and ice cream social

The Bethel community will hold a garage sale and its end-of-the-summer ice cream social on Saturday, Aug. 9.

The garage sale will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bethel Community Building, located nine miles west of Dimmitt and a mile south on County Road 505.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to replace the building's roof and make other needed repairs.

The ice cream social also will be held at the Bethel Community Building and it is slated to begin at 7 p.m.



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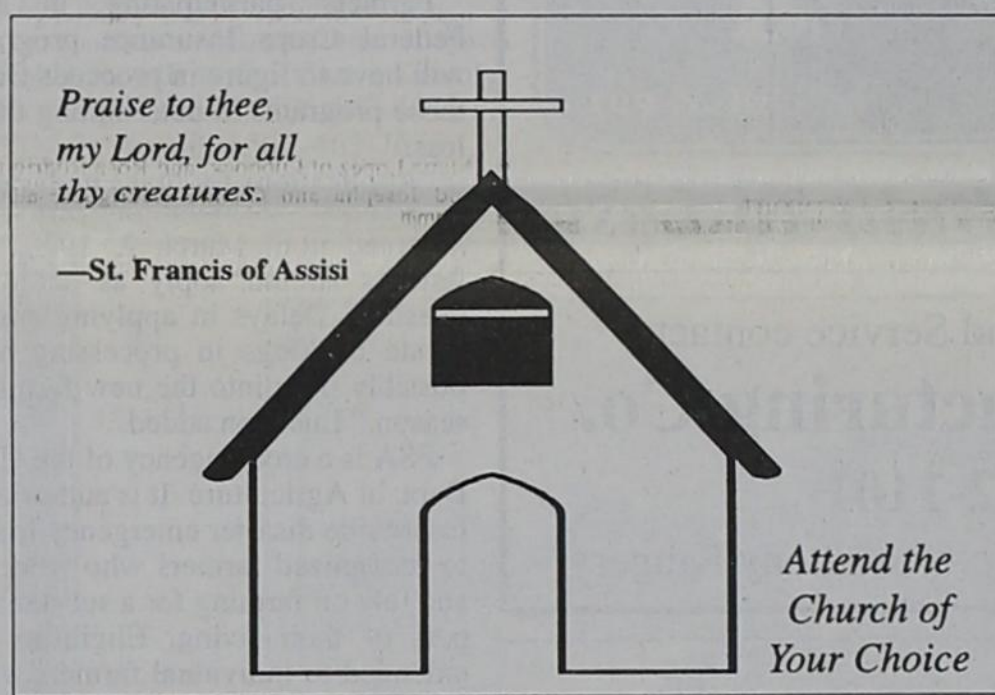
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Beet growers association establishes Bill J. Cleavinger Internship program

The American Sugarbeet Growers Association in Washington, D.C., has established a national internship program in honor of the late Bill Cleavinger, one of the industry's leading ambassadors for sugar beet growers and the sweetener industry.

"The Bill J. Cleavinger Internship will help a young man or woman learn about the workings of agricultural organizations in Washington," said ASGA Executive Vice President Luther Markwart. "The program will provide interns with insight into government's role in agriculture, lobbying, international trade policies, public relations and skills which Bill fought for to make and keep our industry strong."

"The internship will focus on training and education in these fields, as well as in association management, research and economics."

Markwart stressed that the program will inspire young people to choose a career in agriculture and use their knowledge and leadership skills to make a difference for the American farmer.

"No one was a better supporter of this industry than Bill," he said. "He was a diplomat and a protector and promoter of our country, our industry and his

community. Naming the internship for Bill is the best way we know of to honor him for many years to come and to give back to the community and the nation many of the blessings Bill bestowed upon our organization."

A system will be devised to select candidates for the internship, which will start next year. Young men and women in Texas and all other beet growing areas will be candidates. The program will likely be tied in with a Washington area college or university and provide college credit.

"Bill was the epitome of the type of leaders we need for the future of our industry and agriculture," said Markwart. "He made numerous sacrifices to take care of problems facing sugar beet growers. His wife, June, and his sons David and John, accepted the added workload while Bill fought for industry. They, too, are commended for the devotion to our industry."

To contribute to the internship, individuals may make checks out to the American Sugarbeet Growers Association. In the bottom left hand corner, label checks for the Bill J. Cleavinger Internship. Checks should be sent to ASGA, 1156 15th St. NW, Suite 1101, Washington, D.C., 20005.



A HOT TIME IN THE COOKING DEPARTMENT—Members of the Hart Lions Club stand over the cookers flipping burgers for the club's food booth at the annual Hart Days celebration held Saturday in Hart. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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FSA accepting loan applications

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by snow storm are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Dimmitt according to Ed Luebken, FSA Ag Credit Manager.

Castro County is one of seven counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the snow storm.

Luebken said farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less.

For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75%.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30% loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Luebken said.

Farmers participating in the Federal Crops Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until March 2, 1998 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Luebken added.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Dimmitt is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Spider mites causing problems

By Rebel Royall and Greta Schuster
County Extension Agents
GENERAL CROP SITUATION

This week we are seeing continuing plant growth and development with little other changes. The Dimmitt P.E.T. shows the ten day minimum soil temperatures averaging from 78°F at the 2" mark and 81°F at the 6" mark.

Corn is in the green to brown silk stages with a few fields possibly reaching the milk (roasting ear) stage. The accumulated growing degree days (Acc/GDD) for corn from the respective planting date is as follows: 04/01=1827, 04/15=1749, 05/01=1596, and 05/15=1409. Water usage for corn planted between April 2 and May 15 averaged 18.6".

Area cotton is producing squares. Currently in our scouting program, we are finally finding blooms and few small bolls. Accumulated growing degree days for cotton is as follows: 05/01=1059, 05/15=945, 06/01=795 and 06/15=637. Water usage for cotton planted between May 1 and June 15 averaged 4.85".

Some producers are using PIXO to suppress plant growth in cotton. A growth regulator such as this might be a good idea in some of those rank fields. This year's weather has been really strange. While plant growth is good, fruit set tends to worry us. Each producer should assess their own situation and determine what best fits his operation.

We are beginning to see area sorghum head out.

Spider mites continue to plague around both counties. Economically, high numbers of spider mites are spotty throughout fields, although they are not seen in every field. We have found mite infestations midway up, below the ear, as high as 10%. Dimethoate plus a pyrethroid such as

Pounce®, Karate®, Ambush® and Asana®, have been used in the past for Banks grass mite control. These combinations have generally given 7 to 10 days control based on observations.

Dimethoate plus Furadan® has been used and has given around 10 to 14 days control. The dimethoate plus Capture® has usually given 14 to 18 days at the low rate. Control will be influenced by application volumes (gallons/acre) and environmental conditions (hot dry weather).

Southwestern and European corn borer egg lay has begun this past week. Scouts found anywhere from 1% to 5% SWCBs (including newly hatched eggs) and stripped (2-5 day old). SWCB eggs usually hatch in about 5 days, which means we should be seeing a fairly high number of larvae late next week especially in Lamb County. Lamb County is usually one week ahead of Castro County fields for egg-lay numbers in both ECBs and SWCBs.

I would expect to see an increase in egg-lay activity somewhere by the end of next week for Castro County fields. Timing of insecticides is generally targeted at egg hatch. Applications can usually be made up to 10 days after egg hatch to achieve acceptable control. Once larvae reach the third instar they begin to bore into the stalk. Most of the insecticide applications mentioned in the spider mite season will also provide southwestern and European corn borer control, except dimethoate alone.

SORGHUM
Greenbug numbers remain low. Continue to check for this pest and use the following guidelines.

GREENBUG TREATMENT THRESHOLDS	
Plant size	When to treat
Plant size to about 6 inches	Visible damage (plants beginning to yellow) with greenbugs on plants.
Larger plant to boot	Greenbug colonies causing red spotting or yellowing of leaves and before any entire leaves are killed.
Boot to heading	At the death of one functional leaf when greenbug numbers are sufficient to cause death of two normal-sized leaves.
Heading to hard dough	

Sorghum should also be checked for head worms, which includes both fall armyworm and corn ear worm. Scout for head worms by bending over individual head and beating them into a bucket. Insecticide treatment is usually justified when head worms average, 2 per head (panicle).

COTTON
As bollworm egg activity begins, scouting is critical. Control measures are best if we can catch newly hatched larvae before they reach 1/4" in length (or 3 days old).

BOLLWORM IDENTIFICATION

Age Days	Actual size of Heliothis larvae of known age	Lgth. Inches
1		1/16"
2		1/8"
3		1/4"
5		1/2"
8		7/8"
10		1-1/8"
12		1-3/8"

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Moths usually lay single eggs on the tops of tender young terminal leaves in the upper third of the plant. Eggs are a pearly white to cream color and about half the size on the pinhead.

Eggs hatch in 3 to 4 days, turning light brown before hatching. Sometimes moths deposit eggs on the bolls and/or stems as well as the lower parts of the plant. This may occur when cotton plants are stressed and making little new growth or during periods of high temperature and low humidity. Treatment may be warranted where 15 to 25% of the green squared examined are worm damaged and small worms are present.

The following products are suggested for control of bollworms: Capture®, Baythroid®, Karate®, Ammo Decis®, Asana XL® and Lannate®. Microbial products which are natural pathogens of bollworm are commercially available as preparation of Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt). Field studies indicate that microbials are best suited for square protection. They are slow acting and should be used against infestations of worms during the squaring period through the first 10 days of blooming. They are not suggested for use after that point. Treat fields in which larger most larvae are not more than 1/4" long. Apply these products with ground equipment at the rate of 5 to 15 gallons of liquid per acre, or by air using 2 to 5 gallons per acre.

Boll weevil management during the peak bloom stage is critical. Punctured squares flare open and usually fall to the ground within a week. The time required for development for egg to adult under normal field conditions average 17 days, with a complete generation occurring in 21 to 25 days. When square numbers are greater than the combined number of blooms and bolls, inspect fields by examining 100 squares that are at least 1/4" in size. If 20% of the squares examined are weevil damaged, treatment should be considered.

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After peak bloom, or when bloom and boll numbers exceed square counts, treatments should be initiated when 25 to 30% of the squares examined are weevil damaged.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1
The Llano Estacado/Castro County Crop tour is just around the corner. Registration will start around 7:30 a.m. at Flagg Fertilizer. There will be four major stops which include a corn variety trial, Ultrathin cotton, cotton herbicide trials, drought tolerant corn, early insect control with aptplanting insecticides and a cotton seedling control test.

August 4
The Farm Worker Pesticide Safety Training will take place Monday at 10 a.m. in the Courthouse assembly room in the basement.

August 7
The Texas Country Clean-up will be held August 7 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Castro County Expo Building.

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Disaster loans available for small businesses

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in Castro Counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster.

Snow storms, ice, freezing temperatures, high winds and driving rain which occurred April 24 and April 25, 1997 caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies.

Businesses in the following coun-

ties affected by a snowstorm which occurred April 25, 1997, also have until March 2, 1998, to apply: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Hartley, Lamb, Moore, Oldham, Parmer, Potter and Randall.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1.5 million for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are 4% and terms may extend to 30 years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

To obtain applications or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

TDA to offer training in pesticide safety

The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting an open house and public meeting today (Thursday) at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

This will be the final public meeting for the TxDOT Route Study from Lubbock to Interstate 10 and from Amarillo north to the state line. The purpose of the meeting will be to present the prioritized improvement listings within each transportation corridor and to receive comments on the study conclusions.

The open house will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. and the public meeting

will begin at 7 p.m.

Exhibits and maps will be displayed at the open house, and members of the study team will be available to discuss the project. TxDOT representatives from the Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa and San Angelo districts will also be in attendance. Comment forms will be provided at the open house, and a court reporter will take private comments.

The study team will make a presentation, followed by public comment. Individuals who want to make comments can sign up at the meeting. These comments will be used to prepare the final report for the Texas Transportation Commission. Comments are limited to three minutes each.

Written comments may be submitted at the open house and public meeting, or mailed to the district engineer at the local Texas Department of Transportation district office up to 10 days following the public meeting date. The address for the Lubbock district is P.O. box 771, Lubbock, Texas 79048. The route study telephone hotline is 800-661-3234.

Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

The monthly meeting is open to all interested persons.

Everyone is a genius at least once a year; a real genius has his original ideas closer together.

—G.C. Lichtenberg



Jennifer Hanners

Hanners named speech-language pathologist at UMC

Jennifer Hanners, a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School, has been appointed lead speech-language pathologist at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Following a nine-month internship at UMC, she received her certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in March.

Hanners will make a presentation at the ASHA National Convention in November in Boston, Ma.

Hanners has recently published an article in *Advance* magazine about a pilot program she designed that assists care givers in implementing home-based therapies for children in an age of health care reform.

Following two years at Texas Christian University, Hanners earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1994 and a Masters of Science degree in 1996, both from the Texas Tech University School of Allied Health.



CROP TOUR IS FRIDAY—Amy Matthews, demonstration technician with the Castro County Extension Service, inspects some corn at the farm of Roland Stevens, the site of the first stop in the tour. Featured at this stop will be corn varieties, Bt corn and drought-resistant corn. The Llano Estacado Crops Tour is the biggest event of the year for the Extension Service.

Photo by Scott Brockman

Public meeting slated for TxDOT route study

The Texas Department of Agriculture will provide a free seminar for farm workers and pesticide handlers on how to safely work around pesticides beginning at 10 a.m. Monday at the assembly room in the basement of the Castro County Courthouse.

This training provides farm workers and other pesticide handlers the information they need to work safely around chemicals and treated areas.

Topics to be covered in the sessions include the Texas Agricultural Hazard Communication Act, more commonly known as the Right-To-Know law, and the federal Worker Protection Standard requirements.

Agricultural employers who use pesticides are encouraged to send their employees to this session.

After completing the course, participants receive US Environmental Protection Agency cards verifying that the trainee has received both

Worker Protection Standard and Right-To-Know training. In addition, one continuing education unit in the general category will be given to TDA pesticide license holders.

For more information, contact Rebel Royall at the Castro County Extension Office at 806-647-4115 or TDA in Austin at 512-463-7622.

The Village Shop changes ownership

"I'm looking forward to a new challenge," Valeria Davis said when she went to work this week as the new owner of The Village Shop in Dimmitt.

Davis has purchased the women's clothing and gift store from Bettye Butler Durham. The change of ownership became effective Friday.

Durham had been associated with the store 19 years, the last nine as the sole owner. The store had been in her family 29 years, since her mother, Neva Hickey, bought it in 1968.

"It was fun, it really was—I'll miss it," Durham said, adding that she plans to "play golf and be a housewife" for the foreseeable future.

The store, which is located in the Bruegel Shopping Center, is currently being remodeled. Davis said The Village Shop will hold a special event when the remodeling, recarpeting and initial market buying are completed.

This is Davis' first venture as a retail store owner. Raised in Dimmitt, she previously was employed by the First United Bank, Dimmitt Independent School District, Burkett & Ross law firm, and Cerestar USA.

"The main thing I have going for me is that Gail Bruegel is staying,"

Davis said. Bruegel has been with the store 21 years.

The Village Shop was established at its present location in 1963 by Juanita Bruegel and Jo Kirkpatrick, and through the years has earned a reputation as a leading store in this area for top-brand women's fashions, china and housewares.

Farm finance class slated in Silverton

Clarendon College will offer the "Bottom Line Farming" curriculum on financial management in agriculture in Silverton during August.

The class will start at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 5 at Silverton High School. It will last until 10:30 p.m. The balance of the class will be taught on the same schedule for every Tuesday and Thursday in August.

Registration for this class will be conducted at the first class meeting. Spouses are encouraged to attend. This class meets the requirements for financial training of the Farm Services Agency (FSA). Questions about the class should be directed to Dr. Don Williams at 806-874-2313 or the local FSA officer, Trish Elliott.

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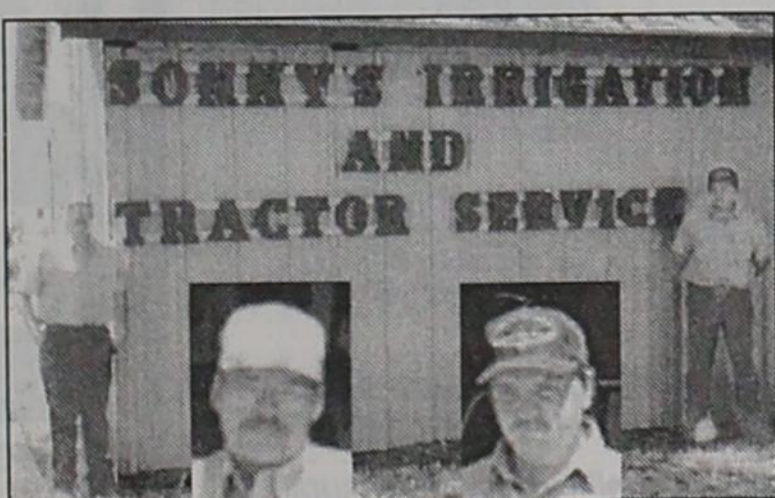
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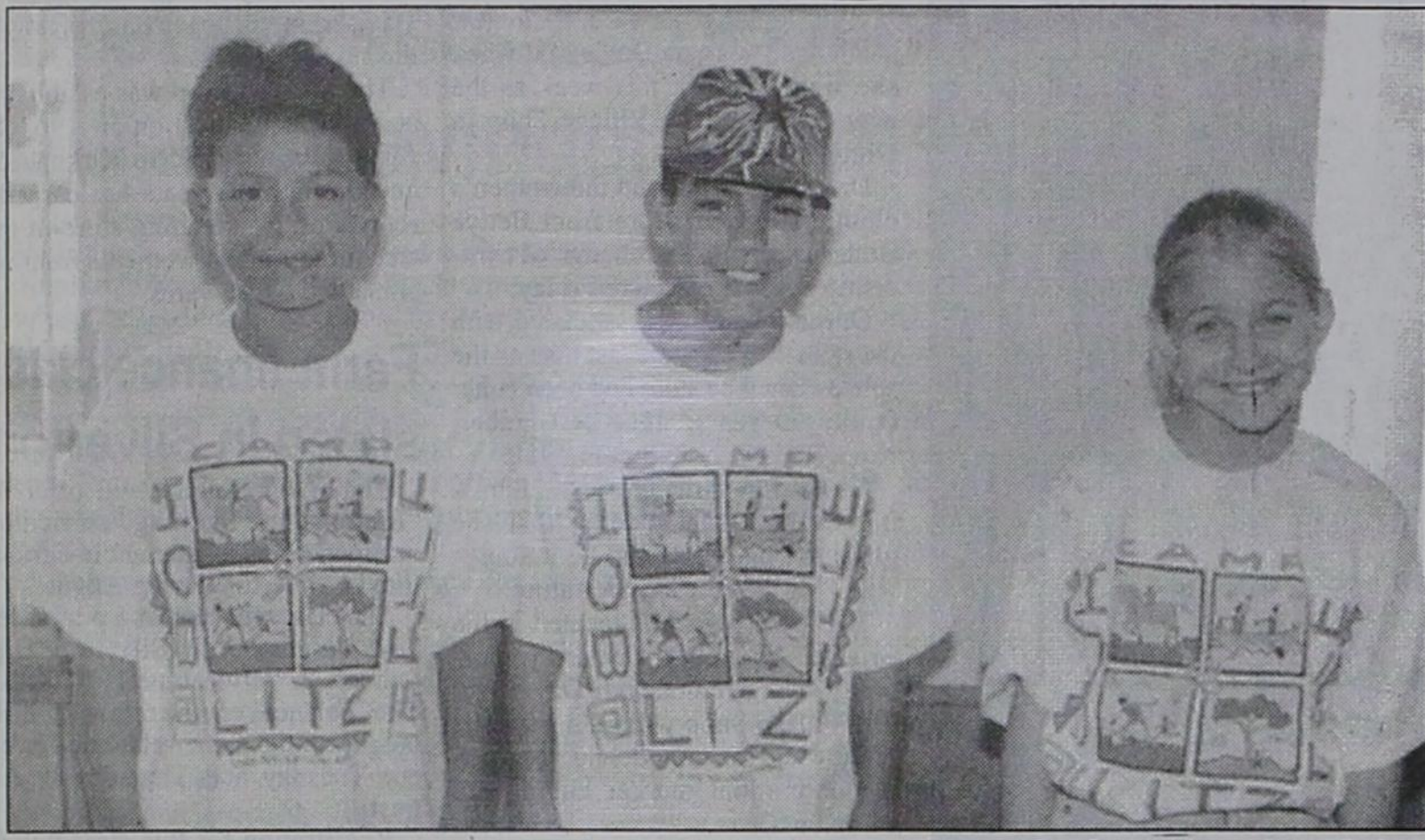
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Sports



SUMMER CAMP PARTICIPANTS—(From left) Michael Gonzales, Marshall Ortega and Laura Cleaver, all of Dimmitt, attended the Salvation Army Summer Camp at Camp Hoblitzelle at Midlothian July 17-22. The campers traveled in a chartered bus with Hereford campers. Judy Baker of the Hereford

unit was a camp counselor. Jerry Alexander of Lubbock is the Service Unit director. Polly Simpson is chairman of the Castro County Unit, with Krystal Nelson, treasurer, Sue Howell, representative for the Dimmitt schools, and board members Chet Braafladt, Ray Aleman and Dorothy Hopson.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Dimmitt twosome captures three-way playoff triumph

Amy Jepson and Paul Hubbard of Dimmitt won the Championship Flight of the Dandies and Darlings Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday at Dimmitt Country Club in a three playoff with a Hereford pair and another Dimmitt couple. Jepson and Hubbard shot a 71 and 68 over the two days for a two-day total of 139. Tiffi and Brett West of Hereford also shot a 139 over the two days, as did Jim Glenn and Mozelle Lilley of Dimmitt. In the First Flight of the tournament, Mitzi and Nikki Watts of Wellington took first place with a two-

day score of 142. Bobby and Kim McPherson of Wellington tied with Tad and Cindy Cornett of Dimmitt for second. David Darnell and Kellie Proffitt of Dimmitt took the Second Flight crown with a score of 150, one stroke better than Phil Lemons and Paula Stiles of Dimmitt and two better than Larry Dear and Betty McClure, also of Dimmitt. Third Flight action saw Carla and Larry Luna win the title with a two-day total of 156. Johnny and Yoland Vera of Plainview took second place with a score of 160 and Jim and Phyllis Kirkland of Texline place third with a 163. In the Fourth Flight, Ja and Shane Bridwell of Canyon placed first with a score of 165. Marshall Young and Darla Rice of Dimmitt took second with 171. Third place went to Bill Watson and Joyce Richert.

Girls' physicals set for Tuesday

Athletic physicals for girls in the seventh and ninth grades will be given Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon at Cleveland Gym. Cost of the physicals are \$5.

County grid teams begin workouts Wednesday

It's the middle of summer in the Texas Panhandle and that can mean only one thing—time to start the football season.

The three county teams will begin summer workouts Wednesday, Aug. 6. The Dimmitt Bobcats will begin another season under Coach Bruce Dollar with their practice at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning. That is not the only workout scheduled for that day. The freshmen will take the field again and go from about 3-5 p.m. The rest of the team will practice again at 5:30. On Thursday and Friday, Aug. 7-8, the team will hold one practice at 5:30 p.m. They will also have a Saturday practice at 9 a.m. On Aug. 11, the team will have its last summer workout at 5:30 p.m. The freshman will work out at 3 p.m. These practices will be in full pads. The next day, Dimmitt will start school.

Coach Dollar said that most of the practices will last about 2½ hours. He also said that the team is excited. "We're all real anxious to get the season started," he said. "We have high expectations to make this a good season."

Coach Dollar expects around 80 players to show up for workouts. The Bobcats will start hitting other people Aug. 21, when they scrimmage the Clovis JV and Sophomore team at Bobcat Stadium. Another scrimmage is scheduled for Aug. 29 with the Abernathy Antelopes in Abernathy.

Homecoming this year is scheduled for the Oct. 3 game with Stanford-Fritch. Parents night will be held during the Perryton game, Nov. 8.

The Nazareth Swifts will also begin their two-a-day workouts on Wednesday.

Coach Rick Price has set workouts at 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. He said most of the practices will last about 2½ hours.

The Swifts will suit up in full pads on Aug. 11 and continue summer

practices until school begins Aug. 14.

Coach Price is expecting around 30 players to show up for workouts.

The Swifts will scrimmage Bovina in Nazareth on Aug. 22, and then scrimmage Claude on Aug. 29 in Claude.

Homecoming this year for Nazareth will be Oct. 17 against Springlake-Earth.

The Hart Longhorns will begin their first year under new coach Chad Watson at midnight, Aug. 6.

Players will report to that practice and then will be informed on the schedule of workouts to follow.

The Longhorns will have their first scrimmage on Aug. 21 against Lubbock Christian High School.

They then will scrimmage Smyer at Smyer.

In his 1997 Texas football preview

magazine, Dave Campbell picks the Dimmitt Bobcats to place fourth in District 1-3A. He has picked Friona, the defending Region I champions, to win the district, and River Road to take the other playoff spot.

The Nazareth Swifts are also picked to finish fourth in their district. Campbell believes that Springlake-Earth will win District 2-A, and that Sudan will take the other playoff spot. He also says that "this district will feature perhaps the best playoff race in the state" once Kress is figured in.

Springlake-Earth is also picked eighth in the state among 1A teams.

Not to be outdone, the Hart Longhorns are also picked to finish fourth in their district. Campbell thinks that the Lockney Longhorns will be strong enough to win District 3-2A. While Bovina is picked to earn the other playoff spot.

Police Calls

Hart Police Chief Wayne Johnson arrested two men early Sunday on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces. A 20-year-old from Edinburg was charged with being a minor in possession, unlawful carrying of a weapon, public intoxication and providing to a minor. A 17-year-old from Tulia was charged with being a minor in possession and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Four Dimmitt men were charged with public intoxication in an incident Sunday night at the Candlelight Club. Police were called when a fight erupted. The men were ages 21, 22, 23 and 29, all of Dimmitt.

A Dimmitt woman, 32, was jailed on charges of DWI, first offense, early Sunday, after she was stopped in the 400 block of North Broadway.

Public intoxication charges were listed against a 29-year-old Dimmitt man Saturday night when it was reported to police that he had been causing a disturbance in the 400 block of South US 385.

Another Dimmitt man, also age 29, was jailed at 8:45 p.m. Saturday on charges of public intoxication. Police reported he had been trying to start a fight in the 300 block of Southwest Third. Also, a Dimmitt man, age 22, was jailed for public intoxication Saturday at 9:11 p.m.

A 22-year-old Amarillo man was arrested July 23 for criminal trespass.

Theft by check charges were listed against a 21-year-old Dimmitt man jailed Monday afternoon.

A 32-year-old Hart man was arrested Friday on a warrant for making terroristic threats, and Saturday afternoon, a 21-year-old Dimmitt man was picked up on a warrant out of Lamb County.

Billy Ray Thomas of Hereford told deputies Tuesday that one of his farm hands had taken a 1979 Chevy

pickup without permission and reportedly left it in Amarillo. The pickup has not been recovered and the man has not been located yet.

Monday morning Fernando Montemayor of Hart told deputies that someone had started up a John Deere tractor and potato digger that had been left out in a field and caused \$520 in damage to the equipment. Another potato digger also was damaged and two screw driver bars, valued at a total of \$35, were taken. The equipment was located a mile south of Hart on FM 168 and a half mile east.

Ute Blalock Ross of Dimmitt told police that someone broke out a plate glass window at the former location of "Back to the 50s."

Monday afternoon a controlled burning of a field four miles north of Dimmitt and 3/4 of a mile east spread a little too quickly and engulfed a 1976 Ford pickup belonging to Donald Schilling. Deputies rated the pickup a total loss. No injuries were reported.

Three vehicles were involved in an accident at the traffic light in downtown Dimmitt Friday evening. No injuries were reported and two citations were issued. Police reported that Maria Delmoral, 47, of Salineno was driving a 1991 GMC pickup east on West Bedford and turned left in front of a 1992 Ford pickup driven by Efrain Rodriguez, 20, of Dimmitt. The Ford struck the GMC, causing the GMC to strike a 1974 Plymouth sedan driven by Lazaro Alcantar, 25, of Dimmitt, who was heading south on North US 385. Delmoral was ticketed for failure to yield right of way turning left, and Rodriguez was ticketed for no driver's license. Damage to the GMC and Plymouth was rated light, while the Ford had moderate damage.

The Dimmitt Dairy Queen reported a hit and run accident Saturday afternoon. An unknown vehicle struck the southwest corner of the building as it was entering the drive-through area. No damage estimate was available.

Tulia garage sale set Aug. 9

The third annual Tulia City Wide Garage Sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 9 starting at 8 a.m.

Maps can be found at local merchants and on the square, and the Kiwanis will be cooking hamburgers on the square.

Commissioners to meet today

The Castro County Commissioners will meet today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. to review the proposed county budget and discuss the process for raising the tax rate.

The public is welcome to attend. A public hearing will be set for the Aug. 11 regular meeting of the commissioners to consider setting the tax rate.

Billy Ray Thomas of Hereford told deputies Tuesday that one of his farm hands had taken a 1979 Chevy

Together We Can

Friendly Friona Motors

Huge Inventory Reduction Sale

While Supplies Last!!

Nobody Beats Our Deals PERIOD!

1996 Pontiac Grand Prix
\$19902*
Four Door, Sporty

1995 Chevy Corsica
\$11937*
Nice, Auto, A/C, V-6, 2 to Pick From

1993 Chevy Mark III
\$13,995
Conversion Van

1995 Chevy High Top Conversion Van
\$41807*
Was \$38,621 Now \$22,995

1993 Olds Ciera
\$7,995

1994 Ford Escort GL
\$7,995
Four Door, Automatic

1992 Pontiac Bonneville
Nice Car
Four Door, Automatic

1994 Ford Tempo
\$13929*
Great 2nd Family Car

1996 Mercury Mystique
\$19902*
Sale Price \$11,995

1992 Mercury Sable
\$6,995
Automatic, Icy Cold A/C

1995 Buick Regal
\$17911*
Two Door, Sporty

1995 Buick Century
\$14526*
Four Door, Automatic

1994 Mercury Tracer
\$5,995
Two to Pick From

1996 Ford Windstar
\$27868*
From \$15,995

No Reasonable Offer Refused

FRIONA MOTORS

1011 Grand, Friona, Texas (806) 247-2701
Open Mon-Fri 8AM-7:30PM, Sat 8AM-5 PM (CST)

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We Are A Medicare Provider.

Does Someone You Love Need Special Care?

- We have a limited number of beds available in both Medicare and Private Rooms.
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- We provide 24-hour nursing care.
- Van accessibility for field trips, various outings, and for doctor's appointments.
- We have a Qualified Dietician and Contracted Social Worker on staff.

We accept Medicare where qualified, Private Insurance, Medicaid and Hospice patients.

When People Need Care -- Only The Best Should Do!

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PREMIERE CINEMA CORP

MOOVIES 6

Sugarland Mall 400 N. 25 Mile Ave. • Hereford TX
Business Office: 364-0101 • Movie Hotline: 364-8000

August 1-7

AIR FORCE ONE

Harrison Ford
2:00 - 4:30 - 7:05 - 9:35

SPAWN

PG-13
2:10 - 4:20 - 7:10 - 9:15

OUT TO SEA

PG-13
Jack Lemmon & Walter Matthau
1:35 - 4:15 - 7:15 - 9:20

GOOD BURGER

PG
2:00-4:00-7:00-9:00

GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE

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Brendan Fraser
2:10 - 4:20 - 7:10 - 9:15

MEN IN BLACK

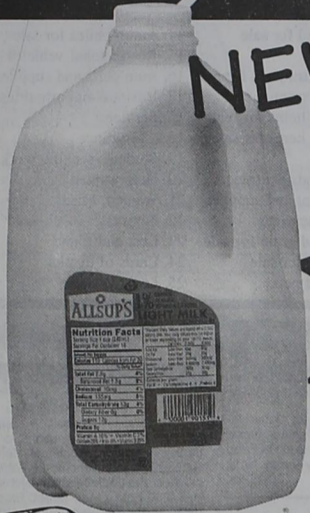
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Will Smith & Tommy Lee Jones
1:45 - 3:45 - 7:30 - 9:25

Adults: \$4.75 Kids & Seniors: \$2.75
Bargain Matinees: \$2.75
All Shows before 6 p.m.

ALLSUP'S ALWAYS Low Prices

ALLWAYS OPEN • ALLWAYS FAST

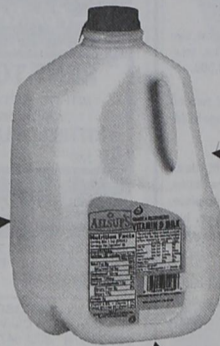
The Grocery Store for People on the GO!!!



NEW!

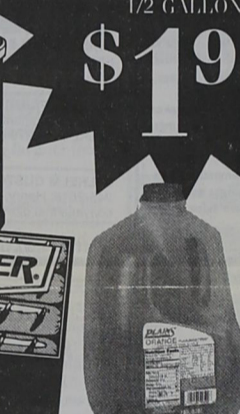
ALLSUP'S 1%
Light Milk
GALLON

\$1.99



ALLSUP'S
Whole Milk
GALLON

\$1.99



ALLSUP'S ASSORTED FLAVORS
Ice Cream
1/2 GALLON

\$1.99

ICE CREAM SANDWICHES
2 FOR \$1

- DECKER Cooked Ham 10 OZ. PKG. **\$2.49**
- DECKER Meat Franks 12 OZ. PKG. **59¢**
- 24 CT. MED., 18 CT. LARGE Cuddles Diapers EACH **\$3.99**
- HORMEL Vienna Sausage 5 OZ. CANS **2 FOR \$1.00**

- HORMEL Potted Meat 3 OZ. CANS **3 FOR \$1.00**
- PLAINS Fruit Drinks GALLON **\$1.19**
- WESTERN FAMILY PECAN-A-RIFFIC Cookies 19 OZ. BAG **\$2.99**
- LANCE REG. \$1.39 Potato Chips 6 OZ. BAG **89¢**

- U.S. NO. 1 Russet Potatoes 10 LB. BAG **79¢**
- SANTA FE Flour Tortillas 8" 12 CT. PKG. **99¢**
- SUPER BUY! Chee-tos® Snacks REG. \$2.19 **\$1.69**
- ALLSUP'S 79¢ EACH OR SANDWICH Bread 1.5 LB. LOAVES **2 FOR \$1.29**



Don't miss your final Chance to win 1 of 8 Classic Mustangs!

Enter at 1 of these 8 locations on Sat. Aug. 2nd
→
Check Stores for times of drawings

- 2550 S. Clack Abilene, TX
- 2nd St. & Koogle Clarendon, TX
- 608 Broadway Plainview, TX
- 1305 S. US Hwy 81-287 Decatur, TX
- 2801 Coors, SW Albuquerque, NM
- 1500 Mabry Dr. Clovis, NM
- 2007 Calle Lorca Santa Fe, NM
- 2302 West Texas Carlsbad, NM

ALL FLAVORS
Coca-Cola
12 OZ. CANS 6 PK. **\$1.59**
3 LITER BOTTLE **\$1.79**

COMBO MEAL DEAL

Rib-B-Q Sandwich, Potato Wedges & Tallsup **\$1.99**

BREAKFAST COMBO

Sausage & Biscuit, Hash Brown w/22 oz. Fountain Drink or 16 oz. Coffee **\$1.59**

Shur Fine

- Cottage Cheese 12 OZ. CARTON **\$1.49**
- FRENCH ONION OR Green Chili Dip .8 OZ. CARTON **99¢**
- Sour Cream .8 OZ. CARTON **99¢**
- Chocolate Milk .QUART **99¢**
- Soft Margarine .16 OZ. TUB **89¢**
- "NEW IMPROVED" Orange Juice .QUART **\$1.29**
- CITRUS OR Tropical Punch .16 OZ. **2 FOR \$1.00**

SUNNY COOKIES 6 OZ. PKG. 2/\$1.00	SHURFINE CHARCOAL 10 LB. BAG \$1.89	ALLSUP'S ICE 8-LB. BAG \$1.09	SHURFINE CHARCOAL LIGHTER FLUID 32 OZ. \$1.79
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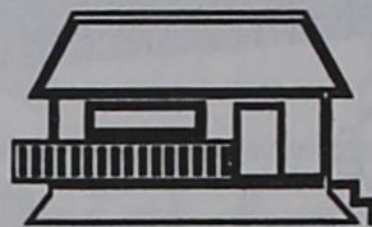
CHECK YOUR FRIENDLY ALLSUP'S STORE FOR ADDITIONAL MARKDOWN SPECIALS!

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PRICES EFFECTIVE JULY 31 TO AUGUST 6 • OFFER GOOD WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Classified Advertising

Buy, Sell or Trade



1—Real Estate Homes & Land

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE
All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, or any intention to make any such reference, limitation or discrimination."

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

Classifieds gets results

FOR SALE TO BE MOVED: Small 3 bedroom, 2 bath, carpet over hardwood floor, metal siding, composition roof, central heat and air, 3 years old. 647-2241. 1-17-2tc

Let us help you with all your real estate needs.

GREGORY REAL ESTATE

BILL GREGORY, Broker
Phone 647-5421

ONE TIME ONLY! B-L-O-W-O-U-T SALE. \$499 down on S/W. \$999 down on D/W. 9.9% APR, select models only. See at Oakwood Homes, 5300 Amarillo Blvd. E, Amarillo, Texas. 800-372-1491. 240 mos., \$317 mo. 1-13-5tc

GREAT BUY on three bedroom, one bath, one-car garage, two living areas. Wheelchair-accessible, \$35,000.

SMALLER HOME in Nazareth. Good starter home. **FOR SALE**

THREE BEDROOM, one bath, large storage and nice yard. \$28,000.

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

NEW ON MARKET, three bedroom, 1-3/4 bath, good neighborhood. \$59,500.

WONDERFUL CHANCE to own spacious three bedroom, 2-3/4 bath in great neighborhood. Paint and carpet will make this your dream. \$70,000. **IN CONTRACT**

THREE BEDROOM, ONE BATH, central heat and air, fireplace. Nice home at a nice price. \$33,500.

EDGE OF CITY, three bedroom, two bath, one-car garage, fireplace, built-ins. Priced right. **FOR SALE**

NICE THREE BEDROOM, two bath with acreage that could be sold for lots. Good location. Reduced to \$50,000. **IN CONTRACT**

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

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

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

AUSTIN STONE. Three bedroom, one bath, one car garage, storm windows and storage building. Reduced, \$37,500.

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

FARMS SECTION JOINING city of Hart. 4 wells, 2 sprinkler pads, highway frontage. Older house. \$850 per acre.

FIVE SECTIONS in Hartley and Moore County. One to be developed in excellent water.

GEORGE REAL ESTATE

S. Hwy 385 647-4174
Jimmie R. George, Broker 647-3274
Mary Lou Schmucker.....945-2679

1—Real Estate Homes & Land

MORRIS REAL ESTATE

C.W. George, Broker

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

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

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

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

MAPLE STREET, 3,700 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two full baths, two half baths, one 3/4 bath, two-car garage, fireplace, finished basement with fireplace, bar, dishwasher, bathroom, sprinkler system front and back. \$175,000.

THREE BEDROOM, two full baths, two-car garage, central heat and air, fence, corner lot, \$60,000.

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

SUNSET CIRCLE, three bedroom, two bath, large living area, fireplace, two-car garage, \$75,000.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath, one-car garage. Corner lot, \$30,000.

FARMS

320 ACRES between Nazareth and Hart. Comes out of CRP in October. \$300 per acre.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCOTT MORRIS

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

2—Farms For Sale

CASTRO CO.

Let's look at this pre-conditioning yard complete with nice home, commodity barn, large truck/cattle scale, covered working area with hydraulic chute, on pavement. We also have irrigated land, dry land and ranches in a 4-state area.

SCOTT LAND CO.

Ben G. Scott, 806-647-4375 day or night

3—Real Estate For Rent

Stafford Apartments

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

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3—Real Estate For Rent

DIMMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS

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

5—For Rent, Misc.

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

6—For Sale, Misc.

FOR SALE: One 15-ft. Lonestar fishing boat with 18 HP Evinrude motor and trailer. 945-2238. 6-16-2tp

BALDWIN ACROSONIC piano, good condition. 1974 Chevy Impala, wrecked, 350 Engine. (806) 647-3175, please leave message before 10:30 p.m. 6-15-1tc

WELDER FOR SALE. Miller Thunderbolt 225, fully equipped, with instruction book. Used about six months. Still under warranty. (806) 647-5526. 6-15-3tc

10—Agricultural Services

ROUND BALE HAULING. Donald Shelton, 647-3558; 647-7568, mobile. 10-31-1tc

CUSTOM FARMING: No-till drill; min-till tillage equipment, Kenneth or Ashley Heard, 945-2270 or (806) 627-4623. 10-4-1tc

WILHELM CUSTOM FARMING. Lavern, 945-2518; Henry, 647-5425. Subsoil and conventional plowing. 10-51-1tc

CUSTOM SWATHING and baling. Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401. 10-31-1tc

ROUND-UP APPLICATION

Pipe-wick mounted on hi-boy.
Row crop and vol. corn.
30" or 40" rows.
Roy O'Brian, 265-3247

11—Feed, Seed & Grain

WHEAT STRAW BALES for sale. Call (806) 945-2489. 11-13-1tc

14—Automobiles

Kent's Auto Sales

116 E. Jones St., Dimmitt, TX 79027
Phone (806) 647-3427 or (806) 647-5561
Fax (806) 647-2810

1993 Chev. Corsica, 4-Dr.

1993 Ford Tempo, 4-Dr.

1991 Buick LeSabre, 4-Dr.

1991 Dodge Spirit, 4-Dr.

1990 Oldsmobile 98 Regency, 4-Dr.

1989 Mercury Sable, 4-Dr.

1988 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Brougham, 4-Dr.

1992 Dodge D-150, Long Bed Pickup.

1985 Chev. Suburban—Trailer Puller.

4 other 1985 Models in good condition.

3—Real Estate For Rent

14—Automobiles

FOR SALE: 1984 Nissan 300 ZX Turbo 50th Anniversary, 106,000 miles, good condition, runs good. 647-0314. 14-15-1tc

Scott's Trading Post

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

1995 BUICK LeSABRE LIMITED
4-Dr., All Power, 14,700 miles.

1991 BUICK PARK AVE.
4-Dr., All Power. Very nice car.

1994 CHEV. SILVERADO EXT. CAB
Loaded, 50,000 miles. New tires.

1984 GMC 1/2 T WITH SHELL
Loaded, one owner, clean.

1986 CHEV. CELEBRITY
Good Clean Car.

1990 Ford Ranger Pickup
4-Cyl. Automatic. Good Pickup.

18—Services

Center Pivot Service Sales & Repair

Hi-Plains Irrigation
ZIMMATIC PIVOTS
Olton, TX
1-800-687-3133
SERVICE ON ALL MAKES

DOUBLE D ELECTRIC—For all your electric needs call 647-0807, office, or 647-9823, mobile. 18-41-1tc

George's Service Station

FULL SERVICE

Oil Changes
Car Washes

647-4641
George Lopez 402 N. Broadway

19—Students Wanting Work

WILL MOW and do yard work. 647-2520 19-9-1tc

LAWN MOWING, call Buddy, 647-5561 or 647-7358. 19-8-1tc

WILL BABYSIT, Call 647-2304. 19-17-1tc

20—Help Wanted

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for Rns, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call or come by, (806) 364-7113; 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-1tc

DRIVES, \$500 SIGN-ON BONUS. Steere Tank Lines is now hiring experienced drivers. We offer a competitive wage package and an excellent benefit package, including 401K with company contributions, health, dental, life insurance, retention bonus and uniforms. Requirements: CDL with tanker and HAZMAT Endorsements, pass all DOT and company requirements, two years experience. We will train you for a successful future in the tank truck industry. Please call (806) 647-3183 for an interview. Appointment, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. (Old Rodeo Grounds Road, Dimmitt, Texas). 20-16-2tc



COME EXPERIENCE THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE.

Now hiring part-time and full-time employees. Excellent benefits, health insurance, paid sick leave, first year two weeks paid vacation, retirement plan, stock purchase plan and college reimbursement program. Applications are available at all Town & Country locations. Drug testing required. EOE

Call before noon Tuesday to place your classified ad:

647-3123



What your ad will cost:

- ✓ The first time your ad runs it will cost at least \$5 (25 cents per word with a \$5 minimum).
- ✓ Each consecutive time you run your ad with no changes, it will cost 25 cents per word with no minimum.
- ✓ A Card of Thanks will cost \$7.50.

Where to find ads:

1. Homes and land for sale
2. Farms for sale
3. Homes and apartments for rent
4. Things people want to rent
5. Miscellaneous items for rent
6. Miscellaneous items for sale
7. Garage sales
8. Household goods for sale
9. Farm equipment and supplies
10. Agricultural services
11. Feed, seed and grain for sale
12. Farm produce for sale
13. Livestock and pets
14. Automobiles for sale
15. Recreational vehicles
16. Auto parts and supplies
17. Business opportunities
18. Services
- 18A. Insurance
19. Students seeking work
20. Help wanted
21. Wanted, Misc.
22. Notices
23. Lost and found
24. Cards of thanks
25. Legal notices

20—Help Wanted

NIGHT WATCHMAN needed. Duties include unloading cattle, weighing trucks, cleaning the office. Come by Bud Hill Feed Yard between 8-5, Monday-Friday to fill out an application. 20-17-1tc

HELP WANTED: General mechanic, fleet maintenance. Contact Hill Feed Yard, 938-2156 or 938-2648. 20-12-1tc

22—Notices

WE PAY YOU to lose weight. Call now, 1-800-555-5770. 22-15-6tp

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-13-5tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thanks so much to Brad Beck, Kristen Doss, Brent Portwood, Tarren Hays, Tonya Roberson, Tammy Roberson and Monica Ortiz who came to my aid when I had fallen in my garage on July 21. You were so kind in every way.
Your friend,
LOIS N. SCOTT
24-17-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
The wonderful people of our town are very special, once again that have helped in so many ways to make the loss of our loved one easier to accept.
Thanks for the friendship, prayers, love, calls, cards, flowers, visits, hugs, memorials, food at home and wonderful lunch at church and to all (including those who we don't have names for) who brought food to the church.
Everything was greatly appreciated and we will always be grateful.
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Thanks again.
JAN CATES & FAMILIES
DARLENE WALTERS & FAMILIES
DEROY CATES
24-17-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Mary Lou Frazier wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who stood by us so faithfully during the illness and death of our loved one.
Our loss was easier to bear because we felt you cared.
ALVIN FRAZIER & FAMILY
G.B. FRAZIER JR. & FAMILY
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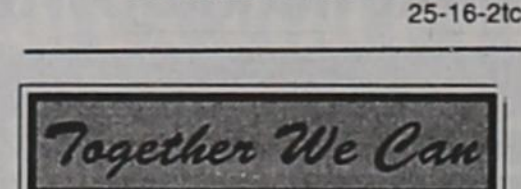
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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt will be accepting sealed bids for a 1988 Ford Galaxie Police Unit. This vehicle may be seen at City Hall, 200 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas. Sealed bids should be sent to City Manager Don Sheffy, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, and should be received by Aug. 1, 1997, at 5 p.m. The City of Dimmitt reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
DON SHEFFY, CITY MANAGER
25-16-2tc



25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is requesting proposals and specifications on group health, life and accidental death and dismemberment benefits for eligible employees. Bid packets are available at City Hall, 200 East Jones Street. Bids will be received by City Secretary Jo Hamilton, with intentions to submit recommended bids to the governing board at its first meeting in September, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid deemed advantageous to the City of Dimmitt. 25-16-2tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Board, Tulla, Texas, will receive sealed bids for:
A. Secure long-term residential bootcamp services.
B. Secure short-term detention services in a bootcamp setting.
C. Electronic monitoring services.
Bids will be received until 5 p.m. on Aug. 11, 1997, at which time all sealed bids will be opened and read aloud. The bids will be presented to the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation Board at a regular meeting scheduled to be held at the Swisher County Courthouse, Tulla, Texas, 79088, at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 11, 1997. At this time the bid will be awarded.
Requirements may be obtained from Dana Berry, Director of Juvenile Probation, Swisher County Courthouse, Tulla, Texas 79088.
The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all formalities for the best interest of the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation Department.
DENA BERRY
Director, Juvenile Probation
25-17-2tc

AMENDED NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of the County of Castro, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 9, 1997, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 75th Legislature, regular session, of the State of Texas.
Locations of Polling Places:
PRECINCT 1:
101—Hart Golden Group Building.
105—Sunnyside Baptist Church.
PRECINCT 2:
201—Immaculate Concept Catholic Church, Dimmitt.
206—Flagg Fertilizer.
PRECINCT 3:
301—First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.
307—Easter Community Center.
PRECINCT 4:
401—District Courtroom, Dimmitt.
408—Nazareth City Hall.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at County/District Clerk's Office, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on July 21, 1997, and ending on Aug. 5, 1997.
Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Joyce M. Thomas, District/County Clerk, Castro County Courthouse, 100 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Aug. 1, 1997.
Issued this 28th day of July, 1997.
IRENE MILLER, County Judge
25-17-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Private Club Permit Renewal to be located at 208 SE 4th, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Gerry's First Place.
John Douglas Damron, President
Wayne Niel Christian,

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Kelley Green began chemo treatments in Lubbock Wednesday.

Will Green is having his third birthday August 3 and Melissa Green is having her fifth July 31 so their parents had a birthday party for both of them Saturday evening. All of the neighborhood children were present, and all their grandparents were present. Kelley's great-grandmother, Clots Belle Kelley of Earth, was also present.

Robert and Frances Duke gleaned potatoes at Smith farms a mile or more south of Hart on Tuesday and Saturday and had good help. Ten came on the 22nd and 17 arrived on Saturday, the 26th. In all, 3,800 lbs. were gleaned.

Sunday, Frances spoke to the Methodist Church in Hart on the gleaning network of the Society of Saint Andrew.

Ray Joe Riley was in Wichita Falls three days this week on business. Joe Eddy Riley spends most Sundays and Mondays in Hereford with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Scott whose health is failing.

Gale Sadler will preach Sunday morning as they have to leave for Tanzanesa soon, possibly Monday.

Lillian Carson, Louise Bradley, Greg George of Lubbock and Ruth Brown of Dimmitt attended the Aven-King Family Reunion in Fredericksburg Sunday. They left early Sunday morning and got home about 10:30 Sunday night. Forty-two relatives were present for the reunion.

Billie and Emma Jean King went to Hobbs, N.M. Sunday to spend the day visiting with their kids there. Brett Sutton of El Paso came home with them to visit for a while.

Kevin Riley was honored with a birthday dinner in Earth Sunday with his family. Melinda's mother, Jackie Denham, fixed all his favorite food and chocolate pie.

Kaseidy Jo Riley celebrated her birthday on Monday the 21st with all her family and friends. They had a cook-out, cake and ice cream.

Teeny Bowden and Clara Vick attended the funeral services for a long-time friend, Shirley Womack Stephens, Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. I graduated from Dimmitt High School with her husband, Harold Stephens in 1941. Shirley was about a year younger.

Are you enjoying seeing Mars

every night as much as I am? Look west about dark low on the horizon, and you will see a single star, which is not a star. It is the planet Mars. T.V. is not showing enough about it now, making the night sighting more important to me.

Ezell and Verba Sadler came home from the lake Wednesday night after hosting the McWilliams Reunion last weekend. There was a good crowd. The Hensley Reunion will be this

weekend and will be the last reunion for 1997. It is Mrs. Sadler's family.

David and Gay Sadler went to Hobbs Saturday evening to visit a little with Melody and Walter Roye, and to babysit with their four children while they went somewhere. They also visited with friends, Donna and J.C. Turner while they were there. Donna is still in the hospital with cancer.

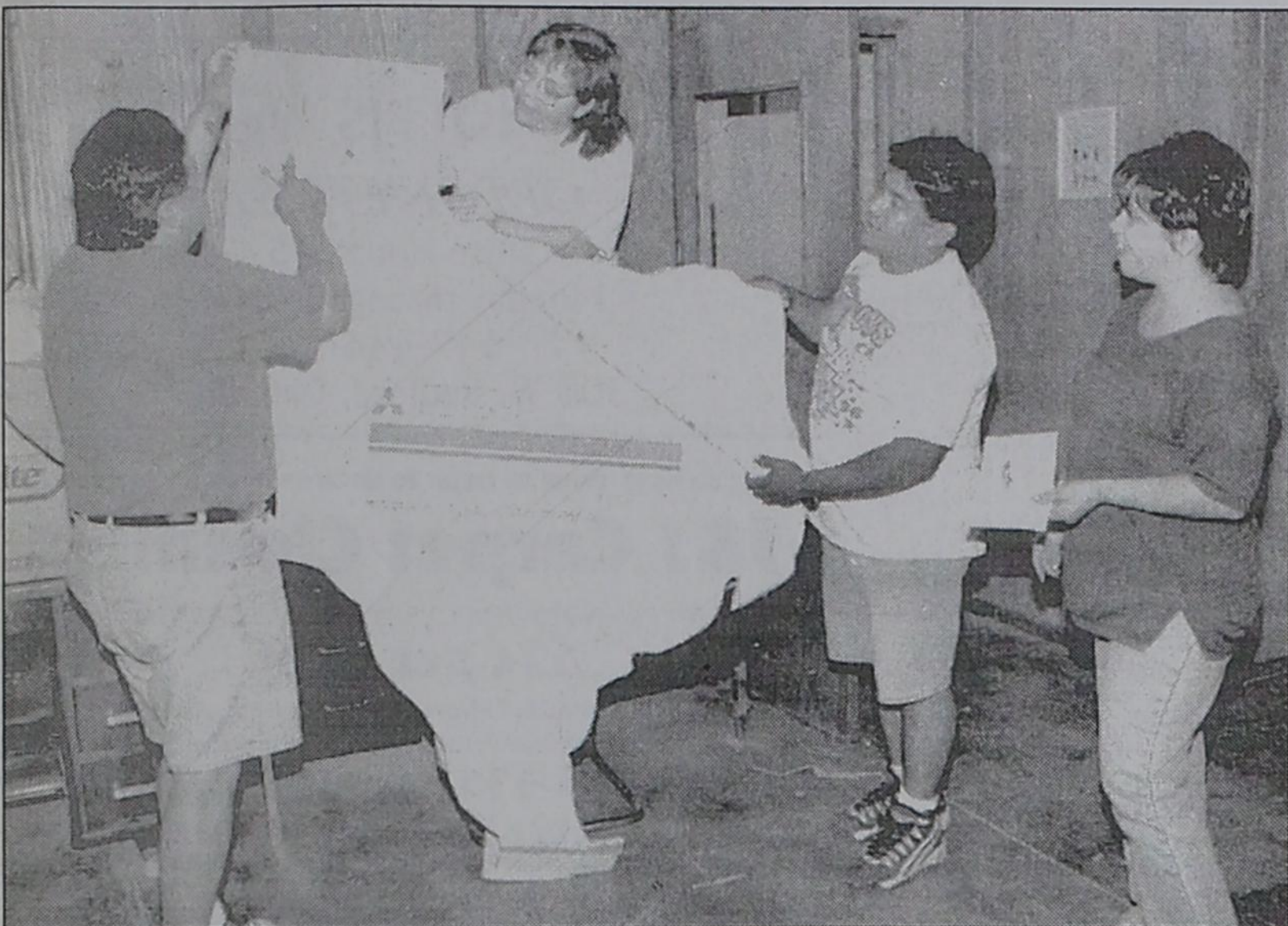
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COMMUNITY ACTION WEEK will be Aug. 4-8, according to a proclamation signed by the Castro County Commissioners Court Monday. Panhandle Community Services, with a local office in Dimmitt, serves 27 counties in the Panhandle. Here, local office

staff members work on part of the float that will be entered in the Harvest Days Parade this year. Staffers include (from left) Pete Ellis, transport driver, Susie Garcia, office manager, Jerry Pena, transport driver, and Stella Devers, center coordinator.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Sorry there was no news from Nazareth last week, but I was enjoying a ten-day vacation in South Texas, beginning with the annual Albert Gerber family reunion at Lake Kemp which was up and very clean this year due to all the rain. With fifty some people there everyone had fun with three boats, tubes a raft, a paddle boat, fishing, swimming and of course, lots of good food, visiting and card games.

Family came from Austin, Dallas, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Odessa, Lubbock, Plainview and Nazareth. We also enjoyed a few welcome friends. Saturday night we had a birthday cake and homemade ice cream to celebrate Jim Hoelting's big 50th.

From Kemp, Donna Charanza, her grandson Kane Ryan and Virgie Gerber, followed Harold Gerber to his home close to Lake Ivie. We spent five days with Harold, took several sightseeing boat rides on beautiful Lake Ivie, including a two-hour tour of the lake one morning. We enjoyed helping Harold empty boxes and find a place to store the contents, especially in his kitchen cabinets. We met some of his very nice neighbors who are really neighbors because they all help each other as needed.

Bill Hoelting spent one night with us as he had come from Midland on his way to Brownwood on business. Tom and Jennifer Kern and children ate supper with us on their way to Austin from Midland.

From Harold's we drove to Odessa to spend the weekend with Gene and Susie Gerber. Gene and Donna played golf Saturday afternoon and we relaxed in their swimming pool. Susie taught 5 year old Kane to swim—no problem. We saw many beautiful fields of corn and cotton on the way home Sunday evening.

On July 14, the Dennis Heiman families flew to Cozumel, Mexico, to celebrate their respective wedding anniversaries. Making the trip were Denny and Dolores Heiman (40th anniversary), Ted and Deanna Huseman (19th anniversary), Wayne and Sandy Heiman (10th anniversary), Rodney and Ramona Schulte (10th) and Darrin and Jennifer Heiman (2nd). Not able to make the trip were Rodney and Jennifer Heiman of Red Bluff, Calif. Maybe next year Rodney!!

Everyone agreed the trip was really wonderful. They especially enjoyed snorkeling, para-sailing, swimming and walking on the beach. One day they rented a jeep and toured the island. The hibiscus and mimosas were in full bloom—everything was just gorgeous.

On the last day they had hoped to tour a Carnival Cruise ship that was docked, but found out they don't allow tours, so they went shopping instead. They brought lots of pretty things back home, especially memories.

A Brockman get-together was enjoyed Sunday at the Nazareth Sr. Citizens Center. Joining the Nazareth relatives were Sister Jane Francis Brockman of Ft. Smith, Ark., LaDonna Miller of Houston, Harvey and Ormalene Artho of Willdorado, Vic Brockman of Midland, Donna Brockman of Hereford and Mattie Swirzynski of Hutchinson, Kans. They enjoyed sharing a meal and lots of visiting.

Visiting with their grandparents, Ernie and Florene Brockman, for the past week were Mark's Daughter Leah Brockman of Houston and LaDonna's children, Kathleen and Ryan, also of Houston.

Driving from Fort Smith, Ark., were Sister Norbert Hoelting for the Hoelting reunion, Sister Jane Frances Brockman for the Brockman get-together and Sister Josella Birkenfeld to visit relatives in Dimmitt, Amarillo, Hereford and Nazareth.

Evening mass in Holy Family Church on Saturday will be at 6 instead of 7:30.

Dom Doherty gave me this summary of the Hoelting reunion this past weekend entitled "We Are Family."

A whole lot of jumpin' was goin' on in the town of Nazareth the weekend of July 25-27. The Hoelting Clan, some 500 strong (some very strong) hit town from Kansas, Colorado, Iowa, Arkansas, Illinois and all over Texas for their tri-annual reunion. The 40 hours from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon was jammed packed with activities.

The family tree with its nine branches, and 622 apples, covered 30 feet of wall (this was done by Bernita Hoelting), so that everyone could see who begot whom, and where the nurturance came from. Pictures of the last 120 years, including those of John and Elizabeth Hoelting, married in 1875, and families of Henry and Elizabeth, were viewed. They gazed down upon the nine branches of Henry and Elizabeth, and scores of their great-great-grandchildren.

On Friday evening, a prayer service was held by Fr. Darryl Birkenfeld, with a reflection by Elaine Sullivan to get us thinking about and thanking God for all the many blessings of the past and present. This was followed by dinner, and then a talent show. The talents displayed astounded many of the audience, who didn't realize that the Hoelting clan included over 100 talented members. Highlights were possibly a very fine chorus of nuns, and a stirring rendition of "We Are Family" by a large group of hippies. Performers ranged in age from 4 years to 75 years.

This was followed by what many people called the highlight of the weekend. The piano was carried outside the gall, several guitars, a fiddle and an accordion were tuned up, and with Francis Wilhelm and Marcia Hoelting at the piano, the singing of old songs began. Around 2 a.m. under the beautiful Texas

stars, most felt nourished enough to finish and sleep.

Saturday dawned—the second day. Some rolled over and groaned. Most either played softball, or joined Rosemary Ramaekers in the children's games. One 5-year-old, when asked if he wanted to play softball or games, said seriously, "There are no prizes for softball." At high noon, more great food was served, and then a chance to get ready for the Mass. Father Darryl was the celebrant, and Sister Norbert Hoelting gave a very fine homily. We all then went to the cemetery to ask our ancestors to pray for us and to lay flowers on their graves.

A catered dinner followed, and then—the dance. The grand march, with about 40 young people, was followed by an outpouring of energy that had at least one person changing his shirt "3 times." Dancing was scheduled to end at 12:30 a.m., but the hat was passed around to pay the DJ for another hour or so. It was good to see some 10-year-olds pulling out quarters and dollars to continue having a blast.

Sunday came—the third day. The morning was spent with fond farewells over breakfast, and plans to meet again. Within every reunion there are personal highlights, and two of mine were Nub and Mary (married 58 years) and Greg and Tinnie Hoelting (married 59 years) being cheered and cheered as they danced around the floor; and two people, Shawn and Tina (some 50 years younger) getting engaged over this weekend.

Even more than individual moments, an occasion like this has an overall feel. This reunion had a strong feel of continuity with the past, the pictures, the old stories. But even more, I think this time the feel was pride. Pride in the younger people and confident hope for the future. With all the traps and dangers "out there," and there are many, there was a feeling that the younger generation has a valuable start—they have values and they are able! They will all fall, make mistakes, do "dumb" stuff, but there is a strength and solidity there, a feel of community which will see them through. The simple fact that there are 621 other family members who are possible resources is heartening.

So, Hoelting flag flying, the spirits high, the clan goes forward to a greater or lesser extent—each of us feels the strength of the Hoelting Brand. As we go back to our normal lives, we thank Betty and Francis Wilhelm, Cecil and Norita Hoelting and Marvin and Carol Hoelting, and all their helpers who made this event a memorable one. The next reunion will be held in 2000 A.D. May we all be there, plus a few additions.

Nazareth is a jewel set on the sun-baked plains, a teaming womb of good people. Long may it be there to hearten all of us.

25—Legal Notices

ENMENDAR AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL

A los votantes registrados del Condado de Castro, Texas:
Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abran se abran desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. el 9 de agosto de 1997, para adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuesta constitucional ase como fueron sometidas por la 75a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texase la Estado de Texas.

- Direcciones de las casillas electorales:
PRECINCT 1:
 101—Hart Golden Group Building.
 105—Sunnyside Baptist Church.
PRECINCT 2:
 201—Immaculate Concept Catholic Church, Dimmitt.
 206—Flagg Fertilizer.
PRECINCT 3:
 301—First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.
 307—Easter Community Center.
PRECINCT 4:
 401—District Courtroom, Dimmitt.
 408—Nazareth City Hall.

La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en: County/District Clerk's Office, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on July 21, 1997, and ending on Aug. 5, 1997.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberian enviarse a: Joyce M. Thomas, District/County Clerk, Castro County Courthouse, 100 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran recibires para el fin de las horas de negocio el 1 de agosto de 1997. Emitada este dia 7 de julio de 1997. IRENE MILLER, County Judge 25-17-11c

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Obituaries

Paul Brooks

Services for Paul Brooks, 77, of Hart were Friday, July 25, at First Baptist Church in Hart with Rev. Gerald Aalbers, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Homes in Dimmitt. Brooks died July 23 in Hart.

He was born Dec. 8, 1919 in Hope, Arkansas. He attended Mount Olive and McCarty schools. He lived in Lamesa before moving to Hart in 1949.

He married Irene Welty in 1939 in Lamesa.

He was a farmer and co-owner of Hart of the Plains Irrigation. He became a charter director of Farmers State Bank when it was established in 1957. He served on the Hart School Board for six years and also served on the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service Committee in Castro County.

Mr. Brooks was a charter member of the Hart Lions Club, a 32nd Degree Mason in the Olton Lodge and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was also an avid collector of toy tractors, antique coins and Aladdin lamps.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Thomas Brooks of Hart; two daughters, Neoma Williams of Hart and Sharon Shofner of Lamesa; a brother, Jim Brooks of Clovis, N.M.; a sister, Faye Snell of Ackerly; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the service were John Murray, Don Vaughan, Duane Clevenger, Jimmy Ray Davis, Russell Rucker, Jim Black, Edd Beckett, Arnold Gilcrease and Lloyd Farris.

Honorary pallbearers were the First Baptist Church congregation and friends.

The family requests memorials be to the Amy Shofner Scholarship Fund, c/o First National Bank, Lamesa, TX 79331; or a favorite charity.

Cleotilde Castaneda

Cleotilde Castaneda, 73, of Dimmitt died Saturday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Graveside services were Tuesday in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Deacon John Nino officiating and Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Homes directing.

Castaneda was born Oct. 22, 1923 in San Antonio. She married Francisco Castaneda in Hidalgo. He died in 1992.

She previously lived in Plainview before moving to Dimmitt in 1954. She was a Catholic and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, John Castaneda of Hereford; three daughters, Francis Dominguez and Israella Castaneda, both of Dimmitt, and Cleotilde Rodriguez of House, N.M.; one sister, Teodora Diaz of Maryland; 17 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Alvin Kelton Cates

Funeral services for Alvin Kelton Cates, 53, a former Dimmitt resident, were held July 21 in Ulysses, Kan., and July 22 in Dimmitt.

Mr. Cates died Saturday, July 19, at his home in Ulysses, following a lengthy illness.

Services were conducted July 21 in the United Methodist Church of Ulysses, with Rev. Ron Thrasher and Rev. Pat Thrasher officiating.

Additional services were held Tuesday afternoon, July 22, in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes officiating.

Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park here.

Arrangements were coordinated by Phillips Mortuary of Ulysses and Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Born March 11, 1944, in Hereford, Mr. Cates grew up in Dimmitt. After graduating from Dimmitt High School in 1962, he attended South Plains College and West Texas State University.

He served as an Army medic during the Vietnam War.

He married Janice Lynn Baldrige on June 24, 1966, in Dimmitt.

An employee of Meza, Inc., he was the superintendent of the Satanta Meza Plant at Ulysses. He had moved to Ulysses from Binger, Okla.

He was a member of the Faith Fellowship Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Ty, of the home; two daughters, April Loftis of Ulysses and Robin George of Hinton, Okla.; his father, Dero Cates of Dimmitt; a sister, Darlene Walters of Dimmitt; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorial gifts to Westlawn Memorial Park, c/o Jan Glenn, First United Bank of Dimmitt; or to the Faith Fellowship Building Fund or the Kansas State Center for Basic Cancer Research, c/o Phillips Mortuary, Inc., Ulysses, KS, 67880.



Shirley Stephens

Shirley W. Stephens, 72, of Dimmitt died Thursday, July 24, at her residence.

Services were held Sunday in First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes presiding. Burial followed at Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Homes in Dimmitt.

Stephens was born April 8, 1925 in Dimmitt. She graduated from Dimmitt High School and attended Texas Tech University where she belonged to Pi Beta Phi sorority. She also belonged to Tau Beta Sigma band sorority while at Texas Tech.

She married Harold Stephens in Dimmitt on June 21, 1947.

She served as Dimmitt Independent School District Tax Assessor-Collector for twelve years and was a member of the Dimmitt Book Club, Dimmitt Garden Club and Dimmitt Dinner-Bridge Club. She was also a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother, John Womack of Dimmitt; two nieces, Rita McDaniel of Dimmitt and Kristie Lewis of Amarillo; two nephews, Lester Womack of Dimmitt and Jess Womack of Amarillo; and three cousins, JoAnn Montgomery of Midland, Carole Farris of Dalhart and Jim Cowsert of Georgetown.

Pallbearers for the service were Shad McDaniel, Colby McDaniel, Kent Cowsert, Stacy McDaniel, Flynn Farris and Michael Bezner.

The family requests memorials to First Baptist Church Music Fund, 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt, TX 79027, or a favorite charity.

Henry Crow

Henry Crow, 88, of Memphis, father of Lanny Crow of Dimmitt, died Wednesday, July 23.

Services were Friday in Spicer Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Newlin Cemetery.

Crow was born in Newlin. He was a ginner with Farmers Union Gin. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a Baptist.

He married Louise in 1945 in Goodnight.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Mike Crow of Dumas and Lanny Crow of Dimmitt; six grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

Cecilia Ann Herzog

Services for Cecilia Ann Herzog, 84, were held Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father John Hickey, Father Jerry Stein and Rev. Jim Hutzler presiding.

Burial was in the Holy Family Cemetery by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Herzog died at July 22 in Olton, following a lengthy illness.

She was born Dec. 23, 1912 in Stanton. She lived in Dimmitt and Olton since 1992. Before that she lived in Dallas.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She was a registered nurse and was employed by St. Paul's and Presbyterian Hospital for 50 years, retiring at age 72. She was a member of St. Ann's Circle, St. Paul's Alumni, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Alma Conrad and Dorothy Roddam; and four brothers, George Herzog, Robert Herzog, Joe Herzog, and John Herzog.

Survivors include eight nieces, Rose Mary Ramaekers of Umberger, Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth, Colette Hoelting of Colorado Springs, Susie Bacon of Amarillo, Angie Venhaus of Dumas, Lyn Porter and Georgeanne Walton, both of Stanton and Cindy Greengold of Austin; three nephews, Carl Herzog of Odessa, Ted Conrad of San Angelo and Tommy Conrad of Colorado Springs; and two very special friends, Mary Ruth Henderson and Louise Buhner, both of Dallas.

Pallbearers for the funeral service were Anthony Brockman, Henry Ramaekers, Cyril Brockman, LeRoy Hoelting, Ted Conrad and Dave Venhaus.

The family requests memorials to the Holy Family Parish Cemetery Fund or Charity Fund, P.O. Box 100, Nazareth, TX.

Tulon White

Services for Tulon G. White, 79, of Lazbuddie and brother of N.C. White of Dimmitt, were Saturday in Lazbuddie United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bob Turner of Canyon and the Rev. Sidney Parsley of Lazbuddie officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. White died Thursday, July 24. He was born in Maude, Okla. He had lived in Parmer County since 1939, moving from Maude.

He married Willa Vernell Mars in 1941 in Clovis, N.M.

He served in the Navy during World War II. He started the Parmer County Draft Board in Farwell in 1940. He built and operated White's Elevator in the Lakeview community, retiring in 1969.

Mr. White was a member of Lazbuddie United Methodist Church. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and member of Independence Masonic Lodge No. 1337 in Corpus Christi. He also was a member of the Scottish Rite in El Paso.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Kenneth White of Corpus Christi and Garry White of Friona; a daughter, Gayle O'Brian of Friona; three brothers, N.C. White of Dimmitt, Pete White of Mathis and Harold White of Portland; a sister Lucille James of Harrison, Ark.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Texas Country Clean-Up is slated Aug. 7

The Castro County Expo Building will be the site of the "Texas Country Clean Up", a recycling project, August 7 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is offering rural Texans this opportunity to dispose of empty plastic pesticide containers (must be clean, high pressure rinsed or triple rinsed to be accepted), used motor oil and oil filters, used tires (not including tractor tires), and lead acid batteries free of charge.

No hazardous waste will be accepted.

Texas Country Clean Up is co-sponsored by the TNRCC, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture. The purpose of the clean up campaign is to offer rural areas the same recycling opportunities as metropolitan areas.

Collection days across the state this year have been extremely successful. In 28 clean ups so far this year, 1,257 participants recycled 30,833 empty plastic pesticide containers, 14,482 tires, 17,455 gallons of used motor oil, 39,871 used oil filters and 2,296 used lead acid batteries.

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