

Hart School Board holds its ground **LULAC calls for federal investigation**

By DON NELSON

At a packed school board meeting in the Hart High School library Monday night, the national president of the League of United Latin-American Citizens insisted that high school teacher Jim Tucker be fired for a racist remark he made and for other alleged infractions.

But the school board told LULAC President Rick Dovalina that it has severely reprimanded Tucker and is standing by its decision to keep him on staff under a set of seven or eight strict conditions, because Tucker already had been rehired by contract before the incident occurred.

"There's a distinct possibility that we could be sued if we fire him and we could be sued if we don't fire him," Board President Harold Bob Bennett commented. "We're in kind of a quandary."

Monday night's open forum discussion attracted a crowd of 73 and lasted more than two hours.

When the meeting reached an impasse and turned into a shouting match, Dovalina stormed out, telling the board that LULAC would request the US Dept. of Justice and the US Dept. of Education to investigate the school district with an eye toward legal action.

Tucker has been accused of telling ethnic jokes during his classes, calling Hispanic students "damned Mexicans" in a conversation with another teacher, and alleged infractions involving the use of alcohol and tobacco.

The allegations against Tucker were made during the board's June meeting. Elementary teacher Beth Gilley told the board that Tucker had approached her about whether she would be interested in having her son attend an early-morning vo-ag class next school year.

She told the board that when she asked Tucker why he wanted to schedule the early-morning class, he said, "I want to get rid of those

damned Mexicans."

Let me assure you," Dovalina told the board Monday night, "LULAC is not here to take over your town or your school. I wouldn't be here if we had not been called by members of your community."

He told the board that the only "right thing" to do would be to fire Tucker.

"In every single part of this state, he would be fired immediately," Dovalina said.

Board members and administrators said they were trying to steer a course that would not result in any financial loss which might force cuts in school jobs or programs.

"Before I came, I called the superintendent (Dr. Martin Earley) and asked him, 'What are you going to do about this?' and he told me, 'It's a matter of money,'" Dovalina told the audience.

"The school board is so afraid that it's going to cost them money that they won't do the right thing," Dovalina charged.

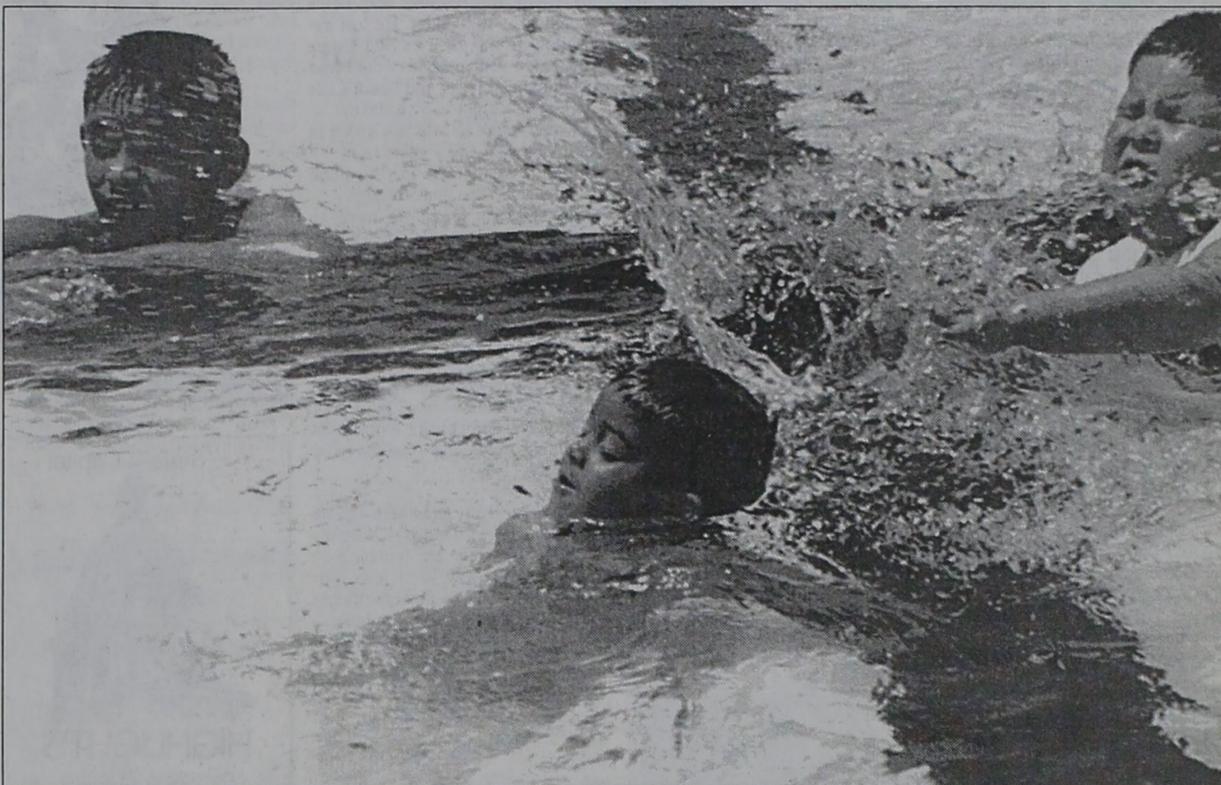
"You need to just do the right thing," he told the board. "You need to fire this individual. And if you don't do it, I've already given you a copy of letters we sent (to the civil rights branches of the Justice and Education Depts.), because we aren't going to settle for anything less than his termination."

"We're not concerned with how much it's going to cost you . . . because I know it's *not* going to cost you. You just need to do it."

"You would save everybody a lot of time and money if you did the right thing in this case."

The LULAC president heard a cross-section of the community's opinions before he got up to speak. Ten local residents signed up to address the board, and school trustees who previously had kept a public silence on the issue were prodded to

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BEATING THE HEAT—Isiah Trevizo (center) and other Dimmitt youngsters found a way to beat the near-100 degree heat this week—they just visited the Dimmitt City Pool and enjoyed a refreshing swim Tuesday

afternoon. Temperatures topped 100 degrees one day during the past week and hovered near the century mark several times.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

Miss Hart pageant to kick off centennial party

Dedication of a new outdoor centennial pavilion, coronation of a new Miss Hart, a parade, musical programs, dance and more are being planned for Hart's 100th birthday celebration, which begins on July Monday and continues through July 29.

Joe Percy and Sarah Hart have

been named "Honored Citizens" for this year's Hart Days celebration, and they will ride in the Hart Days parade on Saturday, July 29.

Joe Percy Hart is the grandson of T.W. Hart, the founder of Hart. Mr. Hart started the post office for Hart in 1900 in the draw southeast of the city and that land is still owned by

the Hart family today.

The annual Hart Days celebration will focus around the city's centennial celebration, and the new pavilion was constructed in honor of the milestone.

The new facility will be formally dedicated at 4 p.m. on July 29.

It is located in downtown Hart, just across from the Hart Banking Center, and includes a stage, restrooms, dressing rooms and storage. A landscaped plaza area is featured on the west end and it includes flower beds and walkways.

The week-long Hart Days celebration kicks off on Monday when the

downtown businesses turn on their Christmas lights.

On Tuesday, a Centennial Miss Hart will be crowned in a special pageant at 7 p.m. at the pavilion.

Those attending are asked to bring a chair and a \$1 admission fee for the pageant. Those who plan to watch the pageant from their automobiles also will be charged the \$1 admission and proceeds will benefit the Hart Days Committee.

During the pageant festivities, the W.I.T.H. Association in Hart will be selling centennial cookbooks for \$10 each.

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1:1

By Don Nelson

Sorry about falling down on the job last week. When I don't have a column, I always hear about it.

When Verbie checked in to Lubbock's Covenant Health Center for major surgery two weeks ago Friday, we thought that she'd probably be coming home Monday evening or so.

But Monday came and went, and so did Tuesday and Wednesday, and all the newspaper's deadlines. We finally got back home last Thursday evening after a six-day vacation in downtown Lubbock.

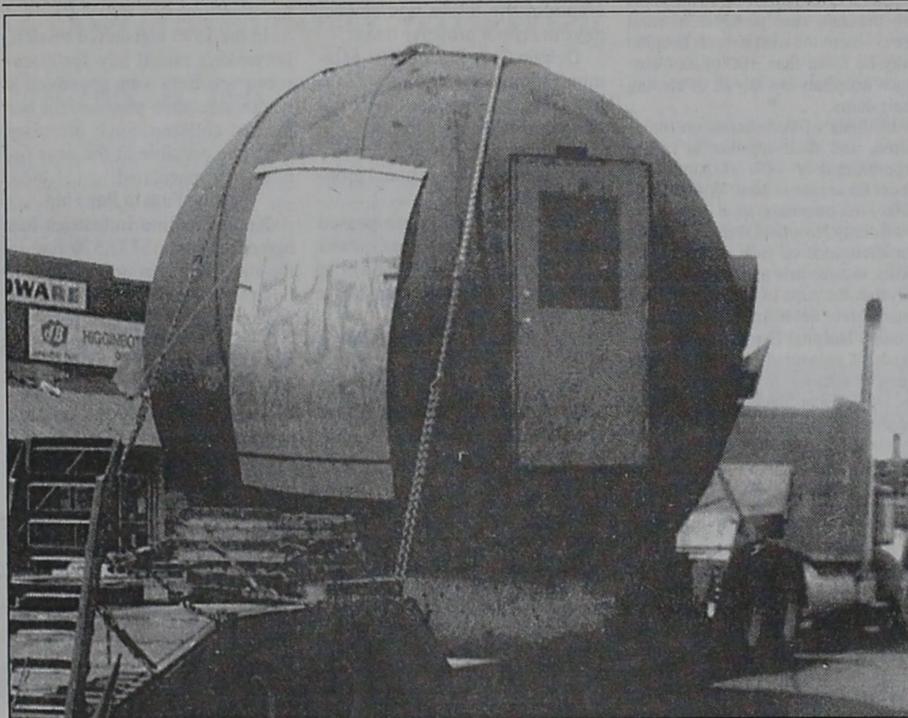
When it comes to priorities, my wife comes first. I know you'll understand that.

The staff was ready to take over my other duties, which is no big deal in the middle of summer. I took the laptop computer and my column file to Lubbock with me, thinking I'd surely have time to come up with something that I could e-mail back to the paper if we were held over.

But it didn't happen. By the time I ran errands and went to eat, and sat with the patient and went to eat, and put together an impromptu birthday party and went to eat, there didn't seem to be any time left to do anything else but go eat.

Maybe a time engineer could tell you where all the time goes when you have someone in the hospital.

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QUESTA OR BUST—This hunk of iron may look like just a big ball as it rolled down the highway last Thursday, but it is actually part of a two-ball house that will serve as a vacation home for former Nazareth resident, Dwayne Huseman. Huseman

bought the balls, which were originally used to store feed for livestock, and is remodeling them into rooms to serve as his vacation home in Questa. He and friends have been working on the project for more than a year.

Photo by Anne Acker

Huseman converts livestock feed pods into mountain resort home

You won't find four square walls in Dwayne Huseman's home away from home in Questa, N.M., but you will find all the comforts of home—a living area, kitchen, bathroom and a bedroom—all arranged in two 20-foot, 38,000-pound balls.

That's right—big, round balls. The two pods Huseman used as the "framework" for his vacation home in Questa were originally used to mix and store feed for livestock many years ago.

In Questa, the pods will be attached to old butane tanks which were converted into supporting pillars for the project. The two "ball rooms" will be connected by a walkway.

Huseman, who was raised in Nazareth and now resides in Amarillo, came up with the idea of converting the globes into rooms, then enlisted the help of friends in

Nazareth. Before long, his vision became a reality as the balls were equipped with doors and windows, and the interior began to look like a home.

After the preliminary remodeling work on the pods, Huseman made plans to transport his two-ball home to Questa. The balls were loaded onto two transport trucks and left Nazareth bound for Questa last Thursday afternoon.

Since then, Huseman and some of his friends have been working on attaching the balls to the pillars, and on making the rooms "livable."

Huseman has already devoted more than 18 months to the project, but there's still a lot of work to be done. He hopes to have the structure completed sometime next summer.

County must pay for missed inspections

Castro county will pay a \$2,250 administrative fine for failing to have the court house elevator inspected in 1996, '97 and '99.

Commissioners voted to pay the fine at a called meeting Tuesday rather than attend an administrative hearing in Austin on August 4 to clarify the matter. Judge Irene Miller and at least one commissioner would have to attend the hearing, and the fine would probably be increased instead of suspended.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations does not notify the county about its inspection requirements each year. Commissioners were unaware that the responsi-

bility of contacting Dover Elevator, the inspection company used by the county, was theirs.

The state agency did contact Judge Miller about the elevator inspection this year, prompting an inspection. However, in past years, no such notification has been made.

"What I don't understand is why we weren't notified of this in '96 or '97 after the first missed inspection," Commissioner Clyde Damron said. "We should have been told about this before it happened three different years."

The inspection was made in 1998 when some maintenance was being

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Boren biking for cancer

Buddy Boren sweats in the 100-degree heat. His legs throb from pedaling countless miles down the infinite stretches of highway. His eyes ache from hours of squinting at the desolate road in the glaring sunlight.

But this is nothing compared to the 36 chemotherapy sessions he had to endure after being diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma in 1994, and Boren is just happy to be alive.

Boren began a 3500 mile trip around Texas' border in Gainsville on July 4th. And on Friday afternoon he rode his bicycle—that's right, his bicycle—into Dimmitt, his "Ride For Life" approximately 20 percent complete.

The purpose of Boren's trip is two-fold. The first message he hopes to convey is that cancer patients can survive, and they shouldn't lose hope.

"There are never any guarantees," Boren said, "but with hope and a

positive attitude, anything is possible."

Boren's other purpose is to raise money for the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, his home town.

Boren decided to make the trip, which will take about 60 days to complete, to get the message that "survival is possible" to as many cancer patients as possible.

He never thought that six years after being given just a 30 percent chance of surviving his cancer he would be making a 3500 mile trek around Texas.

"I guess it just goes to show you that even in your darkest hour things can get better," he said. "That is what this trip is all about."

Boren is averaging about 60 miles per day, and he is spending his nights in various hotels or motels.

"But when I get down south between Kermit and El Paso," Boren

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Weather

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Sunday	97	63	..	
Monday	100	64	..	
Tuesday	97	63	..	
Wednesday	98	63	..	

July Moisture 0.14
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Op-Ed

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Letter

Reader protests column about 'Confederate flag'

Dear Editor:
I am writing to you about your article on the Confederate flag (1:1, May 4). I hope it's not too late for me to respond, and still get printed.

I was very surprised at two issues that came from your article. One is your lack of knowledge of the battle flag. As long as you have been in the newspaper business, I would think you would have done some research on an issue you felt so strongly about.

The flag that is getting such a bad rap in the political and media realm is called the Confederate Battle Flag. You referred to a flag called the Stars and Bars. This is the First National, which was the first flag adopted by the Confederacy. It looks much like the American flag, and is seen very little by the public. Two other flags were soon adopted during the war between the states. They were the Second National and the Third National.

The flag that the media and NAACP make such a big fuss over is the Battle Flag of the Confederate South. This is the beautiful flag with the cross of St. Andrews. This flag has a history that goes back to many countries.

The Confederate Battle Flag's cross of St. Andrews is exactly like that of Scotland's. What the English did to the Scots was much worse than slavery here in America, although the Battle Flag was not about this issue.

The St. Andrews Cross, a banner of bravery and defiance, was carried into the battlefields for the fight of states' rights. This flag did not fly over slave quarters. It is a symbol of Southern American Christian character and heritage.

I do realize there are people on both sides of this issue that are full of hate. Their attitudes and actions are very un-Christian like. The reason for this is sin in the world, not the Confederate Battle Flag.

The other issue is that your article was put in a paper that is paid for by advertisers, and subscribers, who are rich in Southern heritage. Many of them have grandfathers that fought, and some died under that battle flag.

My father still lives in Dimmitt. His great-grandfather, Martin Milsap; two brothers and their father, Adam; fought in the Third Tennessee Confederate Regiment. Adam had a small farm in East Tennessee. He owned no slaves.

When he came back from the war, his cabin was burned and fields scorched by the Union. He lost everything to the great cause of state rights. Do you think he would lose his home and farm, and risk his life for planters' right to own slaves?

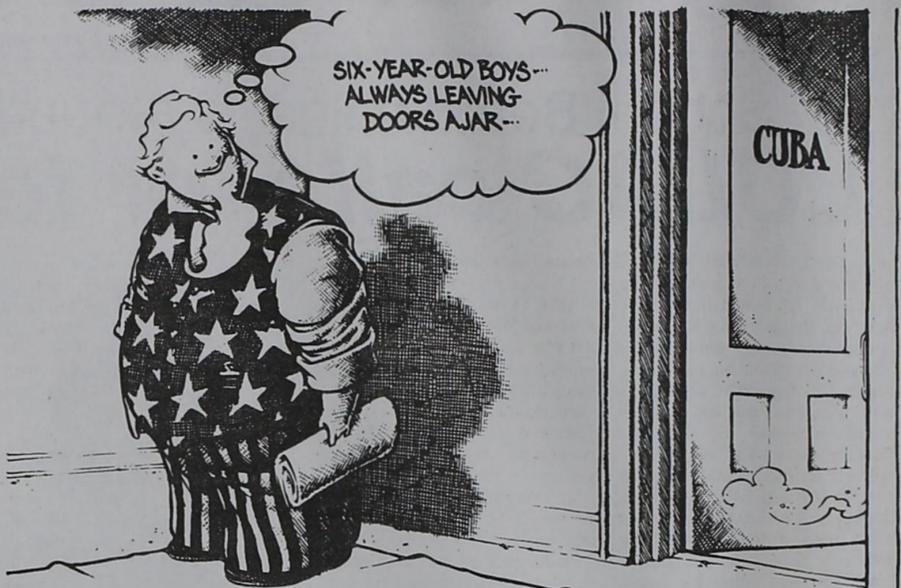
Even though he was not killed in battle, he died a few years later in a Nashville asylum. He lost his mind from what he had gone through.

It makes me proud to have an ancestor who stood up for what he believed. He fought under the Confederate Battle Flag. I feel a sense of pride in my heritage when I see the flag flown or shown in any manner.

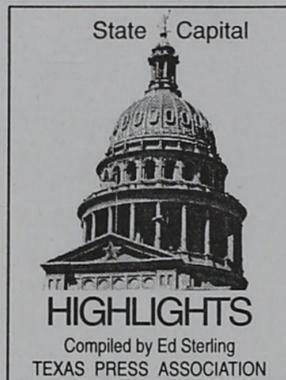
You said it showed defiance or some form of twisted pride. "Twisted pride" were your words. That's your opinion, but don't push it to the point of taking down the flag for your prejudice.

Let me close my letter with a quote from Karl Marx: "Destroy a people's heritage and they are more easily persuaded." A few years later millions of people were under the thumb of Communist rule and oppression.

JANET KING LINDSEY
Hohenwald, Tenn.



BEN ARGENT
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Future Budget Surplus Unlikely

After major media outlets reported that the Senate Finance Committee anticipated a \$750 million budget deficit, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said there actually is enough money in state coffers to meet current obligations.

"Over and above those obligations, I don't expect much of a budget surplus. We are going to be fiscally conservative," Perry said last week.

Higher-than-expected tax revenues from this year will be used to cover about \$610 million in cost overruns in the current 2000-2001 budget.

Perry, who presides over the state Senate, and other lawmakers say they don't expect to have much extra money left to roll into the 2002-2003 budget, which begins Sept. 1, 2001.

Looking forward to the next legislative session, when they will adopt the 2002-2003 budget, lawmakers said the state will be able to pay for school, social service and criminal justice programs even as Texas' population grows, but it will not be able to expand those programs.

In the 1999 legislative session, lawmakers raised pay for classroom teachers and approved a health insurance program for uninsured children. Such increases won't be possible in the near future, they speculated.

Pipeline Firm to Pay Fine

Koch Pipeline Industries has agreed to pay a \$171,570 fine to the state for environmental violations at crude oil storage facilities it operates across Texas.

The company self-reported most of the violations listed in the agreed order. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and the company documented various air quality violations at facilities operated by Koch.

Violations included failure to install seals and vapor recovery equipment on tanks; failure to notify the TNRCC of shutdowns, construction startups or malfunctions of stations; failure to pay air emissions fees; and failure to conduct proper record-keeping and inspections at many facilities.

To date, the company has either replaced or repaired the tanks in full compliance with state law, taken tanks out of service, or sold tanks to buyers with full notification about necessary corrective action, the TNRCC said.

Other Highlights

• Lower-sulfur and thus cleaner-burning gasoline will be supplied to the Austin area in May 2001. The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission said using low-sulfur fuel would be about like taking 60,000 vehicles off the streets. The downside: consumers will be paying higher prices at the pump for less-polluting gasoline.

• Lt. Gov. Rick Perry expressed regret over a June 28 traffic stop in Dripping Springs, in which he informed a Department of Public Safety trooper, "If you would just let us go, we'd be better." The DPS released a videotape of the incident to the media. Perry's aide, who was driving, received a warning for speeding.

• Hundreds of Texas college students illegally obtained state agency long-distance access codes, shared them via e-mail and word of mouth, and ran up thousands of dollars in long-distance bills, the Department of Public Safety said. The Capitol Police, a division of DPS, is consulting with prosecutors on what charges to file.

• Public schools would have to get parental consent for a student to skip class for extracurricular and other activities under a rule recommended by the State Board of Education.

Guest editorial

Time running out for 'safety net hospitals'

Time is running out for America's safety net hospitals—hospitals that traditionally serve the poor and elderly people in both inner city and rural communities.

Safety net hospitals are the hidden casualties of Congressional cuts in the Medicare program. As a result of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA), which slashed millions of dollars from Medicare and Medicaid budgets, hospitals across America have run severe deficits. This law may

have contributed to a balanced budget, but not without a cost to society.

We now face a very real threat of losing critical local access to high quality health care. The BBA jeopardizes the ability of safety net hospitals to continue to provide quality care for America's oldest and poorest patients.

The National Coalition of High Need Hospitals is a group of safety net hospitals that has organized to educate Americans about the threat to

hospitals and patient care within their own communities.

The Coalition has identified almost 700 hospitals nationwide that are unique because they serve, almost exclusively, patients covered by Medicare or Medicaid, as well as uninsured patients. These hospitals differ from hospitals that care primarily for patients covered by private insurers. Over half of these hospitals are the sole care provider in rural areas where the next nearest hospital may be more than 100 miles away. Such hospitals are at risk of closing their doors.

Millions of Americans are uninsured, and their number is rising. Approximately 14% of Americans under 65 are uninsured. Without true safety net hospitals, such as the Castro County Hospital District, that care for thousands of sick and poor patients, the neediest patients would fall through the gaps in the system. Like most safety net hospitals, the Castro County Hospital District serves hundreds of uninsured individuals each year, in addition to patients covered by Medicare or Medicaid. The ability of all patients to receive quality care in a hospital is threatened when Medicare payments, upon which the hospital depends for its survival, are reduced—threatening the very existence of the hospital and its services.

Hospitals like the Castro County Hospital District have a mission to serve the members of their communities without regard to their ability to pay for care. Federal law requires that patients receive appropriate medical care and are stabilized before they can even be asked if they are insured. In many communities, the high concentration of poor and uninsured patients presents safety net hospitals with a difficult dilemma because these hospitals have fewer private-paying patients onto which they can shift costs. In most safety net hospitals, the ratio of Medicare and Medicaid patients to privately insured patients can be as high as 70 to 30.

If Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates do not cover the costs of care, safety net hospitals will find it difficult to stay in business, let alone to provide a range of high quality services to the poor and elderly.

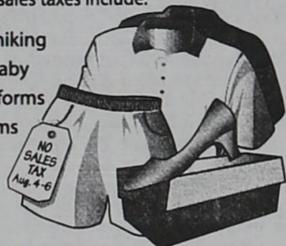
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Sales Tax Holiday Aug. 4-6

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 4-6. No state and local sales taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Items exempt from state and local sales taxes include:

- Dresses
- Boots - cowboy and hiking
- Coats
- Diapers - adult and baby
- Sweaters
- Work clothes and uniforms
- Jeans
- Gym suits and uniforms
- Shirts
- Pants and trousers
- Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis and walking



For a complete list of tax-exempt items, go to the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us

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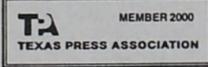
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ACROSS

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- TX-bred Fulghum's "___ Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"
- "___ in peace"
- Astro lumber (2 wds.)
- Dallas-based Pizza ___, Inc.
- TXism: "she could sell ___ cubes to Eskimos"
- TX missing atheist Madalyn Murray
- vivid red
- in Aransas Co. on 35
- TXism: "as far as an outhouse ___ morning"
- TXism: "loose as ___"
- country shirt trim
- weather-affecting current: "El ___"
- TXism: "roosters crow, ___ deliver"
- Pres. ___ Polk pushed for annexation of TX
- Sam Bass: "Texas ___ Hood"
- the first doctor in TX: ___ Jalot
- in San Antonio: ___ Garden"
- in TX, convicted are ___ by lethal injection
- TX Kristofferson band: Border ___
- Anahuac: "I'm at the ___ of my rope!"

DOWN

- businesswoman who built Dallas' 1st hotel
- Johnson Co. seat
- Castroville was started by ___ settlers
- Ranger Pudge's glove
- TX George Jones' "The Race ___"
- location of Gov.'s mansion (2 wds.)
- TXism: "I'm at the ___ of my rope!"
- TX Didrickson was called "Babe" 'cause she could hit ___ as Babe Ruth
- mother of TX Ginger Rogers
- TXism: "he's a real hard ___ (mean)"
- TXism: "___ as a calf crying for mamma"
- Tyler TV
- TX Gary Morris' "The Love She Found ___"
- TXism: "at the drop ___ hat"
- TX bandit singer: Willie ___
- Valley medicine plant
- TXism: "put ___ the back burner"
- TX Perot
- long distance option dir. to Paris, TX from Dallas
- "coffin nail" maker ___ Reynolds
- TX Lyle Lovett's "Here ___"
- San Augustine's Jerusalem ___ is oldest black church
- TXism: "as necessary ___ grease on a jackrabbit"
- TXism: "dab it ___"
- TXism: "let it ___"
- Anybody Going to San Antone? ___
- moonshine jar
- TXism: "sharp as ___"
- bluebonnet part
- TXism: "can't hold a candle ___"
- TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
- TXism: "sounds like ___ axle" (bad singer)
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- TX Duvali (init.)
- back-up gear
- groove-billed birds in the Valley
- social outing

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Mozelle Lilley and her daughter, Sharon Steffy, have been entertaining Mozelle's sister and brother-in-law, Nell and Bob Brooks of Amarillo. With them were the Brooks' daughter Teresa Clem and Teresa's two daughters, Kristi and Katherine.

The Clem family resided in Borger before being transferred to Copenhagen, Denmark a couple of years or so ago.

It was fun to hear about some of the experiences they've had while living in Denmark.

Kristi told about enrolling in a local university for a course in Denmark's political science. Her instructor turned out to be Nicolai Peidersen, the foreign minister of Denmark! His position is equivalent to Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Kristi and Nicolai have become close friends.

The Clem family will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia in the near future. Kristi is already living there and is enrolled in Georgia University.

Who knows, someday Mike, Sharon and Mozelle may be hosts to the foreign minister of Denmark right here in Dimmitt.

Ray and Barbara Bain joined the Tech marching band director, Keith Bearden, his wife June, the band and other friends of the band on a grand

tour of Iceland, England and Scotland.

In Iceland they toured Dublin and saw the massive cross which was erected to honor Pope Paul when he visited that country. They also visited Trinity University and the Book of Kells.

While in Killarney, the Tech band entertained on the street. They enjoyed a tour around the Ring of Kerry. This was an Irish country tour which was very beautiful. Next on the schedule was a walk through the Muchrase Castle which was donated to Iceland from a family, and it became Iceland's first National Park.

On the Balarney where they climbed to the top of Balarney Castle. Barbara kissed the Balarney stone which is a popular tourist attraction. This is supposed to give the gift of eloquence to those who kiss it. They toured the Balarney Woolen Mills and Waterford Crystal Factory where they watched the exquisite crystal being blown and cut.

In London they saw the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey. They shopped at Harrods Department store which has a tribute to Diana and Dodi in it. Harrods is owned by Dodi's father.

The play, "Mouse Trap," in the theater district was a highlight of the London stop. Madam Tressaud's

House of Wax was fascinating.

Riding the London Eye was a great experience. This is the world's largest Ferris wheel. This amusement park ride is owned by the British Airways. It was only recently opened to the public. It goes 400 feet in the air, has glass cars—25 people to the car—and the passengers have a complete view of London.

In Edinburg, Scotland they toured the well-known Royal Yacht, Britannia. This is the Queen's ship where royalty has honeymooned and vacationed. It is now retired and has become a frequently visited tourist attraction.

To complete the tour they made time for a stroll through Edinburg Castle and Ray and some of the other men played golf at St. Andrews.

Here's another good fishing report. Fuliderto Sepeda and F. D. Dovilla tried their luck at Conchas Dam. Fuliderto reports catching channel cat that weighed in from eight to 10 pounds. He has pictures to prove it.

This bridge report is a week late, but Susie Reeves called to report that Dude McLauren won high and Helen Braafladt came in second. Sorry I misplaced this. Keep calling them in; I'll try to do better.

Tonya Robertson, daughter of

Rodney and Debra Robertson, is at home this summer keeping busy as she awaits the fall school term at Frank Philip's College in Borger to begin. Tonya will be a sophomore there and has a basketball scholarship to play for Frank Philip's.

Tonya was a DHS Bobbie and played as post during the 1998-99 season. She plays forward and sometimes wing at Borger. She has not been idle this summer. She is coaching the girls' AAU basketball team here.

Since Dimmitt is known as being a basketball town and I like to know what's going on, I began to question Tonya. Here's what I found out:

AAU stands for Amateur Athletic Union. Dimmitt has one boys' team and one girls' team. David and Sherry Schaeffer are the main sponsors. They furnish a great van for transporting the teams, act as sponsors and Tonya says David critiques her coaching and advises her off the court. Tonya is pretty much on her own during the games.

Helping the Schaeffers are Jerry and Sherry Matthews. The girls' parents are their biggest fans and supporters. They attend most of the games and provide Dimmitt's cheering section.

This season started in April and is still in progress. The girls who are playing this year are freshmen and sophomores. They are Ashley Irons, Jenna Steinle, Shala Kenworthy, Lauren Waggoner, Holly Lane, Lyndee Behrends, Charley Nutt, Rae Odom, Jaci Bishop and Caitlan Buckley.

Tonya's sister, Tamara, has made a few trips to help out, but Tonya shouldered the coaching responsibilities pretty much alone. Tonya says the girls have really improved since the first of the season. They placed second at the last Lubbock tournament. Tonya describes the team as "Just awesome!"

I learned from Tiffany Wilcox that she had been one of Dimmitt's first AAU girls' players. She played from 1989 until she graduated from DHS in 1995. Her dad, Ricky Wilcox, was the one who sponsored and supported her. At that time each town was allowed only three girls on a team. Other girls were from Sudan, Nazareth, Vega and Hereford.

During the time Tiffany played, her teams won nationals three years. They won in Salt Lake City, Utah, Cincinnati, Ohio and Amarillo.

Following through with her love to play, Tiffany played two years at Clarendon Junior College, continued her studies at West Texas A&M and is now the junior high girls' basketball coach in Dalhart. Good luck!

Verba and Sharon Sadler from Sunnyside, Patricia Rowell from Canadian and Norma Conard enjoyed a trip to Plano and Dallas.

In Plano they spent the night with Molley Bradley Farmer and her husband Milton. Molley is the daughter of Irene Bradley of Dimmitt. The next day they all went to Dallas to attend the 82nd birthday party for Sadie Holcomb. The Holcomb fam-

ily lived in Dimmitt many years ago. Among those present was Sadie's daughter, Carolyn Holcomb Pittman. Sadie's daughter, Johnny Holcom, was unable to attend. There was an article about Johnny's brave fight for survival and her effort to help others who were fighting the same battle with cancer. She still needs our prayers.

Sadie's daughter, Rita Holcomb Emmons hosted the many family members and friends who attended.

This is almost a P.S. I had a phone call this morning from a friend who requested that I give you Bill Henderson's address. Bill has been in Houston, M. D. Anderson Hospital, but now he and Ann are living in an apartment near the hospital.

The good news is Bill seems to be responding to treatment. The bad news is he is lonely and would like to hear from you. Send a note or card to Bill Henderson, care of Bob Sargent, 5626 Seclusion, Houston, TX 77049.

I believe that everyone who reads this column knows someone or has a loved one that is in a time of crisis at this moment. I would almost guarantee that if you would call any church office in Dimmitt they could muster many prayer warriors who would lift that person in need in prayer. Don't suffer alone!

There is an old song that I found printed in a hymnal dated 1924, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are." It goes like this:

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BON VOYAGE!—American Field Service (AFS) exchange students from the Texas Panhandle—including Michael Kormann (second from left) of Austria, who spent a year with the Jerry Lange family in Nazareth; and Lars Angantyr (back row, right) of Sweden, who lived with the Lance Loudder family in Flagg—pose for a final picture together before they board the bus in Pampa earlier this month. The bus ride was the first leg of their journey home. *Courtesy Photo*

Angantyr and Kormann say farewell to county families after year's stay

Two American Field Service (AFS) students, one from Austria and one from Sweden, said goodbye to their host families and friends in Castro County and Lazbuddie earlier this month as they boarded a bus and started their long journeys back to their homes overseas.

Michael Kormann of Austria, who spent the last year living with the Jerry Lange family in Nazareth while attending Nazareth High School; and Lars Angantyr of Sweden, who spent a year with the Lance Loudder family in Flagg while attending Lazbuddie High School, joined other AFS students from the Panhandle area on a bus tour of several states before boarding planes for home on July 11.

The two caught the bus in Pampa earlier this month, and that bus was

part of a fleet of 30 that carried AFS students into different host communities all over the United States. During the bus tour, the students were able to reflect on their 11-month AFS experience and prepared themselves for the return to their home countries.

Kormann's and Angantyr's bus originated in Pampa and it stopped in Oklahoma City and Kansas before continuing to Manhattan.

Once in Manhattan, the AFS students enjoyed three days of special activities before departing for Chicago, Ill., where they caught planes for home.

AFS was founded in 1947 by American Field Service volunteer ambulance drivers in World War I and World War II who wanted to

promote world peace.

For more information on study abroad programs from six weeks to a semester or year, or about hosting an exchange student in your home, call 1-800-876-2377.

Langford earns dean's list honor

Amber K. Langford of Dimmitt has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Langford is an interdisciplinary studies major at the university.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain an excellent grade-point average.

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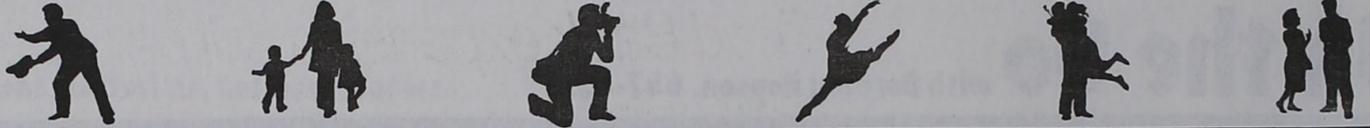
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People



Hall is feted with shower

Kristin Hall, bride-elect of Paul Axtell, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Connie Merritt.

The serving table featured a tiered wedding scene depicting a wedding chapel, a groom carrying his bride, their attendants and their decorated automobile resting on a glittering cloth. The decor was completed with white votive candles, flowers and mirrors.

Refreshments included miniature cinnamon rolls, assorted fresh fruit and iced peach tea, which were served to guests from pewter appointments.

The hostesses assisting Mrs. Merritt with the shower presented the honoree with a bread machine and china selections.

Special guests attending the shower, in addition to Jan Hall of San Antonio, mother of the bride-elect; and Diane Axtell of Dimmitt, mother of the prospective groom; were the honoree's sister, Amy Vernon of Austin; the prospective groom's grandmothers, Ardhil Field of Goldfield, Iowa and Mattie Axtell of Earth; his sister, Holly Axtell of College Station; and his great-aunt, Janelle Jordon of Tulia.

Other out-of-town guests included Norma Dawson and Mary Jones of Springlake; Jeanie Jones and Aurelia Sanders of Earth; and Nancy Buchanan of Hereford.

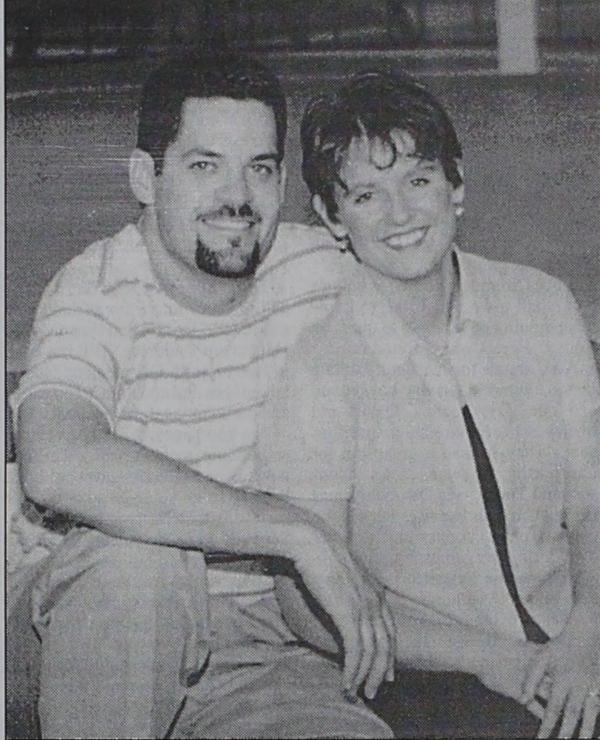
Sandhills party set in August

Olton is ready for its 21st annual Sandhills Celebration, and the event kicks off on Aug. 1 with the annual Sandhills Sweetheart Pageant.

On Aug. 2, a special gospel concert has been planned. A special play, "Daddy's Dying—Who's Got the Will," will be presented on Aug. 3. A street dance has been planned for Aug. 4.

The big celebration happens on Aug. 5, with a parade, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, a horseshoe pitching tournament, golf scramble, watermelon feast, street dance and more.

For more information, contact the Olton Chamber of Commerce at (806) 285-2292.



Brandi Rice and J. Kurt Gerber

Rice and Gerber to wed

Danny and Shelly Rice of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brandi, to J. Kurt Gerber, son of Glenda Gerber of Amarillo and the late Jerome Gerber.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. on Sept. 16 at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Miss Rice is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie George, Mrs. Joyce Rice and the late L.J. Rice. Grandparents of the groom are Mary Gerber of Nazareth and the late Tony Gerber.

The bride-elect graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1995. She graduated from Midwestern State University in 1999 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed in the surgical intensive care unit at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The prospective groom graduated from Carlsbad Senior High in New Mexico in 1991. He studied business at New Mexico State University. He is currently employed by Lowes Home Improvement Warehouse, Inc.

After the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Albuquerque, N.M.

Bridal shower honors Griffin

A bridal shower honoring Laura Griffin, bride-elect of Chad Killingsworth, was held Saturday at the home of Sandy Baker.

The 29 hostesses assisting Mrs. Baker with the shower presented the honoree with a set of Analon cookware.

The serving table was covered

with a crocheted overlay. An arrangement of red gladioli and greenery served as the table centerpiece. Crystal candlesticks with red tapers completed the decor.

Guests were served raspberry tea, cinnamon nut bread and fresh fruit.

Out-of-town guests included Becky and Jim Killingsworth of Amarillo, Vicki Rockwell of Houston, Leanne Rockwell Hill of Sugarland, Kathryn Rockwell of Abilene, Jennifer Killingsworth and Woodrow Killingsworth of Amarillo, and Stephanie Killingsworth of Grand Junction.

Newlyweds establish their home in Amarillo

Mr. and Mrs. Coby Schacher are home in Amarillo after enjoying a wedding trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Freeport, Bahamas.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on June 17 in a formal, double-ring ceremony performed by Father Peter Otto at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride is the former Lynsey Hoelting, daughter of Tom and Raelene Hoelting of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Rusty and Lydia Schacher of Nazareth.

Organist Marcia Hoelting accompanied soloists Nicole Schulte and Dwayne Kleman as they performed the couple's chosen selections.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal, sleeveless gown of white Regal satin and Alencon lace designed with a Bateau neckline and deep, scooped back. The gown was accented with pearls and sequins and featured a cathedral-length train.

She carried a cascading bouquet of fresh flowers including white lilies, Candia roses, red carnations, white daisies, purple statice, and yellow Vikings.

Megan Hoelting of Nazareth, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Serving as matron of honor was Gwen Schmucker of Amarillo, sister of the bride. Bridal attendants included Whitney Braddock of Nazareth and Kourtney Robertson of Dimmitt, friends of the bride; and Kyla Schacher of Nazareth, sister of the groom.

The bridal attendants were outfitted in champagne-colored princess-style gowns of satin back crepe fashioned with a halter neckline and vee back accented with a satin bow.

Each carried a stemmed clutch arrangement of fresh orange lilies, Candia roses, red carnations, white daisies, purple statice and yellow Vikings.

Best man was Derrick Schacher of Nazareth, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Chad Beedy of Dumas and Bryan Braddock of Nazareth, friends of the groom; Casey



MRS. COBY SCHACHER
... nee Lynsey Hoelting

Hoelting of Lubbock, brother of the bride; and Wesley Pope of Santa Fe, N.M., cousin of the groom.

Candlelighters were Kaci Wethington, Tanya Wethington and Amy Pohlmeier, all of Nazareth, and Melissa Borman of Lubbock, friends of the bride.

Lane Hoelting of Nazareth, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Reghan Gerber of Dumas, cousin

of the groom, was the flower girl.

Guests were seated by Clint Hoelting of Amarillo and Clay Hoelting of Nazareth, brothers of the bride; Marvin Schmucker of Amarillo, the bride's brother-in-law; and Joey Schacher of Dimmitt, cousin of the groom.

The bride is currently employed at Ford Motor Credit in Amarillo.

The groom works for Monsanto in Dumas.

Public hearing on health care issues set Friday in Hereford

Rural community representatives, health care providers and citizens will have an opportunity to comment on rural health care issues and concerns at a public hearing on Friday in

Hereford.

The hearing is set for Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the City of Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C, in Hereford.

Anyone who wishes to testify at the hearing may sign up at the hearing site. Written testimony also may be submitted to Center for Rural Health Initiatives, PO Drawer 1708, Austin 78767-1708.

All comments expressed at the hearing will be considered for possible inclusion in an upcoming report to the governor and the 77th Texas Legislature.

The full report, due out in January 2001, will be written and published by the sponsor the hearing, the Texas State Office of Rural Health, the Center for Rural Health Initiatives. The center is responsible for providing feedback to the legislature and through its biennial report to the legislature, which serves as a guide

for addressing rural health care needs.

The focus of the hearing includes the following subjects:

1. The mission, goals and objectives of how the center can work to assist rural communities in meeting rural health care needs.

2. Ways for the state to effectively and creatively address the unmet health care needs of rural communities.

3. Ways to coordinate the administration and delivery of rural health care service and federal, state and local public and private programs that provide similar services.

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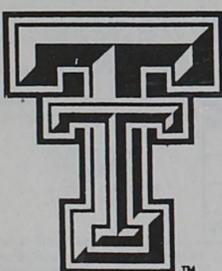


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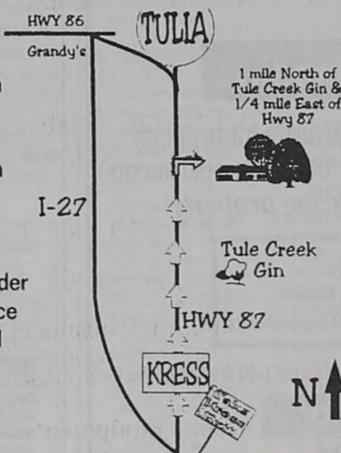
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Food Bank expansion will benefit rural Panhandle

The High Plains Food Bank has received \$90,000 from the Brumley Foundation to assist with the expansion project at the Food Bank, and that will benefit other programs in the area, including the Food Pantry in Castro County.

The Food Bank also received a \$20,000 expansion grant from the John D. and Nona Payne Foundation because of the Food Bank's service into the Pampa area. In 1999, over 385,000 pounds of food was delivered into Pampa to serve their needy.

These grants were possible because of the Food Bank's mission of serving those in need throughout the entire Panhandle area.

The High Plains Food Bank is an

area agency with over a third of its distribution going into area towns outside of Amarillo. In 1999, the High Plains Food Bank distributed a total of 3.56 million pounds of food with over 1.15 million pounds of the donated food being delivered into 13 different area towns serving 27 counties, including Castro County.

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The High Plains Food Bank has had a capital campaign in progress to double the size of its current facility

at 815 Ross in Amarillo. The expansion of the Food Bank will provide increased freezer and cooler capacity and enlarge its warehouse and salvage re-pack area. With the expansion, more food can be distributed into the Texas Panhandle.

Currently, the Food Bank sends trucks each Wednesday and Thursday to deliver food into the communities of Borger, Clarendon, Childress, Dalhart, Dumas, Dimmitt, Hereford, Hedley, Memphis, Panhandle, Perryton and Tulia; Wellington once a month and into Pampa twice a month.

The deliveries are made in the Food Bank's refrigerated trucks, enabling area agencies to receive greater quantities of food including fresh vegetables, and frozen and perishable food products.

Hundreds of lives of low-income children and individuals are touched each month through the efforts of 89 non-profit organizations and churches in our area communities.

If you know of any area or local agency or church currently distributing food or feeding those in need, and are interested in receiving food from the Food Bank, call 374-8562.



STRING TECHNICIANS will be one of the many musical performers who will be featured in the Crossroads Festival Sunday from 5 to 11 at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth. Admission to the show is \$15 per person, and that includes a hamburger supper as well as the entertainment. *Courtesy Photo*

County students named to honor lists at WTAMU

Several Castro County students have been named to honor lists for the 2000 spring semester at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

One student, Denia Durbin of Nazareth, qualified for the President's list after maintaining a grade-point average of 3.85 (out of a possible 4.0) or better with a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours. She is a senior reading major.

Six students qualified for the Dean's List after each achieved a grade-point average between 3.25 and 3.85 with a minimum course load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Dimmitt students qualifying for Dean's list honors are Mary G. Correa, a junior business composition major; Travis R. Crow, a junior majoring in general studies; and Kristin M. Doss, a sophomore generic special

ed major.

Nazareth students making the honor list include Majorie J. Durbin, a senior pre-medicine major; Marcus J. Brockman, a junior general studies major; and Jaime E. Heard, a senior nursing major.

More than 1,100 West Texas A&M University students qualified for the honor roll, with 294 being named to the President's List and 835 qualifying for Dean's List honors.

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Crossroads Music Festival slated Sunday in Nazareth

An exhilarating combination of musical traditions will merge on stage at the Crossroads Music Festival in Nazareth on Sunday.

The concert will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth and will feature a variety of performers. Admission to the event is \$15 per person, which will include hamburgers and refreshments.

The name for the event stems from the fact that two paved roads, SH 86 (which runs east-west) and FM 168 (north-south) intersect in a place that locals have long referred to as "The Crossroads." In a similar fashion, the Crossroads Music Festival will bring together three distinct styles performed by local musicians in a lively interchange.

Performers for the event will be Jean Warren and Joe Gillis, band members of The String Technicians; solo artist Moses Morin; and singers-songwriters Mike Fuller and Tennessee Tuckness.

Using fiddle, guitar and fine voices, the Levelland-based duo of Warren and Gillis bring to life the marvelous traditions of western music as well as Celtic and light jazz. Playing Gianini strings and a Brazilian-made guitar.

Morin, who hails from Amarillo, will perform acoustic instrumentals highlighting a Flamenco/jazz fusion style. Morin works fulltime for Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroads and is a self-taught guitarist.

Drawing from their well-received original compositions, Amarillo natives Fuller and Tuckness will team up to give the audience a taste of contemporary folk music. To enhance the "interchange" aspect of the concert, each act will perform 20 minutes, in a rotating fashion, through three 70-minute sets. These sets will begin at 6 p.m. with 30-minute intermissions between each set.

Interested musicians are invited to join in a jam session beginning at 5 p.m. Food and drinks will be available throughout the evening.

The Crossroads Music Festival is a benefit concert to support the ongoing renovation of the Home Mercantile Building, a community resource for the re-emergence of rural arts.

In addition to funds from admission fees, there will be an auction during one of the intermissions.

Schilling, Chavez earn bachelor's degrees at WTAMU

Carla Schilling and Cynthia M. Chavez, both of Dimmitt, graduated from West Texas A&M University in May with bachelor's degrees.

Schilling earned her bachelor of business administration degree in accounting while Chavez received a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies.



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

Stanley and Shelly Schulte of Nazareth are the parents of a baby girl, Natalie Paige Schulte, who was born July 1 at 1:14 p.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 7 lbs., 14-1/2 ozs., and was 20 inches long at birth. She has a big brother, Logan, who is 2-1/2. Maternal grandparents are David and Pat Smith of Hart. Paternal grandparents are Elmer and Florine Schulte of Nazareth. Maternal great-grandparents are Harold and Fay Smith and Lester Richburg, all of Hart.

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Hart residents begin work on extended local calling

Many Hart residents hope to call numbers in Amarillo, Plainview, Canyon and two more cities without long-distance charges, and the first steps toward getting extended local calling approved were taken recently.

The push for the extended local calling package is being spearheaded by Hart resident Aaron Lee, and he spoke with several Hart residents at a special meeting at Hart City Hall recently.

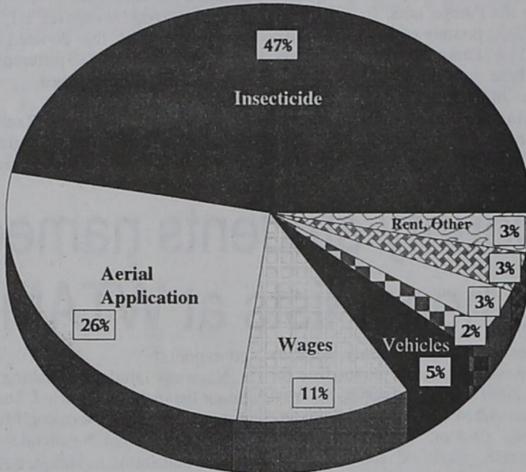
A few years ago, Hart tried to get an extended local calling application approved, but the measure didn't pass. Lee thinks the plan has a better chance for approval this time, especially with the popularity of Internet

services. Before the plan can begin, a petition with at least 30 signatures from residents in the Hart exchange must be submitted to the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

After PUC approves the application, it goes to the telephone company for approval. Once that approval is received, then ballots are mailed to subscribers in the exchange. 70% of the subscribers must vote in favor of the plan before extended local calling will be approved.

If approved, residents in the Hart exchange would be required to pay an addition \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, per month.

Eradication Costs Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone



Legend:
 ■ Insecticide
 ■ Aerial Application
 ■ Wages
 ■ Vehicles
 ■ Equipment
 ■ Interest
 ■ Trapping Supplies
 ■ Rent, Other Expenses

Graphic by Anne Acker

Officials break down costs for boll weevil eradication

Cotton growers in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone committed themselves in 1999 to eliminating the most consistent threat to their livelihood—the boll weevil.

The Northwest Plains Zone includes cotton growers in Castro County, and eradication efforts started last year in this area. Growers in the zone are charged a per-bale assessment to help offset the costs of the eradication program.

This commitment involves much planning, hard work and, of course, money. But growers in the region may not realize how the assessments they pay to fund the program are spent.

An analysis of the zone's spending from the beginning of the program last year through May 2000 shows that the bulk of the funds was spent on the treatments that will eliminate the weevil.

For every dollar expended on eradication in the zone, 73¢ was spent on insecticide and aerial applications.

Lots of vehicles and employees are needed to successfully run an eradication program, but surprisingly these items require a much smaller bite of the eradication dollar. Salaries and wages accounted for slightly more than 11¢ of every dollar, and vehicle expenses consumed less than 5¢ of each dollar spent.

The rest of the eradication dollar went for trapping supplies, 3¢; equipment costs, 2¢; interest, 3¢; and rent and supplies, 3¢.

Growers in the zone aren't bearing these costs by themselves, either.

Although they paid \$4.5 million in 1999, state and federal funding has provided for more than \$4 million toward the effort.

One of the largest expenses growers incur in producing a crop has always been the cost of pest control, but experience in other areas of the county has shown that a successful eradication program drastically reduces that expense, resulting in a higher quality crop at lower production costs.

Anticipating is even more fun than recollecting.

Farm Bureau blasts EPA's new water rules

The Environmental Protection Agency's recent action regarding water rules regulating "total maximum daily load" of the nation's rivers, lakes and streams came under fire from the Texas Farm Bureau, which said the EPA showed "unbelievable arrogance" in the matter.

"The rule, as finalized, will be a crippling blow to Texas agriculture and it is in defiance of congressional intent," said Donald Patman, a grain, cotton and cattle farmer from Waxahachie.

"On June 30, congress passed a measure as part of the supplemental spending bill that would have prevented EPA from implementing the rule. Patman said the EPA's action was political gamesmanship, since President Bill Clinton is due to sign the supplemental spending bill this week. That bill would have forbidden implementation of the rule.

"This rule is so stringent that agriculture and forestry in this state

may not be able to comply. The bar is too high," Patman said. "Many in congress who understand agriculture know this to be true, but EPA either doesn't understand or doesn't care."

The controversy arises over so-called non-point source pollution, where the agency is attempting to regulate pollution without a clearly defined source, such as sewage treatment plants or factories.

"This rule treats the farmers, ranchers and foresters of this nation just like a sewage plant, factory or other entity with a discharge pipe," Patman said. "We have come to expect nothing better from the EPA."

Patman said great strides have been made in improving water quality with voluntary, incentive-based programs.

American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman of Texas said last week the new rule is so unworkable that litigating it will likely result in further delays in improving water quality.

TBWEF applying 'heat' to emerging boll weevils

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) is keeping the heat on emerging overwintered boll weevils in the hopes that mid-season applications can be kept to a minimum.

The foundation's goal is to spray less than 10% of the acres in any one application week, according to program director Charles Allen.

Through July 9, the TBWEF has treated approximately 350,000 acres in the Northwest Plains Zone, which includes Castro County.

Other zones which have been treated included 338,800 acres in the Western Zone and 69,700 acres in the Permian Basin Zone.

A significant portion of this accumulative sprayed acreage was treated last week.

Beet armyworm trap activity is variable with numbers about the same as last week in the Western Zone (44 per trap), while numbers are down in the Permian Basin Zone (35 per trap) and increased significantly in the Northwest Zone (108 per trap).

Beet armyworm infestations have increased in size and scope since last week, a fact that hasn't been ignored by TBWEF.

Allen personally conducted a survey of 142 fields in the Western Zone, noting that the heavier activity was in the dryland crops and younger crops. On the basis of this survey, the TBWEF has increased the trap trigger from two weevils trapped per 40 acres to three trapped per 40 acres in selected work units near Seagraves, Brownfield and Plains. This will be the approach of the foundation to selectively change trap triggers so that eradication pressure can be kept on fields in areas where the secondary pest threat is low and backed off where there is a possibility of enhancing a secondary pest

problem. The foundation will continue with a weekly survey in the Western Zone and will expand this into other zones as the need arises.

TBWEF officials are asking producers to keep them informed of the infestation situation in their area so that problems can be averted early.

Correction

In a July 13 story in the *News* about proposed rate hikes by Energas, ("Mayor grills gas company reps") some of the terms of the proposed increase were incorrect.

The July 13 story stated that the "settlement agreement will give Energas a 2.7% increase per year over the next three years—approximately \$3,010,000 in increases each year for the three years of the agreement."

However, Energas officials say the settlement agreement will give the company a total increase of 2.7%, or approximately \$3,010,000.

"That's an average of \$1.06 to \$1.13 per month increase, per customer," Energas officials said. "If the rate hike is approved, there will be no other rate increase for a period of three years."

Energas will continue plans to encourage economic development, and will "look at each individual application that comes in" before deciding what incentives it will offer to any new business.

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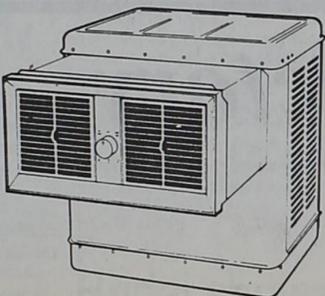
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Insect numbers on the rise in county's corn, cotton fields

**By JOHNNA PATTERSON
County Extension Agent-IPM**
This past week was very variable across the two-county area in regard to moisture.

Much of the Lamb County area received some moisture while the Castro County area remained dry with only drizzle being reported.

Area corn fields are doing nicely. Some second-generation egg lay and small larvae are being reported.

Cotton fields are doing great on the growth aspect and plants seem to be ahead of normal in squaring.

Some fields are reporting some square retention problems, but plant bug and fleahopper numbers are very low in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program fields.

Beet armyworms have hit with a vengeance this week.

Many fields in the Lamb County area have hit with a vengeance this past week.

Many fields in the Lamb County area have sub-economic to well over economic threshold levels. Boll weevil applications by the foundation have increased considerably this past week and have now surpassed the other zones for total accumulative acres sprayed.

A couple of IPM cotton fields were treated for beet armyworm infestations this week.

In the majority of the Lamb County fields, loopers also are present with numbers ranging from 2,161 to 8,778 in the fields. There are no established thresholds for this pest, but they are in the picture in combination with beet armyworms.

Boll worms are present in some fields. A few small worms were reported feeding in small squares in Lamb County, but were of little concern compared with the beet army worms in that same field.

A few larger boll worms were reported in the Castro County area, but at very low levels. We need to be ready for this pest, which will probably show up in combination with the other worms in the next couple of weeks if everything keeps going like the areas south of us.

Dr. Jim Leser, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAEX) cotton entomologist in Lubbock has provided several great suggestions in how to control the beet armyworm outbreak and what to do with a combination infestation of beet armyworms and boll worms.

"Hot, dry weather has been the rule for the last several days, raising hopes that pest mortality would increase," Leser said. "It hasn't increased, and with the return of some fairly widespread showers last week, survival chances should remain high. To make matters worse, the recent warm weather and good moisture conditions have resulted in the rapid development of a plant canopy that provides shade and relief to insects from hot daytime conditions.

"Worms and weevils are taking advantage of these improved conditions and are popping up like weeds across the area," Leser added.

"Fleahoppers and plant bugs also are becoming a problem in selected fields. Aphid numbers are increasing where overwintered boll weevil applications were made both inside and outside active eradication zones."

Where bollworms are the only pest of concern, Tracer, Steward or Denim may be the materials of choice. These are not cheap insecticides, but few are. They also don't provide pyrethroid-type control.

For a detailed explanation of each chemical's advantages and disadvantages, contact me at the Extension Office.

Lygus numbers have been increasing in a few IPM fields this week. The TAEX scouting method is being used to determine whether threshold levels have been reached or not. Levels have ranged between 0 and 0.58 per three row feet in Castro County and between 0 and 0.33 per three row feet in Lamb County. These numbers are below threshold, but do make me nervous considering everything else that is starting to appear.

Cotton fleahopper numbers have remained almost non-existent. The most that have been reported in IPM program fields are five in 60 plants checked.

Square retention has remained

high, so we may get through the damaging stage for fleahoppers without major problems from this pest. Producers should continue to scout for fleahoppers through the bloom stage.

Cotton aphids are being reported in the area. Most are on square bracts and in the terminals. Only a few are on leaves at this time, but aphid numbers are generally on the increase.

Cotton fields are more prone to develop aphid problems once they begin to bloom. Beneficials are on the decline. With the recent worm problems and insecticide applications needed to treat those fields, rapid buildup of this pest could occur.

BOLL WEEVIL ACTIVITY

Grid traps still continued to capture high enough numbers of boll weevils to indicate that we have yet to come off the current plateau of emerging overwintered boll weevil activity. This represents a peak of extended emergency of at least five weeks. 1999 was a year of extended emergence as well.

For the most part, catches have lagged behind somewhat in inactive zones compared with last year at this time. I still think this is mainly due to the earliness of the crop and not a significant change in weevil numbers.

Weevil number reductions in active eradication zones are still looking good considering the weather conditions we have experienced the last seven weeks.

Best reduction is in the Western Zone, followed by the Permian Basin and then the Northwest Zone. The lower percent reduction observed in the Northwest Zone is probably an artifact of low numbers to begin with.

Gaines County shows the greatest reduction while Crosby, Floyd and Garza counties show the highest catch levels.

Once traps can no longer be used as decision-aid tools, you must scout fields for punctured squares. When third-grown squares are present, pull 100 of these or larger squares and examine for punctures. If 20% of these are punctured, the fields need

to be treated one or more times depending on the actual level for the field.

If scouting a field prior to third-grown square appearance, 10 to 15% of punctured squares would be my threshold. The key to this business is to track the field's record. If punctured square counts are increasing but not yet at threshold and you won't check the field for another week, things could get real dicey. Common sense must prevail. Shorten your scouting interval or spray on a more aggressive threshold.

First summer generation weevils are just now beginning to appear in the earlier colonized fields. These red weevils will mate in a few days and square damage can rapidly increase after this. The bulk of this first summer generation should not be out until later this month.

CORN

Most IPM fields are in the green silk to milk stage.

Southwestern corn borer trap activity has started to increase as we move into the second generation.

Infestations are holding steady in Lamb County with eggs and some small larvae being reported. Castro County did not report any egg or small larvae, but some larger larvae are still being reported.

Producers need to aggressively scout their fields from now on for eggs and small larvae to make sure southwestern corn borers do not get the upper hand.

About 80% of eggs are laid on the upper surfaces of the two leaves just above the ear, the ear leaf and the four leaves below the ear. Eggs can also be found on lower leaf surfaces, stalks and on ears.

Infestations of **corn earworms** are light to moderate in many fields.

Western and Mexican corn rootworm beetles are still being found in area corn fields, but in fairly low numbers.

Banks grass mite populations are still very low in IPM fields, but with dry weather and hot days continuing, populations of this pest could build quickly.

Beneficial insects are numerous at this time.

INSECT & DISEASE COTTON

Area cotton fields are progressing very nicely and range from 1/3-grown square to bloom stage with some small bolls now being set. Square set ranges from 82% to 91% in IPM program fields.

Beneficial insect populations are decreasing fairly quickly, but where few pesticide applications have occurred, beneficials are still moderate in number.

Things have really broken loose in Lamb County and in the southern part of Castro County this week as far as **beet armyworms** are concerned.

As of last Wednesday and last Thursday, most fields from south of Olton to Bula in Bailey County were reporting beet armyworm infestations.

Numbers ranged from just a few "hits" with small larvae to more than 80,000 larvae per acre. The biggest problem was that the fields with the higher numbers had many different sizes and ages of larvae. No matter how we tried to stay ahead of the game with scouting for this pest, it still slammed us good.

ACS plans ball July 29 in Plainview

The ninth annual American Cancer Society's Cotton Barron's Ball will be held July 29 at the Plainview Co-op Compress.

The event will be held at the Plainview Co-op Compress at 6:30 p.m., and will feature a live performance by country artist Tracy Byrd.

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'Critical habitat' proposed for shiner will be topic of Aug. 7 public hearing

The US Fish and Wildlife Service hopes to obtain a "critical habitat" designation for the Arkansas River shiner within portions of Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, and a public hearing about the request will be held in Amarillo on Aug. 7.

The public hearing on the proposed designation and draft environmental assessment will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The Arkansas River shiner is a small minnow that was once abundant and widespread within the Arkansas River basin of Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the decline of the species is caused primarily by reduction of stream flows caused by dams, water diversion, ground water pumpage, stream channelization and the introduction of non-indigenous species.

The proposed critical habitat for the Arkansas River shiner includes portions of the Arkansas River in Kansas, the Cimarron River in Kansas and Oklahoma, the Beaver/North Canadian River in Oklahoma and the Canadian/South Canadian River in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Approximately 1,160 miles of rivers and about 300 feet on either side of the river would be affected by this proposed rule. In Texas, the affected area includes 35.8 miles of the Canadian River in Hemphill County, 115.7 miles in Oldham County and 47 miles in Potter County.

At the Aug. 7 hearing, the US Fish and Wildlife Service hopes to obtain public comments regarding reasons why any area should or should not be determined as critical habitat; specific information on the abundance of the Arkansas River shiner and its habitat; areas essential to the conservation of the species which may require special management considerations and/or protection; land use practices and cur-

rent/planned activities in the areas that could impact habitat; and economic impacts associated with critical habitat designation.

"A critical habitat designation benefits species conservation primarily by identifying important areas and by describing the features within those areas that are essential to conservation of the species, alerting public and private entities to the area's importance," said Ken Collins with the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Oklahoma Ecological Services Office in Tulsa, Okla.

"Although the designation of critical habitat does not, in and of itself, restrict human activities within an area or mandate any specific management or recovery actions, it does help focus federal, tribal, state and private conservation and management efforts in such areas. Designating critical habitat may also provide some educational or informational benefits," said Collins.

Contending that there is no hydrologic connection between the ground water resources of the Ogallala Aquifer and surface water flows of the Canadian River in Texas, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District officials and others in the Texas Panhandle opposed US Fish and Wildlife Service efforts to list the Arkansas River shiner as an endangered species.

"Individuals, utilities, businesses, agricultural producers and agricultural industry trade groups provided hours of testimony and reams of

documentation to the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the tremendous impact that such a listing would have on the surface and ground water resources within the Texas Panhandle," said A. Wayne Wyatt, manager of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. "As a result, the US Fish and Wildlife Service ultimately listed the shiner as a 'threatened species,' rather than 'endangered.'"

Wyatt said the proposed US Fish and Wildlife Service critical habitat designation for the Arkansas River shiner does not appear to impact private property rights or the water resources of the Texas High Plains region.

"It appears that the designation deals primarily with federal agency actions that might adversely affect or destroy the critical habitat," Wyatt said. Ground water pumpage is listed as a possible action that might alter the minimum or natural flow of the designated stream segments; however, there is no specific reference in the proposed critical habitat designation that might affect an individual's right to pump ground water from beneath the tract of land they own."

He added that the High Plains Water District will continue to monitor the critical habitat designation process and will again offer testimony to the US Fish and Wildlife Service to document the pumpage from the Ogallala Aquifer south of the Canadian River in Texas and west of Lake Meredith has no effect on the stream flow of the Canadian River. Contour maps of the water table in the area clearly illustrate that the direction of movement of the ground water in the aquifer is away from the river.

A final determination on this proposed rule is to be published in the *Federal Register* no later than March 14, 2001. Copies of the rule and assessment are available on the Internet at <http://ifw2es.fws.gov/oklahoma/>

Comments on the proposed draft rule and environmental assessment may be directed to Ken Collins, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Oklahoma Ecological Services Office, 222 S. Houston, Suite A, Tulsa, Okla., 74127-8909. Comments may also be called in at (918) 581-7458 or faxed to (918) 581-7467.



WORKMEN are staining the cabinets in one of the areas of the new offices for the North Gin of Dimmitt. "We hope to be moved in by August 1, in time for corn harvest," said Jim Bradford, manager of the gin and grain handling facility. Bradford said the new structure is much larger than their old facility and will enable the business to better serve its customers. Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

Miss Hart pageant kicks off party. . .

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Raffle tickets for a chance to win a night at Amarillo Bed and Breakfast, including dinner at a local steak house, also will be available during the pageant. Chances are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets are available from any W.I.T.H. member.

Activities are more numerous as the weekend nears, and the evening of July 28 will feature a meal, homemade ice cream contest and a variety show.

The barbecued supper sponsored by the First Baptist Church Youth Group, Noah's Ark, will start at 5 p.m. on July 28 and will continue "until it's all gone."

The menu will include sliced brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, bread, onions, pickles, cobbler and iced tea.

Cost for the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Take-outs will be available.

Following the barbecued meal, a homemade ice cream contest is planned, and after the creamy creations are judged, cups of ice cream will be sold.

The variety show will be held at the pavilion beginning at 7 p.m. and a wide range of "acts" are expected to entertain the audience.

Toni Nelson is coordinating the variety show and anyone who would like to perform should contact her at 938-2010.

The big celebration is being planned for July 29, starting with the centennial parade at 10 a.m. Theme for this year's parade is "Travel Through the Century." Featured in this year's parade will be the Hart High School Band, antique cars, and a covered wagon with its team of horses, as well as the traditional floats, bicycles and other motorized vehicles.

Following the parade on July 29, Hart's Good Neighbor Club will sponsor a hospitality room and bake sale at the Hart City Hall. The Zealot Club will sell homemade ice cream and the Hart Lions Club will sell hamburgers during the day.

A special all-school reunion is being planned for Hart High School graduates of all ages on July 29, and Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain is one of those coordinating the event.

According to McLain, a meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hart School Cafeteria for those

registering for the reunion. A short program will follow from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Hart Elementary School Gym.

Organizers of Hart Days won't be sponsoring a carnival this year, but several other games, rides and novelties, including a moon walk and train ride, are being planned to entertain on July 29 at the Hart City Park, located north and northwest of the fire station. Another activity being planned is a "Fun Flush" and a water slide, which will be operated by youth from the First Baptist and First United Methodist Churches in Hart.

Musical programs and other events are being planned at the pavilion throughout the day on July 29. The first will be a youth program from 12 noon to 3 p.m., sponsored by the Pentecostal Church.

The Millennial Singers will entertain from 3:30 to 4 p.m., just before the dedication at the pavilion.

Bill Sava of Dimmitt is expected to perform from 7 to 8 p.m. at the pavilion, and his act will be followed by a performance of Mariachi music from 8 to 9 p.m.

The day-long celebration will conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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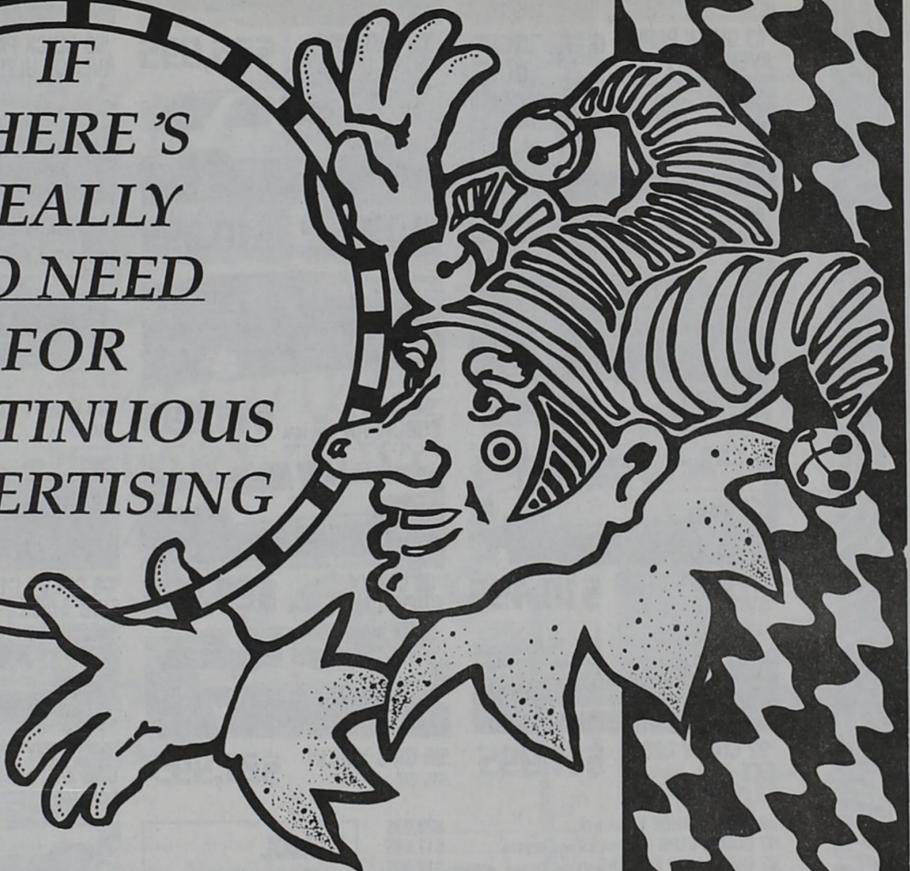
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Lazbuddie plans all-school reunion

Lazbuddie residents are planning an "all-school reunion" for July 29-30, and some of the events on tap include a golf scramble, lunch, awards, individual class gatherings and more.

The school plans an all-school event every five years. Graduates, ex-students, teachers, board members and families who have resided in the community are invited to attend.

The first school in the community was at the "Star Ranch" in 1907. A lot of changes and history have transpired since then.

The reunion opens on July 29 with a golf scramble at the Muleshoe Country Club. The tournament is limited to 60 golfers and registration is \$35 per person. That fee includes golf, cart rental, lunch at the club and a souvenir towel. Tee time is 8 a.m.

Reunion participants may begin registering for the gathering at 10 a.m. on July 29 at Lazbuddie High School. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, and the concession-style meal will be catered by the Lazbuddie High School senior class.

At 3 p.m., an assembly is planned, with recognition of honored guests and awards presentation on the agenda.

Individual groups and classes have planned special gatherings for the evening of July 29.

On July 30, registration opens at 11 a.m. at the school.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the all-you-can-eat meal being catered by Riversmith's of Lubbock. Cost for the lunch is \$10 for adults and \$4.50 for children. Contact Donna Glover at 965-2162 for reservations.

Benefit dance scheduled for Danny Salinas

La Estrellita Dance Hall in Dimmitt will host a dance Friday evening to benefit Danny Salinas, who is in need of a heart transplant.

Four bands will provide live music. They are Immortal of Dimmitt, Juan Reyes y los Nativos de Tejas, Junior Peralez and Full House of Amarillo, and Manuel Saenz and His Band.

Admission price will be \$10 for couples and \$5 for singles. Also, donations will be accepted.

Anyone wishing further information about the dance or the fund drive may contact Minnie Rivera, treasurer, at 647-5277. Donations may be sent to the Danny Salinas Medical Fund, 700 SW Third St., Dimmitt.

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READY, SET, SPLASH!—Jessica Navarro and Christina Ramos joined dozens of youngsters in making a big splash at the Dimmitt City Pool this week. Residents flocked to the pool in search of relief from the oppressive heat which blanketed the area during the past week. Photo by Joyce Nelson

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give their opinions.

Representative remarks from those in the crowd:

Angelita Morales: "I've served on the school board and I know how difficult it is sometimes. I think Mr. Tucker should have resigned at the very beginning; all this hurt could have been avoided. We want the teachers to respect our kids, and we want our kids to respect their teachers. We are proud to be Hispanic. We do not like to be made fun of; we don't think you would be, either."

"Mr. Tucker grew up here. He knew what he was getting into when he came into this school system. We do not tolerate that attitude among our kids at home; we do not tolerate it among the kids at school. Why should we tolerate it among our teachers? We deserve better—all of us."

Dana Nelson: "Jim Tucker made some careless, thoughtless, hurtful remarks. Have you? Have I? I know that he is sorry; he is sickened. If he could turn back time, he would. He did a royal screw-up. He apologized. Where is the forgiveness? Where is the compassion?"

"We have a good school, we have good students, we have a good school board, and we have some good teachers."

"I'd like to shake Jim Tucker, and give him a hug."

Teodora Gutierrez: "(My family) is fourth generation here. To forgive him is going to be awfully hard for some of us after he insulted our kids like that."

Mickey Mendoza: "When I was substitute teaching, I asked one boy, 'Why do you always make trouble?' He said, 'You know why? They told me I was nothing but trouble, I was nobody. I'm nothing.' I don't think a teacher or anybody should tell a kid things like that. That goes to his heart. I told him, 'Don't you ever let anyone tell you that. You're going to grow up to be a good man.'"

"I'm not worried about Mr. Tucker. I'm worried about our school."

Sue Hawkins: "This is ripping our community apart. We aren't like that. We work together, we live together, our kids go to school together."

"He made a mistake. I don't condone what he said. But there are laws, rules, regulations and procedures that have to be followed. We don't think one man's mistake is going to tear our community apart."

Angelita Morales: "I can say in my heart that I can forgive Mr. Tucker for what he did. But I don't think that forgiving Mr. Tucker is going to do it. I don't think we hate Mr. Tucker; we hate what he said."

Rachel Wall: "It makes me sick to think that he said that about people. None of the kids are going to forget it; there's no way they can. They're going to see him every day, and they're going to think how he feels. . . . I can promise you there won't be many kids in ag next year. I've heard white parents say they don't want their kids in his class next year if that's the way he feels."

"You can say 'Forgive, forgive,' and I can forgive him, I guess . . . but I won't ever forget what he said. My best friend is Hispanic. It makes our

town look like we're all redneck kids."

Dovalina told the board that Tucker's racist remark "was not a mistake, it was a flaw in his character. He is a teacher, certified by the State of Texas, bound by the rules and the standard of conduct in this state. I can guarantee you that what he said is a violation of those rules."

"You don't understand," Bennett told Dovalina. "We have taken the action that we felt like we could. We checked with our lawyers. We checked with Austin. Austin has told us, 'You fire him not according to procedure, and he sues you, you're going to lose.'"

Supt. Earley commented, "If we went to court, if we fired Mr. Tucker for cause, we have a state evaluation that he went through with good scores; he has a contract procedure that he went through, and which both he and the district signed. We would owe him a full year's salary plus housing, plus vehicle allowance."

"Once we (report) that amount of money to the state, that amount will be withheld from our district. So that doubles the cost to us—money spent and money withheld."

Bennett added, "You told us, 'Do what's right, no matter the price. Well, the price *does* matter. We're a little town, and we're talking about real dollars here. We're either going to have to cut aides, or teachers, or programs. We cannot legally raise the taxes that much (for a payoff). I want you to understand, it's real dollars. I know you don't believe it, but if this guy makes a mistake (under the restrictions imposed on him), he's gone—and he doesn't take us with

him."

"That doesn't do the kids much good, does it?" Dovalina shot back. "Don't you people know what you're doing? They're thinking that you people are just worried about your dollars, and that you're not concerned about *their* welfare."

After Dovalina walked out, the embattled trustees continued to field questions from the audience until Jerry Kittrell, a former school board member, put a cap on the discussion.

"I don't see what we're arguing about," Kittrell said. "It appears to me that everyone here is in agreement. We don't like what Tucker said and did, and we want the best for our schools. We elected the school board to make these decisions. Why don't we let them handle this the best way they can?"

During a budget workshop after the public forum, as the board looked for ways to cut a deficit budget, Bennett said, "We know this thing (impending investigation by the Justice and Education Dept. and possible lawsuit) is going to cost us," and asked Dr. Earley, "What do you think?"

"We're in pretty good shape," Dr. Earley replied. "I'm not afraid of it; I'm really not."

"What's the investigation going to cost us?" Bennett asked.

"Probably a few barbecue lunches is all," Dr. Earley said. "They're going to have to come in and look at our files and records, and we have everything on tape."

"You're comfortable, then, that we don't have to estimate \$50,000 or \$100,000 for this?" Bennett asked.

"I'm very comfortable," Dr. Earley said.

July sales tax rebates increase dramatically for Dimmitt and Hart

July sales tax rebates were up considerably from comparable payments in 1999 to Dimmitt and Hart while Nazareth's stipend was somewhat lower.

Dimmitt received a \$25,876.33 rebate this month, a 17.95 percent increase from last year's \$21,938.07. The total received through July of this year is \$188,523.54, which is 9.99 percent ahead of last year's \$171,394.37. Dimmitt has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

The City of Hart, which was given \$1,688.16, had the greatest increase

in the county at 55.25 percent. Last year's comparable payment was \$1,087.35. Hart's 1 percent tax rate has earned \$12,208.82 this year, up 25.62 percent from the \$9,718.84 paid from January through July last year.

Nazareth was the only city in Castro County showing a decrease in rebates. The 1.5 percent sales tax earned \$1,079.93, a drop of 12.69 percent from last July's \$1,237.02 rebate. The yearly total, \$8,858.13, is up 5.28 percent from last year's at this time, \$8,413.57.

Computer Classes Scheduled for Summer

Basic computer classes will be offered throughout the summer at Computer Solutions of Dimmitt located at 210 W. Bedford.

The classes will be limited to three or four individuals to allow more student interaction and will cover a wide variety of topics from basic mouse functions to creating, saving and e-mailing documents. Classes will be three hours long and will consist of 2½ hours of instruction and 30 minutes of questions and answers. The cost for the class will be \$49.00 and everyone who attends will get a free CD with lots of handy utilities and software.

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Apply at Castro County Hospital District, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Contact Nancy Fuller, H.R. Dept. Phone (806) 647-2191, Ext. 423; Fax (806) 647-2407. 20-16-tfc

THE CASTRO COUNTY FARM Service Agency is accepting applications for permanent position of Program Technician (Compliance-Field and Office) through July 25, 2000. Applicant must be able to do field work, have good math and clerical skills, and be able to interpret and explain farm programs to producers. Computer skills and farm experience will be required. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for appointment on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs and marital or familial status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Applications may be picked up at the Castro County FSA Office, 114 W. Belsher, Suite A, in Dimmitt, Texas. 20-15-2tc

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Proposals for group health, prescription drug, dental and vision insurance programs will be received by Dimmitt Independent School District until 3 p.m. on Aug. 7, 2000, in the Business Manager's Office.

Bidders must provide two (2) copies of their proposals. The envelope or container in which quotes are sent or hand-delivered should be marked as "Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Program Quote" in the lower left hand corner.

Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formalities on quotes received.

Dimmitt ISD is not required to select the lowest quote, but shall take into consideration other factors such as ability to service the contract, past experience, and financial stability.

Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to award the quote to serve the best interest of its employees, as judged by Dimmitt ISD.

Specifications and instructions can be obtained from John G. Chase, Business Manager, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; Phone (806) 647-3101; FAX (806) 647-5433. 25-12-2tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting proposals on maintenance and janitorial supplies for the 2000-2001 school year. Proposals will be received until 3 p.m. on Aug. 7, 2000, at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and waive any formalities. 25-15-2tc

Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will mail assessment notices soon

Assessment notices for the local boll weevil eradication zone for this year's cotton growing season will be mailed by August 21. Payments will be due September 21.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation bases assessments on information provided by growers to the Farm Services Agency by the final certification date for their area, which was Saturday in Castro County.

The assessment for 2000 will be \$5 per acre for dryland cotton and \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton in this area, which includes Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer counties.

Growers who believe the information on their statements is incorrect

need to contact FSA and make sure the information the agency has is accurate. If those records are in error, growers should have FSA update their records and send the Foundation a correction. Growers must ask the agency to send the correction, or the Foundation will not know about the changes.

Failure to pay by the deadline, September 21, will result in late fees in the amount of 1.5 percent of the balance being charged to a grower's account.

A two percent discount is available if the assessment is paid in full by September 6. Growers who forget to deduct the discount or don't wish to figure it, but who pay early, will receive a refund if the amount is for

more than \$10 later in the year.

The continuing drought and general unpredictability of the weather mean some growers may not be able to produce a crop.

If they destroy all hostable material — any part of the cotton plant — and certify the crop as failed with the FSA by July 15, they will not be charged an assessment.

Destruction of hostable material and keeping the fields clean is necessary to prevent weevil populations from expanding. If growers who failed their crops have not kept fields free of cotton plants after July, they will be charged the full assessment.

For more information, contact the Foundation at (915) 672-2800.

Most clothing, shoe purchases will be exempt from sales tax on Aug. 4-6

Texans will get a break from state and local taxes on Aug. 4, 5 and 6—the state's second annual tax holiday.

The Texas Legislature will exempt most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes on those days. That could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year; however, the tax break is not limited to children's school clothes.

Highlights of the tax-break plan include the following:

◆ Most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempt from sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

◆ Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt; however, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits, are eligible for the tax exemption.

◆ Not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

"This year I am able to make one administrative change," said State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. "Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during the sales tax holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax. This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break.

"In the future, I think backpacks should be tax exempt because kiddos

need them for school," Rylander said. "I also would like the sales tax holiday to include fabric, buttons, zippers and other items people use to sew clothes, and I would like to see the sales tax holiday last a couple of weeks instead of just three days. But any change in the list of tax-exempt items or the number of tax-free shopping days must wait until the Legislature meets next year."

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day sales tax holiday, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season.

The sales tax holiday applies to all state and local sales taxes. Local communities were allowed to opt out of the event this year, if they notified the comptroller by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community near Austin, chose not to waive local sales taxes. Qualifying purchases will be exempt from the state sales tax.

For more information about the sales tax holiday and a list of tax exempt and non-exempt items, see the comptroller's web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

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25—Legal Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting proposals for art supplies, athletic equipment and supplies, band supplies, furniture, instructional supplies, library books, magazines and periodicals, office supplies, shop equipment, technology supplies and equipment, transportation supplies, miscellaneous food supplies and other miscellaneous supplies for the 2000-2001 school year. Proposals must be received no later than 3 p.m. on Aug. 7, 2000, at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive formalities. Proposed specifications may be obtained at Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-15-2tc

BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR REFUSE TRUCK

It is the intent of these specifications to describe a hydraulically-activated refuse packer body with the following minimum specifications:

BODY: Capacity—the body shall have a minimum capacity of twenty-nine (29) cubic yards. The body shall be equipped with a side loader from the driver's side, handling device shall be capable of engaging, raising, discharging, lowering and disengaging Emco-type metal containers, Size 1-1/2 and 3 cubic yards, with all functions operable by driver while remaining inside the cab.

LIFT: Device—the lift frame shall be activated by two (2) hydraulic cylinders (one on each side) and shall raise the lift carriage to a dump position and return it to the Emco type containers. The lift carriage shall have mechanical locks to capture containers when raising, dumping and lowering containers. The lifting device shall be mounted on the driver's side.

The container handling device shall have a capacity to lift 3,000 pounds, and shall have a reach of thirty (30) inches.

HYDRAULIC: Hydraulic system—Oil reservoir, minimum fifty (50)-gallon capacity mounted on frame of chassis with filtration system. The hydraulic pump must mount on front of the truck and attach to the crank shaft driven pump.

CONTROLS: Controls for all functions must be located in the cab with easy access to the operator.

REAR DOOR: Rear door shall lock, unlock and open from inside the cab with light indicator if door is not secure.

AIR CONDITIONER: Air conditioner built within cab.

INDICATOR LIGHT: Indicator light to warn driver if container handling device lift carriage is extended.

WARNING ALARM: Warning alarm provided with an audible intermittent signal when truck is in reverse position.

SPRAYER: Equipped with insecticide sprayer for spraying dumpsters.

CHASSIS: Chassis requirements—new, unused 1999 or 2000 model. Base model may be Ford, International or other with Caterpillar Motor 3028 or equal. White in color to match packer body, conventional cab with tilt hood and fenders, single-axle series, five (5)-speed Allison transmission, heater, air brakes.

TIRES: Tires—snow tires on rear; size of tires, 11.00.

RADIO: AM/FM Radio.

HOUR METER: Showing actual hours worked.

Please submit bids to City of Dimmitt, c/o Don Sheffy, City Manager, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Bids will be opened on Monday, Aug. 8, 2000. Bids will be received until 5 p.m. on Aug. 8, 2000, and will be opened at City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 8, 2000.

The City of Dimmitt reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality if bids received.

The City of Dimmitt has a 1986 Ford garbage truck as a trade-in.

In bid, advise if financing is available. 25-16-2tc

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Plains Cotton Growers directors approved an operating budget for the new fiscal year when they met on July 12 for their first meeting of the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

The board unanimously approved an operating budget totaling \$526,841.48 at the meeting. The board also approved a relocation of the organization's offices to 4517 West Loop 289 in Lubbock. The new location is just around the corner from PCG's current offices and will provide an improved level of functionality for the organization's activities.

In addition to the budget and office relocation, the board also agreed to support legislative internship programs within the agriculture colleges at Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University.

The endowments, which will total \$125,000, will provide the foundation for support of one semester-long student internship from each university, each year.

Legislative internship programs have long been considered a valuable source of support for agriculture since many of the participants go to work in legislative staff positions after college.

In other business, the board discussed the recent meeting between PCG officers and House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest and the status of important issues such as implementation of crop insurance reform legislation and the cottonseed assistance program.

The board also began discussing what changes need to be suggested when debate on the next farm bill begins.

PCG agreed to support the efforts of the Council for Biotechnology Information based in Washington, D.C., authorizing the addition of PCG as a sponsor of the organization.

The Council for Biotechnology Information's goal is to raise awareness about the benefits of biotechnology inside the United States.

More information about the Council for Biotechnology Information can be found at the organization's website at <http://www.whyybiotech.com>.

In other business, the board elected members to the 2000-2001 nominating committee and heard reports on the status of boll weevil eradication activities from each of the five eradication zones located within the High Plains region.

Ronnie Hopper was selected as PCG's representative for the Cotton Incorporated/Cotton Board caucuses in Austin, which was scheduled for Wednesday.

The caucus meeting coincided with a meeting of the Texas Cotton Producers Association, which is comprised of the nine regional cotton producer organizations within Texas. Hopper, PCG president, also serves as chairman of the Texas Cotton Producers.

One of PCG's important industry activities is the identification and promotion of cotton producers who are interested in filling leadership positions within the cotton industry. The Cotton Incorporated/Cotton Board caucus is the culmination of those activities.

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County youths qualify for state horse show

Eric Odom, Randi Shaw and Chris Reynolds earned trips to the state horse show after excellent performances in the District II Horse Show June 26 in Lubbock.

The state show begins Monday in Abilene and will continue through Saturday, July 29.

At the district show, Odom was the high-point novice competitor while Reynolds was the reserve high-point individual among senior competitors.

Here's how the three fared in the district show:

Showmanship: 3. Reynolds, 7. Odom.

Novice Showmanship: 1. Odom, 3. Shaw.

Halter: Odom exhibited the grand champion mare; Reynolds showed the reserve champion gelding.

Western Pleasure: 3. Reynolds, 6. Odom.

Novice Western Pleasure: 2. Odom, 4. Shaw.

Western Horsemanship: 2. Reynolds, 5. Odom.

Novice Western Horsemanship: 1. Odom, 5. Shaw.

Western Riding: 3. Shaw.

Reining: 3. Odom.

Stakes: 10. Shaw.

Barrels: 10. Shaw.

Hart Centennial Pavilion Committee plans auction

Organizers working to fund construction of the new Centennial Pavilion in Hart are planning a fundraising auction on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the pavilion.

Bidder registration will start at 8 a.m. and the first item will go on the sale block at 9 a.m.

Construction on the pavilion is almost complete, but funds are still needed to complete landscaping and other projects planned in conjunction with the centennial project.

Hart Centennial planners hope this auction will raise the rest of the money needed to pay for the construction of the pavilion.

On Saturday, the auction will begin at 9 a.m. and among the items to be featured include antiques; collectibles; hand-crafted items; new items including jewelry, perfume, tools and more; used items including televisions, VCRs, vacuum cleaners, furniture and more; and many more items.

John Davis will serve as the auctioneer.

Food and drink will be available throughout the auction, including barbecued sandwiches, homemade ice cream, brownies and more.

For more information, call 938-2640.

More about 1:1

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I've just been there, and I don't know where it went.

Verbie is doing okay, thanks. They say it could be two or three months before she's ready to arm-wrestle again.

Here are the Top Ten Reasons Why Farm Trucks Are Never Stolen, as sent along by Daren Collins:

10. They have a range of 20 miles before they overheat, break down or run out of gas.
9. Only the owner knows how to operate the door to get in or out.
8. It is difficult to drive fast with all the fence tools, grease rags, ropes, chains, syringes, buckets, boots and loose papers in the cab.
7. It takes too long to start, and the smoke coming up through the rusted-out floorboard clouds your vision.
6. The Blue Heeler on the toolbox looks mean.
5. It's too easy to spot. The description might go something like

this: "The driver's side door is red, the passenger door is green, the right front fender is yellow . . ."

4. The large round bale in the back makes it hard to see if you're being chased. You could use the mirrors if they weren't cracked and covered with duct tape.
3. Top speed is only about 45 mph.
2. Who wants a truck that needs a year's worth of maintenance, U-joints, \$3,000 in body work, tail lights and a windshield?
1. It's hard to commit a crime with everyone waving at you.



Hart Post Office will offer special cancellation July 29

The Hart Post Office is planning a special cancellation on July 29 to observe Hart's 100th birthday, according to Postmaster Tommie McCormick.

The cancellation is depicted below.

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BIKER PEDALS AROUND TEXAS IN CANCER BATTLE
 . . . Buddy Boren takes a break in Dimmitt during bike tour
 Photo by Mark Birkenfeld

More about Boren biking for cancer . . .

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explained, "I may have to stay in a tent because there is just nothing down there."

Boren says that he likes the biking, which he trained at for three months and over 1,300 miles, at least for the most part.

"The cattle trucks are the worst," he said.

But while the ride is sometimes unpleasant, it has its highlights. These include times when "the big rigs honk, the children wave and the cows stare in wonder as I pass their way."

Having fun, however, is not the objective of Boren's trip. He is getting the message out about cancer through several radio and newspaper interviews and through his web site at www.therideforlife.com. Also, he is raising money.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Medical Center in Dallas can do so by contacting their web site at www.childrens.com or by calling them at (214) 456-8360. Donations should be referenced to "Ride For Life."

In order to finish his strenuous trip, Boren will need "a good attitude, strong determination and hope"—the same qualities needed to survive cancer.

But just as he survived his bout with cancer, he knows that he can finish his trek and that other cancer patients will survive.

More about County must pay . . .

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done on the elevator.

"I guess we've learned our lesson," Judge Miller said. "Now we have to mark it on our calendars so that this gets done each year."

In other action, commissioners approved the list of election judges submitted by the county's party chairmen.

The Republican election judges and alternates are as follows:

Precinct 101: Shellie Hanes
 Alternate: Marcy Lee

Precinct 105: Sharon Sadler
 Alternate: Retha Wilson

Precinct 201: Bill Dannevik
 Alternate: Kaye Stevens

Precinct 206: Robert Duke
 Alternate: Frances Duke

Precinct 301: V. C. Hopson
 Alternate: Dorothy Hopson

Precinct 307: Marguerite Cole
 Alternate: Linda Frye

Precinct 401: Delores Heller
 Alternate: Carolyn Jones

Precinct 408: Irene Wilhelm
 Alternate: Veronica Wilhelm

Early voting clerk: Patsy Franks

The Democratic election judges will be:

Precinct 101: Glyn Reed
 Precinct 105: Al Gibbs
 Precinct 201: John Nino
 Precinct 206: Darrene Collins

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Obituary

Willa Mae Reynolds

Services for Willa Mae Reynolds, 86, of Bakersfield, Calif., were held Tuesday, July 18, at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Reynolds died Monday in Bakersfield.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1913, in Hale County. She married Floyd Reynolds on Sept. 10, 1933, in Amarillo. She was a homemaker, a member of First United Methodist Church and a member of Rebekah Lodge for more than 50 years. She moved to Dimmitt from Estelline in 1933. She had lived with her daughter in Bakersfield for the past three years.

She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Reynolds, in 1950 and her husband in 1977.

Survivors include a daughter, Regene Blair of Bakersfield, Calif., and two grandchildren.

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Hart Centennial Committee to raffle commemorative proofs

The Hart Centennial Pavilion Committee is selling chances for two giant quarter-pound golden proof coins minted in the year 2000 and a pair of \$100 Franklin quarter-pound silver proofs, which will be given away during this year's Hart Days celebration.

The coins and proofs were minted by the Washington Mint and were donated to the Centennial Committee by Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain.

Each is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity and a registration number.

Chances are being sold for \$5 each and proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Pavilion Fund. Tickets may be purchased at Hart City Hall, The Company Store, and J.J.'s, all in Hart; or from any member of the Pavilion Committee.

The \$100 Franklin quarter-pound silver proof features Ben Franklin and is an expert adaption of the \$100 Franklin Federal Reserve note that was first introduced in 1996. It features the same portrait of Ben Franklin that has appeared on \$100 Federal Reserve notes since 1928, but is larger and shifted to the left-center. The reverse shows Independence Hall in Franklin's home town of Philadelphia. The proof is the size of the original Reserve note, but is much thicker and heavier. It contains a quarter-pound of .999 pure silver bullion.

The giant quarter-pound golden proof contains a quarter-pound of .999 pure silver layered with genuine 24-karat gold. The coin is an exquisite adaption of the new US dollar coin—the first dollar coin in a generation, and the first-ever gold-colored coin. It features a portrait of Sacagawea, the Native American guide who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their first exploration to the Pacific Ocean nearly 200 years ago.

Some people look for divine guidance in the Ten Commandments, but most are looking for loopholes.

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