

# The Castro County News

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By Don Nelson

I'm trying to apply logic to this year's crop picture.

See if I have this right. All the crops south of us have burned up. Where it usually rains, there are no dryland crops this year.

As a result, Texas' cotton production will be down by 40% from last year. And ours is the main cotton-producing state.

The state's corn production will be off about 30% because of the drought.

And up in the Midwest, parts of the Corn Belt have experienced devastating floods.

So nationwide, the crop is likely to be short enough to create more demand and higher prices, right?

Now, in the High Plains, we've kept watering around the clock, and growing crops despite the drought.

Because of less production nationwide, or at least regionally, the prices are bound to go up, so we're bound to come out okay, right?

Wrong.

Logic doesn't work.

Carl King tells me that up in Nebraska, they still have last year's corn crop in storage.

And the new corn crop in many parts of the Midwest is beautiful, and they planted fence-to-fence.

And Asia's economy is going down the tube, so those big export customers can't afford to buy our commodities this year.

So, apparently, the domestic markets don't need our corn or cotton as badly as I thought, and the foreign markets can't afford them. The buyers aren't going to pay more than a surplus price, and there's hardly any government safety net anymore under the Freedom to Farm Act.

Well, when the feed-grain prices are low, at least things will be good for our cattle industry, right?

Look again. The beef industry is taking a bath all up and down the line.

Logic, it seems, just doesn't apply. (If it ever did in farm country.)

Nothing is working for us this year. Not the weather, or the yields, or the markets, or the prices.

It's scary.

Thanks to Shelly Nutt for sending this along:

### Great Truths About Life That Little Children Have Learned

- ◆ No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- ◆ When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- ◆ If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- ◆ Never ask your 3-year-old brother to hold a tomato.
- ◆ You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- ◆ Reading what people write on desks can teach you a lot.
- ◆ Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- ◆ Puppies still have bad breath after eating a Tic-Tac.
- ◆ Never hold a Dustbuster and a cat at the same time.
- ◆ School lunches stick to the wall.
- ◆ You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- ◆ Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- ◆ The best place to be when you are sad is on Grandma's lap.

## County okays detention bids

At their Monday meeting, the Castro County Commissioners approved bids received for long term and short term detention of juveniles and accepted a bid on electronic monitoring services for juvenile offenders.

Detention bids were received from Hemphill County, the Youth Center of the High Plains in Amarillo, Deaf Smith County, Community Corrections Inc. with facilities in several counties, and Texon Management Group at Sweetwater. All of the bids were accepted so that different places could be used as the need arises and as space is available.

Bids ranged from \$50 per day for

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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!—Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava (center) is "attacked" by Stella Devers (left) and Jennifer Harmonson (right), who had their feathers ruffled when Sava insisted

they rehearse their Follies skit, "Rent-A-Car," one more time last week. The Chamber's Follies production will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. Photo by Anne Acker

## Follies production slated this weekend

A little music, comedy and a lot of laughs will be featured at the 1998 presentation of the Follies.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has revived the show this year and it promises to be one of the best ever, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

The Follies will be presented Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. Advance tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, First United Bank and Tots and Teens. Tickets will be \$5 at the door.

The Chamber will be giving away three Beanie Babies,

including one "Glory Bear" at each performance as door prizes.

According to Sava, this year's Follies will feature more than 60 local performers in 15 acts ranging from the slapstick comedy of "The Carol Burnett Show" to the music of In Sync, The Fifth Dimension and Patsy Cline. The program also includes selections by The Oomph Band from Nazareth High School and a group of Dimmitt youngsters dancing to the Elvis Presley Hit, *Hound Dog*.

For more information, contact Sava at the Chamber office, 647-2524.

## What good could Castro County do with \$40 million?

What could Castro County do with \$40 million?

That is the question that will be asked at a public meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room.

"We want everyone to attend and contribute ideas for how such an amount could be spent to benefit all the citizens of our county," Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said. He said city and rural residents are both welcome to give their ideas.

Collins, as a member of the Castro County Economic Development Committee, is working on an application for the county to be named a "Federal Empowerment Zone."

The designation would make the county eligible for up to \$40 million in federal funds over a 10-year period. The money would come from a special initiative promoted by the Clinton/Gore administration, and handled through the US Dept. of Agriculture.

Collins said the county must come up with a strategic plan to submit with the application for the special designation. The plan would spell out how the money would be used if the county is selected as a recipient. Only 15 urban and five rural applicants will be accepted nationwide.

According to Collins, Castro County and Dimmitt both meet the two main selection criteria: having an outward migration of at least 15% of the population during the years from 1980-1994; and having at least 20% of the population in various census tracts in the area at or below the poverty level.

Collins said the *Federal Register* listed Castro County as eligible to apply under the criteria of outward migration. He said figures from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission verified qualification under the poverty requirement. Collins said that in two Castro County census tracts the poverty rate is at 36% and one is at 51%.

Collins has asked for resolutions of support from the Castro County Commissioners and the Dimmitt City Council, and will approach the cities of Hart and Nazareth, as well.

In speaking with the Castro County Commissioners, Collins said that this is the second round of selections for the program. He said that funds distributed in the first round have already been used to create jobs, create job training programs, build job training facilities, build

health care facilities, build or upgrade educational facilities, provide revolving loan funds for economic development, create youth development programs, establish computer learning centers, build or upgrade water and sewer systems, build or improve roads or streets, and build or renovate housing.

City Attorney Jack Edwards said that projects dealing with the jail or other law enforcement needs also could be included.

Those entities that apply but are not selected for the top designation will be named "Champion Communities" and may be eligible for preferential treatment under other government programs, Collins said.

The county commissioners said they would place the matter on the agenda for their Sept. 3 meeting.

"I think we have a good shot at qualifying for this program," Collins said, "but it isn't guaranteed."

He added, "We won't get anything if we don't apply."

Collins said the PRPC has offered to help in the preparation of the strategic plan. The Texas Dept. of Economic Development at Austin will forward the county's application on to Washington, D.C. He said that Austin has set a tentative deadline of Sept. 4, but may be able to grant a two-week extension. However, the application must be in Washington by Oct. 9.

"I would like to see us not lose sight of the long term," Collins said. "We need to invest in job-creating possibilities."

## Dr. Joplin's resignation spurs petition

Dr. Leon Joplin has requested to be released from his contract with the local hospital district.

Dr. Joplin told the *News* Wednesday that he had asked the hospital board by letter to accept his resignation "because of problems that are related to trying to carry out my job."

He added, "Many people in the medical community are familiar with what the problem is. To discuss it in full detail could put the hospital district at liability, and I would not want to do that."

His action spurred the circulation of a petition Monday and Tuesday supporting him, signed by 229 people and presented to the hospital board at its Tuesday night meeting by a delegation of hospital district employees.

The petition said:

"We the undersigned feel Dr. Leon Joplin is a major asset to this hospital district and community and feel his

leaving would be detrimental to the well-being of the community."

Speaking for the delegation Tuesday night, Bobbi Wooten, R.N., a former co-worker of Dr. Joplin's at the hospital, told the board:

"I think we need to improve the working conditions at the hospital. There is a problem inside the establishment. I don't know who is responsible for correcting it, but it needs to be addressed."

The board took no action on the issue since it wasn't on the agenda for the meeting.

However, after hearing from the delegation, board chairman Henry Ramaekers said, "We support Dr. Joplin, too. I agree with this petition. Dr. Joplin is an asset to this community. He is only a few months into a two-year contract. If the board had not wanted him here, we would not have offered him this contract."

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## City Council adopts lower tax rate Monday

Dimmitt City Council members voted unanimously Monday night to adopt a tax rate of \$.234 per \$100 of property valuation, which is lower than the \$.247 rate last year, and even lower than the \$.237 effective tax rate.

The effective tax rate is the rate needed to raise the same amount of tax revenue as last year. The effective rate of \$.237 reflected a rise in property valuation.

City Manager Don Sheffy told the council that he feels he can "hold the line" on spending enough to give the taxpayers a break on taxes.

The proposed budget, which was approved at the meeting, estimates tax revenue at \$858,690 for the general fund and at \$1,136,600 for the utility fund. Expenses were allowed at the same levels, for a balanced budget.

All city employees were given a \$600 raise in their annual salary.

In the general fund, \$500 was allowed in capital outlay for the administrative department; \$11,683 in the fire department, with most of

that going toward a payment on the 1993 fire truck; \$20,500 for the police department; \$2,000 for parks & recreation; and \$30,000 for seal coating.

In the utility budget, capital outlay items included: \$57,503 for the water department; \$40,000 for the sewer department; \$8,472 for the landfill, and \$2,338 for the sanitation department.

Other large expenditures included water system repairs, \$70,000; \$86,500 for debt service; \$46,541 for the new water tower near the Expo; sewer system repairs \$21,000; \$10,500 for new dumpsters; \$14,090 for a new trash truck, and \$25,000 for a payment on the road grader.

In another matter, the council voted to begin the annexation process for property west of town, as requested by a majority of the property owners.

An unclaimed property ordinance was passed that will allow the city to post notice in the city hall for un-

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DAMAGED TRAFFIC AND ROAD SIGNS ... A drain on taxpayers' money.

Courtesy Photo

## Crime Line offers \$100 reward for sign defacers

The Castro County Sheriff's Dept. has said that someone has been taking pot-shots at traffic signs around the county, particularly those on "dump ground road," CR 614.

The damage apparently was done with a shotgun.

Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said that several of the signs have had to be replaced and the cost is "not cheap."

"We hope that parents will take note if their children are going out with shotguns," a Sheriff's Dept.

spokesperson said. "This damage is costing the taxpayers money."

Anyone having any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the vandalism may be eligible for a \$100 reward from the Castro County Crime Line. Informants may remain anonymous, and rewards are paid through a drop system.

Call the Sheriff's Office at 647-3311, or the Crime Line number, 647-4711.

### Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday .....	85	60	
Friday .....	89	58	
Saturday .....	91	59	
Sunday .....	91	61	
Monday .....	92	62	
Tuesday .....	93	62	
Wednesday .....	94	62	..07

August Moisture ..... .84  
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Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.



# Op-Ed

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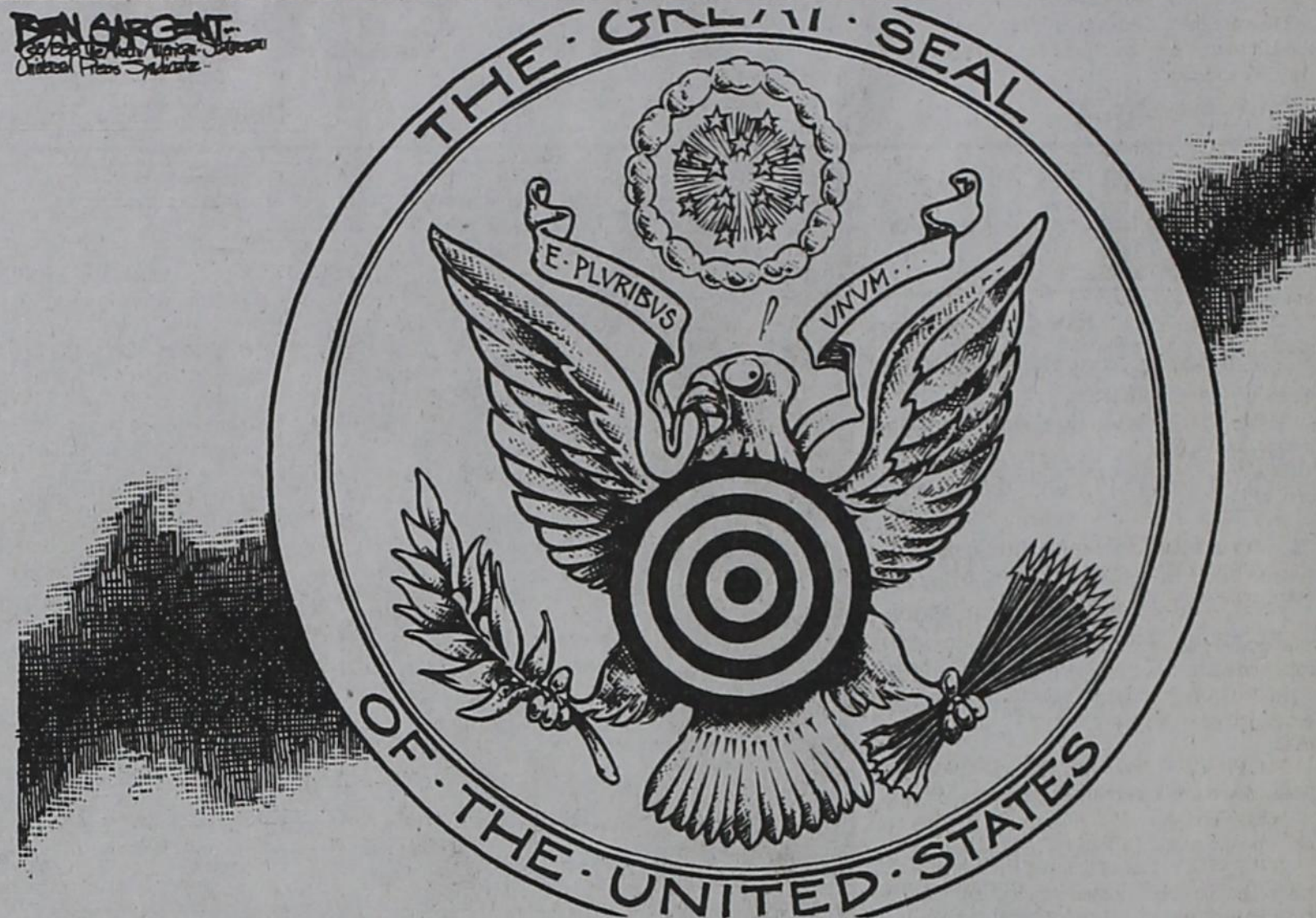


## ACGA praises 'TEA21,' concerned about haze rule

The American Corn Growers Association recently commended President Clinton for signing the six-year federal highway reauthorization bill, H.R. 2400, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, or TEA21. TEA21 brings about the extension of the ethanol tax incentive to the year 2007. The AC GA claims credit for making sure that the extension language was made part of the bill. Ethanol is a clean-burning fuel that adds value to the corn farmers produce, according to the AC GA, and reduces dependence on foreign sources of energy. Another part of the TEA21 legislation was a delay in the implementation of the EPA's ozone and particulate regulations and the proposed regional haze rules. The delay will give time for studying the problems associated with tougher ozone and particulate standards and the viability of new regional haze regulations. "TEA21 is good legislation for agricultural interests and rural Amer-

ica," an AC GA spokesperson said "It impacts all of us in a positive fashion. AC GA said that the proposed EPA rule covering regional haze could have harmful effects on US agriculture and rural interests. Therefore, the EPA should address farmer concerns before publishing their final rule later on. Under the regional haze rule, 156 Class I national parks and wilderness areas must improve the visibility of these areas by reducing the pollutants, usually in the form of fine particles. Because the EPA states that these fine particles can travel hundreds of miles, all 50 states are required to develop state implementation plans, or SIPs, to show how they will reduce this pollution source. It is clear that agriculture will have to reduce its burning and alter tillage practices to meet the EPA's regional haze requirement, even though most corn-producing states have neither na-

tional parks nor wilderness areas within their boundaries. To address these concerns, the AC GA is requesting the EPA do the following: —Exempt agricultural practices from any regional haze reduction requirement. —Allow current Clean Air Act programs, such as reformulated gasoline, to work as planned. —Allow states greater flexibility in developing alternative plans on how to meet the EPA's visibility goals. —Allow regional planing efforts, such as the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission, to have more of a say on how to implement the haze reductions. —Address the many unanswered questions concerning the inadequacies of the monitoring system and the questionable science used to assess the reasons for the rule. —Make sure all costs for monitors or implementations of the rule are borne by the federal government and not by the states. —Recognize the relationship between tougher regional haze regulations on electric power generators and other industry and increased consumer costs for rural Americans. —Understand that a US haze rule will not prevent impaired visibility resulting from burning practices in Mexico and other Central American countries and that US farmers should not be forced to clean up air pollution coming in across foreign borders. From the beginning, the AC GA opposed the rule, "because we knew that the EPA could use it as an excuse to implement controls on agricultural practices," an AC GA spokesperson said. "We will continue to work with the EPA, Congress and other agricultural and rural organizations to make sure that farmers' hands are not handcuffed by restrictions on traditional and favorable farming practices."

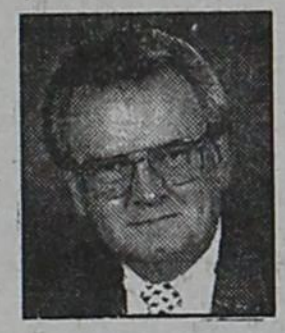


## Letter Farmers going broke under 'Freedom to Farm'

Dear Editor: I just wondered what your readers and constituents thought about the present farm prices. The Freedom to Farm Bill—freedom to go broke—is a Republican farm bill. Pat Roberts, Newt Gingrich and Lugar forced this bill through Congress. It is forcing a lot of farmers out of business. The Republican representatives and the two senators from Texas voted for the farm bill. The corn farmer needs to harvest 11,000 pounds and sell it for \$3.60 per hundredweight to break even due to the drought. The farmers expect

30% less production this year. The December corn price is \$2.16. Will it pay the cost? The salaries of Congress should be tied to agricultural commodities. We would be a lot better off. If you voted Republican or if you are a member of Farm Bureau, they endorse all right wing Republicans. You should feel responsible for these low prices. DOUG HIGGINS P.S. You are helping the dryland farmer... maybe. How about helping the irrigated farmer? They only have \$400 invested per acre.

## Keeping a job longer



By RON TRUSLER Executive Director Central Plains Center

A person can change careers several times in a life time. However, some people change jobs frequently within one career. There are several factors that contribute to changing jobs often. Generally, it is more desirable to have longevity on a job and not be hopping around. I've listed a few things that can help you keep a job longer (that is if you want to). 1. Do what you say you will do. When you say you will be at work by a certain time, be there at that time or notify someone why. If you say you will call another person back, call them back. 2. Do what you say you will do sooner than you said. This is not always possible, but when you can, it can be impressive; especially if you deliver quality work at the same time. 3. Do nothing you have to hide. Don't cheat, lie or exaggerate things. Keep your time sheet, expense report, or whatever, honest. If you make a mistake, admit it. Don't blame it on something else. If you do not sleep at night, make sure it's not because you've done something you are hiding. 4. Don't get bent out-of-shape over everything. Some people seem to look for something to get upset about. Some of it will not matter the next day, much less a week from now. Some things we get upset over have nothing to do with us. I guess we just have a good case of mad every now and then. It sure takes a lot of energy for nothing sometimes. Being stable in this regard helps you get along better with your co-workers. 5. Be flexible. The employee who says things like, "That's not in my job description," or "they didn't hire me to do that" will be as extinct as the dinosaurs are today. Today, the person who will be more likely to succeed in the work place is like a juggler, who can be flexible and adapt quickly. 6. Learn to get along with others. Not everyone can do this well. Some people just seem to make others mad. Getting along with others is not all there is to keeping a job, but it does go a long way. I'll deal with this issue more next week. Maybe I'll title it "How to keep from ticking people off. Happy job keeping. Ron Trusler is executive director of Central Plains MHR/SA. He can be reached at (806) 293-2636.

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## Farm Bureau making plans for convention

Farm Bureau leaders finalized plans for the county convention when they held their monthly director's meeting on Aug. 19 in Dimmitt. The county convention will be held on Oct. 24 and will feature US Rep. Mac Thornberry as keynote speaker. Other guests will be Texas Speaker Pete Laney and his challenger in the upcoming election, Hollis Cain. The board approved Malcom Sager of Childress as the new agency manager and he will begin his duties on Tuesday. Sager has been with Texas Farm Bureau for two years, working in Childress County. He and his wife, Lessa, have two children. "The board of directors are pleased to have Malcom Sager come to Dimmitt. We look forward to his coming in and continuing the growth Castro County Farm Bureau has experienced in the past two years." County Farm Bureau Queen Teresa Robertson recently competed in the district queen's contest in Idalou. She was voted the district's runner-up and represented our county well, according to Cogburn.



State Capital HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Many Texas lawmakers are operating district offices that aren't fully accessible to people with disabilities, a violation of state and federal law, the Austin American-Statesman reported last week. State inspectors found that 67 district offices for state representatives and 43 district offices for senators were in inaccessible buildings. Offices leased by the state must be in accessible buildings, according to Texas law. In 1997, the Legislature voted to require inspections before the state occupies leased space. But some lawmakers whose district offices are inaccessible want to exempt themselves from the law before the state can impose \$1,000-a-day fines against the building owners or cancel leases. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has agreed to consider hardship cases after Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, chairmen of the Legislature's two budget-writing committees, wrote to the agency. "We've got to do something or our members are going to be operating out of their kitchens," Ratliff said. Advocates for access oppose such exemptions. They said that if the Legislature approves waivers for itself, they plan to force district offices to become accessible under the federal law. "I think it's pretty amazing that lawmakers seem to think they ought to be above the law," Jim Harrington, legal director of the Texas Civil Rights Project, told the newspaper. "If they can pass a law, they ought to comply with the law." Belinda Carlton, executive director of the Coalition for Texans with Disabilities, said her group "just doesn't have any sympathy here." Groups Call for Electronic Filing State law requires candidates for public office to file campaign finance reports with the Texas Ethics Commission, but the reports need only be furnished on paper. Last week, two government watchdog groups called on candidates to make it easier for Texans wanting to find out who is giving money to political campaigns, simply by filing campaign finance reports electronically. Craig McDonald of Texans for Public Justice and Tom Smith of Public Citizen asked candidates to voluntarily file electronically so information seekers can find what they're looking for via the Internet on the Ethics Commission web site, www.ethics.state.tx.us/. Youth-Crime Entity Is Proposed Tony Fabelo, executive director of the Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council, last week recommended the creation of a single entity to coordinate the efforts of 18 state agencies operating programs aimed at curbing youth crime. A "Prevention Services Division" under the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services could serve as a one-stop

shopping location, helping families find the right place to seek assistance, Fabelo said. Presently, there are nearly 70 programs addressing at-risk youth, administered by the various state agencies. Laser Hair Removal Scrutinized The Texas Department of Health last week said it is investigating reports of unauthorized use of lasers for hair removal by spas, salons and fitness clubs. Two reports were from people claiming injuries as a result of laser treatments. State regulations require that hair removal lasers be operated only under the supervision of licensed practitioners with medical training. Injury to patients may result from unauthorized use of these devices for cosmetic purposes. Denied Claims to Be Reviewed State insurance regulators said last week they will review homeowner claims for cracked foundations that have been denied by insurers since 1993. Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer ordered property insurers to report denied claims for foundation damage from mid-1993 to mid-1997. Foundation cracks often are caused by plumbing leaks. A Texas Department of Insurance study shows that water damage has caused up to 20 percent of all homeowners' losses. Lack of Qualified Teachers Noted Thirty-nine percent of the nearly quarter-million high school students who took the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exit exam this year failed the algebra portion. Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses attributed the high rate of failure to the fact that so many students have uncertified math teachers.

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ACROSS

- how a cowboy addresses a lady
- Claudia Taylor Johnson ("Lady Bird")
- Ranger Juan has a mess of 'em in '98
- This Glen wrote "The German Texans"
- TXism: "got \_ slinger" (writer)
- TXism: "if \_ better I couldn't stand it"
- Tex Ritter sang theme to film "High \_"
- Marfa paper: "The Big Bend"
- TXism: "leave \_ stone unturned"
- Okie town
- UT has glasses of \_ Arthur Conan Doyle
- TX claim: " \_ just fact"
- TXism: "got \_ for" (urge)
- gov. (1894-1898) \_ Culberson
- this country's language is Greek to Texans
- TXism: "let \_ (leave it alone)"
- TXism: "beats anything \_ saw"
- TXism: "popular \_ daughter"
- TX Ginger film role: " \_ Castle"
- '80s boy hair style
- Bob Lilly's old Cowboy position (abbr.)
- "plastic money" card
- TX Rangers used the Walker \_ Revolver
- TX Ginger's dancing partner Fred (init.)
- \_ gotta do it"
- TX Pat Toomay's "On Given Sunday"
- TXism: "mortgage \_ the hoof" (cattle)
- \_ no fuss"
- Astro bull pen starting pitchers
- TX Ranger: "Lone \_ McQuade"
- pie \_ mode
- network that had soap opera "Texas"
- TXism: "take a look \_"
- TX Barry Corbin film: " \_ Crazy"
- TX Willie's "Farm \_ was in '87"
- Cowboy Nate (init.)
- TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"
- TXism: " \_ a stepper"
- driving, hunting or fishing permits
- TXism: " \_ feathers on a frog"
- Green who brought Stars to Dallas (init.)
- TXism: "come hell \_ high water"
- Waco-born leading lady Gwynne
- a former TX river channel that still holds water
- TXism: "jumpy as \_ ice"
- TXism: "treat it with kid gloves"
- money machine
- Rockets' assoc.
- TXism: "sweating bullets"
- TXism: "got Romeo blood in his \_"
- coach Landry's countenance
- TXism: "blaze \_ trail" (explore)
- TXism: "change range"
- TX-MX mafia: El \_
- bank transactions
- TX Pride's " \_ Leaving Alone"





# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Aug. 27 to Sept. 4.

**DIMMITT Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Corn Flakes cereal, grape juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Breakfast burrito, fresh bananas and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Scrambled eggs with biscuit, orange juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Rice Krispies cereal, sugar packet, apple slices and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** French toast with syrup, pineapple juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Apple Jacks cereal, orange wedges and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Pancakes with syrup, apple juice and milk.

**Freschool-First Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Beef enchiladas, refried beans, guacamole salad and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Turkey and dressing surprise, whole new potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat rolls and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Baked fish Scandia, French fries, tossed salad, cornbread and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Hot dog on a bun with chili, potato rounds, coleslaw and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Baked chicken Italiano, Italian vegetable salad, tossed salad, angel flake biscuits and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Steak fingers, baked potato fingers, fruited gelatin, hot rolls and milk.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese or cheese enchilada with sauce; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; banana bread squares, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of turkey and dressing supreme, nachos with cheese or fajitas with sauteed onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, hot wheat rolls, flour tortilla, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of chicken fried steak, nachos with cheese or enchiladas; mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexipinto beans or Fideo Mexicano; tossed salad, jellied applesauce or raw spinach salad; hot rolls, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of baked fish Scandia, macaroni and cheese or fajitas with sauteed onions; French fries, refried beans or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; cornbread, wheat rolls or flour tortilla; or chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of chicken tetrazzini, hot dog on a bun with chili or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, potato rounds or baked sweet potato and apple; tossed salad, coleslaw or tomato salad with cucumbers; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread sticks or potato chips; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of beef stir fry, baked chicken Italiano or vegetable pasta Alfredo; stir fried rice, potato wedges or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or rotini salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of steak fingers with gravy, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; baked potato fingers, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

**HART Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** French toast sticks, Canadian bacon, variety of cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Breakfast stick, pancake syrup, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Variety of cereal, weiner wrapped in a biscuit, sausage, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Cowboy bread, blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, Cheerios, graham crackers, jelly, bananas and milk.

**Elementary Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of corn dog, burrito or fish strips; cornbread, macaroni and cheese, salad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced peaches, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or hamburger basket; lettuce, tomato and pickles, pork and beans, yogurt, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket or chicken enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, salad, corn, gelatin dessert, picante sauce, dill pickles, peaches and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or steak finger basket; potato puffs, salad, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, cherry cobbler and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or burrito with cheese sauce; dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, ranch dressing, cake with cherry topping and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of submarine sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked potato, salad, ranch dressing, sour cream, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.

**High School Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of corn dog, burrito or fish strips; cornbread, macaroni and cheese, salad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert,

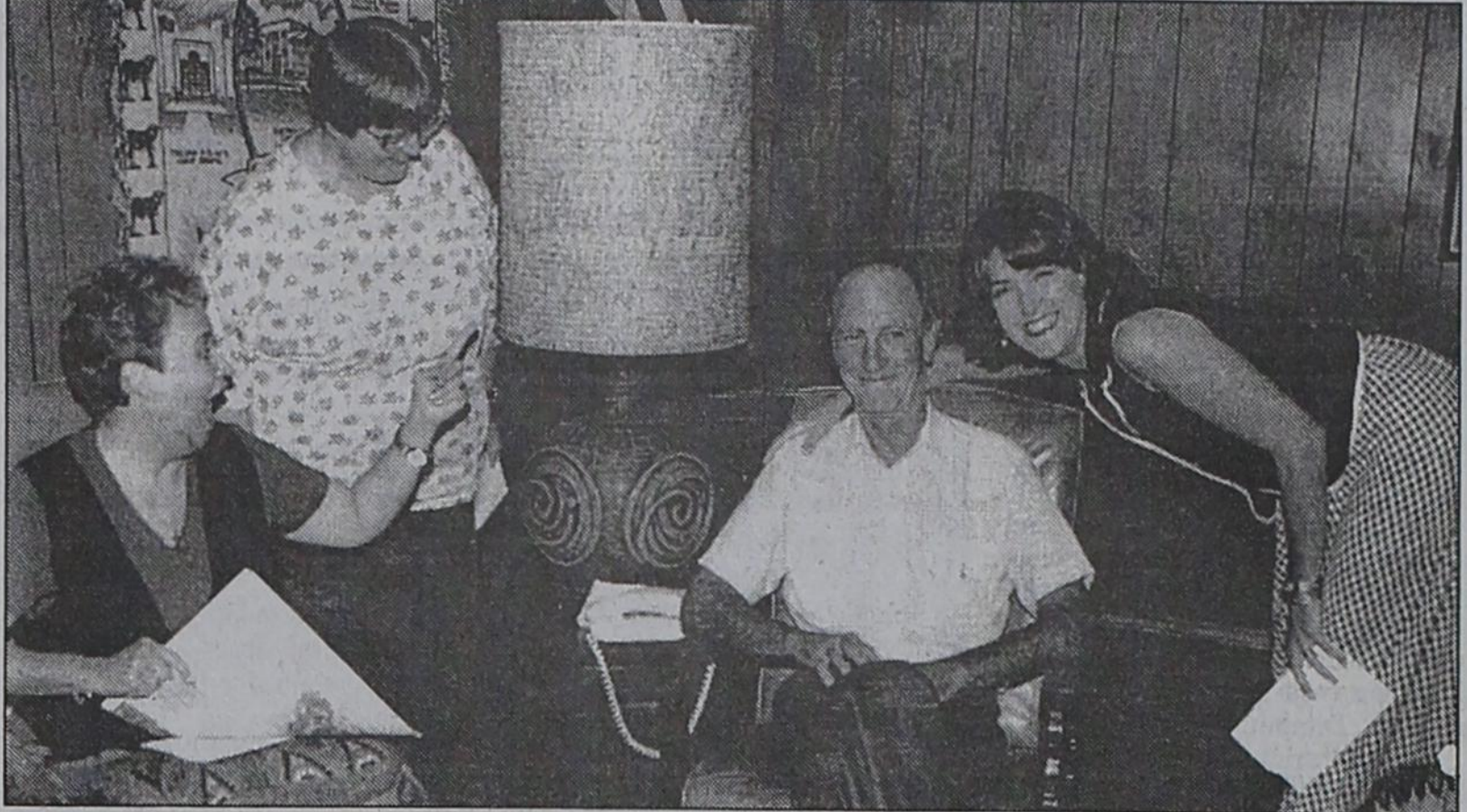
ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or hamburger basket; lettuce, tomato and pickles, pork and beans, yogurt, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket or chicken enchilada casserole, tortilla pieces, salad, corn, gelatin dessert, picante sauce, dill pickles, peaches, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or steak finger basket; potato puffs, salad, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, fruit cocktail and milk, punch or tea.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or burrito with cheese sauce; dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, ranch dressing, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of submarine sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked potato, salad, ranch dressing, sour cream, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

**NAZARETH Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Canadian bacon and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Cinnamon rolls, assorted cereal, orange juice and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Sausage on a roll, assorted cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Waffles and sausage, assorted cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Breakfast tacos, assorted cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Canadian bacon on biscuit, assorted cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** \* Pigs in a blanket or baked potato with chili, salad, peas, applesauce, apricot and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Tater tot casserole or pizza, sopapillas, salad, beans, fruit cocktail, peaches and milk or juice.  
**MONDAY:** \* Tacos or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, corn, peach cobbler, peaches and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** \* Ham with bread or pizza, salad, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, pears and milk or juice.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \* Barbecue on a bun or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, beans, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.  
**THURSDAY:** \* Burrito or baked potato, salad, chili, spanish rice, apricots, rice krispie treats and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Roast with roll or pizza, salad, potatoes and gravy, peaches, applesauce and milk or juice.

\* Items designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students.



**THE FOOTBALL WIDOW**—A comedy sketch taken from "The Carol Burnett Show" will be a part of the Follies performances Saturday and Sunday at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. Players include (from left) Kaye Stevens, the angry wife, "Carol"; Marie Howell, the wife's sister, "Crissy"; Don Sheffy, the smug husband, "Roger"; and Shelly Nutt, the flirty neighbor, "Cindy." The public is invited to attend and tickets are available in advance and also will be sold at the door. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our first Life Teen Mass was held Sunday evening at 5 in Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein, pastor, presiding.

High school and junior high students participated 100%. Also, many young married and single adults helped to make the service special. Many parents and younger children also attended.

Father Jerry's homily was especially geared to the students. He asked many questions to get involvement from the students. Hopefully, everyone will be looking forward to another Teen Mass in September.

A pool party and cookout was enjoyed by the high school students until 9 p.m. at the home of Clyde and Jeanie Birkenfeld following the service. Junior high students enjoyed a pool party and cookout at the home of Larry and Cyrilla Robb.

Evelyn Rossi of Tulia and Jimmie Schulte of Nazareth flew to Baltimore, Mary., to visit their aunt, Martha (Brockman) and her husband, Bill Woods. They are now residing in a beautiful retirement home complex. They enjoyed many hours of visiting and card playing.

The Swift Ice Cream Social at the field house was held Sunday afternoon at 3. The Swift football team was introduced by Head Coach Rick Price. All enjoyed ice cream and cookies. Football pictures were taken at 2, just prior to the social.

Joe Venhaus, who had a triple bypass surgery at Lubbock Methodist Hospital, is now at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Analene and Smitty Lane. He is doing well and is anxious to return home. Cards may be sent to Box 553, Shallowater, Texas 79363.

Evelyn Backus spent the weekend in Hobbs, N.M., with her son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Camille Albus and their daughters, Ashley and Andrea. Also visiting from Galveston was Dustin Albus, who is in the Coast Guard; and Dustin's fiancée, Ginger Ryan.

Vic Brockman and Nora Barnett of Midland spent the weekend here. They visited Nora's sister, Ethel, in Littlefield, with Clara Kleman in Amarillo, and with relatives in Na-

reth.

Prayers are asked for Rosemary Wilhelm, Joe Venhaus, Matilda Anderle, Robert Birkenfeld and Vicky (Huseman) Bixeman's new grandbaby.

The 19th Hole softball team from Nazareth won the tournament held in Nazareth over the weekend. The tournament was sponsored by the Catholic Church in Kress.

The team is coached by Bo Hoelting. Others playing this weekend were Marvin Schmucker, Chris Schmucker, Johnny Schmucker, Dwayne Acker, Rex Acker, Eric Wilhelm, Heath Schulte, Chris Gerber, Craig Wilhelm and Frankie Huseman.

Our Labor Day weekend parish picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 6. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. A roast beef dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bingo, raffle, horseshoes, a volleyball tournament, kids' games, auction, flea market and more will be held in the afternoon. A hamburger supper will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. A dance is planned from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

## DISD sets substitute inservice

Those interested in serving as substitute teachers for the Dimmitt schools for the first semester must attend a substitute inservice training session.

A session will be held today (Thursday), at 9 a.m. at the DISD administration building at 608 W. Halsell.

Those attending need to bring at least two forms of identification, such as a driver's license and Social Security card.

Those who attended the Aug. 6 session do not need to attend again.

*Leave a log in the water as long as you like; it will never be a crocodile.*  
 —Guinea-Bissau proverb

# 'No trespassing' sign deadline nears

No trespassing signs may soon disappear from the Texas landscape. A new law effective last year allows landowners to replace signs with vertical purple stripes; however, until Sept. 1 landowners are required to post another sign explaining the purple stripes. After that date, no signs of any kind will be required.

The law allowing landowners to use a vertical purple stripe on a tree or post three to five feet above the ground was effect Sept. 1, 1997. For the past year, however, the stripes had to be accompanied by signs at every vehicular entry point, explaining the significance of the purple paint.

"Because of the required sign at entry points, many Texas landowners apparently have postponed using the purple paint marks until the explanation signs are no longer required," said Judon Fambrough, attorney and senior lecturer with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

The purple stripes must be at least one inch wide and eight inches long. They must be placed every 1,000 feet along the property line, except in forests where they must be every 100 feet. They must be readily visible to anyone approaching the property. Entry-point signs must be two by

three feet with block lettering at least two inches high.

For a free copy of the new trespass law, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Purple Paint Law, Real Estate Center, Main Stop 2115, Texas A&M University, College Station, 77843-2115.

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# NOTICE of Vote on Tax Rate

The Castro County Commissioners Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the County of Castro by 10 percent on August 20, 1998 at 5:00 p.m.

The Castro County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 3, 1998 at 5 p.m. in the County Courtroom, Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt, Texas.

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# People



## Cowboy book features local cowhand info

*The Last of the Old-Time Cowboys*, a new book about long-ago ranch life in Texas and eastern New Mexico, has just been released, and featured in the book are interviews with several cowboys who rode for Dimmitt-area ranches.

Author Patrick Dearen of Midland based the non-fiction book on his interviews with 76 men who punched cattle before 1932.

"Up until the mid 1930s cowboys plied their trade no differently than in the 1800s," said Dearen. "They used horses, not pickups or helicopters. They still drove cattle and faced stampedes and horse wrecks, and often stayed in the saddle through fierce storms. They were every bit the equal of their counterparts of the 19th Century."

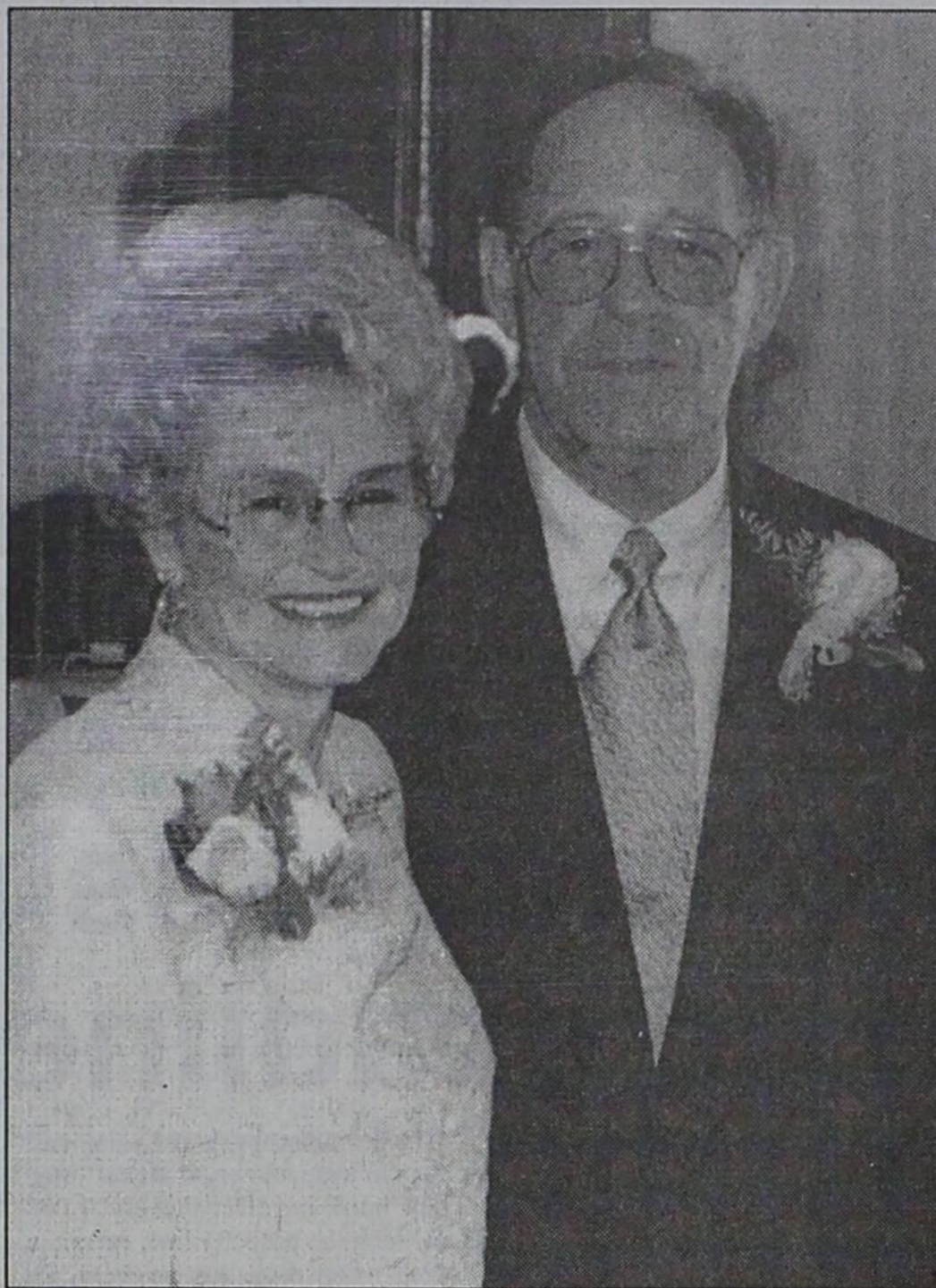
Dearen's book includes tales of weather folklore, range survival, stampedes and cowboy humor.

"I've tried to capture the essence of these last-of-a-breed men through their stories, which they first spun 70 or 80 years ago around some long-forgotten campfire," Dearen said.

Dearen, a Spur Award finalist in 1995, is the author of eight other books including *Crossing Rio Pecos*, *A Cowboy of the Pecos* and *The Illegal Man*, which is a novel about the illegal alien situation.

*The Last of the Old-Time Cowboys* is available from Dearen at 5115-A West Illinois, Midland 79703.

When elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers. —Kikuyu proverb



MR. AND MRS. GARY HOOD are home in Amarillo after they exchanged wedding vows on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 5 p.m. in Amarillo. The bride is the former Gaielle Minnick, formerly of Dimmitt. The couple were wed in a small, private ceremony with Rev. Vernon O'Kelly of Amarillo, retired Methodist minister, officiating. Children, grandchildren and friends of the couple attended the wedding. The bride is employed by the Region 16 Education Service Center. The grooms works for the US Postal Service. A reception for the couple is being planned for Sept. 20 at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Dimmitt.

Courtesy Photo

## Gomez, Milloy exchange vows in formal, double-ring ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Van Milloy are home in Dimmitt after enjoying a week-long honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.

The couple exchanged wedding vows Aug. 8 in a formal, double-ring ceremony performed by Msgr. Curtis Halfmann at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

The bride is the former Chrissy Ann Gomez of Dimmitt, daughter of Eddie Gomez of Seminole. The groom is the son of Vandra Milloy of Seminole.

Fresh cut garden flowers including roses, larkspur and lilies were arranged in silver urns and decorated the front of the church. The pews were marked with clusters of flowers and white tulle ribbon.

Two candelabra were used and each was decorated with similar flowers featured in the urns.

The unity candle stand held three white candles accented with fresh flowers.

Just before the bride walked down the aisle, a lace aisle runner was laid down the path by Kenley Nichols, cousin of the groom.

Regina Schmidt, pianist, played various selections while guests were being seated including *Ave Maria* and *The Bridal March*. Vocalist Melanie Ray sang *I Will Be Here*. Kathy Cochran sang *The Servant Song*.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown from the designers of Private Label. The sleeveless gown featured a fitted bodice that was covered in Alencon lace and encrusted with seed pearls and sequins. A double row of petit pearls that outlined the arm openings and was finished off in back with a candy box bow that was also outlined in the petite pearls. The skirt was fashioned of organza and was accented with Alencon lace. The Basque waistline allowed the full ball gown skirt to fall gracefully to the



MRS. RANDY VAN MILLOY  
...nee Chrissy Ann Gomez

floor and sweep into a cathedral-length train.

To complete her ensemble, the bride wore a satin headband with fingertip illusion edged with pearls.

Her bouquet of fresh-cut garden flowers included roses, larkspur and lilies.

Maid of honor was Nancy Gomez of Amarillo, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Melissa Bizzarro, Sarah Parrott and Holley Martin, all of Lubbock; Missy Nunnally of Mesquite, Micah Milloy of Seminole and Jennifer Lopez of San Angelo.

The bridal attendants wore gowns of floral dusty rose chiffon. The sleeveless gowns featured a round neckline and criss-cross back accented with a mauve satin bow.

Best man was Brock Milloy of Seminole, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Jason Jones of Stephenville, Jimmy Garza of Dallas, Troy Young of Olton, Brent Graham of Amarillo, Aaron Diaz of Lubbock and Colt Redinger of Olton.

Flower girls were Marissa Savedra of Lubbock, cousin of the bride, and Evan Nichols of Lubbock and Kelsey White of Friona, cousins of the groom.

The flower girls wore white satin t-length gowns with a white tulle overlay skirt.

Ringbearers were Steven Garza of Seminole, cousin of the bride; and Jordan Nichols of Lubbock, cousin of the groom.

The candles were lit by Daniel Najera of Seminole, cousin of the bride; and Ty White of Friona, cousin of the groom.

After the wedding, a reception was held at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza.

Rose topiaries decorated the tables and pink and white roses graced the wedding cake. Bouquets of fresh flowers including roses, larkspur and lilies arranged in silver urns were placed at the head table.

The three-layer wedding cake featured off-white frosting in a lattice pattern and was accented with pink and white roses.

The bride's table was covered with a white lace cloth and held the wedding cake.

The groom's chocolate cake was surrounded by a border and a base of chocolate-covered strawberries.

A buffet-style dinner was served to approximately 250 people at the reception. The menu included tossed salad, sliced fresh fruit, pasta salad, grilled chicken breast with herb sauce, sliced English-cut roast beef with marsala sauce and parsley potatoes.

Along with the cake, a running fountain of fruit punch was served to guests.

A dance followed the dinner. The bride wore a sleeveless floral print top, square necklace and lime green shorts for her traveling attire.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Seminole High School and a 1998 graduate of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Lubbock. She is employed as a registered nurse at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

The groom graduated from Olton High School in 1993 and from Texas Tech University in 1997. He works as superintendent for Westway Trading Corp. in Dimmitt.

The first factory in the United States was a glass plant built at Jamestown, Va., in 1608.

## Nominations due Monday for parade marshal

Nominations are due Monday for grand marshal of the Castro County Harvest Days Fair Parade, which will be held in Dimmitt on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Nominations will be accepted at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 115 W. Bedford Street.

Nominees should be residents of Castro County who have made meaningful contributions to our county over an extended period of time. Nominations will be considered for individuals or couples, and may be made by individuals or groups in Castro County.

While detailed nominations are not essential, listing the nominee's accomplishments will be helpful to the selection committee.

The grand marshal(s) will be acknowledged and will ride in the Sept. 12 parade, which is being organized by the Dimmitt Lions Club and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

"This is an excellent time for you or your organization to recognize the people you feel are deserving of this honor," said Bill Sava, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. "Send us a letter or postcard, or drop your nomination off at the Chamber office."

The name Margaret means "pearl."

## Booth spaces are available for craft show

Reservations are being accepted from exhibitors who wish to display arts, crafts, commercial items or educational exhibits at the Harvest Days Arts and Crafts Show to be held Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The arts and crafts show will be a part of the annual celebration that includes a parade, a fiddler's contest, rodeo, street dance and more.

Each booth is 10 ft. wide and 12 ft. deep. The cost is \$30 for a space within the Expo building and \$25 for spaces outside or in the quonset barn.

Spaces within the Expo are very limited and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the show's planners.

One table and two chairs will be furnished to each exhibitor. All display equipment must be brought by the exhibitor.

Those who wish to reserve booths should contact the Dimmitt Chamber Commerce at 806-647-2524.

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## Baby shower honors Bradley

A baby shower honoring Kagan Ray Bradley, infant son of Mat and Alicia Bradley, was held Aug. 15 in the home of Sherry Schaeffer.

Cuddly white bears and balloons decorated the entrance to the home.

Guests were served fruit breads, sausage balls, fresh strawberries and raspberry tea.

The serving table was covered with a white lace cloth and held a basket featuring white teddy bears entwined with English ivy. Topping the basket was a bouquet of blue and white balloons. Pewter serving pieces completed the table decor.

Special guests were the infant's grandmothers, A'llan Bradley of Dimmitt and Brenda Shippy of Canyon; his great-grandmother, Bessie May Bradley of Dimmitt; his aunts, Leslie Schroeder and Christie Hughes; his great-aunt, Kay Magee; and a cousin, Misty Hannan.

The 30 hostesses presented the honoree with a child safety seat.



**AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A HOUND DOG**—This group of youngsters will perform a dance routine for the Follies Saturday and Sunday at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. They are directed by Susan Venhaus. The group includes about 16 children ages

6 to 9. "Everyone is invited to come out and see the Follies, and have some fun," said Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. The event is sponsored by the Chamber. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Buckley earns DMS honors

Chelsea Buckley, daughter of Steve and Vicki Buckley of Dimmitt, has been named Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Buckley was born Nov. 7, 1988, in Dimmitt.

Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite animals are dolphins and kittens. She likes the book *Little House in the Big Woods*. She does well in math and wishes she were better at reading. She likes the subjects and says the teachers are fun at Dimmitt Middle School.

When Buckley grows up she wants to be a model, teacher, principal and a nurse.

She admires and respects Brooke Buckley.

# Food safety class slated for Tuesday

The Castro County Extension office and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a food safety class Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the courthouse basement meeting room.

Instructor for the class will be a representative from the Texas Dept. of Health, who will speak on food service rules and regulations for those who serve food to the public. "This class is especially intended

for those who will be food vendors for the Harvest Days activities," said Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

He said that others who work with volunteer food concessions also could benefit from the information.

The session will emphasize safe handling of food and proper procedures for serving and storage. Sandwiches will be served for the

convenience of those participating.

It would be helpful for those participating to call and let the Extension office know who is planning to attend so that provision can be made.

*Until the late 19th century, the panda was regarded as a mythical creature.*

## Labor Day picnic set Sept. 6 in Nazareth

A full day's activities are planned in Nazareth on Sept. 6 in celebration of Labor Day.

Holy Family Church has planned a parade, roast beef dinner, games, an auction, dance and more for this year's Labor Day picnic.

The day's entertainment will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade through the city streets.

A roast beef dinner with all the

trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Cost for the meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

An arts and crafts show, raffle and bingo will be held in and around the Community Hall throughout the morning and into the afternoon.

Children's games and rides along with horseshoe, washer pitching and volleyball tournaments will be from 1 to 3 p.m.

The annual auction, which features livestock and goods donated by area businesses, will start at 2 p.m.

A hamburger supper is planned from 5 to 8 p.m.

The day will end with a dance in the Community Hall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by the band, Southern Sky. Admission is \$5 per person.

For more information contact Father Jerry Stein at 945-2616 or Vera Ramaekers at 945-2598.

## Men's Prayer plans breakfast Saturday in Tulia

Randy Byrd will give his testimony Saturday when Men's Prayer holds a prayer breakfast in Tulia.

Men's Prayer is a non-denominational prayer group of men in this area.

Saturday's breakfast will be at Tulia Christian Fellowship, located at 6th and Dallas Street in Tulia. The meal will begin at 6:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer also meets every first and third Saturday of each month at 6:30 a.m. at the Agri-Plex office in Nazareth.

For more information, contact Don Schulte at 945-2288 or 945-2225.

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## Breast cancer screening set

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held Sept. 3 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self examination by a registered nurse.

Total cost for the screening is \$75, and funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

*In the wig business, a hairpiece designed to cover a small bald spot is called a divot.*



**So Many Hearts**  
by Jason Niño

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**Who's New!**

### OUT OF TOWN

Royce and Cindy Schulte of Sunray are the parents of a baby boy, Blake Christian, born Aug. 10 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 6 pounds and 10½ ounces and measured 19½ inches long. He has an older sister, Jordan, 1½. Grandparents are Beth Schulte of Dimmitt, and Roddy and Janice Allred of Wildorado. Great-grandparents are Dora and Philip Pohlmeier and Clarence and Odella Schulte, all of Nazareth.

### OUT OF TOWN

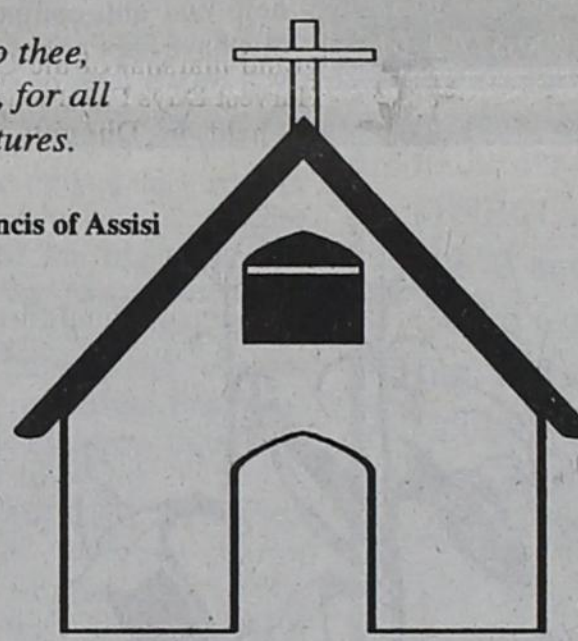
It's a girl for Rikki Swindle and Dwayne Price of Amarillo. Their daughter, Akira LaSha Tropez-Price, was born at 9:13 p.m. on Aug. 14 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She has a big brother, Makall, who's 1-1/2. Grandparents are Steve and Mary Graef of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Mable Ewing of Dimmitt and Dorothy Graef of Amarillo.

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Kelly Inman.....938-2462
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Guillermo Morales.....647-4219
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Maria Castaneda.....647-5598

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**First Baptist**  
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## Drip irrigation field demo slated today in Hereford

Efficient water management is a necessity for the operation of a profitable irrigated farm in today's agricultural economy, and area producers interested in using drip irrigation to improve irrigation application efficiencies should plan to attend a field demonstration day today (Thursday).

The field day, sponsored by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ronnie Owens farm, located six miles east of Hereford on Highway 60 and one mile north on County Road E.

Producers are invited to stop by the farm any time during the field day for a one-on-one discussion of drip irrigation and other water conservation techniques.

The field demonstration day will focus on the installation and management of drip irrigation systems, according to High Plains Water District Assistant Manager Ken Carver.

"Drip irrigation is the slow, frequent application of small amounts of water to the soil area directly surrounding plant roots. Water losses caused by evaporation, deep percolation and runoff are virtually eliminated," said Carver. "Using drip irrigation can improve water use efficiency by 30 to 40% when compared with conventional furrow irrigation."

The drip tape is installed on 20 acres at this site and has been in operation since February 1997. Owens' system operates in a series of three stations.

High Plains Water District personnel will be on hand to answer producers' questions and demonstrate various water conservation techniques, including soil moisture monitoring with gypsum blocks and resistance meters, use of Potential Evapotranspiration (PET) data to schedule irrigation, and design and installation of a drip irrigation system, as well as pump plant energy use efficiency testing.

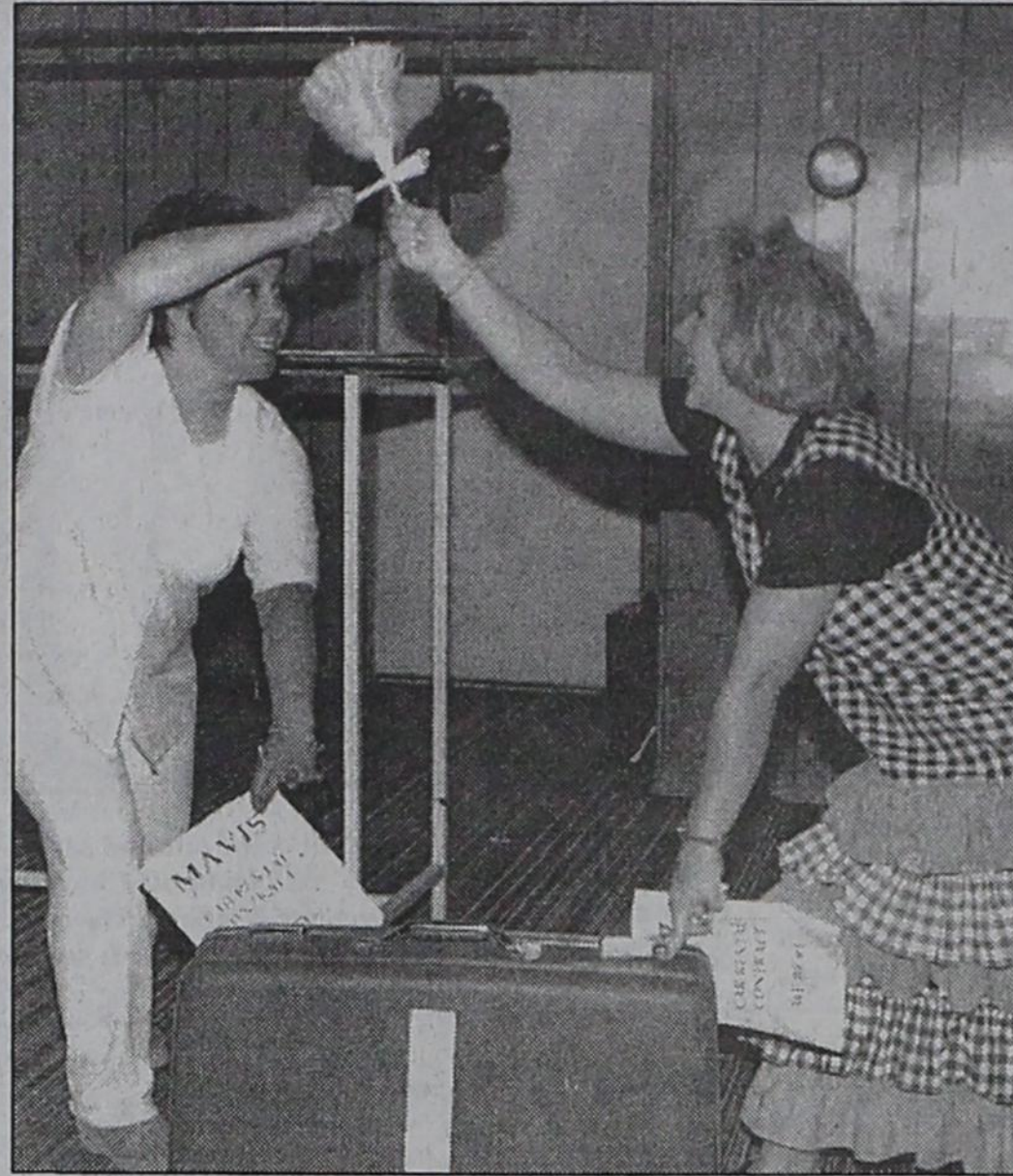
A dealer display area will be set up at the site to show various drip irrigation products. A Netafirm Irrigation representative will discuss the drip tape, emitters and other hardware installed at the site.

A noon lunch will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Carver encourages local producers to stop by.

"This is not a formal field tour. Producers can drop by whenever they have time to see all the demonstrations or when they have just a few minutes to see the demonstration they are particularly interested in," he said.

*The name George means "farmer."*



**IT'S MINE!**—Stella Devers (left) and Jennifer Harmonson battle over a tourist's luggage during one of the rehearsals for this weekend's production of the Follies. The two will be in the "Rent-A-Car" skit and each works for a different car rental agency. The skit is one of 15 acts that will be featured in the comedy show Saturday and Sunday at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

*Photo by Anne Acker*

## Soybean field day planned Sept. 15

A few years back, growing soybeans as a cash crop on the Texas High Plains was only being done by a few producers, say agronomists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Today, farmers in this area are very interested in soybeans," said Extension agronomist Dr. Brent Bean, organizer of soybean field day, slated for Sept. 15 at Bushland's Conservation and Production Research Laboratory. The field day will be designed to allow farmers to ask questions they have on growing and harvesting the crop.

The field day will begin with registration and opening session at 9:30 a.m. Participants will be welcomed by John Sweeten, resident director of research with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Nolan Clark, director of the US Dept. of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service Conservation and Production Research Lab at Bushland.

The field tour is slated to start at 9:40 a.m. with the soybean research plots and demonstrations by specialists.

"Our scientists will address everything from soybean growth and development to planting dates, water needs and harvesting considerations," said Bean. "It should be very beneficial to anyone who is currently producing or considering growing soybeans."

The tour will include discussions by Travis Miller, Extension

agronomist specializing in soybeans and small grains at Texas A&M University at College Station. He will brief producers on variety selection and the plant's growth and development. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station agronomists Steve Winter and Clay Salisbury will explain late planting considerations and irrigated crop rotations.

Also on the tour, producers will be updated on soybean inoculation study.

John Sij, soybean physiologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Vernon, will discuss the necessity of good inoculation and fertility needs of the crop.

Miller will also examine the potential of food grade soybeans. Salisbury, a weed science specialist, will offer various weed control options.

Extension entomologist Carl Patrick will cover insect concerns. Water management issues will be featured by Steve Evett and Louis Baumhardt, USDA soil scientists. In addition, Sij will address harvesting issues and his irrigation study.

The tour will conclude with a discussion of dryland production by Baumhardt.

A noon meal, sponsored by the Texas Soybean Board, will include a special presentation by Weldon Melton of Plainview, Texas Soybean Board president.

For more information, contact Bean at (806) 359-5401.

## Farmers Union urges work to boost livestock markets

For the region's financially strapped livestock producers, two key measures before Congress would provide a badly needed boost, said Doug Higgins of Hart of Farmers Union.

The proposals to require price reporting on all livestock sales and the labeling of imported meat, will help make the market more fair and competitive for the nation's producers.

Mandatory price reporting will help end anti-competitive practices that have kept prices low for producers. Nearly 80% of red meat process-

ing nationwide is controlled by just three multinational firms and despite precipitous drops in the prices of live animals, consumer prices for meat have remained constant.

"Mandatory price reporting will help end secret deals in the livestock industry that drive prices down," said Higgins. "Producers, like anyone else selling a product, deserve full information in order to make sound, market-driven business decisions. Without price transparency, the buyer rules and the seller gets a low price. That is by no means a fair, free or competitive market."

The second measure will require "domestic" or "imported" labels on most beef and lamb products. Meat produced in the US meets the most rigorous health standards in the world. Labeling will give consumers who have invested in our food safety system the right to choose US-produced meat.

## Aflatoxin-infected crops may be accepted into loan program

In an effort to provide relief to central and south Texas corn farmers with aflatoxin-infected crops, the Texas Corn Producers Board is working with the US Dept. of Agriculture to allow corn with 300 parts per billion (ppb) aflatoxin levels to go into the government crop loan program.

Jerry Don Glover, TCPB executive director in Dimmitt, said the relief is needed after this summer's devastating drought caused abnormal outbreaks of aflatoxin for some producers. Aflatoxin is a toxic compound

produced in contaminated grains by the fungi *Aspergillus flavus*. It sometimes occurs during periods of extended drought and high humidity.

The USDA allows corn with an aflatoxin rating of 20 ppb, the maximum amount allowed in grain for human consumption, to go into the CCC loan program. But current regulations do not allow grains with 300-ppb infestations to be placed under government loan. Along with TCPB, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has also discussed with the USDA the possibility of allowing corn with higher aflatoxin ratings to enter the loan program.

"Since USDA standards allow grain with 300 ppb to be fed to feedlot cattle (the major market for Texas corn), changes should occur immediately to allow corn with 300 ppb to enter the loan program," said Glover. He pointed out that corn with high aflatoxin ratings may be blended with non-infected corn or treated at the grain elevator to reduce the ppb to acceptable levels. "But this can be an expensive process," he said.

"The government multi-peril insurance procedure requires producers to harvest high aflatoxin level corn after finding a buyer. In many cases, this costs the producer more than the discounted corn price. That's why it is important that this corn be allowed to be placed in the government loan program," Glover said.

Glover assures consumers that Texas corn producers are concerned about the safety of their product. He said TCPB is discussing grain testing procedures with grain elevators and other grain handlers to make sure testing for aflatoxin is as accurate as possible.

He adds that even though some central and south Texas producers are seeing aflatoxin problems, most of the state's corn is produced in the Panhandle-South Plains regions, areas which have seen little, if any, aflatoxin problems in the past.

"About 70% of the Texas corn crop is produced in the Panhandle-South Plains region," said Glover. "These areas have had hot temperatures this summer, but humidity has been traditionally low. We do not expect to see major aflatoxin problems in this area."

TCPB, through funds collected in the statewide voluntary corn checkoff program, has actively researched aflatoxin causes and resistant hybrids since the early 1990s.

"We are making progress," said Glover, "and there are indications that resistant lines will be available to commercial seed companies within a few years. But in a year such as this, with extreme drought and heat in central and south Texas, very little can be done at this time."

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# Sales tax rebates are issued

The August sales tax rebate issued to Dimmitt jumped while the payments sent to Hart and Nazareth fell.

Dimmitt earned a rebate of \$31,360.15, up 22.10% when compared with the August 1997 payment of \$25,683.09. So far this year, Dimmitt has received \$190,885.93 in rebates, an increase of 2.76% over 1997 payments of \$185,741.13 through August.

Hart's rebate of \$1,771.86 was 34.70% lower than the 1997 check for \$2,713.47. Hart's total rebates for the year are off 14.43%, from \$12,593.55 in 1997 to \$10,775.42 this year.

Nazareth's August payment was down 13.17% from \$1,834.87 to \$1,593.09. For the year, Nazareth has received \$9,141.51, up 6.65% from \$8,570.99.

The cities of Dimmitt and Nazareth each collect a 1.5% sales tax while Hart collects 1%.

Castro County received an August check for \$13,405.04, which is 9.86% more than the 1997 payment of \$12,201.74. During 1998, Castro County has received \$82,950.60 from its .5% tax rate, down 4.95% from the \$87,273.78 collected from January through August 1997.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on June sales and by quarterly filers for April, May and June that are reported to the comptroller in July.

# Fischer named prexy of Energas

Energas Co. announced recently that R. Earl Fischer will become president of Energas on Jan. 5, assuming the position of Eugene Ehler, who is retiring.

Fischer is currently president of Western Kentucky Gas Co. in Owensboro, Key., a business unit of Atmos Energy Corp. Earl Fischer began his career with Western Kentucky Gas Co. in 1962 and held several management positions prior to being named president in 1989.

He holds a degree in business administration from Brescia College. He serves on the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University, the Board of Trustees of Brescia College, and the Governor's Task Force of business and industry on Post Secondary Education.

He also has served in leadership roles in Kentucky's economic development efforts, including as chairman of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Kentucky Economic Development Steering committee. He received the Governor's Economic Development Leadership Award in 1997.

"Earl Fischer has been a leader throughout Kentucky and will continue that commitment at Energas," said Charles Goodman, Atmos executive vice president of utility operations. "His vision and positive management style will strengthen the fine foundation that Gene Ehler has built in Texas for so many years. We wish the best to Gene, who has been with the company 35 years, and served as president of Energas since 1990."

Energas Co. provides natural gas service to over 310,000 customers in West Texas and is a business unit of Atmos Energy Corp. of Dallas. Atmos provides natural gas and propane to more than 1 million customers in 13 states through its operating divisions—Energas Co., Greeley Gas Co., Trans Louisiana Gas Co., United Cities Gas Co., Western Kentucky Gas Co., and Atmos Propane, Inc.

# Minding Your Own Business

These are a few of my favorite things



Don Taylor

By DON TAYLOR

As we make our journey through life, we tend to surround ourselves with tangible memories. For one it may be a photo album containing priceless family pictures. Another may have a collection of favorite books. Still another may collect art, furniture or antique automobiles.

As a writer, one of my favorite collections is the written wisdom of others. I enjoy great quotes, prose and short common-sense essays.

In this fifth column of the month, I want to share a few of my favorite written pieces. I hope you will find a few "keepers" to add to your collections of favorite things.

## The essence of learning

- ◆ It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.—*John Wooden.*
- ◆ What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight—it's the size of the fight in the dog.—*Dwight D. Eisenhower.*
- ◆ Everyone lives by selling something.—*Robert Lewis Stevenson.*
- ◆ The plans of the diligent lead to success. . . —*Proverbs 21:5.*
- ◆ If you think you can or think you cannot, you're right.—*Henry Ford.*
- ◆ The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so with you . . . we are in charge of our attitudes.—*Charles Swindol.*
- ◆ Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.—*Abraham Lincoln.*

## Author Unknown

The following two pieces have been attributed to a number of different writers. I can find no accurate source for either piece. However, they are two of my favorite writings, so I share them as "author unknown."

### The Man in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for wealth  
And the world makes you king for a day,  
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself  
And see what the Man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife,  
Whose judgement upon you must pass.  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the Man staring back from the glass.

Some people may call you a straight shootin' chum  
And say you're a wonderful guy,  
But the Man in the glass will say you're a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test  
If the Man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world, down the pathway of years,  
And get pats on the back as you pass,  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears,  
If you cheated the Man in the glass.

### Poem:

If you're beaten—you are.  
If you think you dare not—you don't.  
If you'd like to win, but think you can't—  
It's almost certain you won't.

If you think you'll lose—you're lost.  
For out in the world we find—  
Success begins with a person's will  
It's all in your state of mind.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

# Tim Lust is named sorghum growers' executive director

Tim Lust of Abernathy has been named executive director of the National Grain Sorghum Producers.

Lust has been serving as interim director of the organization since June. He was named executive director at a recent meeting of the board.

"I look forward to the opportunity to continue to improve the profitability of sorghum production," Lust said. "The staff will continue to work closely with the board of directors to carry out the strategic plan of the organization."

Lust has served the association since 1993 as director of marketing and research. In this role, he was responsible for overseeing the research, market development, education and promotional activities

of the National Grain Sorghum Producers. "Tim's knowledge, background and experience as director of marketing and research make him highly qualified to assume this leadership role," said Kenny Tevis, National Grain Sorghum Producers president. "He has been involved with all the issues that sorghum producers are facing today."

Lust was raised on a diversified farming and cattle operation near Lazbuddie. He received his bachelor's degree from Angelo State University and his master of business administration degree from Texas Tech University.

# State agency to give money to educators for wetland projects

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has \$18,750 in grant money available to give to educators for managing a wetland for a specific wildlife species.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service will give 25 \$750 grants to schools and youth organizations who develop wildlife management plans for wetlands in their local area. Teachers and volunteer leaders working with youth between the ages of 8 and 19 can apply.

Years of education research has shown that the best way for youth to learn is by doing. Research has shown that youth will learn more and remember more if they actually do what they are being taught. Much of what youth learn today, however, they learn by listening.

Few opportunities exist where youth can learn about biology and life sciences by actually being involved in a biology project. That is the purpose of the MarshMALLOW project—Marsh Management Activities for Learning the Lifestyles of Wildlife. It is a project where youth learn biological sciences by actually applying biological principles to real-life problems.

The primary problem in this case is that wetland habitat is declining in quantity and quality, and wildlife dependent on these areas are suffering as a result. Youth, teachers, volunteer leaders and landowners can help with this problem by conducting a MarshMALLOW project.

Wetlands are an invaluable resource in today's world. They provide necessary wintering and breeding habitat for 35% of rare and endangered species. They improve environmental quality by absorbing and filtering sediments, nutrients and pollutants.

Wetlands also provide numerous socioeconomic values ranging from flood control and groundwater recharge to recreational values such as fishing, hunting, bird watching and nature photography.

While wetlands are an important resource, they are also a shrinking resource. Due to processes like mining, petroleum extraction, urban and agricultural development and reservoir building, over 50% of Texas' original wetlands have been lost.

Educating people of all ages about wetlands and wetland wildlife is presently more critical than ever. In hopes of producing a greater appreciation of the importance of wetlands in future generations, Texas Agricultural Extension Service is working to inform and educate today's youth in wetland functions, values and management through a hands-on approach.

The MarshMALLOW Project is a youth wetlands education project developed by the Extension Service in which a youth group adopts a wetland and receives a \$750 grant to actively manage it for a target wildlife species. Clubs apply for the grants by submitting management plans detailing the proposed management of their adopted

wetland. The clubs then go out of the classroom for some hands-on learning in the wetland. Activities might include counting and identifying wildlife and their habitat needs, seining for fish, taking water samples, planting native plants that are beneficial to wildlife, installing structures to control water levels and creating artificial nesting sites.

Students learn how to conduct a water quality survey, inventory wildlife species, map vegetational succession stages, manage habitat for a target wildlife species, and present their findings to the public. The project culminates with a banquet where the clubs present their projects to a judging panel and receive awards for their efforts. The clubs win cash prizes of \$1,000 for first, \$750 for second and \$500 for third, as well as trophies, ribbons and certificates.

Application deadline is Oct. 30 for Cycle 1 and Dec. 1 for Cycle 2. Teachers and volunteer leaders with a basic understanding of general

biology can work with youth to implement this project. Knowledge about and experience with wildlife management techniques is not necessary. Everything you need to know to apply for and complete the project is included in the project manual which can be ordered from Will Cohen at (512) 265-9203.

The project is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Environmental Protection Agency, Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation, Animal and Wildlife Sciences Dept., Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Dept., Texas A&M University-College Station, Center for Coastal Studies and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

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# Sports



## Teams will get final pre-season tests Friday

The county's three football teams will fine-tune their offensive and defensive formations this week as they get ready for next week's season openers.

Each team has one final scrimmage on its schedule before the regular season begins, and those practice games will be played Friday night.

The Dimmitt Bobcats will travel to Abernathy, the Hart Longhorns will host Memphis in a scrimmage and the Nazareth Swifts will work against Smyer, there.

The scrimmages are slated to start at 6 p.m.

The 1998-99 regular season opens Sept. 4 with the Bobcats traveling to Sundown, Hart traveling to Morton and Nazareth hosting Lubbock Christian High School. Game time is 8 p.m. for each.

### Bobcats

Dimmitt Coach Bruce Dollar says he has a different set of priorities for this week's scrimmage with Abernathy.

The Bobcats and Antelopes will tangle in Abernathy Friday beginning at 6 p.m. with the junior varsity. The varsity squads will scrimmage after the JV.

"We're adding some new things on offense and defense and we'll be looking for improvement on execution this week," said Dollar.

Dollar said he was pleased with the Bobcats' performance in the first scrimmage Friday.

"We got some things done that we wanted to get done. We looked good," said Dollar.

Dimmitt's varsity got a couple of touchdowns during the scrimmage, one on the ground and another through the air.

"Justin Sutton scored once and we scored on a pass from Derek Buckley to Daniel Flores," said Dollar.

"The freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams all looked good. Everybody played the way we wanted them to. We took 94 kids there and 94 kids played."

### Longhorns

Hart will get a good workout this week against a Memphis team that has some speed, size and toughness.

The varsity will run 20 offensive and 20 defensive plays, then the junior varsity will run 15-15. After that, the varsity teams will square off in a live quarter. The scrimmage is slated to begin at 6 p.m.

The Longhorns had no problems handling Lubbock Christian High School in their first scrimmage Friday, outscoring the Eagles six touch-

## Area women's bowling group plans meeting

The Hereford Womens Bowling Association will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 in the East Room of the Hereford Community Center.

The focal point of the meeting will be to discuss rules and prepare leagues for the women's 1998-99 bowling season.

If you have a question concerning the upcoming season, call the Hereford Recreational Center at (806) 363-6899.

downs to one with the varsity unit.

The Horns scored five of their touchdowns from the offense, then Keith Finch returned an interception for another touchdown.

Rushing touchdowns were made by Jose Rocha, Frankie Cortez and Finch. The Horns got two touchdowns through the air, too. Quarterback Jared Aven found Michael Pantoja and Chris George for Hart's other scoring plays.

"We did very well," said Hart Coach Bryan Welps. "The kids really got after it and did their job. For our first scrimmage, we really didn't have too many mental lapses."

Welps was also pleased with the Horns' efforts on defense.

"We hustled to the ball, made plays and handled our assignments."

This week's scrimmage will be more of a test for Hart, though.

"Memphis is a lot tougher (than LCHS) and they're more physical," said Welps. "I'm anxious to see how the kids will react. Memphis runs a lot of different formations."

### Swifts

Nazareth's second team will open Friday's scrimmage against Smyer, running 15 plays on offense and 15 on defense before the first string

takes the field.

The starters will run 20 plays on both sides of the ball, then will yield the field to the second team, which will go 10 and 10. After that, the first team will play a live quarter.

The young Nazareth Swifts gained some valuable experience in their first scrimmage against Anton Friday, and they outscored the host Bulldogs three touchdowns to two.

Nazareth achieved success with its passing game, scoring to of its touch-

downs on long bombs.

"We were about 75% pleased with how we did Friday," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "Offensively we didn't run the ball as well as we wanted to, but Anton played our run. They were using eight or nine guys to stop the run. That's part of the reason why our passing game was there."

Nazareth scored on a 70-yard pass from quarterback Mitchell Brockman to Cameron McLain. Then Brockman connected with Kade Wilcox for a 40-yard scoring strike.

The Swifts' other touchdown was a five-yard run by McLain.

Price said the defense improved throughout the scrimmage, but did struggle in the early minutes.

"Early on our defense wasn't doing what we wanted and Anton had success running the ball," said Price. "On our second series the defense did a lot better. I think we were over-pursuing at the beginning."

The Swifts are a little banged up this week, with several suffering from "little, nagging injuries," according to Price.

McLain's nursing a sore calf, Brockman and Matt Olvera are battling hip problems and Matthew Kern is suffering from a shoulder injury. Price said Kern will be out for at least 10 days.

## DHS reserve ticket holders can buy passes

Dimmitt High School football tickets are on sale now for reserved ticket holders, and those individuals with reserved tickets may purchase the season passes through Sept. 4.

Season tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the DISD Administration office at 608 West Halsell in Dimmitt.

The tickets will go on public sale Sept. 8.

For more information, contact Roxie Louder at the DISD Administration Office, 647-3101.



**CHAMPION BUSTER**—Beau Bradley, 7, son of Tod and Carla Bradley of Dimmitt, shows off the trophy and belt buckle he won last weekend at the Make-A-Wish Foundation's "Mutton Bustin'" in Amarillo. Bradley rode a ewe lamb and scored 85 on his ride to win the event, which featured 20 youngsters. In addition to the trophy and buckle, he also received a pair of Justin boots. Bradley is the grandson of Don and Betty Carpenter and Gene and Shari Bradley.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Lubbock duo tops the field in Invitational Tournament

The 1998 Invitational Tournament at Country Club of Dimmitt drew a large number of two-man teams over the weekend and when the final shot was taken, Scott Marshall and Mike Whitworth of Lubbock topped the field.

Marshall and Whitworth were in the lead with 62 after the first round, then finished with 66 on Sunday to win the Championship Flight with a two-round total of 128.

Second place was a tie at 130 between the teams of Jim O'Connor and Codie Scott of Amarillo and Rick Guy and Joe Bob Browning of Amarillo. Both teams shot 64s over the first 18 and 66s on Sunday.

In the First Flight, Dwight Cathey and Luke Stone of Lubbock were first with a two-round total of 134.

Other flight winners were Chip Thrasher and Phil Thrasher of Dimmitt, Second Flight; Jack Glover and Larry Chapman of Muleshoe, Third Flight; Brad Schlegel and Joe Marquez of Amarillo, Fourth Flight; and Carlos Mendez and Bobby Valdez of Hereford, Fifth Flight.

Here are complete results from the weekend tourney:

**1998 INVITATIONAL at Country Club of Dimmitt**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:** 1. Scott Marshall and Mike Whitworth of Lubbock, 62-66—128; 2. (Tie)

Jim O'Connor and Codie Scott of Amarillo and Rick Guy and Joe Bob Browning of Amarillo, 64-66—130.

**FIRST FLIGHT:** 1. Dwight Cathey and Luke Stone of Lubbock, 66-68—134; 2. Jim Shankle and Wylie McEntire of Amarillo, 66-69—135; 3. Clay Davis and Jerry Watts of Dimmitt, 68-70—138.

**SECOND FLIGHT:** 1. Chip Thrasher and Phil Thrasher of Dimmitt, 69-66—135; 2. (Tie) Mike Zaccardo and Steve Williams of Amarillo and Cliff Cook and Larry Luna of Dimmitt 69-71—149.

**THIRD FLIGHT:** 1. Jack Glover and Larry Chapman of Muleshoe, 72-68—140; 2. (Tie) Ray Cameron and Shane Bridwell of Amarillo and Mark Thomason and Kenny Wilcox of Borger, 72-72—144.

**FOURTH FLIGHT:** 1. Brad Schlegel and Joe Marquez of Amarillo, 73-69—142; 2. Alan Altman and Sam Campbell of Amarillo, 73-74—147; 3. Charlie Schaefer and Blake Brown of Canyon, 76-74—150.

**FIFTH FLIGHT:** 1. Carlos Mendez and Bobby Valdez of Hereford, 78-77—155; 2. Max Newman and John Lantz of Dimmitt, 77-82—159; 3. (Tie) Don McGowin and Bobby McCroskey of Amarillo 78-82—160, and Robert Aguirre and Richard Davila of Hereford, 80-80—160.



**LOOKING AT HOMEWORK**—Tineke "Tina" Casneuf of Belgium shows her homework assignment to her American "Mom" and "Dad," Vada and Rick Wilcox of Dimmitt. Casneuf is a senior at Dimmitt High School this year under the American Field Ser-

vice foreign exchange program. She arrived in the US on Aug. 7 and came to Dimmitt Aug. 8. Her first impression of Texas was that it is "so hot." But she also noted that "everything is so big." She said she was disappointed that there weren't as many cowboys as she expected.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

### More about

## City adopts lower tax rate . . .

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 claimed property under \$75. Notice will be run once a year in the newspaper for all unclaimed property valued between \$75 and \$100. All unclaimed property valued at more than \$100 must be turned over to the state.

Sheffy said most of the items they deal with are water deposits that cannot be returned, due to no forwarding address when people move away.

In another matter, council members voted to close Stinson Street east of Southeast Fifth Street where the new water tower will be constructed. Sheffy said the property on both sides of the street is owned by the city.

Debbie Annen reported to the council on the Teen Court program, to which the city contributed \$5,000. She requested continued financial help for the program.

She said that 52 teen volunteers started the program. Six graduated in May, but two have been gained from among those who had been defendants in the program.

Annen said 22 are volunteer attorneys, 37 have served as jury members and 13 have been bailiffs. Some

have done more than one job. She said that 11 adult volunteers also have participated.

The 13 cases that have come through the court involved defendants from age 12-18, with the average age being 15. Of the 13, 10 were Dimmitt Middle School students and three were Dimmitt High School students.

The program has assessed the offenders over 390 hours of community service and 26 jury duty times. Individual sentences have ranged from 15 to 55 hours of service.

Annen said eight of the defendants completed their sentences, one has completed all except one jury duty service, two have just started their sentences, and two were referred back to the referring agency that recommended them for Teen Court.

She said of the two who were referred back, one was a young man who failed to complete his final jury duty service, even after given two additional chances. The other was a young lady who did not want to complete her community service with the entity she had signed up with.

Agencies which have agreed to supervise community service for

defendants include the Castro County Hospital District, the City of Dimmitt, Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, Dimmitt Independent School District, and the office of County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews.

Council members voted to approve a resolution supporting submission of a nomination for a Rural Federal Empowerment Zone for Dimmitt and Castro County.

## 'Meet Bobcats' set for today

The "Meet the Bobcats Night" will be today (Thursday) at 7:30 at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria.

All Dimmitt High School football players, cross country runners, band members, and cheerleaders will be introduced during the evening, along with coaches and sponsors.

The public is invited to attend and show their support for the Bobcats.

Ice cream will be served following the introductions, and may be purchased for 50¢ a cup.

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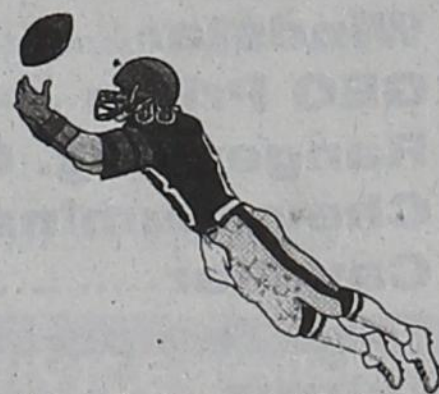
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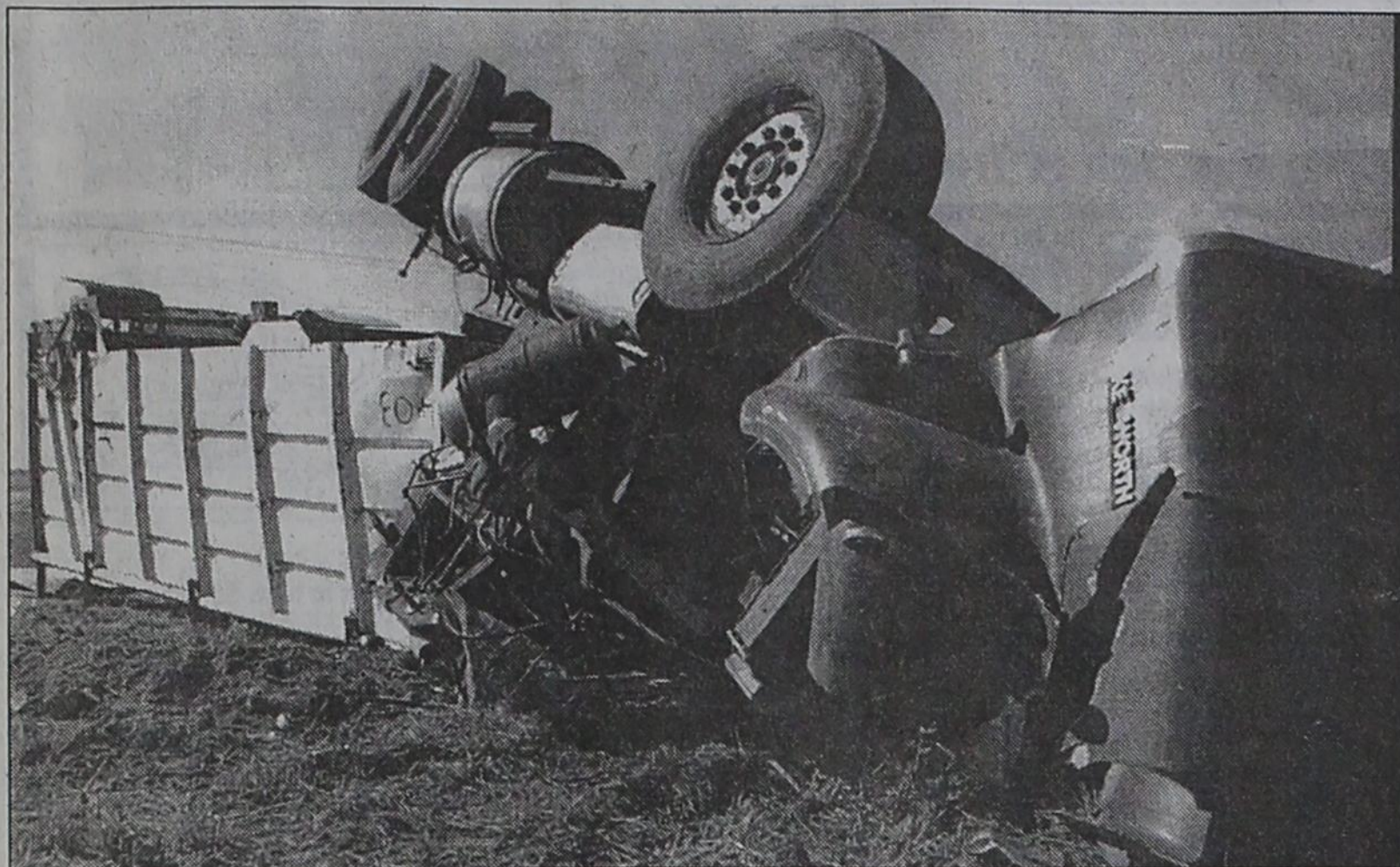
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THE DRIVER WALKED AWAY from this truck accident Monday afternoon, believe it or not. The truck's owner, Ernest Condarco, 53, of Hereford, was returning home on US 385 after hauling ensilage in Lamb County for Gerald Birkenfeld of Nazareth, and was eight miles north of Dimmitt when the right front

tire of his big Kenworth rig blew out. The empty truck skidded off the east side of the highway and approximately 250 ft. across a field before rolling over onto its top. The truck was totaled in the rollover, but Condarco climbed out of the crushed cab with no apparent injuries. Photo by Don Nelson

## Police Calls

Benjamin Silva Prieto of Dimmitt told police Friday night that someone took a 1981 Pontiac Bonneville without the owner's consent. The vehicle, valued at \$1,500, was recovered. Investigation is continuing.

Dwayne Acker of Nazareth told deputies last Thursday that dogs had attacked two show lambs in a pen behind his home on SH 86 in Nazareth. One lamb was killed and the other was so severely injured that it had to be destroyed. Acker estimated the loss at \$375.

Martin Martinez of Dimmitt told police Sunday night that a suspect threw a beer bottle and struck the bed of a 1986 Chevrolet pickup, causing \$300 in damage. The incident happened in the 100 block of South Broadway.

Johnny Martinez Flores Jr. of Dimmitt told police Saturday night that someone took a nine-speed bicycle valued at \$140 without permission. The bike had been in the 100 block of Southwest Sixth.

Phyllis Mooney told deputies Friday that someone broke into a vending machine in the break room at

Steere Tank Lines, causing \$200 in damage to the machine and taking over \$50 worth of money and products.

Investigation is continuing into the burglary of three motor vehicles in Hart. The three vehicles were burglarized Aug. 4. The incident was reported by Aucencio Avila.

On Monday, a 22-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on a felony warrant for escaping custody/court order.

Alcohol related arrests included: —Last Thursday, a 59-year-old Dimmitt man for public intoxication. —Friday, a Dimmitt man, 23, for DWI, second offense, breath test refused.

—Saturday, DWI, first offense charges against a 17-year-old Dimmitt man.

Sunday at 1:24 a.m., a Dimmitt man 20, for public intoxication and theft under \$50; at 1:35 a.m., A Hart man, 18, DWI, first offense; 5:53 a.m., DWI, first offense, against a 36-year-old Dimmitt man; and 11:20 p.m., an Olton man, 30, DWI, first offense, and driving while license suspended.

A one-vehicle accident Monday at 4:40 p.m. resulted in no injuries but heavy damage to a tractor-trailer rig driven by Ernest Condarco, 53, of Hereford. The 1979 Kenworth truck tractor was heading north on US 385 about 7.5 miles north of Dimmitt, when the left front tire had a blow out. The driver steered off into a field, where the truck rolled over onto its top. Condarco was wearing his seat belt. No citation was issued.

### Relief available

Panhandle Community Services of Dimmitt still has money available to help local citizens with home energy expenses, including purchase of air conditioners and payment of utility bills.

Stella Devers, center coordinator of the Dimmitt PCS office, said that those needing help or more information may call 647-3244.

The federal funds will be available only through September, Devers said, and she urges those who may be eligible to contact PCS as soon as possible.

### More about

## County approves detention bids . . .

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long term detention at an unsecured home in Deaf Smith County, to \$82.50 per day for short-term detention at YCHP.

Also, the bid was accepted from Protell Systems of San Antonio, which submitted a bid of \$5 per day for electronic monitoring systems and monitoring, and an additional \$4 per day for monitoring of juveniles who do not have a phone in their homes.

In other business, the commissioners approved the election judges for the Nov. 3 election. A new state law says that the presiding judge in each voting precinct must be from the same political party that carried that precinct in the last gubernatorial race.

County Judge Irene Miller said that six of Castro County's eight voting precincts favored Republican gubernatorial candidate George Bush in the 1994 election. The two pre-

cinets that favored Democrat Ann Richards were Pct. 101 and Pct. 201.

So, the presiding judges in those two precincts will be Democrats—Glyn Reed in 101 and John Nino in 201. Alternates for those precincts will be Republicans—Lula Mae Haynes for 101 and Bill Dannevik for 201.

In the precincts that will have Republican presiding judges, those named are: Sharon Sadler, Pct. 105; Robert Duke, Pct. 206; V.C. Hopson, Pct. 301; Marguerite Cole, Pct. 306; Dr. B.D. Murphy, Pct. 401; and Irene Wilhelm, Pct. 408.

Democratic alternates will be: Mr. or Mrs. Al Gibbs, 105; Darrene Collins, 206; Greg Odom, 301; Carleta Harkins, 307; Oscar Wylie, 401; and Dorothy Kleman, 408.

For early voting, Emma Jean King, Republican, will be the presiding judge, with Wanda Murdock, Democrat, as alternate.

In another matter, the commissioners appointed Abelia Garza to the Child Protective Services board. She is a resident of Precinct 2, and has lived in the county for 38 years.

She told the commissioners that she wanted to serve on the board because of her concern for children.

"I want to make sure kids (in care) are treated right," Garza said.

In another matter, the commissioners approved the contract with Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C., to perform the annual audit for a fee of \$10,300, which includes \$500 for a separate audit of the D.A.R.E. program, as required by the grant program that helped establish it here.

The commissioners voted to contact Newton Electric for an estimate on electrical work needed for the elevator in the courthouse.

Commissioners decided to wait on a vote on extending the contract with the Dept. of Human Services for office space in the building shared with the Castro County Appraisal District. Questions were raised about some aspects of the contract and Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales was authorized to contact DHS and clarify the contract's language.

## Red Cross has location forms

Local residents who may be concerned about relatives living in the Del Rio area that has been affected by recent flooding may contact the Red Cross to contact family members.

Sandra Allison of Dimmitt is associated with the Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross in Hereford. She may be reached at 647-3000, and has forms that may be filled out for contacting family members in disaster areas. She said the service is available for immediate family only.

Also, Allison said that the same service will be available in case of any hurricane damage, whether it is in Texas or elsewhere.

## DISD sets budget, tax rate

At a meeting Tuesday at noon, the Dimmitt school board approved the budget for DISD for the 1998-99 school year, with total revenue estimated at \$8,979,637 and total expenditures estimated at \$9,266,926, for a deficit budget of \$287,289.

The tax rate was set at \$1.21 per \$100 of property valuation, the same rate as last year.

The board members had expressed their intentions at an earlier meeting to take all of the deficit from reserve funds, rather than raise the tax rate.

Following an executive session, the board voted to hire two teachers: Arlene Sharp of Canyon will teach high school English; and Tracy Venhaus of Greenville will teach kindergarten. Venhaus's husband has relatives in the Dimmitt area.

DISD Supt. Les Miller told the board that Wendy Aldridge of Tulia has been hired as the school nurse. She had been employed at the Welch Home Place Partial Program.

## LULAC sets Fiesta Sept. 5

The Dimmitt Chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens is sponsoring a Fiesta on Sept. 5 at the Expo building.

Activities will begin at 11 a.m. and continue through midnight, in celebration of the 16 de septiembre holiday that is celebrated in connection with the history of Mexico.

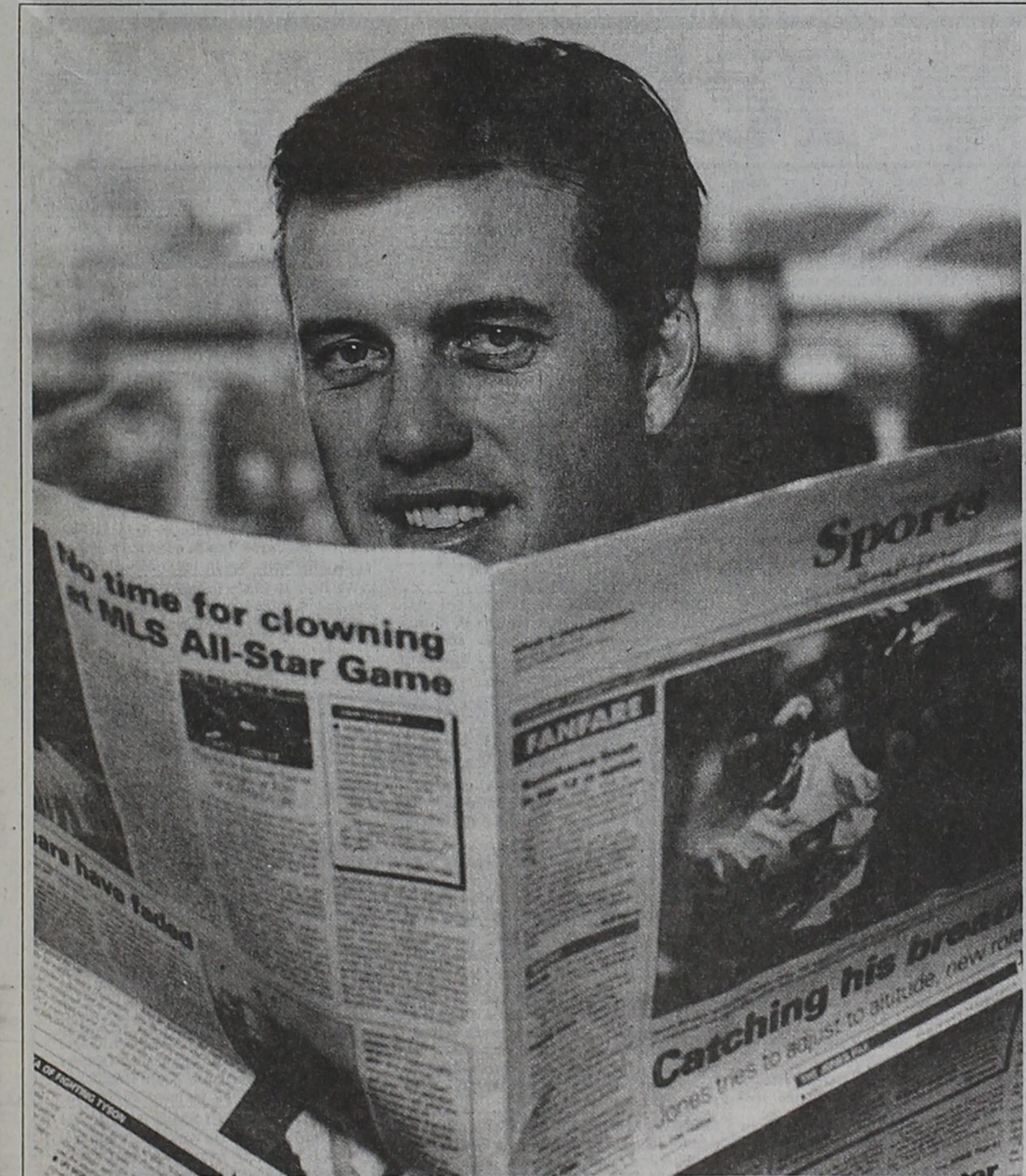
The Fiesta will start with the opening of food and game booths. At noon the opening ceremony will begin, followed by the naming of the

LULAC Citizen Award winners.

The Folkloric Dancers from Lubbock will perform at 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. A talent show is slated to begin at 4 p.m.. Booths will close at 6 p.m. and activities will move outside, weather permitting.

Los Amigos will have a dance from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Everyone is invited to participate. For more information, contact Gloria Hernandez.



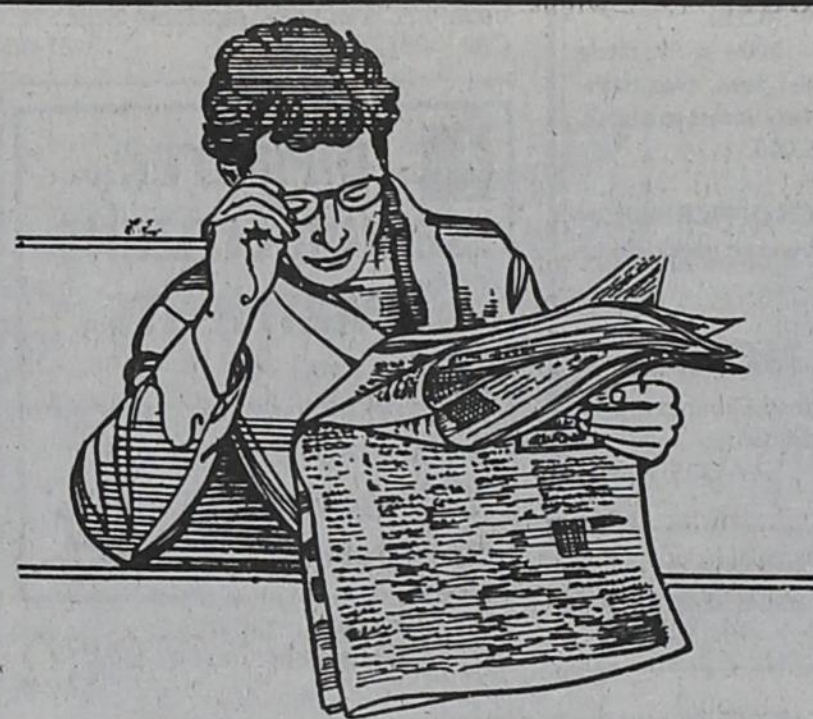
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## 12—Farm Produce

**FOR SALE:** cucumbers, watermelons and cantaloupe, 3 miles north of Nazareth on FM 168. 945-2489. 12-19-tfc

## 13—Livestock, Pets

**AKC TOY POODLE** puppies for sale. Apricot and white with apricot ears. \$125.00. Call 945-2632, leave message. 13-18-tfx

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## 14—Automobiles

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**1976 GMC PICKUP** for sale. 4x4, three-speed. Runs. 647-3241, asking \$1,500. 14-20-tfc

**1988 TOYOTA TERCEL**, 2-door, automatic, air conditioner, 90-k miles. \$1,200. 647-2522, Don. 14-21-1tc

**1997 CHEVY ASTRO VAN**, must sell. Only 19,000 miles. Very nice. Financing available, will trade. Call John, 1-800-957-2438. 14-21-1tc

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## 20—Help Wanted

**\$4,000/MONTH.** We have producers within our system who average this much. We would like to have someone in the Dimmitt area. If you have successful agricultural sales experience or an agricultural background with a strong desire to succeed, fax your resume to (806) 647-3334. 20-15-tfc

**AVON**, home-based business, flexible hours, no inventory required. Ind/sales/rep. MLM option. 888-748-1759. 20-18-4tp

**GENERAL LABORER** needed. Apply in person at DeBruce Grain, Inc., North Highway 385, Dimmitt, (806) 647-2802. 20-17-tfc

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## 1996 BUICK PARK AVENUE

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## 25—Legal Notices

**Notice of Proposed Salaries and Allowances for Castro County Elected Officers for FY-1999**

Position	Budget FY-1998	Salary Proposed FY-1999	Allowances FY-1999
County Judge	\$36,776	\$26,976	\$5,000-State \$6,000-Juvenile Bd.
Clerk	\$24,000	\$25,200	
Justice of Peace	\$21,960	\$23,160	
Treasurer	\$24,000	\$25,200	
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$24,000	\$25,200	
Constable	\$15,312	\$16,512	
Sheriff	\$25,836	\$25,836	\$1,200-Uniform
Commissioners	\$18,264	\$19,464	

Officials are reimbursed for official travel by personal transportation at: FY-1998 \$.28 per mile, FY-1999 \$.28 per mile

The proposed budget is on file in the Castro County Clerk's office.

A public hearing will be conducted on September 3, 1998 at 5 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. At the close of the public hearing the Commissioners Court shall take action on the proposed budget.

## BARTLETT I FEEDYARDS

southwest of Tulla has openings for an experienced feed truck driver and an experienced pen rider. Benefits include 401K plan, insurance plan, profit sharing and competitive wages. Apply in person at the yard. 806-627-4241 for directions. 20-20-2tc

## HARVEST HELP NEEDED

for fall harvest tractor drivers and truck drivers. Truck drivers must have Class A CDL license and clean driving record. Call 938-2632. 20-20-2tc

## THE TRI COUNTY CHAPTER

of the American Red Cross is accepting applications for the position of Chapter Manager. Please pick up your application and job description in person at 224 South Main St. in Hereford. Close date is September 11, 1998. Call 806-364-3761 for more information. 20-20-2tc

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

647-4594. 22-18-4tc

## 22—Notices

## 23—Lost & Found

LOST: MALE GERMAN SHEPHERD. \$50 REWARD. No collar. Black and tan. Southwest of Dimmitt. Neutered. Please call 647-2867. 23-20-tfc

## 24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS  
We would like to say thanks a million to the volunteers who repaired the cemetery headstones.  
J. PAUL & GERTIE WAGGONER  
24-21-1tc

## 25—Legal Notices

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Judges of the 64th and 242nd Judicial District Court will conduct a public hearing on Sept. 3, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Castro County Courthouse to set the salary for the County Auditor and to set the budget for the County Auditor's office for the 1998-99 fiscal year.  
JACK R. MILLER, 64th District Judge  
ED SELF, 242nd District Judge  
25-21-1tc

### LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is requesting proposals and specifications on group health, life and accidental death and dismemberment benefits for all eligible employees. Bids will be received by City Secretary Jo Hamilton with intention to submit recommended bids to the governing board at its regular meeting following the 10th of September, 1998. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid deemed advantageous to the City of Dimmitt.  
25-21-2tc

## 25—Legal Notices

### By JOHNNA PATTERSON

#### County Extension Agent-IPM

Several good rain showers went through the Lamb County area this past week. It was almost too late to benefit most producers, but the cooler temperatures were nice.

Area sorghum fields range from early flag to early bloom and continue to progress well. Fall armyworm and corn earworm feeding in the whorl continues to be found. Lady beetle larvae are present in astonishing numbers as well as lacewings which are taking out the corn leaf aphid populations.

Green bug "mummies" are also present in high numbers although green bug numbers are fairly high.

## 25—Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

**BARRETT FARMS, INC.** (Slash-O-Cattle Feeders), P.O. Box 670, Hereford, Texas 79045, has applied to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for amendment of Water Quality Permit No. 02673 and issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 38519 in Castro County, Texas.

These permits will authorize the expansion and operation of an existing beef cattle feeding operation from a maximum capacity of 15,000 to 50,000 head.

This facility is located on the north side of Castro County Road 604, approximately one mile east of its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1055. The intersection of Castro County road 604 and Farm-to-Market Road 1055 is located approximately 10 miles south of the City of Hereford in Castro County, Texas.

No discharge of pollutants into or adjacent to the waters of the State is authorized by these permits. The facility is in the drainage area of the Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin. The proposed facility will also emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and odors. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land. A person who may be affected may request a hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates that the proposed facility will comply with all applicable air quality requirements, the applicant will qualify for the issuance of the air quality permit. A draft permit for the water quality application has been prepared by the Executive Director. The Executive Director may issue final approval of these applications unless there is a request for hearing filed with the Chief Clerk.

The subject of a hearing would be limited to applicable air and water quality requirements, which do not include issues such as noise, traffic safety, zoning or property values. If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if available; (2) the name of the applicant and the appropriate permit number(s); (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how and why you would be adversely affected by the granting of the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing.

Hearing requests or comments on the application must be received in writing at the Chief Clerk's Office, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, within 30 days after the second publication of this notice. This notice is to be published on Aug. 20, 1998, and Aug. 27, 1998.

For information concerning technical aspects of these permits, contact Catherine M. Nash, Agriculture Section, Mail Code 158, the same address. For information concerning hearing procedures or citizen participation, contact Blas Coy, Public Interest Council, Mail Code 103, the same address. The applications and the TNRCC's preliminary analyses are available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F, Austin, Texas 78753. The application documents, compliance file if any exists, and further information may be obtained from the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, telephone (806) 353-9251. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll-Free, at 1-800-687-4040.

Issued Aug. 5, 1998.  
EUGENIA K. BRUMM, Ph.D.  
Chief Clerk, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission  
25-20-2tc

### LEGAL NOTICE

The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Private Club Permit Renewal to be located at FM 2392 So. Side .9 mile W. Hwy. 385, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Country Club of Dimmitt/Private Club, Inc.  
PATTY SUMMERS, President  
JOHN KOVACS, Vice President  
DICK SCHACHER, Secretary  
25-20-2tc

Corn harvest for silage has started and is steadily increasing. Food corn fields and grain fields continue to progress well. Yields will be quite low compared to past averages and the loss due to smut is very evident.

Southwestern corn borer egg counts were down this week except in the Flag/Earth area, where another late egg lay occurred. Mites have declined significantly, and beneficial insect numbers remain moderate to high.

Cotton has, for the most part, reached "cut-out." Generally, the last harvestable boll will come from a square that blooms on about Aug. 10 in this area. Any regrowth from late rains will end up being bollworm or boll weevil food. Worms and egg counts were up considerably this week, and most fields were sprayed.

### Southwestern corn borer moths

have declined considerably this week with the trap west of Dimmitt continuing to catch the most.

Egg lay continued to decline except for a late flush in the Flag/Earth area. Small larvae and egg infestations are as follows: 8% to 12% west of Dimmitt, 6% to 13% south of Dimmitt, 5% to 55% in the Hart area, 10% to 30% in the Springlake area, and 7% to 110% around Flag/Earth.

European corn borer egg masses and small larvae were reported in program fields this week.

Corn smut continues to be the big discussion topic. The intense heat and drought this season has intensified the smut infestation in both counties.

The Bt corn plot in Castro County

will be evaluated next week to see if there are any differences in smut occurrence between varieties and whether the ears, stalks or both are infested.

IPM program fields have basically reached "cut-out." Some lush growing fields in Lamb County may have to be sprayed twice if bollworm pressure continues.

Cotton aphids continue to be very low, but be prepared for an increase with the use of pyrethroids for bollworm control.

Boll worm egg and larvae counts prompted chemical control applications over most of the area this week. Egg counts range from 2,000 to 10,800 per acre. Larvae counts range from 1,800 to 8,600 per acre. Treated fields show about a 70% to 95% control. Eggs continue to be laid in treated fields.

A few large beet armyworms were reported this week in program fields, but reports of newly hatched to two-day-old worms were found on Aug. 15. When small worm counts exceed 20,000 per acre and at least 10% of the plants are infested, control may be warranted.

Beet armyworm infestations alone should be treated with Confirm, Pirate or Tracer, depending upon the severity of the infestation.

Dr. James Leser of Lubbock, Extension Entomology Specialist, recommends confining the use of Confirm to marginal infestations of smaller worms.

Tracer can handle larger infestations of worms, but producers shouldn't count on it getting the really large worms.

Pirate is more of a "clean out" material, but it too will leave some of the larger worms.

Larvin, Lannate and Lorsban are the old standbys for beet armyworm control and can sometimes still solve a problem field.

Fields infested with bollworms and beet armyworms have been sprayed with a pyrethroid/Lorsban mix. This is not a cheap combination.

Dr. Leser recommends going with Tracer as the most cost-effective choice, but stresses not to skimp on application and sacrifice coverage.

Boll weevil feeding and egg laying punctures declined dramatically this week, but trap catches were up as indicated by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station grid traps. With cut-out, fewer squares are available for weevils to feed and lay eggs, thus more weevils are moving around to find food.

Boll weevil grid trap catches show one weevil caught in Castro County and 28 weevils being caught in Lamb County traps.

The majority of southwestern corn borer trap moths trapped this week were west of Dimmitt, where 1,008 were trapped. Flight seems to have peaked last week. All program fields showed a decrease in egg lay and larvae being found, but there are some significant numbers still occurring in the Flag/Earth area.

The trap north of Sunnyside continues to catch the majority of corn earworm moths with 1,629.

A trap in the Hart area again caught the next highest number of moths with 1,244.

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# Obituaries

## Charles R. Carter

Funeral services for Charles R. Carter, 69, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Carter died Saturday at 11:25 p.m.

He was born Dec. 24, 1928, in Big Springs. He graduated from Big Springs High School. He married Karen O'Brian on Sept. 12, 1970, in Dimmitt. He worked at Goodpasture, Inc., of Dimmitt for 20 years, retiring in 1995. He had lived in Dimmitt since 1975, moving here from Friona.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Jennifer Howell of Dimmitt, and Donna Grissom and Debbie Strickland, both of Lubbock; a son, Rusty Carter of Childress; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church College Scholarship Fund, 110 Southwest Third Street, Dimmitt 79027; or Rhoads Memorial Library, 105 Southwest Second Street, Dimmitt 79027.

## Rosa Lee Gallagher

Rosa Lee Gallagher, 80, of Plainview, former Dimmitt resident, died Sunday at 12:05 a.m. at Care Inn of Plainview.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Lemons Memorial Chapel in Plainview with Robert Roecker, associate pastor of College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview officiating. Burial followed at Westlawn Cemetery in Dimmitt under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gallagher was born Jan. 15, 1918, in Cuervo, N.M. She married Lewis Neal on June 1, 1935. He died Nov. 18, 1975. She married Clyde Gallagher on Jan. 1, 1979, in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Gallagher grew up in Albany, Okla., and she attended schools there. She moved to Hereford in 1952 and to Dimmitt in 1954. She was in the first Licensed Vocational Nurse's (LVN) class that graduated from Plains Memorial Hospital. She worked at Plains Memorial Hospital for many years.

She moved to Plainview in 1979. She was a member of the College Heights Baptist Church and was very active in the Plainview Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Dixie West in 1996, and Sandra Sue in 1941.

Survivors include her husband; a son and daughter-in-law, Clayton and Kay Neal of Quinlan; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Wilma Lynn of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Evelyn Garrison of Panhandle and Hazel Burchell of Roosevelt, Utah; a sister-in-law, Jo Shull of Plainview; a son-in-law, Bill West of Hereford; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the LVN Scholarship Fund at the First United Bank of Dimmitt or to Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

## Jessie Reta Miller

Jessie Reta "Nannie" Miller, 99, of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt, died Friday.

Services were held Monday morning at Friendship Baptist Church with the Rev. Ronnie Tucker, pastor, and the Rev. Carl Coffey, former pastor of McAdoo, officiating. Recitations were by Bobbie Koprivnikar and Peggy Brisbin, her granddaughter of Mesa, Ariz. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Miller was born near Plainview on Nov. 21, 1898. She moved to a farm in Dimmitt where she grew up. She married Robert N. Miller on June 25, 1916, in Dimmitt. They farmed until moving to Amarillo in 1926.

She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church for 68 years. She served in different offices of the church as well as on many committees, and was in the Naomi Bible Class. She had been a member of Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Wild Rose Lodge 312, since 1937.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1972 and by a daughter, Jessie Lee Hudson.

Survivors include two daughters, Bobbie Marie Koprivnikar of Mariposa, Calif., and Opal Dee Barton of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; and five great-great-great-grandchildren.

## Clarence Dial Rogers

Graveside services for Clarence Dial Rogers, 62, of Lubbock, former Dimmitt resident, were held Wednesday morning in the City of Lubbock Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Couch of Lakeridge United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Mr. Rogers died at 10:44 a.m. Sunday at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

He was born on Dec. 14, 1935, in Lynn County. He was raised in Dimmitt and attended Dimmitt schools, graduating from Dimmitt High School in 1954. He was a member of the Boy Scouts and continued serving the Scouts as an adult.

He attended Texas Tech University from 1954-1957. He served in the US Army Reserves, retiring as a First Sergeant after 23 years of service.

He married Iris Grace Dial on Nov. 26, 1958, in Lubbock. He worked as a maintenance manager with the Texas Dept. of Transportation, retiring in August 1995 after 38 years of service. He served for 15 years with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Reserves and was commander of the Reserve Unit since 1995. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, South Plains Lions Club, and served on the board of directors for the South Plains Federal Credit Union for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Samuel Dial Rogers of Lubbock; a daughter, Clarissa Grace Rogers Hayes of Lubbock; a brother, James Rogers of Carrollton; three sisters, Juanel Thornborrow of Fort Worth, Barbara Noble of Lubbock and Hazel Green of Arkansas; and three grandchildren.

## More about Joplin . . .

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He added, "I think Dr. Joplin should be presented with a copy of this petition. . . . The support shown by this petition needs to be reiterated to him."

Dr. Joplin submitted his letter to the board via Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan last week, asking to be released from his current two-year contract.

Dr. Joplin is beginning his fourth year with the local hospital district as a general practitioner. He is one of five local physicians who serve at the Medical Center of Dimmitt and on the staff of Plains Memorial Hospital.

Friends of Dr. Joplin reportedly started circulating the petition late Monday afternoon.

After learning of the petition and the delegation's appearance at Tuesday night's board meeting, Dr. Joplin commented, "I guess there are a lot of people who care about me and want me to stick around."

Asked if he would consider rescinding his letter in light of the community reaction, he said, "If they (the board and administration) should choose to take steps to relieve some of the problems, I feel that I could be convinced to stay. But I would not ever make a mandatory demand of the board in this manner."

"It's up to the board to accept the resignation," he added. "I'm under contract, so they would have to release me from my contract before I'd be able to leave."

"So as not to put my patients or the hospital at risk, I have asked that they replace my position before I leave. There is no definite time frame or deadline involved. It's certainly not my intention to leave any of my patients at risk."

# Hospital tax rate: 33.9¢

The hospital district's property-tax rate will drop for the first time since it was set at the "emergency" level of 35¢ in 1987.

It isn't a real tax cut for local property owners, however.

At its August meeting Tuesday night, the hospital board set the rate at 33.9¢ per \$100 of property valuation.

The board okayed the rate drop not because of any budgetary reasons, but because of an increase in the tax base.

Chief Appraiser Jerry Heller had told the board last month that a 33.9¢ rate would raise the same amount during the coming year as the 35¢ rate raised this year.

Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan told the board Tuesday night that under the state's new Balanced Budget Act, the board would have to hold a hearing to set the rate at 35¢ again, since that rate would raise more revenue than it did last year.

According to Heller, most of the increase in tax base is due to a larger inventory at the Cerestar plant, "plus

a few new homes and some other factors."

The district's current tax base is a little over \$371 million.

Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers calculated that every penny of the tax rate represents \$37,000 in revenue for the hospital district.

"My gut feeling is that \$37,000 isn't going to make us or break us, and (adopting the 33.9¢ rate) would be a good message to the people that we want to act in good faith," Ramaekers said.

Although trustees Jerry Annen and Mark Welch expressed some concern about whether the district could make do with the same tax revenue during the coming year, they voted in favor of Dr. W. J. Hill's motion, seconded by Carolyn Sides, to adopt the 33.9¢ rate, making it unanimous.

In the annual audit report, Bill Parrish of the Waco-based auditing firm of Parrish, Moody & Fikes commended the hospital district for its financial progress.

"Your losses were \$664,000 in '96, \$129,000 in '97 and \$3,000 in '98," Parrish said. "I think that says a lot about the financial direction you're taking."

He said the administration should consider raising in-patient rates at Plains Memorial.

"Your in-patient revenue is way below your peer hospitals," he said. "Your out-patient revenue compares favorably. Your rural health clinic is doing well on revenue, and I commend you for having a rural health clinic."

Parrish also commended the district for "being on the cutting edge" in providing geriatric psychiatric care, and noted that this service is already providing a substantial percentage of the district's revenue.

He warned that the Home Health Agency—once the fastest-growing service in the local medical system—faces a charged deficit of almost a million dollars because of its cost of services per patient.

"Your home health service's cost per patient here is about four times the average," he said, and noted, "Joe (Sloan) has already gone in and is working on cutting costs in that department."

In the later discussion of the tax rate, Sloan told the board, "We've already gotten rid of \$400,000 of that (deficit) and we're looking at ways to make up the other \$500,000."

The board later granted Sloan authority to sign for a license agreement with the state to provide a "Home and Community Support Services Agency" so the district may offer state-funded housekeeping, cooking and other services to homebound patients.

These services were provided by the Home Health Agency until May 1, when it was no longer allowed to

do so, Sloan said.

The board approved requests by Sloan to apply for two grants—one for Internet equipment and one for telemedicine.

The Internet equipment grant will require a \$7,500 expenditure.

"We can get \$75,000 worth of equipment and lines if we put up \$7,500," Sloan said.

The telemedicine grant (to provide a videocamera hookup for remote diagnoses by participating specialists) requires no matching funds, Sloan said.

Such cameras "have a limited use but they're useful in some situations," Chief of Staff Gary R. Hardee told the board.

"It will save the patient's time in driving to and from Lubbock or Amarillo to see a specialist," Sloan said.

The hospital board also:

—Accepted petitions with 229 signatures from a six-person delegation supporting Dr. Leon Joplin, who has requested to be released from his contract. (See separate story.)

—Learned that the hospital district will receive \$160,000 in January as the county's first share of the state's court settlement with the tobacco industry, and discussed setting a policy on the use of the no-strings-attached windfall funds.

—Learned that Art Penaluna has resigned as manager of the new DME store (durable medical equipment sales and rentals) to accept a higher-paid position at Bowie.

—Learned from Dr. Hardee that the medical staff now has the use of a portable CT scanner to be brought here from Lubbock on Mondays.

—Approved a new two-year employment contract with Linda Rasor, R.N., B.S.N., director of nursing.

# Cotton Talks

Producers will receive final 1998 Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) payments between Aug. 21 and Sept. 30.

The final payment rate was announced Aug. 19. PFC payments for upland cotton in 1998 will total just under 8.2¢ per pound. Producers may have received an advance of up to 50% of this payment earlier in the year. Producers could request advance 1998 PFC payments on either Dec. 15, 1997, or Jan. 15, 1998.

Statutory authority for the 1998 payment expires Sept. 30 and any payments not made by that time because of a lack of necessary paperwork will not be made.

Also noted in the bulletin released by Farm Service Agency (FSA) was the notice that the Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act, which was recently signed into law, will impact 1999 PFC payment schedules and requirements. It is thought at this time that 1999 payments will be available sometime in October or shortly thereafter.

Growers and landlords interested in obtaining information about their 1999 PFC payments and options for receiving it should stay in contact with their local FSA offices.

The light at the end of the tunnel turned out to be a train from the looks of consternation on many faces following announcement of final details of the crop insurance deviation reported in last week's *Cotton News*.

USDA Risk Management Agency issued the deviation for 1998 dryland cotton on Aug. 17.

Contrary to the information received last week, the final deviation issued for dryland cotton included a boll count factor of 400 green bolls per pound of lint, not 500. The deviation also noted that all green bolls present at the time of appraisal would be counted.

Another change from the information received Friday is that fields will not be required to be in "cut-out" and all stages of plant growth will be eligible for appraisal.

While appraisals in each field will vary, a general rule of thumb, calculated by PCG, is that fields which average one boll per foot of row would receive a 30-pound yield appraisal.

The deviation and the 400 boll per pound factor applies to all non-irrigated cotton in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

A new program designed to help farmers and ranchers develop risk management strategies is scheduled to kick off Sept. 15.

The program, named FARM Assist, will provide Producers the opportunity to analyze their operations with risk management economists from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Producers will be able to analyze

production, management, financial and economic aspects of their operations and then develop long-term strategies for the future.

FARM Assist has a subscription fee of \$250.

High Plains Producers who wish to participate in FARM Assist can enroll by contacting Craig Fincham, TAEX risk management economist, at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center north of Lubbock, (806) 746-6101.

The West Texas Ag Chemical Institute will hold its 46th annual conference Sept. 9 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The conference will feature keynote speaker Denis Avery, author of the book, *Saving the Planet Through Pesticides and Plastics*.

Continuing education units for commercial and private applicators, as well as certified crop advisors, will be available.

Registration for the conference is \$70. More information can be obtained by calling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., at (806) 792-4904.

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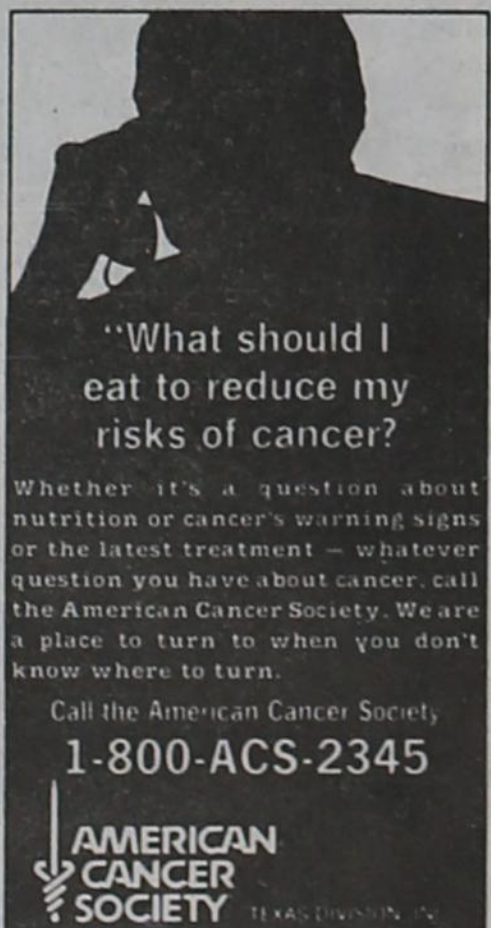
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