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County sets public hearing for new tax rate

Castro County will hold a public hearing concerning its proposed tax rate of 56.3¢ and 2000-2001 budget on Monday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the commissioners' court room.

A year ago, taxpayers paid 51.4¢ per \$100 of assessed value to Castro County.

This year's county effective tax rate is 51.9¢ per \$100 of assessed value. Commissioners are proposing to raise property taxes to the rollback rate of 56.3¢.

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By Don Nelson

I think we should all make up our minds right now to vote for Al Gore for President.

Not just because he's a Democrat. Or because of his experience in the US Senate, or all the state funerals he has attended around the world as vice-president.

Or because of The Kiss that he planted on his wife, Tipper, during the high point of the National Democratic Convention.

Or because he comes from the same state as Dolly Parton.

No, we should vote for Al Gore because he served his country in the branch of the Army that really won the war.

In Vietnam, he was an Army public information specialist.

I know about that branch of trustworthy, loyal, helpful, obedient, cheerful, courteous and brave men. For you see, that's my old branch.

The Army loves to get a guy with a journalism or English background (that's the *real* reason they want to bring back the draft) and give him that vaunted M.O.S. number, 701.10: public information specialist.

Sometimes they will call him a "reporter."

They dare not call him a "journalist" because they've learned that real journalists get testy about being called that when they're being used

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A FORTUITOUS FIND—DPS Trooper Keith Smith, stationed in Castro County, stopped this truck for speeding last Thursday and initiated a search of the vehicle, which turned up 314 pounds of cocaine, estimated to have a street value of \$3 million to \$14 million, depending on the "cut." The vehicle was stopped just east of Hereford on US Highway 60. *Courtesy Photo*

314 pounds of cocaine confiscated in traffic stop

Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Keith Smith, stationed in Castro County, uncovered 314 pounds of cocaine in a tractor-trailer rig he stopped just east of Hereford on US Highway 60 last Thursday morning.

Smith said he stopped the vehicle for speeding and asked for permission to search the vehicle, since the driver, a 31-year-old Deming, N.M., man, and the co-driver, a 27-year-old El Paso man, were acting "very nervous." Smith said the driver's paperwork was not in order, either.

He said the cargo of auto parts did not fill the trailer, and he discovered three large soft-side suitcases at

the front of the trailer behind the cargo.

When he attempted to lift one of the suitcases, it split in half, dumping one-kilo packages of cocaine on his feet. He said he then placed the two men under arrest for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Smith said the cargo originated in El Paso and was headed for Ohio.

Smith said he was aided in his search of the vehicle by fellow-troopers Brian Burzynski and Agustin Perez, stationed in Castro County, and Eddie Aguilar of Hereford with his DPS canine "Hawk."

Smith said the troopers obtained a search warrant for the other two suitcases which had not been opened.

Smith said Hawk alerted on the drugs, which were then tested and weighed. The Drug Enforcement Administration office in Lubbock was notified, along with the DPS narcotics office in Amarillo.

The suspects were interviewed by the DEA and were released on bond pending the issuance of indictments by a federal grand jury, according to Smith.

Smith estimated the street value of the cocaine at \$3 million if sold by the pound and \$14 million if sold by the gram.

Pistol-packing mama thwarted

A 44-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed early Saturday after five people reported that she pointed a handgun at them and repeatedly pulled the trigger, even though the weapon did not fire.

Sheriff's deputies and Dimmitt police officers investigated the incident, which began out in the county south of Dimmitt when the woman with the gun, traveling in a 1997 purple Ford, and three people in a white car allegedly attempted to run a 17-year-old Dimmitt woman off the road as she was driving toward Dimmitt on US 385.

The victim was accompanied by her 1-year-old son and was followed by her boyfriend in another car. The victim told deputies her boyfriend was able to put his car behind hers to block the assailing cars from forcing the victim's car off the roadway.

As the entourage continued down the road toward Dimmitt, friends of the victim saw what was happening and joined in helping to protect the victim by placing their 1992 Cougar in front of her car. With the Cougar, then the victim's car and then the boyfriend's car traveling in a group and the purple car and white car still attempting to run the victim off the road, the vehicles approached the intersection of US 385 and SH 194 on the south edge of Dimmitt.

The purple car stopped at the intersection. The Cougar pulled up

behind the purple car, and the victim pulled her car off the road alongside the park area. The white car pulled up behind the Cougar.

The woman with the gun got out of the purple car, yelling threats and profanities, according to the complainants. They said she pointed the gun at them and pulled the trigger repeatedly. When it did not fire, she would pull back the slide on the gun and pull the trigger again.

One of the occupants of the Cougar got out and ran to the victim's car and they drove away. The driver of the Cougar was able to get his car from between the other two vehicles by driving on the median. He drove into town and stopped a policeman, who took the report and advised the man to also notify Sheriff's deputies.

The officer observed the suspect purple car, stopped it and conducted a search which revealed the unlawfully carried weapon.

The victim of the attempted assault told deputies she supposed the woman was angry because of the victim's relationship with the boyfriend, who reportedly also had a former relationship with the woman's daughter.

Investigation into the matter is continuing and additional charges may be filed.

The 44-year-old woman remained in jail as of Tuesday morning.

Exemplary

RES, Nazareth achieve highest accountability rating

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt and Nazareth Independent School District have achieved the top status of "exemplary" in the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) accountability rating system.

Dimmitt High School, Dimmitt Middle School, Hart Junior High/High School and Hart Elementary School all achieved "acceptable" status, which is the third highest rating.

TEA bases its accountability ratings on a school's dropout rates, attendance rates and passing rates on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), an exam given to students in grades 3-8 and 10.

Richardson Elementary

During the 1998-99 school year, Richardson Elementary School had an attendance rate of 96.5%. Most students at the school aced the reading and math portions of the TAAS, which was taken in last spring. Ac-

ording to TEA, 95.6% of RES students passed the reading portion of TAAS and 94.5% passed the math section.

The school improved its TAAS results significantly over the previous year, when only 84.9% passed the reading and 88.3% passed math.

Nazareth

Nazareth achieved a 98% attendance during the 1998-99 school year and had no dropouts during the period.

Of the students taking the TAAS test last spring, 95.4% passed reading, 98.1% aced the math and 97.8% passed writing.

Those numbers are down slightly from the previous year, when 100% of the students aced the writing and math tests and 97.5% passed the reading.

Nazareth High School graduated 23 seniors in 1999, and 17 of those

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Dimmitt City Council

Wise, Davis say pen plans still up in the air for now

About 20 citizens turned out for the Monday night hearing before the Dimmitt City Council concerning placement of cattle holding pens on the south edge of Dimmitt.

The council called for the hearing to gauge public opinion about the proposal, mentioned at the last meeting of the council by local farmer/rancher Chad Davis.

Davis is working land that belongs to Gary Wise, and Wise and Davis appeared at the hearing.

Wise said that he and Davis had only started thinking about placing small pens in an area that would be near the Shirley Wise property that is being annexed into the city. Annexation of that property would give the city extra-territorial jurisdiction over any construction on the adjoining land that is not being annexed.

Wise said that contrary to rumors going around, he does not intend to build a feedlot. He said he will not install troughs, a feed mill or any

other permanent structures such as are common at feed lots.

Davis and Wise are already running about 200 head of cattle on the half-section of land adjacent to the property being annexed, and they said they will soon move in about 200 more.

Wise told the audience that he and Davis had merely discussed the possibility of building holding pens to make it easier to load and unload

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Agriculture, health care among issues Thornberry covers here

US Rep. Mac Thornberry answered questions on the farm program, rural health care, ethanol, NAFTA, railroads and more last Wednesday during a visit to Dimmitt.

Thornberry started off his visit at a hamburger luncheon sponsored by Castro County Farm Bureau. During the luncheon meeting at Country Club of Dimmitt, Thornberry discussed issues facing agriculture and answered questions from several local residents in attendance.

Thornberry's next stop was Plains Memorial Hospital, where he toured the facility, took part in the dedication ceremony for the hospital's new CT scan. He also discussed difficulties rural health care providers face today and what Congress can do to help.

His final stop was Cerestar USA in Dimmitt, where he toured the plant and heard comments on ethanol, NAFTA, sugar legislation and the condition of the railroads in the area.

Agriculture

A crowd of about 20 local residents joined Thornberry for the lunch at Country Club of Dimmitt, and he discussed problems facing agriculture and fielded questions from the crowd.

Thornberry mentioned how everyone at the recent political conventions talked about how great the economy is doing.

"It's not great everywhere. I know it hasn't been a good two or three years here, given what's happened to commodity prices," Thornberry said. "There has to be a better way for buyers—some sort of a safety net so our producers don't get caught up in higher production prices while the price of commodities remains so low."

Thornberry said agriculture is one of the most pressing things congress will be addressing when it reconvenes after Labor Day.

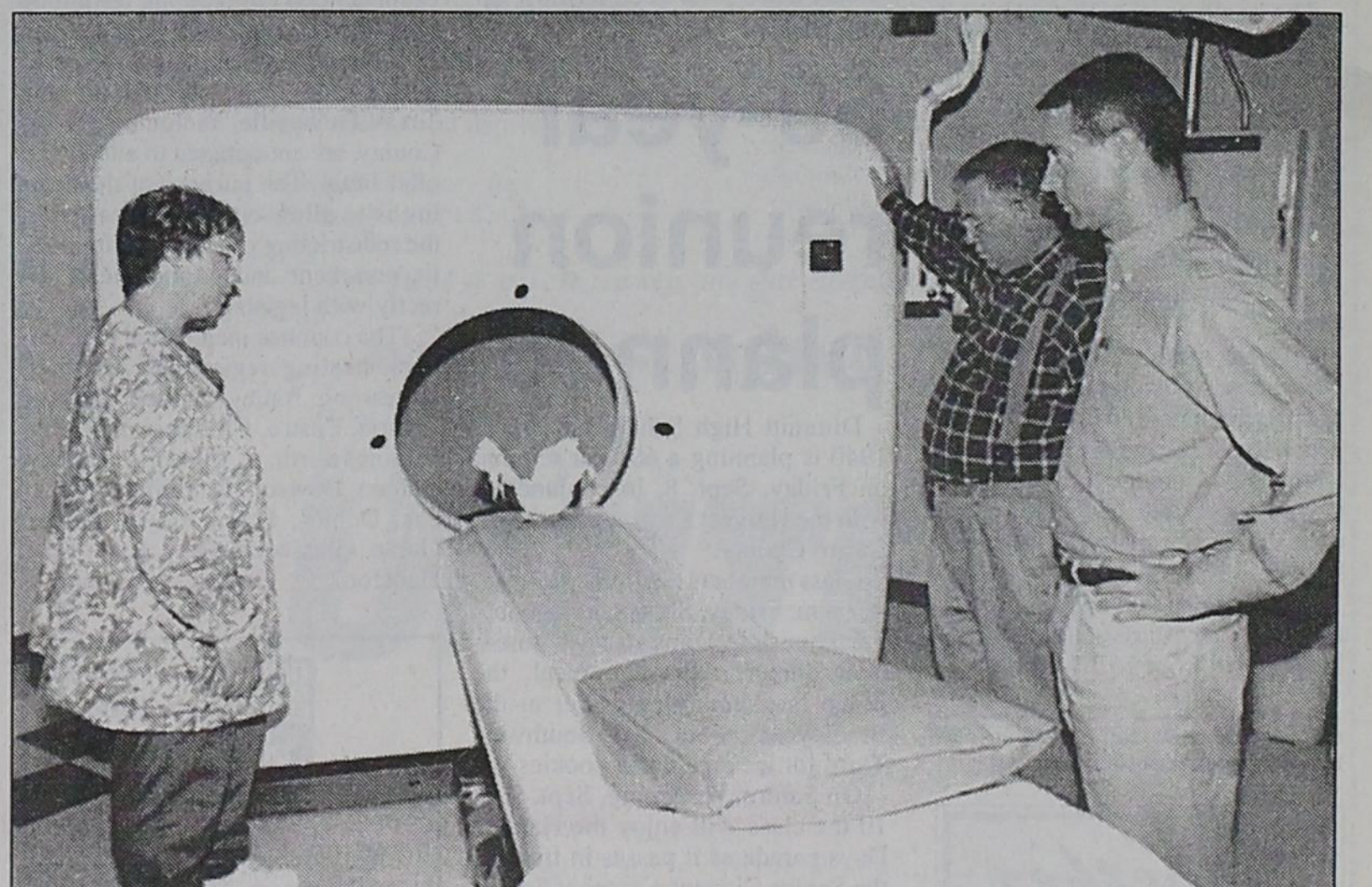
"Agriculture has a fair amount of

controversy surrounding it, primarily because of the sanctions language. Most people think we should ease sanctions on Cuba and shouldn't be denying the country food and medicine. They think we shouldn't be punishing our farmers by not selling grain to Cuba. I think we will be loosening those sanctions this year," Thornberry said.

He said Congress must work on the ag appropriations bill, which includes research money and money to run the FSA offices.

"One good thing for agriculture was passage of the disaster bill so there will be an additional payment that will come out in September. That's going to be very important to keep people going with the way commodity prices are," Thornberry said. "That's going to be at last year's payment level, too. We also passed the new crop insurance bill which will take effect."

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STATE OF THE ART— Radiology technician Deana Beames demonstrates the hospital district's new helical CAT scanner for Congressman Mac Thornberry (right foreground) and District

CEO Joe Sloan following a dedication ceremony for the new department last Wednesday at Plains Memorial Hospital. The congressman cut the ribbon at the ceremony. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Letter

'Good Samaritan' earns praise from stranded couple

Dear Editor:
Like most newspaper editors, I assume that you print "Letters to the Editor." This is all I know to do because I do not know the name of a Dimmitt resident who helped us recently.
My husband and I were returning home to Clifton, Texas, from a vacation in Colorado. This happened during the last week of July. We were about 15 to 20 miles from Vega where we planned to spend the night.
On our new Dodge Intrepid we had a blowout. Naturally, we stopped immediately and discovered a back rear tire had collapsed. My husband unloaded our luggage from the trunk of the car and began the job of releasing the spare tire.
He hadn't done this kind of work for several years and the temperature that day was 100-degrees plus. There was no way I could help him.
For a long time he struggled with the task at hand, trying to endure the extreme heat. At one time he almost passed out. All I could do was sit in

the car and pray that help would come.
Many cars passed without stopping. Finally, a car passed, then on up the way, the driver stopped and turned back.
When he returned, we thanked him for stopping. He said, "What can I do for you?"
He sized up the situation, then took charge. He had both the knowledge and the strength to handle the problem. With the spare tire in place, he then relocated our luggage. His kindness knew no limits.
We wanted so much to express our gratitude by paying him.
He said, "I don't want money. I just wanted to help you."
He then followed us into Vega to be sure we were all right. He had told us that he lived in Dimmitt, but we did not get his name.
We hope that this good, kind man will read this letter in your paper and receive our thanks. He was truly an answer to prayers.
MRS. O.R. (NELL) JENSON



'CUT-SCAN' CEREMONY — Amid a crowd of hospital employees, trustees and Auxiliary volunteers, Congressman Mac Thornberry (center) does the honors with the ceremonial scissors during a ribbon-cutting last Wednesday to officially dedicate the hospital district's new CAT scan department. Holding the ribbon are Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (left) and District CEO Joe Sloan. Thornberry toured all of the hospital district's facilities after addressing Farm Bureau members at a hamburger luncheon at the Country Club. Photo by Don Nelson

H.O.P.E. plans meeting Monday

H.O.P.E. of Castro County will study the need for an early childhood development center when it meets Monday at 6 p.m. in the board room at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.
The group also will assess the support such a center would receive in this area.
Any county resident who wishes to voice an opinion, concern or who has an idea about the proposed project should attend the meeting.
For more information about H.O.P.E. meetings and projects, contact the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115 or the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.

Medical fund is established for burn victim

A medical fund has been established at Hereford Credit Union to help defray medical expenses for Stephanie Salinas, 13-year-old daughter of Jose and Antonia Salinas of Hereford.
The teen suffered third-degree burns in an accident that occurred on July 10.
She is the niece of Emma Zepeda of Dimmitt and she attends school in Hereford.
Any donations and prayers would be appreciated.

Breast cancer screening set Sept. 12

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Sept. 12 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.
Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

August sales tax rebates down across the county

Sales tax rebates issued during August to the cities of Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth were down when compared with the same period in 1999.
Rebates issued in August were for local sales taxes collected in April, May and June which were reported to the Texas Comptroller in July.
The City of Dimmitt received a rebate totaling \$27,781.81. That's 12.44% lower than the August 1999 rebate of \$31,731.38. So far this year, the city has earned \$216,305.35, which is 6.48% ahead of the \$203,125.75 collected from January through August of 1999. Dimmitt collects a 1.5% sales tax.
Nazareth also saw a decrease in its rebate from August 1999 to August 2000. This month's payment of

\$1,531.06 is 5.49% lower than last year's stipend of \$1,620.13. This year, Nazareth is running 3.54% ahead of 1999 totals after receiving \$10,389.19, compared with the \$10,033.70 earned through August 1999. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax rate.
Hart's rebate was off 39.58% for August. The city earned a rebate of \$1,758.64 this month, compared with \$2,910.95 a year ago. Hart collects a 1% sales tax that has earned the city \$13,967.46 so far this year. That's 10.59% ahead of 1999 payments which totaled \$12,629.79 through August.
Due to the Labor Day holiday, the comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Sept. 11.

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE
As if high irrigation pumping costs, ongoing beet armyworm pressure, aphids and persistent hot, dry conditions weren't enough, growers in some areas of the Texas High Plains are also facing a rapidly building population of boll weevils that could further strain both pocketbooks and the tolerance of area bankers.
Over the past few weeks, boll weevil populations outside the three active boll weevil eradication zones have been steadily building and are becoming an increasingly serious problem for producers.
The biggest problem is confined to the non-active eradication areas on the Northern High Plains and Southern High Plains-Caprock regions.
Some of the counties most affected are Briscoe, Cochran, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Hockley, Lubbock, Swisher and parts of Lynn and Garza.
As the Northern High Plains and Southern High Plains zones progress toward eradication program referendums this fall, the rising presence of boll weevils in an around cotton fields will draw producers' attention to the growing problem.

understanding of how legislative and regulatory issues are dealt with from grassroots organizations through the legislative process and the development of laws and regulations that affect agriculture.
Scheduled speakers include Con. Charles Stenholm of Stamford; Tom Sell, Deputy Staff Director, US House of Representatives Agriculture Committee; Phil Burnett, executive director, National Cotton Council; Dr. James G. Butler, deputy vice chancellor for agriculture and life sciences, Texas A&M University; and Dr. John Abernathy, dean of Texas Tech University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources who will serve as panel moderator.
Also on the PCG agenda are reports and comments from Plains Cotton Growers, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association, National Ginners Association and the Cotton Board.
All ginners and cotton producers are encouraged to attend the meeting and hear from Stenholm and the rest of the panelists.

All producers and landowners in the Northern High Plains are encouraged to attend the meetings.
A hearing to gather comment on issues pertaining to realignment of congressional and state legislative district boundaries will be held Friday at the International Cultural Center at Texas Tech University, 60 Indiana Avenue in Lubbock.
The hearing is open to the public and anyone with ideas or concerns about how districts are created is encouraged to attend. Both oral as well as written testimony will be accepted by redistricting committee members of the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.
The hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will conclude by 3 p.m. Anyone unable to attend, but who wants to submit comments can do so through written testimony by mail via State Rep. Delwin Jones of Lubbock. The appropriate mailing address is Rep. Delwin Jones, PO Box 2810, Austin 78768.
Rep. Jones is chairman of the Texas House of Representatives' Redistricting Committee.

More about Exemplary

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took either the SAT or ACT college entrance exams. Of those 17, 41.2% scored above the criterion.
Of the 22 graduates of 1999 taking the exit-level TAAS, 16 scored at or above equivalency.
DHS/DMS
Dimmitt High School reported a 1.8% dropout rate in grades 7-12 for the 1998-99 school year, and had a 94.1% attendance rate.
Significant improvement was shown on the TAAS test, especially on the math portion, with 86.7% of the students passing last spring, compared with 59.4% in the spring of 1999.
DHS students also showed improvement in writing, raising their passing percentage from 86.3% in 1999 to 94.3% in 2000; and in reading, hiking the success rate from 84.9% to 92%.
There were 84 DHS seniors in the class of 1999, and 41 of those took the SAT and/or ACT tests. Seven of the 41 (17.1%) taking those college entrance exams scored above criterion.
The seniors each took the exit-level TAAS and 34 scored at or above equivalency.
A zero dropout rate and 95.7% attendance rate were reported to TEA by Dimmitt Middle School for the 1998-99 school year.
DMS scores on the reading and math portions of TAAS were up slightly, but slipped on the writing exam.
On the reading test, 77.6% of DMS students exhibited mastery last spring, compared with 73.7% the year before. The majority of students taking the math test—90.8%—passed the exam, an improvement over the 88.6% mastery a year before.
Scores slipped on the writing portion, with 76.5% passing the test in 2000, down from 76.7% in 1999.

Hart
Hart High School and Junior High students reported for classes like clockwork in 1998-99, and the result was a 96.5% attendance rate and a 0.5% dropout rate.
During 2000, students achieved a 90.8% passing rate on the math portion of TAAS, 86.5% passed the writing test and 78.9% aced reading. Those percentages compare with 87.2% on reading, 83% on math and 77.1% on writing during 1999.
Thirty-four Hart seniors in 1999 took the exit-level TAAS and 10 of those scored at or above equivalency levels. Fourteen students took the SAT and/or ACT tests, and one scored above criterion.
At Hart Elementary School, administrators reported a 97.3% attendance rate for 1998-99.
Scores on the three portions of the TAAS test showed improvement when compared with results from 1999. On the reading test, 77% passed the work, compared with 72.8% in 1999; 78% achieved mastery in reading, compared with 74.8%; and 93.8% aced writing, up from 92.3%.

Redistricting hearing set Friday in Lubbock

The annual meeting of the Plains Ginners' Association will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza Hotel.
Scheduled activities will actually start at 7:30 a.m. with an appreciation breakfast honoring State Representative Delwin Jones of Lubbock. Anyone interested in attending the appreciation breakfast is welcome to attend. Tickets are \$12.50 per person.
The annual meeting is geared toward giving producers a better

Cotton producers in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have scheduled two information meetings for today (Thursday).
The meetings will be held at the Ollie Linder Center in Plainview at 12 noon and at the Unity Center in Muncy beginning at 7 p.m. Both meetings will include a meal and those attending will qualify for Continuing Education Units (CEU).
Key topics will include an update on boll weevil populations within the Northern High Plains Eradication Zone as well as an overview of the proposed eradication plan and assessment for the Northern High Plains Zone.
Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Sterling, Stone-wall, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

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60-year reunion planned

Dimmitt High School's Class of 1940 is planning a 60-year reunion on Friday, Sept. 8, in conjunction with the Harvest Days celebration in Castro County.
Class members are invited to meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Dimmitt for a dutch-treat dinner. After the meal, the group is planning to gather at the Bradley home at 200 Southwest Third for ice cream and cookies.
On Saturday morning, Sept. 9, at 10 the class will enjoy the Harvest Days parade as it passes in front of the Senior Citizens Center at Southwest Third and Jones Streets.
Reunion organizers hope their classmates will join them for lunch at the Early Settlers' Reunion at 12 noon.

The counties included in the Lubbock hearing region are Andrews, Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Ector, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill,

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ACROSS
1 TXism: "holler _____ rope" (surrender)
5 Buckeye, TX is named for tree of this state
6 country's McEntire this Catherine was Henry VIII's 6th wife
8 spreads of barbed wire inventor Isaac Ellwood
17 "two" in Mexico it can be passed in TX legislature
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22 labored breath
23 TXism: "as necessary _____ grease on a jackrabbit"
24 Littlefield's county named after this San Jacinto victim
29 TXism: "pick of the litter"
30 TXism: "vaya con _____ Leon, TX
32 burned Hill Co. courthouse had this architectural style
34 TXism: "dry as _____ popped _____"
35 Ford sedan
36 TX Ann biography: _____ High Life"
37 dinner and a show rattler position before striking
39 '48 film about TX Bandit Queen: _____ Daughter"

DOWN
1 TX Dunham was a member of this ABT dance group
2 TXism: "in _____ trouble"
3 Texans born 'tween Sept. 23 & Oct. 22
4 Crowell is seat of this county
9 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
10 TXism: "a cut above the _____"
11 Cleo's biter
12 TXism: "_____ flies on her"
13 TX "Flying Tigers" general Chennault
14 ex-Ranger infielder Jeff
15 Greek letters
16 TXism: "_____ of one, half dozen of the other"
19 TXism for elderly man long-
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22 TXism: "a squeaky wheel _____ grease"
24 _____ Joe
25 TXism: "chompin' _____ the bit"
26 TXism: "got sheared like a spring _____"
27 space creatures
28 1st female civilian scientist into space: _____ Fulford
29 saloons
30 picture show treat
33 TXism: "I _____ that like a duck needs an umbrella"
34 San Antonio street: _____ Grant
35 TX game of chance
37 garment rules at TX high schools (2 wds.)
38 Houston mass murderer Dean
40 TX hero Murphy
41 TX Borden of condensed milk fame
44 cow and a calf
47 steamship furnace feeder
49 A&M's "branded _____ way"

Do you realize we can no longer teach that what goes up must come down.

Together We Can

Last Puzzle Solution

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

After 37 years as a hairdresser, raising four children to adulthood, and becoming a certified foster parent, Amelia Barrera closed her shampoo bowl for the last time and enrolled in the South Plains School of Nursing on the Wayland campus in the fall of 1999 to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

This week her dream became a reality. Sixteen of us, friends and family members, were present at the pinning ceremonies as Amelia received her pin and became Dimmitt's Plains Memorial Hospital's newest L.V.N.

Not only did Amelia fill the role as foster parent to five children and drive 100-mile round-trip each day, she graduated fourth in her class!

Amelia's husband, Benny, deserves a "pat on the back." He became "Mr. Mom," helped with the household chores and served as a source of encouragement.

Sharon Leinen, Jerry and Karen McGuire of Dimmitt, Sharon's niece, Paulette Barber, and Patrick Berrow of Houston flew to Cancun for a summer vacation.

They went deep sea fishing one day and caught a barracuda. My dictionary describes this to be a predacious, warm sea fish, and certain species are excellent food fish. The boat ride made Sharon's group rather seasick, but she said catching the fish was worth it.

They ate at the Hard Rock Café, basked in the sun, shopped the flea markets, and played water volleyball in the pool to keep cool.

They learned that Cancun has become a very popular retreat for graduating high school seniors. Sharon said the kids were fun to watch, but her next trip to Mexico would be to Cozumel Island (it is supposed to be a little quieter).

CD and Linda Fitzgearld, along with Linda's mother, Catherine Russell of Hereford, were hosts for the 55th annual family reunion of the

Ricketts family. There were about 100 people at the Hereford Bull Barn. Among those present were several former Dimmitt residents, including Doris Neely of Rogers, Ark. All of Doris's children were there. CD and Linda's children—Gaines and Crystal Howell of Blanchard, Okla., and their children, Misti and Clint; and Curt and Trisha Fitzgearld of Gruver, and children, Laci and Blake—attended the reunion, too.

Curtis and Leigh Durbin, and children Aubrey and Riley, along with Curtis's mother, Joan Durbin, attended Joan's Schulte family reunion in Bow Valley, Neb. Joan's great-grandfather, Wiladald Schulte came from Germany to homestead in Bow Valley. Wiladald and his wife had eight sons and one daughter. Joan's grandfather was one of these sons.

They enjoyed delving into the Schulte family history. They learned that there are still many of their ancestors' descendants living in Westphalia, Germany. One family has a winery and a bed and breakfast there.

Ronald and Kay Gfeller were guests of friends in Rockport during summer vacation time. The fellows went deep-sea fishing and caught a bountiful supply.

The ladies, Kay and her hostess, visited some beautiful mansions and the Texas Marine Museum. Kay, who has a degree in art, among others, was especially impressed with the art show that was in progress while they were there.

Connie and Alonzo Aguilar, their daughter and son-in-law, Olivia and Paul Herrera, and children, Aaron, Clarissa and Marcus, drove to Bakersfield, Calif., to visit Alonzo's sister and brother-in-law, Maria and Raymond Ozuna.

They enjoyed the scenic drive through New Mexico and Arizona. The children especially liked Magic

Mountain in Valencia, Calif. They had a good time visiting and seeing lots of pretty scenery and had a terrifying day in Tijuana, Mexico. They are glad to be back in Texas.

Hazel Hawkins, sister of Mearle Morgan, came for a nice summer visit. Mearle and her son, Randy, took Hazel back to her home in Crawford.

I was unfamiliar with the town of Crawford, but Mearle related that Crawford will be the official Texas headquarters for Gov. George W. Bush in his bid for president. Both George Bush families own ranches near there. Crawford is in an area that is experiencing phenomenal growth. It is near Waco, hot and dry.

Ed and Betty Freeman had visits recently from Rev. Paul and Lillian Shipman of Mt. Ida, Ark., and the Freemans' daughter, Sally Ortiz of Denver and her son, Andy.

Bill and Ann Henderson say, "Thank you for the cards. Keep them coming. We need your prayers and encouragement."

In case you misplaced the address: Bill Henderson, % Bob Sargent, 5626 Seclusion, Houston 77049.

We've had house guests since the middle of July. They drop in and out. They never tell us when they plan to arrive, and they give us no notice that they're checking out.

We treat them pretty good. We provide rose-of-sharon blossoms, red sage, and we are cultivating honey-suckle. The drinks are on the house—two feeders full of one part sugar and four parts water. A water fall and plenty of bugs have kept from one to three hummingbirds contented for brief stays.

We've tried to identify our small guests, but their genealogy doesn't really matter. They are such great reminders of God's beautiful creation. Their playfulness and antics keep us mesmerized for hours as we savor these last days of summer, and brace ourselves for Monday night football and cold weather.

Jeffery Karl Addison, son of Jeff and Christina Addison of Dimmitt, had the adventure of a lifetime this summer.

Back in May, Mark and Sandra Mann of Sydney, Australia, along with their two children, Michelle and Hayden, visited the Addison family here in Dimmitt. Michelle has been a pen-pal to Jeffery for the last couple of years.

The day the Mann family left they

invited Jeffery to come to Australia and visit in their home in Sydney. Jeffery's grandparents, evangelists Bill and Vicky Murphy, had already planned on being involved in a summer mission program in Australia. They offered to take Jeffery with them.

With his parents' approval, Jeffery packed his bags and met his grandparents in Dallas. It took them 18 hours of flying before landing in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. The two weeks he was there Jeffery toured the Blue Mountains, Sydney Harbour, Sydney Tower, Old Sydney Town, the Sydney Opera House, Three Sisters Beach, a theme park and two zoos.

The seasons in Australia are the opposite of those in Texas. At this time it is midwinter. Jeffery said he only meant to get his feet wet in the ice-cold water of the ocean, but somehow he couldn't help going for a swim in the crystal clear water. The locals in the area just shook their heads, suggesting, "Those crazy tourists."

Jeffery enjoyed many new experiences like riding the train, the ferry, the zigzag train, and driving on the opposite side of the road. He saw many of the local animals, as well, including koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, rainbow lorikeets, and many other beautiful birds. One of the most exciting things that he saw was a kangaroo being born.

Many children have stories to tell about their summer vacations. Jeffery has a whopper!

Rev. Connie Nelson of Atlanta, Ga., spent Saturday night with her parents, Don and Verbie Nelson, after attending a training conference in Lubbock.

Connie is the executive director for mission personnel with the United Methodist Church's General Board of Global Ministries. She was one of the instructors in the Northwest Texas Conference's "Roundup 2000," held in Lubbock, and conducted two workshops on the subject, "So You Want to Be a Missionary?" Ricky and Donna Kuntz of the Dimmitt church were participants in one of her workshops.

On their way from Lubbock to Dimmitt Saturday evening, Connie needed a Mexican-food fix, so they stopped for dinner at Leal's Restau-

rant in Plainview—where they ran into one of Connie's Dimmitt High School classmates, Kyle Touchstone

of Lubbock, and his mother, Ann. They all had dinner together and got "caught up" on each other's lives.



UP IN THE BAMBOO—Jeffrey Addison of Dimmitt stands near a Koala bear in Australia during his recent visit to "the land down under." Addison is bundled up because it is the winter season for the southern hemisphere. He is the son of Jeff and Christina Addison of Dimmitt, and traveled to Australia with his grandparents, Bill and Vicky Murphy, who are full-time evangelists. Courtesy Photo

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Our sympathy to the family of Sister Jane Frances Brockman, 91, of Fort Smith, Ark., who died at St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith. She was the sister of Ernest Brockman of Nazareth, Victor Brockman of Midland, Martha Woods of Baltimore, Md., and Mattie Endres of Hutchinson, Kan. She also was survived by several nieces and nephews.

Many members of her family attended the celebration of the anniversary of her 75th monastic profession on July 15 at Fort Smith.

Joe Schmucker was recently honored on his 86th birthday with a family dinner at the home of Clyde and Bea Hoelting in Amarillo. They also enjoyed a visit with Amy Schmucker's sister, Hilda Heiman, who is a resident at the Panhandle Nursing Home.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier enjoyed a week in Colorado with part of their family including Pam and Lyn Bogle of Center, Colo., Tom and Brenda Conrad of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Bob and Linda Kendrick of Desoto. They all spent some time at Cripple Creek and watched part of the Air Force Band perform music from the 50s and 60s at a park in Colorado Springs.

Todd and Misty Hill of Lubbock hosted a one-year birthday party for their daughter, Brynlee. The party was held in their backyard and was enjoyed by a group of little friends, parents and grandparents including Charley and Beverly Hill of Nazareth, Darlene Maxwell of Amherst and Virgie Gerber.

Melissa and Brianna Hoelting, children of Dale and Susan Hoelting of Flower Mound, spent a week after the Hoelting reunion with their

grandparents, Cecil and Norita Hoelting. They were then taken back home to Flower Mound and Cecil and Norita spent some time visiting with Annette Hoelting in Grapevine and with Ralph, Beth and Amanda Schulte in Keller.

On the feast of the Assumption, they attended the consecration of the beautiful new Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller.

The Class of 1950 held its 50-year reunion Sunday afternoon. Those attending were Luke and Mona Acker, Arnold and Catherine Huseman, Jimmie Schulte, Gilbert and Dolly Schulte, Cecil and Norita Hoelting and Marilyn Birkenfeld, all of Nazareth; Patsy and Richard Entekin of Hart; and Jim and Georgie McCormick of Amarillo. They met at the home of Jo Anne Bowen in Plainview.

The group went on to Lubbock to visit their fellow classmate, Ed Gerber, at the Quail Ridge Alzheimer Center. After spending some time with him they were very disappointed that Ed was not allowed to join them for a meal at the County Line Restaurant.

They returned to Jo Anne's home to reminisce and view school and family pictures.

This group has begotten 68 children, 153 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Unable to attend were Emil Ehly, Jerome Birkenfeld and Calista (Heck) Huber of Amarillo.

Prayers are asked for Ernie and Florene Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Paul Venhaus, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman Lee, Virgil Brockman, Edith Huseman, Patricia Kern Butler, Elias Bermea, Kevin Acker, Dorothy McQuilliams, John Womack, Andy Schumacher, Bert Wilhelm, Gin Huseman and Virgil Pohlmeier.

Early Settlers luncheon is set Sept. 9 in Dimmitt

The annual Dimmitt Early Settlers' luncheon, held in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration, will be held Sept. 9 at the Senior Citizens Center on West Jones. All former and current residents are invited.

The center will open at 9 a.m. and is on the parade route. The luncheon will start at noon and will be followed by a brief business meeting and recognition time.

Awards will be presented to the person who travels the farthest distance, the oldest person in attendance, and the earliest resident of the county, as well as the person with the most family present.

Any reunion (high school or family) groups are especially invited. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish for the dinner.

For more information, call Walter Maynard at 647-3115.

Poker Run will be held Sept. 8

The best poker hand, worst hand and runner-up hand will qualify for prizes in the annual Poker Run, slated for Sept. 8 in Dimmitt.

Sponsored by the DATA Club, the Poker Run will be held Friday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 a.m. in Dimmitt.

Participants are asked to meet at the west parking lot at Dimmitt High School. That's where the run will begin. Gamblers will collect their poker hand through a series of stops and the best hand will be declared the winner.

Those planning to play must pay \$5 for each poker hand they will collect. More than one hand can be purchased per vehicle.

Everyone is invited to participate in the event, and any vehicle can be used—car, pickup, motorcycle, etc.

The last stop on the run will be the gazebo, located at the courthouse. Refreshments will be offered there, and prizes will be presented for the best and worst hands, etc.

DHS Class of '80 plans its reunion

Dimmitt High School's Class of 1980 is planning its 20-year reunion, which will be held Sept. 29-30 over homecoming weekend.

Those planning to attend should contact one of the following: Lou (Phillips) Flowers, Route 1, Box 62-A, Meadow 79345; Angie (Silva) Sandoval, PO Box 590, Dimmitt 79027; Debbie (Dennis) Underwood, (Rt. 4, Box 78, Dimmitt 79027; or Jeri (Mann) Vines, 7201 King's Place, Amarillo 79109.

Organizers of the event are still trying to locate addresses for the following class members: Chonito Arce, Jimmy Joe Butler, Christina Davila, Steve Stone, D'Anne (Muffy) Truelock and Paula Williams. Anyone who knows how to get in contact with any of these people should contact one of the people whose address is listed above.

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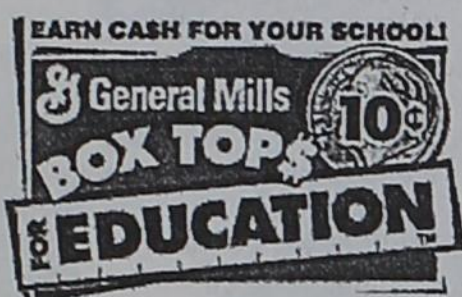
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County schools participating in the program include Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt, Hart Elementary School and Nazareth Independent School District.

The schools are currently accepting these qualifying box tops and each hopes to reach the \$10,000 level. Box tops can be sent to Richardson Elementary School, 709 W.

Stinson, Dimmitt 79027; Nazareth ISD, PO Box 189, Nazareth 79063; and Hart Elementary School, PO Box 490 or PO Box 409, Hart 79043. Collected box tops also may be delivered to the counselors at each school.

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To redeem qualifying box tops for cash, school coordinators will complete the General Mills official box top submission form and enclose it with each shipment of qualifying box tops. Postmarked submissions will be accepted from Sept. 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001, although box tops may be collected throughout the year. Qualifying box tops postmarked after the final March 31, 2001 deadline will be processed for the following school year.

Fair Association hopes for abundance of entries

Representatives of the Castro County Fair Association are asking Castro County residents to display samples of crops, home-grown flowers and vegetables, canned goods, homemade clothing, craft items and photographs at the county fair.

"Were an agricultural county," said Chamber of Commerce Director Bill Sava. "Everybody here is interested in agriculture. Everybody depends on it even though we may not be actively involved in growing crops. Displays at the county fair gives us a chance to see what can be grown here and what is grown here. That's why we have a fair—to show off our crops and crafts. All the rest

is 'fluff.'"

There are over 125 categories for displays at the county fair, each offering the opportunity to win ribbons and cash awards.

"We'd like to see a dozen or more entries in each of those categories," Sava added.

Fair books, giving a complete breakdown of categories, are now available at the Castro County Extension Office at 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt. Information on the fair is also available by calling 647-4115 or 647-2524.

There is no entry fee to display items at the fair. Items will be accepted Friday, Sept. 8, from 12 noon to 6 p.m.



WORKIN' AT THE CAR WASH—Members of the Dimmitt High School Student Council labor Saturday morning at washing cars to

raise money for the various projects of the council. The event was held on the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Harvest Days party plans listed

Harvest Days will be celebrated in Castro County Sept. 7-9 this year and activities will include a reception for Canterbury Villa residents, a pet show and junior tractor pull on Thursday; "Fair Deals," football and a poker run on Friday; and the county Fair and Harvest Days parade on Saturday.

"We're trying to start the junior tractor pull a little later this year to give everyone a chance to get through at school and get registered," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "There's been a lot of concern about having it on Thursday (Sept. 7) because youngsters might have a hard time

registering after school and being at the tractor pull before it starts.

"Believe me, this will not be a problem," Sava said. "Any youngsters who know they want to be entered in this event can sign up now at the Chamber office."

The junior tractor pull will be held inside the Expo Building with the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club assisting Roy Ray of Lockney in conducting the event.

The D.A.T.A. Club's Poker Run will be held on Friday, Sept. 8, and it's an event that takes participants to Hart, Nazareth and Dimmitt for a fun time. Moved back into the Harvest Days celebration this year, the event will begin at 6:30 P.M. Friday in the parking lot at Dimmitt High School. "It's hard to spotlight just one or two events on Saturday, Sept. 9," Sava said. "There's the parade and fair exhibits, the fiddlers' contest and

the Masons' barbecue. And this year we have Pokey the Clown with a Junior Ranch Rodeo. Saturday will be a full day at the fair."

Pokey the Clown will conduct the Junior Ranch Rodeo beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 9. Teams of youngsters (four on each team) will compete for the opportunity to attend the National Junior Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo later this year.

"We'll have some teams competing from other towns around the area," Sava said. "Pokey missed going to Tulia this year. They have some teams and there is a team from Sunray that came in second in their rodeo. These youngsters all want the chance to go back to the finals and are planning to come here to compete."

The Junior Ranch Rodeo will be approximately a two-hour event and when it's over there'll be time to eat and make the Castro County 4-H Roping Club's team rodeo at the rodeo arena at 8 p.m.

Quilts will be featured during Harvest Days

Castro County sports some of the best quilters in the area and those talented seamstresses will display their talents at the quilt show on Sept. 9 in conjunction with the Harvest Days celebration.

All county residents are eligible to enter the quilt show and competition and can enter quilts in one of eight categories or just display their creations.

The show is sponsored by the Friendship Quilters Guild.

Quilts that have won a previous quilt show can only be entered in the display category. Only one quilt per category may be entered by an individual.

If the quilt is the work of more than one person, written credit must be given to the other quilter(s) involved. The person entering the quilt will be awarded the ribbon.

Quilts entered in the competition may be sold if the owner desires.

A special judged competition will be designated for quilts finished after Jan. 1, 1995.

Categories in this year's show include the following:

- ◆ Children's (crib quilt, quilts made for children.
- ◆ Combination technique (applique and pieced).
- ◆ Embroidery or other needlework.
- ◆ First quilt.
- ◆ Group quilts.
- ◆ Hand appliqued quilts (all methods).

◆ Machine appliqued quilts (all methods).

◆ Machine quilted (all that are quilted by any machine).

Joyce Davis, a spokesperson for Friendship Quilters Guild, said that any quilt, regardless of age, may be exhibited in the quilt show by its owner, whether or not the owner actually quilted the fabric.

"Any quilt may be displayed at the

show. We are proud of the expert craftsmanship and quality of the quilts that have been displayed in the past and we expect the same quality exhibit this year," Davis said.

For more information on the quilt show contact Davis at 647-5362.

4-H adult leaders will meet Saturday

The District 2 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association and 4-H Council meeting will be held Saturday at Texas Tech University's Agricultural Sciences Building.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting should dismiss around 11:50 a.m.

After a short business meeting, three concurrent sessions are planned. These include: 1. Texans Building Character; 2. Record Books 2001 and Beyond and 4-H scholarships; and 3. Adding humor to your life.

DHS Class of '90 planning reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1990 is making plans for its 10-year reunion for Sept. 15-16.

Organizers of the event are still trying to contact class members, and have failed to locate Imelda Perez.

Those wanting more information or having information on where to contact class members may call Jennifer Howell at 647-0718, Tila Rodriguez at 647-3232, Diane Reynolds at 806-763-3801 or Mary Jane Lumbra at 806-797-9681.

Those planning to attend are asked to notify one of the organizers at the above numbers as soon as possible so that plans can be finalized.

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Shower honors Maxwells

Newlyweds Daniel and Chrissy Maxwell were honored with a wedding shower Saturday afternoon in the home of Beth Roberts.

The 24 hostesses assisting Mrs. Roberts with the shower presented the honorees with an entertainment center and other household goods.

The serving table was covered with a mauve cloth and a lace overlay. A three-wick, tri-colored candle surrounded by an arrangement of fresh flowers served as the centerpiece. The arrangement was flanked by 8x10 wedding portraits of the bride and of the couple. Crystal serving pieces completed the decor.

Guests enjoyed turtle cheesecake, fresh strawberries and dip, almond punch, nuts and mints.

Special guests included the groom's mother, Linda Maxwell of Dimmitt; his sister, Mindy Maxwell of Dimmitt; and his sister-in-law, Melissa Maxwell of Dimmitt.

Booths are still available

Anyone wanting to rent booth space at the Castro County Fair should contact Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce (647-2524).

Rates this year are \$35 for spaces inside the expo, \$25 for 10' x 12' spaces in the other buildings or outside, and \$35 for outside spaces larger than 10' x 12'. If an electrical outlet is to be used, there will be an additional \$5 charge.

"We're already filling up inside the main building, so anyone needing an inside space should let us know now," Sava said. "Another good reason for signing up now is to give us the opportunity to advertise the type of booths that will be there. Potentially, that can increase attendance and sales."

A required free food safety training class will be presented by the Castro County Extension Office next Thursday, Aug. 31, to assure that all food vendors are familiar with safe food handling procedures.

You are invited to a
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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 August 24 to Sept. 1.

DIMMITT

Elementary Breakfast

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

MONDAY: Blueberry cereal bar, apple juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Strawberry danish, applesauce and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Mini cake donuts, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, fresh banana and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.

FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.

MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk.

TUESDAY: Steak fingers, onion rings, tossed salad, wheat rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, corn on the cob, tater tots and milk.

THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, tortilla chips or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions; candied sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables or parsley buttered potatoes; fruit fantasy, tossed salad or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled cheese and a bowl of soup or new Mexican enchiladas; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexipinto beans or jellied applesauce; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or taco condiment salad; hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, macaroni and cheese or turkey fajita with

onions and peppers; onion rings, spinach or refried beans; pasta salad, rainbow salad or tossed salad, cornbread, hot wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, southern fried chicken and meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato with apple; coleslaw, cucumber and tomato salad or tossed salad; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread sticks or potato chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, barbecued chicken or fish nuggets; stir fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, sausage, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, jelly and milk.

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, peaches, toast and milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers and assorted fruit juice.

WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

THURSDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, jelly and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or lasagna with ground beef; Texas toast, corn, salad, ginger cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of submarine sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked potato with cheese, salad, ranch dressing, sour cream, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie, and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or pizza; salad, pears, yogurt, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of chef's salad, burrito or sloppy joe on a bun; sliced pickles, potato wedges, whole wheat sugar cookie, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of chef's salad,

hamburger and potato chips or enchilada casserole with chips; corn, salad, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of spaghetti and meat sauce with toast or chef's salad; peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: French toast with sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Ham sandwich or corn dog, tater tots, lettuce, beans, peaches, cookies and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Burrito or baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, pears, Rice Krispie treat and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Turkey strips or steak fingers, bread, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, grapes, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.

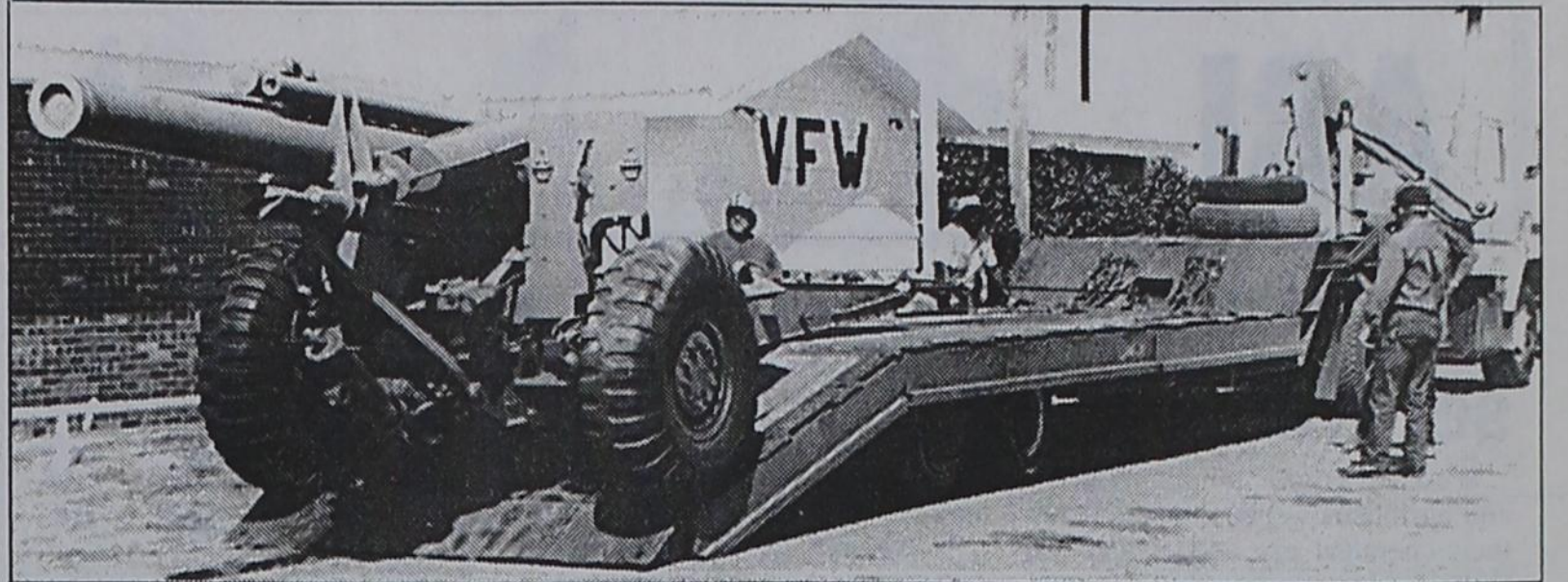
TUESDAY: * Soft tacos or taco salad, lettuce, Spanish rice, fruit salad, gingerbread and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Chicken spaghetti with roll or pizza, tossed salad, corn, pears, cherry cobbler and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, pineapple and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Fish or steak fingers, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.

Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.



A 105 HOWITZER is being unloaded at the Dimmitt VFW Post the afternoon of Aug. 16. The artillery piece was acquired from the Perryton VFW, which lost its charter due to inactivity. The gun was built in 1955, according to Don Howell, commander of the

Dimmitt VFW post. Howell and Ted Stubblefield went after the gun and transported it on a truck loaned by W-B Equipment of Dimmitt, aided by W-B employee Robert Woolbright. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Harvest Days Parade entries sought

Entries are being solicited for the Castro County Fair and Harvest Days Parade, which will wind through Dimmitt on Saturday, Sept. 9, beginning at 10 a.m.

Led by the Canon Air Force Base Honor Guard, this election-year parade will feature the theme "VOTE—For Castro County." Again this year, the Dimmitt Lions Club will officiate and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will furnish rosettes, ribbons and cash awards.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava suggests that organizations, businesses and individuals who are planning to have a parade entry contact him at the Chamber office, 115 W. Bedford Street to pick up an entry form or call him at 647-2524.

"If we know they're coming, it's just a lot easier to organize the parade," Sava said, "but we won't turn anyone down, not even on parade day."

"This is an excellent way to publicize a business, a candidacy, an activity, an organization's projects, or simply to show interest in Castro County," Sava said.

For judging, entries will be categorized as business floats, civic floats, antique cars, antique trucks, antique tractors, horse-drawn entries, and "other" (for any that do not fit an-

other classification).

Three cash awards will be presented to those selected as "Best in Parade" (first, second and third place).

Ribbons will be awarded in non-competitive children's divisions, but no ribbons will be awarded to "political candidate/elected official" entries.

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Parade, roast meal, games will highlight Labor Day picnic

Holy Family Church in Nazareth will hold its annual Labor Day picnic on Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The day-long celebration will start with a parade at 10 a.m., followed by a roast beef dinner at the Community Hall.

The dinner, which will include roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and drink will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for those 12 and under.

An arts and crafts display, raffle, horseshoe tournament, washer pitching tournament, auction and adult Bingo are on tap to keep adults entertained at the Community Hall

during the afternoon.

Children's games and rides will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Livestock and goods donated by area businesses will be featured on the benefit auction, which is slated to start at 2 p.m. near the Community Hall.

A hamburger supper will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Community Hall.

The festivities will conclude that night with a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by the band, "South Forty." Admission to the dance will be \$5 per person.

Tickets are available now for Harvest Days barbecue supper

A barbecue supper catered by Desperado's Barbecue (formerly a partner of Dyer's Barbecue) of Amarillo will be held Sept. 9 in conjunction with the Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt.

The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and tickets for the meal are on sale now.

Adult tickets are \$6.50 in advance or \$7 at the door. Children's tickets will be \$4.50.

The meal is being sponsored by the Castro County Masonic Lodge #879. Advance tickets can be purchased from any member of the Masons.

Masons are the sponsors of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. Children accepted into the hospital are treated at no cost to the child or family. There are 16 such

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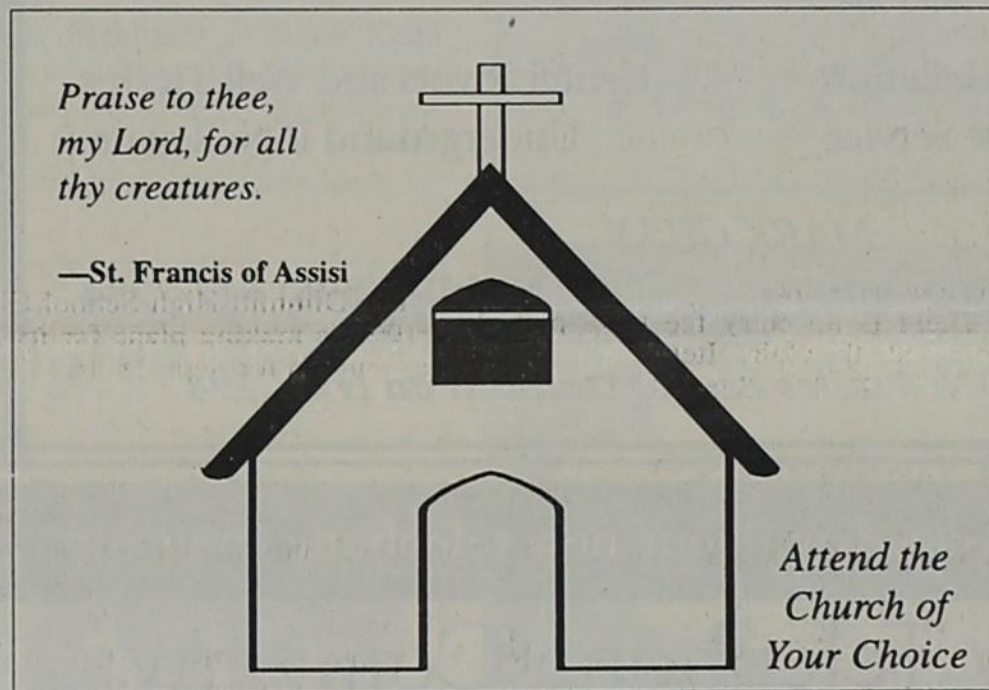
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Ag chemical conference set Wednesday in Lubbock

West Texas agricultural producers and agribusiness people can update their chemical use and application skills and learn more about state and federal regulations, irrigation, conservation tillage and the future of agriculture and ag legislation on Wednesday at the 48th annual West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Conference at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

On-site registration over coffee and donuts will begin at 7 a.m. Registration fee is \$70 per person for those who missed the pre-registration deadline, which was Friday.

The general conference session will run from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and will include presentations on conservation tillage, laws and regulations, the federal Food Quality Protection Act, and irrigation scheduling.

The morning keynote speakers will include US Rep. Larry Combest, who will give an update on Texas agriculture; and William Lapp, ConAgra, Inc., who will discuss mega-trends in food and agriculture, including changes and challenges in the coming years.

More than 500 producers, chemical dealers and agribusiness people are expected to attend.

Participants can earn up to 5-1/4 continuing education units (CEUs) required by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for certification of commercial and non-commercial pesticide

applicators or several CCA education units.

The noon luncheon will feature presentation of West Texas Agricultural Chemical Institute awards and college scholarships totaling more than \$8,000. Election of new officers will also take place at the luncheon.

The afternoon general session will begin at 3:15 p.m. and will feature concurrent educational sessions on weed control and herbicides; peanut, corn and cotton insect control; and peanut and cotton diseases presented by Extension specialists, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists and Texas Tech University and industry representatives.

The weed control session will focus on control problems, new herbicides, weed identification and symptoms of herbicide damage. Topics in the insect session will be peanut insect control, managing cotton insects and an overview of corn insects. The plant disease session will key on peanut diseases, cotton seedling diseases and a cotton disease workshop.

Concurrent afternoon sessions will begin at 3:15 p.m. and wrap up around 4:55 p.m. Business meetings, closing remarks, CEU-CCA certificates and session evaluations will be the order of business after these sessions close.

The conference is sponsored by the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute.



REECE HALES OF NAZARETH (right) is congratulated by James Weatherly of Amarillo after he received an honorable mention in the senior division of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge held recently at West Texas A&M University. The Junior Fed Beef Challenge, sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, allows 4-H and FFA members to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping.

Hales earns honorable mention in TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge

Reece Hales of Nazareth earned honorable mention honors in the senior division of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) Junior

Fed Beef Challenge. The contest was held at West Texas A&M University and Hales was one of 39 students competing in the contest.

The TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge is a program that allows students in 4-H or FFA to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding.

Hales joined students from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico in feeding a pen of three steers. After raising the steers, Hales competed with the other contestants on his knowledge of the cattle industry and the performance of his cattle.

Overall champion and top scholarship winner in the senior division was Jessica Fish of McLean, who received a \$2,000 college scholarship. Garrett Anderson of Menard captured reserve champion honors and won a \$1,500 scholarship. Tyler Keeling of Hereford was the first runner-up and recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship.

Overall winners were determined by combining scores in four written areas—written exam, interview, record book and carcass performance of the steers.

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C&S Battery, Inc., of Dimmitt is a new dealer for the Arctic Cat brand of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

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Field day will focus on sunflowers Aug. 29

Farmers on the High Plains can learn more about sunflower production Tuesday at a field day sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The Experiment Station at Halfway in Hale County will host the field day. The Halfway station is located 12 miles west of Plainview on US Highway 70.

"Sunflowers are an alternative crop often grown in rotation with cotton, corn, grain sorghum and other crops. Many farmers also grow sunflowers as a late-season catch crop," said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist based at Texas A&M University's Lubbock Research and Extension Center.

"We will review common producer concerns about growing sunflowers and will discuss how producers can successfully use sunflowers as a rotation crop with cotton and other crops," Trostle said.

The field day will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will feature the following speakers and topics.

♦ "West Texas Sunflower Agronomy: Cotton Production Problems," Travis Miller, Extension agronomist at College Station.

♦ "Sunflower Insects and Control," Greg Cronholm, Extension Integrated Pest Management agent in Plainview.

♦ "Fertility for Sunflowers in a Cotton Rotation," Calvin Trostle.

"We will move to the turn-row at the Halfway Station at about 3 p.m.,

where producers can examine the latest conventional, confectionary and oilseed hybrids first hand," said Trostle. "Representatives of Red River Commodities, Triumph Seed and Cargill Hybrid Seeds will be on hand to profile these hybrids growing in Texas A&M's sunflower field trial.

"We will wrap up the field tour with a producer feedback session on sunflower production problems and commodity support needs, and query them on how we can make our research and Extension educational programs more responsive to their needs and concerns," he said.

Producers can earn one Continuing Education Unit (CEU) by attending the field day.

For more information on the event, call Trostle at (806) 746-6101, or the Hale County Extension Office at (806) 291-5267.

4-H project record forms are due soon

4-H'ers who completed projects during the past year will be recognized for their achievements at the upcoming 4-H banquet—but only if they have completed a project record book.

Those who have not completed record books should finish that activity and submit it to County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal as soon as possible.

The project record form is similar to a record book; however, it does not go into as much detail.

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Sports



Final tune-ups on tap this week

Dimmitt and Hart are planning their final scrimmages tonight (Thursday) while Nazareth has slated its first and only pre-season skirmish Friday night.

The Bobcats will find out how far they've advanced through pre-season drills and training when they line up

Reserve tickets can be reclaimed through Sept. 1

Reserve tickets for Bobcat Stadium in Dimmitt for the 2000 football season are on sale now at the Dimmitt Independent School District administration building, 608 W. Halsell.

Those who held the reserve tickets last year will get a chance to renew their seating for this year, and will have through Sept. 1 to do so. Tickets may be renewed by coming by the administration office and paying for them.

The price is \$20 per seat for the entire season.

Those that are not renewed by Sept. 1 will be made available to the public on a first come-first served basis, starting Sept. 5.

The administration office is open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and someone will be available during the noon hour.

Pre-season hoop poll

Three county teams earn Top 20 ranking by TABC

The Nazareth Swiftettes are favored to repeat as Class A state champions—in Division II; the Nazareth Swifts are ranked second in the same division among boys; and the Dimmitt Bobbies hold down the No. 6 spot among Class AAA teams in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) pre-season poll.

The Texas Panhandle is well-represented in the Class AAA girls' poll, with Perryton, Shallowater, Dimmitt and Muleshoe all coming in among the state's Top 10.

"State semifinalist Perryton (ranked No. 2) will be in the ranks waiting to take over the title with every player but one back from last year's strong unit, but they'll have struggles with some of the other fine West Texas girls' teams such as Muleshoe (No. 9), Dimmitt (No. 6), Slaton (No. 15), Seminole and Shallowater (No. 4). Dimmitt, in Muleshoe's district, has four starters back from a bi-district team that will be led by seniors Heather Black and Tamara Robertson," reported TABC in its Aug. 18 newsletter.

Class A has been split into two divisions this year, one for bigger schools and the other for small schools. A state champion will be crowned in each division, then those two winners will meet in Austin to decide an overall state champion in Class A.

Nazareth moved into the small school division (Division II) and both teams are predicted to be among the teams to beat this season.

"Class A Division II finds the defending state champs, Nazareth, coming back as strong as ever. Matt

across from the Abernathy Antelopes tonight (Thursday) in a scrimmage slated to begin at 6 at Abernathy.

Hart's Longhorns will put their 2000 game plan to the test when they scrimmage Sudan tonight (Thursday), starting at 6.

Nazareth will get its first chance to go up against another team Friday when the Swifts travel to Anton to scrimmage the Bulldogs at 6 p.m.

Hart and Nazareth will open regular season play on Sept. 1 while Dimmitt's season opener is slated for Sept. 8.

Bobcats

The Bobcats will face an I-formation offense and a 4-3 defense at Abernathy this evening (Thursday).

"Those are fairly common formations that we'll probably see a lot of this year," Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson said.

He added, "Abernathy is always a physical team. Their coach, Duane Sexton, has been in the business for a while and really knows his stuff."

The junior varsity scrimmage will begin at 6 and the varsity will start about 7.

Coach Wilson was pleased with the Bobcats' performances in their first pre-season scrimmages at Portales Saturday.

The DHS varsity and freshmen both outscored their hosts 2-1 while the JV squad battled to a scoreless draw.

"They did quite well," he said. "We don't have a lot of the offense going yet, but what we do have, we were able to execute about 80% of the time against a much bigger team."

He singled out several varsity players for top efforts.

"Julian Velo (left tackle) looked good in the offensive line," he said. "Anthony Oliviero, Jake Laurent and Austin Sherman all had some real good runs."

"Defensively, Bobby Hill looked real good at linebacker," Coach Wilson said. "Matthew Wright look-ed real good at defensive end; Tanner Griffitt (defensive tackle) caused a fumble, and Mitchell Gentry (end) had two sacks."

Because of the shortened two-a-day workout schedule before school started, the Bobcats "still have a ways to go on their conditioning," the coach said. "It's an ongoing process. Once we get them in shape, then we can level out on the conditioning workouts to keep them there."

How is the extra-hot weather affecting workouts?

"You know, I think actually it helps rather than hurts," Coach Wilson said. "The heat helps them get used to the pads and the grueling game that football is. We're pushing them pretty hard, and they've responded to it."

Against Abernathy Friday evening, the new head coach plans to "get a

look at as many different kids as we can, and keep evaluating players. We hope to execute on offense, hold them on defense, and have no injuries."

Longhorns

Hart enjoyed a potent offensive display in its first scrimmage Saturday, outscoring Smyer six touchdowns to one.

The Longhorns will face a tougher battle this week when they travel to Sudan to scrimmage the tradition-rich Hornets in the final warm-up session.

Coach Todd Bryant said he plans to run 20 offensive and 20 defensive plays with his first unit, then 15 and 15 with the second-team varsity. After the junior varsity goes 15 and 15, the varsity will play a live quarter.

"Sudan should be more of a test for us," Bryant said. "They run a 5-3 on defense and they like to use a split back and veer option on offense. They'll run some one-back offenses, too."

"The 5-3 is a little different than what we've looked at in the past, so we'll have to concentrate on our blocking."

Bryant was pleased with his team's performance in the first scrimmage.

"Some good things happened in the scrimmage. We had some good offensive production. We really moved the ball well. We had 350 yards offense in 35 plays with the first two groups of varsity."

Bryant said quarterback Salvador Velasquez gained 80 yards on a veer option play—Hart's first offensive play—before he was caught at the goal line.

Other highlights included Keith Finch, who averaged 12 yards per carry and scored run from inside the 5; Josh Finch, who scored on a 60-yard pass from Jordy Rowland; Ja-

cob Reyna, who caught a 70-yard pass from Keith Finch; Gabriel Gonzales, who returned an interception for a touchdown; and Joel DeLaFuente, who picked up a fumble and returned it for another TD.

"We had a few breakdowns, but on a lot of downs we were just a block away from a big play," Bryant said.

Swifts

Nazareth's 35 players will suit up for Friday's scrimmage at Anton, and the junior varsity players will be the first up at 6 p.m.

After the JV teams run 15 offensive and 15 defensive plays, the varsity will take the field for a 20-20 series. Another 10-10 set by the JV will conclude their scrimmage, then the varsity will play a live quarter.

"We're relatively healthy; just a

few nagging injuries. I think we'll be able to play," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price.

"We expect to see pretty good team speed at Anton, but not a whole lot of size. We expect them to give us a pretty good game. We should be able to tell pretty well how we're stacking up when we're through playing them."

The Swifts' first regular season outing will be Sept. 1 when they host San Jacinto Christian Academy. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

'Meet the Swifts' ice cream social planned Sunday

The annual "Meet the Swifts" ice cream social will be held Sunday afternoon at Swift Field in Nazareth.

Prior to the ice cream social, pictures will be taken of this year's junior high and high school football teams, cheerleaders and more.

Junior high pictures will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the high school photo shoot at 2 p.m.

The ice cream social is slated to begin around 3 p.m. and will feature introduction of the teams, cheerleaders, etc., as well as comments from the coaches.

Parents of freshmen and juniors are asked to bring baked goods for the social while sophomore parents are asked to bring freezers of homemade ice cream. Senior parents will serve ice cream and baked goods to those attending.

4-H enrollment underway now

A new 4-H year will begin on Sept. 1, and those who have not filled out a new enrollment card within the past three months are asked to stop by the Extension office and do so as soon as possible.

In order for a youngster to participate in 4-H activities such as the Food Show, Fashion Follies or stock shows, they must be a registered member of a club.

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Garrett returns 11 lettermen, including three starters, two of whom were all-state. Add to it the most tradition-rich program alive today and you've got a winner, hands down. And with old-time district rival Sudan in Division I, some say it could be a cake-walk to Austin, although good teams at Fort Elliott, Guthrie and Whitharral could make things interesting," said TABC officials.

The No. 2-ranked Nazareth Swifts are favored by many to reach the state tournament this year, but several other small schools in Region I are ranked in the Top 20, too, including longtime rival Happy, who made it to the state tournament last year.

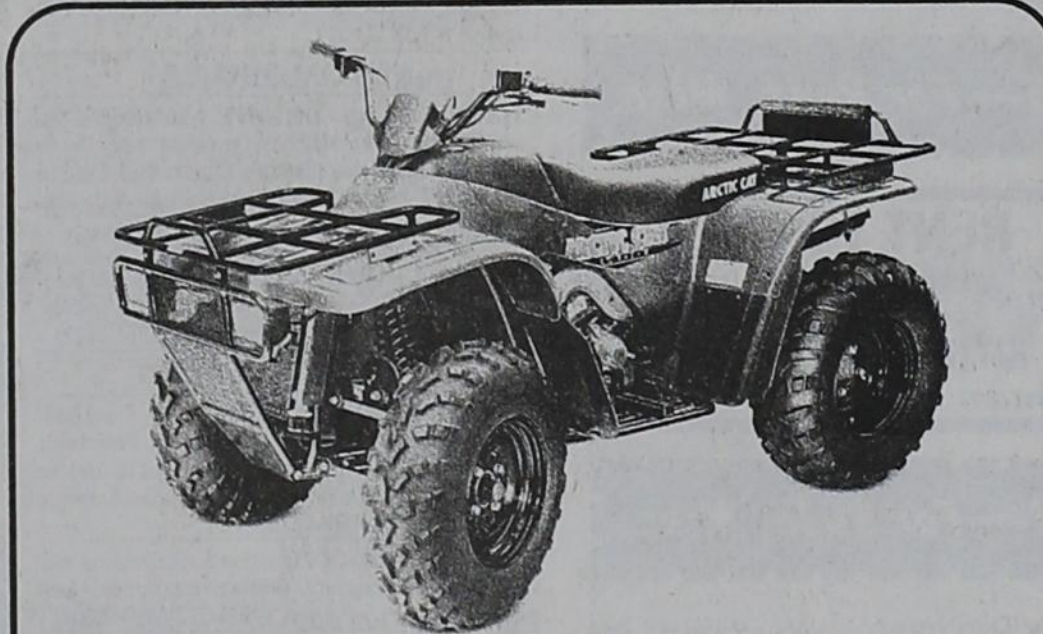
"West Texans declare that the Nazareth Swifts will be the best Class A unit from that part of the state, regardless of division, with most of the team coming back from the playoffs," TABC reported.

Here's how TABC ranks the Top 20 teams in Class A and AAA in its pre-season polls.

CLASS A DIVISION I GIRLS: 1. Brock, 2. Smyer, 3. Farwell, 4. Sudan, 5. Ivanhoe Rayburn, 6. Meadow, 7. Menard, 8. Evadale, 9. Moulton, 10. Vega, 11. Martin's mill, 12. West Sabine, 13. Tenaha, 14. Windthorst, 15. Bland, 16. Boles, 17. Gruver, 18. Chireno, 19. Kennard, 20. Karnack.

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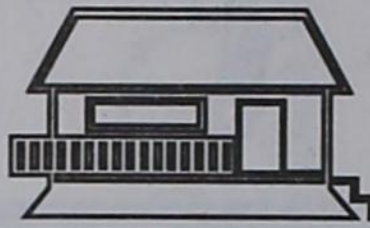
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 Castro County Commissioners are now taking proposals for Construction Management for a 48-bed jail facility. Proposals will be taken from August 21, 2000 to September 1, 2000 at 5 p.m. Information may be obtained at the Castro County Judge's office.
 IRENE MILLER
 Castro County Judge
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More about Thornberry visit . . .

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He said the Ag Committee is looking at several possible changes to the farm bill, including changing loan rates to implementing a "flexible fallow" program.

"I don't know if we'll rewrite the farm bill next year. I think there will be a lot of incentive to make some changes and go ahead and do it a year early."

The issue of payment limitations is one that Thornberry feels will be a key factor in any decisions Congress makes about the ag program.

He fielded several questions from area producers, including the future of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), flexible fallow, crop insurance, natural gas, loan deficiency payments and more.

Thornberry said he doesn't really expect any changes in the CRP program, and doesn't foresee the government opening the program up to accept additional acres.

He explained the proposed flexible fallow as he understands it, although he said there are variations of the program.

"It's (flexible fallow) a voluntary system where the more land you take out of production the higher your loan rate will be. You can do this like a balancing act.

Some of the concerns we hear are that people will just take their least-productive acres out of production. Even if it's done as suggested, and a producer takes a certain percentage of acres out of production, he's going to take the worst acres, so he won't really be reducing overall production and will still have big yields," Thornberry said.

"Other people say the way to do it is by reducing production on a certain percentage based on historical average. They would also agree to reduce the water pumped by a certain percentage.

"That may be way too complicated to ever go through, but those are some of the things we've heard about

the (flexible fallow) program.

Thornberry said the government has agreed to put \$8 billion more into the crop insurance subsidies and hopefully that will be a benefit to struggling farmers.

During his visit to Cerestar USA in Dimmitt, Thornberry heard comments on ethanol, NAFTA, sugar legislation and the condition of the railroads in the area.

Cerestar general manager David Bone said he spoke with Thornberry about ethanol production in the US and how it can have a direct and indirect effect on Cerestar.

Bone said he talked about how the North American Free Trade Agreement was supposed to enable Cerestar to ship its fructose products to Mexico. He said Mexican tariffs have prevented the opening up of that trade avenue.

Also, Bone said he expressed concern about the sugar program enacted by the legislature.

"Mexico wants to export sugar to the US and we want to export fructose to Mexico," Bone said. "The sugar legislation greatly restricts the importation of sugar into the US."

Bone said he mentioned his concern about the poor state of the railroads in this area, even though that is not an item covered by pending legislation.

Rural health care

"I can think of few other issues more pressing for our area than to fix some of the problems facing rural health care," Thornberry said during his visit to Plains Memorial Hospital.

"Simply put, I have a real concern that a lot of hospitals will not survive unless Washington comes up with some relief. Congress and the President made a start last year by passing a bill that put more money into rural health care, but clearly, more needs to be done.

"While I think there's a good chance we may have something to vote on this fall, I also have no doubt that unless we keep pushing, that money will be spent elsewhere."

Thornberry is one of six members of the Steering Committee of the Congressional Rural Health Care Coalition. Comprised of over 150 members of the House of Representatives from rural areas of America, the Rural Health Care Coalition has been pushing for additional rural health care relief in a number of key areas including strengthening telemedicine; making it easier for rural hospitals to qualify for critical access designation; and increasing the level of funding for the National Health Services Corps, which provides medical students with tuition and expenses in return for their services in rural or underserved areas.

"I think it's easy to make the case that hospitals in rural areas are hurting," Thornberry said. "The challenge is getting anybody to listen. This is all the more difficult when you consider that more and more members of Congress are coming from urban areas—which is why it's more important than ever that those of us from rural areas speak with one voice when it comes to making sure health care remains accessible and affordable."

Police Calls

A Dimmitt woman told police Aug. 15 that some suspects had threatened to beat up a 12-year-old girl at Dimmitt Middle School.

An employee of Classic Cable told police Monday afternoon that a suspect was illegally hooked up to the cable and was receiving service without paying for it.

A 31-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Monday night for public intoxication. He was arrested in the 600 block of Southwest Fifth Street in Dimmitt.

Police had two reports of run-aways during the past week. Aug. 15 a suspect left home and did not return. Friday, a suspect left from school and had not returned home.

Jailed on warrants, probation violations or court matters during the past week:

—Aug. 16, a man on work release, stemming from charges of DWI, second offense.

—Last Thursday, a Memphis man, 40, on warrants for DWI and failure

to appear.
 —Friday, a 19-year-old Lubbock man on a Randall County warrant for theft by check, over \$20 and under \$500.

—Saturday, a 46-year-old Dimmitt man on a Deaf Smith County warrant for motion to revoke probation, stemming from charges of DWI; and a 21-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for aggravated sexual assault.

—Monday, a Friona man, 26, on a warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$200.

Jail Count

There were 17 persons in jail as of Tuesday morning. Three were farmed out for the week, at an estimated cost of \$38 per day for each of them. However, it costs \$23 per day to keep prisoners in the Castro County Jail, so the difference in expense per day equals \$15 per prisoner. The extra cost of farming out three prisoners would be \$45 per day or \$315 for the week.

Horse association holds award banquet

The Llano Estacado Horse Association held its annual awards banquet in Littlefield Saturday, and several Castro County members received honors.

All Around Winners were named for each age level, with Jake Ebeling of Castro County taking top honors for the pee wee level. Toni Kay Payne of Deaf Smith County and Tyrel Templar of Swisher County were the top junior and senior winners, respectively.

Reserve All Around Winners in each age level were Chase Hatla, pee wee, and Eric Odom, junior, both of Castro County, and Garrett Winters of Lamb County, senior.

In High Point Performance, Chris Reynolds of Castro County was the top senior, with Collin Esqueda, pee wee, and Toni Kay Payne, junior, both of Deaf Smith County.

Reserve High Point Performance winners were Savannah Sparkman,

pee wee, and Tyrell Sparkman, both of Deaf Smith, and Tray Thorn, senior, of Parmer County.

High Point Speed honors went to Lindsey Shaw, pee wee, of Castro County, and Haley Lunsford, junior and Garrett Winters, senior, both of Lamb.

Reserve Speed honors went to Jake Ebeling, pee wee, Castro; Brooke Winters, junior, Lamb; and Tyrel Templar, senior, Swisher.

Grand Champion Mare honors went to Kim's Lucky Penny, belonging to Eric Odom of Castro; while Reserve Champion Mare went to Tyrell Sparkman's Vanessa Doll of Deaf Smith.

Grand Champion Gelding was Hermanito, belonging to Toni Kay Payne of Deaf Smith; and Reserve Champion Gelding was My Two Cents Worth, shown by Tyrel Templar of Swisher.

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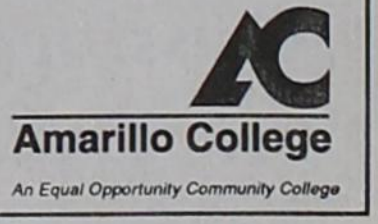
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Obituaries

James Dyson

Services for James A. Dyson, 78, of Waco, the father of a Hart woman, were held Monday afternoon at Resthaven Memorial Park with Rev. Dale Webster officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mr. Dyson died Aug. 18 at Navarro Regional Hospital in Corsicana.

He was born June 28, 1922, in Coleman. A graduate of Odessa High School, he served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II, obtaining the rank of tech sergeant before being honorably discharged. He married Marjorie Louise Hodges on April 17, 1949, in Odessa. He was a resident of Lubbock from 1962 until he moved to Waco in 1997. He had worked as a superintendent with the City of Lubbock sewage department until he retired. He then was co-owner and operator of S and D Productions. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Dec. 1, 1995.

He is survived by two sons, Claude D. Dyson of Belton and James R. Dyson of Waco; a daughter, Edwina Louise Dyson of Hart; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Kirk Ethridge

Funeral services for Kirk Ethridge, 40, of Lubbock, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday morning in Lakeridge United Methodist Church of Lubbock, with Rev. Bill Couch officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of RIX Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Mr. Ethridge died Aug. 21 in Lubbock.

He was born March 7, 1960, in Hereford, and was a graduate of Monterey High School in Lubbock. He attended Austin Community College in Austin and Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. Mr. Ethridge married Allison Kearney in Austin on Feb. 22, 1992. He was a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor and had been employed at the Austin Recovery Center from 1986 through 1993. From 1995 through 1997 he was employed as a counselor at the Delaware County Jail in Muncie. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ka Ka Ethridge, in 1981.

He is survived by his wife; his mother and stepfather, Bob and Mitzi Jordan of Lubbock; his father and stepmother, John and Lou Ethridge of Hobbs, N.M.; and two sisters, Kriss Ethridge of Lubbock and Kamie Ethridge of Manhattan, Kan.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock 79453.

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Pen plans . . .

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cattle that are placed on the grassland to feed. He said the pens also might be used to temporarily hold any animals that need "doctoring."

The two men promised that if they decide at a later date to construct anything permanent they would bring it back before the city council.

"We wouldn't build anything old and junky looking," Wise told the audience. "I apologize if you think we would hurt your property value in any way. We wouldn't do that."

In other business, the council accepted the bid from Roberts Truck Center, Inc., for a new trash truck at a cost of \$89,142.68, including \$2,500 trade-in allowance on an old trash truck.

The council also gave approval to grant a tax abatement to Sonic, according to the economic incentive guidelines adopted by the city. According to the appraisal of the improvements to the property, Sonic could receive a tax abatement of 25% to 50% over the next five years.

The council held the second hearing on the annexation of the Shirley Wise property on the south edge of Dimmitt and acknowledged the second reading of the Energas franchise resolution.

City Manager Don Sheffy told the council that the city's swimming pool grant proposal had been turned down, due to a lack of grant funds. He said the project would be eligible for resubmission at a later date.

Rev. T.O. Upshaw

Funeral services for Rev. Therman O. Upshaw, 78, of Snyder, the father of a Dimmitt man, were held Aug. 8 in the Snyder First Baptist Church. Officiating were Rev. Tony Gruben of Paint Rock First Baptist Church, Rev. Benny Mize of Donie First Baptist Church, Dr. Marty Atkins, former pastor of Snyder First Baptist Church, and Dr. James R. "Dick" Maples of the Texas Baptist General Convention.

Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery in Rotan under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rev. Upshaw died Aug. 6.

He was born Nov. 20, 1921, in Roby. He married Georgie Gruben on Oct. 18, 1941, at Cross Roads Baptist Church in Rotan, and enlisted in the Air Force in 1943, serving in World War II.

A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, he attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. Upshaw pastored churches in Hobbs, N.M., Lefors and Pampa, and then became director of missions of the Double Mountain Baptist Association, having his office in Stamford. He served on the executive board of Texas Baptists and on the board of the Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

He was the founder of Church Builders and from 1971 to 1997 the group completed 47 buildings and churches in Texas, Wyoming, Montana, Minnesota, Colorado, California, Washington, Michigan, Kansas and Mexico. Rev. Upshaw also served as senior adult minister of the Snyder First Baptist Church and as interim pastor during the congregation's remodeling phase.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William B. and Ora Upshaw; an infant daughter, Shirley Jo Upshaw; and two brothers, Eugene Upshaw of Fort Stockton and Elton Upshaw of Rotan.

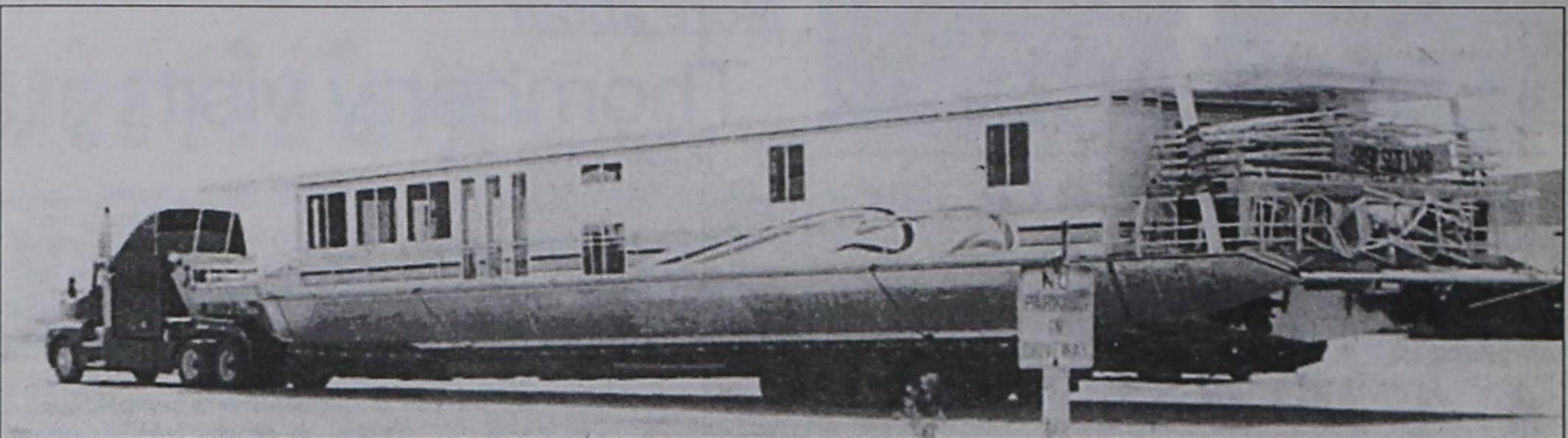
He is survived by his wife; a son, Freddy Upshaw of Dimmitt; two daughters, Kay Pittman of Pampa and Karen Johnson of Midland; a brother, Preston Upshaw of Ransom Canyon and formerly of Hart; a sister, Wilda Mize of Brownwood; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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96' x 18' and cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000, according to the delivery crew. So far, the drive had taken six days as of Tuesday afternoon when they came through Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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as flacks. And they dare not call him a "propagandist" because that would be too close to the truth.

Hence the all-encompassing term, *public information specialist*. Or you could just say PIS for short.

We PISes really did win the war, you know.

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My older brother, Bascom, was drafted and sent to Inchon, Korea, at the same time that one of our college buddies, Jack Dodgen, was drafted and sent to an Army air support base near Inchon as a helicopter mechanic.

At the time they were drafted and sent over, the peace talks were going on (and on and on) at Panmunjom.

Although the hostilities had ceased, there was still a need for propaganda to be waged for the minds of men, and for helicopters to distribute that propaganda.

Bascom would produce leaflets to tell North Koreans what a better deal they'd have under democracy.

On days when there was a good south breeze, the helicopters would be ordered out to fly along the edge of the demilitarized zone and drop the leaflets so they'd blow over into

North Korea.

When Jack came back to college from Korea, he really had a bone to pick with my brother.

"Most of those danged leaflets that Bascom was writing didn't blow into North Korea," he told me. "Most of them got sucked into the rotor shafts, and I had to take everything apart and dig them out! That's all I did, all the time I was in Korea!"

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

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Leaflets continued to be an effective weapon during the Vietnam War.

Proof positive:

An elderly man from a North Vietnamese village showed up at an American compound, saying he wanted to defect.

The Security and Intelligence guys, during their interrogation of him, asked him what had prompted him to defect.

It was the Americans' propaganda leaflets, he told them.

The SI guys called in the men from the Public Information Office, knowing they'd want to hear about this.

Through an interpreter, the PI guys asked the old man, "Which leaflet

convinced you to defect?"

"All of them," he said.

"But was there one particular leaflet that had more influence on your decision than any others?" they asked, basking in their success.

"No, all of them," the old man said.

"What do you mean, all of them?" the interrogators insisted.

"It was my job to sweep the streets of the village," the old man explained. "But you kept dropping so much paper on our village that I couldn't keep it all swept up, and the commanders kept yelling at me all the time. I finally got fed up and left."

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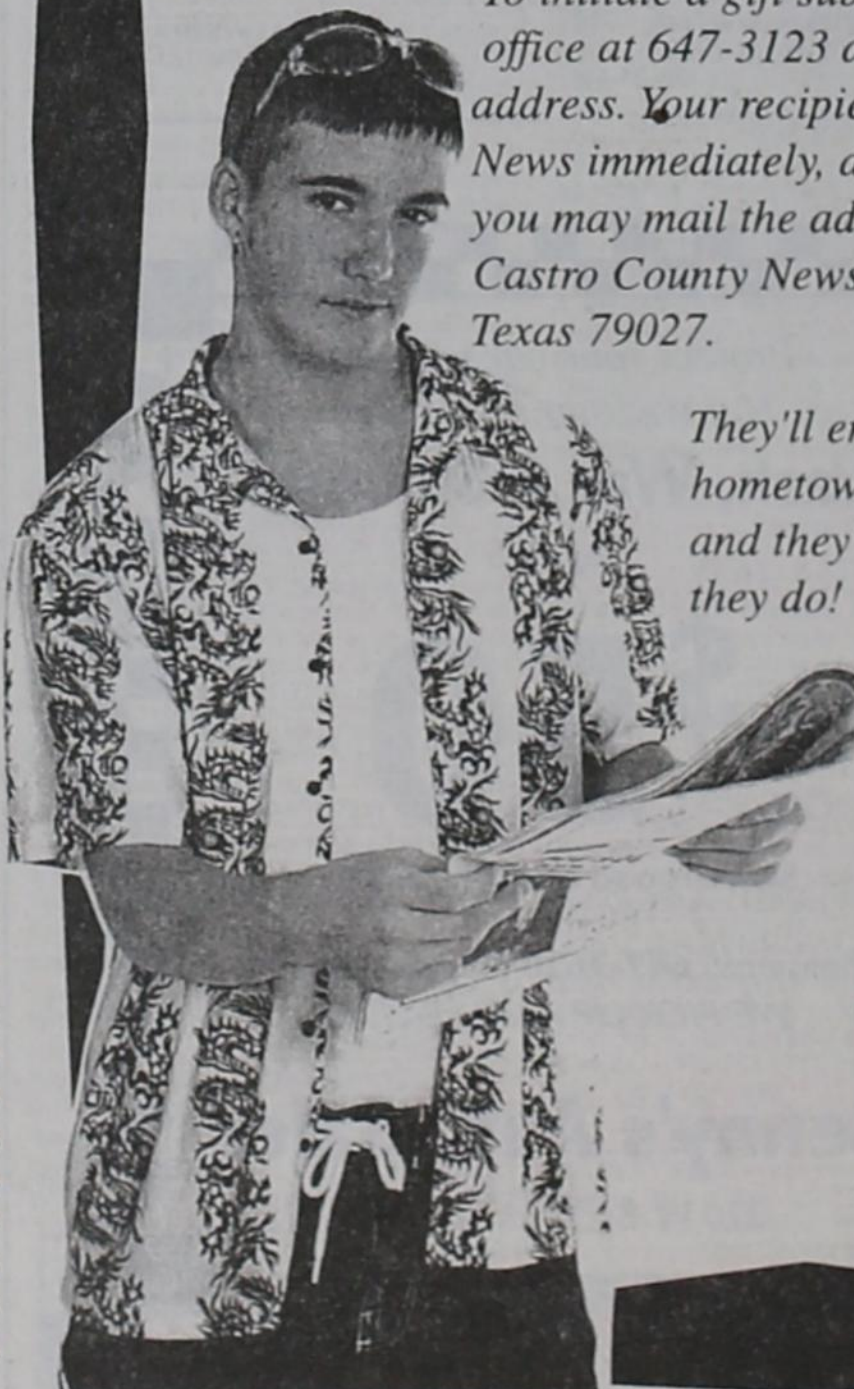
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