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Near-tragedies at RR crossing spur crusade

near miss this week has led Sheriff CD Fitzgearld on a crusade to "light US 385.

Doug Proffitt of Dimmitt didn't the parking lot at Alco." notice a train parked across US 385 until he was almost upon it at approximately 10:30 last Thursday night. Neither did J.D. Parker, who came upon the scene minutes later. The men escaped serious injury, but ing the train.

Then on Monday night, Fitzgearld said another motorist complained of having to "lock down her brakes" to avoid hitting a train she didn't see at the same site.

Several other people have complained of the same problem at the railroad crossing, Fitzgearld said.

warning lights, only signs posted along the north and southbound lanes. No flares were lit to alert on- slow down, but was still doing 30 coming traffic that a train was cross- miles per hour or so when he hit ing the intersection, either.

"It costs money to put up lights or cross arms at these crossings-I understand that," Fitzgearld said. "But we don't want to lose lives

A two vehicle-train accident and a because people can't see the trains, either. Right now, the only warning motorists have at that location are up" the railroad crossing on North little signs. There are no street lights on one side. The closest light is in

Proffitt and Parker say it was almost impossible to notice the train until they were almost upon it.

on US 385 last Thursday, approaching the railroad crossing. He said he their vehicles were totaled after strik- didn't see the train, which was stopped and blocking US 385, until he was almost to the crossing. He was able to stop his car in time—18 inches from a boxcar. He backed his car up, waited about seven minutes, then the train started moving.

But Proffitt wasn't out of danger. "I glanced in my rear view mirror and noticed headlights. It looked like The railroad crossing doesn't have a vehicle was coming on fast," Proffitt said. "I started tapping on my brakes to warn the driver and he did

> The second vehicle was a 2000 Dodge one-ton pickup driven by

Parker's pickup struck Proffitt's

car, knocking it into the moving train. The pickup also struck the

Like Proffitt, Parker hadn't seen the train until it was too late.

"I never saw the train at all," Parker said. "After I hit Doug's car, then I saw the train. I tried to avoid the car, but the pickup glanced off Proffitt was driving his car south his car, then hit the train," Parker

"The train had just started moving when I was coming into town, and it was headed east. The engines were already across the highway and you couldn't see the headlights and there weren't any reflectors on the engines," Parker said. "You just couldn't see the train."

"If I hadn't seen him (Parker) coming and flashed my brake lights at him, he would have been killed. I'm sure of it," Proffitt said. "And if my car hadn't had wide tires, I wouldn't have been able to stop in time and I would probably have been killed or hurt pretty badly.

"I thought that the railroad would be liable in a situation like this," Proffitt said, "but apparently they're not. Somebody could really get hurt badly there, and not by doing any-

DOUG PROFFITT'S CAR AND J.D. PARKER'S PICKUP ... Totaled after colliding with train on North US 385 last Thursday night

Photo by Anne Acker

thing illegal—just driving the speed limit—because there are no lights or warning signals at all."

"That railroad crossing is a serious hazard to everyone who is traveling down the road," Parker said. "I'm interested in letting people know they should use extreme caution when approaching that intersection. I'm afraid someone's going to be seriously hurt or killed there some-

After Parker's and Proffitt's acci-

dent last Thursday, Fitzgearld said he called officials with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to complain about the minimal warnings at the crossing on US 385.

"I called that night and got them out of bed," Fitzgearld said. "I've had meetings with people at the railroad and with the Texas Dept. of Transportation. I've asked them to put up flashing red lights or some kind of warning-anything is better than what we've got now. I'm still

Summer vacation has drawn to a

close for most Castro County stu-

classes on Monday and Dimmitt

students will start school this morn-

ing. Hart students will report for

Hart's first day of school is Mon-

Students new to the district and

day, Aug. 20. Their first bell will

those not already registered will

school next Monday, Aug. 20.

waiting for their response to my

Fitzgearld said a lot of the motorists traveling through Dimmitt on US 385 are unfamiliar with the area and don't know about the railroad crossing, and that has him worried.

"If you have had a near accident at this railroad crossing, or if you've had problems seeing the trains when they are across US 385, please call the sheriff's office at 647-3311 and let us know," Fitzgearld said.

Dimmitt, Hart schools

will start this week

By Don Nelson

There has been a Nelson in the publisher's chair of this newspaper for almost 59 years—since 1943. But that will change on Saturday,

Sept. 1. In case you haven't heard (and I've

tried to be open about it with everyone), the papers were signed last Thursday that will bring a new newspaper family to Dimmitt.

The new co-publishers are Chris and Joye Bradford. He's the publisher of the Jacksonville Daily Progress in East Texas. Jacksonville, south of Tyler, is a city of 13,000, and the *Progress* is a five-day daily, similar to the *Hereford Brand* in size.

The Bradfords have made two trips to Dimmitt so far, and they've been impressed with the city's pretty homes and clean appearance. (Some-

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at KDHN, official National Weather

Service recording station for

News to have

new publisher

Management of the Castro County

Bradford has been the publisher for the last two years of the Jacksonville Daily Progress. He previously served as circulation manager for

newspapers in Conroe, Midland,

Bradford is a Marine Corps vet-

He and his wife, Joye, have four

The change of ownership will

mark the end of an era here. The

News has been published by the Nel-

son family since 1943, when Nel-

son's father, B. M. Nelson, purchas-

ed the newspaper from T. A. Singer

and Pete Whitlow. Don Nelson has

been the editor 35 years and sole

is planned for Sunday afternoon,

A retirement reception for Nelson

grown children and seven grand-

Brownwood and Weatherford.

News will change hands Sept. 1 when Chris Bradford succeeds Don

Nelson as publisher.

the Church of Christ.

owner 17 years.

Dimmitt.

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times, you know, it takes someone A RAY OF SUNSHINE... Sisters Kelsey Welch and Lindsey Welch admire large sunflower blossoms in a field near Five Point last week. The sunflowers and with other thirsty crops in the area soaked up the recent rains, which brought relief from a prolonged

summer drought. Some rain reports totaled between four to six inches in the southern part of the county, while others reported between one and two inches. Kelsey, 17, is a junior at Dimmitt High School. Lindsey is a junior at Graceland College in Iowa. Photo by Carter Townsend

Registration for Hart students concludes this Friday with eighth graders registering at 8 a.m. and

ring at 8:00 a.m.

register on the first day.

Hart

Dimmitt High School

seventh graders registering at 10 a.m.

Students will report for the first day of class today. The first bell will ring at 8:10 a.m. At 8:15, there will

be an opening assembly.

duce the new teachers and give a short talk. Assistant Principal Harold Hinsley will discuss the handbook Students in Nazareth reported for and any changes in the rules or dress

> Sue Summers, the school counselor, will then give students information on changing class schedules.

Freshman orientation will then be given by the student council while the other grades report to their first

Breakfast, usually served from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m., will not be served on the first day.

Middle School

The first bell for DMS students will also ring at 8:10 a.m. Students are to report to their first class at 8:20

An opening assembly with raising of the flag will be held at 8:30 a.m. Parents and members of the community are invited to attend.

Richardson Elementary

Students should report to school by 8:00 a.m. on Aug. 16. Classes will start by 8:30 a.m.

USDA will issue supplemental payments to farmers this week

The US Dept. of Agriculture will begin making more than \$5 billion in supplemental payments to about 1.4 million producers this week as a result of President George W. Bush signing into law the agricultural economic assistance package on Monday.

"We commend the Congress for their prompt action in passing this important legislation," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman, during a tour of Farm Service Agency facilities in Lubbock on Tuesday. "Within 24 hours of President Bush signing this legislation, we're moving forward in processing these payments for farmers."

A tentative time schedule, guidelines, and specific amounts have been set to begin to distribute those payments to producers:

As of Tuesday, Aug. 14:

· \$4.6 billion is earmarked for supplemental market loss assistance payments to producers receiving a 2001 Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA) payment.

\$423 million has been set aside for supplemental payments to 2000crop oilseed producers on Sept. 7.

\$84.7 million will be distributed to to cottonseed producers and first handlers of the 2000 crop of cottonseed.

\$16.9 million will be used for payments to wool and mohair producers that received a payment for the 2000 marketing year.

September 10:

\$54 million will be distributed for producers of quota or additional peanuts who received a payment for the 2000 crop year.

September 18:

\$129 million is set aside for eligible tobacco producers as defined in section 204(b) of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000

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Grand jury indicts Cecil Ward for murder of estranged wife A murder indictment against 52- Dominguez' body beside the road- with serious bodily injury after an

year-old Cecil Ward of Dimmitt was handed down by a Castro County grand jury last Thursday. children. They are active members of

Ward is charged with the murder of his estranged wife, 53-year-old Frances Castañeda Dominguez, on July 19. He remains in the Castro County Jail under \$500,000 bond.

According to reports, police tracked Ward to the Town and Country convenience store in Dimmitt at 12:30 a.m. on July 19 after receiving a 9-1-1 call.

Ward surrendered to officers at the convenience store, then reportedly directed them to a spot southwest of Dimmitt, where they discovered

Investigation revealed Dominguez had been stabbed, beaten, choked and run over by a vehicle. The death was ruled a homicide by Justice of the Peace Tana Young.

United Methodist Hospital in Lubbock indicated Dominguez had died of massive blunt-force trauma and asphyxiation.

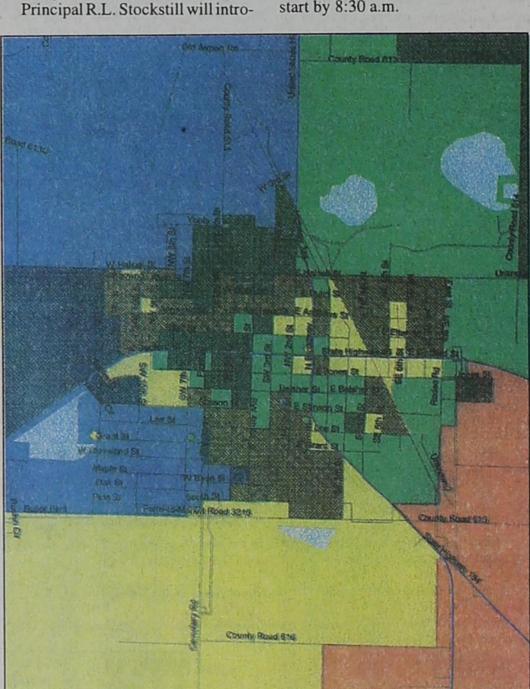
The grand jury also indicted seven other people for charges from forgery to intoxication assault.

accident on July 29 near Summer-

Separate indictments were issued against five individuals for forgery of a financial instrument. Those indicted were Monica Veronica Preliminary autopsy results from Lumbrera, 19, of Dimmitt; Holly Lane Taylor, 19, of Cotton Center; Michael Ray Taylor, 19, of Cotton Center; Jose N. Daniel, 45, of Plainview; and Joe Alfredo Torres Jr., 20, of Earth.

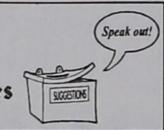
Torres also was indicted for theft over \$1,500, but under \$20,000.

Sabas Leyba Flores, 56, of Hart, Johnny Ray Baca, 17, of Friona, was indicted for driving while intoxiwas indicted for intoxication assault cated, third offense or more.



COUNTY REDISTRICTING IN DIMMITT-If you live in the City of Dimmitt, you can locate your street on this map and find out which county precinct you will be voting in during the next election. This map was recently approved by commissioners and has been sent to the US Justice Dept. for approval. Those living in the red blocks will be in Precinct 1, those in the yellow area will vote in Precinct 2, the blue area will be in Precinct 3 and the green blocks will be in Precinct 4.

Virgil Brockman back home in Dimmitt after undergoing double lung transplant



Letter

Congratulations on retirement

Dear Don and Verbie Nelson,

soon to be "joining the ranks of the retired."

not become synonymous with your changed life style. Traveling, fishing, photography and grandkids can keep a person plenty busy and I know you and Verbie are looking forward to this much-deserved opportunity.

I want to use this occasion to express my appreciation to you for providing us as well as our community for the great job of reporting local news over the years every thing from W. J. Hill's judging results of the annual small animal (of all kinds) contest to the most serious and often time sad news of reporting the loss of a loved one or the happier presence with camera, pencil and pad

Letter

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter at the be-

hest of my husband and the post-

production crew of the TV series,

VIP. I'm sure all your gentlemen

readers are familiar with the show

that stars Pamela Anderson? My

husband, Bill Thiederman, works as

the sound effects mixer on the show.

Anyway, Bill thought they might

enjoy reading the Castro County

News, so about three months ago he

started taking the weekly paper in to

the stage. I must tell you that the

Castro County News has achieved

somewhat of a cult following on the

stage of VIP. You must remember

that these are all city folks, so the

goings-on in a small town are quite

They got particularly caught up in

the coaching controversy, i.e., why

so many coaches have left in recent

years. These guys are sports fans, so they've been following the coach

stories with great interest. Like Bill,

they also are interested in what

menus are being served in the school

cafeterias, but I must say here that

they read everything in the paper,

some time ago, "Do you think the

Castro County News would publish a

The VIP crew asked my husband

entertaining to them.

cover to cover.

Congratulations upon the sale of a new birth or marriage of a friend or the Castro County News and the relative. There are also the articles about our children's achievements be it community, military, college, high I feel certain the title of retired will school or job-related, that only a community such as ours can

> The reporting of news from our local communities has a world wide following. Often I hear from friends or relatives from different parts of the country with comments or questions about a particular news story they read in the CCN.

> Your 1:1 column is my favorite and usually the first thing I read. It is written with your usual wit and often informative and entertaining style that makes it enjoyable reading.

I am always amazed of your

POST-PRODUCTION CREW OF SYNDICATED TELEVISION SERIES, 'VIP'

... While we're watching their TV show, they're reading about us

What do 'VIP's' producers read? The CCN, of course

photo of us if we sent it to them?"

Therefore, I enclose herewith photos

of the VIP post-production crew,

including the music editor James, the

music mixer Mike, the dialogue

mixer Dean, the sound effects editor

Mike, the sound effects mixer Bill,

As always, Bill and I continue to

enjoy the News immensely. We shall

be very sad indeed if, as you have

intimated recently, you retire any

time soon. Thanks for your continu-

ing excellence in publishing the Cas-

The Alumni Committee of Naza-

They are asking people to send

reth Independent School District is

compiling a list of all graduates of

their addresses, those of their chil-

dren, siblings, classmates, and any-

one else they know that graduated

and the co-producer Tony.

times of announcing an anniversary, at so many different functions. Sporting events, banquets, accident scenes and seemingly never ending meetings of all sorts, to name a few.

It is your dedication to the profession you represent that makes the Castro County News the award winning paper, which it is.

We hope that an occasional news or editorial contribution to the new owners will be forthcoming from time to time.

To me the most important aspect of our acquaintance over the years is your friendship and pleasant memories we share beginning with our high school days and continuing to the present.

I know the readership of the Castro County News join Bobbie and I in wishing you and Verbie the best for a happy and successful retirement

Fred and Bobbie Bruegel



One could say that Virgil Brockman is twice blessed. Twice blessed with another set of lungs and twice blessed with the communities of Dimmitt and Nazareth.

Brockman was able to return home Friday night after four and a half months of living in Dallas.

He is enjoying being at home and breathing without oxygen. His plans are just to enjoy being with his family again and to work on improving his strength.

"The whole thing has been a learning experience for all of us, and we realize how blessed we are to live in a small community," said Shirley Brockman, his wife.

From the time they got the call that Virgil would get his transplant, the people of both Dimmitt and Nazareth have been there to lend their support.

The Brockmans received multiple offers from people willing to keep their children still remaining at home. Thomas, who is now a senior, and Anna, now a seventh grader, lived with their cousin, Shawn Pohlmeier and his wife, Jill in Nazareth until the end of the school year.

"We thought it would be best if the kids could stay together because it was hard for them to be so far away when their dad was in the hospital," said Shirley.

Neither Thomas, Anna or Cody, their oldest son who attends Texas Tech, wanted to return home after Virgil's transplant surgery to finish the school year. "I told them that's what their dad would want them to do," said Shirley.

The people of Nazareth made sure Thomas and Anna got to school and their other extra-curricular activities. When the pick-up Thomas was driving had problems, they made sure it would not break down.

"There are things they did for our kids that we don't even know about," said Shirley.

After the school year, Thomas elected to live with Mickey and Carole Bishop in Dimmitt because of his job at B&W Aerial Spray. Anna stayed with her aunt and uncle, Lucy and Walt Pohlmeier near Tulia. Anna helped Lucy with several projects this summer.

They were able to go down and visit Virgil for Easter, Father's Day and several other times. People in Nazareth and Dimmitt helped them to catch their flights and pick them up from the airport.

The people of Dimmitt also helped the Brockmans in their time of need. June Norman and others checked on their house and their pets.

Brown, Graham and Co., where Shirley works, would fax her anything she needed when she called.

"They were very supportive and I was glad I didn't have to worry about my job while I was away," said Shirlate J.G. Davis of Dimmitt, was in ley

Ladies from their church also helped by bringing food to the house when Shirley was here for two weeks in July. She was glad to be able to spend her time with her children instead of cooking.

Both communities have had benefits for Virgil and his family. The Dimmitt Interact Club held a car wash in April that raised around \$2,000 and First United Bank sponsored a hamburger cookout that raised about \$4,000.

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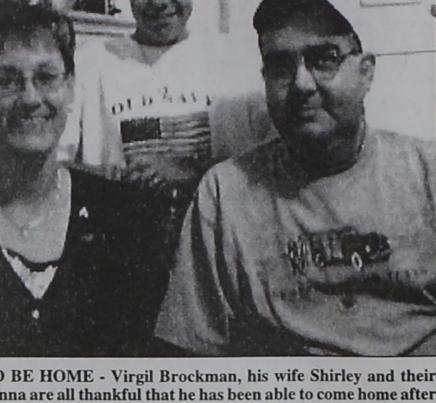
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HAPPY TO BE HOME - Virgil Brockman, his wife Shirley and their daughter Anna are all thankful that he has been able to come home after four and a half months in Dallas following his lung transplant. He still has a year of rehabilitation and physical therapy to go through, but it will be easier to handle living at home.

Photo by Susan Book

The Nazareth community has held several benefit meals, the most recent one on Sunday, raising between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

Virgil and his family were able to attend the benefit on Sunday, but the money people gave was the farthest thing from their minds.

"We just wanted to see people and thank them for all their prayers," said Shirley. "It was wonderful to get to see everybody."

Virgil is able to leave the house, but must wear a mask. He is only able to be around large groups of people in a well-ventilated area.

The Brockmans say their door is open to visitors but ask that people who have been sick wait until they are well again because he must avoid catching a cold or the flu.

They also ask that no small children come to visit because they are more susceptible to carrying germs than older children and adults.

"The doctors told us that the first year after transplant is like a rollercoaster," said Shirley. "They have to regulate the medicine he takes because each person is differ-

Of the other people they've talked to that have had transplant surgery, most say that after the first year, they have no problems.

Virgil's surgeon, Dr. John Capeheart is the top transplant surgeon in the nation.

"He was excellent," said Shirley. "If something wasn't right with one of his patients, he stayed with them until it was, checking on them at all

Virgil stayed in the hospital 52 days and stayed in Twice Blessed House from May 24 to Aug. 13.

Shirley also has great things to say about the people at Twice Blessed House. "They know that your loved one is on your mind when you come in there, so they already have all the paperwork done."

The Baylor University Medical Center, which consists of four hospitals, is also number one in the nation and from the Brockmans' experience they believe it.

"To the hospital, you are an individual and they want to see you suc-

ceed after surgery," said Shirley.

Virgil is currently taking three immunosuppressants, which he will have to take for the rest of his life, an antibiotic, heart medication to keep it regulated and Pepcid so his stomach will be able to tolerate all the medication.

He will have to return to Dallas each month for a check-up. His next visit is scheduled for Sept. 17, and will also have a bronchoscopy. If everything turns out clear, he will not have to have another bronchoscopy until three months later.

Virgil will be in rehabilitation for a year and goes to physical therapy three days a week. The main reason he was able to return home was because he was able to schedule physical therapy in Dimmitt. When he is ready, he will be able

to write a non-specific letter to the family of the organ donor. The Southwest Transplant Alliance will send them the letter and let them decide whether or not to contact him.

Virgil believes he is truly blessed and thanks his family and the people of Nazareth and Dimmitt for all their prayers and support.

"If we didn't have the support of these communities, it would have been a much harder row to hoe," said Shirley.

"I keep thinking I will wake up and this will all be a dream. You're always told that God answers prayers and we know now that He does."

"We think that Virgil is a living miracle and will concentrate on keeping him healthy," said Shirley.

It's better to be a coward for a minute than to be dead for the rest of your

On your way up the ladder of success watch out for the person behind

You have to know what's biting you before you reach for a remedy.

You can buy flattery but envy must be earned.

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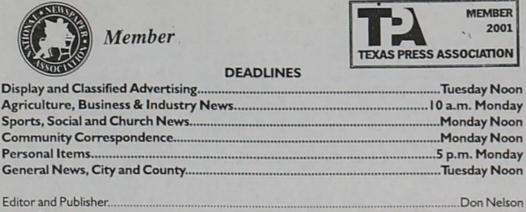
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Your devoted fans,

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Keitha Scott & Bill Thiederman

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Anything for

such loyal readers. For those who

don't know Keitha Scott, she's the

daughter of Aural Davis and the

the editor's Methodist youth group

when she was an eighth grader, is

now one of the best pediatricians in

the country, and Pamela Anderson

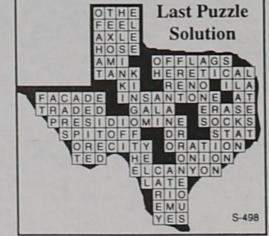
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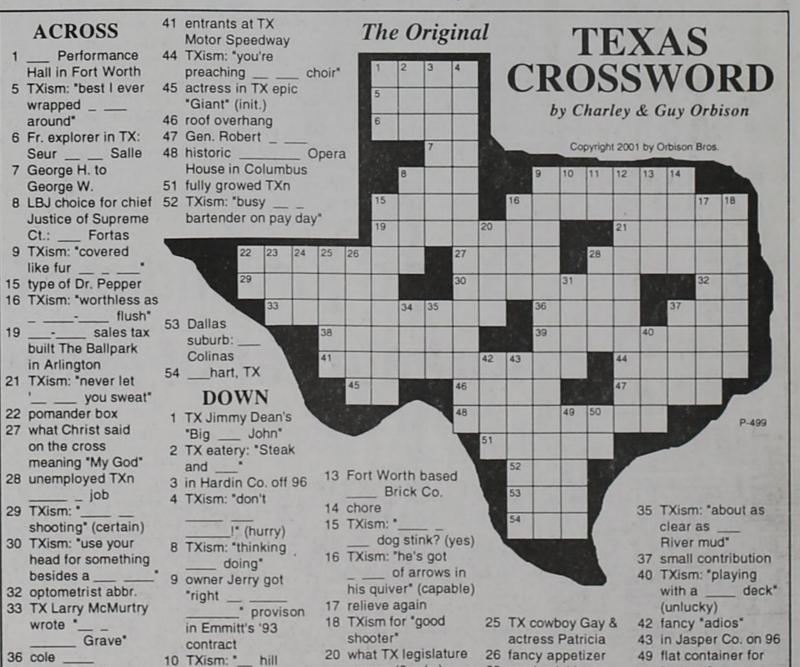
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History keeps repeating itself because we weren't listening the first





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Cowboys (abbr.)

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Perhaps to many Dimmitt residents who have been here year in and year out, say 50 years, the vacancy of the drug store on the square will tell them changes do happen!

Mary Lockhart and Sandy Parsons have thrown in the towel. Thanks for all those years of feeding us at noon and filling our prescriptions.

Martha Dannevik and Joyce Bolton's birthday with a dinner out and then cake, door prizes and gifts at Wayrayne Hughes' house.

Bruton, Trudy Jackson, Waurayne Christian way of life.

Hughes, Martha Dannevik and Joyce Bolton attended.

Two of the Methodist youth, Caleb Dickerson and Tammy Sanders, are both on crutches after having knee surgery.

The United Methodist Women's Circle was privileged to have Liz Murphy Crittenden, her husband The "Birthday Babes" celebrated Max and son Jedidiah, bring them a mission program from the country of Bosnia, where they serve.

The language is very different in order to give the message of Christ to Nancy Fuller, Sue Stahl, Brenda people who are slow to embrace the

The Bosnian women who meet in Liz's basement made a sampler quilt for Liz to present to the Circle.

Other visitors were Charlene Murphy, Liz's mother, Sue Broderson and Norma Conard.

On Sunday, Pastor Rusty Dickerson requested that the congregation leave the sanctuary and meet on the public school property for special prayers for our teachers, students, parents, administrators and helpers for the start of the new school year.

Brother Virgil led the prayer at the middle school and Richardson Elementary as they held hands in a circle with teachers, parents and pupils in the center.

They repeated the prayer at the high school with Pastor Dickerson, and two hymns were sung.

Betty and Truman Touchstone have had visitors this summer. The latest were two grandsons, Rhett and Sam of Phoenix.

Their parents are Angelia (Ross) and Tobin Touchstone. The boys love to go in the pick-up with Tru-

Deanne Clark of Lubbock and Bill Sowder of Littlefield will be married next Thursday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. in the garden area of the First United Methodist Church of Levelland on 1011 Houston Street.

A reception/party is to be held the following evening (Friday, Aug. 24) at the Bill Sowder home, 118 E. 27th St., Littlefield.

The couple have issued an open invitation to all friends who would like to attend either or both events. The dress code for both the wedding and the reception will be casual, and they have specified "no gifts please."

Hobratschk celebrates 90th birthday on Aug. 4

Ida Hobratschk of Hereford, former longtime Dimmitt resident, celebrated her 90th birthday on Aug. 4 with a party at Hereford Country Club.

Hobratschk had lived in Dimmitt for 51 years before moving to Here-

The party was hosted by Mrs. Hobratschk's children including Glenn and Mary Hobratschk of Cleveland, Ohio, Larry and Beverly Hobratschk of Edna and Betty Jones of Hereford. Also helping with the event were Mrs. Hobratschk's seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Among the guests helping her celebrate were Jackie and Terry Smothermon of Dimmitt; and Mike Bruegel of Amarillo and Shirley Goolsby Faulker of Dumas, both former Dimmitt residents.

Other guests attending were from Austin, Montgomery, Pilot Point, Dallas, Lubbock, Edna, Taos, N.M. and Ohio.

Office Hours:



Ida Hobratschk

The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get to work.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

one as our school opened for a new year. Opening ceremonies were held on the rain-soaked front lawn at Nazareth Independent School District.

Blake Birkenfeld gave an opening prayer, followed by the officers of the FCCLA giving introductions while officers of the FFA raised the

Supt. N. Dean Johnson welcomed everyone to a new school year including parents, teachers, students

Breast cancer screenings set

Breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Sept. 6 and 7, and appointments are still available.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-

1905 to schedule an appointment. The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health Sys-

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Monday morning was a special and a large number of new transfer students.

He gave special recognition to the kindergarten class, those entering the first grade, the senior class, and to school board members including President Keith Hoelting, Dan Gerber, Jeanie Birkenfeld, Patti Kern, Keith Birkenfeld, Jim Hoelting

and Rex Ramaekers. Deb Clinton, school principal, began with a very hearty "good morning" to a huge crowd on the school lawn. She then introduced each teacher, old and new, and introduced each member of the school staff, each of whom is important in keeping our school one of which we are very proud.

This year we will have 81 students in high school, 49 students in junior high and 95 in elementary school for a total of 225.

Dimmitt, Hart and the surrounding Sallisaw, Okla., were Dorothy area enjoyed a Mexican fiesta meal Kleman, Lee and Jackie Kleman, Sunday at the Nazareth Community Dwayne and Sheryl Kleman, Judy

Proceeds from the benefit lun- Heiman, Wayne Heiman, JoAnne cheon will help defray medical expenses for Virgil Brockman. He is now home after undergoing a double lung transplant at a Dallas hospital and he is doing well.

ered at the center on Sunday evening in Vian, Okla., with the Kleman for dinner, socializing and card playing or dominoes. Johnny Schacher, and Denice, his sister, also gave Ed Ramaekers, Richard Entrekin, lovely eulogies. Gin Huseman, Catherine Huseman and Marion Durbin were all recognized for having birthdays in Au-

Bertha Huseman, 77, of Amarillo, Huseman, Elma Schacher and Julia

Mass of Christian burial was offered in Holy Family Church in Nazareth Saturday with Msgr. Joseph Tash of Amarillo, officiating, assisted by Rev. Jerry Stein. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery where her husband, Vincent, was buried in 1996.

Survivors include three daughters, Yvonne Ehly of Amarillo, Theresa Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Kathleen Huseman; four sons, Kenneth Huseman of Midland, Timothy Huseman of Comanche, Ted Huseman of Amarillo, and Gary Huseman of River Ridge, La.; three sisters, Martha Huseman and Anne Kleman, both of Amarillo, and Emma Nihill of Anaheim, Calif; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Attending the funeral of Bruce Kleman, 44, son of Etta Mae Sellers A very large crowd from Nazareth, and the late Paul Kleman, at Kleman, Denny and Dolores Bowen, Fritz and Julene Gerber, Lydia Schacher and Stanley Gerber.

> Father Jeff Plasek of Sallisaw, a former classmate and family friend, officiated at the Christian burial. His family told of the times he

The Nazareth Senior Citizens gath- spent as a child at the Kleman dairy family. Donna Kleman, Craig's wife,

Music was furnished by the Nazareth group attending.

Prayers are asked for Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Our sympathy to the family of Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori

Friona plans cancer walk on Aug. 25

Friona's Second Annual Cancer Walk will be held at the Friona High School football stadium on Saturday,

Aug. 25. The two-mile event will begin at 9 a.m. Early registration will begin at

Money raised from this walk will be given to the American Cancer

Society. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years of age and younger. The registration deadline is Aug. 10.

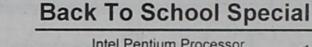
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Heather Dawn Wieck and Alan Herman Birkenfeld

Birkenfeld, Wieck to marry

Mike and Letha Wieck of Umbarger announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Dawn Wieck, to Alan Herman Birkenfeld, son of Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 3 in a prairie ceremony south of Buffalo Lake at Umbarger.

The bride-elect holds a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies from West Texas A&M University, graduating in 1999. She is employed as manager of Chez L.A. Catering in Amarillo.

The prospective groom graduated from Texas A&M University in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in ag economics and a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. He continued his education at Utah State University, where he obtained a master of science degree in rangeland sciences in 1994. He owns and operates Pai Dom Meats in Nazareth. Following the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Nazareth.

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Chamber taking entries for Harvest Days parade

Harvest Days celebration is the parade, and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting entries for this year's event, which is Sept. 8.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Sept. 8 and theme will be Cattle, Cotton, Corn 'n Cowboys.

"This is an excellent time to publicize your organization, business activities and/or events in downtown Dimmitt. There is no entry fee and ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded," said Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

for business floats, antique cars, bicycles, civic floats, antique trac- throughout the day.

One of the highlights of the annual tors, antique trucks, horse-drawn entries and others.

> If you'd like to be a part of the parade, contact the Chamber at 115 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt or call Sava at 647-2524

The parade will begin at the intersection of E. Bedford St. and SE Third St., and will travel eight blocks west on Bedford St. to Front St. The parade will turn south on Front St. and travel a block to Jones St., then will turn east on Jones for nine blocks until it meets up with SE 4th St. After traveling two blocks on SE 4th, the parade should wind up at the The parade will feature divisions Castro County Expo Building, where a full slate of activities are planned

VFW announces recruiting campaign

The Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is renewing its campaign to seek out eligible veterans for membership in the organization.

With a rich tradition rooted in the 19th Century, the VFW is the oldest major veterans organization in Ameirca," said Roy J. Grona, District 9 Commander. "Celebrating its centennial in 1999, it entered the 20th Century with 1.9 million members.

"The four cornerstones of the VFW's foundation include preserving veterans rights, advocating a strong national defense, promoting patriotism and offering community service."

Rogers earns degree from TTU

Chad Willis Rogers of Dimmitt graduated from Texas Tech University in May with a bachelor's degree in general business.

He is currently working with a ranching operation in Clovis. Rogers is the son of Andy Rogers

and Kay Rogers of Dimmitt.

In the year 1999-2000, Grona said the National VFW donated over 63 million hours of volunteer labor.

"The number of combat veterans is declining rapidly," said Grona. "Our World War II veterans are passing on at a rate of 1,000 per day. It is only through out numbers and strength that our message and that of our members will be heard in Washington."

Eligibility for the VFW is that the person be a citizen of the US who has served honorably in the US Armed Forces in any foreign war or expedition recognized by a campaign medal authorized by the US government, or honorable service in Korea after June 30, 1949.

"This recruiting campaign will probably be the hardest campaign our members have faced since they earned their combat campaign ribbons," said Grona. "I urge every citizen who has an interest in the VFW, and the ideals we support, to contact their nearest VFW post for more information."

In Dimmitt, the local post is VFW Post 8056. They may be contacted by phone at 647-7744 or 647-5786, or by stopping by the post located 1/4 of a mile east of Dimmitt on SH



were married on Aug 1 in an groom's mother and Wannie Stevens afternoon, double-ring ceremony of Dimmitt, grandmother of the performed by Justice of the Peace groom, attended the wedding. Tana Young.

The couple exchanged their vows home of Wannie Stevens. at the Centennial Plaza gazebo on the courthouse square in Dimmitt.

and Jackie Corbin of Lubbock. The groom is the son of Kaye Stevens of where the bride is employed by Dr. Albuquerque, N.M., and the late Bill Scott Hill as a dental technician and Stevens.

The couple's immediate family horse business.

Kay Corbin and Scott Stevens including the bride's parents, the

A small reception followed in the A two-tiered white wedding cake

decorated with purple flowers was The bride is the daughter of Larry served to guests along with punch.

The couple are living in Lubbock the groom is involved in the race

Happy sets celebration

A parade, craft show, barbecue, timers reunion will begin at 11 a.m., music, a rodeo and more are on tap this weekend at the annual Happy Days celebration in Happy.

All events will be held Friday and Saturday at the Happy Community Center, which is adjacent to the Happy Rodeo Arena.

On Friday, the Happy Rodeo kicks off with team roping at 7 p.m. Books Cloggers is slated for 1 p.m. will open at 6 p.m. and all entry fees must be paid by the time the contest begins at 7.

Saturday's rodeo will feature bull riding, and the deadline for entries is Friday at 7 p.m.

The craft show will open at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Happy Community

Center. After a parade at 10 a.m., an old-

As you slide down the banister of life, don't get a splinter in your career.

and it will include a barbecue luncheon which is free to those 65 and older. The Top of Texas Cloggers will

barbecue will be open to the public beginning at 12 noon. Another performance by the

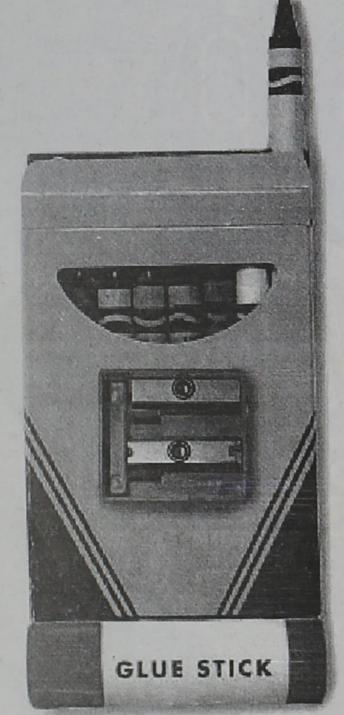
perform at 11:30 a.m., then the

A "Little Britches" rodeo and a

washer pitching contest will start at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Happy Rodeo

Western dances with music provided by Young Country are planned for Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission to the dances will be \$10 per person, per

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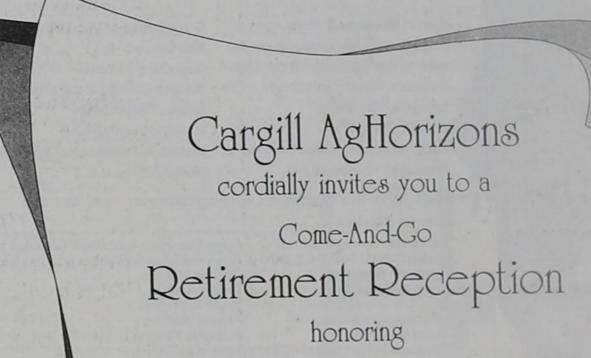
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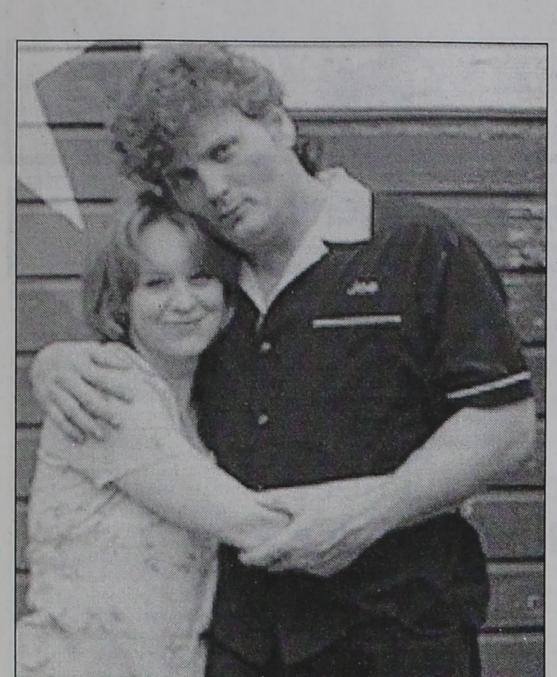


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Kimberly Galloway and Johnny Reverb

Blues concert scheduled Aug. 26 at Home Mercantile

Mercantile.

The entertainment will begin with a potluck supper at 6 p.m., followed by the concert from 7 to 9 p.m.

There is no admission fee, but donations are appreciated.

Galloway and Reverb will be performing classic blues standards by such artists as Howlin' Wolf, Elmore James and Muddy Waters, as well as many of their original tunes.

Not all of the music will be in traditional blues format; in fact, Galloway and Reverb feel that blues something she had not previously is just that—a feeling.

"You can hear blues feeling in almost any kind of music. It's not just limited to a particular genre or style. Blues is about real people singing about real life situations," said Lydia Villanueva with The Promised Land Network, which is organizing the event.

Galloway first sang on stage at the age of 4. Her talent and determination was evident even then; however, being a professional singer was not something that little girls from Brownfield were encouraged to do,

so she put that dream on hold. Reverb, whose real name is



Out of town It's a girl, Katy Elizabeth Nelson, for Joel and Allison Nelson of Grand Prairie. Katy Elizabeth was born at 10:44 p.m. on Aug. 6 at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 18-1/4 inches long at birth. She has an other brother, 3-yearold Kyle. Grandparents are Donny and Wanda Nelson of Dimmitt and Ken and Vicki McMillan of Plano. Greatgrandparents are Alma Nelson of Dimmitt, John and Nell Hrabal of Clarksville, Claribell McMillan of Lubbock and Mary Jo Briley of Odessa.

God wisely designed the human body so that we can neither pat our own backs nor kick ourselves to eas-

An evening of blues music head- Holston, grew up in Amarillo but left lined by Kimberly Galloway and at age 19 to pursue a dream of suc-Johnny Reverb will be held in cess in the music business. He spent Nazareth on Aug. 26 at the Home several years based out of Austin developing his skill alongside contemporaries Stevie Ray and Jimmie Lynn Vaughan.

Austin was a blues mecca in the "old" days. Reverb toured the United States and Europe over the years and has played blues for thousands.

Upon moving back to Amarillo in late 2000, Reverb was at the point of putting the dream to rest.

His plans came to a screeching halt when he met Galloway.

One day he overheard her singing, done in his presence. When asked what she was singing, she said it was a song she was writing. What resulted was the first collaboration between two songwriters.

The title of that song was Real Good Love, a song that is getting airplay on Amarillo's blues radio station, KBZD-FM.

Since that song, the team has written several tunes and recorded them in their home studio.

Galloway's I Started Leaving Yesterday is a song that gets audiences going. Another tune that she and Reverb co-wrote is Anything But Good-bye.

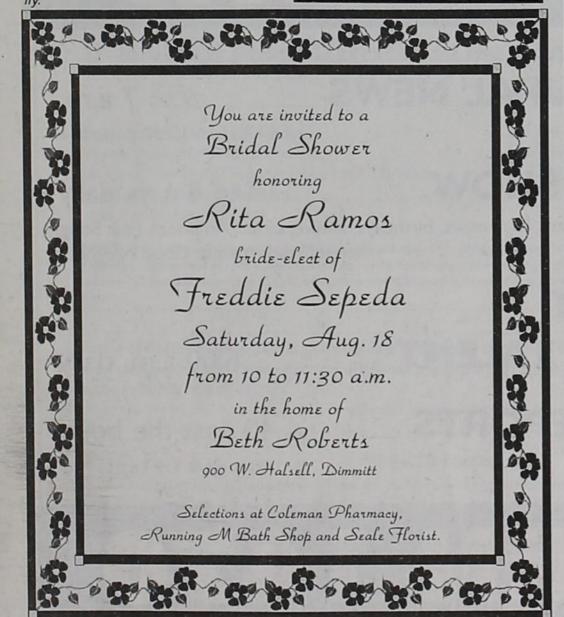
Galloway wrote the lyrics, presented them to Reverb and he wrote the music in about half an hour. That's what this team is all about-creating good music and bringing a positive image to people.



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School children require support

By RON TRUSLER Chief executive officer **Central Plains Center**

There is a lot of energy involved in starting a new school year. You can read the paper and see how much is written about our local schools and it doesn't take much imagination to know that is just a reflection of what goes on in some of the households each school day.

Some children (and parents) really struggle with various things about going to school. I have listed some things that a parent could do to help their child:

1. Keep your anxiety to yourself. You may be concerned with a lot of things about the school for one reason or the other, but it is important that you not pass this worry along to your child.

2. Avoid letting your concern over what other people think dictate your child's decisions. Some parents are concerned about the type of activities in which their child is involved. They believe it reflects on their parenting ability or the child's intelligence.

You, as a parent, may like a certain area and when you were in school you may have really excelled; however, that does not mean your child will be interested.

For example, a father may have been a football star when he was in high school. The father may be tempted to really press the child to be in football, but the child may prefer another sport or activity.

Your child has enough of his or her own pressure at school without getting some from parents, too. It is best for the child to be involved in areas that match his or her own capabilities than to try and perform in an area that is really not for them.

3. Allow children to express their anxiety to you. They may have concerns about their ability to make good grades, being accepted by other classmates or just knowing what or how to do something. Do not make fun of them for having those fears.

4. All peer pressure is not bad. It depends on what peers your child has and what he or she is being pressured to do. If they are being pressured to take risks, drugs, be something they are not-that is bad.

The biggest help for a child that is facing bad peer pressure is a good feeling about who they are themselves. Some call it good self-esteem. In other words, they feel comfortable with who they are, what they want, and what they want to accomplish. Work on building your child's self-esteem. Support your child in school.

Ron Trusler is chief executive officer of Central Plains Center. He can be reached by phone at (806) 293-2636 or by e-mail at ron@clplains.org.

Game night set Friday at

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday,

All members of the center are

Membership is open to all who are fee is only \$15 per year.



LOCAL MEDIA HONORED—David Schaeffer (left), president of the Dimmitt School Board, presents a "Media Honor Roll" certificate to Wayne Collins of KDHN Radio during Monday night's school board meeting. Linda Maxwell, former associate editor of the News, received an identical framed certificate. The "Honor Roll" designation commended the two media representatives "for their fair and balanced reporting of the news about our public schools." Photo by Don Nelson

Harvest Days events are being scheduled

Senior Center

staring at 6 p.m.

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

age 55 or older, and the membership For more information, call the

center at 647-2654, or Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Rayphard Smithson at

A parade, county fair, kids' tractor sic, food and games; and to the Sepull, great food, games and more are being planned for this year's Harvest Days celebration on Sept. 7-8 in

An arts and crafts fair is being planned in conjunction with the fair, and booths are currently available at a cost of \$35 for a 10' x 12' indoor booth. If you need electricity for your booth, another \$5 will be added to the rental fee. Outdoor booths may be reserved for \$25 to \$35, depending on the size.

The parade on Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. will kick off the big day-long celebration, then the celebration will move to the Expo Building for munior Citizens Center for the Early Settlers Reunion.

Several entertainers have been lined up throughout the day on Sept. 8. These include the Dimmitt Middle School Choir, directed by Elaine Hazel; the Top of Texas Cloggers; vocalist Julie May; a fiddlers' contest and Pokey the Clown with his Junior Ranch Rodeo.

A quilt show, chili cook-off, reception at Canterbury Villa, pedal tractor pull, small carnival rides and games, and other exhibits are planned on Saturday along with a barbecue meal in the evening.

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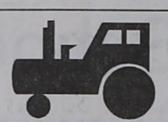
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the LDP rates through Aug. 31 and file an application on the desired

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Doug Wilhelm

Wilhelm named VP at CoBank

Nazareth native Doug Wilhelm has been named a senior vice president and manager of the Risk Management Division at CoBank of Denver, Colo., a \$25 million cooperative bank specializing in providing financial services to US agribusinesses and rural communications and en-

A Texas A&M University graduate, Wilhelm started his career with Dimmitt Agri Industries. In 1972 he joined the Houston Bank for Cooperatives, a predecessor bank to CoBank. Since 1972, he has held various credit and management positions with the Banks for Cooperatives and with CoBank.

Management Division, Wilhelm will oversee four departments that are responsible for assessing, monitoring and managing business risk for CoBank. That includes treasury support and analysis, loan administration and asset review, internal audit

"The financial business environment is becoming increasingly complex, and with the rapid pace of change, effectively managing risk has become more critical to the success of today's financial institutions, especially for those like CoBank that are dedicated to agriculture and rural America," Wilhelm said. "It's a challenging position and I'm looking forward to continuing to work for a cooperative bank that's committed to its mission of serving agriculture and our rural communities."

Wilhelm, son of Francis and Betty

ergy company.

As manager of CoBank's Risk and credit support and analysis.

Wilhelm of Nazareth, lives in Littleton, Colo., with his wife, Alice, and their three daughters.



Water district challenges

Fish and Wildlife Service

The High Plains Underground Species Act in November 1998.

There are some important issues you need to be aware of about the loan deficiency program (LDP or POP).

The following are some key items to remember about the program.

♦ The crop must be produced on a participating farm; in other words, the farm must have a PFC contract.

Water Conservation District No. 1 in

Lubbock is among 26 organizations

in four states challenging the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service's recent

designation of a critical habitat for

to sue the Fish and Wildlife Service

small minnow once abundant in the

main channels of wide, sandy-bot-

tomed rivers and streams in the Ar-

Today these minnows can only be

"Coalition members believe that

found in the Canadian River in New

the costly regulatory burden for the

private sector, federal agencies and

the Fish and Wildlife Service itself

far outweighs the conservation bene-

fits for the shiner," said Jim

Conkwright, High Plains Water Dis-

primary threats to the shiner and how

they will be overcome. Because of

this, we feel that the designation is

not prudent," said Conkwright.

"This designation does not address

Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The group filed a Notice of Intent

The Arkansas River shiner is a

the Arkansas River shiner.

on July 18.

kansas River basin.

trict manager.

♦ The crop must be certified on Form FSA-578. ◆ Payment eligibility forms must

be filed and approved.

It is important that you also timely file an application for LDP. You should file either one of two applications for LDP depending on your situation. The following should

Then, designation of a critical

habitat was not prudent. Yet, three

years later, the Fish and Wildlife

Service reversed its decision and

designated more than 1,100 miles of

rivers, with at least 300 feet on both

This designation applies to por-

sides of the river, as critical habitat.

tions of the Arkansas River in Kan-

sas, the Cimarron River in Kansas

and Oklahoma, the Beaver/North

Canadian River in Oklahoma and the

Canadian/South Canadian River in

New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

habitat area is under private owner-

ship, and coalition members feel that

most of the regulations will be indi-

rect with little or not actual benefit to

how the designation will impact

rights of states and landowners to use

water in areas adjacent to the desig-

The Arkansas River shiner coali-

tion is made up of 26 groups that

serve members or constituents being

harmed by the Fish and Wildlife

Also, the group is concerned about

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indicate which application you should file:

CCC-709

 If you are planning to harvest corn or sorghum for silage and you are going to sell the silage or use it for yourself immediately, you need to file Form CCC-709 prior to har-

♦ If you have a contract on your crop or plan to sell it as it crosses the scales, you need to file Form 709 prior to harvest.

CCC-633 LDP

♦ If you are planning to harvest corn or sorghum for silage and you are going to store the silage on your farm for later use, you can file Form CCC-633 LDP prior to feeding the

♦ If you harvest your crop for grain and it goes into storage either in the warehouse or stored on your farm, you can file form CCC-633 LDP prior to sale or disposition.

The key is to maintain beneficial interest in your crop until after the commodity is "popped."

Commodity certificates exchange

Commodity certificates exchange is available to producers to use in acquiring collateral pledged to the Commodity Credit Corporation for a

commodity loan. If you put crop in the loan, you may redeem at a commodity certificate exchange rate equal to the posted county price on grains or the world market price on cotton. The difference in the loan and these prices would be your market gain (LDP) but would not count against the \$75,000 limitation.

Emergency haying, grazing of CRP approved in county Castro County producers may Service (NRCS) to see if your CRP

The Fish and Wildlife Service Service's designation of a critical

listed the Arkansas River shiner as habitat for the Arkansas River shiner

"threatened" under the Endangered in six river basins across four states.

graze livestock or bale grass from is eligible to be grazed or haved certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands through Sept. 30, thanks to a special emergency decla-

CPR participants with lease acreage may lease grazing privileges to any livestock producers.

The required payment reduction is 25% of the per acre annual rental payment rate multiplied by the number of acres actually grazed or hayed, regardless of the stocking rate.

Emergency haying and grazing is not authorized for temporary cover or dead or dry litter crops.

Before producers hay or graze the CRP land, they must file a request in the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office, and must take the following actions:

♦ Designate the acreage to be grazed or hayed on Form FSA-578 and identify the acreage on an aerial photograph.

♦ Obtain a modified conservation Natural Resource and Conservation approval.

before you file a request in the FSA

♦ Sign a request to graze CRP (Form DF-21).

♦ Agree to and sign the CRP Terms and Conditions for Emergency Grazing or Haying of CRP Acreage for 2001, which sets forth the method of payment fees.

♦ Agree to re-establish CRP cover (at your own expense) if any cover is destroyed or damaged as a result of this authorization.

♦ Be aware that the CRP contract is subject to termination or other penalties should there be any violation of this grazing or having author-

♦ Statement shall be signed that states that livestock producers who rent or lease acreage from CRP participants agree not to sublease the CRP acreage.

♦ Both the CRP participant and plan to include grazing or having the livestock producer will receive requirements as determined by the notification of County Committee

Non-Inusred Crop Assistance Program

The Non-Insured Crop Assistance Crop (NAP) offers new and improved crop insurance loss coverage beginning with crop year 2001.

It works a lot like the CAT insurance program, and will cover crops in our county such as sweet sorghum, sorghum silage/bales, sudex, alfalfa, rye, triticale, millet, fruits, vegetables and native and improved

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

For more information, contact the FSA office.

2000 Quality **Loss Program**

If you want to apply for the 2000 Quality Loss Program, call the FSA office at 647-2153, Ext. 2, and schedule an appointment. Sign-up started Monday.

Address changes

Producers are asked to notify the FSA office with their new 9-1-1 addresses so files can be properly updated.

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.6 to 7 a.m.

and 12:15 to 12:50 p.m., M-F

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... 7 to 8 a.m. daily

Weather forecast, local news, birthdays, anniversaries, American Folk Song, school lunch menus, Good Neighbor

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the first week of school, August 16-24

DIMMITT Pre-K to 12th Grades

Grab and Go Breakfast THURSDAY-- Apple cinnamon loaf, orange wedges and milk.
FRIDAY—Smucker's peanut butter sand-

wich, grape juice and milk. MONDAY-Rice Krispie treats, orange

juice and milk. TUESDAY—Strawberry Danish, peaches

WEDNESDAY-Super donuts, fresh ba-

nanas and milk. THURSDAY-Cinnamon roll, chilled fruit

cocktail and milk. FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, melon balls and milk

Lunch

Pre-School to 1st Grades THURSDAY-Hamburger, potato rounds, hamburger salad, cowboy cookies and chocolate milk or white milk

FRIDAY-Burrito with chili, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad, watermelon, and white milk or chocolate milk.

MONDAY-Italian lasagna, broccoli with cheese sauce, Mexicali corn, fruit fantasy, garlic bread and chocolate milk or white milk. TUESDAY-Com dogs, savory peas, fried okra, fruited gelatin, and white milk or choco-

WEDNESDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas, fresh banana, white hot rolls and white milk or

THURSDAY-Chicken spaghetti, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, peach cobbler, hot cheese rolls and white milk or chocolate milk. FRIDAY-Pepperoni pizza, fruit or vegetable, cantaloupe, blueberry gelatin, and white

2nd-12th Grades

milk or chocolate milk.

THURSDAY-Choices of hamburger, Italian spaghetti or fajitas with onions and peppers; French fries, savory green beans or frijoles refeito; hamburger salad, tossed salad or haystack finger salad; garlic bread, flour tortilla or cowboy cookies; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY-Choices of burrito with chili, juice and milk.

Retirement event set Tuesday for Cargill manager

Jarrel Sewell, longtime general manager of Cargill AgHorizons in Hart, will be honored with a retirement reception Tuesday.

The come-and-go reception will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.in the main office of the Hart grain-handling facility.

Sewell has served 22 years in the grain business with Cargill, Inc.

invited.

Last Year's Rate

Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &

Operations Revenue &

Pay Debt Service

Proposed Rate

another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance

& Operations

\$1.320

\$1.226

\$1.365

chicken fried steak or grilled cheese with soup; Mexipinto beans, mashed potatoes or butter beans; tossed salad, guacamole salad or watermelon; tortilla chips, white hot rolls or assorted muffins; and white milk, chocolate milk or

MONDAY-Choice of Italian lasagna, poor boy beef steak or chicken taco; broccoli with cheese sauce, Mexicali corn or potato rounds; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or taco condiment salad; white hot rolls, garlic bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY-Choices of corn dogs, turkey salad sandwiches or salad plate; parsley buttered potatoes, fried okra or savory peas; tossed salad, fruited gelatin or coleslaw; hot wheat rolls, assorted muffins or combread; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY-Choices of fried chicken, bean chalupa or hoagie submarine sandwich; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned blackeyed peas or vegetable medley; tossed salad, fresh banana or hamburger salad; white hot rolls, commeal twist bread or crackers; and

white milk, chocolate milk or punch. THURSDAY-Choices of chicken spaghetti, enchilada casserole or ham and cheese on a bun; Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or peach cobbler; tortilla chips, white hot rolls or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY—Choices of pepperoni pizza, nachos with cheese or chicken pot pie; savory green beans, tomato and okra gumbo or baked potato; tossed salad, cantaloupe or blueberry gelatin: Fideo Mexicano, biscuits or assorted Danish; and chocolate milk, white milk or

NAZARETH

Breakfast THURSDAY: Pancake and sausage on a

stick, cereal, orange juice and milk. FRIDAY--Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY-Blueberry muffins, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY-French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY-Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk. THURSDAY-Canadian bacon, cereal,

orange juice and milk. FRIDAY-Sausage and roll, cereal, orange

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, french fries, lettuce, orange, cookies and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Chicken nuggets or chef salad, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, S'mores and milk or juice.

MONDAY-*Corn dog or chicken strip, tossed salad, chicken rice, fruit cocktail, peanut butter bars and milk or juice. TUESDAY-*Nachos with roll or com

dogs, tossed salad, peas, peaches, dump cake and milk or juice. WEDNESDAY-*Sandwich or ham-

burger, tater tots, lettuce, macaroni salad, pears, cookies. THURSDAY-*Fried chicken and bread or chef's salad, tossed salad, potatoes and

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Dimmitt Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 12:00 p.m. on August 27, 2001 in the Dimmitt I.S.D. Adminstration Building, 608 West Halsell Street.

determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

& Sinking Fund*

Total

\$1.320

\$1.226

\$1.365

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will

gravy, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice. FRIDAY-*Burrito or baked potato, chili, salad, vegetarian beans, pineapple, Rice

Krispie treats and milk or juice.

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

HART Breakfast

MONDAY-Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk. TUESDAY-Breakfast pizza, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers

WEDNESDAY—Waffles, pancake syrup, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast and

THURSDAY-Cinnamon toast, applesauce, variety of cereal, peanut butter bar, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and

FRIDAY-Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

MONDAY-Choices of hamburger with potato chips, com dog or steak fingers; mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, carrot sticks, oatmeal cookies and milk,

TUESDAY—Choices of burrito, com dog or sloppy Joe on a bun; corn, salad, peaches, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookies and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY-Choices of ham sandwich, burrito or chicken fajita; refried beans, salad, pears, peaches, brownie and milk,

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or enchilada casserole with chips; tortilla chips, com, salad, pineapple pudding, peaches, pears, assorted fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY-Choices of fish sandwich, hot dog on a bun with chili or chalupa; sliced cheese, salad, Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, peaches, pears, sugar cookie and milk, punch

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Local Revenue

Per Student

\$2,148

\$2,094

\$2,275

State Revenue

Per Student

\$3,428

\$3,482

\$3,602

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Hospital's CT Scanner has been a great investment

About that CT scanner (or "cat scan" machine) that was installed at Plains Memorial Hospital a year ago

The machine cost \$500,000, and the remodeling required to house it added another \$150,000 to the cost of the project.

Those are big figures for a single piece of equipment.

Yet in its first year of service, the CT scanner has already generated \$399,564 in revenue for the hospital district. And it's still as good as new, according to Deana Beames, head of the radiology department.

"The projection when we installed it was that we needed to do 20 scans a month to break even or make a little money," said Joe Sloan, the hospital district's chief executive

"We're running well ahead of that projection," he said. "The scanner is being well utilized by our community. We're averaging around 30 scans a month."

For the patient, the CT scanner provides a quick, simple, painless and accurate diagnostic test.

"There are different standard scans -chest, abdomen, pelvis, spine, extremeties, head," Beames said. "Essentially, you can scan any part of the body.

"We've used it a lot in trauma situations (on accident victims)," she said. "It gives the emergency room doctors an answer pretty quick as to whether we need to ship the patients out or keep them here."

"That's one area that has really paid off for us," Sloan added, "in that we're shipping out a lot fewer patients than we used to ship. The reason is that we have the diagnostic tool available that can keep those patients here, so that the money now stays in the county rather than go to Amarillo or Lubbock."

CT scans have to be ordered by a physician and conducted by a certified radiology technician.

The hospital district has four radiology technicians who know how to operate the CT scanner.

A group of radiologists affiliated with BSA Health System in Amarillo reads the scans.

"The scan is taken to them by courier," Beames explained. "Or, if it's an emergency situation, it's sent by "Telerad"—teleradiology. That's where you scan your film into a computer, and it sends an image by modem to a computer at BSA. Some of the physicians have units in their homes, and if it's the middle of the night and they're not at the hospital we send it to their home."

So, looking at the local CT scanner after a year of operation, it appears that the unit isn't costing-it's paying. And in addition, it's quite convenient to have close by.

"I think it has been worth the investment-in spades," Sloan said. "As I mentioned earlier, we planned on 20 procedures a month to break even and pay for the entire project. We're doing 50% more than that.

"That's that many more patients who stay here, that many more procedures that we get paid for here, to pay it off that much quicker."



RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN DEANA BEAMES One of the local CT scanner's four operators

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Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

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Average Market Value of Residences	\$33,190	\$39,807
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$18,190	\$24,807
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.320	\$ 1.365
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$240.11	\$338.62
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 98.51

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the votes of this district.

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.366. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1,366.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

> Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

\$1,658,155

DHS reminds parents, students of traffic rules

students today (Thursday) for the 2001-02 school year, and school officials would like to remind parents and students of a few transportation safety rules that pertain to driving on campus.

The west parking lot at the school is designated as a one-way lot. The two slots on the north side of the west parking lot (where the school buses are located) are for entering only. No vehicles should exit out of these two slots. Exiting cars are to leave from the southwest exit.

In the near future, "One-Way"

Dimmitt High School welcomed and "Do Not Enter" signs will be the building near the fence across allows you to park on the dirt, call erected to remind those who are driving in and around the west park-

> Students are expected to park in the areas designated for students and will not be allowed to park in the faculty, visitor or handicapped spots.

Students can purchase a parking spot on the paved lots for \$10. If you wish to buy a parking spot, call any Student Council member or talk to shield in the upper left-hand corner. Connie Dickerson at DHS

school or on the southwest side of have red sticker. To get a sticker that caution.

not allowed to park in the grass next 3105. to the building on the southwest side.

This year, all cars on campus—no matter where they are parked-will be required to have a parking sticker displayed.

have a green static cling sticker that is to be placed on the inside wind-

Teachers and students will have Students may also choose to park rearview mirror hanging tags, and on the dirt on either side of the students who park on the dirt will

The school zone speed limit is set at 20 miles per hour during the school day.

Also, drivers are reminded that if a Students who pay for a slot will bus is stopped with its red lights flashing, the driver must stop. The driver is not allowed to pass the bus until the red flashers have been turned off. If yellow flashers or no flashers are visible, the driver may pass the bus slowly and with extreme

"For everyone's safety, all who from the field house. Students are Harold Hinsley or Ms. Garcia at 647- come to campus are expected to follow the driving and parking

For more information, call the high school at 647-3105.

PCS offering aid with energy bills

Panhandle Community Services (PCS) is currently offering financial assistance with electric bills.

Assistance will be offered if certain income guidelines are met.

PCS is helping people in need because of the current energy crisis. SPS prices have gone up 30 percent this year and there have been several days of 100 degree weather.

This means that air conditioners are

running constantly at a higher cost

than before. "We are helping due to these two things," said Stella Devers, center coordinator.

The center can only help if there have been three 100 degree days during the billing period. "We will be able to help this month, but we don't know about the next one," said Devers. "It all depends on the weather."

PCS also has other programs to help people with their energy bills.

"We have a program for the elderly with limited incomes that can assist them with their four highest bills of the year, but we can only help with months that have not passed yet," said Devers.

Devers said that they also have a co-pay class for low income families. Families that participate in this program have to attend three classes, which are held once a month in conjunction with the Texas Cooperative Extension and taught by Marilyn

The classes are about energy conservation and can help people learn how to save money. By attending these classes, PCS can help them with five months of SPS or Energas

However, PCS is limited to the number of people that can participate in the program.

"We also have a weatherization program that I wish more people would take advantage of," said Devers. "If homes can be weatherized, it can help a lot with utilities."

She wants to help people in any way she can and says that people are extremely worried about their energy bills. "One elderly lady was only running her air conditioner every other day, and that can be a real health hazard," said Devers.

For more information about these energy programs and the income guidelines, call the PCS office at 647-3244.

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for another great school year!

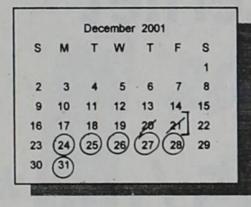
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Aug. 10	New Teacher Inservice
Aug. 13, 14	Teacher Inservice
Aug. 15	Teacher Preparation Day
Aug. 16	First Day of Instruction
Sept. 3	HOLIDAY
Oct. 19	1/2 Inservice/ 1/2 Student Holiday
Oct. 23-25	TAAS Tests
Nov. 21	Teacher Inservice/Student Holiday
Nov. 22-23	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Dec. 20, 21	1:00 p.m. dismissal for Students Staff Development for Teachers
Dec. 24-Jan. 2	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Jan. 2	Teacher Preparation Day
Jan. 3	First Day of Instruction after
	Christmas Holiday
Jan. 24	1/2 Student Holiday/Inservice
Jan. 25	HOLIDAY-Castro Co. Stock Show
Feb. 19-21	TAAS Tests
Feb. 22	Teacher Inservice/Student Holiday
March 11-15	SPRING BREAK
Mar. 27	TAAS Tests
Mar. 29	WEATHER DAY (Easter Break)
April 16-19	TAAS Tests
April 30	TAAS Tests

March 29 and May 3 will be Holidays.) REPORTING PERIOD Contact the building office in which your child is enrolled for this information.

TAAS Tests

WEATHER DAY

Teacher Workday

(If school is not dismissed because of bad weather,

1:00 p.m. dismissal for students

Staff Development for teachers

May 1, 2

May 22-23

May 3

GRADUATION Dimmitt High School......May 24, 2002

	School Calendar Codes
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Watch for weekly calendar of events.

Training set in Levelland for shooting sport coaches

pressed interest in competing in shooting sports, and an instructor in Levelland has planned a special class for those who would like to volunteer as coaches for the youths.

Rick Monger, a shooting instructor in Levelland, will offer a certification for coaches on Aug. 24 and 25. Registration fee is \$75 per per-

"This is as close and as cheap as it gets," said Rick Auckerman, Castro County Extension Agent. "I reserved space for three people, but I can reserve more, if needed. Please call the Extension office at 647-4115 if you want the program started in the county and are willing to lead."

Auckerman said only six area counties in this district have 4-H'ers competing in shooting sports, so there is room for county youths.

"This is an expensive program to

DISD alters dress code

Dimmitt Independent School District has changed its dress code for grades 4-12 for the 2001-2001 school year.

The length of shorts for boys and girls, and the lengths of skirts and dresses for girls have been changed to fingertip length.

no longer allowed to wear tube tops, shirts with spaghetti straps or halter

Several county 4-H'ers have ex- run and we will need a lot of help when it comes time to purchase guns, ammunition and targets," Auckerman said. "If you know of anyone interested in helping to sponsor the project, let us know. We will have fundraisers if we get certified instructors and enough youngsters willing to participate.2

'Meet the Bobcats' event to be held

The Dimmitt Booster Club is inviting all members of the community to "Meet the Bobcats." Attendees will be able to meet the 2001 football team, cross country team, cheerleaders and coaching staff.

The event will be held Friday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium. If it rains, the event will be held in the high school gym.

Free ice cream will be served after the event to all who attend until it

Band Booster Club to meet Monday

A Band Booster Club meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Band Hall. All fifth through 12th grade band

students are encouraged to be there.

They will have the opportunity to meet the new band director, Chris Brouillette. He will be the music and Also beginning this year, girls are band director for fourth through 12th

They will discuss activities for the new school year at the meeting.

THE DOVES ARE THICK!

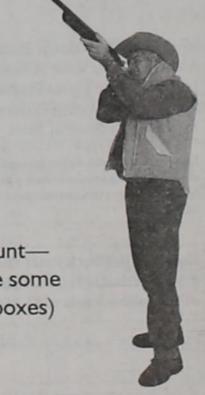
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Motorists driving in residential neighborhoods and school zones (which are usually marked with road signs) must watch for children, either as pedestrians or as riders entering and exiting school buses. Children move quickly and are often unpredictable in their actions. It is the driver's responsibility to keep an eye on them and react appropriately to what they may do. Here are some important tips to remember.

Drive slowly. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Watch for children playing and gathering near school bus stops.

Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state.

Learn the flashing light system that school bus drivers use to alert motorists about stopping.

★ YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS mean the bus is preparing to stop and load or unload children. Motorists need to slow down and prepare to stop.

★ RED FLASHING LIGHTS AND EXTENDED STOP ARM mean the bus has stopped and children are boarding or exiting the bus. Motorists must come to a complete stop a safe distance from the bus and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the arm is retracted, and the bus begins moving before they start driving again.

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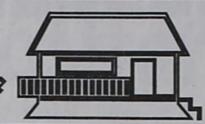
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2—Farms

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 THREE BEDROOMS, 1% baths, with adjoining efficiency apart-

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3—Real Estate For Rent

3-Real Estate For Rent

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-For Rent, Misc.

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7—Garage Sale

many other items.

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- 1. Homes and land for sale
- 2. Farms for sale
- 4. Things people want to rent
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- 9. Farm equipment and supplies 20. Help wanted
- 10. Agricultural services
- 11. Feed, seed and grain for sale 23. Lost and found 12. Farm produce for sale
- 14. Automobiles for sale
- 15. Recreational vehicles
- 3. Homes and apartments for rent 16. Auto parts and supplies
 - 17. Business opportunities
 - 18. Services
 - 18A. Insurance
 - 19. Students seeking work

 - 22. Notices
 - 24. Cards of thanks
 - 25. Legal notices

18—Services

13. Livestock and pets

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YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY CO., the John Deere construction equipment dealer for West Texas and the Panhandle has two positions open for service technicians and positions for parts counter person. All are at the Lubbock location. Insurance, 401K plus more. Contact Dean at (806) 763-0473.

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22—Notices

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6—For Sale, Misc.

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22—Notices

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE CLASSES Sept. 10-Oct. 6, 3:30 p.m.-7 p.m., M-F Financial assistance available to those who qualify. Call or come by for an application. Runningwater Draw Care Center Olton, Texas

CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to everyone for their cards, flowers, food, visits and phone calls during my stay in the hospital.

I did appreciate the cards from the Church of Christ Fellowship Class. Thanks family and neighbors.

> LOIS SCOTT 24-20-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you Bob and Darlene Walters for lining the yard at Canterbury Villa with those beautiful flowers and for your time spent there on this project. I have enjoyed them each time I drive up

And my special thanks goes to the Abundant Life Family Church for making my birthday the greatest 78th I've ever

> NORMA CONARD 24-20-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank my family, friends and everyone for their love and concern, food, phone calls, cards and donations that are very greatly appreciated. A special thanks to all the wonderful ladies at the Immaculate Conception Church for the meal of enchiladas that they donated, and also to all the ones that cooked at the square and helped in every special way. Thank you. I'm on my road to recovery with everyone's prayers. If I have missed thanking anyone personally, please accept this as one. Thanks again.

SANDY PENA & FAMILY 24-20-1tp

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

Construction/Maintenance Contract(s) District: Lubbock.

Contract: 1634-01-010 for REHABILI-TATION OF EXISTING ROAD in PARMER County, etc., will be opened on Sept. 5, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the State Of-

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's List, at the applicable state and/or district offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on

Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the state office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's web site at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contrac-

NPO: 4281

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

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

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

25-20-2tc

The honeymoon is over when your wife complains about the noise you make when you are getting breakfast.

Holy Lord, often I do not hear the silent cries for help of those around ne. Quiet me and make me more aware of those who are hurting.

Police Calls

ning of the month.

on the 1000 block of West Stinson ued at \$5. Street. The Pacific boy's bicycle was valued at \$150.

being charged with the crimes. The four juveniles have been arrested and charged with engaging in organized the 200 block of North Broadway. criminal activities. The adult has not been arrested as of yet.

A 47-year-old man reported Aug. 7 that a person ran away from his rested Aug. 9 on a warrant for a mihome on the 300 block of Southwest nor in possession of alcohol and the Third Street.

Yvette Barrera reported to police that an unknown suspect had scratched the hood and right fender of her Mazda vehicle on Aug. 8. The damage was valued at \$400.

Police investigated a report by Robert Espinosa Jr. that someone had stole items from his boat near the

500 block of Northwest Fifth Street. The suspect took a closed face

25—Legal Notices

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING AND PLACEMENT

Castro County Comprehensive SSA provides education for children ages three, four and five, who have problems in the areas of communication skills, concept development, and gross and/or fine motor skills

Also, programming for children with vision or hearing disabilities is available

Any child from birth through age 21 suspected of having a disability should be referred to the special education office for individual assessment as soon as possible. Parents or other interested individuals are urged to contact the special education office at 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, or phone (806) 647-3103 to schedule an appointment

25-19-2tc

AVISO PRUEBA PARA COLOCAMIENTO **DE NIÑOS PRE-ESCOLARES**

El Departamento de Educación Comprensivo del Condado de Castro Ofrece Educación para niños de tres, cuatro y cinco años de edad, que tiene probelmas en las áreas de habilidades de comunicación, desarrollo conceptivo, y coordinación macromotriz o micromotriz.

También, hay programacíon para niños con probelmas de visión o oido y son disponibles desde nacimiento.

Si usted sospecha que algun niño recien nacido hasta la edad de 21 y tiene disabilidades, es muy importante que sea recomendado a la oficina de educación especial para la evaluación individual lo mas pronto posible. Se les urge a los padres de familia y demas interesados que se comuniquen con la oficina de educación especial que esta localizada por la calle, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, llame al numero de telefono (806) 647-3103 para hacer una cita individual. 25-19-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2452 THE ESTATE OF J.B. MOORE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF **CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS**

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING **CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF** J.B. MOORE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of J.B. MOORE, Deceased, were issued to THELMA M. MOORE, on the 7th day of August, 2001, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows:

THELMA M. MOORE

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25-20-1tc

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Police have recovered all but one fishing reel/rod valued at \$14.99, a of the bicycles stolen at the begin- bait cast fishing reel/rod valued at \$29.99, a Plano three tray tackle box Veronica Casas of Dimmitt re- valued at \$19.99, fishing hooks, ported the latest bicycle stolen on weights and worms valued at \$40, Aug. 7. It was stolen from her home and a 5-quart Tek 2000 oil can val-

Another theft was investigated on Four juveniles and one adult are Sunday. Wade Maynard reported that someone stole a hubcap valued at \$150 off of a Chrysler vehicle near

> Those arrested in Castro County this week were:

- 19-year-old Hereford man, arpossession of a controlled substance over one gram, but under 200 grams.

- 26-year-old Hereford man, arrested Saturday for no driver's license and speeding.

- 38-year-old Dimmitt woman, arrested Sunday for disorderly con-

20-year-old Dimmitt woman, arrested Monday on two warrants for no driver's license, two warrants for violation of promise to appear, one warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility, one warrant for speeding, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no valid inspection certificate and no driver's li-

O Lord, when I am angry and upset, please calm me down. Help me to remember when I put trust in You, You will see me through the day.



10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, LAUNCH! As the summer school session came to a close in Dimmitt on June 28, students shot off rockets they had built in Paul Fry's class. Students pictured include Erica Lopez, Jessica Perez, Joe Alvarez, Anthony Navarro, Henry Ramirez, Baylie Smothermon, Michelle Gonzales, Joshua Cano, Manury Rodriguez, Steven Fernandez, Diego Salinas, Raul Casas, Omar Soto, Jacob Cardona and Dario Luna. The students calculated the height and speed of each rocket that was launched (right photo). The students also monitored a solar tube on the south end of the football practice field, and when the sun's heat warmed the tube, it floated.

Courtesy Photos

Justice court costs to increase Sept. 1

Defendants convicted of misde- tions will be a minimum of \$100 meanor offenses in county justice with a maximum fine set at \$200, courts will be shelling out more money in court costs after Sept. 1.

The 2001 Texas Legislature passed a law that allows counties to create a justice court technology fund by requiring a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor offense in a justice court to pay a technology fee not to exceed \$4 as a cost of court.

County commissioners agreed Monday to allow Justice of the Peace Tana Young to begin assessing the additional \$4 fee on Sept. 1. Defendants convicted of misdemeanor offenses will pay a total of \$55 in court costs with the additional technology fee.

The justice court clerk will collect the costs and the \$4 per case will be deposited in a fund to be known as the justice court technology fund.

Money from this fund may only be used to finance the purchase of technological enhancements for a justice court, including computer systems, computer networks, computer hardware, computer software, imaging systems, electronic kiosks, electronic ticket writers and docket management systems.

Young also informed commissioners about upcoming changes in fines for seatbelt violations involving minor children under the age of 17.

Young said all children 17 and under are required to wear safety belts while riding in a vehicle.

She said the fine for seatbelt viola-

plus court costs of \$55, for each violation.

In other action Monday, commissioners compared different health insurance plans offered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and elected to go with one that featured \$15 co-pay on office visits. Total premium cost for that particular plan will be \$513.54 per employee, and that's \$67.90 more than the premium per employee during the past year.

The prescription card will feature co-pays of \$5, \$15 and \$30. The previous plan included co-pays of \$5, \$10 and \$20.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said she had considered possible premium increases when figuring the 2001-02 budget, and had allowed \$520 per employee, per month, for health insurance, so the selected plan will work with the new budget commissioners are drafting.

Commissioners also agreed to allow James Baker of Baker Electric to replace a breaker box at a cost of \$700. In his bid, Baker said the breaker box is an unusual size and would have to be custom-built to fit the space.

The county discussed a pending legal matter in closed session, but took no action after reconvening in an open session.

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Obituaries

Bertha Huseman

Bertha C. Huseman, 77, of Amarillo, formerly of Nazareth, died on Aug. 8 in Amarillo.

A wake service was held Friday evening at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth

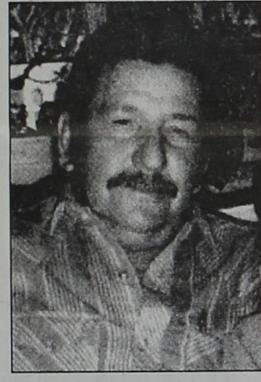
Funeral mass was held Saturday morning in Holy Family Catholic Church with Msgr. Joseph Tash officiating, assisted by Father Jerry Stein. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home, Inc.

She was born in 1924 in Umbarger. She attended public school in Umbarger and graduated from St. Mary's in Amarillo. She married Vincent Huseman in 1947 in Umbarger. They lived in Nazareth where they operated a dairy farm and raised seven children. Her special calling was caring for seriously ill family members. For several years after retiring from the dairy, she cared for elderly people in surrounding communities. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth and St. Thomas Catholic Church in Amarillo. She was a member of the Christian Mothers, Catholic Daughters of America and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent C. Huseman, on Dec. 11, 1996.

Survivors include three daughters, Yvonne Ehly of Amarillo, Theresa Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Kathleen Huseman; four sons, Kenneth Huseman of Midland, Timothy Huseman of Comanche, Ted Huseman of Amarillo and Gary Huseman of River Ridge, La.; three sisters, Martha Huseman of Amarillo, Anne Kleman of Amarillo and Emma Nihill of Anaheim, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, 79176.



Manuel L. Lopez

Manuel L. Lopez, 65, of Dimmitt, died on Aug. 11 in Arlington. Services were held Wednesday afternoon at Immaculate

Conception Church in Dimmitt. Arrangements were under the direction of Gonzalez Funeral Home of Dallas.

He was born Jan. 30, 1936 in Sonora. He had been a resident of Dimmitt since the 1950s. He was an independent truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva; his mother Margarita Lopez of Arlington; four sons, Frank of Grand Prairie, Manuel Jr., Adam and Daniel, all of Dimmitt; one daughter Anna of Arlington; two brothers, George and Jose of Dimmitt, two sisters, Julia Davila of El Paso and Felipa Ovalle of Santa Rosa; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-

Pallbearers were Frank Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Adam Lopez, Daniel Lopez, George Lopez, Jesse Lopez, Johnny Lopez and Angel Rascon.

Russel O'Brian

Funeral services for Russel O'Brian, 91, of Friona, were held Tuesday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Friona with the Rev. Don Boren officiating. Burial followed in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. O'Brian died Sunday.

He was born June 29, 1910, in Lyons, Kan. He moved to Friona in 1928. He was a farmer. He married Nora Hogue on Sept. 21, 1940, in Clovis, N.M. She died on Aug. 13,

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Carter of Dimmitt and Linda Chesher of Friona; a sister, Julia Fairchild of Friona; a brother, Tom O'Brian of Dimmitt; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Homer Ragland Jr.

Homer Ragland Jr., 72, of Lockney, formerly of Dimmitt, died Saturday in Lubbock.

Services were held Tuesday morning in the First Baptist Church of Lockney with the Rev. Gene Hawkins officiating, assisted by the Rev. Phillip Golden. Burial followed in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mr. Ragland was born Sept. 10, 1928, in Olton. He married Norma Vaughan on March 25, 1950, in Clovis, N.M.

He attended school in Dimmitt and moved to Lockney from Quanah in 1961. He was a retired route salesman for Texas Energy. He was a veteran of the US Navy, having served during World War II. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Lockney and the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Janice Cabler of Lockney; a brother, Jack Ragland of Odessa; two sisters, Melba Austin of Lockney and Billie Schacher of Plainview; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12A, Lubbock 79424.

Charles Whitman Jr.

Charles Whitman Jr., 54, of Happy, former Dimmitt resident, died last Thursday, Aug. 9, in Hereford.

Graveside services were held Saturday morning in Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon with his nephews Layne Holland, minister of Ranger Church of Christ, and Lyn Holland, officiating. Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Directors.

Mr. Whitman was born Jan. 12, 1947, in Happy. He grew up on his family's ranch near Happy and graduated from Happy High School in 1967.

He married Pat Warden in Amarillo in 1971. He had lived in Dimmitt and Hereford. For the past several years, he worked for Allsup's in Hereford. He was a gifted musician.

Survivors include his wife; and a sister, Kathy Holland of Happy.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Heart Association, 2404 W. Seventh Ave., Amarillo 79106.

What we learn after we know it all, is

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from the other side of the rainbow to make you appreciate your own side.) They're already in the process of buying one of those pretty homes

The Bradfords are good people, and I know you're going to like them and make them feel welcome here.

For some reason, I have this ability to "feel" the first hint of autumn. It's nothing that I've consciously developed; it's just a knack that I've had for some years now. Or that I think I've had.

Early Friday morning, I felt it.

I didn't feel it when I first went out before daylight to get the papers. It had sprinkled a little during the night, and the air was clean and clear and a little heavy then.

We get two dailies by home delivery, and only one was in the driveway the first time I went out.

Later, just about dawn, I went out to get the other paper. That's when I

The earth still smelled fresh, and the air was still clean; but this time there was a crispness in the air that hadn't been there earlier. It was definitely the "feel" of fall.

Sure enough, I learned a few minutes later on the Weather Channel that the first cold front of the summer was just coming down out of Can-

I was talking with Patti Kern, R.N., after Bertha Huseman's funeral Saturday at Nazareth, and mentioned the "feeling" I had had the previous morning. She told me how she knew that we'd have an early fall this year.

She has been seeing Monarch butterflies, and said they're especially numerous around Buffalo Lake right

When Monarchs show up in our area during the late summer, they're on their meandering way to their winter colonies in Mexico. And the pretty orange-and-black butterflies are early this year, Patti said.

(It didn't surprise me that Patti was that observant. I had watched her in action when she was with the Home Health Service and would check on my Dad while he was homebound.)

I hadn't paid attention to the Monarchs-hadn't even known to look for them, in fact-but sure enough, I saw two or three of them Saturday evening from our back porch. All of them were flying past; none were stopping to perch anywhere.

Go out and take a look this evening. You might see a Monarch butterfly, or a hummingbird.

And sniff the breeze while you're at it. (That is, if it's from the right direction!)



DISD eyes deficit budget despite maximum tax hike

proved a property tax rate of \$1.365 high school. Monday night—an increase of 41/2 cents, the maximum amount it could be raised by law without being subject to a rollback election.

DISD Business Manager John Chase told the board that the "rollback level" would be \$1.366.

"With a 41/2-cent increase, we're still looking at a deficit of over \$450,000" during fiscal 2002, Supt. Les Miller said.

During discussion, board members noted that the main culprits in the continuing fight against deficits have been fuel and utility costs and declining enrollment.

"As we discussed last year, it's going to be a multi-year deal to try to get back to a balanced budget" without forcing a rollback election, Board President David Schaeffer said.

He added, "There are school districts all over the state that are already at \$1.50 on their tax rates."

The board set Monday, Aug. 27 as the date for the required public hearing to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate. The hearing will be at 12 noon that day in the board room of the DISD Administration Building, 608 W. Halsell St.

After an executive session, the board hired two new teachers:

> Adam Rosales, physical education and high school assistant coach. > Linda Smyth, ninth grade initiative program.

Supt Miller told the News that the board also hired a new band director following a recent called meeting.

He is Chris Brouillette (pronounced Bru-yet), who will head up the band program at both DHS and DMS without an assistant

Brouillette succeeds Harold Hinsley, who is now devoting full time to

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These payments will be automati-

cally paid to eligible farmers who

will not have to file any forms or

visit any offices. All expenditures are

required to be made no later than

Beginning October 1, any remain-

ing funds become unexpendable.

Finally, maximum payment limita-

tions for the 2001 crop year loan

deficiency payments and marketing

loan gains have been increased from

The Act also provides for a

\$500,000 grant to each state and \$1

million to Puerto Rico to promote

agriculture. Additionally, each State

and will share \$133.4 million in

grants in amounts that represent the

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forth in the authorizing legislation.

September 30.

\$75,000 to \$150,000.

The Dimmitt School Board ap- his duties as assistant principal of the appraisers and the appraisal calendar

The board also approved a list of 27 substitute teachers for 2001-2002 during Monday night's meeting.

The DISD will take a big hit on the cost of its Worker's Compensation insurance for the coming year.

The premium will be \$90,949, up from \$60,000 this year. The trustees reluctantly approved the bid on the insurance program negotiated by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Bids were approved for a laundry list of products and services for the 2001-2002 school year.

On custodial supplies, contracts were divvied up among Hereford Janitorial Supply, Granger and Miller Paper Co., depending on which firm had the lowest bid on each product.

On fuels, the same two companies won the bidding on the same products as last year. They are West Texas Gas Co., 90¢ on propane fuel and \$5 per gallon on oil; and Dimmitt Consumers, Inc., 83¢ per gallon on gasoline and 87¢ on diesel fuel.

Schaeffer explained that the school district doesn't have to pay the taxes on fuels.

The board also approved a vendor list of almost 100 local, area and nationwide businesses to provide everything from library books to shop equipment during the coming school year.

In other action, the board:

> Named Linda Maxwell of the News and Wayne Collins of KDHN Radio to the state's "Media Honor Roll" and presented them with framed certificates commending them for their "balanced reporting of news about public schools."

> Approved a list of eight teacher

they are to follow.

> Approved the 2001-2002 District Goals as developed and recommended by a committee of teachers, parents and community represen-

> Named Barbara Bain the district delegate and Paul Garcia the alternate to the Texas Association of School Boards' Delegate Assembly, which will vote on statewide policies, regulations and political platforms next

> Approved a 289-page booklet of operating guidelines for special education for the Castro County Educational Cooperative, which Special Education Director Kay Gfeller said "basically just takes care of changes in the law.'

> Approved Beatrice Aguero as the parent representative on the Language Proficiency Advisory Committee, to serve all three campuses.

Concert will benefit Palo Duro Canyon

Red Steagall and R.W. Hampton will give a concert in Palo Duro Canyon's Pioneer Ampitheater on Sept. 8, and proceeds from the event will help maintain the state park.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person, and that includes a barbecue dinner before the show. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the concert at 8.

Tickets are available through Panhandle Tickets, 378-3096; or at the Amarillo Civic Center Box Of-

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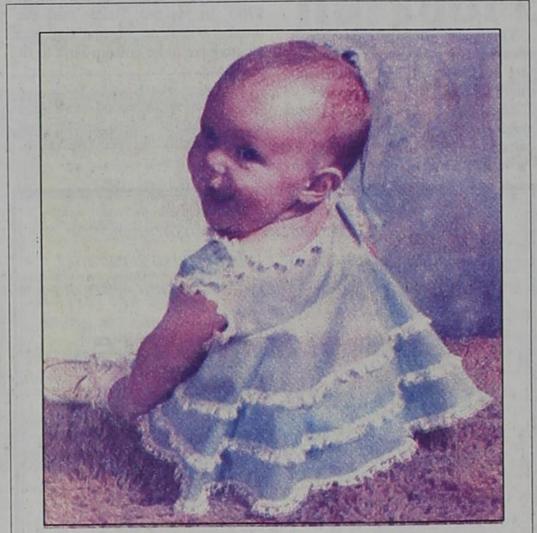
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Daughter, wife, mother, oh my! How quickly 30 years have gone by. And that nurse in Abilene thought she might hide, But we just couldn't let this opportunity slide. Life's a fun experience with *The Roach* around, Never knowing what may come next, we've found. She's been blamed for her Dad's gray hair and bad mood. Her News friends say she's a rude, crude canasta playing dude. We all thought of our special Rochelle today, With love and respect, and just wanted to say, This is just another birthday as time goes by, But when you realize it's three decades ... oh my! Love you—mean it!

Mom, Dad, Brent, Bryan, Grandmother Hoyler, Grandmother Portwood and The News Office Gang

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