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Near-tragedies at RR crossing spur crusade

A two vehicle-train accident and a near miss this week has led Sheriff CD Fitzgearld on a crusade to "light up" the railroad crossing on North US 385.

Doug Proffitt of Dimmitt didn't 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 their vehicles were totaled after striking 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.

The railroad crossing doesn't have warning lights, only signs posted along the north and southbound lanes. No flares were lit to alert oncoming traffic that a train was crossing 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

because people can't see the trains, either. Right now, the only warning motorists have at that location are little signs. There are no street lights on one side. The closest light is in the parking lot at Alco."

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

Proffitt was driving his car south on US 385 last Thursday, approaching the railroad crossing. He said he 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 a vehicle was coming on fast," Proffitt said. "I started tapping on my brakes to warn the driver and he did slow down, but was still doing 30 miles per hour or so when he hit me."

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

Parker's pickup struck Proffitt's

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

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 his car, then hit the train," Parker said.

"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 someday."

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

waiting for their response to my calls."

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.

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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. (Sometimes, 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

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 2000-crop oilseed producers on Sept. 7.

• \$84.7 million will be distributed 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-year-old Cecil Ward of Dimmitt was handed down by a Castro County grand jury last Thursday.

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

Dominguez' body beside the roadway.

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.

Preliminary autopsy results from 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.

Johnny Ray Baca, 17, of Friona, was indicted for intoxication assault

with serious bodily injury after an accident on July 29 near Summerfield.

Separate indictments were issued against five individuals for forgery of a financial instrument. Those indicted were Monica Veronica Lumbra, 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, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third offense or more.

Dimmitt, Hart schools will start this week

Summer vacation has drawn to a close for most Castro County students.

Students in Nazareth reported for classes on Monday and Dimmitt students will start school this morning. Hart students will report for school next Monday, Aug. 20.

Hart

Hart's first day of school is Monday, Aug. 20. Their first bell will ring at 8:00 a.m.

Students new to the district and those not already registered will register on the first day.

Registration for Hart students concludes this Friday with eighth graders registering at 8 a.m. and seventh graders registering at 10 a.m.

Dimmitt

High School

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.

Principal R.L. Stockstill will intro-

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

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 class.

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

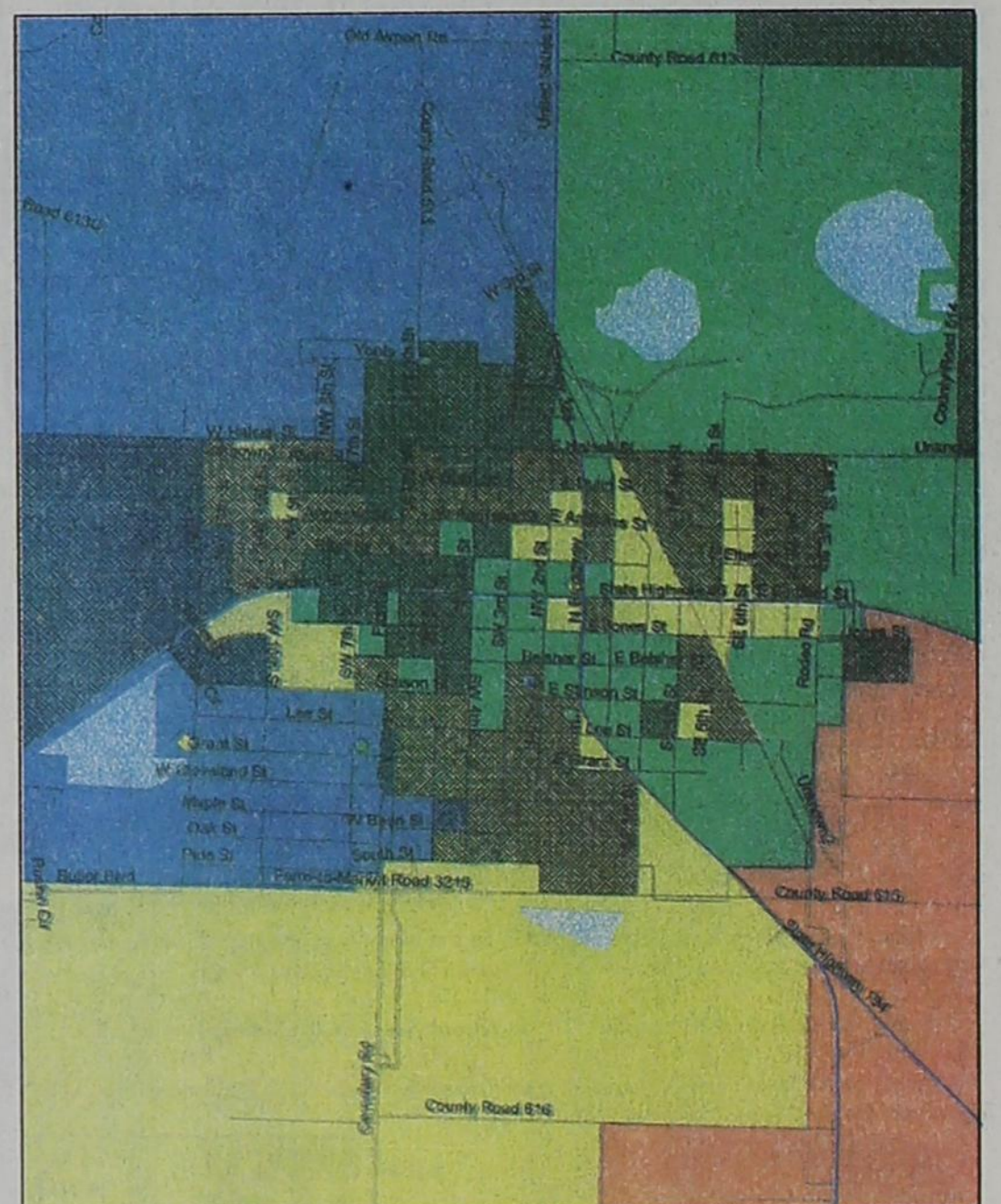
Middle School

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 a.m.

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.



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

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Rain!

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	94	59	
Friday	95	61	
Saturday	89	62	0.08
Sunday	89	64	0.43
Monday	89	64	0.76
Tuesday	82	62	0.02
Wednesday	85	63	

August Moisture 1.29
2001 Moisture 15.10

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

News to have new publisher

Management of the *Castro County News* will change hands Sept. 1 when Chris Bradford succeeds Don Nelson as publisher.

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, Brownwood and Weatherford.

Bradford is a Marine Corps veteran.

He and his wife, Joye, have four grown children and seven grandchildren. They are active members of the Church of Christ.

The change of ownership will mark the end of an era here. The *News* has been published by the Nelson family since 1943, when Nelson's father, B. M. Nelson, purchased the newspaper from T. A. Singer and Pete Whitlow. Don Nelson has been the editor 35 years and sole owner 17 years.

A retirement reception for Nelson is planned for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9.

Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



Brockman thankful to be home after lung transplant

By SUSAN BOOK

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 Shirley.

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.



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 different."

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 hours."

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 life.

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

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

You can buy flattery but envy must be earned.

Letter

Congratulations on retirement

Dear Don and Verbie Nelson, Congratulations upon the sale of the Castro County News and the soon to be "joining the ranks of the retired."

I feel certain the title of retired will 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

times of announcing an anniversary, a new birth or marriage of a friend or relative. There are also the articles about our children's achievements be it community, military, college, high school or job-related, that only a community such as ours can appreciate.

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 presence with camera, pencil and pad

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



POST-PRODUCTION CREW OF SYNDICATED TELEVISION SERIES, 'VIP' ... While we're watching their TV show, they're reading about us

Letter

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

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to the best 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 entertaining to them.

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, cover to cover.

The VIP crew asked my husband some time ago, "Do you think the Castro County News would publish a

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, and the co-producer Tony.

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 continuing excellence in publishing the Cas-

tro County News.

Your devoted fans, Keitha Scott & Bill Thiederman Los Angeles

(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 late J.G. Davis of Dimmitt, was in 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 can't hold a candle to her.)

Nazareth ISD seeking alumni

The Alumni Committee of Nazareth Independent School District is compiling a list of all graduates of NISD.

They are asking people to send their addresses, those of their children, siblings, classmates, and anyone else they know that graduated

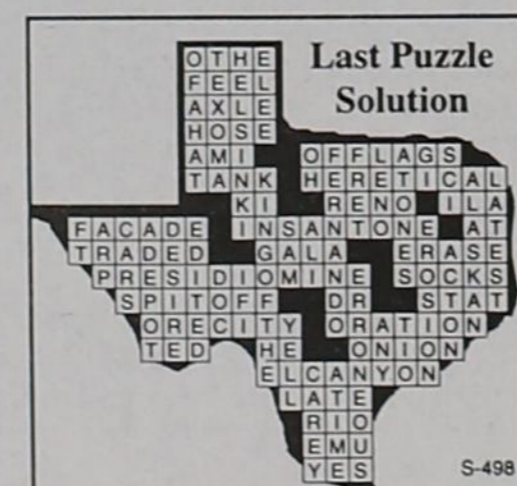
from Nazareth.

Please send them to Vera Ramaekers, P.O. Box 196, Nazareth, TX 79063; Vera Huseman, P.O. Box 72, Nazareth, TX 79063; Tonya Schulte, P.O. Box 213, Nazareth, TX 79063; Mary Beth Gerber, P.O. Box 232, Nazareth, TX 79063; or Sandee Hoelting, P.O. Box 122, Nazareth, TX 79063.

One can also call them at these numbers: Vera Ramaekers, (806) 945-2598; Vera Huseman, (806) 945-2264; Tonya Schulte, (806) 945-2234; Mary Beth Gerber, (806) 945-2297; or Sandee Hoelting, (806) 945-2348.

Also available is the e-mail address: nazexstu@hotmail.com.

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



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Crossword puzzle titled 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes clues for across and down words.

The Castro County News publication information, including contact details, subscription rates, and member information.

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.

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

Nancy Fuller, Sue Stahl, Brenda Bruton, Trudy Jackson, Waurayne

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 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 people who are slow to embrace the Christian way of life.

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 Ele-

mentary 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 Truman.

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 Hereford. 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.



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 Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Monday morning was a special 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 flag.

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 System.

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.

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.

A very large crowd from Nazareth, Dimmitt, Hart and the surrounding area enjoyed a Mexican fiesta meal Sunday at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Proceeds from the benefit luncheon 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.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the center on Sunday evening for dinner, socializing and card playing or dominoes. Johnny Schacher, Ed Ramaekers, Richard Entrekin, Gin Huseman, Catherine Huseman and Marion Durbin were all recognized for having birthdays in August.

Our sympathy to the family of Bertha Huseman, 77, of Amarillo, who died Aug. 8 in Amarillo.

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 Klemman, both of Amarillo, and Emma Nihill of Anaheim, Calif; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Attending the funeral of Bruce Klemman, 44, son of Etta Mae Sellers and the late Paul Klemman, at Sallisaw, Okla., were Dorothy Klemman, Lee and Jackie Klemman, Dwayne and Sheryl Klemman, Judy Klemman, Denny and Dolores Heiman, Wayne Heiman, JoAnne 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 spent as a child at the Klemman dairy in Vian, Okla., with the Klemman family, Donna Klemman, Craig's wife, and Denice, his sister, also gave lovely eulogies.

Music was furnished by the Nazareth group attending.

Prayers are asked for Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Elma Schacher and Julia Baca.

Friena plans cancer walk on Aug. 25

Friena's Second Annual Cancer Walk will be held at the Friena High School football stadium on Saturday, Aug. 25.

The two-mile event will begin at 9 a.m. Early registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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.

Chamber taking entries for Harvest Days parade

One of the highlights of the annual 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. The parade will feature divisions for business floats, antique cars, bicycles, civic floats, antique tractors, 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 Castro County Expo Building, where a full slate of activities are planned throughout the day.



MR. AND MRS. SCOTT STEVENS
... She's the former Kay Corbin

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stevens establish home in Lubbock

Kay Corbin and Scott Stevens were married on Aug 1 in an afternoon, double-ring ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace Tana Young. The couple exchanged their vows at the Centennial Plaza gazebo on the courthouse square in Dimmitt. The bride is the daughter of Larry and Jackie Corbin of Lubbock. The groom is the son of Kaye Stevens of Albuquerque, N.M., and the late Bill Stevens. The couple's immediate family including the bride's parents, the groom's mother and Wannie Stevens of Dimmitt, grandmother of the groom, attended the wedding. A small reception followed in the home of Wannie Stevens. A two-tiered white wedding cake decorated with purple flowers was served to guests along with punch. The couple are living in Lubbock where the bride is employed by Dr. Scott Hill as a dental technician and the groom is involved in the race horse business.

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 America," 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." 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."

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.

Happy sets celebration

A parade, craft show, barbecue, 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 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-timers reunion will begin at 11 a.m., and it will include a barbecue luncheon which is free to those 65 and older. The Top of Texas Cloggers will perform at 11:30 a.m., then the barbecue will be open to the public beginning at 12 noon. Another performance by the Cloggers is slated for 1 p.m. A "Little Britches" rodeo and a washer pitching contest will start at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Happy Rodeo Arena. 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 night.

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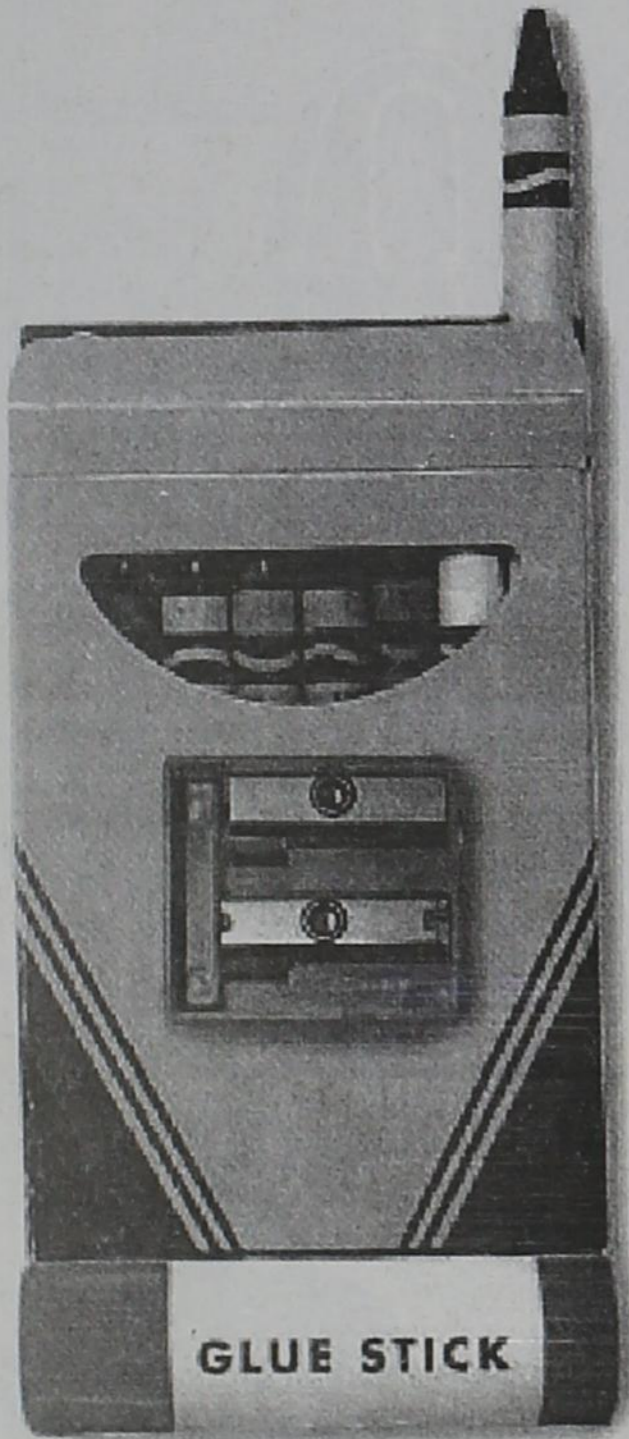
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Kimberly Galloway and Johnny Reverb

Blues concert scheduled Aug. 26 at Home Mercantile

An evening of blues music headlined by Kimberly Galloway and Johnny Reverb will be held in Nazareth on Aug. 26 at the Home 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 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

Holston, grew up in Amarillo but left at age 19 to pursue a dream of success in the music business. He spent 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, something she had not previously 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.



Who's New

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-year-old Kyle. Grandparents are Donny and Wanda Nelson of Dimmitt and Ken and Vicki McMillan of Plano. Great-grandparents are Alma Nelson of Dimmitt, John and Nell Hrabal of Clarksville, Clairbell McMillan of Lubbock and Mary Jo Briley of Odessa.

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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.

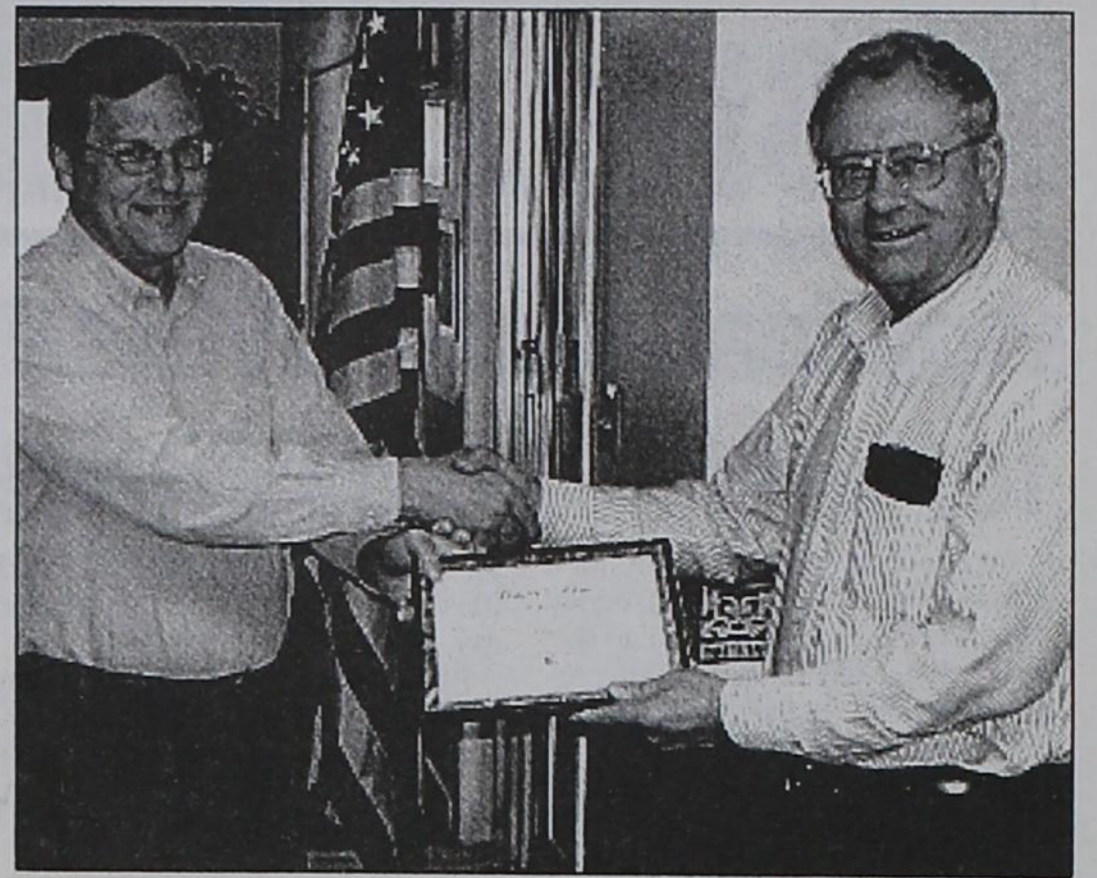
3. Allow children to express their anxiety to you. They may have

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, or 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.



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

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

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 mu-

sic, food and games; and to the Senior 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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Application deadline set for graze-out payment

Producers planning to apply for a graze-out payment on wheat, barley or oats have until Aug. 31 to do so.

To trigger payments for this program, a loan deficiency program (LDP) rate must be in effect on the date requested.

The LDP rate is in effect on wheat when the posted country price goes below the county loan rate of \$2.63 per bushel.

Producers who have grazed out wheat, barley or oats, should monitor

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

LDP rates can be obtained from various sources such as the Internet, elevators, radio agriculture reports or by calling or stopping by the FSA office.

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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 energy company.

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.

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

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

Farm Service Agency update

By TRISH ELLIOTT, FSA County Executive Director

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.

◆ 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

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 harvest.

◆ 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 crop.

◆ 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.

Non-Insured Crop

Assistance Program

The Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (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 pasture.

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.

Water district challenges Fish and Wildlife Service

The High Plains Underground 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 the Arkansas River shiner.

The group filed a Notice of Intent to sue the Fish and Wildlife Service on July 18.

The Arkansas River shiner is a small minnow once abundant in the main channels of wide, sandy-bottomed rivers and streams in the Arkansas River basin.

Today these minnows can only be found in the Canadian River in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

"Coalition members believe that the costly regulatory burden for the private sector, federal agencies and the Fish and Wildlife Service itself far outweighs the conservation benefits for the shiner," said Jim Conkwright, High Plains Water District manager.

"This designation does not address primary threats to the shiner and how they will be overcome. Because of this, we feel that the designation is not prudent," said Conkwright.

The Fish and Wildlife Service listed the Arkansas River shiner as "threatened" under the Endangered

Species Act in November 1998.

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 sides of the river, as critical habitat.

This designation applies to portions of the Arkansas River in Kansas, the Cimarron River in Kansas and Oklahoma, the Beaver/North Canadian River in Oklahoma and the Canadian/South Canadian River in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

About 98 percent of the critical habitat area is under private ownership, and coalition members feel that most of the regulations will be indirect with little or not actual benefit to the shiner.

Also, the group is concerned about how the designation will impact rights of states and landowners to use water in areas adjacent to the designated areas.

The Arkansas River shiner coalition is made up of 26 groups that serve members or constituents being harmed by the Fish and Wildlife Service's designation of a critical habitat for the Arkansas River shiner in six river basins across four states.

Emergency haying, grazing of CRP approved in county

Castro County producers may graze livestock or bale grass from certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands through Sept. 30, thanks to a special emergency declaration.

CRP 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 plan to include grazing or haying requirements as determined by the Natural Resource and Conservation

Service (NRCS) to see if your CRP is eligible to be grazed or hayed before you file a request in the FSA office.

◆ 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 haying authority.

◆ 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 the livestock producer will receive notification of County Committee approval.

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MORNING SHOW	7 to 8 a.m. daily Weather forecast, local news, birthdays, anniversaries, American Folk Song, school lunch menus, Good Neighbor
SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL TALENT	8:00 a.m. daily
MARKET REPORTS	40 past the hour, starting at 9:40 a.m., M-F

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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 sandwich, grape juice and milk.
MONDAY—Rice Krispie treats, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY—Strawberry Danish, peaches and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Super donuts, fresh bananas 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—Corn dogs, savory peas, fried okra, fruited gelatin, and white milk or chocolate milk.
WEDNESDAY—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas, fresh banana, white hot rolls and white milk or chocolate milk.
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 milk or chocolate milk.

2nd-12th Grades
THURSDAY—Choices of hamburger, Italian spaghetti or fajitas with onions and peppers; French fries, savory green beans or frijoles refrito; 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,

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 punch.

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 cornbread; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY—Choices of fried chicken, bean chalupe or hoagie submarine sandwich; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or vegetable medley; tossed salad, fresh banana or hamburger salad; white hot rolls, cornmeal 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 punch.

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 juice and milk.

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 corn dogs, tossed salad, peas, peaches, dump cake and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY—*Sandwich or hamburger, tater tots, lettuce, macaroni salad, pears, cookies.
THURSDAY—*Fried chicken and bread or chef's salad, tossed salad, potatoes and 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 and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Waffles, pancake syrup, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast and milk.
THURSDAY—Cinnamon toast, applesauce, variety of cereal, peanut butter bar, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY—Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch
MONDAY—Choices of hamburger with potato chips, corn dog or steak fingers; mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, carrot sticks, oatmeal cookies and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY—Choices of burrito, corn 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, punch or tea.
THURSDAY—Choice of corn dog, burrito or enchilada casserole with chips; tortilla chips, corn, 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 chalupe; sliced cheese, salad, Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, peaches, pears, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

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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 last week:

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 officer.

"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."

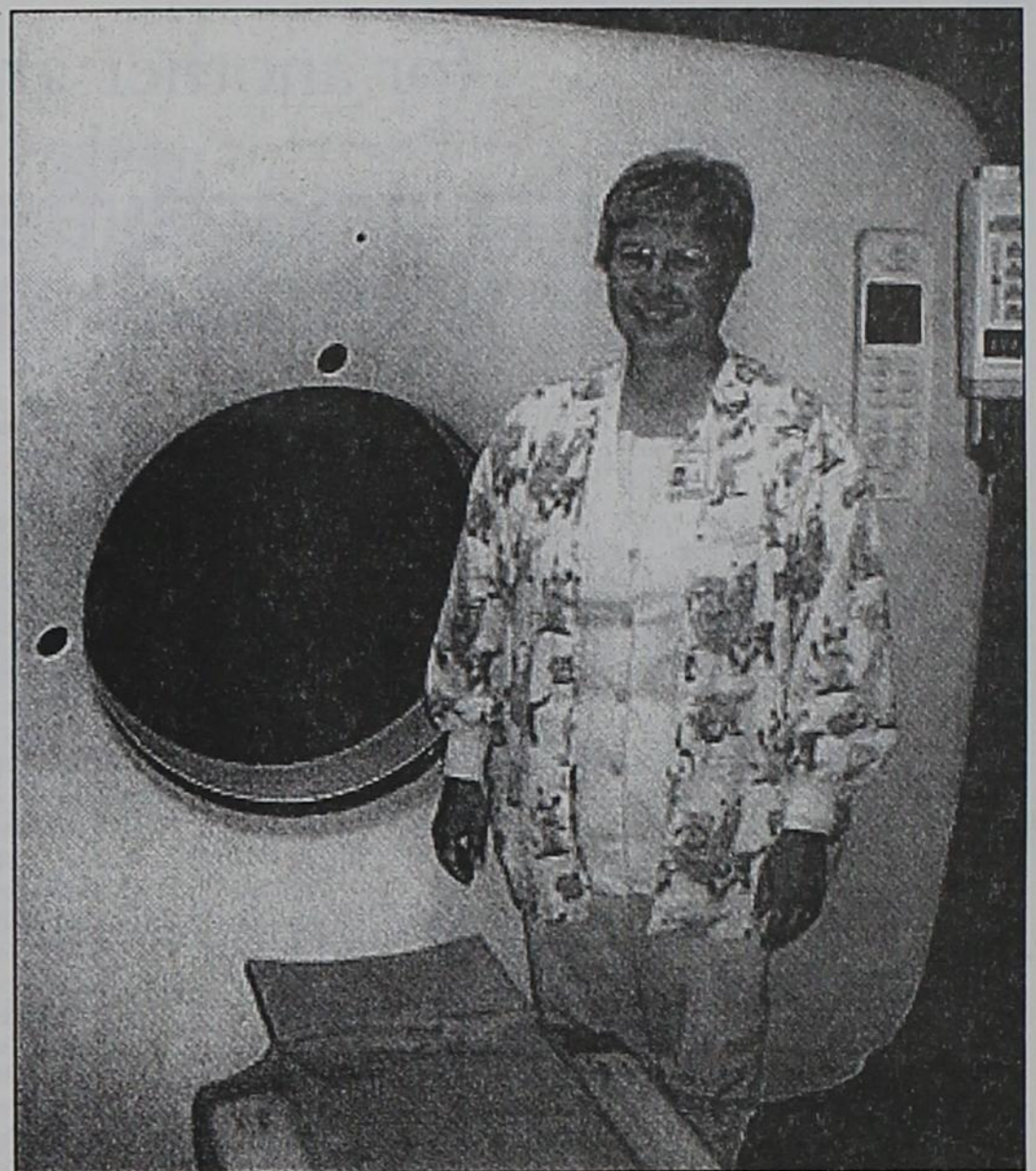
For the patient, the CT scanner provides a quick, simple, painless and accurate diagnostic test.

"There are different standard scans—chest, abdomen, pelvis, spine, extremities, 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.



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

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.

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. Administration Building, 608 West Halsell Street. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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 another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.320		\$1.320	\$2,148	\$3,428
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.226		\$1.226	\$2,094	\$3,482
Proposed Rate	\$1.365		\$1.365	\$2,275	\$3,602

*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.

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

	Last Year	This Year
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

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 value.

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)	\$1,658,155
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

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DHS reminds parents, students of traffic rules

Dimmitt High School welcomed 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"

and "Do Not Enter" signs will be erected to remind those who are driving in and around the west parking lot.

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 Connie Dickerson at DHS.

Students may also choose to park on the dirt on either side of the school or on the southwest side of

the building near the fence across from the field house. Students are not allowed to park in the grass next 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.

Students who pay for a slot will have a green static cling sticker that is to be placed on the inside windshield in the upper left-hand corner.

Teachers and students will have rearview mirror hanging tags, and students who park on the dirt will have red sticker. To get a sticker that

allows you to park on the dirt, call Harold Hinsley or Ms. Garcia at 647-3105.

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

Also, drivers are reminded that if a 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 caution.

"For everyone's safety, all who come to campus are expected to follow the driving and parking

rules," Hinsley said.

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 Neal.

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 bills.

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.

Training set in Levelland for shooting sport coaches

Several county 4-H'ers have expressed 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 person.

"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

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."

'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 runs out.

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 band director for fourth through 12th grades.

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

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.

Also beginning this year, girls are no longer allowed to wear tube tops, shirts with spaghetti straps or halter tops.

Welcome Back, Students and Faculty for another great school year!

DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2001-2002 CALENDAR

August 2001						
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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
May 1, 2	TAAS Tests
May 3	WEATHER DAY
May 22-23	1:00 p.m. dismissal for students Staff Development for teachers
May 24	Teacher Workday

(If school is not dismissed because of bad weather, March 29 and May 3 will be Holidays.)

REPORTING PERIOD
Contact the building office in which your child is enrolled for this information.

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

School Calendar Codes	
X	- New Staff Inservice
△	- Inservice/Student Holiday
○	- School Holiday
[]	- Reporting Period Begins/Ends
T	- TAAS Testing Days
/	- 1/2 Day Holiday (Students Only)
○*	- Snow Day/Student Holiday
△C	- Comp Day

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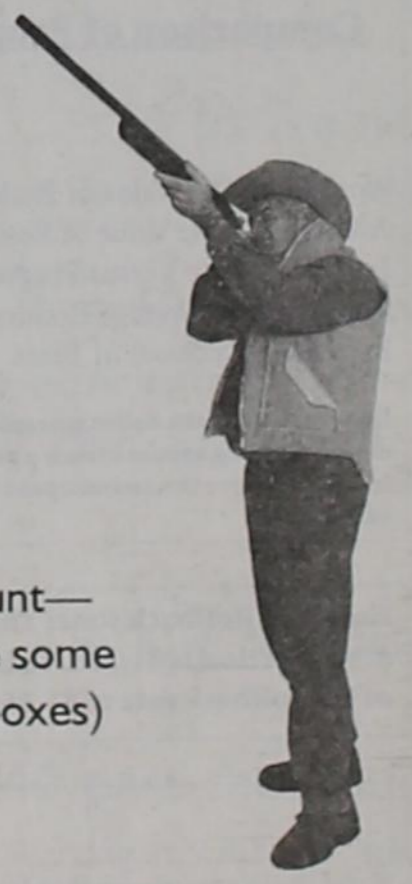
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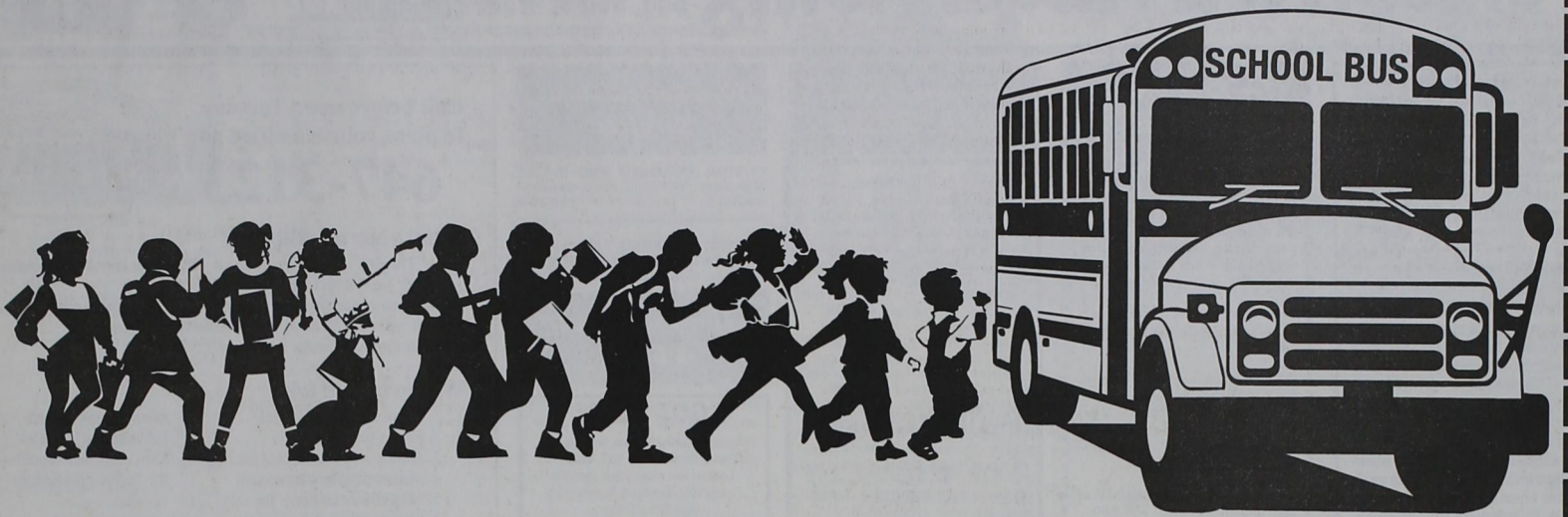
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Drive slowly. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.

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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22—Notices

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24—Card of Thanks

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.
 Love,
 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 had!
 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 PEÑA & 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 REHABILITATION OF EXISTING ROAD IN PARMER County, etc., will be opened on Sept. 5, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified 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 a project.

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 contractor.

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State Office
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 Austin, Texas 78704
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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.
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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 me. Quiet me and make me more aware of those who are hurting.

Police Calls

Police have recovered all but one of the bicycles stolen at the beginning of the month.

Veronica Casas of Dimmitt reported the latest bicycle stolen on Aug. 7. It was stolen from her home on the 1000 block of West Stinson Street. The Pacific boy's bicycle was valued at \$150.

Four juveniles and one adult are being charged with the crimes. The four juveniles have been arrested and charged with engaging in organized 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 home on the 300 block of Southwest 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

fishing reel/rod valued at \$14.99, a bait cast fishing reel/rod valued at \$29.99, a Plano three tray tackle box valued at \$19.99, fishing hooks, weights and worms valued at \$40, and a 5-quart Tek 2000 oil can valued at \$5.

Another theft was investigated on Sunday. Wade Maynard reported that someone stole a hubcap valued at \$150 off of a Chrysler vehicle near the 200 block of North Broadway.

Those arrested in Castro County this week were:

- 19-year-old Hereford man, arrested Aug. 9 on a warrant for a minor in possession of alcohol and the possession 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 conduct.

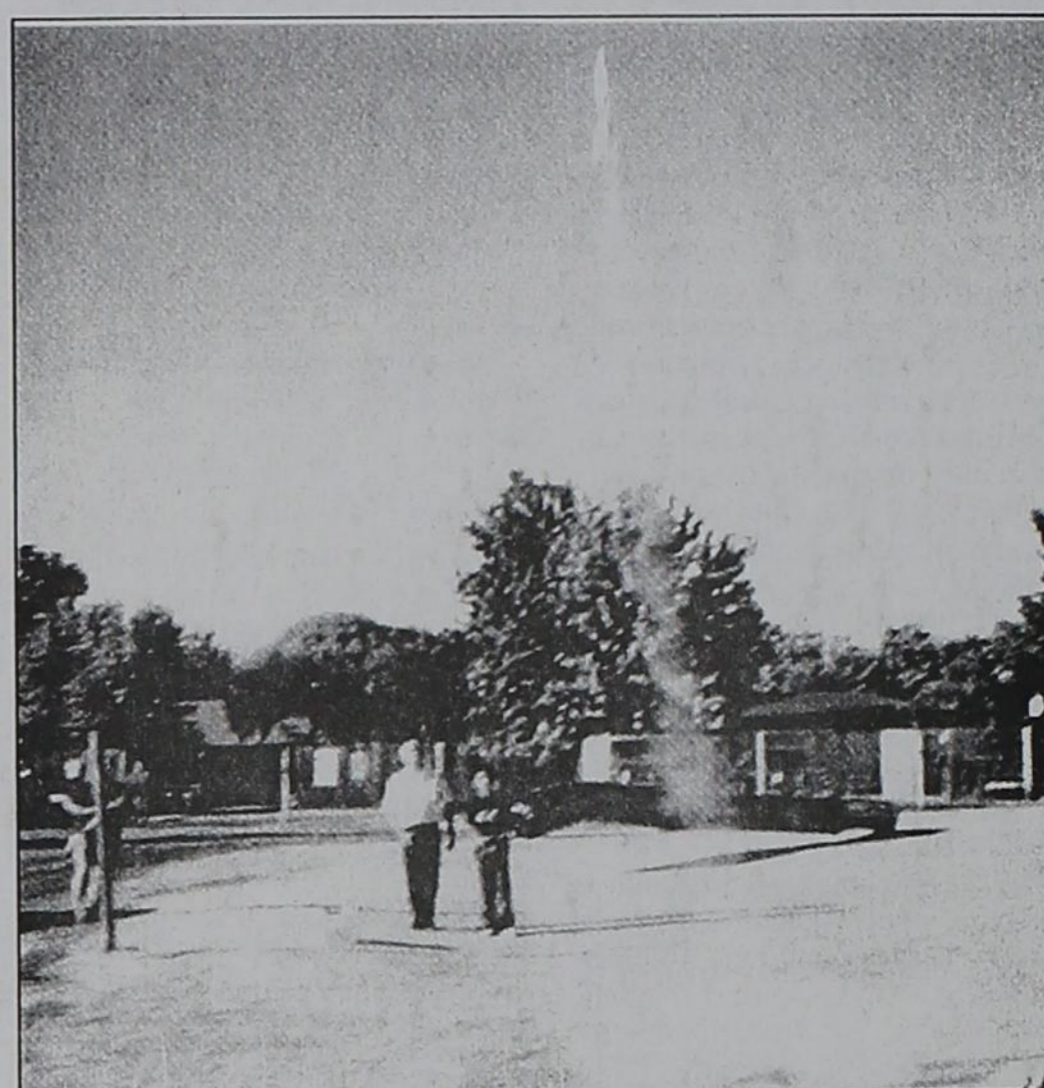
- 20-year-old Dimmitt woman, arrested Monday on two warrants for no driver's license, two warrants for violation of promise to appear, one warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility, one warrant for speeding, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no valid inspection certificate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

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



25—Legal Notices

NOTICE EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING AND PLACEMENT

The 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 from birth.

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.
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AVISO PRUEBA PARA COLOCAMIENTO DE NIÑOS PRE-ESCOLARES

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

También, hay programación para niños con problemas de visión o oído y son disponibles desde nacimiento.
 Si usted sospecha que algún niño recién nacido hasta la edad de 21 y tiene discapacidades, 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.
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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
 511 W. JONES
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 25-20-1tc

Justice court costs to increase Sept. 1

Defendants convicted of misdemeanor offenses in county justice 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-

tions will be a minimum of \$100 with a maximum fine set at \$200, 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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