

Dimmitt and Hart schools are 'acceptable'

Nazareth ISD earns 'exemplary' rating

The Texas Education Agency rated Nazareth High School and Nazareth Elementary School as "exemplary" while schools in Dimmitt and Hart all earned "acceptable" ratings.

The "exemplary" rating is the highest rating possible in the state's accountability system, according to the Texas Education Agency. The "acceptable" rating is the third highest rating received.

Local schools earning the accept-

able rating are Dimmitt High School, Dimmitt Middle School, Richardson Elementary School, Hart Elementary School and Hart Junior High/High School.

This year, 1,110 campuses earned an exemplary rating, compared with 1,048 in 1998. The number of acceptable campuses dropped from 3,365 in 1998 to 3,150 this year.

Accountability ratings are based on dropout rates, attendance rates and

passing rates on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), an examination given to students in grades 3-8 and 10. Individual schools can earn ratings of "exemplary," "recognized," "acceptable," "low-performing" or "acceptable: data issues."

"Texas students and educators lived up to the high expectations we set for them," said Commissioner of Education Mike Moses. "We are

very proud of their remarkably strong showing.

"We thought we might see a drop in the number of schools and districts receiving the top two ratings this year ("exemplary" and "recognized") because we added a significant number of tested students into the accountability system," Moses said. "Instead, our students continued to build on the legacy of excellence that is developing in Texas public

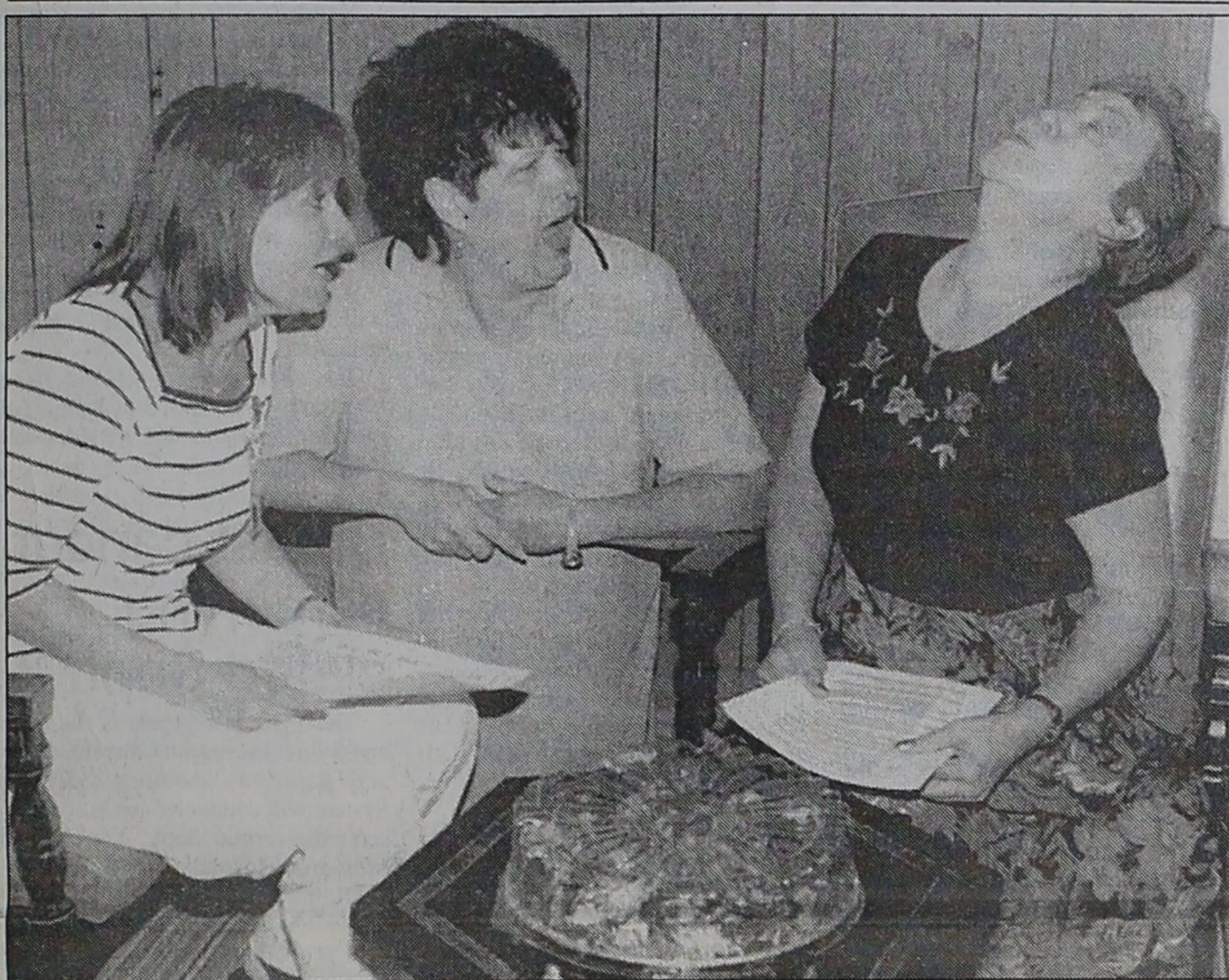
schools."

To achieve the "exemplary" rating, a school or district had to have at least 90% of its total students, as well as its African-American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged students pass the reading, writing and mathematics portions of the TAAS test. "Exemplary" standards also require an annual dropout rate of 1% or less for all students and each student group, and an attendance rate

of at least 94%.

Districts and campuses had to jump a higher hurdle this year to achieve "acceptable" status. Following the past practice of increasing the TAAS accountability standards by 5% a year, a district or campus was required to achieve a 45% TAAS passing rate on all subjects for all students and student groups to be eligible for this rating. That com-

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A HOWLING GOOD TIME—"Estelle" (right), played by Kaye Stevens, confesses that she has become the town werewolf. Exhibiting amazement at her announcement are "Joyce" (left), played by Trudy Jackson, and "Marian" (center), played by

Cheryle Pybus, in the latest episode of "As the Stomach Turns," which will be presented as a part of the Follies on Saturday and Sunday at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Follies '99 to feature skits, music, and more

Over 20 acts are slated for a big helping of entertainment at the two performances of the Follies, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

Sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, the performances will feature three skits, numerous musical presentations, a dramatic recitation, a balloon trick and more.

Tickets are \$3 per person if purchased in advance or \$5 per person if purchased at the door. Advance tickets are available at the Chamber, Tots and Teens, Village Shop, First Bank Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch, First United Bank, and Hereford Texas

Federal Credit Union. Sunday afternoon, children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

The first skit of the evening will be "As the Stomach Turns," featuring Cheryle Pybus as "Marian," Kaye Stevens as her friend "Estelle," Trudy Jackson as Marian's daughter "Joyce," Chuck Braafladt as "The Man From the Automobile Club," Wayne Proffitt as "Rabbi Feldman," and Charles Axtell as "Father Colucci."

Later in the program, "The Howl and the Pussycat" will be performed by Stella Devers as "Bobo," Jerry Peña as "Schuyler," Charles Axtell as "Daddy" (the father of Bobo and

Schuyler), Wayne Proffitt as "Donald Crowley," and Shelly Nutt as "The Maid."

"Alice Portnoy in the Hospital" will be the final skit of the evening. Dick Schacher will portray "Mr. Cross," Ricky Kuntz will be "Mr. Cross's Brother-in-law (the doctor)," Donna Kuntz will be "The Nurse," Jennifer Harmonson will be "Alice Portnoy," and Joslyn Harmonson will play "Alice's Fireside Friend."

The evening's events will start off with a musical presentation by Tami Griffitt. She will sing "The Way We Were." Later she will join Debra Ball and Elaine Hazel in a trio, singing "Stand Up and Be Strong." At the end of the program she also will sing "It Was Your Song," accompanied by the entire Follies cast.

Instrumental performances will include Cailee Gilbreath with three selections on her violin, and the Nazareth Oompah Band with some selections. The band includes Craig Birkenfeld, Jason Birkenfeld, Mark Birkenfeld, Ross Birkenfeld, Andrew Brockman, Brett Hoelting, Koty Huseman, Quentin Jones, Rebecca Olvera, and Kristi Ramaekers. They

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	92	65	
Friday	94	60	
Saturday	86	61	
Sunday	92	63	
Monday	92	58	
Tuesday	96	63	
Wednesday	94	60	

August Moisture 7.70
1999 Moisture 26.83

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

Courthouse attempting to cool with 'open door policy' and fans

Although the Castro County Courthouse has established a new "open door policy" due to an air conditioning malfunction, the doors of some individual offices may be closing early each day to protect overheated computer systems and employees.

"If you have courthouse business, it might be a good idea to call first before you come in to make sure the appropriate office will be open," said County Judge Irene Miller.

At an emergency meeting Friday, the commissioners voted to authorize Danny Newton of Newton Electric to go ahead with plans to repair the cooling system. He told the commissioners that a "chiller" unit has already been ordered. He said some temporary portable cooling units also had been ordered and were to have

arrived by Monday for use in three locations in the courthouse.

Newton introduced Greg Spencer of Texas Trane of Lubbock, the company that will help with the ordering and installing of the new system, along with Armstrong Mechanical of Lubbock.

Spencer said the chiller unit will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$26,000. A total project bid was unavailable at the Friday meeting. Spencer said their recommendation for the project includes removal of the old chiller and condenser, replacement of the chiller pump, replacement or removal of several valves, and rerouting some of the piping.

He said it also would include cutting off and capping lines that will no

longer be in use. Some of the lines that are accessible will be removed. He said he saw no need to tear out walls and such just to pull out the old lines, when they can be capped off.

Spencer said the old chiller unit is in the basement and the condensers are on the roof. All of that will be removed and placed on a cement pad next to the generator building on the

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Nine are indicted

Nine people were indicted by the 242nd District Court Grand Jury that met last Thursday in Dimmitt, with Judge Ed Self presiding.

Francisco Ortega Lopez, 37, of Hart, was indicted on first degree felony charges of aggravated kidnapping, deadly force. His bond was set at \$20,000. The charge stated that on July 29, Lopez abducted John Paul Mendez with the intent to terrorize Mendez and used or threatened to use deadly force, namely threatened to shoot Mendez, and did exhibit a deadly weapon—a rifle—during the commission of the offense.

Daren Leon Dever, 35, of Hart, was indicted on charges of aggravated assault, serious bodily injury, and his bond was set at \$15,000. The charge against him stated that on July 6 he caused serious bodily injury to Christopher Ben Barrera by hitting him with his fist and kicking him with his feet.

Burglary of a habitation was the charge on the indictment against Izea Price, 40, of Dimmitt. Bond was set at \$10,000. According to the charge, Price entered a habitation on Aug. 6 with the intent to commit theft and without the consent of the owner, Ruby Price.

The indictment against John Gonzales Trejo, 20, of Dimmitt, was listed as child endangerment, and bond was set at \$7,500. The charge stated that on Aug. 1, Trejo engaged in conduct recklessly or with criminal negligence that placed a child younger than 15 in imminent danger of death, bodily injury or physical or mental impairment.

Margarito Sanchez, 41, of Dimmitt, was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

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Attorney says

Canterbury Villa will remain open

By DON NELSON

The bankruptcy of Texas Health Enterprises should have no immediate effect on the day-to-day operations of Dimmitt's Canterbury Villa, the corporation's attorney said this week.

"Certainly there is no plan at this point in time for there to be any effect in any operations," attorney Mark Edward McDonald said. "Suppliers are cooperating with us, and providing the goods just as they did prior to the filing. We have obtained an order authorizing the continued payment of wages."

Denton-based Texas Health Enterprises and two sister corporations, which reportedly operate 77 nursing homes in Texas and eight in Michigan, filed Aug. 3 for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Two national nursing-home chains are considering similar action, according to a Dallas Morning News report.

Texas Health blames its financial woes mainly on inadequate government reimbursements. Congress cut federal funding for Medicare significantly in the Balanced Budget Act of

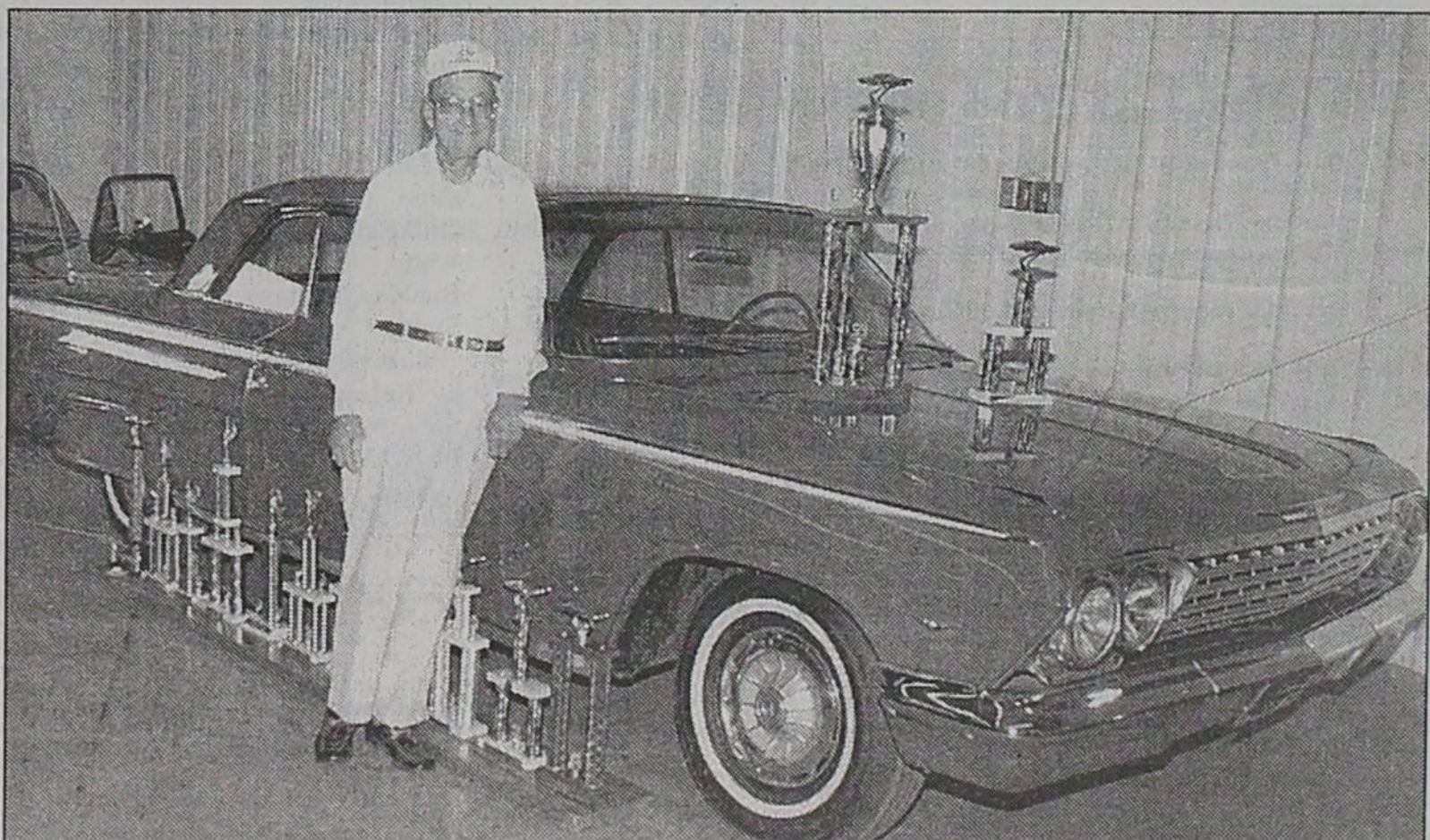
1997. And at the state level, Texas ranks 45th in the nation in its Medicaid reimbursements to nursing homes.

Texas Health, which leases many of its nursing homes from individual or corporate owners, also claims it has been unable to renegotiate many of its leases. As a result, the corporation shed itself of almost 30 nursing homes before filing for Chapter 11 protection, and said it expects to relinquish control of 20 more, cutting its number from 105 to 57.

Canterbury Villa is not slated to be closed or released, McDonald said.

"We turned back various nursing homes prior to the filing where the leases were very unfavorable," McDonald said. "With respect to those leases, and the remaining leases which we have obtained the authority to reject since we filed for bankruptcy, those were substantial money-losers because the state reimbursements were not sufficiently high or the occupancy rates were not sufficiently high."

Canterbury Villa presently has 42 residents, with a rated capacity of 114.



DATA CHOICE AWARD WINNER at the ninth annual DATA Club Car show held Saturday at the

Expo building in Dimmitt is this 1962 Chevrolet Impala, shown by Louis Berg of Tulia.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Thornberry will hold town hall meeting here Saturday

US Rep. Mac Thornberry will discuss retirement security at town hall meetings in Hale, Castro and Lamb Counties on Saturday.

Thornberry will meet with Castro County residents Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall. He also has scheduled stops in Plainview at 10 a.m. and at Littlefield at 4 p.m.

The forums, which are being held in cities and towns throughout the 13th Congressional District, are intended to give area residents a say in the national debate over Social Security and how we go about strengthening the system.

"There are a lot of plans being talked about in Washington as to how we go about strengthening Social Security and ensuring the retirement security of each and every American," Thornberry said. "I think it's important to hear what people in our area have to say as well, which is one of the reasons I'll be hosting these town hall meetings in the coming months.

I think most people want to have a say in the national policy debate," Thornberry said. "But I also think they want to know their voice is being heard. Listening is a very important part of my job, and the more I know about what people are thinking about retirement security and the other issues we face as a country, the better I'll be able to represent their views in Congress."

Thornberry added that area residents who would like more information about the retirement security town hall meeting should call his office at (806) 371-8844.

As he has done in each of his first two terms in office, Thornberry plans to hold town meetings in each of the 38 counties he represents. During his first two terms, Thornberry held a total of 95 town meetings.

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Anthony and Alex Rivilla of Amarillo spent last week with their grandfather, Gene Broadstreet.

Loranell Hamilton hosted the Thursday Bridge Club. Dude McLauren won high score with 7,030 points. Edith Graef was second high with 4,650 points. Peggy Broadstreet was a guest.

Loranell's granddaughter, McKenzie, and her great-granddaughter, Olivia, helped her with lunch.

Edith Graef went to Tahoka for a Williams' cousins reunion recently. There were 53 first cousins in attendance.

George and Carolyn Sides, Martha Jo Hyman, V.C. and Dorothy Hopson and Doris Flynt visited with Don and Paula Graham of Lubbock at K-Bob's Friday night. After dinner, Martha went to V.C. and Dorothy's to finish catching up with the Grahams. Don was in Dimmitt on business.

Donna Underwood Kuntz is giving

me some helpful hints and instructions to help me get around better. Donna works with the Texas Commission for the Blind.

Friday, Aug. 13, was Doris Flynt's birthday. She didn't have any bad luck—even though it was Friday the 13th. Several met at the El Sombrero Restaurant for lunch to help her celebrate. Those celebrating were George and Carolyn Sides, Bill and Katherine Birdwell, Houston and Doris Lust, Tommie Sue Nisbett, Gwen Bryant, Polly Simpson, Mil-

dred Bradford and Martha Jo Hyman. Marvin Bryant stopped by to wish Doris a happy birthday, too.

A farewell luncheon was held at the El Sombrero Restaurant for Susie Quiroz, former dispatcher and secretary for the Dimmitt Police Dept. Attending were Chief of Police Ray Aleman, Assistant Chief of Police Santos Perez, Betty McClure, Karen Hutson and Terry Fuentes. Susie has accepted a job with the Deaf Smith County Justice of the Peace.

Jo Hyman and Bill Settle came to visit with Martha Jo Hyman Saturday night. They had dinner and then Kay Kellar, Jean Morris, Ann and Tye Williams and Jackie Byrnes dropped by for a visit. Jackie had just returned from Lubbock, where she was helping her daughter, Rala, prepare her room for the beginning of school. Rala is a teacher at New Deal.

On Sunday morning, the Hymans went to church, then to Hereford for lunch. They saw Judy Barrett, one of Jo Hyman's former teachers, and the Baker-Bruegel clan.

Jean Morris spent several days at her river shelter before school started. Larry Morris and Kyle Williams, along with Kyle's father, Harv, did some repairs on the house while they were there.

Loranell Hamilton and her granddaughter, McKenzie, and her great-granddaughter, Olivia, took Martha Jo Hyman to Clovis, N.M. on Saturday. Martha Jo is still shopping for a dress for the "mother of the bride!"

Jo Hyman and her mother, Martha Jo Hyman, went to Lubbock Wednesday afternoon. On the way home that night they got caught in a heavy thunderstorm between Lubbock and Littlefield. Most of the road was covered in water from the heavy

rainfall. They finally made it home around 10:30 p.m.

Pat Keith helped Martha Jo Hyman move furniture out of the First Christian Church parsonage Friday afternoon. She supplied the pickup and the labor. Many thanks to Pat—I don't know how I would have done it without her!

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth School held its opening ceremony last Thursday morning, Aug. 12, on the front lawn of the school.

Cassie Birkenfeld, FFA president, welcomed everyone attending. *The National Anthem* was sung and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited as Saige Annen and Karen Wilhelm raised the flag.

Father Jerry Stein gave a short program and offered a blessing for the new school year filled with good health, and asked that each one of the students and teachers use their gifts to nurture and strengthen lives.

The FHA officers, Dawn Ramaekers, Andrea Braddock, Mindi Ethridge, Jill Schulte and Melanie Book each reflected on the past century, adding a few words about courage, responsibility, encouragement, ambition and preparation. It was a very impressive ceremony.

Supt. N. Dean Johnson welcomed each and everyone and stated that he has high hopes of everyone working together as a team this year. He recognized the kindergarten class, the Seniors of 2000, our foreign exchange student, Michael Korman of Austria, and our new students.

Deborah Clinton, our principal, recognized all school personnel, especially Patsy Huseman, who has worked for 35 years in the office. She was given a watch for her efforts.

Others recognized included the school board, including David Olvera, president; Keith Hoelting, Dan Gerber, Peggy Birkenfeld, Jeanie Birkenfeld, Rex Ramaekers and Patti Kern.

The school song was played by the Nazareth Swift Band, followed by Sara Schulte, president of the student body, who gave the closing prayer.

Our sympathy to the family of Isabell (Easy) Heiman Schulte, 89, who died Aug. 8 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. At her request, she was a resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt for the past 10 years.

Survivors are Etta Mae Sellers, Jo Anne Bowen, Julene Gerber, Dennis Heiman, and Iona Taylor; 23 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral mass was read Wednesday morning, Aug. 11, in Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. John Hickey officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jerry Stein, pastor, and Deacons Al Maurer and Jerome Brockman. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery.

A most enjoyable evening was had Friday evening at the Joe and Elaine Barnes' family home in Plainview.

The main attraction was their big backyard swimming pool! The party was held to celebrate Gilbert Schulte's birthday and as a farewell to Gilbert and Dolly Schulte's three grandchildren who will be off to college soon.

Jaret Schulte will be pursuing his master's degree at Texas A&M University. Stacey Schulte will be attending South Plains College as a sophomore this year.

K'Lynn Gerber will be starting her sophomore year at Seward Community College in Liberal, Kan.

A baby shower honoring Dana Johnston of Amarillo was recently held at the home of LaDawn Schulte. Dana received many pretty and useful gifts.

Fifty-one members of the Bud Kern and Anthony Acker families drove to Missoula, Mont., for a "Reunion of the Century."

Rita Kern's and Angela Acker's youngest sister, Ila Moran, lives in Missoula as do her family of nine children. Having never met any of these first cousins, the reunion was especially meaningful. The reunion took 1-1/2 years to plan, and in the meantime, Ila's youngest son decided to marry, which gave them the opportunity to meet all the Morans. There were 93 who attended the

reunion.

After the reunion, the families went their separate ways to see the country. Several traveled through Glacier National Park and across the Canadian border. Many bought souvenirs there, as it was duty-free. Shopping in Montana was also fun as they don't have a sales tax. They also enjoyed the 75 mph speed limit. It seemed to make driving in Texas slow.

Several families went through Yellowstone to see Old Faithful and to the Grand Teton Mountains. Other sights enjoyed along the way were the battlefield of "Custer's Last Stand," Mount Rushmore and the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ideas are already circulating for the next reunion because everyone had such a wonderful time.

Bishop John Yanta and Bishop Leroy Matthiesen of Amarillo presided over the funeral mass for Msgr. Peter Morsch, 96, in Holy Family Catholic Church on Saturday morning. Also assisting in the service were many area priests.

Bishop Yanta gave a very interesting eulogy about Msgr. Morsch's life. He was born in Holland in 1903 and was ordained a priest in 1931. He was pastor of Holy Family Church from 1950 to 1963. His first baptism was that of Charlyn Braddock. His first marriage ceremony was that of Virgil Pohlmeier and Viola Stork. His first funeral was that of Clara Bellinghausen. When he left Nazareth, he went to Slaton, where he was their pastor until he moved to a priests' retirement center in Panhandle.

Bishop Leroy Mattheisen stated that Msgr. Morsch was always the most kind, caring, unselfish, dedicated priest to work with.

Cassidy Wilhelm and Justin Foraker were married last Thursday in Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein officiating. A reception followed at the Nazareth Legion Hall.

Lena Durbin and Ben Duesterhaus were married Saturday afternoon in Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein officiating. A reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Kevin and Malinda Gerber, and Clyde and Lisa Schulte have just returned from seven fun-filled days and nights in Florida.

A great time was had on the white beaches of Daytona and on their cruise to the Bahamas. They snorkeled and ran races on the beach. Clyde's team won!

The night life on the ship was fun. They enjoyed the casino, comedy club acts and, of course, the karaoke acts. Nashville, here they come!

Orlando was the last stop on the trip. Kennedy Space Center and Universal Studios were a blast. They added golfing, shopping, trolley rides, a mystery dinner theater and lots of great eating to complete the trip. What a way to spend a vacation!

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Lori Huseman, Florine Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Sue Schneider, Anna Lee, Trey Johnson, and Jimmie Schulte, who is now home to recuperate from knee surgery.

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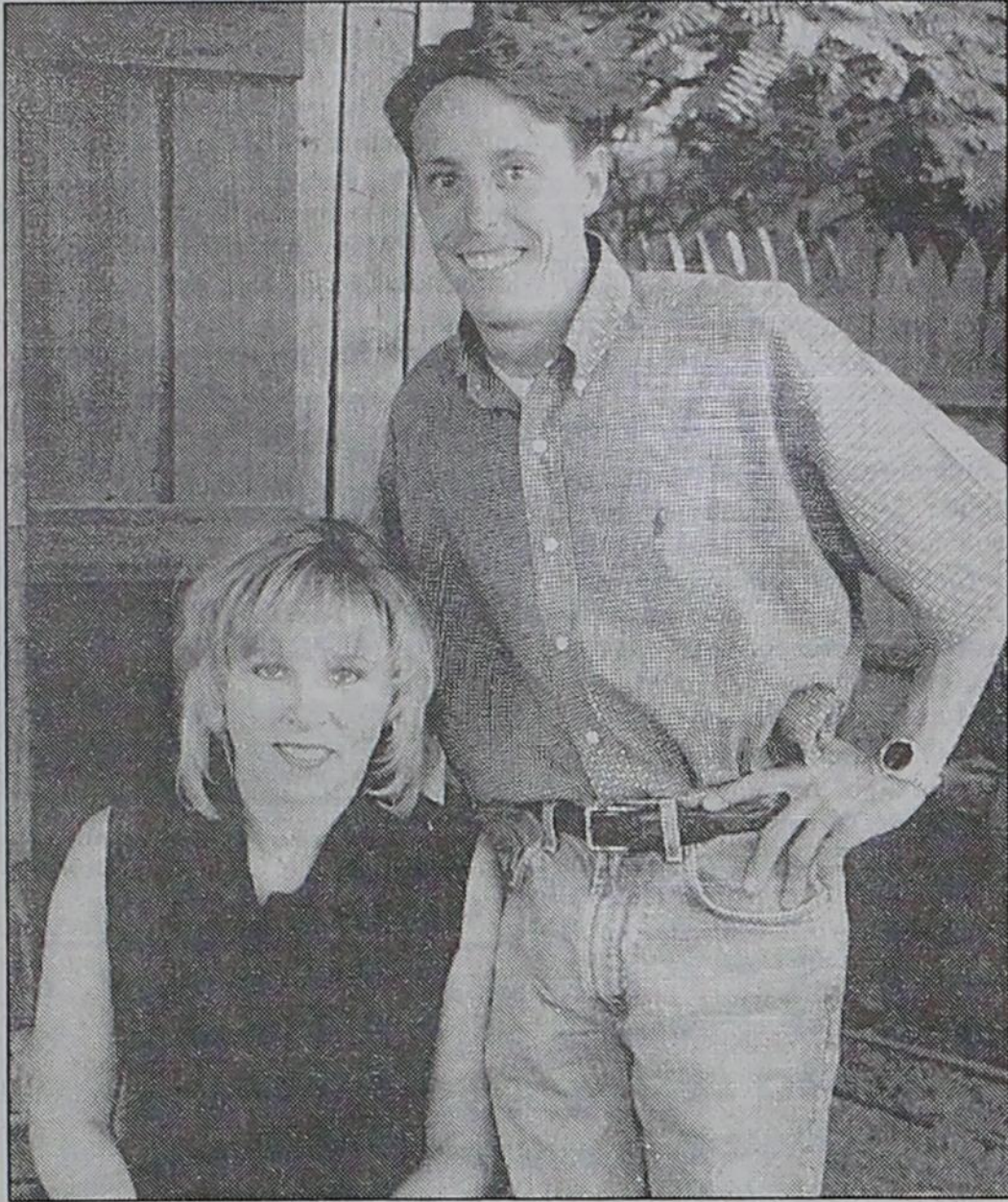
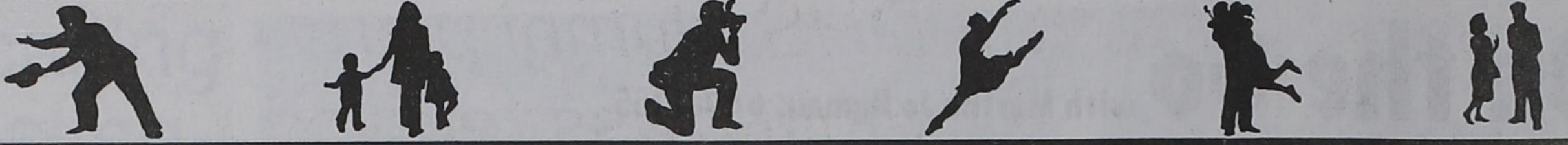
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People



Courtney Goodman and Scott Morris

October ceremony planned

Elsa Goodman of Blum announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Courtney, to Scott Morris, son of Larry and Jean Morris of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange vows Oct. 16 at Thistle Hill in Fort Worth. A graduate of Blum High School, the bride-elect holds a bachelor of science degree in animal science from Texas A&M at College Station. She is employed with the US Dept. of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and attended Tarleton State University and Texas Tech University. He owns Morris Property Group.



Michael Hochstein and Toni Jo Bailey

Couple plan September vows

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bailey of Amarillo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Toni Jo, to Michael Florence Hochstein, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hochstein of Nazareth.

The couple plan to wed Sept. 17 at the Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

An administrative assistant for Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia, the bride-elect is majoring in medical data specialist studies at Amarillo College. The prospective groom is a self-employed truck driver and farmer at Nazareth.



Leroy Birkenfeld and Asia Kirby

Kirby and Birkenfeld to wed

Dean and Belinda Kirby of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Asia Kirby, to Leroy Birkenfeld, son of Carol and Mildred Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on Oct. 9 at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She obtained her license in cosmetology in 1997. She is self-employed.

The prospective groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1996. He is employed by Dale's Auto & Salvage in Nazareth.

After the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Dimmitt.

Booth space is available for Harvest Days craft show

One of the most popular attractions at the Castro County Harvest Days celebration each year is the arts and crafts show, and exhibitors are asked

to reserve space for this year's show now.

The show will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Expo Building and adjacent quonset barn in Dimmitt.

Booth spaces are 10' x 12' and each space located inside the Expo Building will rent for \$35. Spaces outside the Expo and in the quonset barn will rent for \$25 each. An additional \$5 will be charged to each exhibitor who plans to use electricity

in his or her booth.

Those who wish to reserve a booth for the show should call Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524.

Exhibitors may set up their booths on Friday, Sept. 10, between 1 and 8 p.m. or on Saturday, Sept. 11, before 9 a.m.

Food safety class slated for Aug. 26

General food safety will be addressed at a special workshop next Thursday, Aug. 26, at 6:30 p.m.

"If you are every involved in serving food to the public (working at church dinners, concession stands, etc.) you should plan to attend this meeting," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "Every club should have at least one representative at this meeting."

The meeting will last approximately two hours and those planning to attend should contact Neal at the Extension office, 647-4115.



Peggy Birkenfeld

Birkenfeld earns master's degree

Peggy Birkenfeld of Nazareth will graduate from West Texas A&M University today (Thursday) with a master of science degree in nursing and family nurse practitioner.

The graduation ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Birkenfeld is the wife of Sidney Birkenfeld of Nazareth and she has three children, Jerad, Cassie and Skyler.

Birkenfeld graduated from West Texas State University in 1977 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

County quilters asked to feature work in show

Some of the best machine and hand quilting in the Texas Panhandle can be found in Castro County, and those talented seamstresses are asked to share their talent by displaying their creations at the 12th annual Castro County Quilt Show, which will be held Sept. 11 in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

The annual event is sponsored by the Friendship Quilters' Guild, and all Castro County residents are eligible to enter the show and competition.

Quilts entered in Division I will be judged for technique, design, creativity and overall quality. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded to winners in each category. Several special awards also will be presented for "Best of Show," "Judge's Award," and "People's Choice."

Quilts that have won in a previous show can be entered only as display items. Only one quilt per entrant, per category will be allowed. If the quilt is the work of more than one person, written credit must be given to the other person. The person entering the quilt will be awarded the ribbon.

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

Categories for this year's show are as follows:

1. Children's (crib quilt, made for children).
2. Combination technique (applique and pieced).
3. Embroidery and other needlework.
4. First quilt.
5. Group.
6. Hand applique (all methods)
7. Machine applique (all methods)
8. Machine quilted.
9. Miniature quilts
10. Pieced (hand-quilted only).
11. Quilts by youth (17 and under).
12. Quilt tops.
13. Small quilts and wall quilts (less than 60" x 90").

14. Specialized method (includes painted, cathedral windows and crazy quilts).

Those who would like to enter a quilt should pick up a fair book at the Extension office or Chamber of Commerce Office. The book includes an entry form and complete rules for the show and competition.

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Those planning to serve as substitute teachers for the Dimmitt Independent School District must attend a special in-service workshop.

A session will be held Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. at the DISD Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.

New substitutes are asked to bring their Social Security card and driver's license when reporting for the workshop.

Those who have already taken a training session for the 1999-2000 school year do not have to attend another session.

'End of Times' teacher will be here Aug. 28

June Neal of Amarillo, a noted bible teacher on "The End Times," will speak at 10 a.m. Aug. 28 at the Abundant Life Family Church, located at 113 SE 2nd (next to Bealls) in Dimmitt.

The public is invited to attend, and there will be a time of fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting.



Erica Marcella Chacon and Blaine Ross Gregory

Couple to wed Aug. 28

Hector Chacon of San Antonio announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Erica Marcella Chacon, to Blaine Ross Gregory, son of Bill and Dalia Gregory of San Antonio, formerly of Dimmitt.

The couple is planning to exchange wedding vows on Saturday, Aug. 28, at La Mansion Del Rio Hotel in San Antonio.

Miss Chacon is a 1989 graduate of Incarnate Word High School in San Antonio and she attended St. Mary's University there.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1988 and he attended Texas Tech University.

Both are employed by Gregory Marketing Corp.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in San Antonio.



Mike and Mary Stedham

Marriage enrichment weekend set at FBC

The public is invited to attend a Marriage Enrichment Weekend on Aug. 27-28, hosted by Dimmitt's First Baptist Church.

Leading the seminar will be Mike

and Mary Stedham of Abilene. They are both Licensed Professional Counselors in the state of Texas, and Mike also is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

Activities for the weekend will start with a meal Aug. 27 at 6 p.m., followed by a session.

Aug. 28, the church will host a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by meetings, which will conclude at noon.

Childcare will be provided for all the sessions. Persons planning to attend are asked to call the church office at 647-3115 for advance planning and meal purposes.

The Stedhams have led a number of Christian marriage enrichment retreats and family life conferences and have spoken for other gatherings on the Christian family life. They are co-authors of the book *Marriage on the Run*.

Mary is a native of Hamlin and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1969. She later attended the University of Louisville, where she received her master's degree in counseling. She served as director of enrichment on the staff of Counseling and enrichment at First Baptist Church of Abilene for 11 years. She now has a private practice in counseling and consulting services.

Mike is from Fort Worth. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons and a master's degree and a doctorate from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Key. Since July of 1978 he has been the Family Life Minister at FBC in Abilene. He holds memberships in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and the Southern Baptist Association of Counseling and Family Ministry.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Crispin Marmolejo and Jessica Medrano of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Christopher Isaiah Marmolejo, who was born at 1:40 p.m. on Aug. 8 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 oz., and was 22 inches long. His paternal grandparents are Juan Marmolejo of Floydada and Lupe Marmolejo of Seminole. Maternal grandfather is Jesse Medrano of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Thomasa Tenoria of Hart, Paula Marmolejo of Lubbock and Simona Saucedo of Dimmitt.

It's a boy for Sammy and Nancy Lemus of Hereford. He was born at 7:10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12; weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces; was 19 inches long; and has been named Samuel Ygnacio. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Maria Losolla of Hereford, and maternal grandparents are Antonio and Petra Garza of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Ygnacio and Modern Lemus, also of Hereford. Samuel has a sister, Ashley, 9, and a brother, Jonathan, 4.

ELSEWHERE
Russel and Susan Birdwell of Dimmitt are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born Tuesday, Aug. 10 at Covenant Lakeside (formerly St. Mary) Hospital in Lubbock. Each weighed 2 pounds, 12 ounces and was 15 1/2 inches long. They have been named Mason Reece and Macy Jené. Both are reported doing well in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. They have an older sister, Devonee, 8. Grandparents are Kent and Mary Jo Birdwell of Dimmitt, Bill and Ann Bray of Dallas and Charlotte Turner of Breckenridge. Maternal great-grandmother is Lassye Bray of Lubbock.

In the building of bridges, kites were once used to bring the first cable across.

DHS alumni plan multi-class reunion

Dimmitt High School alumni from the classes of 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950 are invited to a reunion on Oct. 1 and 2 at the Fifth Seasons Inn in Amarillo.

Organizers of the event are Bill Birdwell, Billy Hackleman, J.E. Harmon, Dorothy Dee, Thomas Harrison, Clydene English Damron, Wayne Gipson, Phyllis Mooney, J.R. Fulfer, Lewis Martin, Tiny Rice and Floyce George.

The initial planning has been completed and those planning to attend the reunion may reserve a room by calling Sandra Henderson at the hotel at (806) 358-7881 or toll-free, 1-800-858-2223. Room rates are \$40 for a room with double beds or a room with one king-sized bed, or \$45 for a suite with a king-sized bed. All guests will receive a continental breakfast.

Guests are expected to begin arriv-

ing for the reunion on Friday, Oct. 1, and check-out will be around noon on Sunday.

There is no formal agenda of events planned for the reunion.

The hotel's formal ballroom will be the reunion headquarters and will serve as a meeting place for those wishing to visit and/or reminisce. Tables with snacks, drinks and other goodies will be set up in the ballroom during the reunion.

A general business meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. Future plans will be discussed at that time.

Two class coordinators and a general reunion chairman will be named. A financial report will be given and donations to help meet expenses of the next reunion will be accepted.

For more information, contact Lewis Martin, 1999 reunion chairman, at (806) 355-7977.

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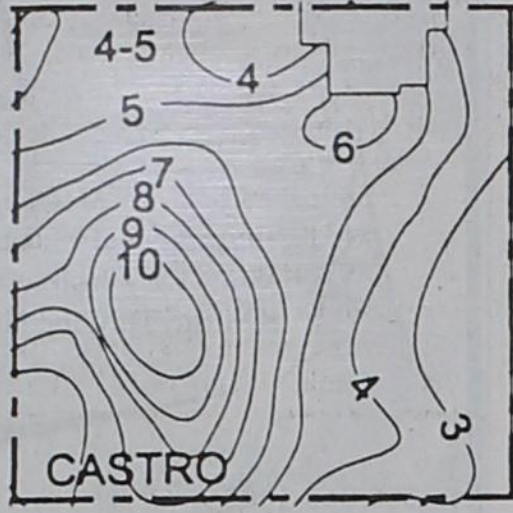
Up to 10 inches of rain soaked county during June

Rainfall totals ranging from three to 10 inches were recorded during June in a network of rain gauges maintained in Castro County by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

During June, widespread precipitation was received within the Water District. Totals ranged from one to two inches in western Bailey County to nine to 10 inches in portions of central Castro and southern Lamb Counties.

Two significant precipitation events during the month dropped large amounts of rainfall across the region, said Andy Anderson, meteorologist-in-charge with the National Weather Service forecast office in Lubbock.

Several factors were in place over the area that combined to produce



numerous strong to severe thunderstorms along with heavy rainfall on June 11.

"The atmosphere was extremely unstable owing to the influx of abundant low-level moisture and heating during the day. Southwesterly winds

near the surface combined with strong westerly winds in the upper levels of the atmosphere to create a favorable environment for long-lived severe storms," said Anderson.

"The presence of an outflow boundary left over from a thunderstorm complex north of the South Plains earlier that day provided a focus for thunderstorm initiation. In addition, thunderstorms developed along the dry line, which was located over eastern New Mexico during the afternoon and evening, and then moved east into the area. As these storms encountered the outflow boundary, the moved more slowly southeast, which allowed them to drop torrential rain resulting in localized flooding," Anderson said.

On June 21, thunderstorms that developed over the northwestern South Plains and southwestern Panhandle moved southeast toward Lubbock during the late evening hours.

Flooding rains first occurred over parts of Castro and Lamb Counties. The heaviest rain was near Amherst, Sudan and Littlefield, where three to five inches of rain fell in just three to four hours.

"The complex of storms moved south and became aligned from west to east with the eastern end of the line near the southern part of the City of Lubbock," said Anderson. "Although the line became stationary, individual storm cells moved over the same areas for 24 hours. This resulted in widespread two- to four-inch rain amounts over the southern sections of the City of Lubbock."

"Since most of the playa lakes in the city were near capacity, the additional heavy rainfall caused widespread flooding with water overflowing into area parks and onto city streets," Anderson said.

He said June 1999 precipitation totals averaged 1.97 inches above normal for the 28 National Weather Service recording stations within the South Plains region. Precipitation ranged from 7.62 inches above normal at Jayton to 1.87 inches below normal at Tulia. Both Jayton and Tulia are outside the High Plains Water District service area.



FARM BUREAU DISTRICT II WINNERS—Two Dimmitt High School graduates won places at the Farm Bureau District II contests held at the district convention in Idalou on Aug. 5. They are Miranda Turner (center), who won the Talent Find, and Valerie Gonzales (right), who was named runner-up in the Queen Contest. Winner of the Queen Contest was Alyssa Irlbeck of Tulia (left). *Courtesy Photo*

Local girls are winners at Farm Bureau contests

Miranda Turner of Tulia, a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School, won first place in the Texas Farm Bureau District II Talent Find, held Aug. 5 in Idalou. Also, Valerie Gonzales of Dimmitt took runner-up honors at the District's Miss Farm Bureau Queen Contest.

Turner was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and an expense-paid trip for her and a chaperone to travel to

the Texas Farm Bureau state convention set for November in Corpus Christi. At that time, Turner will compete for a \$2,500 scholarship.

Turner, the daughter of Julia and Tim Turner of Tulia, performed a piano solo, Hodyn Sonata in D Major. She was judged on audience appeal, performance, appearance and professionalism. She is a student at Wayland Baptist University in

Plainview. Gonzales, also a 1999 graduate of DHS, is the daughter of Roy and Robin Gonzales of Dimmitt. As the contestant representing the Castro County Farm Bureau, she finished in the runner-up position at the District contest. She finished behind the representative for the Swisher County Farm Bureau, Alyssa Irlbeck, daughter of Paul and Connie Irlbeck of Tulia.

Updates on boll weevils, forage crops, more will highlight ag day

An update on the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone program, Senate Bill 1, forage crops, wildlife damage control and more will highlight the 1999 Llano Estacado Crops and Ag Day, which will be held today (Thursday) at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The day-long workshop will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., and those attending the meeting could receive five continuing education units (CEU).

A \$5 registration fee per person will be charged to help defray costs of the meal.

Crops from research plots will be viewed on-site.

Terry Futch, manager of the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, will offer an update on the eradication program beginning at 9 a.m.

An update on Senate Bill 1 and the regional water plan efforts will be discussed at 9:30 a.m. by A. Wayne Wyatt, manager of High Plains Un-

derground Water Conservation District and chairman of the Llano Estacado Water Planning Group.

At 10 a.m., new developments in precision agriculture will be addressed by Dr. Steve Winter, a professor and agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Bushland.

Forage crops will be the topic addressed by Dr. Brent Bean, associate professor and Extension agronomist from Amarillo.

Dr. Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist from Lubbock, will give an update on cotton agronomics, the current crop situation and cotton harvest aids beginning at 11 a.m.

Thirty minutes later, Dr. Jackie Smith, an Extension economist from Lubbock, will discuss alternative cropping systems in relation to markets and marketing.

After a break for lunch, Castro County Extension IPM Agent Johnna Patterson will offer an update on new IPM programs and the current insect situation in the area.

Wildlife damage control will be discussed by Joe Zotter from Texas Predator Control Service in Canyon.

Lavon Harmon, a pesticide specialist with the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, will outline pesticide laws and regulations at 1:30 p.m.

The day's agenda will conclude with presentation of awards and CEU certificates.

For more information about the workshop or to register, call the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115.

Food and nutrition meeting set

There will be a meeting on the 1999-2000 food and nutrition program for Castro County 4-H'ers on Monday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

"We will be planning program activities and setting dates for fall projects," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agents.

Any adult leaders interested in helping with the food program should also plan to attend the meeting.

For more information, contact Neal at the Extension Office, 647-4115.



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The Company proposes to increase rates to General Service (residential and commercial), Small Industrial Service, Large Gas Air Conditioning and/or Electric Generating Gas Service, and the Air Conditioning Rate Rider. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increased revenue does not exceed that specified herein.

The proposed changes are expected to increase the company's annual revenues by approximately 8.8 percent or \$9.8 million. The proposed changes to the rates are unrelated to gas cost which the company will continue to charge only cost paid to its supplier. The proposed changes could affect approximately 200,000 gas consumers in the following communities:

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| Buffalo Springs Lake | Lubbock* | Shallowater |
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| Dimmitt | Nazareth | Springlake |
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| Floydada | Odessa* | Tahoka |
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| Friena | Olton | Tulia |
| Hale Center | Opdyke West | Turkey |
| Happy | Palisades | Vega |
| Hart | Pampa* | Wellman |
| Hereford* | Panhandle | Wilson |
| Idalou | Petersburg | Wolfthorh |
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*The level of revenue increases in these communities constitutes a "major change" as defined by state law.

Copies of the filing are available at the Energas Office at 5110-80th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

4-H leader training set

4-H club managers and adult leaders are asked to attend a training workshop on Monday, Aug. 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the assembly room at the courthouse in Dimmitt. A parent/leader meeting will follow the club manager training, and should start around 7 p.m. Club managers are asked to bring their training manual to the workshop. All 4-H adult leaders are encouraged to attend.

Horse Club members fare well at state

Several Castro County 4-H Horse Club members competed in various events at the state horse show in Abilene July 26-30, and they proved their talents by bringing home ribbons. Rusty McDaniel and Justin Sutton finished fourth in the open team roping, and they finished with the fastest time in the first go-round. Rusty Wooten, McDaniel and Shena Seaton of Lazbuddie finished fourth in the team penning competition. McDaniel was sixth in the working cow horse competition and seventh in cutting. Chris Reynolds also participated in the open division and the state qualifying division.

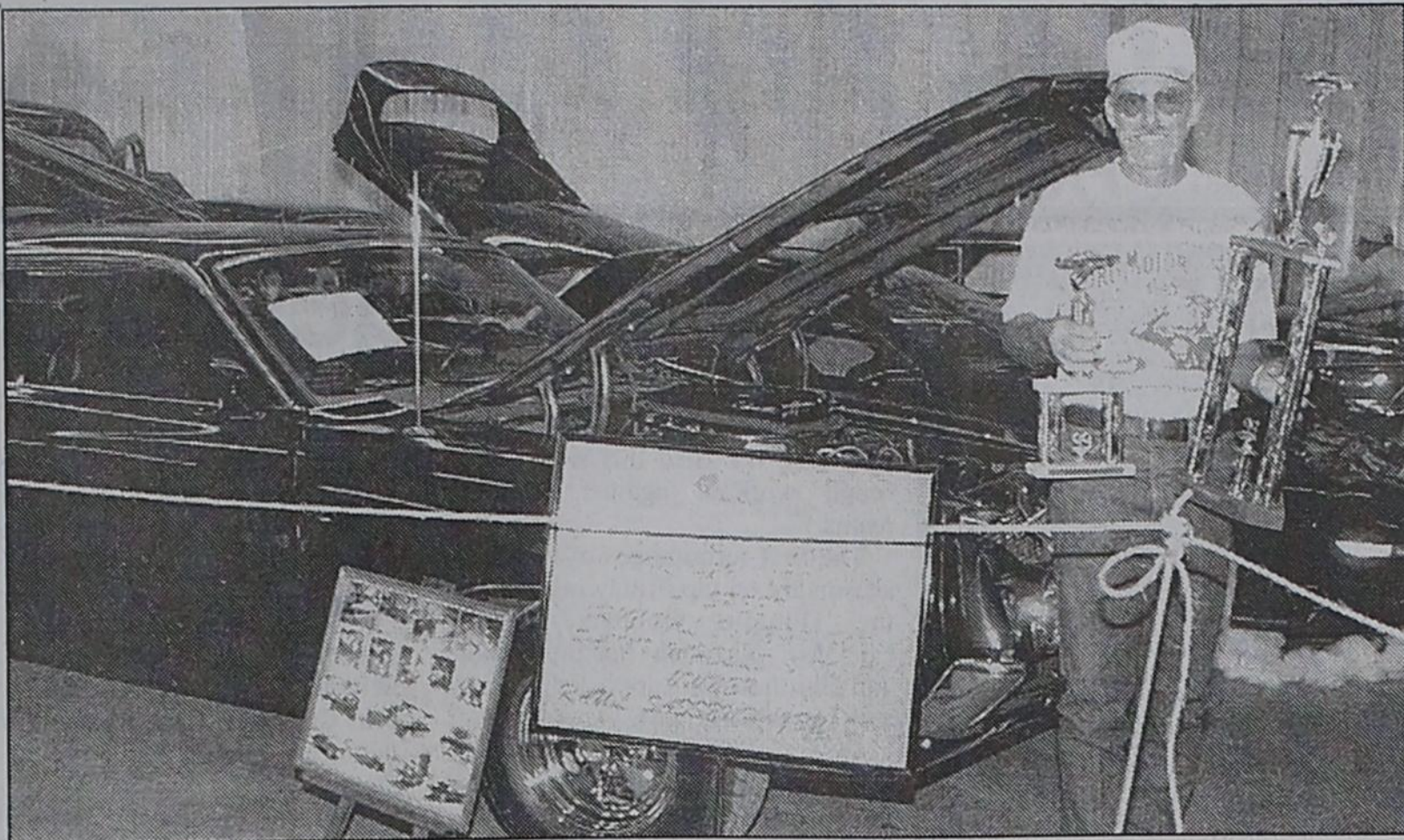
Fall recognition luncheon is set

District 2 4-H has planned its fall recognition luncheon for Saturday, Aug. 28, at 12 noon at the Texas Tech Human Sciences College in Lubbock.

The adult leader officers and 4-H Council members will be installed and honored at the luncheon. Castro County's two leader delegates and two district council members should plan on attending the event. If you need transportation, call the Extension Office at 647-4115.

4-H'ers asked to help with center clean-up

Castro County 4-H has scheduled a clean-up day at the 4-H Center for Saturday, Aug. 28, and all 4-H'ers are asked to lend a hand with the chores. Work will begin at 8:30 a.m. and chores including hoeing weeds around the swine and lamb pens as well as sweeping and washing the floors at the 4-H Center. Everyone is encouraged to bring hoes, rakes and shovels. Work clothes and a good pair of working gloves are recommended. "Everyone who plans on housing their livestock projects at the 4-H Center must attend at least two clean-up days during the showing season," said Pammy Millican, Castro County Extension Agent. For more information, contact Millican or Benny Martinez at the Extension Office, 647-4115.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER AT THE NINTH ANNUAL DATA CLUB CAR SHOW ... A 1970 Ford Torino Cobra, shown by Raul Sassenhagen of Tulia.

DATA Club lists winners at ninth annual Car Show

Raul Sassenhagen of Tulia won the People's Choice Award and Louis Berg of Tulia won the DATA Club's Choice Award at the ninth annual DATA Club Car Show held Saturday in Dimmitt at the Expo Building. Sassenhagen showed a 1970 Ford Torino Cobra in the Muscle Car division. Berg's winning entry was a 1962 Chevrolet Impala.

Other winners named in the various categories for the show included:
Models
 Under Age 10: 1. Curtis Thomas. 2. Dustin Thomas.
 Age 10-18: 1. Eric Espinosa.
 Over 18: 1. Jerry Thomas. 2. Jerry Thomas. 3. Jerry Thomas.

Tractors
 1. David Stephens. 2. W.B. Equipment/Lucy Nelson.

Motorcycles
 1. Boyce Carter. 2. Rex Wooten. 3. Rex Wooten.

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 1. Oasis Shriners Fire Truck.

Street Rods
 1. Rene Basaldun. 2. Don Moke.

Late Antiques
 1. Delton Waggoner.

Classic '50s
 1. Noel Esqueda. 2. Houston Simmons.

Classic '60s
 1. Johnny Gillenwater. 2. Louis Berg.

Classic '70s
 1. Andy Mendez.

Muscle Cars
 1. Raul Sassenhagen. 2. Rick Grose.

Mustangs
 1. Alene Thomas. 2. Kay Behrends.

Camero
 1. Anastacio Mendez.

Early Trucks-Stock
 1. Ashley Cotter.

Late Trucks-Stock
 1. Danny Bruton. 2. Noel Esqueda.

Early Truck-Modified
 1. Rene Longoria. 2. Cecelio Alfaro.

Late Truck-Modified
 1. Sonny Thomas. 2. Javier Chavez.

Corvette
 1. Bob Turner. 2. Richard Stahl.

Bradleys show lambs in jackpots

Mary Bradley, Raynee Bradley and Beau Bradley, all of Dimmitt, exhibited lambs in jackpots at Littlefield and Levelland recently. Beau Bradley earned fifth- and sixth-place ribbons with his lambs in the jackpots while Mary Bradley finished with two fifth-place ribbons and one sixth-place award. Raynee Bradley's lambs earned her one sixth-place award, two fifth places and a fourth-place ribbon. The Bradleys exhibited their animals under the 4-H program.

Pictures set for Dimmitt band members

Picture taking and button ordering for members of the Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band will be held Friday. A group picture will be taken at Bobcat Stadium at 4 p.m. After that, individual photos will be taken. Call Harold Hinsley or Teresa Carlisle at the schools for more information.

Increase shown on August sales tax rebate

Sales tax rebates issued to the cities of Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth, and to Castro County, were up this month, compared with results for the same period a year ago.

The City of Hart was the big winner, earning 64.28% more this month than it did a year ago in August. Hart's rebate amounted to \$2,910.95, up from \$1,771.86 a year ago. That brings Hart's yearly total to \$12,629.79, which is 17.2% higher than the \$10,775.42 earned through August 1998.

Nazareth earned a rebate of \$1,620.13 this month, compared with \$1,593.09 last year. For the year, Nazareth is 9.75% ahead of its 1998 total on payments—\$10,033.70 this year compared with \$9,141.51 a year ago.

For Dimmitt, the August rebate of \$31,731.38 reflects a 1.18% increase over the \$31,360.15 earned in August 1998. This year, Dimmitt has received a total of \$203,125.75, up 6.41% from \$190,885.93.

Castro County received \$14,053.66, and that's 4.83% higher than the August 1998 payment of \$13,405.04. So far this year, Castro County's rebates are 7% higher, from \$82,950.60 in 1998 to \$88,758.28 this year.

August sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on June sales and by quarterly filers during April, May and June, which were reported to the comptroller in July.

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1999 Property Tax Rates in Castro County

This notice concerns 1999 property tax rates for Castro County and the Castro County Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start rollback procedures. In each case, these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	County General	County Road	Hospital District
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,483,194	\$ 461,454	\$ 1,262,002
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Last year's tax base	\$ 375,492,050	\$ 372,140,048	\$ 372,271,914
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.395	\$ 0.124	\$ 0.339
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,482,905	\$ 461,166	\$ 1,261,785
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 376,614,098	\$ 373,320,318	\$ 373,632,531
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.394	\$ 0.124	\$ 0.338
Total	\$ 0.518		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,578,276	\$ 461,166	\$ 1,261,785
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 376,614,098	\$ 373,320,318	\$ 373,632,531
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.419	\$ 0.124	\$ 0.338
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.453	\$ 0.133	\$ 0.365
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.586	\$	\$ 0.365

A county or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes must insert the following lines:
 - Sales tax adjustment rate \$ 0.025
 = Rollback tax rate \$ 0.561

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
 The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Castro County General	\$ 525,000
Castro County Precincts	\$ 420,000
Hospital District	\$ 1,420,657

Schedule C
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
 (for cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)
 In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive the following amounts in additional sales and use tax revenues.

Castro County	\$ 95,371
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This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Castro County Appraisal District, 204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, Tx.
 Notice prepared by Jerry Heller
 Chief Appraiser
 Prepared on August 6, 1999

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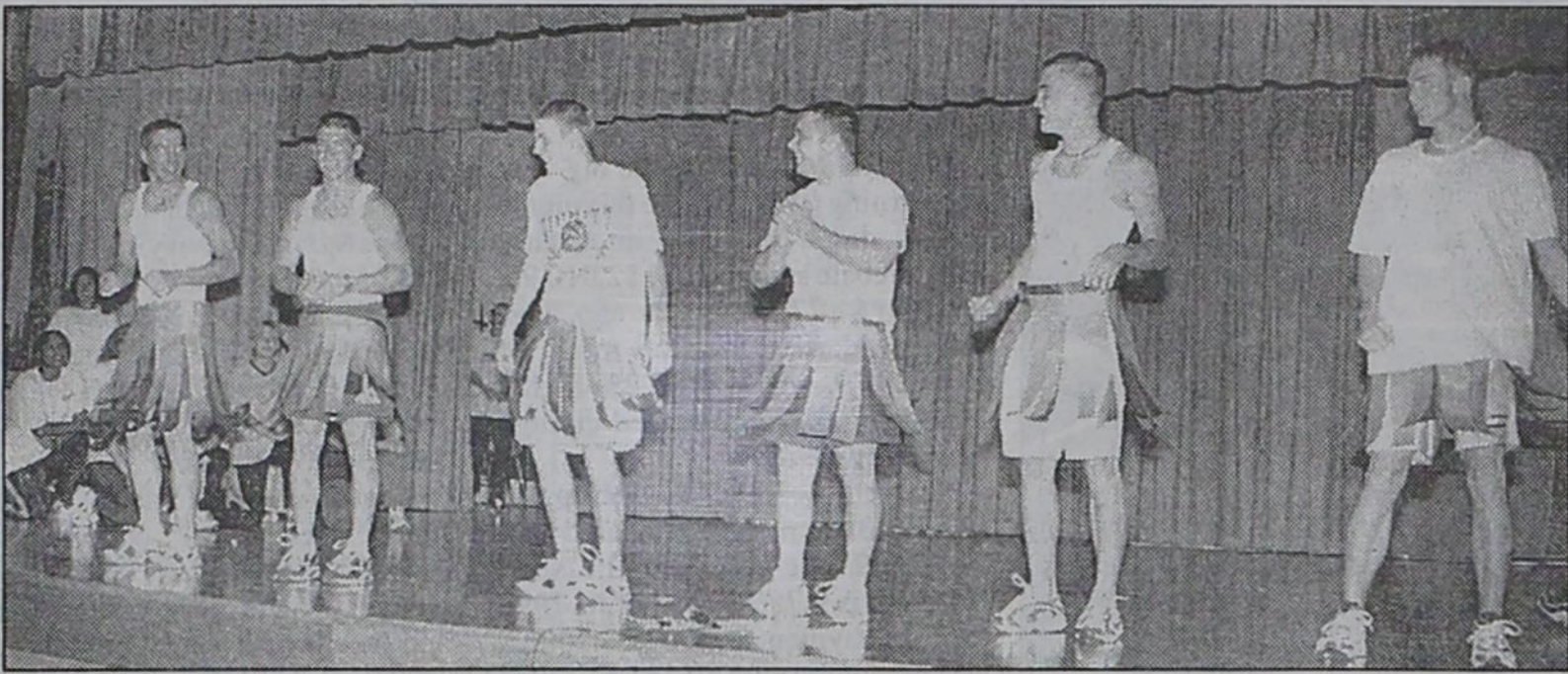
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Sports



HOW DO YOU RAISE SCHOOL SPIRIT?—With cheerleaders, of course! These members of the Dimmitt High School Student Council lead a cheer for the "football players" in the background, raising

their spirits enough to help them "win the game." The skit was a part of the Student Council opening assembly on the first day of school last Thursday.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Scrimmages on tap Friday

County football teams hope to iron out any problems they may have as they take the field this week for a tough workout against different teams.

The first scrimmages of the 1999 season are on tap Friday night, with the Dimmitt Bobcats hosting Lockney, Nazareth hosting Anton and Hart hosting Lubbock Christian and Tucumcari, N.M.

start the action at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Dimmitt's first game of the 1999 season will be against Sundown at 8 p.m. on Sept. 3 at Bobcat Stadium.

Swifts hope to pen the Bulldogs in their initial scrimmage Friday night.

The scrimmage is slated to begin at 6 p.m. at Swift Field.

The junior varsity will open the scrimmage and will run 20 offensive and 20 defensive plays before yielding to the varsity. The first string varsity will run 20 plays on each side of the ball, then the second string will take over for a series of 15 offensive and 15 defensive plays.

The first team will run another 15 plays on offense and defense and the second string will go 10 and 10 to end the scrimmage.

Nazareth Coach Rick Price said the Swifts are healthy for the most part, although several players have a few bumps and bruises.

"Some parts of our game are looking better than I'd hoped they would at this point, but some things are not as good," Price said. "Our passing game is ahead of where I'd hoped it would be and our defense is looking good."

Price said he'll be looking at different players at different positions this week.

"We'll be looking out our personnel really hard in this scrimmage. The job at center is still wide open and we've got four guys trying to earn it. We also plan to work on developing our running game. We've got a lot of new blocking schemes and some new plays that we need to focus on improving."

Nazareth will wind up its pre-season schedule with a scrimmage against Smyer next Thursday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. at Swift Field.

The Swifts will travel to Lubbock to take on the Lubbock Christian Eagles in their season opener on Sept. 3. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

Longhorns

Hart will have the opportunity to test its skills against teams from Lubbock Christian High School and Tucumcari Friday beginning at 6 p.m.

Hart plans to have its junior varsity squad take the field first, running 20 offensive and 20 defensive plays against Tucumcari. The JV units will wind up the scrimmage with 15 plays on both sides of the ball.

The varsity teams are expected to take the field at around 7 p.m., with Hart taking on Lubbock Christian for a series of 20 offensive and 20 defensive plays. Then the Longhorns will face Tucumcari for 20 plays each way.

The Longhorns will take a break while Tucumcari and Lubbock Christian scrimmage each other.

Hart is planning to face one of the two teams for another series or two after the break.

"We're going to focus on cutting down on our mistakes this week," said Hart coach Bryan Welps. "We'll be working to develop a sound technique. We want to push the basics in this first scrimmage."

Hart will travel to Memphis on Aug. 27 for its second scrimmage of the season, with the first play slated for 6 p.m. The Longhorns will open regular season play at home Sept. 3 against Morton.

Swifts

Nazareth's first opponent of the 1999 season will be Anton, and the

DISD reserve football tickets now available

Reserved ticket holders for Dimmitt High School's Bobcat Stadium must renew their reservations by Aug. 27. If they are not renewed, the seats will be available for sale to the public.

Those having reserved seats may go by the Dimmitt Independent School District Administration building at 608 W. Halsell and speak with Roxie Loudder. The cost is \$20 per seat for the five home games scheduled.

The reserve seats will be available for sale to the public starting Aug. 30. Those interested may go by the administration building.

The word "algebra" comes from the Arabic *al-jabr*, meaning "the equalization."

King Arthur's dog, legend says, was named *Cavall*.

Bobcats

Dimmitt and Lockney will go head-to-head in a scrimmage Friday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The junior varsity units will take the field first, followed by the varsity teams at approximately 7 p.m., according to Dimmitt Coach Bruce Dollar.

"We've had good workouts so far and things are going great," said Dollar. "The kids are enthusiastic and they're ready to see a different color lined up on the other side of the ball."

Friday also will be picture day for the Bobcats, with the freshmen lining up for photos at 1 p.m. The sophomore through senior football players, cheerleaders and others will have their photos taken following the freshmen.

After Friday's scrimmage, fans will have an opportunity to meet the Bobcats and their coaches and enjoy homemade ice cream at the annual ice cream social.

The ice cream social is sponsored by the Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club, and the group is planning to serve ice cream throughout the scrimmage and after. All parents of players, booster club members are asked to bring a freezer of ice cream for the event.

Dollar said the Bobcats have scheduled a second scrimmage at home for Aug. 27 when Abernathy comes to town. The JV is expected to

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Team rodeo, greased pig contest set for Harvest Days

It's not a traditional rodeo, but the team rodeo and ladies' greased pig contest has become one of the favorite activities held in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

This year's event will be held Sept. 11 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena and the show will be sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Club.

Teams will be introduced at 6:30 p.m. to start the activities, then the kids' steer riding (for youngsters up to 12 years of age) will be held. That will be followed by the "Mutton Bust'n" competition (for youngsters no more than 40 inches tall) and the stick horse race (for those 5 and under).

Costs to enter the rodeo events are \$100 for a four-person rodeo team, \$10 for a two-person team entering the greased pig contest, \$5 per person for the steer riding and "Mutton Bust'n," and \$1 per person for the stick horse race.

Entries are due by Sept. 10 and may be submitted to Pammy Millican at 647-4115 or Kenny Ebeling at 647-3618.

Tickets for the show may be pur-

chased in advance or at the gate. Adult tickets will be \$4 in advance while tickets for students 12-18 years old will be \$2 in advance or \$3 at the gate. Children 9 and younger will be admitted free.

The rodeo events will be held regardless of "rain, dust or shine," according to organizers.

'Meet the Swifts' is slated Sunday

Nazareth fans will have the opportunity to meet the members of the 1999 Nazareth Swifts' football team, their coaches and the cheerleaders Sunday during a social in Nazareth.

"Meet the Swifts" will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday when individual and team pictures will be made. The team will be introduced and coaches will talk about the upcoming season beginning at 2 p.m. The ice cream social will follow.

Mothers of freshmen and sophomore football players are asked to bring a freezer of ice cream to the social. Mothers of the juniors and seniors are asked to bring cookies.

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Obituaries

Clifford Beavers

Services for Clifford Beavers, 81, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Beavers died at 3:31 p.m. last Thursday, Aug. 12, at Veterans Hospital in Dallas.

He was born March 11, 1918, in Bowie. He attended schools in Bowie. He lived in Dimmitt for 60 years. He was a veteran of the US Army, having served in World War II. He worked for the Ford dealership in Dimmitt as an auto mechanic. He also worked for Dimmitt Implement for several years. He was a Baptist and a member of the VFW Lodge #8056.

Survivors include two daughters, Paul Prince of Midland and Dede Thomas of Paris; a son, Darrell Beavers of Dallas; a sister, Marzell Powell of Dimmitt; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Msgr. Peter Morsch

Monsignor Peter Morsch, 95, of Panhandle, former pastor at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth, died last Thursday, Aug. 12.

A vigil service was held Friday at the CCD Building in Nazareth. Mass was celebrated Saturday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Most Rev. John W. Yanta, bishop of the Amarillo Diocese, the Rev. Lawrence Hemp of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Slaton and priests of the dioceses serving as concelebrants. Vigil services were held Sunday in Slaton with mass celebrated on Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Slaton. Burial followed in Slaton Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Msgr. Morsch was born in Alkmaar, Holland and he was ordained in 1931 at Fribourg, Switzerland. Later that year, he came to the Diocese of Amarillo, then served from 1931 until 1934 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in San Angelo. From 1938 to 1939 he was pastor in Rotan, Aspermont, Jayton and Hamlin.

He later served at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Odessa and McCamey before moving to Dalhart, where he served at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He served at Sacred Heart Church in Littlefield and at St. Phillips in Pep from 1939 to 1943. From 1943 to 1950 he served at Sacred Heart in White Deer. He moved to Nazareth after that and served at Holy Family Catholic Church until 1963. He was pastor at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Slaton from 1963 to 1981.

Farm Service Agency taking emergency loan applications

Castro County farmers may be eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans, which were authorized on July 12.

Farmers who have lost at least 30% of their crop because of physical and/or production losses are eligible for the FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility.

The deadline for applying for an emergency loan is March 13, 2000.

Castro County FSA Farm Credit Manager Ed Luebken is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to get their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

More about

Courthouse has new 'open door' policy . . .

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east side of the courthouse, with piping that will run underground to the courthouse, then attach into the portions of the old system that will be reused.

"It will be a professional looking installation," Spencer said. "It will be a package price, with all work included for a 'turn-key' job."

Spencer said the project includes cleaning out the basement chiller room so that it would be available for other use. He said they also will dispose of all removed items.

Commissioner Bay Baldrige asked if any trade-in allowance might be given. Spencer said probably less than \$1,000 might be given as a "casting credit" for the old chiller shell, depending on what shape it is in.

Spencer told the commissioners the 60-ton chiller would be fully guaranteed for one year, and the compressors would be warranted for an additional four years. He said they plan to install four 15-ton compressors that will run sequentially, rather than having one large compressor.

The workmen told the commissioners that it would be about four weeks before the project could be completed.

completed.

In a related matter, the commissioners passed a resolution saying that if any county department heads decide to close their offices due to

the extreme heat in the courthouse due to the malfunctioning of the air conditioning, then the employees of those offices will not have their wages reduced in any way.

The commissioners suggested allowing employees to come in early

in an effort to beat the heat, but County Auditor Maretta Smithson said when she comes in at 7 a.m. the temperature in her upstairs office is already at 85 degrees.

Some of the offices have had to shut down computer equipment when

temperatures reached 90 degrees or higher. All of the offices in the courthouse have been affected, including the sheriff's department. However, the jail area is on its own cooling system, so the prisoners have not been affected.

More about

Indictments . . .

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The charge stated that on March 22 he operated a 1989 Chevy pickup without the consent of the owner, Larry S. Gonzales. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Forgery by passing was the charge in the indictment against Leon Jose Rodriguez, 25, of Amarillo. Bond was set at \$5,000. The charge stated that on May 13 he passed a forged writing for \$540 to Lowes.

Rosa Isela Dones, 33, of Dimmitt, was indicted for theft by check over \$1,500 and less than \$20,000. Her bond was set at \$5,000. The charge stated that on May 5 she appropriated money with the intent to deprive its owners.

Indicted in separate incidents of driving while intoxicated were William Lee Durham, 55, of Dimmitt; and Liborio Ortega Olmos, 47, of Dimmitt. Bond was set at \$5,000 for each of them. Durham was charged in connection with a Feb. 25 incident, after two prior convictions. Olmos was charged in connection with a July 3 incident after two prior convictions.



SUMMER ENDS with watermelon. Crystal Nino, a DHS junior, is served by DHS sophomore Jeremy Bishop, a student council member. Student council

sponsored the watermelon feed, held on Thursday evening, the first official day of school. Photo by Monica Ortiz

'Meet the Bobcats' on Friday

Dimmitt football fans will get a first-hand look at what they can expect from their team this season when they attend the year's first scrimmage Friday, plus they'll get to take pictures of the team and their favorite players and enjoy home-made ice cream.

The annual 'Meet the Bobcats' ice cream social is planned for Friday in conjunction with Dimmitt's scrimmage, and the Dimmitt Booster club is planning to service the frozen treat before, during and after the scrimmage, which will start at 5:30 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium.

Pictures of the players, coaches, cheerleaders and team will be taken prior to the scrimmage, starting at approximately 1 p.m. at the field.

Parents of athletes and members of the Booster Club are asked to bring a freezer of ice cream for the social.

Dogs available from city pound

Need a family pet? Dimmitt's animal control officer Ty Lively said the pound has several dogs available, in an assortment of breeds and ages, for adoption to good homes.

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