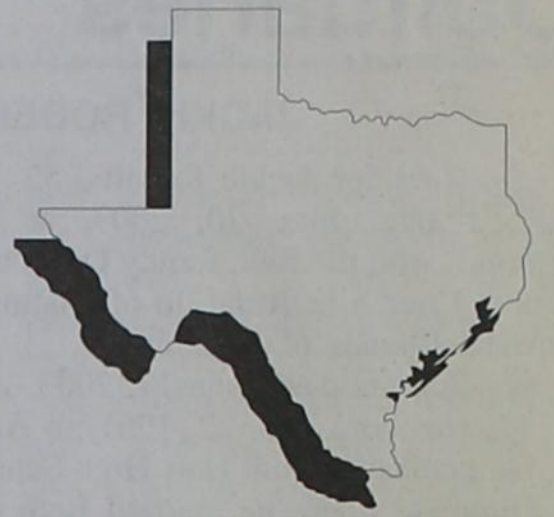


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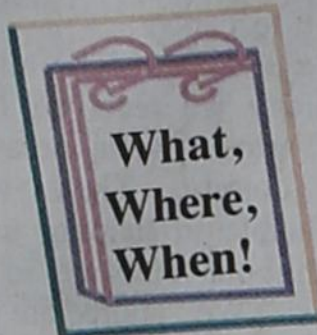
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## Castro County Calendar



What, Where, When!

### Turkey shoot set

Hale County 4-H Shooting Sports is sponsoring a Turkey Shoot at the Trip field, located 1/4 mile west of Excel on County Road 50 and 1/4 mile south on turnrow, starting at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 29. For more information, contact Pete Chambliss at 296-9277.

### Book, video swap meet Saturday

Home Mercantile Inc. is sponsoring a book and video swap meet from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 28, at the Home Mercantile Building in downtown Nazareth.

People will have the opportunity to buy, sell or trade books and videos for all ages and with a wide-range of interests. This is a good time to get new summer reading material, to pass on some good children's videos that your own kids may have seen. Too many times or to just thin out your shelves.

Stop by and browse during the Nazareth city-wide garage sale. If you have a lot to trade, call Carolyn Wilhelm at 945-2702 to reserve a table.

### Springlake Fourth of July Celebration

The celebration will begin with a parade Friday afternoon, July 4. All floats, antique tractors, antique cars, bicycles and horseback riders are welcome to join the lineup at 5:15 p.m. at the Community Building on South Hwy. 385. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. and will end at the park on West Hwy. 70. Activities at the park will include the presentation of the parade entry awards, the Springlake Pioneer Award, a cake auction, hamburger/hotdog supper to benefit the Volunteer Fire Department, the volleyball tournament championship game will be played, there will be Lion's Club dunking booth and fireworks

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# Weather woes hit county

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

More than 7-inches of rain this month have brought mixed hardships and blessings, according to Trish Elliott, Executive Director of the Castro County Farm Service Agency.

"We've had a lot of hail mixed with all this rain," she said. "I can't tell you how many acres, but we've had a lot of cotton producers in the office to fail out their cotton so the insurance companies will come and look at it. After they release it, it can be plowed up and another crop planted.

"However, I think an estimate of 50 to 60 percent of the cotton crop lost wouldn't be out of orders."

For corn growers, she said, the rain would have been welcome, but for cotton farmers, it came at a bad time. What cotton that wasn't hail damaged, was washed away in some instances or it rotted because it didn't get enough warmth to dry it out.

"The final planting date for cotton here was May 31," Elliott said. "Most of them have insurance, but it's going to hurt the gins big time."

That sentiment was echoed by Jim Bradford, owner of North Gin.

"It's bad, we probably lost at least half our crop in the county," Bradford said. "A lot of farmers are still trying to make up their minds on their crops. They're waiting for the insurance adjustors to look at it and waiting for it to dry out to see what they can keep. If they plow it up, they'll go back with milo or soy beans; some may wait and plant some wheat pasture for grazing."

Bradford said that this kind of rain in March or April would have been

welcomed by everyone.

"It's fortunate it happened now, because most farmers have multi-peril insurance," he said. "With the established yields we have, they should get what they've put in the crop right now."

"So, if it had to happen, it's better to happen now than the end of August."

"Of course, it doesn't do us ginners or business people much good. We knew we'd have some bad years with our new gin; we just didn't want to have it on the very first year."

Bradford said farmers need to remember that if they

have a crop failure, they need to plow it up by July 15, so they won't have to pay the boll weevil assessment.

According to a news release from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc. failed fields must be certified with local Farm Service Agencies by July 15 if they wish to get a credit for those acres on their boll weevil assessments. To qualify for the credit, the fields must be free of all cotton plants on July 15 and must be maintained in that

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## Neither wind, nor rain ...



### BAD WEATHER

DID finally drive the walkers off the track Friday night, but not before more than \$20,000 was raised in the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. Top photo, left to right are Katie Ivey, Danice Wright and Doris Lindsey. At right, are Bobbie Baldrige and Laverne Bernethy.



## Cleanup Day wiped out by rain

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

While the rain might have been welcomed by some, it put a halt to the volunteer cleanup on Saturday, according to chairman Peggy Broadstreet.

"City workers are to pick up all the things that have been called in," she said. "That's the best we can do at this point. Right now, we're undecided about rescheduling a cleanup day."

So far, the city has had 27 calls for pick up of appliances and that kind of unwieldy load, she said, noting, "People are responsible for the weeds in their alleys, behind their

fences."

"We want to encourage people to continue to put their tree limbs, grass clippings, things like that into the dumpsters. Of course we don't want any heavy metal or cement put in there," Broadstreet said.

For appliances, etc., residents can still call the city at 647-4492 for pick up, she said.

"Community services workers are helping maintain the parks and some of the alleys," Broadstreet said. "But residents need to understand that the city will start issuing citations for hazards." Broadstreet said that if the citations and notices go unanswered, continuing fines may be assessed.

# Court mulls EMS request for funding

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Although no decision was made, County Commissioners did not appear to look favorably at a request for funds to help EMS services in the county.

"I feel like it's a hospital district," said Commissioner Bay Baldrige. "They can raise taxes like we can." The other commissioners made similar statements.

Judge Bill Sava said his research showed that the county funds the 24-hour, 911-service, which benefits EMS, and thinks that is no small contribution.

"Before we put money into EMS, I'd like to know if EMS employees down there do any work for the hospi-

tal," he said. "I think we need a lot of answers."

Another commissioner said that if the Castro County Hospital District has a payroll of \$6.5 million out of an \$8 million budget, some corners could be cut before the district asks the city and county for money. A letter was read to commissioners from Linda Rasor, CEO of the district, which said in part: "As you consider your budget for next year, please remember that EMS financial assistance must be a priority. Keeping the department viable is the responsibility of the county and not just one entity. I am setting the minimum of \$30,000 but would prefer \$50,000."

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# City, Mendoza agree on trailer

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

The city will not have to go to court over the trailer owned by Frank Mendoza Sr., which was parked one block south of the courthouse, according to city manager Don Sheffy.

"Our city attorney Jack Edwards and Mr. Mendoza's lawyer came to an agreement to pay him \$2,500 for his trouble," Sheffy said. "The city hooked on to the trailer Friday and pulled it down to Flores Tire Shop."

"It will be moved to Mr. Mendoza's lot, two blocks south of its previous location, as soon as the weather permits."

Mendoza had placed his trailer on the spot just south of the courthouse after receiving a city permit. However, an investigation

showed that the permit was issued in error and the city asked Mendoza to move his trailer, offering him \$2,500 if he would move it before legal action was necessary.

When Mendoza refused the city's offer, the council voted unanimously to direct the city attorney to file suit in district court, seeking an order to have the trailer removed because its presence violated city ordinances, including a fire ordinance.

"I'm just glad the situation is resolved without having to go to court," Sheffy said. "The city council decided to do it because he'd been to a lot of trouble. He had done a lot of work on the trailer and made plans to have it there, plus he had a permit, even though it had been given wrongly."

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# Obituaries

## JACKIE ROBERTS

Services for Jackie Roberts, 52, of Dimmitt, were at 2 p.m., Friday, June 20, 2003, at First Baptist Church, Dimmitt, with the Rev. Randy Davis of LifeWay Fellowship Baptist Church in Amarillo officiating, assisted by the Rev. Howard Rhodes of Dimmitt.

Mr. Roberts died June 17, 2003, in Amarillo.

He was born Feb. 22, 1951, in Amarillo.

He graduated from Hart High School in 1970 and moved to Dimmitt, where he married Beth Strickland on June 25, 1970.

He served as Scoutmaster in Dimmitt from 1987 to 1997. He was a very active member of LifeWay Fellowship Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife, Beth Roberts of Dimmitt; sons, Justin Clint and Jada Roberts and Joshua Heath and Jill Roberts, all of Amarillo; a granddaughter, Jewel Shayne Roberts of Amarillo; a brother, Ross Roberts of Centerville, Ala.; and a sister, Debbie Gee of Claremore, Okla.

Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Barbara McCoy.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

## ALFRED POHLMEIER

Services for Alfred Pohlmeier, 98, formerly of Nazareth, will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 2, at St. Francis of Assisi Church at Filmore, Calif.

Burial will follow at Bardsdale Cemetery. Mr. Pohlmeier died Friday, June 20, 2003, in Merced, Calif.

He was born Nov. 9, 1904, the oldest of 13 children born to John and Theresa Pohlmeier in Lawrence, Neb. Along with his parents and two sisters, he moved to Nazareth in 1909.

He married Lidwina Albracht April 19, 1932, at Nazareth, where he farmed until 1957, when they moved to Reseda, Calif.

He retired from the U.S. Post Office at the age of 72. They moved to Filmore and lived there until 1995.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Sept. 15, 1995; his parents, John and Theresa; his brothers, Carl, Edwin, Ray, Vincent, Paul, Harold; and sisters, Virginia, Leona and Maxine.

Survivors include three daughters, Emely Parrino of Mariposa, Calif., Martella Franks of Dumas and Della Venhaus of Amarillo; two sons, Joseph and Larry Pohlmeier of Simi Valley, Calif.; brothers, Phillip of Amarillo, Leroy of Nazareth and Virgil of Tulia; 18 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren.

## JUANITA S. DONES

Services for Juanita S. Dones, 62, of Florence, were at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 21, 2003, at Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Andice with Father Walter Carr officiating.

Mrs. Dones died Wednesday, June 18, 2003.

She was born March 30, 1941, in Andice to Francisco and Maria Dones Sr.

She was a homemaker, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was a member of Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Andice and active in Guadalupana.

Survivors include her children, Mary Helen Venegas and husband Arturo Galvan of Florence; Valentina Vences and husband Mario of Jarrell, Ginger Hernandez and husband Alfonso of Liberty Hill; grandson, Eddie Dones and wife Arely of Killeen; brothers, George Dones of Georgetown, Frank Dones Jr. of Austin and Jesus Dones and wife Lisa of Florence; sisters, Natalie D. Falcon of Georgetown, Julia Castanuela and husband Eduardo Sr. of Brady, Marie Escalera and husband Frank of Culver City, Calif., Ramona Dones of Georgetown, Martina Dones of Florence and Mary Dufour and husband Ernest Sr. of Walburg. Mrs. Dones also leaves 15 grand-children; 23 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; an uncle, Calistro Sandoval of Florence; and two aunts, Sabina S. Carranco of Florence and Elena S. Alaniz of Donna.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francisco and Maria Dones; a son, Edward Lee Dones; a daughter, Janice Dones; and a granddaughter, Deanna D. Jaimes.

Pallbearers were Arturo Galvan, Alfonso Hernandez, Mario Vences, George Dones, Frank Dones Jr. and Jesus Dones.

## GWENDOLYN 'GRANNY' BETH HYDE GILMORE

Services for Gwendolyn Beth Hyde Gilmore, "Granny," 81, of Wilson were at 2 p.m., Monday, June 23, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Wilson with the Rev. Walter Hunt officiating. Burial was at Green Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Gilmore died June 20, 2003, in Lubbock.

She was born Sept. 7, 1921, in Thorndale, Texas, to the late Jesse W. Hyde and Sadie Lavernia Caffee.

She moved to Wilson in 2000 from Dimmitt. She worked and retired as an owner and operator for a food industry. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her daughters, Francis Darlene Collins of Dimmitt, Doris Faye Miller of Amarillo and Dianna Kay Stoughton of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Gilmore was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jimmy Richard Fox in 1990; and 12 brothers and sisters.

Memorials may be sent to John Collins Memorials Scholarship Fund, 212 W. Bedford St., Dimmitt, TX., 79027 or to a favorite charity.

# Letters to the Editor

As chairman of this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life committee, I would like to thank residents of Castro County for their generosity and support. Nineteen teams participated in this year's event, raising more than \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society's research, education, advocacy and service programs. The outstanding support received proves that the people of Castro County are truly committed to the fight against cancer. This was done in spite of the thunderstorm that caused us to have to bring our relay to a halt early in the evening. Until it began to get violent, dedicated walkers remained on the track despite rain. We were disappointed that we did not get to have the luminary ceremony, as it was to have been extra impressive. Here again, we cannot control the weather and in this county we have learned to appreciate the rain when it comes. We also had several new activities and vendors but hopefully they will be with us the next time.

I want to applaud the survivors that participated in the opening lap and the survivor recognition. They are the reason we continue the fight because each year there can be more and more people living productive and quality life following a diagnosis of cancer.

A special thanks to the many Relay for Life volunteers who worked to make this event a success. The Relay for Life committees did an outstanding job of putting the event together. The success of this event all started back in April when we had the Rally at the First United Methodist Church.

In addition to the committee members, we had numerous volunteers who donated their time and talents to make this event a success. Each time we have the relay, it seems that we have more people who are willing to go the extra mile. This year we had a beautiful clock made and donated by Cliff and Jenna Wright in honor of their mother who has been courageously fighting the battle for several years, and in memory of Laurie Sides Hill. Their family also started a limited edition of angels which will benefit ACS. Our talented Quilters Guild is again making their beautiful quilts to honor survivors and in memory of loved ones who lost their battle to cancer.

We also appreciate all the publicity we received from the various media areas of our county. They were invaluable in helping us in getting our message to the public. We appreciate the businesses who were so cooperative in handing out fliers to their customers and lending us their billboards. Thank you DISD for the use of your facilities, to the city for spraying for mosquitoes and to the Country Club for lending us their golf carts.

The Relay for Life would not be possible without our corporate sponsors. Their generosity shows their dedication in continuing the fight against cancer.

Again, thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society and remember it's not too early to become involved in our next Relay for Life.

Sincerely,

Mike Bain  
2003 Relay for Life Chairman

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- Austin bridge is home to over \_\_\_ bats
- nurse (abbr.)
- TXism: "dull as week-old \_\_\_ pop"
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- Spurs enthusiasts \_\_\_ your own horn"
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call the Springlake City Hall at 986-4211.

### Breast Cancer screening set

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Castro County Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, in Dimmitt on July 3.

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.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### AIDS testing

Free HIV testing will be provided from 1 to 6 p.m., Thursday, June 26, in Tulia at Planned Parenthood, 200 N. Austin St. In addition to the free testing for the disease, there will be prevention information, condom distribution, outreach programs and STD testing referrals.

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# On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson 647-4579

Winston and Judy Waggoner have just returned from an extensive vacation.

They covered 11 states in 16 days. They traveled from Texas to North Carolina, taking time to see different tourist attractions in every state.

As Judy and I enjoyed rocking and visiting on the front porch of their quaint bed and breakfast right here in Dimmitt, I couldn't imagine being in a nicer place than the lovely setting she and Winston have created.

The first place she told about was the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C. It is a mansion built in 1895 for the Biltmore family. There are untold numbers of rooms, including sitting

rooms, dining rooms to accommodate hundreds and 60 bathrooms with inside running water.

The grounds are manicured to perfection.

The running water and central heating made it a very special place for that era.

The estate was occupied by the Biltmore heirs until 1954, when it was opened to the public.

Bristol, Tenn., the hometown of the late Tennessee Ernie Ford, held a lot of fascination for the Waggoners. Our generation will never forget Ernie's hymns that he sang or his record of "Sixteen Tons," that sold several million copies in the 50s, 60s and 70s.

They especially enjoyed the aquarium at Gatlinburg, Tenn. They met Winston's sister, Francis Pharis and her husband in Oklahoma City. They traveled with Judy and Winston for a trip to Butler, Mo., to visit the birthplace of Winston and Frances' mother, the late Hazel Williams Waggoner.

They chose a motel nightly at random, and felt good about most of their accommodations - prices and cleanliness were satisfactory. However, in one small town, where they were weary and ready to stop, they found a small motel where several cars were parked in front of the units. This helped to make their decision to stop and get a room. After checking in,

they saw that grass had grown around the wheels of the cars. The cars were only decoys to entice people to stop there. Winston and Judy were the only guests at the lodge that night.

Judy said, "We loved every part of the trip, but of course, we're glad to be home."

Jane Vaughan attended a camp for adults on the Lubbock Christian University campus recently. The title of the camp was "Empact."

There were good lectures, old acquaintances to renew, beautiful music and good food.

When I inquired about a traveling companion with her, she replied, "It was just

the Lord and I. We enjoyed every bit of it."

Jane's nephews, Bill Killebrew, spent some time with Loyd and Jane this spring. He lives in Iowa and is a student at the Sunset International Bible Institute.

Jane asked us to remember Julia Gonzales, wife of Ben Gonzales, the past of the Spanish Church of Christ in prayer. She is very ill.

The Myatt boys Steve from Gruver, Lane and their dad, J.H., celebrated Father's Day in a great way. They enjoyed playing the golf courses at Cloud Croft, the Links Club at Ruidosa and stayed at the Innsbrook Inn and played the 3-par course there. Their mother and wife, Erlene, was in Califor-

nia at the time, so it was a good time for the guys to get away. I'll follow up on Erlene's trip next week.

Some of Dimmitt's Harley bike riders spent a couple of days in Cripple Creek, Colo. They left here with rain and rain clouds hovering. Enjoying blue skies in Colorado until Saturday when it snowed there. Rex Wooten, Stan McDaniel, Danny Ebling, Terry Widick and Van Hopson. Joining them were Tracy Dixon of Plainview and Don and Deon Byrd of Tulia.

We're glad it's summertime, school is out and Dimmitt people are "On the Go." Call me. I like hearing and writing about your trips.

# Hispanic Voice

with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

This weekend we were happy to have a visiting priest to give mass in our Catholic Parish. He is from Amarillo and his name is Father Ken Kellar. We hope

to have him back real soon. He is very nice and very energetic.

Luis & Olga Acevedo

celebrated their 25th anniversary on Saturday, June 21st. They married in 1978 in Dimmitt at Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church and had a big wedding. They had a reception, dinner and dance. I wish I could show everyone their wedding

pictures of their wedding in 1978. Olga brought her first wedding dress that she wore in 78. It was a size zero! and she stated that she only weighed 90 pounds on her wedding day! Can you believe it? We all enjoyed looking at her dress. We all oohed and ahed, it had lace all over it and a long train. Luis wore a white tux and was a very skinny guy! I guess we all were skinny back then. Luis and Olga were accompanied by their families and friends. Their children that were there are: Vanessa & Casy Smith, their children, Casey and Kysynn; daughters, Amanda Acevedo and Clarissa; Olga's mother Maria Lara; Luis's mother was not able to attend, as she was sick that day. Out of town guest were Olga's cousins, the Zamora family from Denver Colorado, and Olga's sister Rosa and husband Paul Aguirre for Denton. The had a wonderful dinner, brisket, rice, beans, salad, tea, and it was very good. During the dance at intermission, cake was served and a toast was made in their honor. Then the dance continued and Luis and Olga danced the

night away. The band that played was a local band, called Firmesa, formerly known as Los Atomicos. (I don't know what Atomicos means in English but I'm sure somebody will tell me). The band consist of Lalo Barrera-lead, Julian Villal-singer, Sebastian Rosalez-drums, Felipe Amaya-bass guitar, Gabriel Gillan-piano. When I talked to Luis about how he and Olga met, he said, "... we lived next door to each other, so I kept pretty close tabs on her, and literally married the girl next door, then he added, Mary Lou, I've loved her since the first day I met her and still love her today just like then. I think that is so sweet. Olga, you're a lucky woman! I had to include it in this write up. Congratulations!

Prayers are needed for; Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelo Aguilar, Julia Aguilar, Marcelina Acevedo, Maria Aleman, Rita Aleman, Alyssa Monreal.

If you have any news to give me, just call me or e-mail me. My phone is 647-4266 and my e-mail address is middleace1966@yahoo.com

# Naz News

with Vergie Gerber 945-2669

Congratulations to Al and Leona Maurer who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday afternoon with a mass in Holy Family Church, with Rev. John Hickey presiding and assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman and Deacon Robert Gonzales of Hart. The mass was followed by a reception, dinner and dance at the Nazareth Community Hall, hosted by their children; Lucy and Walter Pohlmeier, Stanley and Tina Maurer, Duane Maurer, Shirley Brockman, Paula and Frank Acker, Allen and Melinda Maurer and 18 grandchildren.

Five piano students of Rosemary Ramaekers of Umbarger played at the Texas Music Teachers Association Convention in Arlington this past weekend. Kendra Huseman and Alex Gerber of Nazareth and Andi Rose and Megan Scott of Amarillo were four of the nine students from the Amarillo affiliate to play an ensemble at the event.

The composer of their selection, Vandall, was present at the performance and personally congratulated the group and signed autographs. It was a wonderful experience for these young pianists. There was also an intermediate and high school ensembles represented from this area. The group enjoyed listening to other solos and ensembles and were in awe of all the baby grand pianos under one roof. They also had fun in the swimming pool, riding the trolley and elevators.

A surprise 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Hugh Wilhelm was held last Friday night at the American Legion Hall. Hosts for the part were his mother, Betty, and his brothers and sisters. Lots of fun and fellowship, but the best part was that Hugh was totally surprised and for

once in his life was speechless. Family and friends came from Nazareth, Dimmitt, Wichita Falls, Waco, Amarillo and Canyon.

Henry, Linda, Kristi and Heidi Ramaekers recently returned from a week-long vacation in Southern California. While there, they enjoyed several days at Disneyland, a trip to San Diego, Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hill, the Getty Museum, Hollywood, a Dodgers game, the Long Beach Aquarium, the harbor and the beach. Los Angeles resident, Father John Salazar, was their personal tour guide.

Bev and Charley Hill and Madison Hoelting of Tulia, Todd, Misty and Brynlee Hill of Lubbock spent the weekend in Henrietta, with family, Kevin, Traci, Anni and Ethan Scholl. They celebrated Anni's seventh birthday on Saturday and her first communion at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday. A big weekend for Anni.

A bridal shower honored Sara Schulte, bride-elect of Mattie McLean, was held at the home of Tonya Schulte. She received many useful gifts.

Rylan, son of Ky and Wendy Wilcox, was baptized Sunday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo, with Msgr. Harold Waldow officiating. His sponsors are Kade Wilcox and Marsha Black.

Our sympathy to the family of Alfred Pohlmeier, 98, who passed away June 20, 2003, in Fillmore, Calif. His wife, Lidwina, died in 1995. Survivors include his three daughters, Emely of Mariposa, Calif., Martella of Dumas and Della of Amarillo; sons, Joe and

Larry, both of Simi Valley, Calif.; three brothers, Phillip of Amarillo, Leroy of Nazareth and Virgil of Tulia.

Pam Bogle of Center, Colo., her daughter, Chris of Denver, Colo., and her four children, Ashlee, Alexis, Adrian and McKenzie, are here to spend the week with Pam's parents, LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier and other family members.

The Heiman family, Shorty and Easy's children, held a reunion this past weekend at a hunter's cabin, north of Roscoe, hosted by Iona Heiman Taylor and her husband Phil of Lubbock and her two daughters, Stacy and Mitch Hirt of Wall and Dawn and Brad Thompson of Roscoe.

Attending from Nazareth were Denny and Delores Heiman; Julene Heiman Gerber and Fritz; Lydia and Rusty Schacher, Kyle and Coby; Stanley Gerber and family and Chris and Regham Gerber and Chad Beedy from Dumas; Etta Mae Heiman Sellers and husband Bill from Tahlequah, Okla., and her children, Dale and family and Nadine and family; Donna Kleman and grandsons, and Lori Wych and children from Abilene. They enjoyed fishing, many good ponds and plenty of fish for a fish fry. Lots of good food and games and just visiting with everyone. JoAnne Heiman Bowen of Plainview was unable to attend because of recent back surgery.

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# PEOPLE

## Maurers mark 50th anniversary

On Jan. 7, 1953, Alfons Maurer of Harper married Leona Schacher of Nazareth at Holy Family Church in Nazareth. On Saturday, June 14, 2003, Al and Leona were honored with a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration hosted by their children, Walt and Lucy Pohlmeier of Tulia; Stanley and Tina Maurer, Duane Maurer and Shirley Brockman of Dimmitt; Paula and Frank Acker of Amarillo; Allen and

Melinda Maurer of Albany; and the couple's 18 grandchildren.

Festivities began at 4 p.m. with a mass at Holy Family Church, where their marriage was once again blessed. Celebrating the mass was Father John Hickey, pastor of Holy Family Church. Assisting were Deacon Jerome Brockman of Nazareth and Deacon Robert Gonzales of Hart. Music for the mass was provided



Mr. and Mrs. Alfons Maurer



Mr. and Mrs. Alfons Maurer - 1953

by the Ralph Albracht choir. Many relatives and friends enjoyed following the mass, a reception, dinner and dance at the Nazareth Community Hall. The meal of Opa's sausage and trimmings was prepared and served by the children and their friends. The DJ music was provided by nephew Chris Albracht.

Family friends attending from out of town were army buddy, Frank Dugge and his wife Florence from Fall City and Denise Caraway from Luling.

Leona's brothers and sisters attending the celebration were Edwin and Juanita

Schacher, Margie and Sam Albracht, Catherine and Junior Hochstein of Nazareth, Georgie and Jim McCormick of Amarillo, Rosalie and Virgil Davis of Los Alto, Calif., Bob and Charlotte Schacher of Tulia and Vernie Schacher of Lazbuddie. Also attending were many nieces and nephews of the Schacher family.

Al's family attending from South Texas were sisters Helen Fritz and Gertrude Maurer of Harper and sister-in-law, Pauline Maurer of Kerrville. Nieces and nephews attending were Alton and Wanda Reeh, Larry and

Diane Reeh, Lillian and Kermit Fritz of San Antonio, Reinhardt Wehmeyer, Cleburne Fritz of Carrollton, Daniel and Verna Fritz, Jeff Fritz of Austin, Gerald Harvey and Rosie Treibs of Fredericksburg, Ramona Comfort and Delphine Exman of Fort Worth.

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## Bishop receives scholarship

Jaclyn Bishop of Dimmitt has received a 4-H Scholarship for \$10,000 over four years from the 2003 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo association, according to a news release.

The organization awarded 70 Texas 4-H'ers with four-year, \$10,000 scholarships during the Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station on June 10 "The show supports a variety of 4-H activities and programs, but the presentation of \$700,000 in scholarships to 4-H'ers who have demonstrated academic excellence and strong leadership skills is one of the highlights of the year," said P. Michael Wells, president of the show.



Jaclyn Bishop



Emily Dalynn Roberson & Glenn Pattison

## Robertson, Pattison engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberson of Dimmitt have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Emily Dalynn Roberson to Benjamin Glenn Pattison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Pattison of Perryton.

The wedding is set for Sept. 20, 2003, at Lake Tanglewood, in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is employed at Osborn Orthodontics.

The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of South Goosecreek High School and is employed at West Texas Peterbilt.

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<b>Civic Center Events</b>	
2206 American Blvd.....	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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The Double D Band.....	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Arts and Crafts Booths.....	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Jennyslippers Mule Putt Golf.....	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Pioneer Reunion.....	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Muleshoe Pitching Contest.....	10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Water Polo.....	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kid's Tractor Pull.....	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kid's Booth's & Fun Games with Prizes.....	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<b>Soft Ball Tournament</b>	
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# CHURCH NEWS



## Prayer is effective

A few weeks ago I stood at the bedside of a dear sister in the critical care unit of a hospital in Amarillo. Several of us were circled around her bed and knowing that the only thing we could do for her at that time was the greatest thing you could do for anyone, pray. I offered a prayer to God on her behalf and another brother prayed for her in Spanish and finally one more prayer was offered for her in English. As we left her room and headed for the hospital waiting room, one of the nurses confirmed that what we had done for her, in praying for her, was just as important as anything that

they were doing for her medically. Those were not the only prayers that were offered for this dear sister, many have continued to remember her in their prayers.

The next morning, when I arrived at the hospital, I was met by her son who explained that she had a good night and that she wasn't out of the woods, but that she had made a turn for the better. Could it be a coincidence? Absolutely not, there is no such thing. It was simply God answering our many prayers. As I write this article, my dear sister continues to be in serious



Chuck Ball

condition in that same critical care unit and we are all still praying for her constantly.

Maybe you struggle with the concept of prayer, possibly thinking that it doesn't do any good. Friend, let me assure you that prayer is indeed effective. Prayer is much more effective than any physical thing that man can do. **"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. (James 5:16-18).** I hope that we all realize the power, significance and effectiveness of prayer.



**CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETS:** Front, left to right, Sherri Bradley, Mozell Lilley and Delores Heller. Back, left to right: Charles Summers, Milton Bagwell, Boyce Carter, Houston Lust. Not pictured are Louise Mears, Make Steffey and J.R. Brown. Retiring this year are Lilley and Brown; new to the board are Bradley and Steffey.

## She's back in the saddle again

BY JIM DAVIDSON

While I can't remember all the words, there is an old country and western song that goes, "I'm back in the saddle again. Out where a friend is a friend. Where the longhorn cattle roam, that's where I belong, back in the saddle again." It has been years since I have heard that song but that's what I thought of the other day when Viola came home from a horseback riding session. More about this in a moment. If you have read my column on a regular basis you know that my wife Viola has Parkinson's. I share this with you because a number of readers have asked me to give an update from time to time on her condition. It is also my prayer that the various things we are doing to cope with this disease may also help and be an encouragement to others who may be walking the same road. If not with Parkinson's, with something else that is debilitating.

growing up she had a horse and has always loved horses. A few months ago she decided she wanted to ride a horse as therapy. We have since learned that this is called "Hippotherapy" after the Greek "Hippos" meaning horse. There is something about the touch of an animal, like pets that are now part of the treatment regimen in some children's hospitals, that is healing to the body. The parts of the human body that move while sitting on a horse in motion is also part of the therapy.

In our community we have a wonderful young lady by the name of Miss Toby who has a good number of horses and as a business, teaches horseback riding skills to mostly young people. Miss Toby is a former state rodeo queen, along with many other honors and she has a wonderful helping spirit. Along with her cohorts Jamie and Cynthia they have done wonders for Viola. She rides three times each week and really looks forward to it. She says it has helped her physically, emotionally and psychologically. The small amount of expense has been worth it many times over. Don't know what the long term outcome or results will be but we are grateful that Miss Toby has come into our lives.

The other evening a lady said to me, I am so sorry about Viola. My response was, "We are just grateful the way God has blessed us with so many good years and now we just take it one day at a time." We do not feel sorry for ourselves because we see people each day that have life much more difficult than we do. The key to happiness has always been to forget our own problems and think about ways we can be of service to others. I know that Viola deeply appreciates your prayers and your concern and I'm just glad that "She's back in the saddle again." (Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

Like any progressive disease, over time the Parkinson's is taking a toll. In her case it's just taking a toll on her body and not her spirit. I marvel at the way she keeps going, doing for others and doing her best day by day to cope with her condition. Because she is the love of my life, it hurts me to see her suffer and be in almost constant pain. I would take the Parkinson's for her if I could and when I tell her that she always responds, "You don't want what I have."

Several months ago when she began to have difficulty getting up from a seated position we took some steps that may be of interest to you. First, we bought a new rocker recliner that has wooden arms that makes it easier to rock forward and push up. Then a lady in our Sunday School class covered a four inch thick piece of foam rubber cut in the shape of a dining room chair for her to sit on. When she begins to get up the foam rubber rises and acts almost like someone taking her hand.

The one thing that we have been more excited about than anything else is her horseback riding sessions. When she was a young girl

## City sprays for mosquitoes

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

The rain has seen the mosquito population skyrocket, so the city sprayed again on Tuesday by plane, City Manager Don Sheffy said.

"It's a yearly thing," he said. "We've been spraying for mosquitoes for years and went to the airplane a few years ago. When you go down alleys or streets, you get that area, but with a plane you get the whole town."

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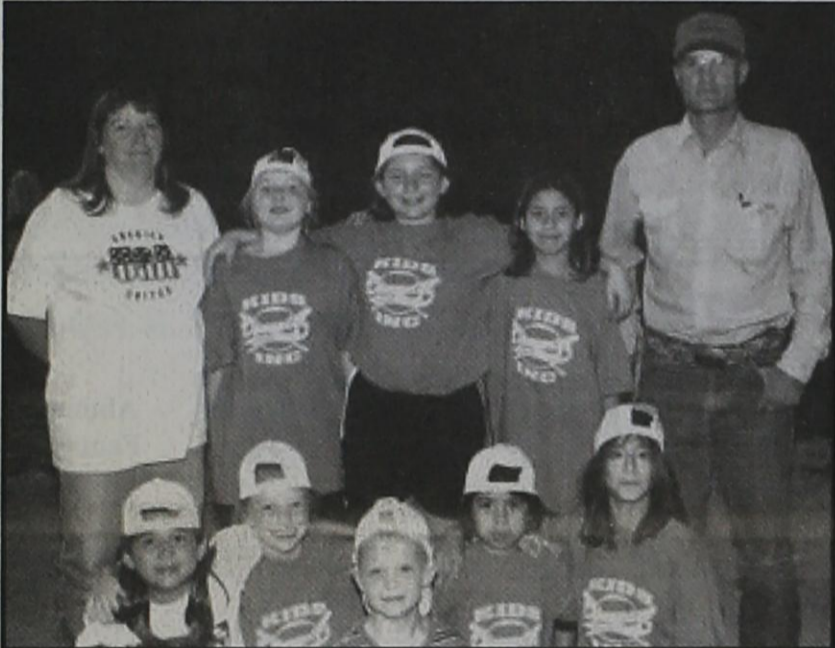
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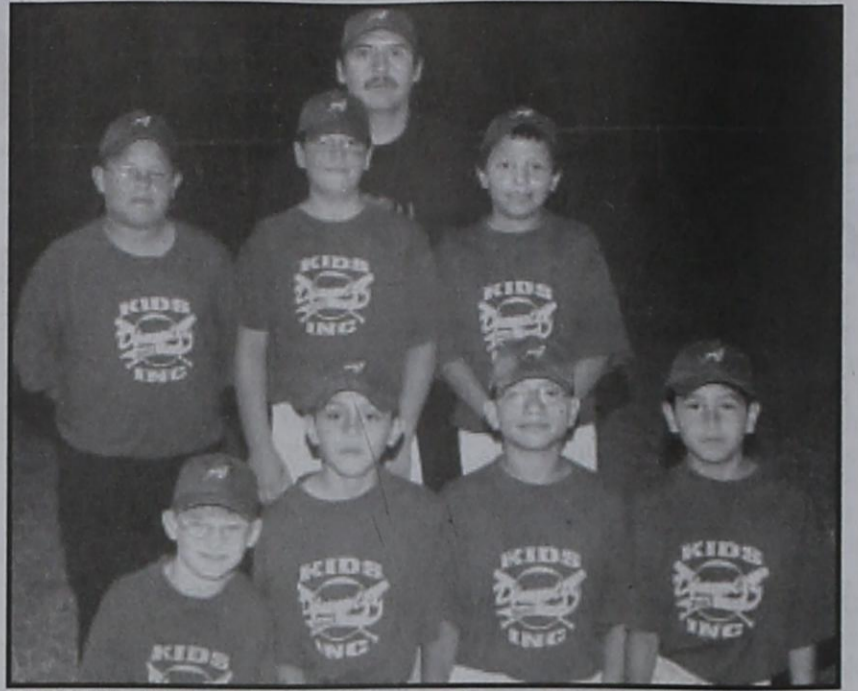
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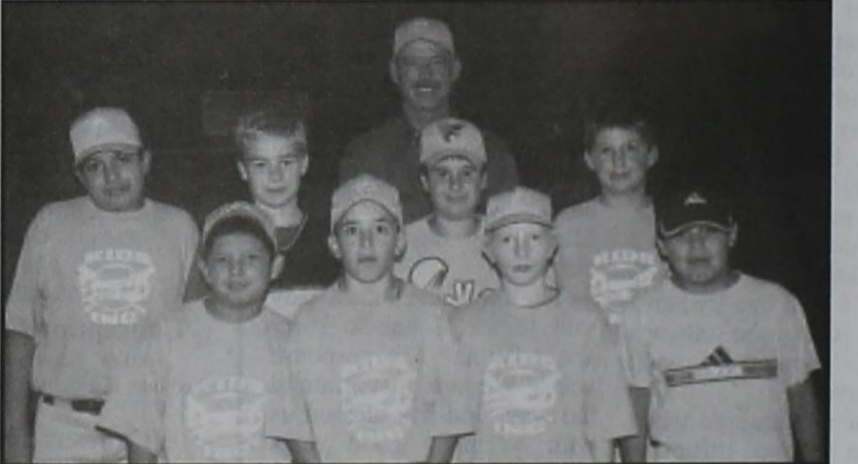
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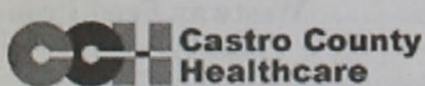
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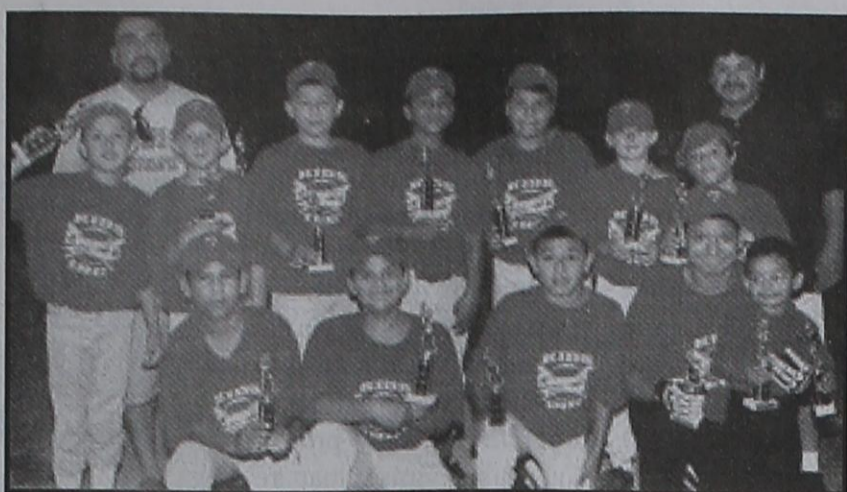
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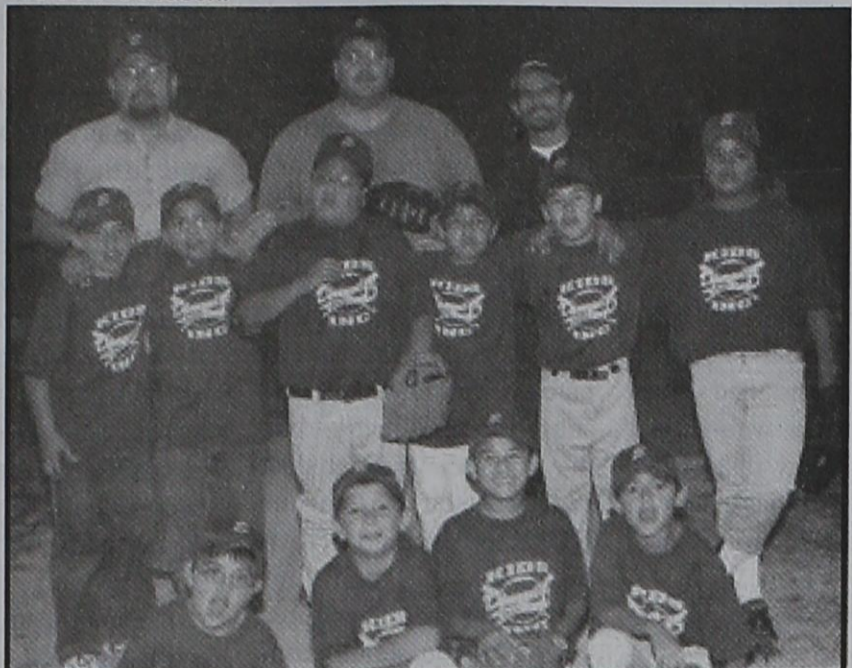
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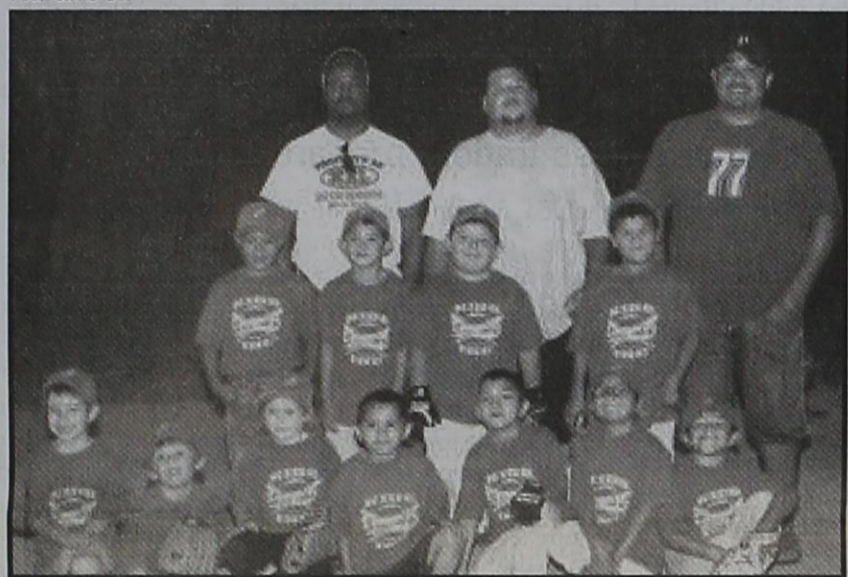
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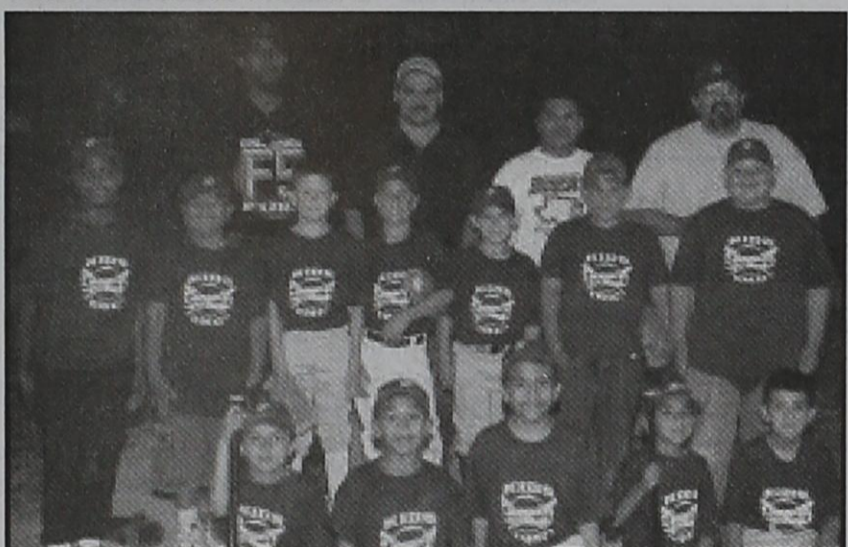
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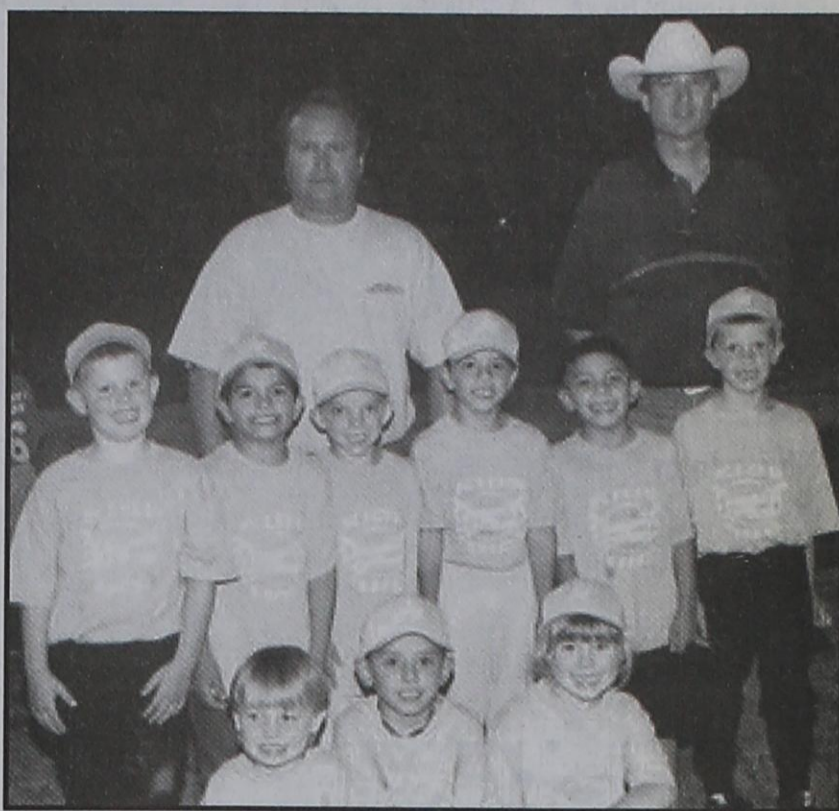
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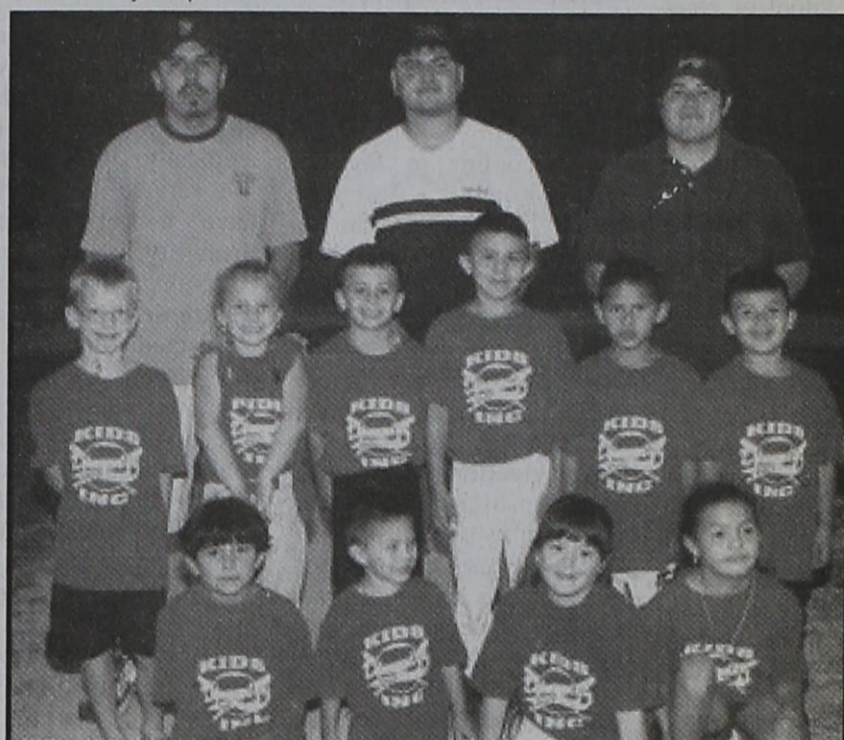
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# Texas Tech announces graduates, honors

## Masters Program

Jessica Diane Ball of Dimmitt graduated from Texas Tech University in Spring, 2003, with a Master of Science degree in food and nutrition, according to a news release.

## Nursing Program

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center hosted commencement ceremonies May 18 at the United Spirit Arena.

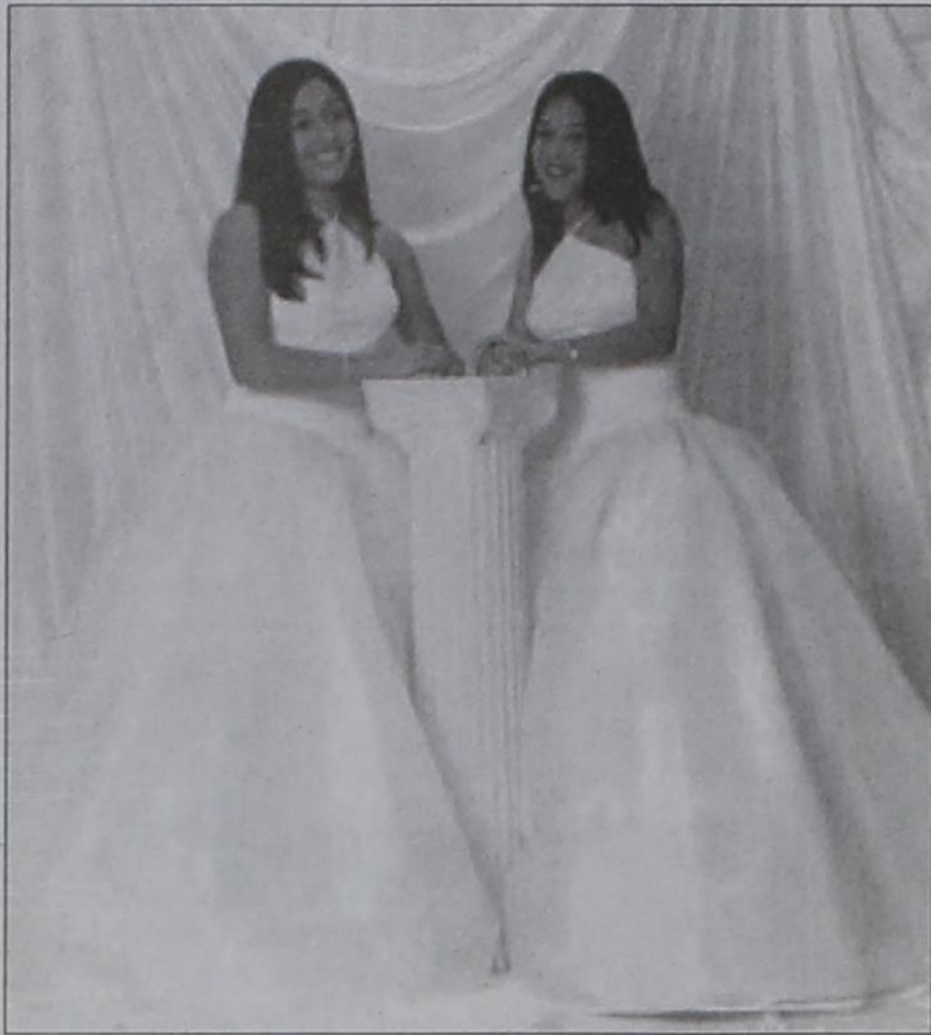
Two area residents were among 207 School of Nursing students receiving their degrees.

They were Amy Deanne Matthews, daughter of Jackie Matthews and Kaci Beth Schulte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harder and the late Lester Schulte.

Both received their BSN degrees.

## Honors Lists

Four Dimmitt students at Texas Tech were on the Honors List for Spring 2003. They are, Jeremy Mack Bishop, a sophomore, President's List; Jose Luis Garcia, a freshman, President's List; Maria Patricia Garcia, a senior, Dean's List; and Eva Delores Sloan, a senior, Dean's List.



**PAUL AND OLIVIA HERRERA** and Danny and Donna Montes will be celebrating the Quincenera of their daughters, Clarissa and Jennifer on Saturday, July 5, starting at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Dimmitt and then moving on to a dance that night.

## Vets eligible for benefits

According to Jay Lee Touchstone, Veterans County Service officer for Castro County, there will be many reservists and guardsmen returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom that have been deployed for several months and many of them are now potentially eligible for benefits because of their active duty service.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) offers a number of benefit programs to Reserve and Guard members. To be eligible, they must have completed at least 181 consecutive days of active duty service and be discharged or separated un-

der honorable conditions. The DD form 214 will be required to establish their eligibility. Benefits include medically related services for service members who have a service-connected disability and vocational rehabilitation (job training) for those with a service-connected disability. VA also offers a home loan guarantee with a low interest rate, no down payment and a long repayment period.

For more information on eligibility, contact your Veterans County Service Office (<http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/cso.htm>) or the Texas Veterans Commission office nearest you ([http://www.tvx.state.tx.us/TVC\\_Offices.htm](http://www.tvx.state.tx.us/TVC_Offices.htm)) for details or call the s HOTLINE at (800) 252-VETS (8387).

# Help, my computer has a virus

Welcome to the first week of my new column: *The Computer Connection*. Every week I will be discussing one or two computer related topics. If you have a specific question or topic you would like discussed please e-mail the News at [editor@castrocountynews.com](mailto:editor@castrocountynews.com) and I'll try to cover it the following week.

I picked this as my very first topic because preventing viruses should be any computer user's greatest concern.

Virus is a term that is used loosely to describe any type of malicious software designed to infect a computer and propagate itself. Most viruses arrive at your computer via e-mail, however some can be installed simply by visiting a web-site or reading a floppy disk or CD. Others can be passed on by file sharing programs such as Kazaa or LimeWire.

The best way to prevent viruses is to have an up-to-date anti-virus program installed on your computer such as Norton or McAfee Antivirus. Most new computers come with a limited trial version of either of these programs. Most people

think that because they see the program running that they are protected against all viruses. This is far from true. All anti-virus programs need to update themselves via the internet on a weekly basis to stay effective. An anti-virus program will only protect you against viruses that are older than the last update it received. If your anti-virus software is out-of-date, chances are your computer might be infected. Most retail versions of Norton or McAfee come with a 1-year subscription which entitles you to a full year of free updates. Once the subscription expires, the program continues running, however it will no longer update itself. You can usually purchase an additional year's subscription directly over the internet through the program itself to extend the life of the program. However, if your anti-virus software is more than three years old you should consider replacing it with a newer version rather than updating your subscription.

It is important to note that there are viruses out there that specifically target anti-virus programs. Some will



**Frank Mendoza Jr.**

disable your current anti-virus software while others like KLEZ and BugBear will prevent you from installing any anti-virus program. In these cases you are better off having a professional clean your computer and install the program for you. If you think you might have a virus you can go to [www.housecall.antivirus.com](http://www.housecall.antivirus.com) and perform a free on-line virus check and cleaning.

In conclusion, if you have an internet connection, PLEASE don't connect again until you are sure you have a working anti-virus program running on your computer. It's far better to spend \$20-30 now for Norton or McAfee than to spend a lot more later or possibly lose your data because of a virus infection.

## Cotton market erratic as traders prepare for futures contracts

An erratic cotton market emerged this week as traders began preparing for the July futures contract's first notice day on June 24. While some traders rolled their positions from the July contract to December's, more traders simply exited their positions in the market.

Despite the wide daily swings in prices at the New York Cotton Exchange, one analyst described the liquidation process as orderly. Early, steep losses in the futures market following the release of a disappointing export report Thursday were offset by "massive" trade buying that

helped recoup much of the price decline before the close of trading. At least one market observer saw the trade buying as a bullish signal.

Traders and analysts had expected a lower weekly export figure following a significant decline in the Step 2 Certificate value. However, the drop in export sales may have been slightly more than anticipated.

USDA reported export sales of U.S. cotton for the week ended June 12 totaled a net 71,600 bales, a 52 percent decline from the previous week and 46 percent less than the

previous four-week average. Turkey was the featured buyer.

Export shipments for the week totaled 211,100 bales, according to USDA, off 30 percent from the previous week and 21 percent from the prior four-week average. Primary destinations were Turkey, Mexico and China. Despite the disappointing shipment figure, many traders continue to expect exports to reach USDA's 11.4-million-bale target by the end of the current marketing season.

Traders also continue to keep close watch on certificated stocks that have declined somewhat recently. One analyst believes the decline is significant because that cotton may have been sold or committed during recent weeks when export sales were larger than normal for this time of year.

In other words, that cotton no longer is a market factor on the supply side of the equation.

Meanwhile, traders remain nervous about crop conditions around the world. Less than ideal growing conditions in Central Asia and China have been noted, and the monsoon in India appears to be late, leaving many fields too dry as that country enters its prime planting period. Although some scattered showers have been reported in most of India's cotton growing regions, much more is needed before planting can begin in earnest.

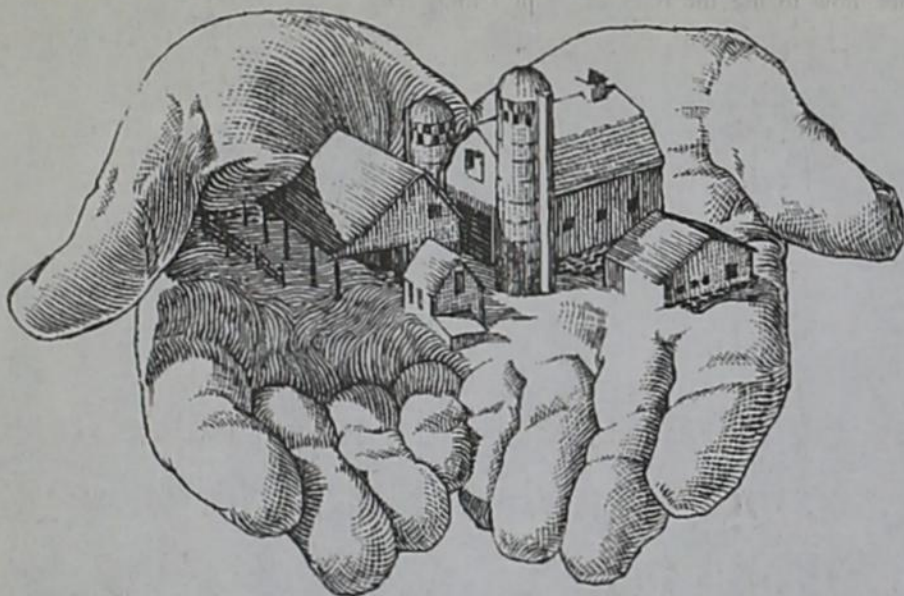
Losses of as many as one million cotton acres in West Texas have had little market impact thus far.

Some market observers view the recent adverse weather as "not uncommon" for the region, citing the potential for replanting.

Determining the extent of losses from hail, high winds and excessive rainfall has been delayed due, in part, to new crop insurance rules that require adjusters to wait eight days before evaluating affected fields.

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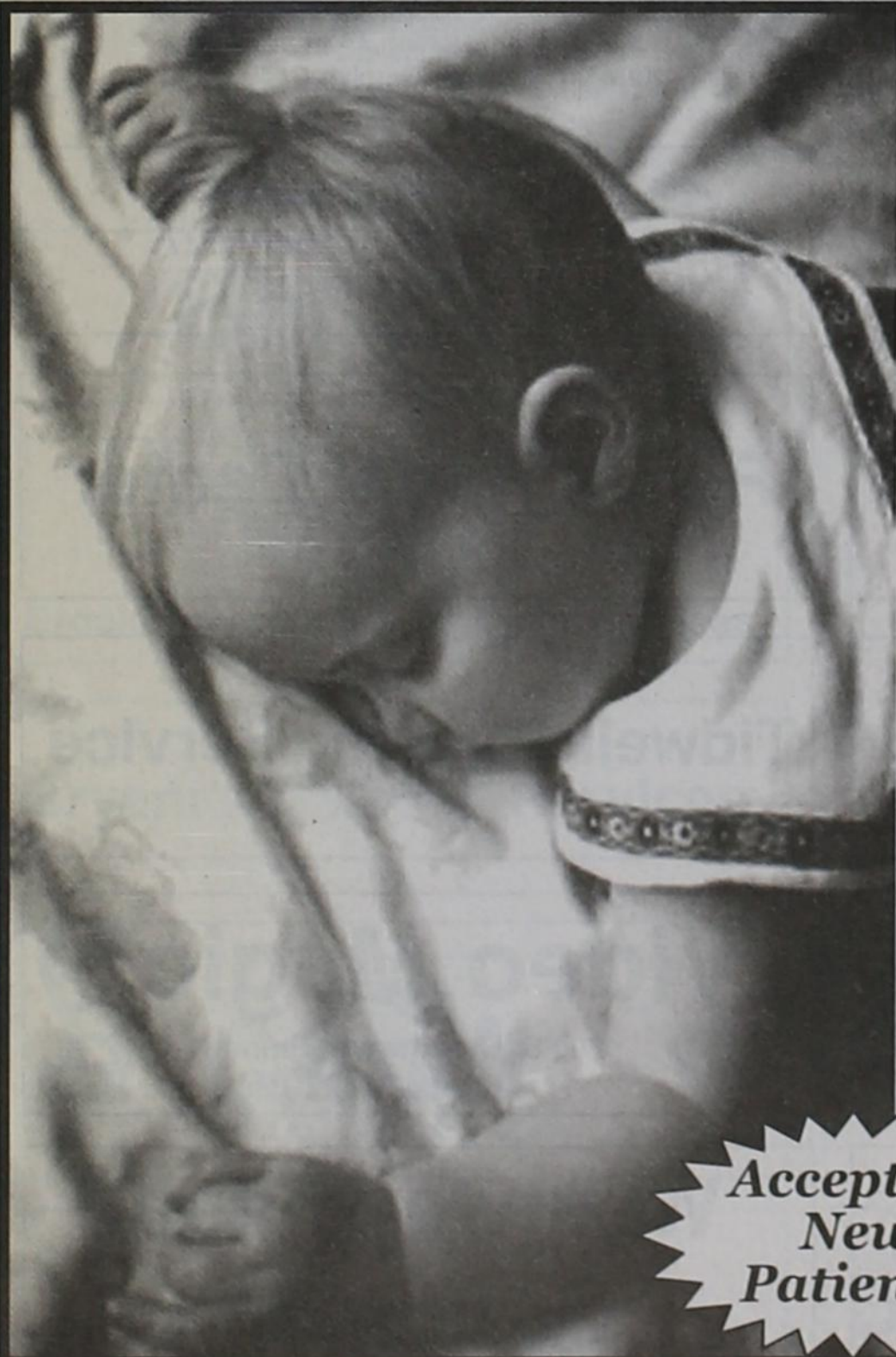
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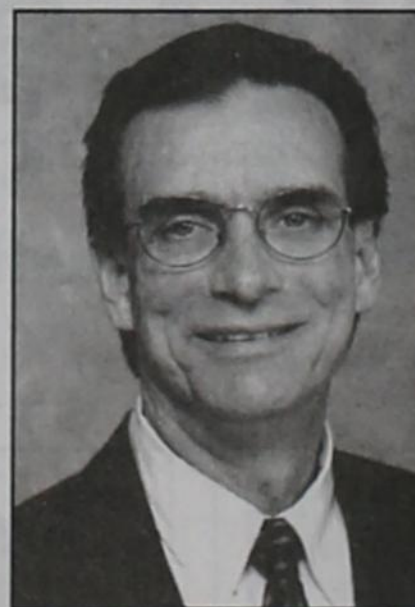
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# Opinions

## The Nature of News

News by its nature and definition is mostly "not good." News is the unusual, the different and often, the horrible. How else to explain why people rubber-neck a multiple-car accident, but never strain their eyes when a motorist is polite and yields the right-of-way or moves over for a faster moving vehicle.

But we in the media are excoriated constantly about why we dwell on the negative. Really, would you turn on the nightly news just to find out that there's peace in the Midwest, no one has made a jail break or the airlines are flying without mishap.

But let the sky get threatening ... hear an ambulance and other sirens go by ... and we're fast to tune in the radio or - in larger cities - the ever-present television news to find out what's going on.

Face it, news is the unique, the different. But recently, when I reported on the open forum sponsored by the DISD trustees, we had some objections because I'd omitted the positive things said about the district.

To get the news out to the community about what objections some residents were making, I had to make a choice. Report on the complaints of parents or repeat what a number of audience members, including those with complaints, had said about the Dimmitt schools. Almost everyone who stood up to speak was a DHS graduate and had some kind words to say about the Dimmitt schools. The people who were complaining had kinds

words too, perhaps why they were up there. They've attended the Dimmitt schools and love both the schools and the community. It would be much easier to just stay silent or if one really feels strongly, to move your children out of the district. These people feel strongly, but they want to stay and see the situation get better. No one disputes that most of the people who work for the Dimmitt schools are dedicated to educating our children. Teachers don't teach to get rich. It's a calling and we should let our teachers and administrators and board members know how much we appreciate that dedication. At the same time, the whole premise of education is that those of us who have and appreciate our educations want the next generation to be even better equipped to go out in the world. So, rather than turn a blind eye to the problems in the district - and there's not a district in the state of Texas that doesn't have problems of some sort - a number of community members have spoken out. Some have been ostracized, some have even had to endure veiled threats to their livelihood, according to at least two people I spoke with. That's a shame.

Instead of killing the messenger, we perhaps should be willing to be an open-minded listener. By their attitudes on Monday night, the board seemed to really want to know the concerns of the community. And, as board president David Schaeffer said, the board also wanted input on ways to fix problems. That should be of paramount importance to anyone in Dimmitt - keeping our schools at a high level, making sure everyone gets

an equal opportunity and listening when perceived problems come along. As good as our schools are, there's always room for improvement. That's what Schaeffer said. The board's message was, "we're listening and we want to try and open better lines of communication." That never will happen until people realize that problems exist and stop trying to gloss them over. A newspaper's job is to let the community know what's going on. When a group of parents have the energy and the boldness to address the board of trustees, you'll know about it. We devote many pages to our excellent students. Recently, we had four pages of scholarship winners. So it's not as if we're ignoring all the positive things going on in DISD; but we're not going to turn a blind eye toward turmoil.

**Davie Ann Browder**  
Managing Editor

## Don't forget the good about DISD

As the DISD board of trustees met to hear the public recently, the audience was about evenly divided between those who want to see some changes in the district and those who think the district is running just fine.

Even those who criticized certain policies, had positive things to say about the district, which most had attended. "We can't say enough about the teachers our kids have had," said Bryan Reinart. "We've been very pleased with the education they've received."

Teacher Max Newman, a graduate of the Dimmitt schools, said he'd found nothing to be critical about, "but there's always room for improvement."

Don Newman, told the board he just wanted the members to know "I appreciate the job you do. You can't run the school by petition, but I believe that the school board is going a good job."

Connie Merritt and Linda Langford, both school district employees said they believe the education offered by DISD is second to none, with Langford adding, "We need to use our energy to improve rather than destroy," the district.

All these comments, together with those from the more vocal members of the audience were positive. Even those who were asking

probing questions of the district. Lest anyone forget, these people all have busy lives. If they didn't care, they wouldn't have been there.

It's hard to take a stand, especially one against a massive organization like a school district. But not a single comment seemed to be small-minded or destructive. Almost everyone who walked to the microphone was a DISD graduate, and it didn't appear that there were any ulterior motives or agendas. Everyone at the

open forum agreed on one idea - the children of Dimmitt deserve the best education they can possibly get. And everyone plainly hoped that by working together, airing out differences and opening lines of communication, DISD will continue to turn out the same quality of leaders, teachers, moms and dads that it's been turning out for years. Only by working together is that going to happen, without fear of retribution or criticism.

**Chris Bradford**  
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## June Computer Classes

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### Job Skills

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Learn to create a resume, cover letter, thank you/follow up letter.

Learn tips for applying and interviewing for a job.

## Court

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When she first requested the money, the majority of which would go to buy new ambulances over the coming years, Rasor said she is asking the city for a similar amount. However, no action has been taken by the city council.

The commissioners are in the midst of budget hearings for the coming fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1. They have now heard from all department heads and been through the expected expenditures for the coming year. "Next we'll look at project revenues and the project budget," Sava said. "We're working to avoid a tax raise."

In other business, commissioners decided that the county alone could not fund

the 4-H position that is being lost because of a lack of state funding.

Also, Commissioner Larry Gonzales told commissioners they should consider a monitoring system for the Internet that is being used within the courthouse.

"Right now, it's open, but it shouldn't be that way," he said.

## Weather

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condition for the rest of the growing season. Fields planted to an alternate crop after the cotton has failed are also eligible for the credit under the same conditions.

Failed fields will continue to be trapped at a level to ensure boll weevil detection until the threat of weevil populations to eradication is past.

Last year in Castro County some 79,000 acres of cotton was planted, Elliott said. "How much of that will be a good crop, it's hard to tell now," she said. "Most want to get something in, another crop, to get some income off of this year."

Sava said that the county's personnel policy handbook also needs to be updated in that regard.

"The Internet is purely a work tool," he said. "We need a specific policy about it. It's not an entertainment tool."

Commissioners will consider a monitoring system at their July meeting.

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**Monday**  
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**We salute these individuals who have given many hours in planning and implementing the community network. Without them, it would not have been possible. Many have worked for almost a year, now. THANKS!**

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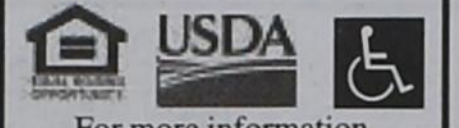
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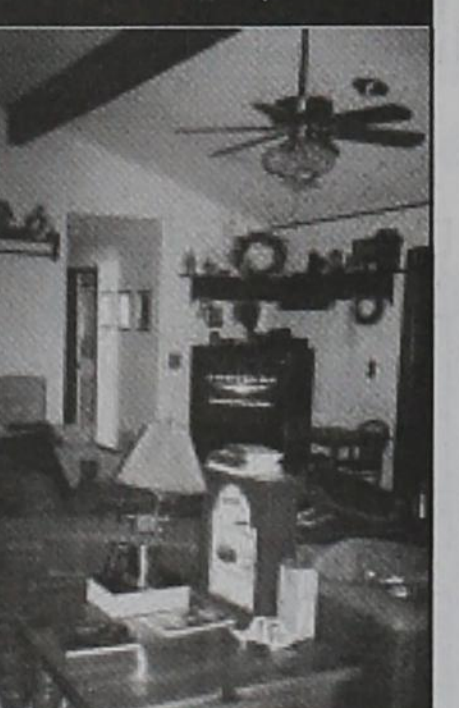
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The Family of Charles Burks would like to thank the community for the food, prayers, support and kind words in his memory. A special thank you to the ladies who took care of him and the friends and neighbors with their visits. We would also like to thank those who contributed to the Senior Citizens and to the Arney Club. Our prayers are with each and everyone of you.  
The Charles Burks Family

I would like to thank all the community for being with us during the loss of Kimberley. I appreciate all the food, cards, flowers and visits to both families-the Jacksons and the Garcias.  
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# Castro County ground water levels showed decline in 2002

Castro County ground water levels declined an average of 1.94 feet during 2002. This is based on measurements taken from 92 privately owned wells in the observation network maintained by the High Plains Under-ground Water Conservation District No. 1.

Ground water levels in Castro County declined an average of 2.21 feet annually during the ten-year period from 1993 to 2003. An average annual decline of 2.04 feet was recorded for the five year period from 1998 to 2003.

the Ogallala aquifer within the High Plains Water District. The depth-to-water measurements are taken in January and February of each year to allow water levels to stabilize from pumping during the previous growing season.

Nine counties showed average annual water level declines of less than one foot, while six counties showed an average annual water level decline of more than one foot.

Maps showing the location of observation wells were published in the April issue

of the district's newsletter, *The Cross Section*, as well as tables listing the water levels in these wells at one-, five-, and 10-year intervals.

Copies of *The Cross Section* for April 2003, are available by contacting the High Plains Under-ground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The water district's web site is [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com) <<http://www.hpwd.com>> and its email address is [erica@hpwd.com](mailto:erica@hpwd.com) <<mailto:erica@hpwd.com>>

Ground water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the 6.8 million acre water district service area declined an average of 1.06 feet from 2002 to 2003. This decline increased by 0.28 of a foot as compared to the previous year.

"All counties within the water district's 15 county service area saw an average decline in depth-to-water levels. This decline is probably due to a number of reasons, but primarily, a lack of precipitation at opportune times resulted in the requirement of additional ground water pumpage last year," said Don McReynolds, High Plains Water District geologist/technical division director.

A network of 1,214 privately-owned observation water wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in

# WTAMU accepting doctoral students

CANYON - It's official. A Ph.D. program in agriculture is now on the books at West Texas A&M University.

"This program makes so much sense for our area," Dr. Russell C. Long, WTAMU president, said. "It matches one of our institutional strengths with a significant regional need and allows us to offer an education of the highest level to the people of the Texas Panhandle."

The doctoral program is a first for West Texas A&M, which also offers 59 baccalaureate and 42 master's-level degree programs. It has been given the final stamp of approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and delivery of the curriculum will begin this fall.

"The doctoral program increases our

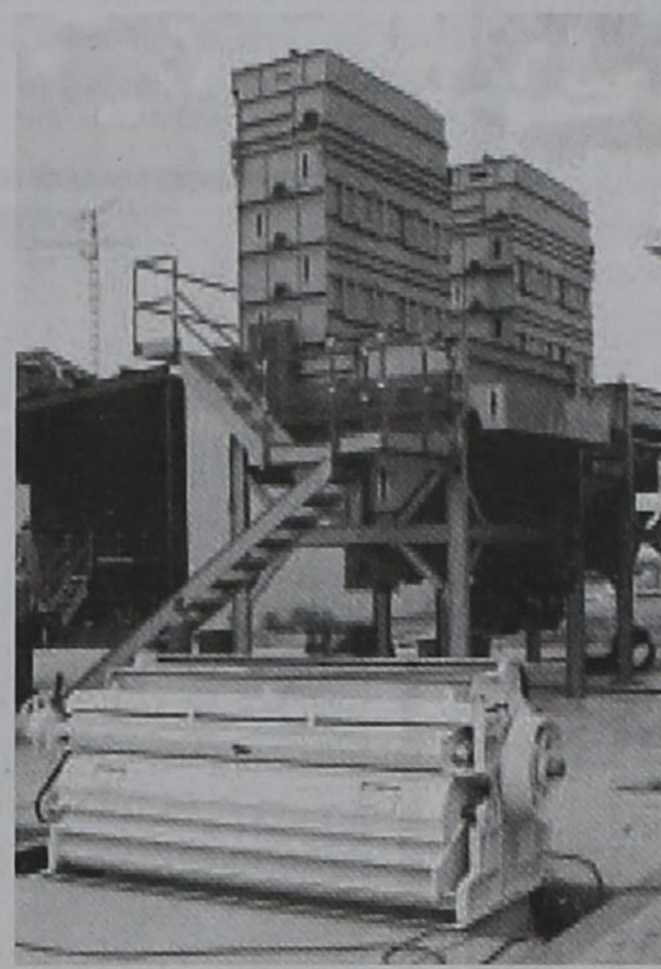
ability to provide a top-level education, to conduct cutting-edge research that will benefit the local ag industry and to secure additional federal funding," Dr. Flavius Killebrew, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.

"Bottom line--it increases the prestige of our institution."

Administrators are expecting approximately six students to enter the program for the fall semester.

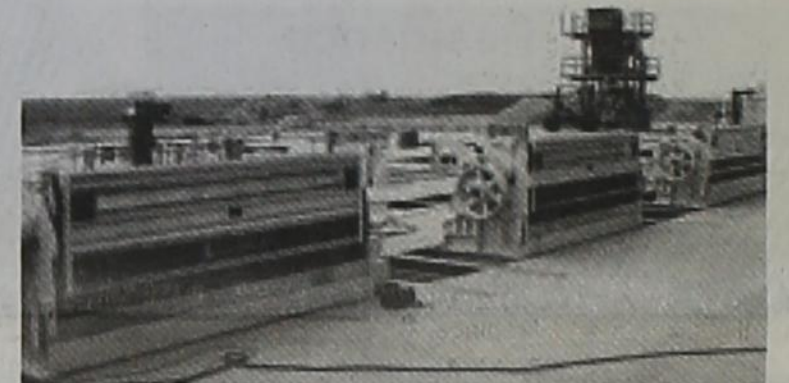
"This Ph.D. program is aimed at developing agriculture leaders who will have the ability to operate across disciplines, people who will be able to step back and see the entire picture," Dr. Don Topliff, head of the Division of Agriculture, said.

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# Don't forget that all-important name-change after ceremony

BY MARY JANE SHANES

*Social Security Manager in Plainview*

June is the traditional month for weddings. I don't know if there really are more weddings in June than any other month, but it gives me an excuse to make an important pitch to any woman who intends to change her name because she is getting married ... in June or any other month.

What's the pitch? People who change their names should make sure they notify Social Security of the new name. And this doesn't just apply to women who are getting married. It also could apply to a woman who officially changes her name following a divorce. And for that matter, it applies to anyone, man or woman, who changes his

or her name for any reason.

The bottom line is that people should make sure that the name their employer is using to report earnings to the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration exactly matches the name in their Social Security records.

And why is that important? For several reasons. First, IRS and SSA match computer records. If the name and Social Security number you report on your tax return do not match the name and Social Security number in our records, IRS will not process your tax return until you update your Social Security files. This could delay any tax refund you might be due.

The second reason it is important to make sure your records are up-to-date is because your potential Social Security benefits are based almost entirely on the earnings record we maintain for you. If your employer reports earnings to the government under your new name, and your Social Security record still shows your old name, we cannot add those earnings to your records. And missing earnings translate to lower Social Security benefits.

One bit of good news is that the name-changing process is relatively simple. And the even better news is that the process is free ... if you handle it directly through the Social Security Administration. There are some private mail-order firms that target new brides with direct mail solicitations offering to change your name in Social Security

records for a fee. All they do for the usual \$25 to \$50 fee is give you the name change form and then mail it to Social Security for processing.

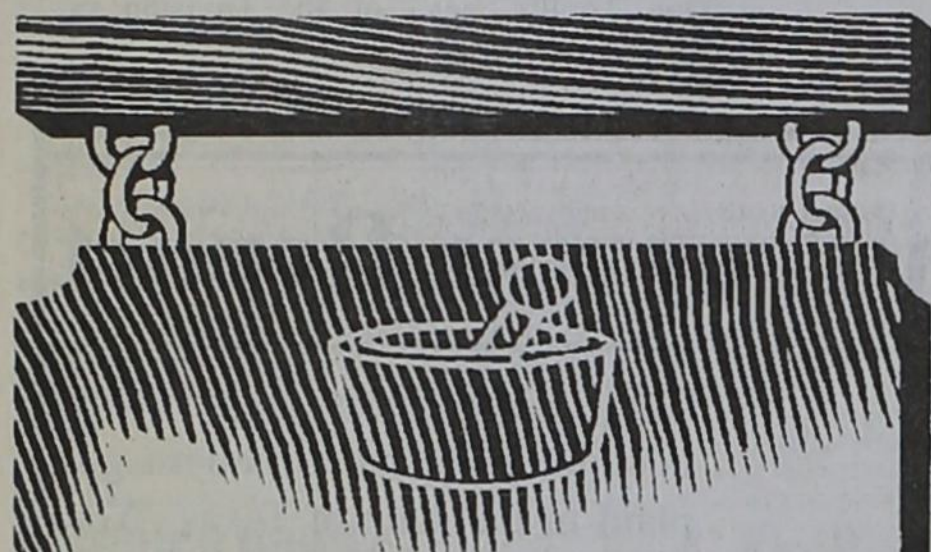
You can save money by printing the form, called the "SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/) (<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/>). Once there, simply click on Application Form SS-5. Just complete the form and bring or mail it to your local Social Security office with either your marriage certificate showing your old and new names or two documents—one with your former name and one with your married name.

All documents must be originals or certified copies. The application form lists other documents Social Security accepts.

If you don't have Internet access, you can call us at (800) 772-1213 and handle the whole process by phone and mail.

## To save Ogallala Aquifer, save Playa Lakes

As communities across the western Great Plains struggle to deal with drought and declining water tables, a major, yet relatively unknown natural resource is playing a critical role in replenishing and protecting the region's water supply. Scattered across the western prairie landscape are thousands of playa lakes. Playa lakes are the most numerous wetlands in the region, totaling more than 40,000 in eastern New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming, western Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma, and the Texas Panhandle combined. More than 95 percent of the world's playa lakes are located in the western Great Plains - they are a unique natural resource. Playa lakes are shallow, usually round, wetlands with clay floors that lie in the lowest point of a generally large, closed watershed and collect rainfall and associated runoff from surrounding uplands. Their average size is 17 acres, and all playa lakes combined make up about 2 to 5 percent of the total western prairie landscape. They are ephemeral, or seasonal, in nature and hold water only after rainfall or runoff events. Most of the time, they are dry, which is partially why many people don't recognize them as wetlands. Playa lakes are sometimes mistakenly referred to as buffalowallows, mud pits or evaporation pans. But there are several good reasons why people should learn about and maintain playa lakes, one of which is the wetlands' role in recharging the Ogallala Aquifer. Over the past several decades, researchers have gathered substantial evidence pointing to playas lakes as the primary source of recharge for the Ogallala. This is big news for western Great Plains states, which have relied on pumping the Ogallala for agricultural, municipal and industrial use since the turn of the century. Although this research has been going on for quite some time, the results are relatively unknown to the general public and even conservation professionals. Since about 99 percent of playa lakes are located on private land, this information is crucial for farmers, ranchers and natural resource managers who hope to conserve water and maintain agricultural economies of the region. "We want producers to realize that protecting a playa on their land has direct benefits to them, and for decision-makers to understand that protecting playas is an enormous help to the aquifer and economies of the western Great Plains," said PLJV Coordinator Mike Carter.



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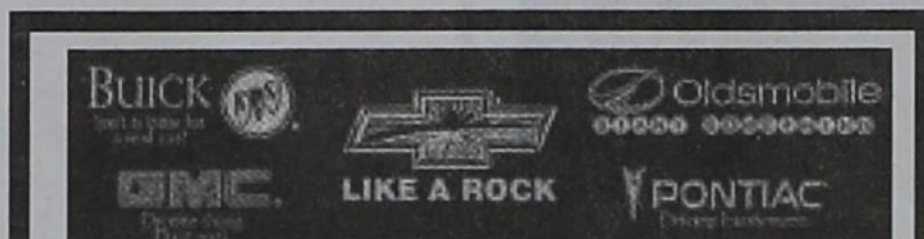
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# West Nile Virus settles into Texas landscape

Much like the uninvited houseguest who unpacks and never leaves, West Nile virus has come to Texas to stay. "West Nile virus first appeared in Texas in June 2002 and has since moved across the state," said Joe Garrett, a veterinarian with the zoonosis control division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"We probably should consider West Nile virus endemic to the state now, much like St. Louis encephalitis is permanently established in Texas," Garrett said. "But West Nile virus is new to us, and we still are trying to understand it. We cannot predict what kind of a season we will have this year."

In 2002, West Nile virus was reported in 213 Texas counties. A total of 202 serious West Nile cases, including 13 deaths, were reported in humans. The virus also was identified in 1,697 horses and 518 birds.

The TDH Laboratory tested more than 160,000 mosquitoes in 7,350 groups or pools last year for a variety of mosquito-borne infections including West Nile virus; St. Louis encephalitis; and Western, Eastern and Venezuelan equine encephalitis. Of these mosquito pools, 466 of them were positive for a variety of

mosquito-borne viruses and 189 pools were positive for West Nile virus. Mosquitoes generally are collected and tested from May through November, but several areas in the state have year-round surveillance.

"Testing mosquitoes and dead birds - generally jays, crows and hawks - gives us a way of actively tracking the virus to alert affected communities that they may need to take precautions to protect themselves," Garrett said. "Tracking illnesses in humans and horses also gives us a more complete picture of the spread of the virus."

Mosquitoes get the West Nile virus by biting infected birds. People and animals get West Nile from the bite of an infected mosquito, not from other people, animals or birds.

West Nile virus infections usually are mild with flu-like symptoms including fever, headache, sore throat, body aches and fatigue, occasionally with skin rash and swollen lymph glands. Symptoms of more severe West Nile infections - encephalitis and meningitis - include headache, high fever, stiff neck, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, coma and paralysis. If you have these

symptoms, contact your health care provider right away.

The incubation period for West Nile virus is three to 14 days. Mild symptoms may last a few days while symptoms of the more severe illness may last several weeks. Neurological effects may be permanent, and West Nile can be fatal. Fewer than 1 percent of those bitten by infected mosquitoes become severely ill.

Currently no vaccine is available to combat West Nile virus in people, and no specific treatment is given for the infection other than supportive therapies for fever or pain. "People can, however, do a great deal to protect themselves, their families and their communities," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Texas Commissioner of Health. "Reducing exposure to mosquitoes is one of the most important things." Sanchez urged people to remember the four D's: Dusk to Dawn: Stay indoors from dusk to dawn, times when those mosquitoes likely to carry the infection are most active. Dress in pants and long sleeves when you are outside, especially in mosquito-infested areas. DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) Apply insect

repellent that contains DEET. Read and follow label instructions. Spray both exposed skin and clothing with repellent. Drain: Get rid of standing water in your yard and neighborhood. Old tires, flowerpots, clogged rain gutters, leaky pipes and faucets, birdbaths and wading pools can be breeding sites for mosquitoes. Garrett said it also is important to keep mosquitoes out of the house. "Be sure door, porch and window screens are in good condition," he said.

Cities, counties, mosquito control districts or local health departments will implement pesticide application if they consider such action appropriate for their communities.

"West Nile virus can infect just about any animal from alligators to zebras," Garrett said, "but most do not become sick."

Horses, however, seem to be most susceptible to the infection, the veterinarian noted. "A vaccine that is about 95 percent effective in preventing West Nile in horses is available," Garrett said. "Horses not previously immunized need two shots given three to six weeks apart, with a annual booster thereafter. Protection begins about three to four weeks after the last shot."

**Even if horses were vaccinated late last year, Garrett advises that the animals be given the booster shot now rather than waiting a full year.**

West Nile virus was originally detected in Uganda in 1937. It was first identified in the United States in New York in 1999 and has since spread westward and southward across the country to 44 states and the District of Columbia. A total of 4,008

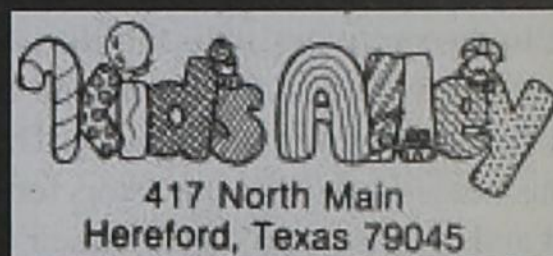
human cases were recorded nationwide by the end of last year.

TDH operates a toll-free line in English and Spanish - (888) 883-9997 - providing information on dead bird testing, mosquito surveillance and other West Nile virus topics. Additional information, statistics and maps are available by clicking on the West Nile virus information link on the TDH Web site at [www.tdh.state.tx.us](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us).

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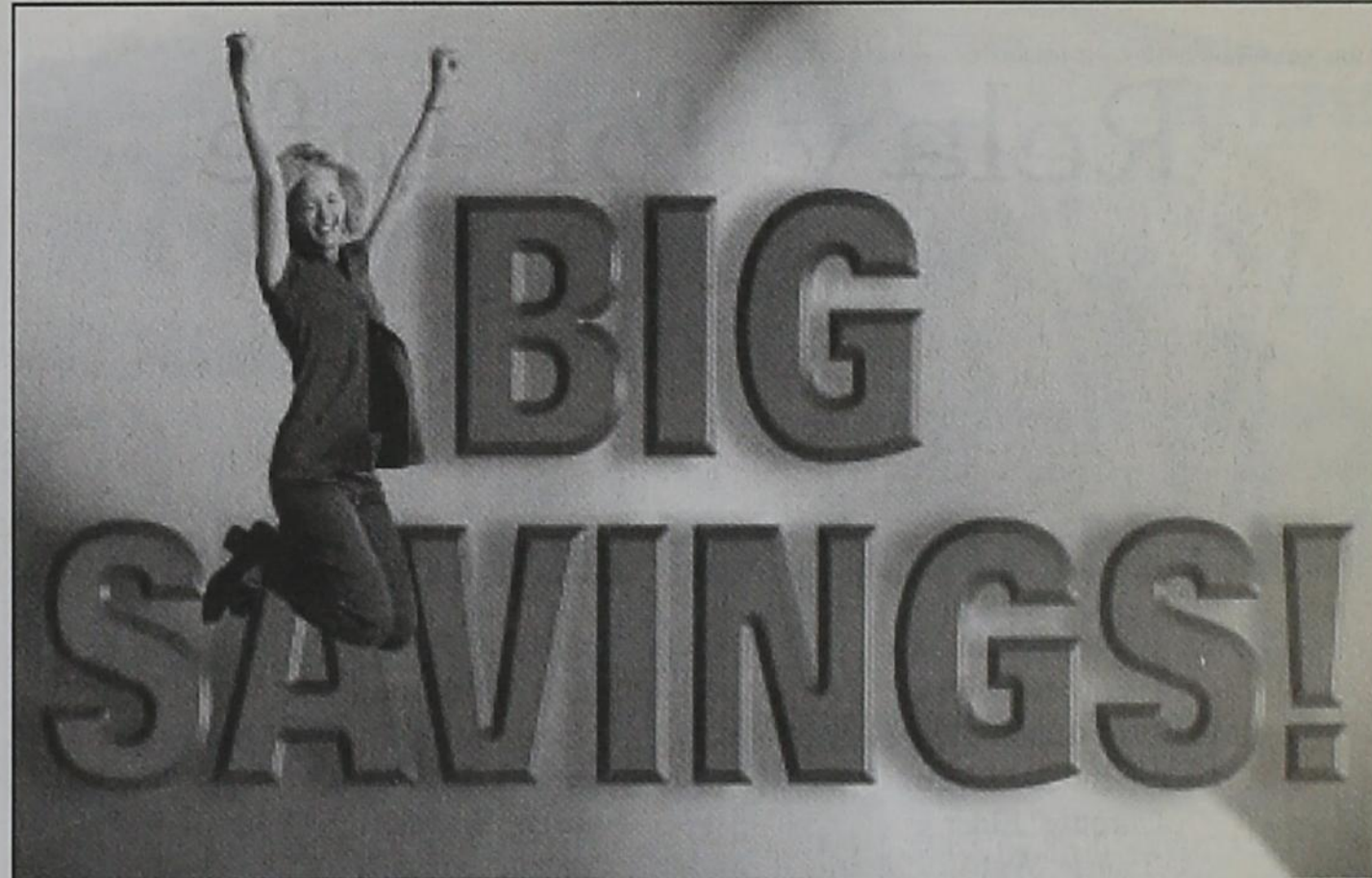
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## Dimmitt's Annual July Jubilee

Independence Celebration

July 3rd on Courthouse Square Beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Panhandle Community Service Personnel will be serving hot dogs for the Chamber and the Castro County Fair Association will sell homemade ice cream and cookies.

Local talent will be entertaining with various musical pieces, along with some very intriguing "Native American Hoop Dancers" from Tulia. (Hula-hoops will be on hand if anyone wants to give it a try!)

Clowns Under Construction' will be entertainment for all ages and a giant 14-foot high slide will be fun for youngsters-or those folks still young at heart.

Festivities will come to an end at 2:00 p.m.

## Hereford City Wide Garage Sale

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# TDC issues heat precautions

Heat-related deaths and record-breaking high temperatures in Texas began earlier than usual this year, alerting health officials that the summer of 2003 could rival the heat waves and droughts in the 1990s. In 1998, temperatures soared to record highs for nearly three months in most of the state and were linked to the deaths of 98 people. Since 1995, at least 427 deaths caused by hot

weather have occurred in the state.

"Heat - specifically hot weather combined with high humidity - is more deadly than people realize," said David Zane, an epidemiologist at Texas Department of Health.

While anyone can suffer the deadly effects of heat, Zane said people most at risk of death or illness in extremely hot weather are the elderly, the very young, the sick and those without access

to airconditioning.

When your body is unable to cool itself through perspiration and if fluids are not amply replaced, you can die. Profuse sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches are symptoms of heat exhaustion, an early stage of heat illness. People with these symptoms, which are related to dehydration and the accompanying rise in internal body temperature, should seek shade or air conditioning and drink plenty of water.

If efforts to cool a person with heat exhaustion fail, heat stroke - a medical emergency that can lead to disability or death - can follow. Symptoms of heat stroke are extremely high body temperature, red or dry skin, failure to perspire, rapid pulse, confusion and unconsciousness. Immediate medical help is critical for victims of heat stroke.

Most heat-related illnesses can be prevented by following some simple guidelines. Staying in air conditioning and drinking plenty of water are the most efficient ways to combat heat. If you do not have air conditioning, shade windows if possible and use fans to create cross ventilation. In prolonged high temperatures and high humidity, aim fans out the window to blow hot air out. In addition, try spending time each day in air-conditioned environments such as libraries, shopping malls and other public places. Keep an eye on children playing outdoors on very hot days because they can become dehydrated

very quickly. Give them plenty of fluids, especially water and dress them in light, loose clothing.

The Texas Department of Health has issued precautions people can take to reduce the risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather. Drink plenty of fluids but avoid beverages that contain alcohol, caffeine or large amounts of sugar. Plan strenuous outdoor activities for cooler parts of the day; then gradually build up tolerance for warmer conditions. Stay indoors in an air-conditioned environment as much as possible unless your heat tolerance is well established. If air conditioning is not available, pull shades over windows and use fans to cool rooms. Open windows on opposite sides of a room for cross ventilation. Take frequent breaks when working outdoors. Eat more frequently but make sure meals are well balanced and light. At first signs of heat illness (dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps), move to a cooler location, rest for a few minutes and slowly drink a cool liquid. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve. Ask a physician or pharmacist about the effects of sun and heat exposure if taking prescription medications such as diuretics, antihistamines or mood-altering or antispasmodic drugs.

Check frequently on ill or elderly friends, relatives and neighbors who may need help.

## Preserving our state's proud history

BY SEN. KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Fifty years ago, the Texas Legislature took an important step to ensure the landmarks and artifacts that represent our state's history will be enjoyed by future generations. With the creation of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, our lawmakers handed the responsibility of identifying and preserving important historic sites to an 18-member commission. Today, a half-century later, that dedication lives on and much of Texas' rich legacy has been safeguarded by their work. In 1973, the Texas Legislature, of which I was a member, changed the agency's name to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The Commission protects the state's historic resources, not just for the sake of preservation, but for the education, enjoyment and economic benefit of all Texans. Heritage tourism is important to our state's economy, bringing people from across the country and around the world to explore our journey from a Republic to a state, Civil War history and cowboy culture. How does the Commission Preserve our Past? There is the Texas Heritage Trails Program, which helps increase economic development in an area while preserving and promoting its historic and cultural resources. The Texas Main Street Program aims to revitalize downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts throughout the state. Another, the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, provides matching grants to counties for the restoration of historic county courthouses, which are some of the most treasured sites in our state. For many counties, they serve as both a governmental and cultural seat, and a focus of community life. Many courthouses provide a glimpse into history while continuing to function as part of the modern day judicial system.

Our state has one of the most robust historical marker programs in the country. Currently, 12,328 markers across the state commemorate events, institutions, sites, communities, cemeteries and churches that hold historical significance for Texans. Markers serve to educate the public on our state's history and provide a guided retrospective into the past for residents and visitors alike. Markers designate sites ranging from the historically significant Alamo, to archeological locations like the burial place of the "Leanderthal Lady" in Williamson County.

The Durst-Taylor house in Nacogdoches is a wonderful example of a site worthy of a historical marker. The home, built in the early 1800s, was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1995. Two of the owners who left their mark on Texas' history include Joseph Durst, founder of the town of Angelina, and Thomas J. Rusk, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence and one of Texas' first two U.S. Senators. I toured the home this spring, which brings to life the rich history of Texas and the brave frontier men and women who settled our state. It also reminded me of our responsibility to safeguard the symbols of our enduring pioneer spirit that are so much a part of our culture today. The Texas Historical Commission coupled with the thousands of Texans who are dedicated to protecting our past are the vehicles driving that preservation.


For more information, or details about an event near you, visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) and take the opportunity to get to know our state a little better. Next time you pass a historical marker or visit a revitalized courthouse or town square, remember the heritage it represents.

Not Even a Storm Can Stop the Success of a Good Thing

# THANKS!

So many thanks go to the communities in Castro County for their great support and participation in the Castro County Relay for Life. We are one in the fight against cancer. Thanks to the survivors, their families, to all the brave hearts and to the teams and those who worked to put this relay together. Thanks to the businesses and to the spectators for their support and to those who donated their time, talents and labor. Thank you Castro County for caring and being willing to go the extra mile.

Let's look forward to the next Relay for Life!



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| Doris Flynt          | Monty Boozer     |                  |
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Words cannot express how much we appreciate all the love and hard work that was given in support of the Castro County Unit of The American Cancer Society. Thanks to all the Luminary donations our fund-raiser was a huge success. We appreciate each and every person who had a part in helping fight to find a cure for cancer. Despite inclement weather our community pulled together to make Relay for Life a huge success.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Carpenter  
Vicki Buckley  
Luminary Co-Chairman



# Relay for Life



BEFORE THE START of last week's Relay for Life, participants got together in the grand stands.

## Some 'pocket pets' under close scrutiny Police Calls

Working in concert with federal and state agencies, Texas animal health officials are alerting pet owners and distributors to comply with a federal emergency order issued Wednesday, June 11, prohibiting all sales, interstate movement and most intrastate movement of prairie dogs and several specific species of rodents. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued the embargo to prevent the potential spread of monkeypox, a foreign

virus that may have infected more than 70 persons in Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and New Jersey. Health officials believe the virus was introduced into the U.S. by infected Gambian giant pouched rats imported from Africa in April for sale as companion animals. To date, no monkeypox cases in humans or animals have been confirmed in Texas. "Investigations are still underway, but federal and

state human health and veterinary epidemiologists theorize the imported Gambian rats may have spread monkeypox to a group of American prairie dogs that had been captured for the pet trade. The animals were distributed to new owners, mostly in northern states. By May, several persons had developed the rashes, fever and sores indicative of the disease," commented Dr.

Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's regulatory agency for animal health. He noted that it is the first time monkeypox has diagnosed in the U.S. "With the Gambian rats and prairie dogs now suspected in this disease outbreak, it complicates the eradication effort, and makes it even more important that everyone obey movement prohibitions.

June 17-24

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June 17	300 block NE 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	Harassment
June 20	600 block NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	Theft
June 23	500 block NW 7 <sup>th</sup> St.	Driving while license suspended
June 23	500 block NW 7 <sup>th</sup> St.	Public intoxication
June 23	200 bl. N. Broadway	M.I.P. and P.I.
June 23	200 block NE 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	Theft
June 24	100 block E. Bedford	Runaway



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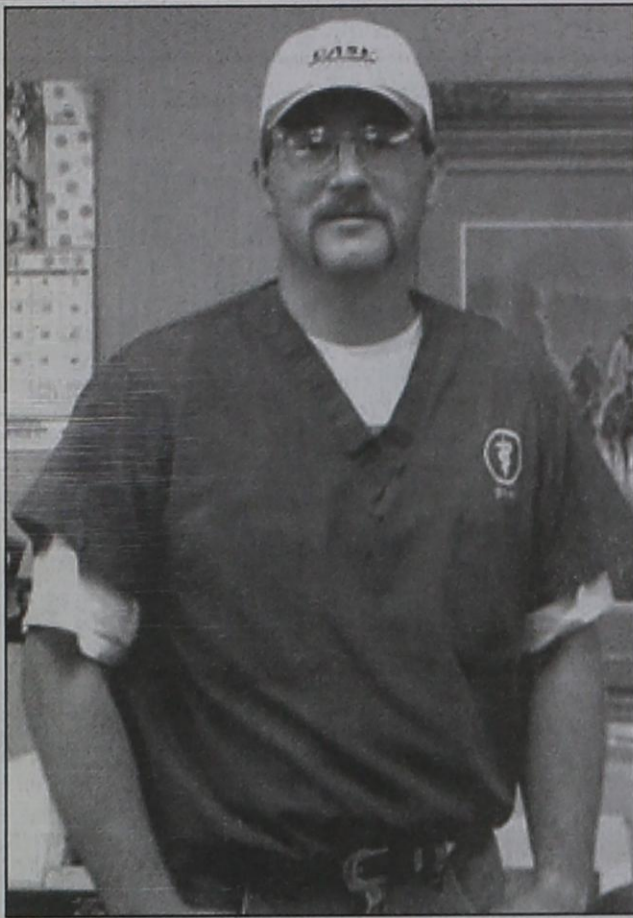
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