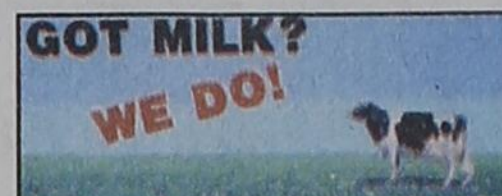


As Dairy Month draws to a close, local dairies are profiled in a special section inside



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Stenholm co-sponsors 'Patients' Bill of Rights'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday ruled that patients do not have the right to sue health maintenance organizations (HMOs) for malpractice and negligence in state courts.

Patients currently have the right to bring their claims against HMOs only in federal courts, and this ruling does not change that.

The high court ruling involved HMOs that had challenged the Texas law that grants patients the

Supreme Court ruling underscores need

right to hold HMOs accountable for damages and negligence. State courts traditionally allow greater damage awards by juries, and some states—including Texas—already have their own patient protection laws which allow patients to sue HMOs. The Supreme Court ruling effectively negates those state laws.

As a result of Monday's Supreme

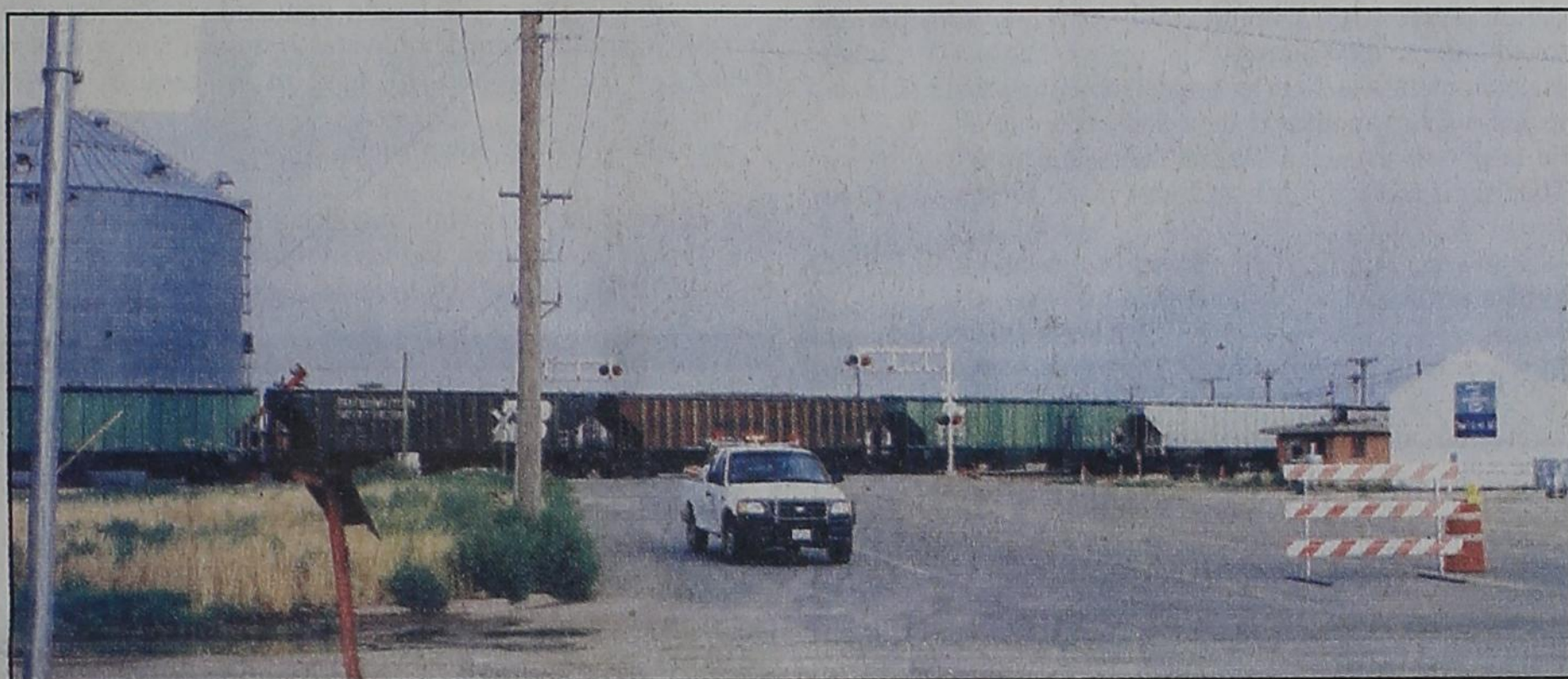
Court ruling, U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) joined several of his colleagues in reintroducing the Patients' Bill of Rights, legislation that would reform our health care system by allowing patients in HMOs a greater say in their health care decisions and hold insurance companies accountable for decisions which result in harm to

their patients. The Patients' Bill of Rights would uphold the managed care reform legislation enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1997, including the ability of patients to sue their managed care plan if a decision made by the plan results in injury or death. This legislation was approved by the House of Representatives in 2001, but it died in a conference committee.

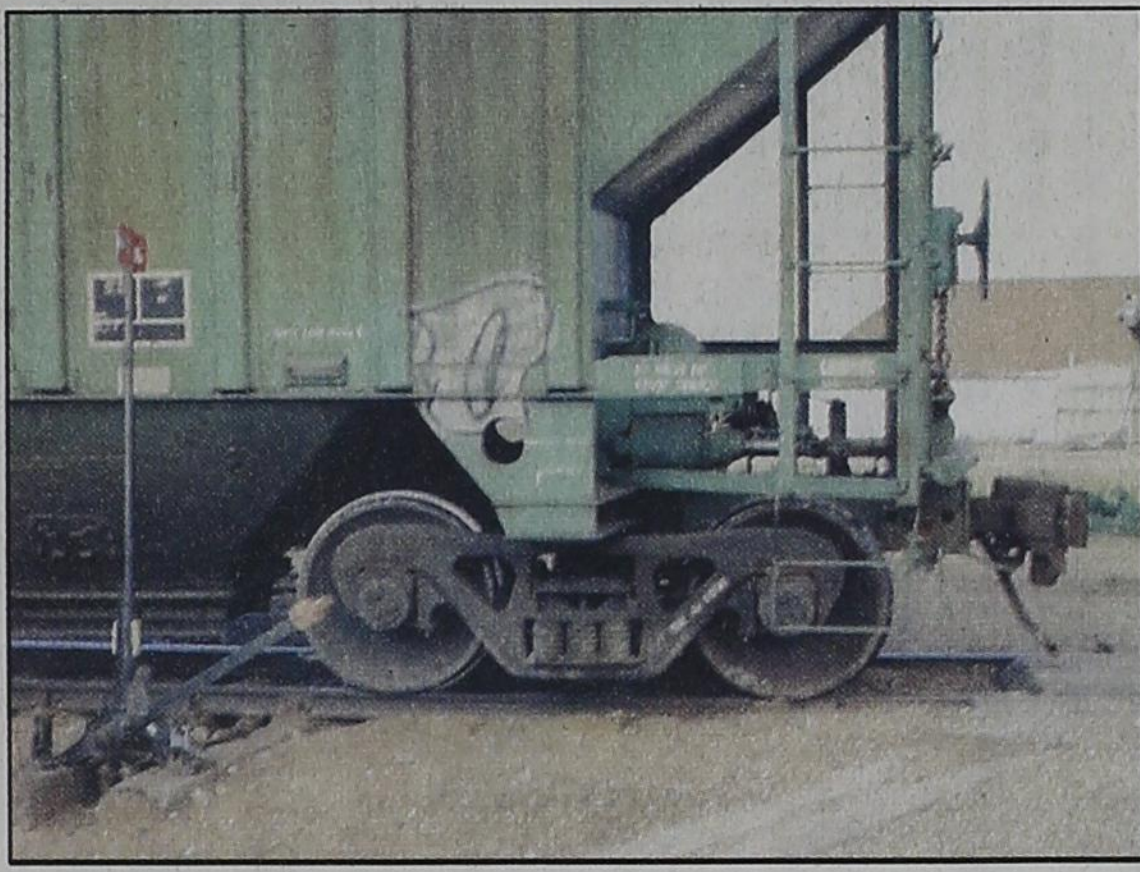
"Monday's Supreme Court decision strikes down the Texas state law which allows a patient harmed as a result of decisions made by an insurance company to have his or her day in court. This clearly underscores why we need to enact patients' rights legislation on the federal level," Stenholm said. "State laws, with a patchwork of patient protections, do not protect folks in the way that a federal law would."

See HMO, Page 5

Off the Tracks x 2



YOU WEREN'T SEEING double last week, if you noticed that the train tracks on East Bedford were blocked for extended periods of time. On Thursday night, three cars derailed about 6:30 p.m. Although one crossing was soon opened, the main crossing on East Bedford was not cleared until mid-morning Friday. That derailment was attributed to a track failure at a track switch. Above, the view that west-bound traffic saw Thursday night and Friday morning. At right is the switch where the track failure happened. Tom Campbell with BNSF Railroad said the derailment remains under investigation. On Saturday night, about 9:20 p.m., three engines derailed and once against East Bedford was blocked until about 3 a.m., officials said. That derailment is also under investigation.



Emerson is new superintendent at North Gin

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

There's a new face at North Gin.

About a month ago, Johnny Emerson took over as superintendent at the gin, moving here from the Lubbock area.

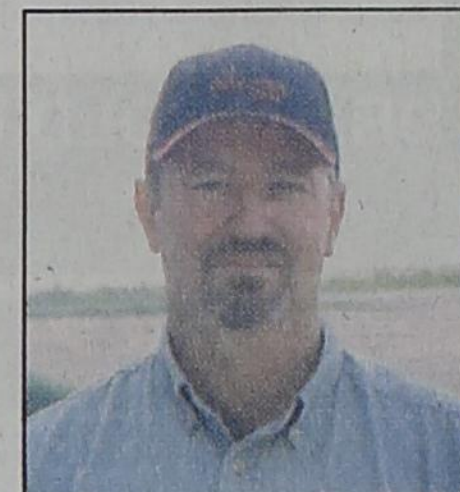
"The last six years I was at New Home Co-op, south of Lubbock," Emerson said. "This is probably one of the most updated gins there is right now."

"It's all automated. It's a great gin. That's why I came here."

Emerson, originally from the Corpus Christi area, said he grew up around gins.

"My dad was a cotton ginner and I've just been around it all my life," he said. "I worked in my first cotton gin when I was 13 and I think I've worked in or around one every year since then."

Emerson, 44, and his wife, Cora Lee, have two children, Lori, 18, and Stormi, 20, as well as a 4-month-old grandson, Jayton. The oldest daughter is already at student at South



JOHNNY EMERSON

Plains College in Levelland and the youngest plans to go in the fall. Emerson's wife is still in Lubbock.

"She just finished law school," he said. "Now she's studying for the bar exam in July and then she'll move here."

Emerson had nothing but praise for the reception he's enjoyed since moving to Dimmitt. "Everybody has been great," he said. "Every person I've met has been real nice. It seems like a friendly community."

Just because there's no cotton to gin, Emerson said he's still been busy during his first month on the job.

See EMERSON, Page 2

County says 'thank you' to Jimmy and Nancy Ross



IT WAS STANDING room only Friday as friends of Nancy and Jimmy Ross filled the second-floor courtroom at the Castro County Courthouse. County Judge Bill Sava presented the couple with mementos of the day and thanked them for the building the couple is giving the county, as well as the years of service they gave to Dimmitt. At left, Jimmy Ross talks about what Dimmitt has meant to him as his wife Nancy looks on. At right, Ross gives the key to the building at 114 S. Broadway to County Auditor Maretta Smithson and County Treasurer Janice Shelton, who now occupy the offices that once housed Ross's law practice. Ross said he and his wife "wanted to give something back" to the community that they lived in for 40 years. Now retired, the couple live in Breckenridge.



WEATHER

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Friday	90	59	.60
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Sunday	78	61	.10
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Letters to the Editor

Flag-stealing a slap in the face

The American flag has stood for peace and freedom for all of the people in the United States for well over 225 years. It has a special meaning for all of those who have served time in the military to help maintain this peace and freedom. I am proud to say that I am a veteran and the flag is a symbol that makes me proud to be an American. Since 9/11,

I, as well as many in our community, have flown the flag continuously in support of those who died or were injured due to the terrorist activity that took place that day and for support of our military troops who are fighting to help prevent future threats of terrorism to our nation.

For my part, this was true up until Monday, June 7. Many things raced through my mind when I discovered that someone had stolen my flag and flag pole sometime during the night.

The flag pole was not the most glamorous pole, but it more than served its purpose.

The flag was starting to fray on the corners and was soon to be replaced for the fourth time since 9/11.

It was the idea behind it. In the back of your mind you want to consider the one or ones who stole it as being bigger terrorists than any of the followers of Saddam Hussein or bin Laden.

I have always tried to be a peaceful, God-loving person, but stealing an American flag from anyone trying to show patriotism is a true slap in the face, not only to all veterans, but especially to our active-duty military personnel.

Dick Schacher

A tribute to Jimmy Cluck

Dreams are an added blessing in our lives. I am currently living in a place where there are lots of dreamers. I am one of those people. Sometimes these dreams are also called nightmares. Last night my dream was about an old friend and a very dear friend, Jimmy Cluck.

He was a man that was a friend's friend. He always had time for someone else and their difficulties. A very loving, caring considerate kind of man that loved Mary, Susie and Mark.

He would be proud to see the grandchildren and love them, Cameron, Brennen, Austin - and perhaps teach them how to drive a tractor, ride a horse, four-wheeler or just teach them how to love other people.

It was always dangerous driving off with him because you never knew if you might be gone one hour or two days. I am sure Mary received many surprises when he might telephone her, if he remembered to, and say I guess I will just spend the night up here, up here being in Oklahoma or Kansas, New Mexico or East Texas or Dallas.

This was a fellow who just would likely be driving down the road and suddenly stop or turn around on the highway and say, "Dan, you need to know old Joe Jones or whomever."

But when we went over to their house, he really was checking to see about his wife's cancer or if they needed something else or just moral support.

Jimmy might say to me, "Joe has been having a hard time lately, we had better stop and check on him." You never knew if this little or big part of Jimmy's life would cover an hour or one day. But time was NOT important to him when it came to a fellow man, be that person brown, black or white. We would be driving down the highway and see someone on the side of the road. Dan, if I were driving, would say, "We had better stop. It looks like that old man needs some help."

I have plenty of time to think and dream in this short time period of my life.

So husbands, wives, kids and grandkids dream on. Who knows? You may someday have as beautiful and wonderful friend as I once had and still have in my dreams - Jimmy Cluck.

Lots of love from down south,

Dan Nelson

P.S. Susie, Mary and Mark might not know just how lucky you were to have known and loved this man, a Christian, full of good deeds and full of love.

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Glaucoma is often called the "silent thief of sight," because many of the 3 million individuals that are impaired by the disease are unaware of the problem. In many cases, the condition is already quite serious before it is detected. It is usually recognized because of blurred or diminished vision, difficulty adjusting from a lit to a dark room, trouble with close-up work and seeing color rings when looking at bright lights.

Once thought of as a single disease, glaucoma is now recognized as a broad term for a certain pattern of damage to the optic nerve. This is a bundle of nerve fibers that carries information from the eye to the brain. The injury normally occurs in the presence of high eye pressure, which is similar to blood pressure. However, contrary to popular belief, the condition can take place with normal or even below-normal eye pressure, as well.

The best way to prevent vision loss from glaucoma is early diagnosis and treatment. See your eye-care practitioner at least every two years for a complete examination. People at high risk for glaucoma due to family history, ethnic background, age or optic nerve appearance may need more frequent visits to the eye doctor.



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Dimmitt pride is alive and well

On Friday, June 18, Pam (Norman) and I were traveling home from the Lubbock hospital after her having orthoscopic knee surgery.

A storm was "brewing" when we had a flat just past Littlefield. (We did know how to open the trunk).

A transport truck pulled up and a handsome young man got out and saved the day.

He changed the tire in 15 minutes. He turned out to be Shannon Powers of Dimmitt. We were so grateful and thanked him several times.

His comment was that he hoped someone would stop and help his wife or mother if they had car trouble.

He not only changed the tire, he followed us.

That big truck with flashing lights made for a safe journey home.

We know his family is very proud of him and Dimmitt can also take pride in one of their own.

Karen Carter-Durham
Pam Norman

WORD SALSA

by Tony Tallarico

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents, which appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. *Rodea estas palabras inglesas y sus equivalentes españolas, que aparecen en la cuadrícula horizontalmente, verticalmente, diagonalmente y hacia atrás.*

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Emerson

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"This is the repair season for gins," he said. "It's the time to go through all the machinery, change out what needs to be changed."

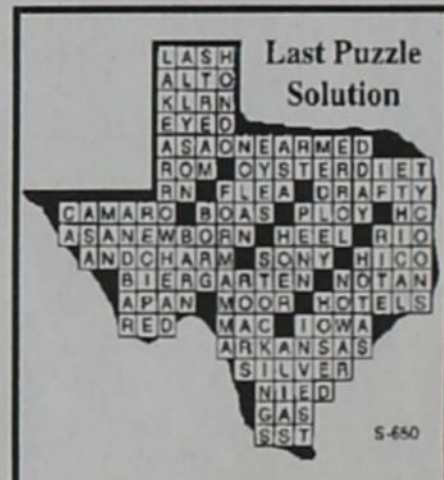
"It's a pretty good job in off season repairing the gin because it has to be running in tip-top shape to get through the ginning season."

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- Dallas '60s TV hit: "___ Bang Theater"
- TX Roy Orbison's 1st hit: "___ Dooby"
- TXism: "nary a ___" (no one)
- many TX vets got through college on this bill
- TXism: "___ as a fiddle"
- TX Van Cliburn won piano competition in ___ at age 23
- TXism: "___ cut the mustard" (unable)
- Coleman Museum has planes from this conflict (2 wds.)
- TXism: "playful as ___ clover"
- state of TX George H.'s summer home
- home of Dyess AFB
- this Gardner was an honorary TX Ranger
- small horses
- LBJ's defense sec. Robert Mc___
- TXism: "so ___ couldn't stir 'em with a stick"
- panhandle rancher ___ Waggoner
- never happened in Astrodome (2 wds.)
- TX Bluebonnet is called ___ flower
- TC's Charley to Guy (abbr.)

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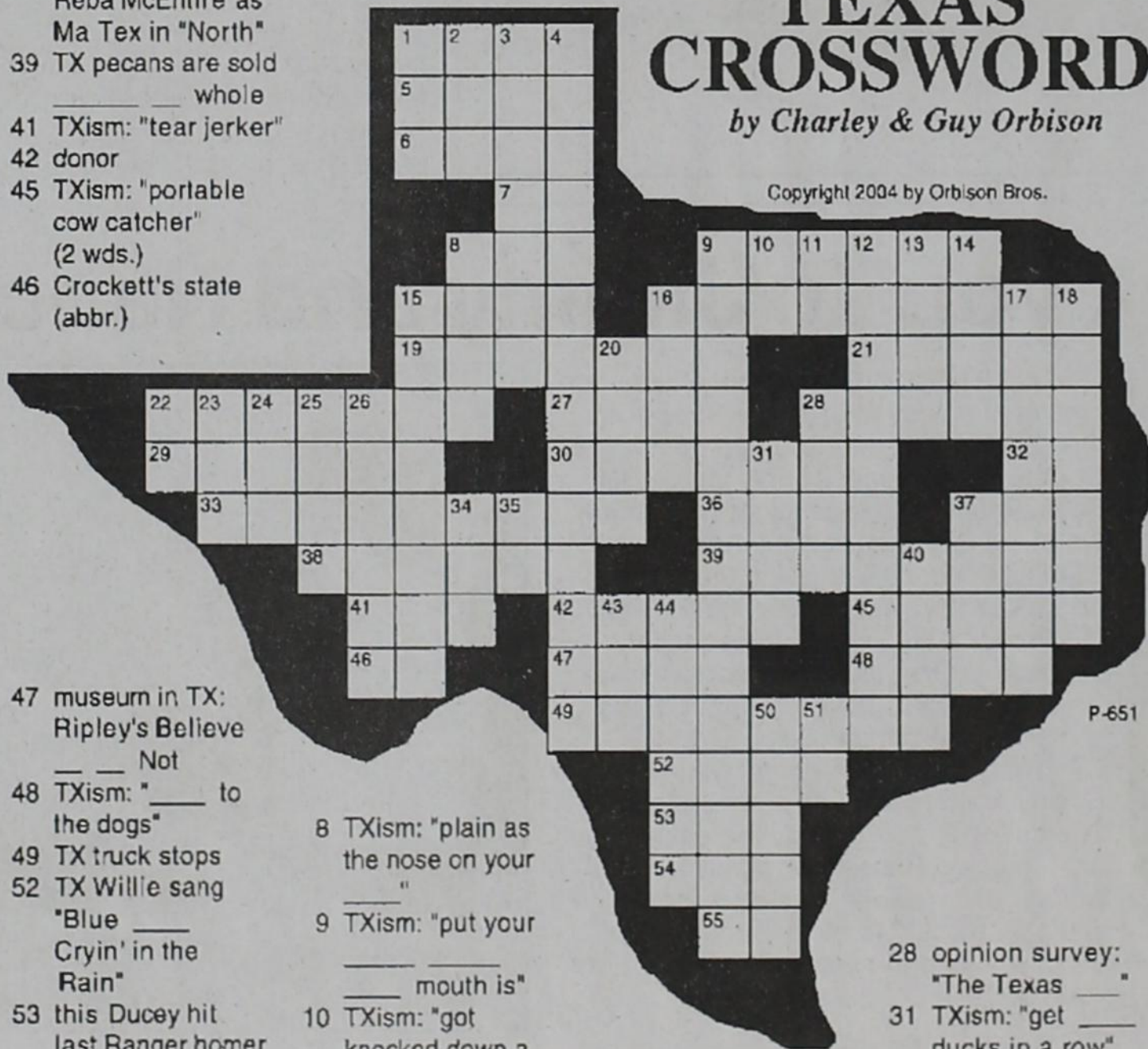
- this Rob directed Reba McEntire as Ma Tex in "North"
- TX pecans are sold ___ whole
- TXism: "tear jerker"
- donor
- TXism: "portable cow catcher" (2 wds.)
- Crockett's state (abbr.)
- museum in TX: Ripley's Believe ___ Not
- TXism: "___ to the dogs"
- TX truck stops
- TX Willie sang "Blue ___ Cryin' in the Rain"
- this Ducey hit last Ranger homer in Arlington Stadium
- TX Holly sang "Peggy ___"
- Dallas' ___ Thornton Frwy.
- distress signal
- Austin was 1st called Water___
- TXism: "snug as ___ rug"
- TV series of TX Gale Storm

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- TXism: "plain as the nose on your ___"
- TXism: "put your ___ mouth is"
- TXism: "got knocked down a peg ___ two"
- dir. to Dallas from Denton
- hunter's clothing
- TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"
- TX hero Audie Murphy's war
- Hemphill Co. seat
- pottery oven
- TXism: "he'd complain if they hung him with ___"

- opinion survey: "The Texas ___"
- TXism: "get ___ ducks in a row"
- TXism: "the tail ___"
- bring back to the original condition
- brawl or fracas
- TXism: "bend ___ elbow" (drink)
- TXism: "beer shed" daughter of Gov. Hogg or wife of Gov. Smith
- wildcat's home
- this Borgnine was in "Abilene" with TX Red Steagall
- 28 opinion survey: "The Texas ___"
- 31 TXism: "get ___ ducks in a row"
- 34 TXism: "the tail ___"
- 35 this Lin was cut from Cowboys in '93 (init.)
- 37 ex-dir. of "Miss TX". ___ Magness
- 40 mythical god of love
- 43 TXism: "call ___ day" (quill)
- 44 LBJ won in '37 with ghost town ___
- 50 old Harlingen home

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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Kaylee Addison, daughter of Jeff and Christina Addison of Quitaque, formerly of Dimmitt, had the opportunity of a lifetime to go to Nashville with her mother and sing on a recording on Leon Joplin's new CD. Addison is the former pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church, Dimmitt.

Leon has now completed five projects. Producers on the projects include: Adam Hampton of Kokopelli Music, Nashville, Tenn., as well as Johnny Sansom and Marty Funderburk of Daywind Music. In 2003, Leon was nominated for New Christian Country Artist of the year by three different Christian Country music organizations: the CCMA, the CGMA and CGC. The name of the upcoming released song that Kaylee sang is entitled "Two Angels," which was written by the Rev. Harold Stall of Florida. The song is about a little girl praying for her Daddy who is fighting in the war.

Kaylee along with her older brother, Jeffery, and older sister, Tori, also recorded a song with Leon entitled "Those Godly Hands" on his latest CD entitled "Heaven Bound." The song they recorded with Leon, along with his other CD's can be purchased online at www.leonjoplin.com. Kaylee and Leon were also interviewed on two different radio programs during their stay in Nashville. One is KNAH a local Nashville station and also on "Living Word Radio" an online radio program which is heard all over the world. DJ Bobby Lynn gave her the nickname Miss Kay-Lee and she seems to like it. There were several in Quitaque who were able to hear the online interview and also several of Kaylee's family members, which include her grandparents, Roy and Sherron Addison of Anson; Bill and Vicky Murphy of Houston, formerly of Anson; also her Uncle Justin and Aunt Kris Nehring of Bryan.

Linda Davis Johnson, a 1965 Dimmitt High School graduate who now lives in Fort Worth, with her husband Glen couldn't make it back for the Ralph Smith Opus. During that time, she was in close contact via the telephone with some of her DHS friends. She extended an invitation to them to come to Greenville, Maine, this summer to spend time on the Johnson's private island - Moosehead Island and it's very beautiful.

Those friends who made the trip were Linda Schreck Ditto and Sue Hendrix Vaughn of Dallas; Pat Moran Tanner of Atlanta, Ga.; and Val Milsap Davis of Dimmitt. Val says they spent time on the porch of the Johnson's lodge watching sailboats, canoes, fishermen and the scenery. They did lots of reminiscing and laughing and the food was wonderful.

The average temperature was 60 degrees during the day. On Sunday, they drove into Quebec, Canada, for a day and spent two nights and a day in Boston, Mass.

Gayle Ward visited her son, Curtis, and his wife, Heather,



KAYLEE ADDISON may be young, but she's already at home in a recording studio.

and their two children, Caleb, 5, and Hannah 1½, in Hobbs, which is close to Snyder. Hobbs consists of a school and two teacher homes.

Heather teaches English and math at the alternative school in Hobbs. Curtis is a minister. Gayle's daughter, Susanne and her two children, Meagan and Hope, came to be with Gayle, Curtis and family to celebrate Gayle's birthday.

Meagan, 6, and Hope, 3, are adopted from China. Meagan says they are Chinese Texans. Susanne and her husband, Kevin, are in the process of adopting another Chinese daughter, Emily.

They hope to go to China the first of the year to get her. Meagan overheard her mom tell someone that she and Kevin would go to China and Meagan and Hope would stay

with grandparents. Meagan told her mom, "Don't even think about going without me."

Susanne told her if she wanted to go, she needed to pray to God for the money for her and Hope to go to China. Meagan said, "O.K., I can do that and He will give me the money."

Ten days later, the telephone company, Sprint, chose Meagan to be in an advertisement and they paid Meagan more than enough money for both her and Hope to go. Meagan's picture has been in the Houston Chronicle, all the Austin papers and they have been told it will be in papers throughout the nation.

Some Republican women met for lunch and a program by Carol Lust.

Carol is the middle school eighth-grade reading teacher. Her topic was to help explain President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" program.

Carol believes the program to be very progressive and that it will prove helpful for the learning challenged and honors students as well.

She implements into her teaching a book, "The Art of Loving Well," which is published by Boston University.

This book encourages each child to seize every moment of every day. It urges each student to take what he has and use it to the fullest. It deals with honesty, integrity, responsibility and respect.

Carol said, "My dad always said, 'You are never sorry when you do right. You are always sorry when you do wrong!'"

There are some things in the program that need some work, but she believes DISD is working hard and succeeding in addressing any problems facing students. Hopefully, the day will come when there is no child left behind. Her students have done very well on the TAKS test.

Janet Stanton was thoughtful to call and tell us about a mother goose who is nesting right by the paved road that goes north and south by South Park. Don't bother Mother Goose, but go take a look.

She sits awaiting the arrival of her little brood. It's worth the trip!

The little red-breasted robin who lives in our back yard came forth with his little female robin who'd been nesting in a nearby tree.

She emerged with one baby robin, who flew to the telephone wire.

It was very nervous about being up so high, but after three of his brothers and sisters appeared the next day each became quite brave and were flying and also hunting worms in a few days.

We saw the mother and father robin today, but their children have flown to the world beyond our yard.

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, como estan todos? Hello, how is everyone? Well, I hate to report this, but my computer is very sick.

I guess I should have paid closer attention to my brother's articles (Frank Mendoza Jr.).

I couldn't get to a computer on time, so I apologize for any inconvenience.

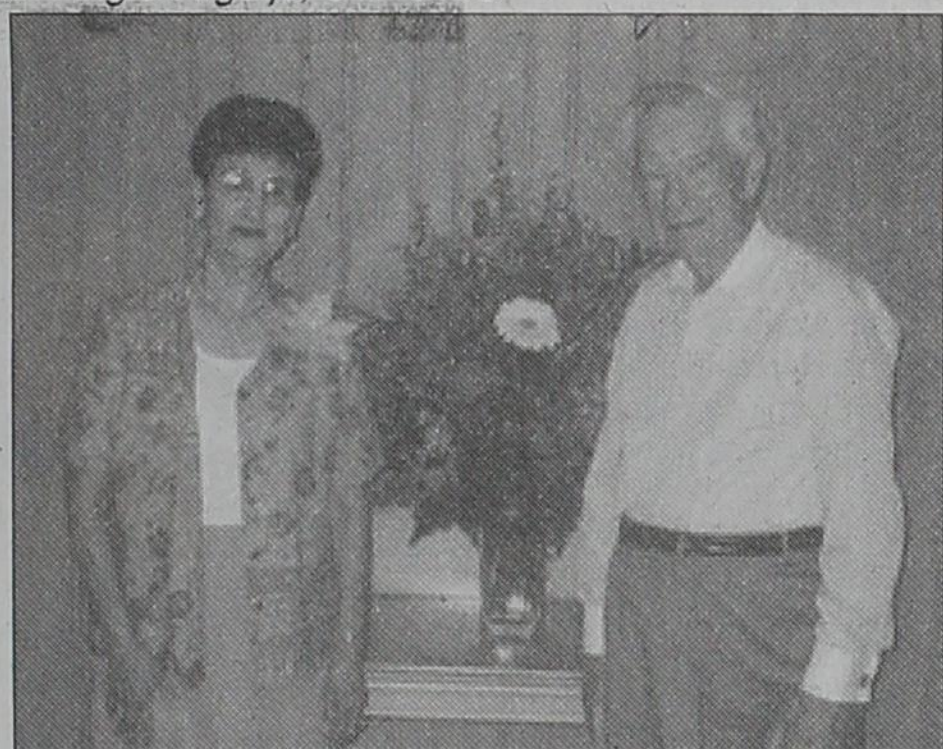
I know that I received some e-mails, but they'll be in next week's column.

The only thing I have for this week is a big Feliz cumpleaños to Alex Gil, son of Debbie Gil.

Alex celebrated his birthday on Saturday, June 19!!

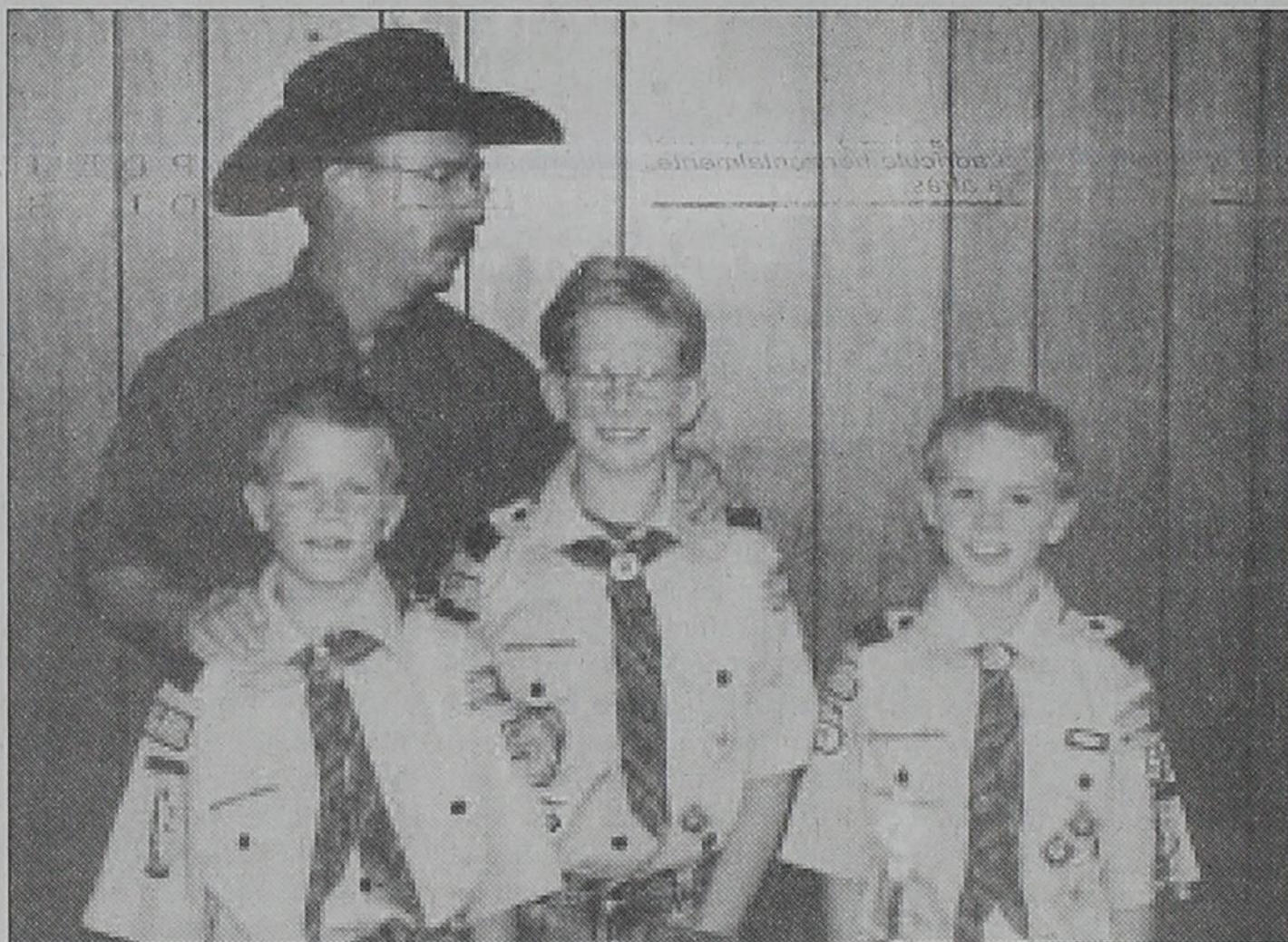
Porfavor, no se desesperen, pronto tendre mi computadora en casa. Don't worry, I'll have my computer back home in no time.

Please keep the information



SARA SALINAS AND husband Ralph welcomed friends and acquaintances to her retirement party, held Friday, June 11, at Dr. Charles M. Vandiver's office. Sara worked for Vandiver for 35 years.

coming to something off at Dr. angie79027@hotmail.com Vandiver's office! Hasta or call 647-0106 or drop luego!



Boy Scout Troop No. 45 of Friona was glad to welcome three former Webelos on May 22 during the Blue and Gold Banquet. Clayton Sides and Sam Wales of Dimmitt and Jacob Hefner of Hereford have moved up to Boy Scouts. These three boys, shown here with their leader, Tommy Hefner, have earned every pin in Webelos, their religious knots, the Texas Badge and their Arrows of Light.

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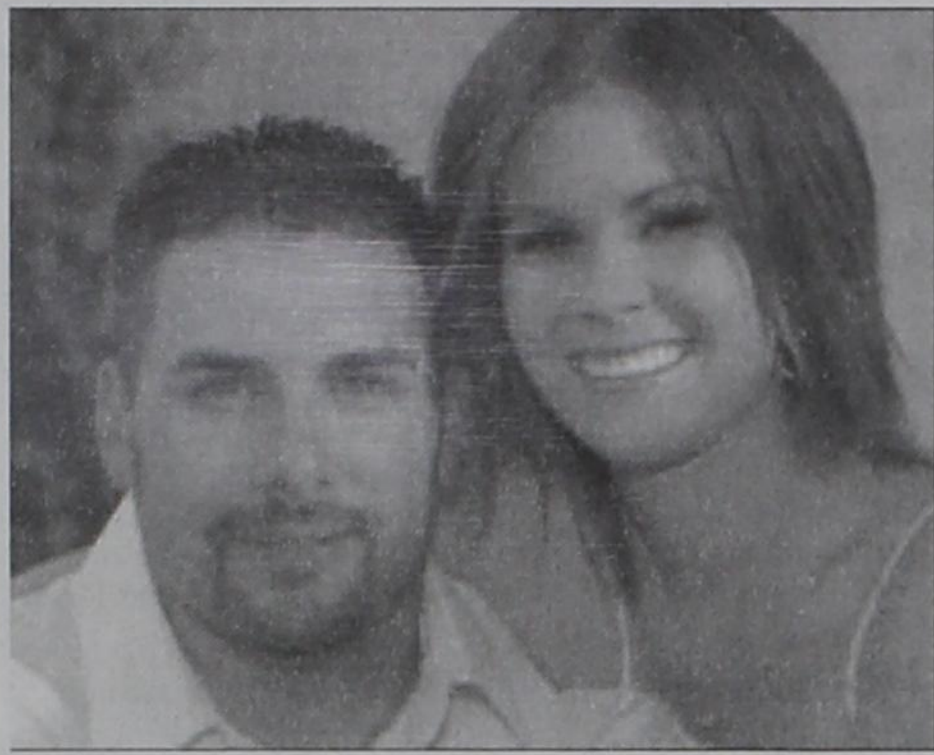
with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Walter (Bud) and Rita Kern, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday afternoon with a huge crowd of family and friends attending. Mass was celebrated in Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Ken Keller officiating, followed by a reception, dinner and dance at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Several relatives from Nazareth attended the marriage of Jennifer Mary Hopcus and William Raymond (Chip) Albracht at Saint Thomas Catholic Church in Amarillo on Saturday evening. Chip is the son of Billy and Mary Ruth Albracht.

Fathers Day was celebrated See Naz News, Page 7

People



Joey Flores & Alexis Proffitt

Proffitt-Flores

Paula and Wayne Proffitt of Dimmitt have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alexis Proffitt, to Joey Flores, son of Harvey and Rena Lumbrera, also of Dimmitt.

The bride-elect graduated from Dimmitt High School in 2002.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Both are students at West Texas A&M University.

The wedding is set for 3 p.m., Aug. 14, 2004, at Oasis Baptist Church in Amarillo.

McLean graduates from WTAMU

Cassie Helen McLean graduated May 8, 2004, from West Texas A&M University, cum laude.

She received a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Her area of specialization is special education, early children through 12th grade.

In addition, Cassie was inducted into Gamma Beta Phi and Alpha Chi honor societies.

She is the daughter of Charles and Jill McLean of Dimmitt and a graduate of Dimmitt High School.



Cassie Helen McLean

Memo to wedding planners: Remember bride's SSN

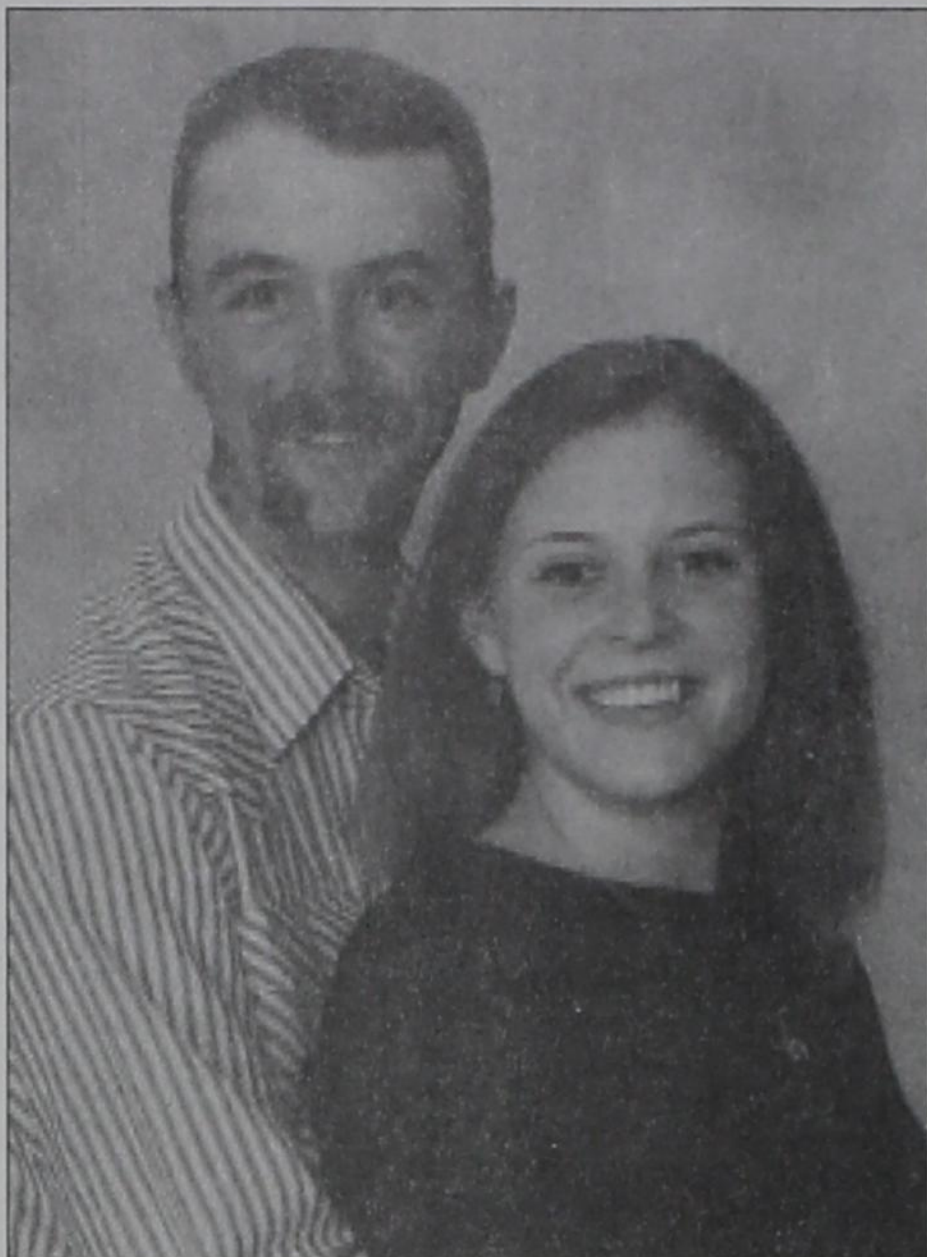
By MARY JANE SHANES
Social Security Manger, Plainview

This time of year keeps wedding planners especially busy. If you are among the hundreds of thousands of women who will be exchanging marriage vows in the next couple of months, you also may be exchanging your maiden name for a married name. (And that would include those women who plan to use hyphenated surnames, such as Smith-Jones.)

So here is one more thing for brides to add to their to-

do list: if you are working and will be making a name change, let Social Security know. Telling us about your name change shortly after you have tied the knot will help us accurately keep track of your earnings, and will ensure that you and your family get the Social Security retirement, disability or survivors benefits you are entitled to.

Also, if the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security records do not show the same name and Social Security number, See MEMO, Page 5



Drue Scott Jennings & Mitzi Diana McNeese
McNeese-Jennings

Mr. and Mrs. Doug McNeese of Littlefield are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mitzi Diane McNeese, to Drue Scott Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Jennings of Flagg.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Littlefield High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed by the Lazbuddie Independent School District.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He is employed by the Texas Department of Transportation in Bovina.

The wedding will take place at St. Martin Lutheran Church in Littlefield on Saturday, Aug. 7.

The couple will live in Lazbuddie.

Ivey represents this area at Austin meeting

Dimmitt High School teacher Katie Ivey is representing the 13th Congressional District this week in Austin at an innovative institute on the U.S. Congress and the legislative process organized by Humanities Texas (formerly the Texas Council for the Humanities).

Ivey, an Advanced Placement American history, advanced government, honors world history and geography teacher at DHS, joined 45 other secondary educators from each of Texas' 32 Congressional districts, many of them nominated by their U.S. Representative.

"Bringing together teachers from every part of the state gives us a dynamic model of

representation that emphasizes the representative nature of democracy," said Dr. Michael L. Gillette, executive director of Humanities Texas. The five-day institute, sponsored in large part by the National Endowment for the Humanities' "We the People" grant program, features presentations and workshops by prominent public officials and nationally recognized authorities on the legislative process and American history.

Sunday's opening session featured U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), officials of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives and Dr. Bruce Cole, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

College news

Lauren Waggoner of Dimmitt was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the spring 2004 semester. Waggoner is working toward a bachelor of science degree in education: early childhood to fourth-grade.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or high GPA.



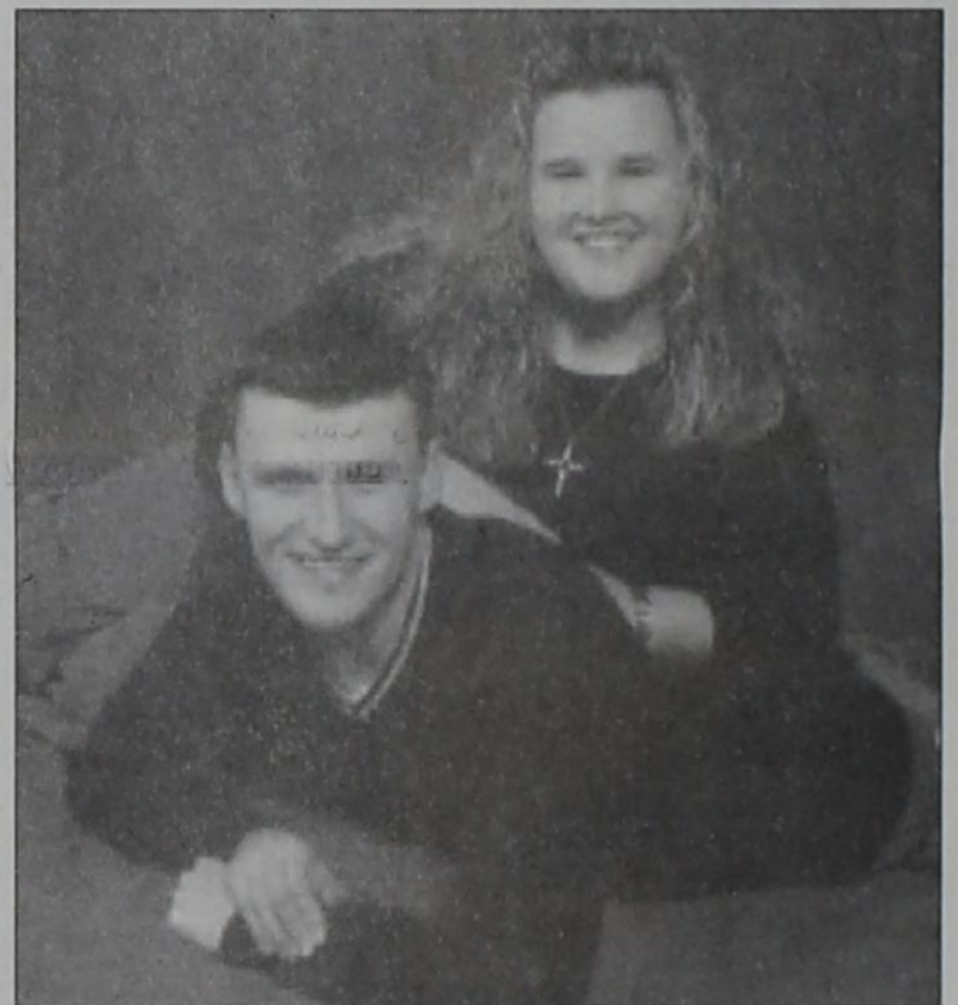
Tyson Alan Neill & Kiri Nicole Schoenenberger
Schoenenberger-Neill

Michael and Lissa Schoenenberger of Happy have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kiri Nicole Schoenenberger, to Tyson Alan Neill, son of Mark and Lisa Neill of Friona.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Happy High School. She attends and is employed by West Texas A&M University.

The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Friona High School. He attends West Texas A&M University and is employed by Palo Duro Creek Golf Club in Canyon.

The wedding is set for 7:30 p.m., Aug. 6, 2004, at Ceta Canyon.



Julie Kathrine Ingram & Brent Dee Portwood
Portwood-Ingram

Julie Kathrine Ingram and Brent Dee Portwood, both of Odessa, plan to marry July 31, 2004, at the Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord in Odessa with the Rev. Chris Conner officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Steven F. Ingram of Fort Worth and Susan Garvin of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter of William F. and the late Joan Lee Ingram of Odessa. She is a 1997 graduate of Permian High School in Odessa and a 2003 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon with a bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences.

The prospective groom is the son of Tommy and Paula Portwood of Dimmitt and the grandson of Pauline Hoyler of Dimmitt.

He is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon and is currently attending Odessa College.

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CHURCH NEWS

Discipline your children

Let me start off with a story that I read some time ago. A grandfather once found his grandson jumping up and down in his playpen, crying at the top of his voice. When Joey saw his grandfather, he reached up his chubby hands and cried all the louder, "Out, Gamba, out!" The grandfather naturally reached down to lift Joey out of his predicament, but as he did, Joey's mother said,

"No, Joey, you are being punished - so you must stay in your playpen." The grandfather felt at a loss as what to do. On the one hand, he knew he must comply with the mother's efforts to discipline her son. On the other hand, Joey's tears and uplifted hands tugged at his heart. Love found a way! If Gamba couldn't take his grandson out of the playpen, he could

climb in and join him there! Discipline, in its finest form, is "directing a child toward a better way." Discipline goes beyond punishment for a deed. It is the process of instilling in a child a desire never to repeat the offending deed and instead make a better choice of behaviors next time. The desire to do right is born of love - the love of the parent for the child, and more importantly, the love of the parent shown to the child.

Our children are our greatest gift from God. They are entrusted to us to bring them up in the admonition of the Lord. Discipline is not a form of hatred, rather it is the epitome of love.

The Bible says, "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly." As fathers, we must teach



Brett Page

our sons what it takes to be "a man of God." As fathers, we must treat our daughters with so much respect and love that they will expect no less from the future husbands.

Brett Page is the preacher at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.

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In addition, this bill would ensure that employers will not be held liable unless they make a medical decision.

Lawsuits would be available only as a last resort in flagrant cases where all other avenues have been exhausted.

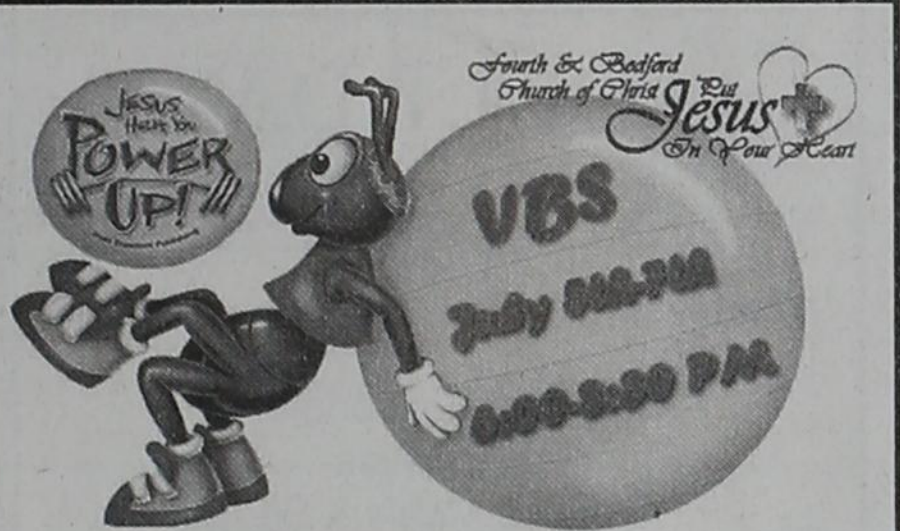
"I believe that the managed care plans in my district, FirstCare, offered by Hendrick Health Systems, and HMO Blue, offered by Abilene Regional, are doing a good job," Stenholm said. "I hope this legislation will highlight the work of these responsible plans, while giving patients a

Memo

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your federal income tax refund could be delayed.

You should also know that your employer cannot update your Social Security record to show your name change. Only you can do that. If you do not plan to work outside the home, you still should report any name change to Social Security so that your Social Security record will show your married name and make it easier if you apply for benefits on your husband's earnings record. Of course, today many women continue to use their maiden name after marriage. If you continue to use your maiden name consistently throughout your working years, you do not need to contact us. But if you decide to change your name at a later time, you should let us know so that we can update your Social Security record. The name change process is simple and free. You will need to complete an Application for a Social Security Card, and show us originals or certified copies of either your marriage certificate showing your old and new names or two documents - one with your former name and one with your married name. If you were born outside the U.S., you also need proof of your U.S. citizenship or that you are lawfully living in the U.S. To get a copy of an Application for a Social Security Card, visit our Internet website at www.socialsecurity.gov <<http://www.socialsecurity.gov>>; call our toll-free number, (800) 772-1213; or visit your local Social Security office.



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Obituaries

LUCILLE D. MCCOY

Services for Lucille D. McCoy, 71, of Amarillo, were at 2 p.m., Friday, June 18, 2004, at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Amarillo. Mrs. McCoy died June 15, 2004. She was born Sept. 26, 1932, in Flagg to Clyde and Faye (Stephens) Damron.

She married C.E. "Jack" McCoy in Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 2003. She worked as a bookkeeper for Baker and Taylor Drilling, Yuca Petroleum, Southland Oil Corporation and until she retired, with Roach/Ashtola Exploration, in 2003. She was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church and a member of the Desk & Derrick Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda McCoy of Amarillo and Mary Lois Prosser of Weatherford; three sons, Mark McCoy of Amarillo, Steve McCoy of Edmond, Okla. and Joe McCoy of Weatherford; a brother, Clyde Harold Damron of Dimmitt; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

AMERICO DELAPAZ

Services for Americo DeLaPaz, 81, were at 10 a.m., Monday, June 21, 2004, at Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt with George Lule of the Church of God of the First Born, Hereford, officiating. Burial was at Castro Memorial Gardens, Dimmitt.

Mr. DeLaPaz died June 18, 2004, in Dimmitt. He was born April 16, 1923, in Roma. He married Eleuteria Ramos in 1955 in Dimmitt.

Mr. DeLaPaz moved from the Dimmitt area to California in 1956. In 1967, he moved back to Dimmitt and worked as a farm labor crew leader for several Castro County farmers.

He is survived by his wife, Eleuteria DeLaPaz of Dimmitt; five daughters; Amelia Guajardo of Dimmitt, Amanda Hamby of Houston, Janie Luna of Uvalde, Elva Jimenez of Eastland and Maria DeLuz DeLaPaz of St. Paul, Minn.; two sons, Americo DeLaPaz Jr. of Guymon, Okla., and Cecilio DeLaPaz of Texas; 45 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Dickerson awarded \$500 scholarship after competing in All-Star baseball game

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

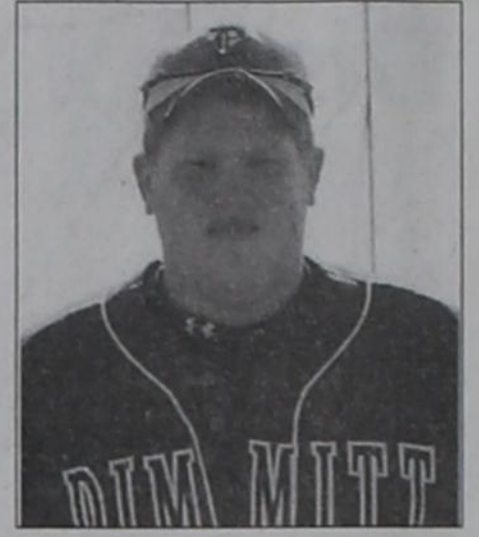
Dimmitt High School 2004 graduate Caleb Dickerson was awarded a \$500 scholarship recently after he participated in the West Texas All-Star Game in Lubbock.

I was excited, especially since there were so many players from 3A schools, as well as other schools, competing there," he said. "I'll use it for books and tuition at A&M."

Dickerson said he's keeping his baseball skills sharpened this summer.

"A&M has offered me a tryout in baseball," he said. "So I'm playing in a summer baseball league in Dimmitt."

Five scholarships were awarded, one each to a 1A,



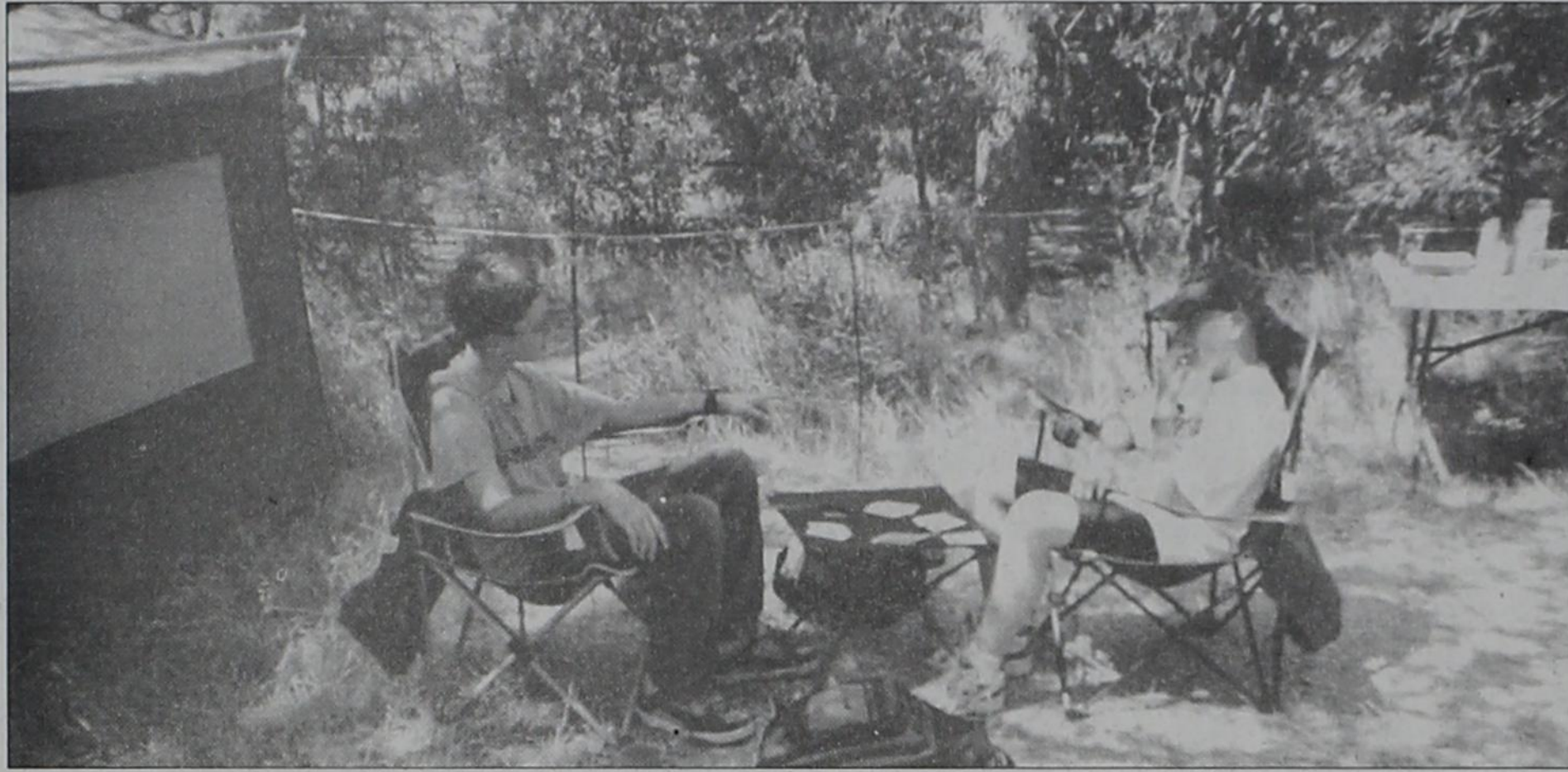
CALEB DICKERSON

2A, 3A, 4A and 5A athlete at the event. Dickerson won the scholarship for 3A schools.

Dickerson played varsity baseball all four years in high school.

Dickerson, who played first base for the Bobcats, averaged .421 hitting over his final two years.

A Week in the Woods



Boy Scout Troop No. 56 attended a week-long camp at Camp Don Harrington from June 6-12. The camp is located outside of Amarillo.

Clayton Sides and Sam Wales, both of Dimmitt, began camp ranked as Scouters.

Because of all the work they did at camp, they can advance to Second Class after their next service project. They also earned their swimming and pioneering merit badges.

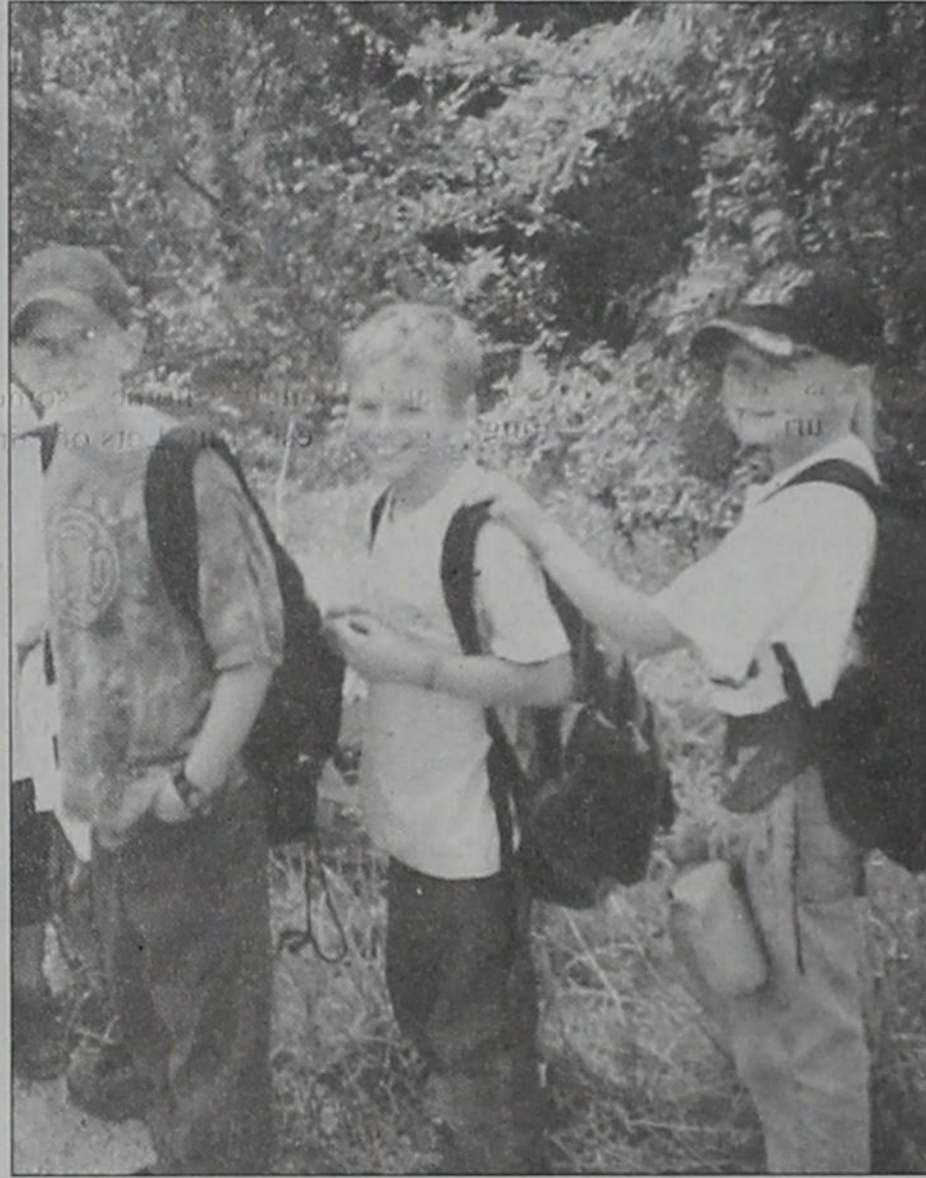
Also attending this camp was Ethan Wales, First Class Scout and Senior Patrol Leader for Troop No. 56.

Ethan earned merit badges in Riflery, Citizenship in the Nation and Orienteering and became certified in Hunter's Education.

Troop 56 cooked hot dogs, chili, smores and cobbler over the campfire.

The boys won first-place in the camp-wide cobbler competition with their peach cobbler baked in a Dutch oven.

Above, Ethan Wales and Jordan Kelley are shown relaxing at their camp. At right, Sam Wales, Jacob Hefner and Clayton Sides prepare to leave on a five-mile orienteering and nature hike.



Survey shows doctors, dietitians don't recommend low-carb diets

One would think bread, pasta, and cereal have become the root of all evil based on consumer attitudes toward carbohydrates — the result of many popular low-carb diet programs.

But consumers may be destroying their own health by buying into these low-

carb diet claims and eliminating an entire food group that provides many important health benefits.

While consumers may not yet be getting the message, a recent survey shows both doctors and dietitians recognize that low-carb diets are not the key to long-term

health and weight-loss success.

In fact, 93 percent of dietitians and 84 percent of doctors actually recommend eating all foods in moderation and increasing exercise as the best way to lose weight.

"Most practicing health professionals know that, when it comes to weight loss, it's the calories, not the carbs, that count," said Glenn Gaesser, professor of exercise physiology and the Director of Kinesiology at the University of Virginia, Curry School of Education in Charlottesville, Va.

"Unfortunately, many consumers are looking for that magic bullet and buy into these false promises in hopes of achieving overnight weight-loss success. In the end, the only thing they are achieving is a potential increase in health-related problems and eventual weight gain."

Research shows that following a low-carb diet may increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, high cholesterol, liver and kidney damage, some cancers, and osteoporosis, as well as headaches, constipation, and bad breath.

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Castro County TEEA plans trip to state meeting in Abilene

The Castro County TEEA met with six members and one guest, Kristy Mitchell, recently.

Roll call was "First Thing I Notice about a Stranger."

Plans were made to attend the state meeting in Abilene, set for Sept. 21-23.

Members present were Sandra Bagwell, Mary Beth Berquist, Claudine Langford, Patsy Entekin, Bessie Strickland and hostess Jackie Edwards.

The Castro County Extension Club cookbook has gone to print. Members hope it will be available by the County Fair, Sept. 10-11.

Kristy Mitchell gave a program on diabetes.

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Castillo awarded scholarship to pursue health care degree

Plains Memorial Hospital has presented a scholarship to Renee Castillo to be used to pursue studies toward a career in an allied health care profession.

Linda Rasor, CEO, presented the award. Plains Memorial Hospital provided \$500 matching funds for the scholarship to that provided by the Northwest Texas Hospital Association.

Castillo is studying nursing and will pursue a career in a rural area of Texas. She attends West Texas A&M University.

The Northwest Texas Hospital Association established the scholarship program in order to assist small communities in the state in their efforts to recruit health care professionals to work in rural hospitals. The Association awarded a total of \$6,500 this year to students nominated by member hospitals. Each hospital provides the matching scholarship



RENEE CASTILLO

amount for a total of \$1,000 per student. The Northwest Texas Hospital Association is the oldest of its kind in the state and is composed of hospitals, businesses and others interested in health care and continuing access to health care. The membership territory covers the area from the Panhandle in the north, to Dallas in the east, El Paso in the west and Kerrville in the south. The board chairman of 2003-2004 is Randall Young, administrator of Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.



Undefeated

The Dimmitt Bobbies summer league team went undefeated (9-0) in the Lady Raiders team camp, June 11-13, at the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock. Team members attending included: top row, left to right: Ashley Nino, Kendra Smith, Kyla Riddle, Jacqui Hinsley, Darcy Fisher, Kayla Saenz, Brittany Williams and Angelica Huerta; bottom row, left to right: Clarissa Herrera, Chelsea Buckley, Brandy Smith, Haley Heard, Kristin McClure and Laura Rasor. Not pictured are coaches Joe Nino and Jon Riddle.

Naz News

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at many homes on Sunday. I enjoyed the evening at the home of Charley and Bev Hill. Their children, Todd and Misty Hill, Harrison and Brynlee of Lubbock and Traci Scholl and children, Anni, Ethan and Charlie of Henrietta, made the family complete.

Keith and Karleen Hoelting hosted Fathers Day with a barbecue at their home. Honored fathers were Cecil Hoelting, Carl Dean Kleman, Keith Hoelting, Gerry Kleman, Jim Schmucker, Dale Brockman and a new, first-time dad, Michael Schmucker. That all enjoyed bocci ball, the swimming pool and the new baby!

Vergie Gerber recently enjoyed a 10-day vacation with family, but it's also good to be back home! After spending a couple of days in Keller with Gene and Susie Gerber, we flew to Raleigh/Durham, N.C., to visit Michael and Jenny Gerber Goss. What an absolutely

beautiful place with an abundance of pine trees taller than any of their three-story homes.

We enjoyed touring Fearington Farms - a farm turned into a tourist shopping center and gardens, beautiful Sara Duke Gardens, which are a part of Duke University, shopping at Southern Season, great Mexican food and "fried" ice cream to celebrate Susie's birthday on the 15th and mine on the 19th, the Asian Big Bowl, a "pig pickin'" wedding reception with a Blue Grass band for the Gross's friends and one of Michael's famous cookouts! After three days in North Carolina, we had a good 2 1/2 -hour flight back to Keller. On Tuesday afternoon, Jim and Jean Bell of Grandbury drove to Keller to visit and enjoy dinner with us.

Gene and Susie and I drove to Henrietta the next morning to visit the Kevin and Traci Scholl family. We also got to go through their new home being built on the outskirts of Henrietta. Charley and

Bev Hill were also there visiting and brought me back home!

The Ball family reunion was held over the weekend at the Dodge House Inn in Dodge City, Kan. Texas cousins attending were Odetta Robinson of Amarillo; Ester and Kim Braddock of McKinney; Jim and Evelyn Ball of Plainview; Darryl and Rose Ball, Kyle Ball, Fred Ball and Carl Dean and Mary Kleman of Nazareth. We were joined by our Hartman, Druifurst and Suerper cousins from Nebraska and Petesch cousins from Kansas and Missouri. Lots of visiting, good food and getting reacquainted!

Rylan Ky Wilcox of Canyon was named to the President's List for the spring semester at WTAMU. A student must be enrolled full time and maintain a 4.0 GPA. Ky is the son of Morris and Rachelle Wilcox.

Ray and Mary Lou

Schmucker recently traveled to McKinney to visit Chris and Natalie Kleman and their family. While there, they attended a Frisco Rough Riders baseball game.

From McKinney, they drove to New Braunfels to visit Chris and Aimee Schmucker and their family.

They have a new daughter, Samantha Drue, born May 17, 2004. She has a big brother, Peyton, and a sister, Alexis.

They enjoyed visiting their grandkids.

On the way home, they stopped in Fredericksburg and bought home some good, fresh fruit. Lots of rain in the Hill Country -

everything is pretty and green!

Fred Ball, Alvina Gerber and Virgie Gerber drove to Amarillo on Sunday to the home of Charles and Jackie Curl. They hosted a cookout to honor their grandmother, Rosena Albracht, on her 88th birthday. Rosena's son, Joe Mike, and one of his daughters from Lewisville, son Billy and family of Bushland, daughters Shirley, Peggy and Mary of Amarillo, numerous grandchildren and friends attended.

Prayers are asked for Elmer Huseman, Deanna Huseman, Jesse Olvera, Julene Gerber, Jennifer

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ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of office on May 26, 2004, at Dimmitt, Texas, Castro County, Texas.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, shall, at 6:30 o'clock, p.m., on July 12, 2004, and at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on August 2, 2004 hold hearings pertaining to the annexation of the following described property:

Being a 208.58 acre tract or parcel in the Southwest part of Section Fifteen (15), Block M-10-A, T.T.R.R. Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas, and being a part of Section 15 located south of Texas State Highway 194 and east of U.S. Highway 385.

Any citizens who are in support or opposition to the annexation of the above described property are invited to be at the annexation hearings. The plan for providing and maintaining city services to the property shall be discussed at these hearings.

/s/ David Denman,
City Secretary

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO THE FOLLOWING: ALL HEIRS OF YULIA MURPHY

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND ANSWER HEREIN at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation. Your answer is due no later than 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, July 12, 2004. You may employ an attorney. Your answer must be filed at the office of the Clerk at 100 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The suit is numbered B8273-0405 and is styled "IN THE ESTATE OF YULIA MURPHY, DECEASED". The Application to Determine Heirship in this cause was filed on May 13, 2004 in the 242nd Judicial District Court of Castro County, Texas. This lawsuit is to determine the legal heirs entitled to the estate of Yulia Murphy, Deceased.

Plaintiff's Attorney Name and Address:
JACK L. EDWARDS
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Community Calendar

Methodist VBS starts June 28

The First Methodist Church in Dimmitt is inviting children to Lava Lava Island: Where Jesus' Love Flows. VBS runs from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 30, at First Methodist, 110 SW 3rd. For more information, contact the church office at 647-4106.

"This year our church is overflowing with excitement as we explore Lava Lava Island," said Pastor Virgil Ichtertz.

"Our Lava Lava Island program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages, ranging from 4-year-olds through fifth-grade. Each day kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble tropical treats, take on a daily challenge to let Jesus' love flow home, experience electrifying Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's Word and create Bible point crafts they'll take home and play with all summer."

In addition, Dimmitt kids will join nearly a million children in North America and take part in a hands-on mission project that will reach needy children in the Caribbean and Latin America.

"We'll conclude each day with a festive Lava Lava Luau that gets everyone involved in celebrating what they've learned," he said. "We hope Lava Lava Island will help Jesus' love flow into our community."

Cancer screening set for July 1

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W Halsell, in Dimmitt on July 1, 2004.

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 age 50 to 64 who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Camp of Champs for girls

Camp of Champs set for next two weeks. The girls Camp of Champs basketball camp will be June 28-July 1 at Dimmitt Middle School gym. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Ages are as young as willing through the eighth-grade.

Fee is \$40 for fundamentals, T-shirt and fee. Contact Coach Ellis or Coach Steidle for more information.

Springlake Plans July 3 activities

Springlake will have its Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 3. The parade will begin lining up at 5:30 p.m. at the old Community building on South Hwy. 385 and will start promptly at 6 p.m.

All horses, bicycles, floats, antique cars and tractors are welcome.

The Pioneer Award and the parade awards will be given out at the park on west Hwy. 70 following the parade.

Activities at the park will include a cake auction and hamburger/hotdog supper to benefit the Springlake Volunteer Fire Department. A patriotic stamp cancellation will be done at the park by the Springlake postmaster and a "42" tournament will also be held. Call Lisa at City Bank, 986-4300, to enter the tournament. The musical entertainment will be by the Guyle Roberson Band. Fireworks will begin at dark.

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The Roxy Theater will be having their monthly Singer's Showcase at 7 p.m., June 26. Deadline to enter is June 24.

To enter, please call (806) 285-2611 or e-mail your entry to oltonpwd@amaonline.com

Other scheduled shows include:

* July 31 — Roxy Theater Singer's Showcase Preliminary Competition - 5 p.m. Entry deadline: July 23

* Aug. 7 — Roxy Theater Singers Showcase Final Competition — 2 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Show set for July 10

The Nazareth Art Club will once again sponsor the "Arts and Craft Show," in the school bandhall, south of the community hall, from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., Saturday, July 10.

Booths cost \$20. For more information, contact Elaine Kern, Box 53, Nazareth, TX 79063 or call 945-2258.

Deadline to make reservations is July 3.

A "German Sausage Meal" will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall.

A variety of entertainment will be going on during this

time. "Suds and Sounds" will get under way at the Community Center Ball Park at 5 p.m.

Bands will perform from 6:30 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Relay for Life

Residents participating in the Aug. 6 Relay for Life are asked to pick up team packets NOW. Call 647-4151 or go by First United Bank and see Marcus Brockman.

Story Time at Rhoads Library

Story time at Rhoads Library will be every Thursday through Aug. 5, from 3-to-4 p.m. Debra Goldsmith will also sign the stories while they are read to the children. The public is invited.

RES Library open this summer

Dianne Leatherwood, school librarian, will have the Richardson Elementary Library open to the public this summer. The library will be open from 10 a.m. until noon, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the month of June.

She asks that parents accompany their children to the library.

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Muleshoe sets

July 4 activities

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce has moved all celebrations to July 3.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. at the South end of Main Street.

This year's theme is "America's Future - Our Children!"

There will be entertainment, an arts & crafts show and fun for everyone at the Bailey County Coliseum starting at 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Then, at 6 p.m., activities will move to City Park for more entertainment, food, fun and fireworks at 10 p.m.

Two bands are scheduled for entertainment - Double D Phantom Band and CHODA.

There will also be a softball tournament going on in the City Park and many of the businesses will be having special events, sales and cookouts going on all day.

The Class of 1954 will have its 50th class reunion at the Senior Center, as well as the Pioneer Reunion at the Bailey County Coliseum.

For registration forms to be in the parade or for booth and food space at the Arts & Crafts Show and fairgrounds, contact Jan at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (806) 272-4248. Booth space will be \$15.

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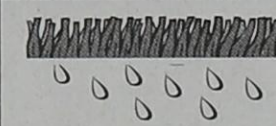
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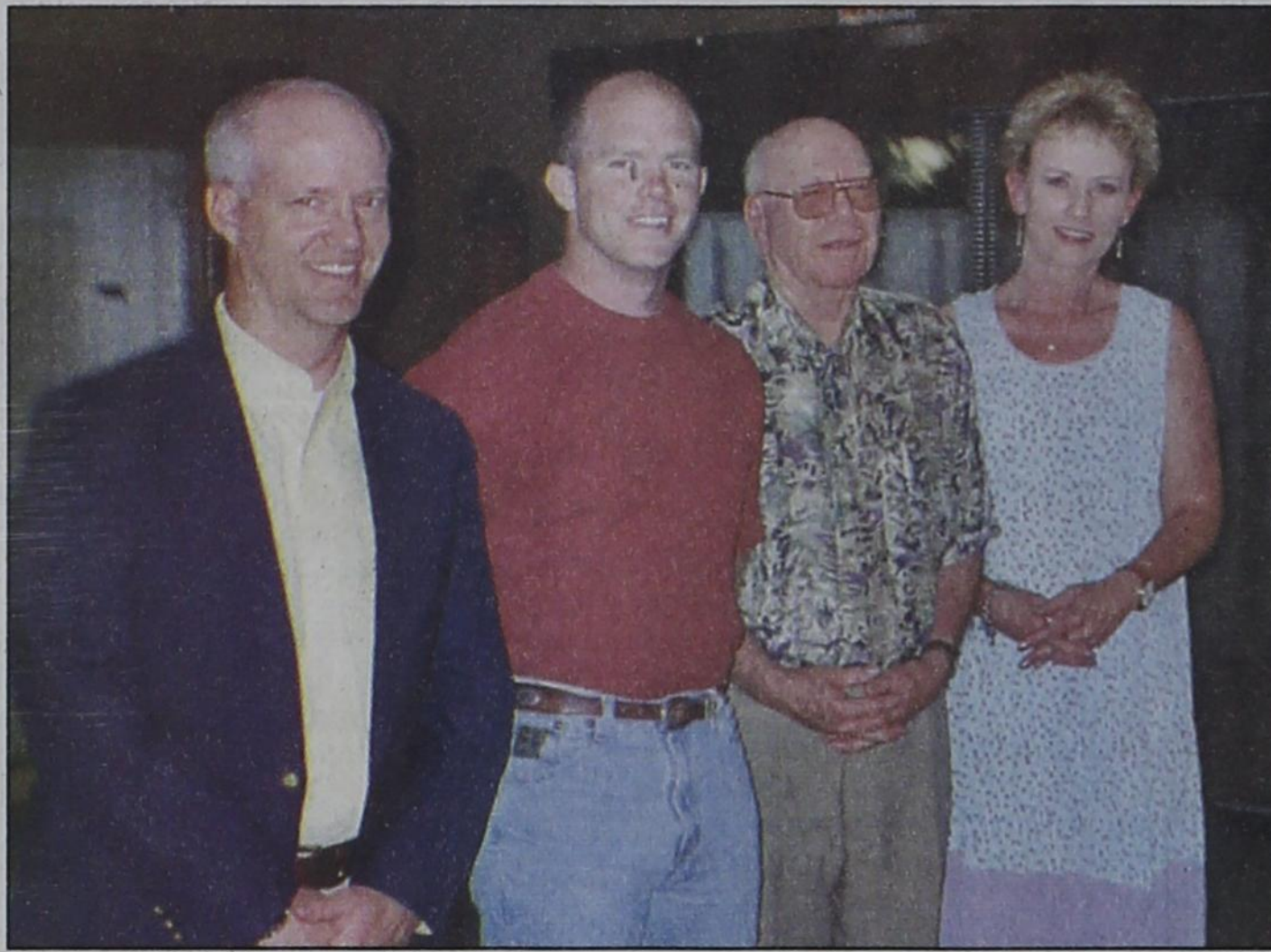
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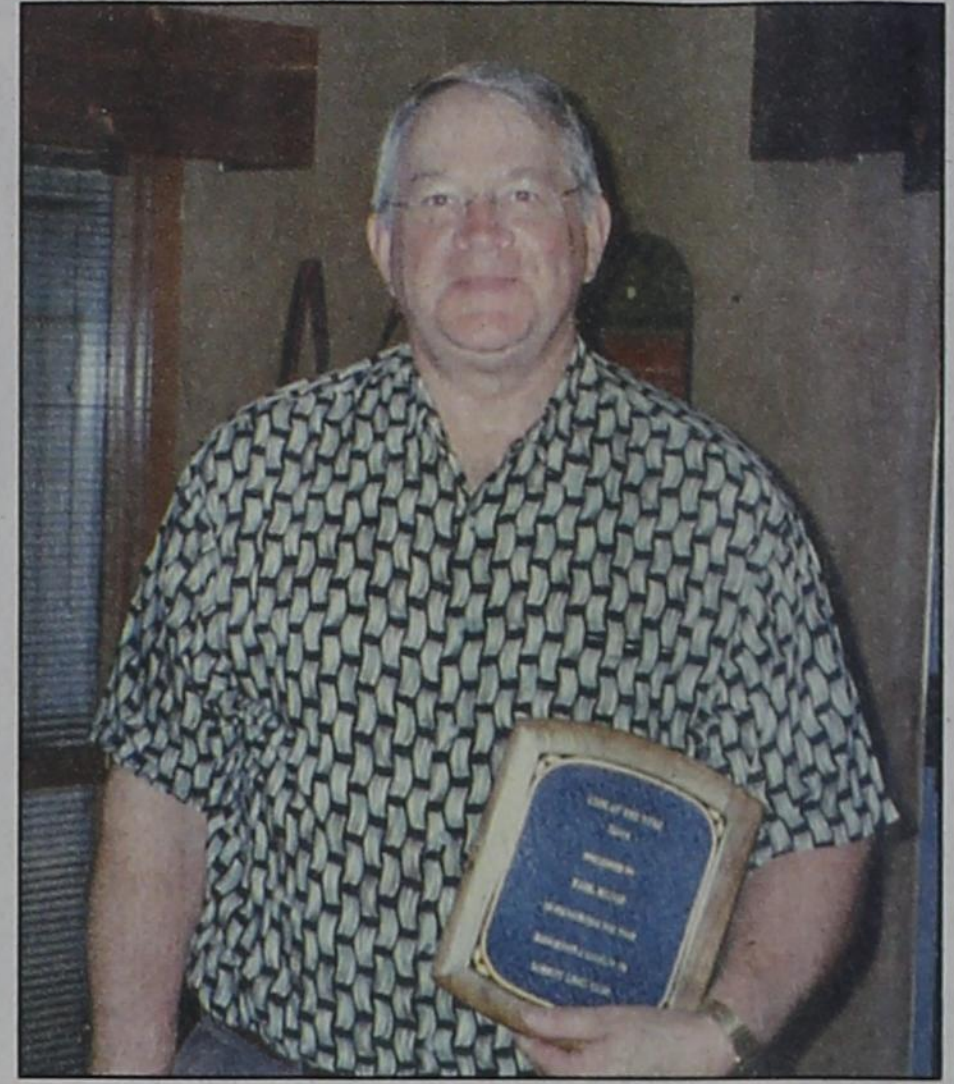
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Left to right: President Jon Riddle; Tail Twister Kelly Howell; Secretary Jay Lee Touchstone; and Vice-President Marsha Cobb.



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Thank You

The recent Playa Lakes Festival would not have been successful without a lot of volunteers.

We want to thank volunteer drivers Dana Black, Cristiana Rivera and Patricia Corrales of Hart; Kristy Mitchell, Donna Reinart, Beth Gilley and Rena Davis of Dimmitt; and Eric Davis, Yolanda Lira and Rebecca Reed of Tulia.

Also, hats off to the festival aides from Nazareth who gave tremendous help to the kids and teachers. They include Beverly Schulte, Rebecca Olvera, Eileen and Alisha Womack, Melina Braddock, and Pearl Acker.

We also want to thank to Jerry Lange for his assistance, Rhonda Mixson for driving the bus, and the Nazareth women who prepared hot lunches each day, and the Nazareth Independent School District for providing additional classroom space and transportation for the festival.

Finally, we want to thank the sponsors for the festival. They were High Plains RC&D of Friona, the Water Resources Center at Texas Tech University, The Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, Running Water Soil & Water Conservation District, The Home Mercantile Inc., Dimmitt Kiwanas Club, Hart Lion's Club, and the Playa Lakes Joint Venture and Environmental Defense, which provided generous grant support.

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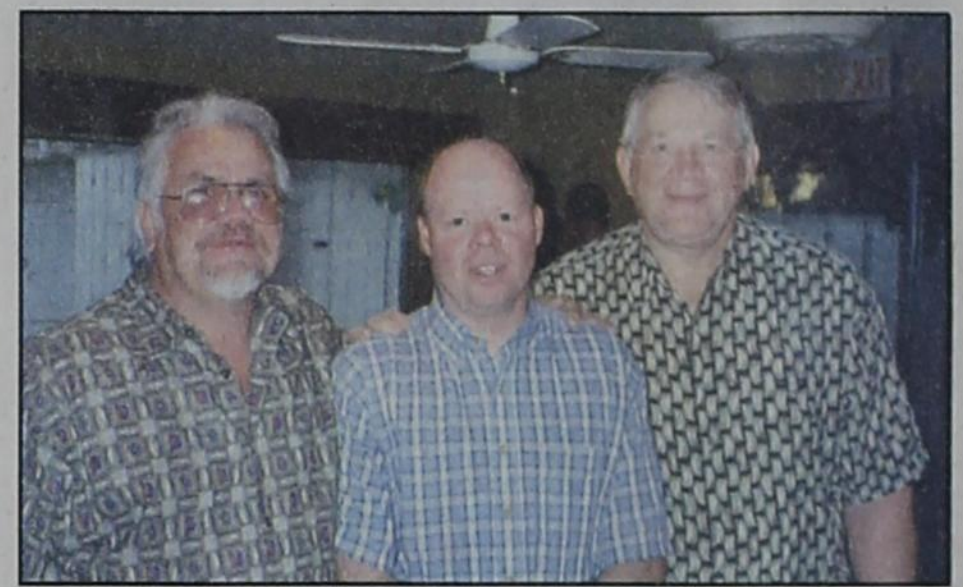
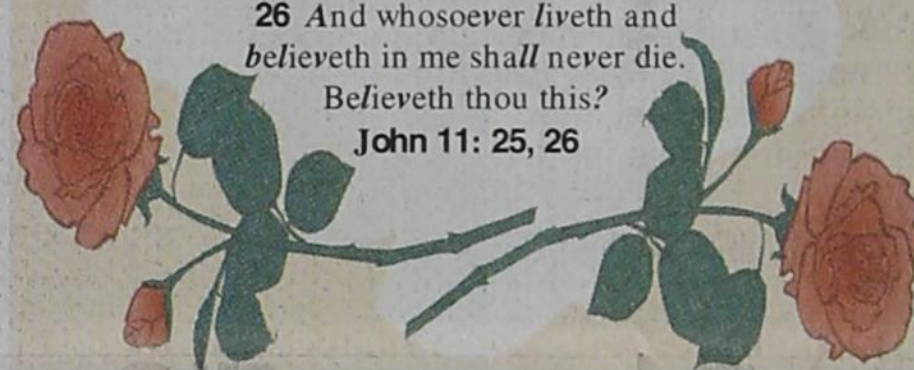
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26 And whosoever liveth and
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Believeth thou this?

John 11: 25, 26



Outgoing Officers

Left to right: Tail Twister Ray Gonzales; President Clint Seward; and Treasurer Paul Mason.

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Certified by the American Board of Surgery, with a specialty in general surgery and peripheral vascular surgery, Dr. Matos-Serrano was educated at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, and completed his residency in General Surgery at Winthrop Memorial Hospital in Long Island, N.Y.

He has served as Chief of Surgery at both the Amarillo Veterans Hospital and the Puerto Rico Veterans Hospital, and has been instrumental in the training of new physicians having been appointed to teach at several medical institutions. His appointments include assistant professor of surgery at the Texas Tech University Department of Surgery and assistant professor at the School of Surgery at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine.

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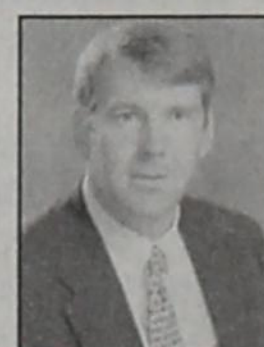
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