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A CROWD OF ALMOST 300 turned out for dedication ceremonies Friday for the memorial marker on the courthouse square in Dimmitt. The marker lists 25 names of those from Castro County who have died

while on active duty in the armed services. Here, the color guard from Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M., stands at attention during part of the ceremony. (See story, Page 12). Photo by Linda Maxwell

## County to keep assistant Extension agent position

In a called meeting Monday, the Castro County Commissioners agreed to account for the assistant Extension agent position in the budget hearing for the Extension office. Only two kids were present when the commissioners made the decision early in the budget workshop, but another ten kids and a couple of parents joined them half-way through the process. After the workshop was completed, the kids and parents went around the table to shake the hands of the commissioners and Judge

Irene Miller. "We really do appreciate you keeping the assistant agent," said Extension agent Marilyn Neal. No decision was made on when to begin the search for one. Extension agents Neal and Rebel Royall then requested more money for office supplies and travel expenses. "I've been funding a lot of the travel burdens with money out of my pocket," said Neal. "Now we are required to do more training, so it will end up costing us more."

Their requests for an increase in the amount of money for travel reasons was denied because it would have exceeded the amount county personnel are given. The office supplies budget was increased after \$500 was taken off of the \$2000 requested for a new computer. The estimated Extension budget for the 1997-98 year stood at \$72,858.

## Council authorizes bids for police car purchase

City council members voted Monday night to authorize City Manager Don Sheffy to go out for bids for a new car for the police department. Sheffy inquired about possibly buying one from a dealership in Dallas. He had received notice that some cars were available at a price lower than what the city paid last year through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments. City Attorney Jack Edwards said the city would still have to go out for bids on the purchase, unless the purchase was through another quasi-governmental entity such as the Houston-Galveston council (similar to the PRPC). Sheffy said he would look into it more, and advertise for bids if the Dallas deal was not through such an entity.

On another matter, Sheffy asked the council to consider establishing a formal policy for allowing use of the city park by private individuals or organizations, especially when use of electricity would be involved. Council members said a set policy would be useful and agreed that the matter should be put on the agenda for another council meeting. Council member Roger Malone asked what can be done about property owners who do not keep their lots mowed. Edwards said the city can notify the owner and if nothing is done, then the city can mow a lot and bill the owner. If the bill is not paid it becomes a lien on the property. Sheffy said letters were sent out recently to several property owners asking that the lots be tended to. Malcolm Reynolds asked the council if he could obtain city water

In other proceedings at the budget workshop, the commissioners discussed the 1997-98 budget for the county. The commissioners talked over an 8% ad valorem tax increase which would bring the estimated new revenue of the county to \$1,769,875. The estimated amount requested by the county was \$1,911,427, which is \$141,552 over the revenue. After an expected \$175,000 in carryover from the 1996-97 year, the county would have around \$31,000 in surplus. In reviewing the ad valorem tax increase, the commissioners thought it was the only thing to do. "Nobody likes that (tax increase) but the money has to come from some place," said Commissioner Newlon Rowland, "and where else are you going to get it?" The tax increase was discussed but no formal decision was made. Before the budget workshop, the commissioners made some decisions on other matters. They agreed to renew the tele-

## 25th Annual German Festival to begin day's activities Saturday

The Nazareth German Festival will celebrate its 25th birthday this Saturday with an Arts and Crafts Show, German sausage meal and games for kids of all ages. Following those activities, Suds 'n Sounds will begin with the award-winning band Asleep at the Wheel headlining. The German Fest will begin with the Arts and Crafts Show beginning at 10 a.m. and running through 4:30 p.m. The Nazareth Art Club will once again be sponsoring the event.

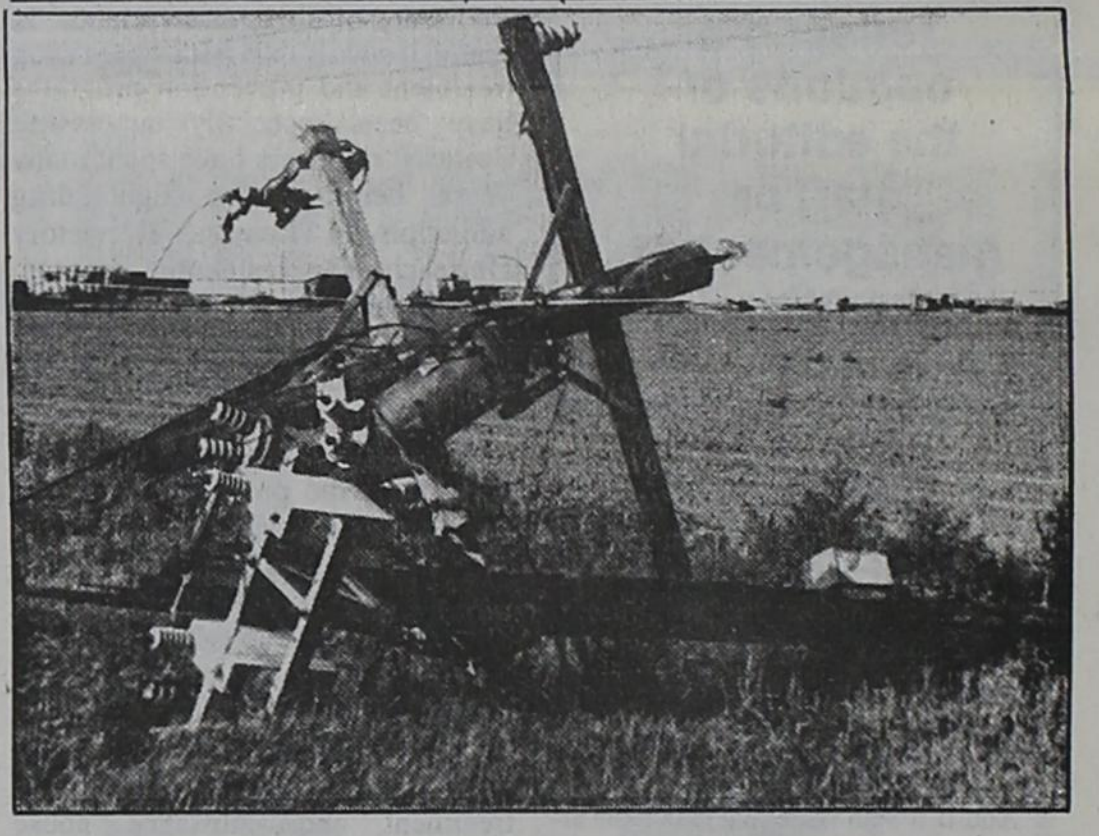
A German sausage meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Tickets for the meal are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Also included in the festivities will be an adult and children's raffle, children's barrel ride, children's tractor pull and more. Proceeds from the German Festival will benefit the Nazareth Community Hall. As the action slows down at the

Community Hall, things are just beginning to start at the Community Ballpark. The gates for Suds 'n Sounds will open at 4 p.m. Admission is \$15. Lawn chairs, shades and coolers full of beverages are allowed, but no glass containers will be permitted. Coolers will be checked. Asleep at the Wheel will be the headline band for the music portion of the program. The group won a Grammy Award

### Weather

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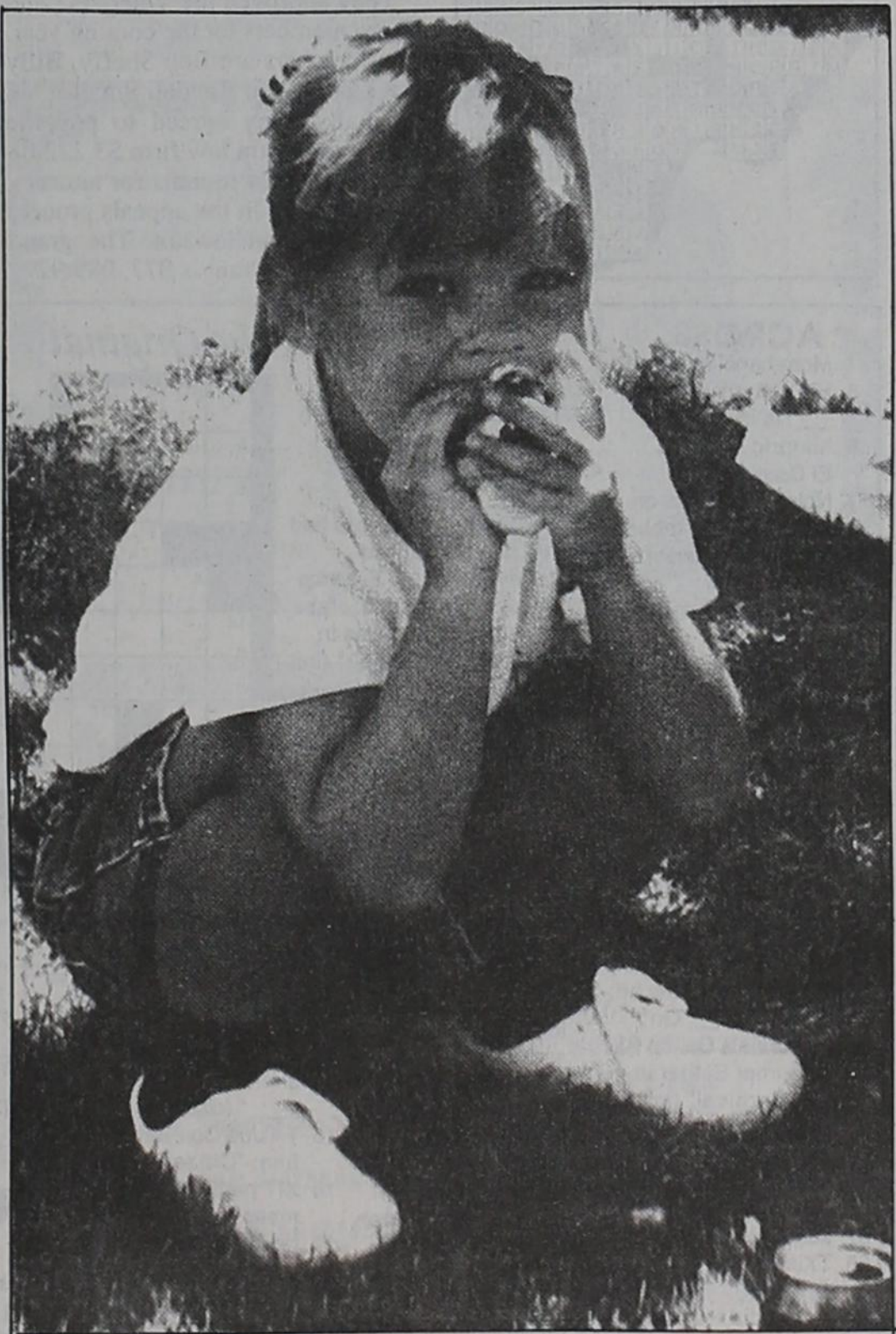
July Moisture ..... 1.51  
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By Don Nelson

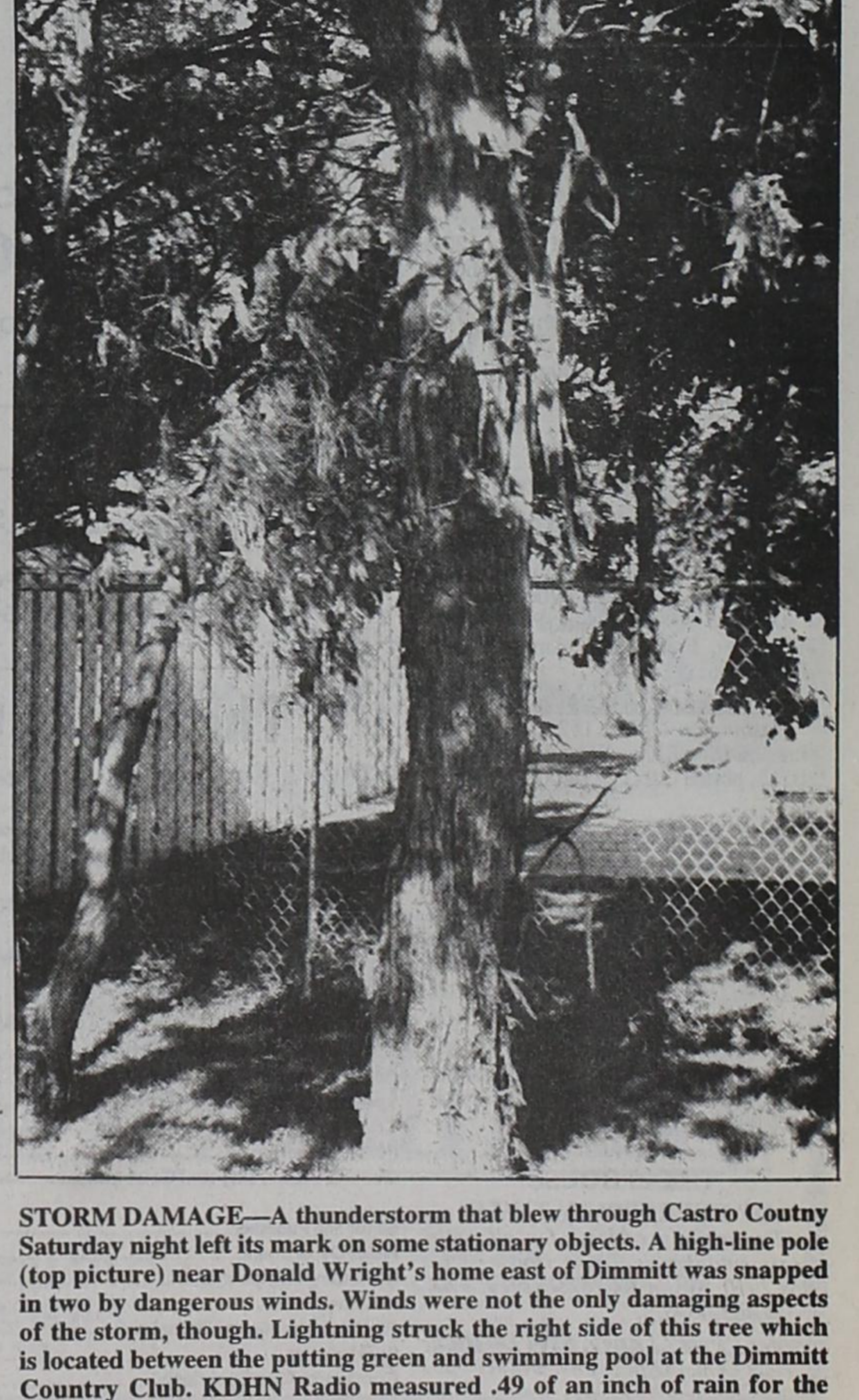
Whether or not a wayward spaceship crashed in the desert near Roswell in 1947, one thing became clear during the 50th anniversary observance of the event last week: Roswell folks really know how to enjoy extra-tourist activity. We lost some giants of the big screen and the home screen last week. First Robert Mitchum. Then Jimmy Stewart. And then Charles Kuralt. Each of these men wove permanent threads into our nation's cultural fabric. Mitchum and Stewart both earned Academy Awards for their work in movies that have become classics. (As far as I'm concerned, every Jimmy Stewart movie is a classic.) Kuralt won 13 Emmys and three Peabody Awards for his "On the Road" stories and his CBS *Sunday Morning* program. Stewart and Kuralt both attained recognition as national treasures. It is Kuralt whom I will miss the most. I love the life's work I have chosen, but there have always been two jobs that I thought I'd rather do. One was to be a *National Geographic* photographer. The other was to do what Charles Kuralt did. As a young CBS television reporter, he proved to be up to the task of covering major events around the world. But it wasn't what he really wanted to be doing.



SHAY MYATT, daughter of Layne and Sue Rita Myatt, chomps on a hot dog during the July Jubilee Celebration last Thursday at the Gazebo outside of the Courthouse. After eating hot dogs, the kids went over to play games and win prizes. The weather was wonderful for the celebration which brings people together to celebrate July Fourth. Photo by Scott Brockman

## Congressman has a hot-hot session here

Congressman Mac Thornberry said here last Wednesday that the last week of June was "the most important week in Congress since January" because of bills it passed that are aimed at balancing the federal budget. At his "town hall" meeting in the city hall's miserably hot council room, Thornberry reported to a small crowd that both the House and the Senate passed tax-relief packages and Medicare reform measures during the final week of June. The two houses must now iron out the differences in their measures in joint committees, then negotiate with the White House to assure that the bills will get the President's signature. "I expect that by the end of July all of that will be done, and we will have . . . a significant accomplishment," he said. The House's version of the tax bill provides more liberal allowances for inheritances and capital gains, and provides \$500-per-child tax exemptions for families, he reported. Here's what the congressman had to say on other issues during a question-answer session: **The Farm Bill** "I'm not optimistic . . . because of the urban majority in Congress. It's not really a Republican-Democrat issue; it's an urban-rural issue. We've got to keep fighting every step of the way."



STORM DAMAGE—A thunderstorm that blew through Castro County Saturday night left its mark on some stationary objects. A high-line pole (top picture) near Donald Wright's home east of Dimmitt was snapped in two by dangerous winds. Winds were not the only damaging aspects of the storm, though. Lightning struck the right side of this tree which is located between the putting green and swimming pool at the Dimmitt Country Club. KDHN Radio measured .49 of an inch of rain for the storm. Photo by Scott Brockman

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## CAPITOL COMMENT



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



U.S. SENATOR

### MEDICARE REPAIR

Medicare is on the financial critical list. The Congressional Budget Office says that the Medicare trust fund will be broke in the year 2001. It ran a deficit for the first time last year and will run a \$12 billion deficit this year.

On June 24, the Senate approved a prescription that will help save the Medicare system so it will be there for current and future generations of Americans.

The medicine includes a provision to slowly raise the eligibility age for future recipients from age 65 to age 67. This will take place by increasing the eligibility age one month each year for 24 years beginning in the year 2003.

In 1983, facing a Social Security system on the verge of bankruptcy, Congress and President Reagan changed the age provision in Social Security, raising the eligibility age gradually from 65 to 67 by the year 2027.

For example, if you were born in 1942, Social Security benefits and Medicare coverage will begin for you when you are 65 years and 10 months of age.

This measure will help to stabilize Medicare until badly needed structural reforms can be implemented to

restore Medicare to sound financial health. It seems a reasonable step to take to ensure that Medicare still exists when Baby Boomers and Generation-Xers retire.

The alternative would be eventually to raise payroll taxes a whopping 250 percent on working families least able to afford it, or drastically reduce the coverage provided all beneficiaries.

To do nothing would be totally reckless. We had to make some tough decisions here. When Medicare was enacted, the average life expectancy for men at age 65 was about 13 more years, for women, about 16. In 2030, when the age provision is fully phased in, the average life expectancy for men at age 65 will have risen to 17 years, for women, to 20.5 years.

The Senate bill also includes a provision that increases the premium for Part B Medicare services for seniors making over \$50,000 a year and couples making over \$75,000 a year. (Part B is a voluntary program that includes all physician services after retirement.)

Congress and the President have the responsibility to meet this crisis, and 38 million Medicare beneficiaries have the right to expect decisive leadership rather than gimmicks. Our principal concern is to make sure that Medicare beneficiaries continue to have access to quality health care.

This bill now goes to conference between the House and Senate and must be signed by the President. I would be interested in your views on this solution, and if you disagree with it, what thoughts you may have on how we can ensure Medicare will be there for every senior citizen now and in the future. 7.3.97



## Postal Service wants rate hike

The Postal Service is preparing to ask for another \$2 billion-a-year hike in first class mail rates as its own figures showed delivery rates at abysmal levels and independent surveys indicated the actual situation is worse than that.

Members of the nation's largest coalition of first class mail consumers said it was "outrageous" that the Postal Service was already printing temporary 34-cent stamps after mispending the money from 1995's increase and seeing a precipitous decline in the on-time delivery of first class mail.

"That the Postal Service would demand another \$2 billion out of its captive first class mail customers is outrageous," said Earl Heath, chairman of the board of the Association of Retired Americans, which is a member of the Coalition to Make Our First Class Mail FIRST CLASS.

"This is not surprising, given the fact the Postal Service never responded to our request for a plan for better service after they received a \$3 billion-a-year increase in first class mail rates and have spent that money on feel-good image advertising for their monopoly and start-up costs on sideline businesses—phone cards, Christmas videos, Pony Express clothing—that have nothing to do with getting the mail where it is supposed to be on time," said Heath.

The Washington Post reported (June 2) that the Postal Service was already printing temporary stamps to be used after final approval of an anticipated plan to increase stamps to 34 cents. Every penny increase in a stamp is another billion dollars in revenue to the Postal Service.

Meanwhile, a Newark, N.J., Star-Ledger report (May 15) belittled the Postal Service's Priority Mail Service for being no better, and sometimes worse, than regular first class mail. And regular mail is suffering according to both Postal Service and independent figures.

USPS figures for the percentage for two-day (600 miles) and three-day (across country) first class mail that is delivered late have ballooned to around 30%. At the same time, an independent study by the Palm Springs Desert Sun (June 3) of local mail deliver within the Coachella Valley of California showed 30% to

35% of first class mail was late.

"What will it take to get the Postal Service's attention where it needs to be?" Heath asked. "We believe it will take giving final rate-setting authority to the independent Postal Rate Commission, so there will be some accountability in the system."

"Right now, the Postal Service is the only monopoly we know of that has the power to set its own rates. We don't believe that should be the case."

The Coalition to Make Our First Class Mail FIRST CLASS has more than 200 member organizations representing more than 5 million Americans. They include the American Farm Bureau Federation, National Minority Business Council, National Association of Realtors, American GI Forum, and the National Federation of the Blind.

### More about

## German Fest . . .

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in 1995 for Best Country Song by a Group or Duo with Vocal. They have

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## County . . .

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phone contract for the jail, and Sheriff CD Fitzgerald discussed jail conditions.

They approved the Veterans Land Board members for the coming year. The members are Bob Sheffy, Billy Hackleman and Randall Small.

Finally, they agreed to pay the Sidley & Austin law firm \$3,212.08 a month for 24 months for attorney fees involved in the appeals process in the election lawsuit. The grand total of the amount is \$77, 089.92.

defied definitions and broken down boundaries while entertaining fans with their combination of country, swing, jazz, boogie, honky-tonk, Cajun, blues and rock.

Insufficient Funds will begin the singing with a performance at 6 p.m. Following Insufficient Funds will

be Southern Sky and Rowdy Ace, and then Asleep at the Wheel will play until around 1 a.m.

The dance features a 2,400 sq. ft. dance floor, and a concession stand will feature German sausage sandwiches and more.

Proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Charities and the Nazareth Community Hall.



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### Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national government? Write and tell us about it. (Castro County News, P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt 79027.)

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### Letter

## Faith can bring solution to problems of drugs, violence

Dear Editor:

The faith community plays an important role in finding solutions to the issues of drugs and violence. In Texas, it seems that faith-based drug treatment and prevention programs have been especially successful. Spiritual ministers have spent many years helping men fight drug addiction in Lamesa at victory Outreach. This residential program uses teachings on practical Christian living, Biblical counseling skills, and love. Their success rate is high. Their staff includes ex-addicts because they feel that one who has "come back from the precipice" can best show others the way to sanity.

In Texas, there are 60 "Victory" branches that have treated over 13,000 substance abusers. They have achieved results that are unheard of in typical state-run facilities.

Teen Challenge in Amarillo is part of a national religion-based drug treatment and substance abuse prevention program. They claim that 86% of the individuals who go through their residential program remain free of drugs. The basic philosophy is that sincere faith in

Christ is the motivation needed to extract the deep-rooted symptoms that cause addiction to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Characteristics shared by successful state-certified programs include parental or family involvement and teaching knowledge of drugs and their dangers. They also reinforce positive social activities, provide positive role models, provide rewards, recognition, and healthy interests, and give a general caring and supportive environment.

The Floyd Hale Lamb County Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse will soon meet with the director and staff of the Second Time Around recovery Training program (START) of the First Assembly of God church in Plainview. Together we will study the feasibility of having a chemical dependency treatment program with the above characteristics combined with the power of over-arching spiritual principles.

SAM PARKER  
Executive Director  
Floyd Hale Lamb County Council  
on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

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ACROSS  
1 Monahans is its seat  
5 Hill Country Natural is in Bandera  
6 historic TX trail: El Camino  
7 Nolan Ryan was on this list in '93 (abbr.)  
8 TX Perot's concern in Vietnam  
9 TX cities have laws for dogs  
14 San Jacinto star weighs 220  
15 TX judges used to ride 'em  
18 Cotulla hosts "Wild \_\_\_-off"  
20 before 7-11's slurpees  
22 TX has "potty parity" law to \_\_\_ lines to women's restrooms  
27 Lake \_\_\_ Pines  
28 immediately (2 wds.)  
29 TX George Jones hit: "The \_\_\_ On"  
30 in Rannels Co. on 83 swimmer Esther in "TX Carnival" (init.)  
33 Texans like'em barbecued (2 wds.)  
36 middle name of TX Robert Mosbacher  
37 summer citrus drink  
38 TXism: "I \_\_\_ (intend)  
39 Texas did it against Mexico in 1835  
41 TX Dabney of "Nine to Five" (init.)  
42 "he's putting \_\_\_" (teasing)  
45 TX schools skills test  
46 TX Evelyn in "Gone With The Wind" (init.)  
47 scattered seed  
48 TXism: "he'll never drown in his \_\_\_ sweat" (lazy)  
49 "I need some \_\_\_ quiet"  
52 Mavericks' \_\_\_ Davis had his number retired  
53 Valley town: \_\_\_ Fresno  
54 Abilene Wylie's h.s. class  
55 this singer Darin was in TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)  
DOWN  
1 Austin said "\_\_\_ is our only resource" in 1833  
2 TXism: "so dry the Baptists sprinkling"  
3 TXism: "you're \_\_\_ my mail" (thinking alike)  
4 Big D's pro football team  
8 ex-Oiler QB Warren  
9 TXism: "sticks \_\_\_"  
10 TXism: "let \_\_\_ rip!"  
11 this Carnegie gave funds for Houston & Dallas libraries (init.)  
12 TXism: "\_\_\_ fare-thee-well"  
13 in Hamilton Co. on hwy. 281  
14 TXism: "got the short end of \_\_\_" (cheated)  
15 TX Joe Don Baker film: "Citizen \_\_\_"  
16 XIT name did not mean "\_\_\_ in Texas"  
17 headline in 1861: "Texas \_\_\_ From Union"  
19 Rockets' Thorpe  
21 TXism: "got the deal all \_\_\_ up"  
22 the Bush who was president (abbr.)  
23 TXism: "\_\_\_ a grip like a snappin' turtle"  
24 this TX Hobby was 1st woman to get Distinguished Service Medal (init.)  
25 antique car  
26 TXism: "hissey fit"  
28 in "Rollover" TX Kristofferson deals with \_\_\_ investors  
31 she was "Jeannie" for TX Hagman  
34 this Roger starred with TX Lois Chiles in "Moonraker" (init.)  
35 TX revolution cry: "Come and Take \_\_\_"  
37 TXism: "does \_\_\_ office business"  
40 house grass  
43 cartoon by TX V.T. Hamlin: "Alley \_\_\_"  
44 ex-Dallas Maverick in '92 Olympics on the German team  
50 Spanish house  
51 Cowboys' "Too Tall"

# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The weather was wonderful for the Fourth of July activities! The coolest July 4 that I can remember.

The dedication of a memorial marker was held on Friday, July 4 at the Castro County Courthouse. This was in memory of those who gave their lives in service of their country during WWI, WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Names of those on the marker are Carl Adams, Bronell Bills, Raymond Dirks, Greer Estes, Frank Herrera, Roy Nelson, Russel Slough, Robert Truelock, Cyrus Andrews Jr., Stanley Byrnes, Gene Easley, Roy Ferguson, Harwood Murphy, Emilio Nino Jr., Patrick Stagner, George Wall, Edward Worm, Joe Bailes, Quanah Conner, James Erwin, Billy Graef, Lonzo McDonald Jr., John Stevens, Raymond Randolph and Arthur Webb.

Those on program were Norman Nelson, Wayne Collins, Rusty Dickerson, Irene Miller, Bill Sava, Robert Hawkins, Trent Sigler, Howard Rhodes and the Airmen from Cannon Air force Base in Clovis, N.M. (Ssgt. Servati, Sr A. Dutko, Sr A. Miller, A/C Rivera-Luna, A/C Smith and A/C Grande, they were the Honor Guard of the 27th Fighter Wing). This was a very impressive program.

The annual Chicken Fry at the Bethel Community was a huge success with about 300 attending this special occasion, and I have never seen so much food. The weather was just perfect for an outdoor affair. The men cooked the chicken in a big pot and others brought salads, vegetables and desserts. It was good to see some that I had not seen in a long time. Jack Howell gave a short talk concerning the past history of Bethel and some of the former residents. Beautiful fireworks ended this very special event.

The Bagwells held a family reunion on Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center, and they served hamburgers and more fried chicken. There were 100 in attendance and some of them came to the museum since the Bagwells have supported the museum all throughout the years. Christine Bagwell Bell donated her book, "Memories of Bethel." Sandra Bagwell reported that she



**DANCE TO THE MUSIC**—People were singing and dancing in the streets during the July Jubilee Celebration last Thursday. Here, these kids do the do-si-do as the Holy Warrior Christian band plays a festive song. The band played patriotic tunes and Christian songs

while people visited and munched on 50 cent hot dogs and cokes. The Chamber of Commerce puts the event together every year in order to celebrate the Fourth of July. Photo by Scott Brockman

and Milton had 19 at their home over the weekend, and George and Carolyn Sides had 11 in their home. I enjoyed visiting with Ivor and Hazel Bagwell as well as their daughter, Nelda Fallwell and her family from Dallas.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Christine Bagwell Bell of Perryton; Steven and Kathy Estes Johnstone and son, Walter Estes Johnstone of Plano; the Eberlings, Steven and Donald of Plainview; Hanna, Emma, Chloe and Ed Watson of Georgetown; Karen Bagwell of Columbia, Md., and Mike Bagwell of Hazlehurst, Mo.; and Larry, Cheryl, Megan and Lauren McEntire of Houston. Also visiting were Guillermo Morales, priest at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt, and Glen and Diane Snitker brought eight men from Mexico who are in Santa Fe,

N.M. studying to be a priest. They were from Guadalajara, Leon and Bolaras, Mexico.

Tobin and Angela Touchstone and children, Ret, Sam and Sara of Tuscon, Ariz., were visiting Jimmy and Nancy Ross for a few days as well as Oleta Gallehon and the Touchstones. John and Sharon Gallehon of Fort Worth were guests in the home of Oleta Gallehon over the weekend, and they went with Bennie and Voe Gallehon to Palo Duro and the 6th Street Wild West and Route 66 activities over the weekend.

Louise Mears was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club, and she served Dump Cake and ice cream while the members brought a sack lunch. Alma Kenmore won high score and Martha Jo Hyman won second high score. Others playing

were Helen Braafladt, Elizabeth Huckabay, Retta Cluck, Neva Hickey, Cleo Forson, Edith Graef, Bernice Hill, Virginia Crider and Bill Thornton.

Edgar and Leta Dennis were taking a Sunday evening ride in their "Surrey with the Fringe on Top" that is pulled by a two beautiful white mules. They stopped long enough for me to take a picture of them.

Sean and Linzy Yatis of Fountain, Colo. spent three weeks recently with their grandparents, Bill and Dee Brisco. They all attended the wedding on June 21 for Bill and Dee's son, Kip Yates, to Jamie Brewer. It was an outdoor wedding at "The Stonehouse" in Lakewood, Colo.

John and Judy Langley of Spicewood spent the weekend in

Dimmitt with her aunt, Bill and Dee Brisco. They too had attended the wedding of Kip Yates and Jamie Brewer.

The Pena family held its first family reunion Sunday at the park in Dimmitt. There were several hundred present from many parts of Texas as well as Illinois, Florida and Indiana. They had live music and dancing and plenty of food. The bus came about 8:30 to pick up the out-of-state people.

David and Jane Behrends entertained their daughter and family, Denise and Douglas Roberts and children, Kacey and James of Robert Lee last week. They had fun playing games with the children.

Kaye Stevens has recently been on the go. On June 26-28, she went to Waco to the Texas Farm Bureau secretarial school. She went with Brenda Gunnels, who lived here a few years back and is now the secretary in Tulia, and Theresa Gregory, the secretary from Lubbock, in her car. They left Wednesday morning and drove to Waco where they stayed at the Fairfield Inn Motel with 200 other secretaries from around the state.

On Thursday, they attended classes all day as well as Friday until noon. The girls were part of a group seminar Thursday evening with secretaries from Hamilton County and Bosque County. Their group won second place in problem solving and each one received \$50. After the session they hit the mall. That night they also went to Buzzard Billy's and

ate alligator toes. On Friday after the morning session, they took the office tour of the building. The Texas Farm Bureau building is five stories and sits on 60 acres on the Waco River. It is very pretty. Kaye said all they did down there was eat and laugh. She had dinner the first night with the president of the Board of Texas Farm Bureau, Bob Stallman, but she didn't know who he was until after they had left. She just knew that he was someone big.

The Fourth of July weekend, Kaye took off with Sherry Oliver, her daughter, and Kortney and Cody, her grandchildren, and went to Fredericksburg to spend the weekend with her friend Coralee Farley, the racing secretary of the race track there. They spent the first night in San Angelo and came back in to Fredericksburg Thursday. They picked up Coralee and her nephew, Jesse, and went to The Schlitterbahn Water Park in New Braunfels. They rode lots of the water rides at the park, and Kaye and Sherry even rode the banzai pipeline.

Friday, her son Scott met them and they went to San Antonio to ride the boat through the River Walk. They also had lunch on the river then went to Sea World. They rode all the rides, including the "Great White" roller coaster, and saw all the shows including Shamu; then they stayed for the fireworks at 10 p.m.

On Saturday they went to Kerrville for lunch then back to Fredericksburg to watch the horse races and take in the local talent at the dance. Sunday they came home but the kids are ready to go back again.

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The class of 1977 enjoyed their 20th class reunion this weekend at the country home of Dan and Karen Gerber. Friday afternoon was spent visiting, playing volleyball and horseshoes, and enjoying a barbecue. In the evening, they filled two wagons for a hayride to the Nazareth Ballpark to enjoy the Fourth of July fireworks display sponsored by the Foresters. On Saturday afternoon they all went to the ballpark again to attend a Communion Service with Deacon Jerome Brockman officiating. After the service they formed two teams for a game of softball. They later returned to the Gerber home for a barbecue. Twenty-two of the 29 classmates attended.

Many relatives and friends attended the marriage of Cindy Albracht and Scott Huseman Saturday afternoon in Holy Family Church with Fr. John Hickey officiating. Reception and dance were held at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Prayers are asked for Fritz Gerber who had surgery Monday in Lubbock at St. Mary Hospital. He will be in the hospital at least ten days. His address will be: St. Mary Hospital, 4000 24th St., Lubbock, TX 79410.

Prayers are also asked for Father Brendan Sherry and his brother Jack, who are both in very bad health.

Congratulations to Calvin and Leigh Schulte on the birth of a son, Seth Conrad, June 19, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Big sisters are Jade and Jari. Grandparents are Gilbert and Dolly Schulte of Nazareth, Peg Guthrie of Happy and Dick and Rosine Runyon of Corpus Christi. Great-grandmother is Imogene Harris of Tulsa.

Wade Hoelting of Austin spent the weekend with his parents Jim and

Sandee Hoelting and family. He also attended the marriage of his classmates Cindy Albracht and Scott Huseman.

Cindy and Criss Murdock and their three children of Frisco visited here recently with Cindy's dad, Michael Schacher, her grandmother, Elma Schacher, and Jerome and Margaret Brockman.


Joe and Imogene Drerup, Lucille Drerup, Ethel Schmucker of Nazareth, Jim and Evelyn Ball of

Plainview and Carol Gary of Lubbock flew to Birmingham, Alab., for the wedding of their nephew and grandson Kent DeCardenas and Mary Elizabeth Sheenan at Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church. Grace DeCardenas, Kent's mother, and Nancy Drerup of Dallas drove to Birmingham for the wedding. A busy, but fun, weekend.

Joe and Imogene Drerup are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, born to Wade and Julie Drerup of Plainview. Hailey Lynn was born Thursday June 26 at St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

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Cicely Reyna and Frank Serbantez III

## Couple to wed Saturday

Cicely Reyna and Frank Serbantez III will exchange wedding vows Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in San Antonio.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Joe and Diane Reyna of Dimmitt. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996.

The prospective groom is the son of Frank and Minnie Serbantez of Angleton.

The couple plans to reside in Angleton after the wedding.

## Bridal shower fetes Walker

Stacy Walker, bride-elect of Ty Annen, was honored with a bridal shower on June 28 in the home of Rhonda Wise in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Wise greeted guests and presented them to the honoree and her mother, Kathy Walker, and the prospective groom's mother, Debbie Annen.

The serving table was covered with a white crocheted lace and summer floral embroidered cloth. Majestic candles in white candlesticks accented an arrangement of white begonias with trailing fresh greenery. Guests were served melon balls,

ham rolls, a variety of muffins and fruit tea.

The 25 hostesses presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner and numerous gift items.

Out-of-town guests included the bride's mother; her grandmother, Rhoda Jones of Rocksprings; the prospective groom's aunt, Barbara Thompson of Hartley; and his cousins, Pam and Sharlea Weddell and Amy Marchman, all of Amarillo.

## Lopez earns scholarship

Adriana Lopez of Dimmitt, a senior management major, has received the Institute of Management Scholarship from West Texas A&M University.

Lopez was one of several WTAMU students who received scholarships for the 1997-98 academic year at the WTAMU T. Boone Pickens College of Business annual convocation in May.

## Toddler pageant deadline is Sunday

Deadline is Sunday to enter your toddler in the Fiesta Toddler Pageant 1997 sponsored by LULAC post #4523 in Dimmitt.

The pageant will be held September 13, and the two winners will be crowned king and queen and will receive trophies.

The toddler must be ages one, two or three by September 1, 1997, and they must be a Castro County resident.

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Cody Dennis Myrick and Anessa Gay Scott

## August vows planned

Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Scott of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Anessa Gay Scott, to Cody Dennis Myrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Myrick of Hart.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows Aug. 9.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and she works for Home Health in Hereford.

The prospective groom graduated from Hart High School and he is engaged in his family's farming business in the Hart area.

The couple will live in Hart after the wedding.

## FUMC plans bible school

First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt will hold a vacation Bible school next week for children between the ages of three years and sixth grade.

Theme for the event is "Celebrate Jesus."

The school will begin Monday and will continue through Friday, July 18, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the church.

## Bennett makes SPC honor list

Shea Bennett of Hart has been named to the President's List for the spring 1997 semester at South Plains College.

Students on the President's List must maintain a 4.0 or straight A grade-point average while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours of college-level work.

"We want to congratulate these students who have been named to the SPC honor lists," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have shown dedication and persistence in their college studies."



**PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Richard Ewing and LaCresa Sherman of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Dontra DeVon, born Saturday, July 5. He weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Oliver Brown of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Ola Fay Sherman of Dimmitt.

Veronica Ortiz of Dimmitt announces the birth of a baby boy, Raul Vicente Pacheco, born July 3. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 23 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Manuel and Esther Ortiz of Dimmitt.

## King's Manor plans barbecue

King's Manor Nursing Home in Hereford will hold its annual founder's barbecue Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Brisket and polish sausage will top the menu, and will be served with coleslaw, potato salad, Texas toast, pickles, onions, apricots and peaches.

There will be a 5-K run, 5K walk and senior mile event. T-shirts will be awarded to all participants in the 5-K run, and medals and ribbons will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place finishers in each age division. Medals and ribbons also will be awarded to overall first-, second- and third-place winners in the 5K walk and senior mile.

A new event this year will be the Tot Trot Mile.

An auction will begin at 7 p.m., featuring quilts, lap robes, hand-painted silver service and a set of silver spurs.

Entertainment will be provided by Texas Country during the barbecue.

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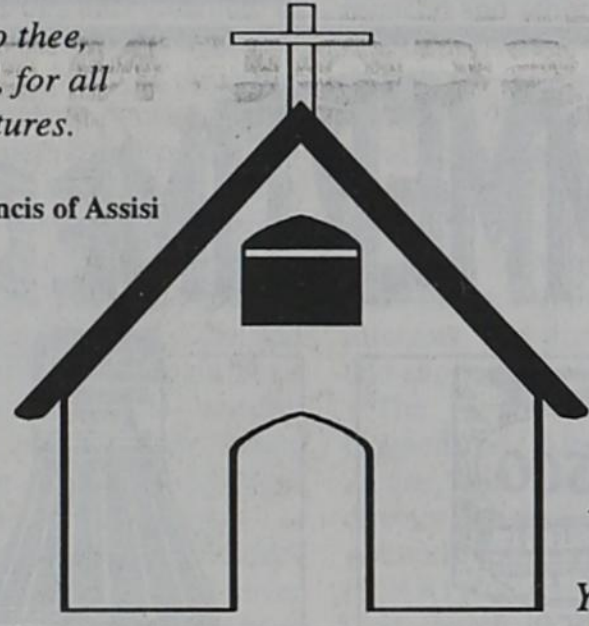
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Beto Garcia and J. Yvonne Ellis

## Garcia and Ellis to wed

Pete and Corina Ellis of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, J. Yvonne Ellis, to Beto Garcia, son of Fernando and Hermelinda Rivera of Alamo.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. July 19 at First United Methodist Church.

The bride-to-be graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of PSJA High School.

Following the wedding, the couple will reside in McKinney.

## Rhodes is new pastor at First Baptist Church

Dimmitt's First Baptist Church has a new pastor, Howard Rhodes, who began his duties here last month. He formerly pastored the Klondike Baptist Church south of Lamesa.

His wife, Belinda, already has been hired as an English teacher at Dimmitt Middle School for the coming school year.

The couple have three children, a daughter, Amber Peacock, who lives in Virginia, and two sons, Jeff, who is an assistant registrar at Wayland Baptist University, and Greg, who is a sophomore at Texas A&M University. They also have two grandsons.

Howard was born in Plainview and his wife was born in Friona so they both are familiar with the area and have family members still living in the area. Both graduated from Friona High School, Howard in 1966 and Belinda in 1968.

Howard obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Texas State University and went into farming in the Friona area. He said he was led to the ministry through the Lord's calling and the encouragement of the First



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rhodes

Baptist Church in Friona. He received his master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Belinda just completed her master's in education from Wayland in June. She taught at Tahoka for the last two years.

The couple served churches in Sanford and Farwell before being called to foreign missions. They served 11½ years in East Africa in the countries of Malawi, Ethiopia and Kenya. They plan to give a presentation sometime in the future on the work that is still going on there.

Howard said this is the largest

church he has pastored.

"We are excited about being here in Dimmitt," Howard said. "It's kind of nice to get back to where things are a little more green. People have been really good to us, very welcoming."

As far as the traditional rivalry between Friona and Dimmitt, Howard said he won't have any problem cheering for the local teams.

"I enjoy watching sports, and we're ready to get a purple shirt," he quipped.



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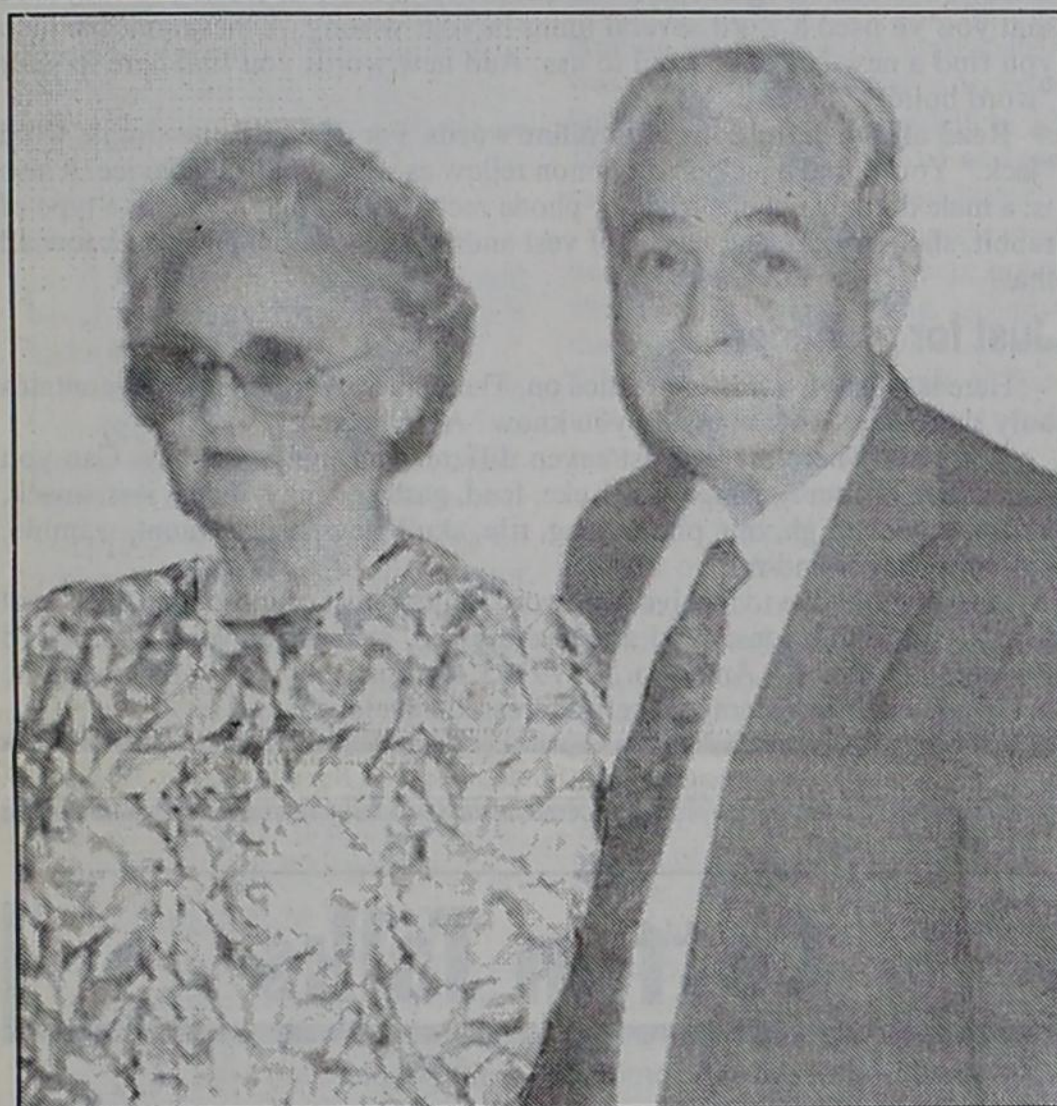
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## Musicks celebrate 50th anniversary

Derrel and Dorothy Musick of Grapeland, and formerly of Dimmitt, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday at Oakgrove Baptist Church in Grapeland with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Musick married the former Dorothy Hughes on July 5, 1947, in

Stamford. He is retired from the Amstar Corp. and she was a long-time Mary Kay consultant.

The couple have two children, Debi Deiterman and her husband, Steve, of Waco, and David Musick and his wife, Sandra, of Temple; and 13 grandchildren.

## Madison McDaniel honored with baby shower June 28

A baby shower honoring Madison McDaniel, infant of Todd and Dawn McDaniel, was held June 28 in the home of Wanda Nelson.

Mrs. Nelson presented the guests to Dawn, Madison, Melanie Grimm, Dawn's mother, and Cindy Lee, mother of Todd.

The serving table was covered with a white linen cloth decorated with different sizes of pink dolls.

Refreshments included fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls and lemonade.

Guests from out of town included Dawn's mother, Melanie Grimm of Winter Park, Colo., Todd's grandmother, Myrtle Lee of Hart, and Michelle Baca of Clovis, N.M., a friend of Dawn.

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# Farm Service Agency Update

**By TRISH ELLIOTT**  
**FSA County Executive Director**  
 We received approval to accept 32,860.6 acres from 135 offers for the 15th CRP sign-up. The accepted bids represented about 50% of the acres requested during the sign-up. These new CRP contracts will begin on Oct. 1, 1997, and will be effective for 10 years.

**Existing CRP contracts**  
 Producers with CRP contracts that are expiring on Sept. 30 may begin preparing the land for a fall seeded crop. Producers are reminded that grazing or haying is not permitted on these contracts until after they expire.

There are provisions for early-out of these contracts, but loss of payments for the months released early will be deducted from the annual payment.

Producers interested should call or stop by the FSA office for more information.

The crop acreage bases that were reduced to enter the CRP program will be released and will be eligible for enrollment in a production flexibility contract between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30. These contracts will be effective for years 1998-2002. Producers who wish to participate in this program do not have to destroy the existing grass cover to be eligible for the program.

### Crop losses

Producers who had crops that were affected by a natural disaster should report their crop acreage, file a crop damage report and notify their crop insurance agent of the loss before any alternative use is made of the crop, including haying, grazing or plowing of the crop.

Failure to report the crop prior to destruction could result in an insurance payment reduction and could lower a producer's actual production history yield for the crop.

Producers who have a failed crop who intend to plant vegetables on that failed acreage should check with the FSA office. In 1997, if a producer plants vegetables (FAV) on contract acres without having a prior history of FAV, it will be considered a violation of the AMTA contract and could result in cancellation of the contract for the remaining years.

Also, producers are reminded that if they have an AMTA contract, they must certify any planted fruit or vegetable acreage by Tuesday.

### Crop insurance changes

Beginning with the 1998 crops, all crop insurance policies will be serviced by private insurance companies. FSA will continue to service FSA catastrophic (CAT) policies through the 1997 crop year.

Producers who currently have CAT insurance with the FSA office will receive a letter from the Risk Management Division in Kansas City, indicating which insurance company their policy will be transferred to within the local area.

Producers who prefer to carry their insurance with a different company should take their letter to the insurance company of their choice and the company will complete the necessary forms.

Producers who wish to cancel their insurance for 1998 must notify the company that has been assigned the coverage.

### FSA Committee Election

Nominating petitions will be accepted through Oct. 27 for the LAA-3 community representative. Weldon Davis is currently serving

as the County Committee representative from this area.

Individuals who want to know if they are eligible to vote in this community or those who would like to nominate someone to serve on the committee, should call or stop by the FSA office.

"We encourage you to become involved in the election process, because the County Committee represents you," said Trish Elliott, FSA County Executive Director.

### Livestock Indemnity Program

If you are a livestock producer who has suffered losses from snow, rain and freeze between April 24 and April 26 you could be eligible for partial reimbursement for livestock losses.

The sign-up period for assistance started June 30 and continues through July 25.

The Livestock Indemnity Program is an emergency effort administered by FSA to help livestock producers who suffered losses from recent natural disasters. It provides a partial reimbursement to eligible producers for livestock losses.

Assistance is available only in counties named as primary disaster counties. Contiguous counties are not eligible for benefits under this program.

Eligible owners are those that own a substantial beneficial interest in eligible livestock; have a financial risk in the eligible livestock; suffered a loss of eligible livestock that is the direct or proximate result of the event for which the Presidential Declaration or Secretarial Designation was made (losses must have occurred between Oct. 1, 1996 and June 12, 1997); and be a citizen of or legal resident alien in the United States.

Eligible livestock categories are beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry (including egg-producing poultry), equine animals used for food or the production of food and buffalo and beefalo when maintained on the same basis as cattle.

Producers must provide documentation to support the loss claims. Horses used for purposes other than human food or the production of food are not eligible.

Animal categories and market values for the disaster period and normal mortality rates will be used in the calculation of national payment rates. If the producer's loss is in excess of the normal mortality rate for the animal category, as established by Commodity Credit Corp., the benefits are paid at the national rate set by CCC for those animal losses in excess of the normal mortality rate.

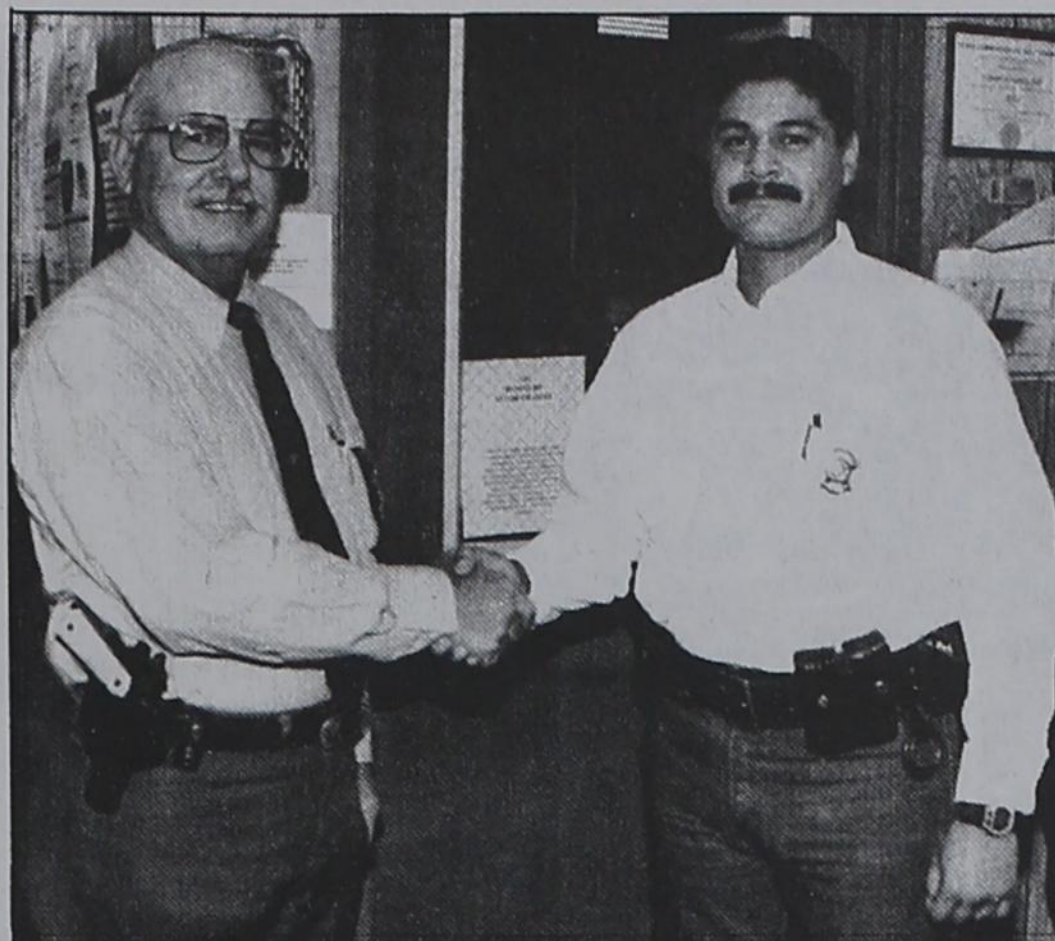
If the total calculated payments under all approved applications exceed \$50 million, a uniform reduction will be applied to each producer's payment so the total outlays will not exceed \$50 million.

### Emergency Loan Assistance

Castro County is eligible for FSA Emergency (EM) Physical Loss Loans due to damage and losses caused by excessive snow which occurred on April 25.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30% loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted through Feb. 6, 1998, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season.



**NEW DARE OFFICER TONY DE LA CRUZ (RIGHT)**  
 ... is welcomed by Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgerald.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Tony De La Cruz is named county's new DARE officer

Tony De La Cruz, 30, of Olton, has been hired as the new DARE officer for the Castro County Sheriff's Office.

Cruz had been employed as juvenile/resource officer with the Olton Police Dept. He will obtain his DARE certification in late summer or early fall, in time to begin the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) curriculum with the schools in the county.

A native of Laredo, Cruz graduated from high school in Okeechobee, Fla., and obtained his law enforcement certification from the South Plains Association of Gov-

ernments law enforcement school in Lubbock.

He and his wife, Martha, both have relatives in Olton, so they are familiar with the area. The couple have two sons, Tommy, 8, and Jesus, 3. Martha is attending classes at Wayland University to obtain her degree as a math teacher.

They are members of the Assembly of God. De La Cruz said they will move to Dimmitt in August.

De La Cruz said he has experience in working with young people, and he is looking forward to getting started with the DARE program.

## Matua grass variety is exceeding expectations

Since the introduction of Matua grass from New Zealand to the plains states, this long season brome has been getting a lot of attention. Extension agents, forage specialists and university agronomists have reported an "onslaught" of calls about the grass, according to Dr. Vivien Allen of Texas Tech University, who calls her phone "the Matua hotline."

"Like anything new," she said, "when it comes to Matua, everybody has questions."

Cattlemen, dairy farmers and hay producers continue to report success with Matua. Recently, a Tech study found Matua to be an excellent choice for horse hay, especially because of its high rate of passage. Feedlots also have found Matua hay to be excellent for receiving new cattle because of its palatability and feed value.

In the plains region, Matua must be irrigated, and grazing stocker cattle under center-pivot irrigation on Matua has been quite successful for many producers. One such producer is Joe Rhodes of Muleshoe. Last season (March to November), he managed 859 head of calves on a single 125-acre circle for a total gain of 3,100 pounds of beef per acre.

This uniquely managed system included rotational grazing as well as green-chop bunk feeding. Cattle were allowed to graze on one of eight cells for only five hours each day. In addition to what Matua these 859 head ate during each day, Rhodes chopped just over 12 tons per acre of dry matter for the season (cutting every four to five weeks). The dry matter was fed to these cattle in the evenings and when fields were too wet to graze. Best results were found when the cattle were moved to a new cell to graze every third day.

"I'm really well-satisfied," said Rhodes. "I don't think there is anything out there that can do more than Matua. If there is, I haven't seen it."

Based on earlier reports and information from a number of good producers, it had been estimated that producers could expect between 1,600 and 1,800 pounds of gain per acre under good management and favorable conditions. Rhodes dou-

bled that and has shown that under top management, Matua grass has enormous potential. He also has dispelled the myth that Matua requires too much water. In his system, the most water he can put on in six to seven days is three-fourths of an inch.

"What Joe has done with Matua has surpassed everyone's expectations," said Jeri Wiedebush of Weidebush & Co., who markets Easy-Drill Matua in West Texas. "I look for him to do even better this year."

"Management is the key," said Rhodes. "Most of the people I know who haven't been successful with their Matua haven't really taken care of it. There is more to it than just planting it and turning the cows out."

Overgrazing for long periods or the absence of an adequate fertility program can lead to poor performance or stand loss. Rhodes follows a regular program of soil tests and leaf analyses in order to keep on top of soil fertility. In this manner, even small deficiencies can be quickly detected and corrected. Matua responds to management (good or poor) like no other grass.

"It really tells me fast when I'm doing something wrong," said Rhodes, "or when I'm doing it right."

"Right now, it looks good, the cattle look good, and it's giving me more production than anything else I could be using."

Presently, Rhodes is running 927 head of calves on this circle, and he had cut his second cutting before June 1.

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## June rebates drop in Dimmitt, Nazareth; Hart sees increase

Sales tax rebates issued in June to Dimmitt and Nazareth were lower than the payments issued to the cities in June 1996.

On the other hand, Hart's rebates were higher than they were a year ago.

Dimmitt's rebate dropped 16.52%, while Nazareth's sunk 6.35%. Hart experienced a jump of 15.52%.

Dimmitt's rebate this month was \$18,693.90 compared to \$22,394.45 which was received in June 1996. For the year Dimmitt is lower than its total a year ago by 5.35%. The rebate now stands at \$131,950.87 compared to \$139,412.74 which was received last year to this date.

Nazareth earned a rebate check totaling \$661.48 which is down from the June 1996 total of \$706.36. The year to date total is at \$6,223.55, which is up 16.86% from last year's total to date of \$5,325.29.

Hart's increase in rebate brought them from \$1,174.36 in June 1996 to \$1,356.68 in June 1997. For the year

Hart is up 27.33%. This year's payments to date comes to \$8,656.35 compared to \$6,797.97 received at this time last year.

Castro County's rebate in June showed a decrease of 14.67% from last year's June total. The payment this year was \$20,712.06, while last June's payment was \$24,275.17. For the year, the county has received \$146,830.77, which is down 3.10% from last year's \$151,536.00.

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## Plainview duo triumph for Doc Render championship

Lanny Savage and Shaun Reeves of Plainview captured top honors in the Championship Flight of the Doc Render Memorial Tournament, winning the flight with a two-round total of 134.

The team was in the lead with a 67 after the first 18 holes and duplicated that score in Sunday's final round for the 134.

That was two strokes better than the second-place team of Mike and Joe Torres of Sweetwater. They scored 69 over the first round and managed a 67 in the final round to finish with 136.

Third-place honors went to Dimmitt's Mike Bain and Matt Irwin, who shot identical 69s over the two-day tournament to finish with a 138.

Here are results from the annual tournament:

### DOC RENDER MEMORIAL at Country Club of Dimmitt

**Championship Flight:** 1. Lanny Savage and Shaun Reeves of Plainview, 67-67—134; 2. Mike and Joe Torres of Sweetwater, 69-67—136; 3. Mike Bain and Matt Irwin of Dimmitt, 69-69—138.

**President's Flight:** 1. (Tie) Hugh Putman and Albert O'Neal of Amarillo, 73-70—143, and Phillip York and Mickey Bishop of Dimmitt, 76-67—143; 3. Randy Carroll and Scott Tilson of Amarillo, 72-72—144.

**First Flight:** 1. Kevin Cleveland and Brad Borden of Plainview, 70-

70—140; 2. Jerry Watts and Gary Renner of Dimmitt, 69-74—143; 3. (Tie) Tad Cornett and Bill Glenn of Dimmitt, 71-73—144, and Jimmy Ross and Bill Glenn of Dimmitt, 73-71—144.

**Second Flight:** 1. Bo Feagin and Gary Hanson of Mesquite, 79-69—148; 2. Jim Bradford and Bill Pou of Dimmitt, 76-73—149; 3. Cary Jackson and Howard Garlington of Dimmitt, 76-75—151.

**Third Flight:** 1. (Tie) Glen Adair of Clovis and Rob Merino of Dallas, 76-75—151, and John Hay and Chris Watson of Tulia, 77-74—151; 3. (Tie) David Ramirez and Lee Estrada of Plainview, 75-78—153, and Kenny Wilcox and Jim Shankle of Amarillo, 79-74—153.

**Fourth Flight:** 1. (Tie) Alan Steine and Bruce Dollar of Dimmitt, 82-76—158, and Ray Cameron and Randy Willingham of Amarillo, 83-75—158; 3. (Tie) Brent Self and Robert Powell of Dimmitt, 81-79—160, and Jeff Pigg and John Kovacs of Dimmitt, 81-79—160.

**Fifth Flight:** 1. Doug Ware and Neal Hoelting of Pampa, 75-80—155; 2. Greg George and Toby Burleson of Dimmitt, 74-82—156; 3. Henry Merino and Dan Shipman of Dallas, 79-83—162.

**Sixth Flight:** 1. Charlie McLean and Jerry Killingsworth of Dimmitt, 83-80—168; 2. Henry Ramaekers and Morris Wilcox, 83-85—168; 3. Gary and Karl Langford of Dimmitt, 85-86—171.



**A CENTURY OF HISTORY**—Several generations of Bethel residents and descendants look over displays of old photos, clippings and scrapbooks in the Bethel Community Building during the annual Bethel

**Chicken Fry Friday** evening. The community has won state awards for its progressive projects. The event, celebrating the Bethel centennial, drew a crowd of more than 300—three times the usual number.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Two hundred and seventy were registered at the July 4 Memorial Marker Dedication. Many did not register so several estimated the crowd to be over 300. Many told us they thought we had done a real nice job, and they thought it was very impressive. I think the Cannon Air Force Soldier who played Taps on the bugle got the most attention since everyone loves to hear Taps. He was originally from Oregon. The soldier who led the prayer from the podium was originally from Tennessee. The Historical Commission would like to thank all who were on the program and say well done.

Robert and Frances Duke stayed active during the July 4 weekend. Wednesday night they presented a program for the Society of Saint Andrew's Gleaning network at the Methodist Church in Muleshoe. They will be supervising two more gleanings on Saturday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 15 in the sandhills area

south of Olton. Anyone who wants to help glean can call the Dukes at 647-5517. The car pool will leave the parking lot of the Dimmitt Methodist Church about 8:15 a.m.

Thursday Larry and Lori Duke, and Ashlee and Alyssa of Lubbock came to the Dukes for an evening cookout to celebrate July 4. They spent the night and until after supper Friday night. While they were here they lost an 8-month old Golden Retriever. It is a male named Copper. If you see this dog or know anything about him please call 647-5517. It is a family dog and not used to running loose. Robert Duke attended the marker dedication Friday morning and thought it was a very good program.

Tuesday morning, Hershel and Retha Wilson drove to Harmony near Weatherford and visited with Sylvia and Larry Don Phelan who lost their husband and father Sunday morning. They went on to Austin and went back for Earl Phelan's funeral and burial Wednesday morning.

Ezell and Verba Sadler left Sunday morning for Hubbard Creek Lake to prepare for the Sadler reunion July 11-14. They too attended the funeral services for Earl Phelan. Wayne Holbrooks of White River, also a former resident of the community, attended the funeral too.

Twenty-hundredths of an inch of rain was received Friday morning. One-half an inch was received Saturday evening and night.

Billie and Emma Jean King went to Palo Duro Canyon to join their family members who were already there for the Annual King Reunion Saturday. Not all the girls got to come.

Lillian Carson has been having a lot of problems with her foot. The surgery was much worse than the doctor expected, and so the recovery is taking longer. She had to go back to the doctor Monday morning. Ruth Brown told me she was much better now and could walk on her crutches pretty good. Ruth and Maurice Carson and a sister have been helping her by keeping her in food and visiting with her. She should be up and around soon.

Kelly and Dara Green also attended the funeral of Nancy Fields last Monday in Springlake. I failed to report that last week.

Brandi, Melissa and Will went to Springlake to celebrate the Fourth of July. They went for the parade which included a band and had hamburgers and hot dogs at the park for a picnic.

Lyle and Rosie Louder, Luke and Lenzie, and Judy Louder also spent July 4 in Springlake watching the parade, enjoying the music, having a picnic at the park with hamburgers and hot dogs.

They enjoyed visiting with those they knew, but don't see very often. Later, it was time for the fireworks display.

## Locals win honors at Golden Spread Classic

Justin Sutton of Dimmitt showed the Breed Champion Limousin steer at the Sunday Progress Steer Show and the Reserve Breed Champion Limousin at the Saturday Prospect Steer Show of the annual Golden Spread Classic, conducted June 27-29 at the Amarillo Tri-State Fairgrounds.

Sutton's animal was named Breed Champion Limousin on Sunday after topping its Class 2 competitors. On Saturday, Sutton's animal had taken second place in Class 2 and went on to be named Reserve Breed Champ.

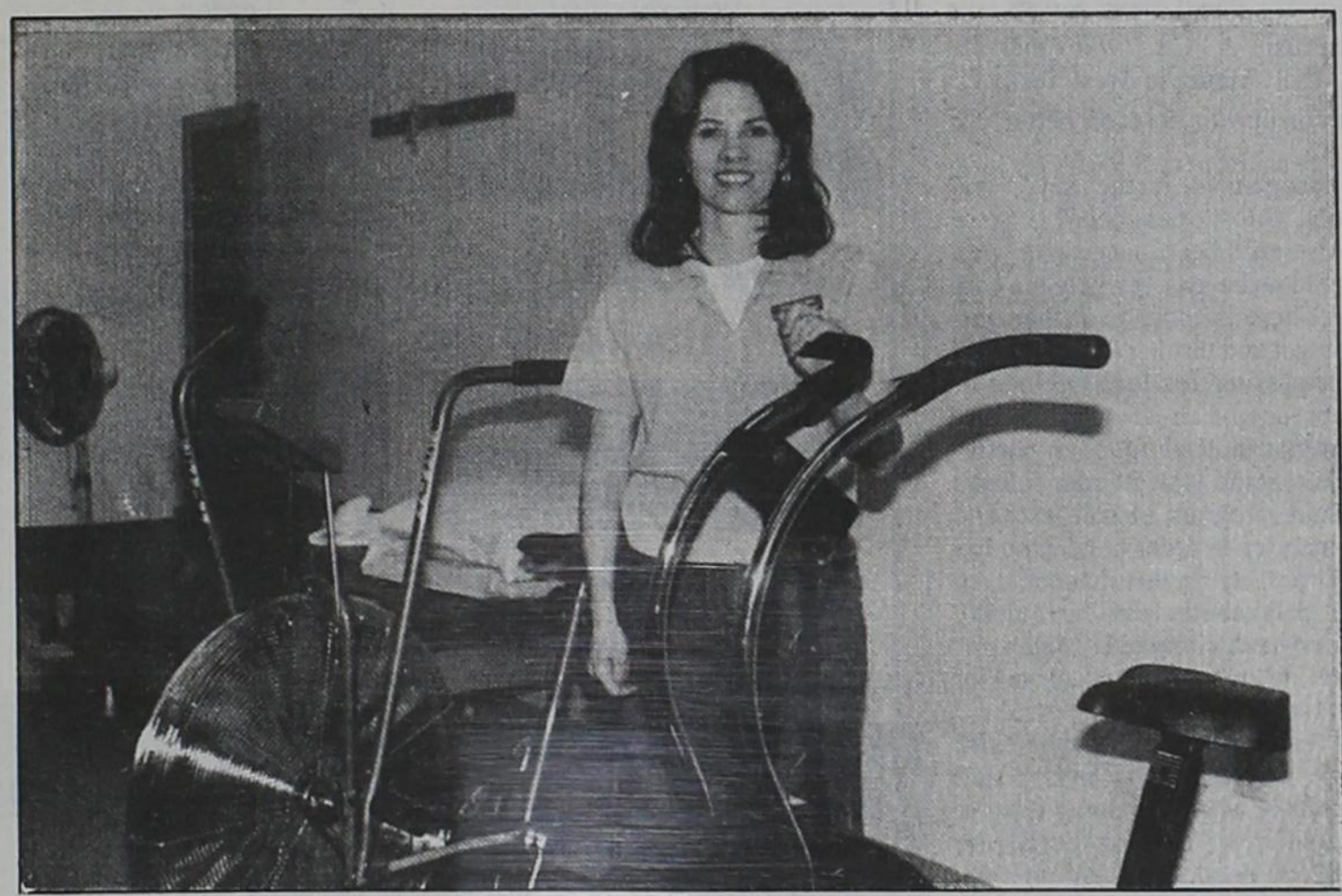
Other locals also won placings at

the Golden Spread Classic.

In the Saturday Prospect Steer Show, Taylor Matthews of Dimmitt won fourth in Class 1 of Brangus; and Meggie Lemons of Dimmitt won sixth place in Class 1 of Shorthorns.

In the Sunday Progress Steer Show, Matthews won fourth in Class 1 Brangus, Shawn Nelson of Dimmitt won sixth in Class 2 Charolais, and Lemons won seventh in Class 1 Shorthorn.

In the Saturday Prospect Lamb Show, Jinna Wright of Dimmitt took ninth place in Class 1 Finewool Cross.



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expanded facilities and our new equipment," said Physical Therapist Traci Robb, head of the department.

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## WTAMU sets Buffalo Blitz

A contingent of West Texas A&M University administrators, faculty, staff, coaches and alumni will conclude a three-day blitz of the Panhandle today (Thursday).

One of the events planned is a dinner stop at 6 p.m. at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Hereford.

"The Buffalo Blitz is a time for us to travel to central locations in the Texas Panhandle," said Misty Price, director of the Alumni Association. "We are looking forward to visiting with old friends and making some new ones along the way."

WTAMU President Russell C. Long, Athletics Director Ed Harris, and Football Coach Stan McGarvey are expected to be among the contingent that will join Price and other WTAMU representatives on the Panhandle tour.

The dinner presentation in Hereford is a "dutch treat" affair and reservations are not required. Stops were planned in eight other sites throughout the Panhandle.

## Water safety class planned

A Marine Staff Sergeant will be in Dimmitt Sunday afternoon to conduct a class on water safety at the Dimmitt City Pool, and the public is invited to attend, free of charge.

Children especially are encouraged to attend the class, scheduled from 12 to 1 p.m.

Ssgt. Villanueva, B.M., USMC Specialist, is a jumper, diver, and shooter, and has had training in water survival.

The class is being sponsored by the City of Dimmitt and the Police Dept. to encourage water safety.

## More about Thornberry...

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### Newt Gingrich

"I think there are probably less than a dozen who have a real personal animosity toward him and want him removed (as Speaker of the House) at all cost, no matter what the consequences might be."

"I think virtually everybody, including me, thinks that the way the disaster relief bill (for North Dakota flood victims) was handled was a disaster. Gingrich has acknowledged that most of the responsibility for (the partisan amendments tacked onto the flood relief bill) was his."

"He has enormous strength and assets that he brings to issues, that nobody else can bring. But he also has some faults. All of us have to learn ways to compensate for our weaknesses."

### Airline Fees

"It's a complicated issue in many ways. The way it is now, there's a 10% tax on your ticket price. That means the bigger carriers that have the longest flights, their tax is higher, and for Southwest Airlines it's less."

"So American Airlines comes in and maintains that Southwest uses FAA and airport facilities at a greater rate but that it isn't paying its share."

"So the way it has worked out, the House bill has a per-head tax and the Senate bill keeps the 10% across-the-board charge. One benefits Southwest and the other benefits American and the other bigger carriers."

"All airlines are complaining about it one way or another, because there are also extra taxes for international flights."

(Congress) "is trying to figure out if there isn't a third way to do this that wouldn't gore anyone's ox more than any other's."

"But if Southwest is operating more efficiently and keeping costs down, you hate to see them have to make up the difference with more taxes."

### EPA Regulations

"I think there are some people waking up to the seriousness of some of these new regulations."

"Don't underestimate the size of the fight that there's going to be over these new regulations. We're talking billions of dollars of effect on our economy in Texas."

### National Debt

"The federal debt is now \$5.5 trillion, which must be paid off with budget surpluses after 2001, which is the target date for achieving a balanced budget."

"It's very complicated and a lot of factors come into play, but the projection is that if Congress can maintain discipline, the federal debt can be paid off by about 2030."

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# Promised Land Network will hold activities next weekend

Nazareth will play host to the National Catholic Rural Life Conference regional conference and the Fifth Annual Ag Sustainability Tour and Rural Fair in one weekend, July 18-19.

The weekend will actually begin at Coronado Acres Colonia in Hereford on Thursday, July 17, with a presentation in Spanish by Miguel Altieri, Ph.D., titled "Principales de Agroecologia."

The conference, which is entitled, "Creating Communities of Healing and Creativity in the Southwest," will begin Friday, July 18, with registration at 7 a.m. Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld will give the welcome and introduction.

Throughout the day, there will be three different sessions of workshops for people to attend. Some of the topics include "Supporting the Rural Family," "Stewarding God's Creation: Nuclear Waste Storage," and "Creating Local Food Systems."

Some of the speakers include Sandra LaBlanc, communications director of NCRLC and award-winning communicator; Bro. David Andrews, Executive Director of the NCRLC and Walter Grazer, director of the Environmental Justice Program at the U.S. Catholic Conference.

The purpose of the gatherings is to "strengthen local leadership and resources in order to develop sustainable local and regional communities," according to NCRLC officials. It is one of four to be conducted around the nation this summer.

An evening concert is also planned with western lyricist Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock, and folk singer Ann Zimmerman of Lawrence, Kans.

Registration to the conference is \$15. Meals will also be served at lunch and in the evening. Each meal is \$5. The concerts also cost \$5.

Promised Land Network (PLN) members will serve as hosts for the events.

On the following day, July 19, the PLN will host its Fifth Annual Ag Sustainability Tour and Rural Fair.

The children's tour will begin at 8 a.m. at Bob Birkenfeld's farm. Cost is \$5 per child.

The ag sustainability tours will begin at 8:30 a.m. One stop will focus on bio pest control in large-scale farming. This stop will also be

offered bi-lingual at 10:30 a.m. Another tour stop will feature bio-intensive gardening.

The two other tours will cover value-added small farming options (it will be given in Spanish at 8:30 a.m. and English at 10:30 a.m.) and planning and grazing for a season or entire year.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The meal will cost \$5.

The afternoon session will feature an auction, historical dramatizations of early settlers in the Nazareth community and a panel discussion with local educators on the topic: "Making Rural Schools Centers of Sustainability."

The auction begins at 2 p.m. and the historical dramatization will take place in the cafeteria at 3 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

"The entire day features something for the whole family," said

Birkenfeld, PLN director. "By dramatizing the lives of early settlers, we are inviting people to look at their local history as part of what makes agriculture sustainable."7

At 5 p.m., a Rural Fair will get underway with an outdoor Farmer's Market, live music, free hamburgers and homemade refreshments.

The Rural Fair carries a \$5 cover charge which will be paid at the door.

At 7:30 p.m. a medley of five speakers will give three-minute answers to the question, "What does sustainability mean?"

The evening will conclude with a concert and dance featuring performances by Zimmerman, cowboy poet/singer, Buck Ramsey of Amarillo; and Tejano band, Algo Simple of Hereford. The concert costs \$5.

## Horse Judging Team sets fund raisers

The Castro County 4-H Horse Judging Team has planned several activities over the next few months to help raise money for two trips to national competitions.

The team qualified to participate on the national level after winning first at State earlier this summer. They plan to compete in the judging contests at the Junior World Quarter Horse Show in Fort Worth in August and at the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

Friday, the team will have "Sale A Goat." Team members plan to visit local businesses with a goat in tow and offer to take the goat to visit another business for a payment of \$25, or businesses may opt to keep the goat for \$300.

Saturday during the Nazareth Ger-

man Fest, team members will man a booth selling Aglow candles and cinnamon rolls.

Additional activities planned include bake sales, candle sales, a car wash and collecting aluminum cans.

During Harvest Days, team members will have a Team rodeo, a Stick Horse Race for children age 8 and younger, a Ladies' Greased Pig Contest, a roping dummy, rope sales, and a silent auction.

For more information or to make a donation, contact any team member or call Cody Annen, 945-2558; Kristin Hales, 945-2202; Rusty McDaniel, 647-3764; Rusty Wooten, 647-2224; Scott and Suanne Bagley, 647-4780; or the Extension office at 647-4115.



**DECISIONS, DECISIONS!**—The long, long food tables at the Bethel Chicken Fry Friday evening presented those attending with a lot of delightful dilemmas as the community's cooks brought their best vegetable casseroles, salads, breads, side dishes and

desserts to go with the chicken, which was fried at the site. More than 300 avid eaters—three times the usual number—were served at this year's Chicken Fry, which celebrated the community's centennial.

Photo by Don Nelson

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He finally convinced network executives in 1967 that he could take a battered motor home on the road across America and find the unique characters and events that give our country its foundation of greatness, and tell their stories and make them interesting.

He pioneered the form, and I don't think any successor will ever do it better.

What made his stories of Americana so interesting, memorable and entertaining was that he had a genuine love of the people he told about, and an unabashed appreciation of their differences.

This love and appreciation showed through as he told their stories in his rich North Carolina accent, with his own unique genius at word-weaving.

He always downplayed his own importance. He said that he made a career out of irrelevance. (But as *Time* magazine commented this week, "Irrelevance, indeed.")

And he said that anytime he started getting pangs of self-importance, he would recall the time he got out of

his motor home at a woman's home and she came out and ordered a carton of ice cream and two bottles of milk.

He was the most beloved among his peers. Many of his fellow journalists—especially those who knew him best—wept over his death.

One journalist said Kuralt was one of the few modern men who would have felt at home in the Continental Congress—because of his understanding, his genius with words and his innate politeness.

He was only 62. His death came as a shock to many because he never complained about his own battle with lupus, an especially debilitating form of arthritis.

After Kuralt retired in 1994 (too soon for many of us), he set out to spend a "perfect year" in America—traveling to his 12 favorite American places, in just the right month for a visit to each.

Since he traveled the length and breadth of this land, and was an authority on the subject, Verbie and I hope that after I retire we can retrace

his "perfect year"—in the car, a motor home or travel trailer:

New Orleans in January.

Key West, Fla., in February.

Charleston, S.C., in March.

Monterey Bay, Calif., in April.

Grandfather Mountain, N.C., in May.

Ketchikan, Alaska, in June.

Ely, Minn., in July.

Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in August.

Twin Bridges, Mont., in September.

Woodstock, Vermont, in October.

Rio Grande Valley, N.M., in November.

New York City in December.

After completing his "perfect year," he told about it in a book, *Charles Kuralt's America*. He later produced an award-winning audio version, adding his own smooth inflections to his masterfully written words.

If you haven't read or listened to his book, I highly recommend it.

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# Obituaries

## Wilmer Giddens

Wilmer T. "Jack" Giddens, 79, of Littlefield, brother of Eargle Vernon of Dimmitt, died Saturday at Littlefield Hospitality House.

Services and a luncheon was held Tuesday at Littlefield United Methodist Church with Ted Giddens officiating.

Graveside services followed in City of Levelland Cemetery under direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Giddens was born March 28, 1918, in Laredo. He married Jane Musgrave in 1942. He lived in Sundown before retiring and moving to Odessa. He later moved to Littlefield.

He was a welder and a Methodist. Survivors include two sons, Wilmer T. "Butch" of Lubbock and Ted of Canyon; a daughter, Janie Rogers of Littlefield; two brothers, B.O. of Odessa and Arthur of Abilene; three sisters, Eargle Vernon of Dimmitt, Beryl Hendrix of Iraan and Ella Burnett of Sundown; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Thomas West

Services for Thomas Calvin West, 51, of Fort Worth will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home in Hereford, with Austin Stewart, of Beacon Hill Baptist Church in Mesquite, officiating.

Burial will be in West Park Cemetery.

West died Monday in All Saints Episcopal Hospital.

He was born in Glendale, Ariz. He married Artie Kay Taylor. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was the terminal manager for Steere Tank Lines Co. A son, Thomas Russel West, died in 1989.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Carl Ra Graves of Amarillo; two daughters, Cindy Lee West of Tulsa, Okla., and Angel Ka Graves of Charleston, S.C.; his mother, Inez Sullivan Vanlandingham of Dallas; his father and stepmother, Thomas and Pearl West of Dimmitt; a brother, Richard of Dimmitt; a stepbrother, David Vanlandingham; seven sisters, Bobbie Hurst of Preston, Okla., JoAnn West of Dallas, Jean West and Susan Worley, both of Seagoville, Melanie Vanlandingham and Pat Worcester, both of Dallas; his grandmother, Ethel Sullivan of Okmulgee, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

## Manuela Pesina

Manuela Pesina, 85, of Dimmitt, died at 5:42 p.m. Saturday at Nacogdoches Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

A vigil service was held Monday evening in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home. Funeral mass was read Tuesday afternoon at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pesina was born Nov. 7, 1911, in Monclova, Mexico. She lived in Brownfield before moving to Dimmitt in 1953.

She married Desi Pesina on Oct. 5, 1930, in Brady. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Guadalupanas Society. She was a housewife.

She was preceded in death by a son, Fermin Pesina, in 1963.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Estelle Stroud of Nacogdoches; a son, Desi Pesina Jr. of Houston; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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



Photo by Anne Acker

JEEP CHEROKEE DAMAGED IN ONE-VEHICLE ROLL-OVER FRIDAY NIGHT ... Three Plainview girls were injured.

## Police Calls

### Three injured in one-vehicle accident

Three Plainview girls were injured in a one-vehicle roll-over in Castro County Friday at about 8:45 p.m.

The driver of the Jeep Cherokee, Chelcy Jones, 13, was admitted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with a broken right femur. She was released Monday. The two passengers in the vehicle, Lesha Koenning, 16, and Elizabeth Graves, 13, were treated and released, according to a spokesman for the Plains Memorial Hospital ambulance service.

According to the Dept. of Public Safety report, Jones was driving west on CR 602 and disregarded a stop sign at the intersection with FM 168, about 12 miles north of Nazareth. The vehicle hit a bar ditch and rolled end over end twice.

Damage to the vehicle was rated heavy. Koenning was ticketed for permitting an unlicensed person to drive.

A quantity of methamphetamine was discovered in the restroom of a local business last Thursday. An employee of the business found it and turned it in to the owner, who turned it over to the Sheriff's office. The drugs, estimated to be worth several hundred dollars, were found in a small drawstring bag containing two small plastic bags. Deputies surmised that it was dropped accidentally. There are no suspects and no charges have been filed in the case.

Cary Don Sawyer told deputies last Thursday that someone took a starter, valued at \$400, from one of his well motors located two miles east of Flagg.

Delia Arcos of Dimmitt told police July 1 that someone entered her residence in the 400 block of Northwest Sixth and took a pair of Nike tennis shoes, valued at \$90, a necklace valued at \$20, and a gold and diamond wedding ring of undetermined value. She also reported that a rock was used to break out the window on a door. Damage was estimated at \$10.

Cynthia Rohrbach of Dimmitt reported the theft of a carpet valued at \$100, a set of dishes valued at \$10, and a bicycle valued at \$50, from her home in the 700 block of Oak. She reported the thefts last Thursday.

A juvenile told police Monday that a 12-gauge shot gun had been taken from a location on Northwest Sixth Street.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt man told police last Thursday night that a suspect scratched him on his neck

and nose.

A suspect was arrested for driving while license suspended on Saturday, and a person was arrested early Sunday at the Azteca Complex for public intoxication.

Allsup's reported a drive-off Saturday evening. A suspect pumped \$26.50-worth of gas without paying for it.

Chad Hill told deputies last Thursday morning that someone threw a beer bottle at his 1978 Peterbilt truck tractor while it was parked in the 700 block of Ave B in Hart

some time during the night and broke the windshield. He estimated the damage at \$150.

Ronnie Gfeller complained to deputies on July 1 about trash dumped on his property west of Dimmitt. The trash included broken furniture and household items. Investigation is continuing.

Two men were jailed on DWI, first offense, charges after being stopped by a DPS trooper—a 38-year-old from Plainview last Thursday, and a 34-year-old from Dimmitt early Sunday. Also, a 55-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on Friday for public intoxication.

Picked up on warrants were: July 2, a Hereford man, 39, on a warrant from Randall County; and a Hart man, 22, on a bond surrender on three charges, burglary of a building, burglary of a habitation and escape.

Last Thursday, a 19-year-old Dimmitt woman on a Hale County warrant on charges of theft by check.

Sunday, two Dimmitt women, including a 27-year-old on a warrant for retaliation, and a 40-year-old on \$690-worth of traffic warrants, including charges for fictitious license plate, speeding, failure to appear, and expired MVI certificate; and a Dimmitt man, 21, on violation of probation stemming from DWI, first offense.

Bette Sifuentez, 14, of Dimmitt was ticketed for no driver's license

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Here are the summer menus for Dimmitt for July 10-18. Morning snacks will be served from 9-10 a.m.

### DIMMITT

Summer Feeding Snacks  
THURSDAY: Pimento cheese sandwich and apple juice.

FRIDAY: Peaches, graham crackers and 1% lowfat milk.

MONDAY: Tuna snacks and orange juice.

TUESDAY: Muffin squares and 1% lowfat milk.

WEDNESDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers and orange juice.

THURSDAY: Cowboys cookies, orange wedges and 1% lowfat milk.

### Summer Feeding Lunch

THURSDAY: Corn dogs, macaroni and

cheese, potato rounds, hay stack finger salad and 1% lowfat milk.

FRIDAY: Barbequed beef on a roll, Mexipinto beans, garden relish, peaches and 1% lowfat milk.

MONDAY: Beef enchiladas, refried beans, arroz Mexicano, tossed salad with dressing, fruit fantasy and 1% lowfat milk.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad with dressing, savory green beans and 1% lowfat milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger on a roll, French fries, hamburger salad and 1% lowfat milk.

THURSDAY: Hot dog with chili and cheese, pork and beans, potato salad and 1% lowfat milk.

FRIDAY: Beef taco, taco condiment salad, arroz Mexicano, refried beans, orange wedges and 1% lowfat milk.

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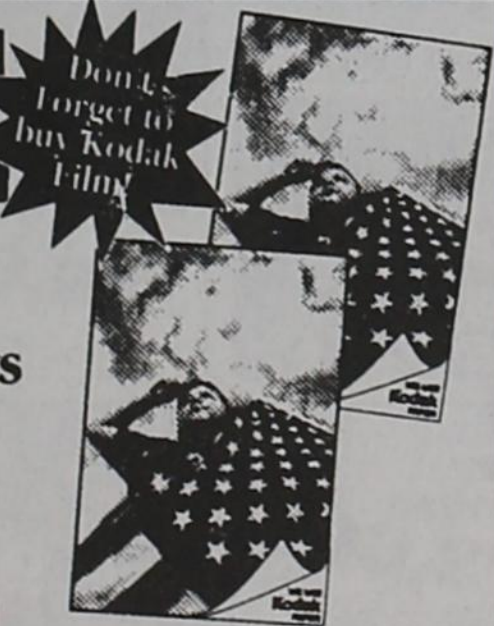
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SUNDAY: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

# In Memoriam

## Large crowd attends ceremony dedicating memorial marker

On the Fourth of July a crowd of nearly 300 attended the dedication of a monument honoring those from Castro County who have died while serving in the armed forces.

The Castro County Historical Commission had the monument placed on the courthouse lawn at one side of the Centennial Plaza's gazebo.

Helping perform the dedication ceremony were members of the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth VFW and American Legion posts, along with a color guard and chaplain from Cannon Air Force Base at Clovis, N.M. Also, local officials and others participated.

The names and a brief history of the 25 who are listed on the marker were read by Bill Sava and Robert Hawkins. Many of the honorees had family members present who were acknowledged during the ceremony.

Chaplain Trent H. Sigler gave a brief message and read part of a poem dedicated to "those who are left behind." He was assisted by Chaplain Trainee Lt. John Pasley Jr., who gave a prayer.

Members of the 27th Fighter Wing honor guard included SSGT. Timothy Servati, Senior Airman Bobbie J. Dutko, Senior Airman Deborah R. Miller, Airman First Class, Robert J. Grande, Airman First Class Christopher A. Smith, and Airman First Class Patricia Rivera-Luna. The guard presented flags, unveiled the marker, gave a 21-gun salute, and had a bugler who played *Taps* in salute to the honored fallen.

Guests who registered for the dedication included family members and friends from 12 towns in Texas, four towns in New Mexico, two from California, and one each from Arizona, Oklahoma, and Iowa.

Here is a brief summary of the information that was read about each honoree whose name is on the marker:

**Carl Turner Adams**, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Adams, was in the 199th Infantry Brigade, as a medical sergeant, first class. He died March 6, 1968, in Vietnam, after having been stationed in Korea and Germany. He was born Feb. 9, 1922 at Grant, Okla., and attended school in Hart and Dimmitt. He married Tina Gauman in Weinheim, Germany on March 12, 1955. They had two sons, Robert Dean Adams and Thomas G. Adams.

**Cyrus Andrew Jr.** was killed in action during World War II. He was born near Hereford, one of the ten children of Cyrus Andrew Sr. and Alma Gertrude Hopkins Andrew.

**Joe Dean Bailes** was a Marine pilot and achieved the rank of captain. He was killed in action May 6, 1953, flying missions over North Korea. He had been sent to Korea March 13, 1953. He had achieved his rank and a Purple Heart after having served nine months on Midway Island at the end of World War II. He remained in the reserves and was called back to active duty. Born Nov. 21, 1922, in Greer, S.C., to Dr. Porter Marcellus Bailes Sr. and Sarah Button Bailes, he grew up in the Baptist parsonage in Tyler. He attended Baylor University and joined the Navy Air Reserves as a freshman in 1941. He received his training in Kerville, Norman, Okla., and Pensacola, Fla., where he received his wings. He met Jane Kirkpatrick at Baylor, and they married in Dallas.

**B. Bronell Bills** was serving in the Air Force in Italy during World War II. He was a sergeant. His plane went down in the mountains on Nov. 11, 1945, and he was listed as missing in action for a year or more. His body was never recovered. He is listed on the Walls of the Missing in Rome. He was born Nov. 12, 1925, to Floyd Bernice and Gleen Bills. He was awarded a posthumous Purple Heart.

**Stanley Bryan Byrnes** was killed in action in Germany on Feb. 17, 1945. He had enlisted while a senior at Tulia High School, and received his diploma posthumously. He was born Nov. 20, 1925, in Dimmitt, to Charlie B. Byrnes and Ruby Byrnes. He attended schools at Jumbo and Dimmitt, until his family moved to Tulia in 1941.

**Quannah Conner** served in the Navy only a year or less during World War II. He was drowned when his ship went down off of Singapore. He was buried at sea. It was suspected that the ship hit a mine.

**Raymond T. Dirks** was in the 745th Tank Battalion, a support unit for the First Infantry Division, in World War I, and was among those who landed on Omaha Beach at

Normandy on D Day. He was one of four men killed on Sept. 11, 1944, at Hockelbach, east of Herve, Belgium, as his reconnaissance platoon fought its way through France and Belgium to the famed Siegfried Line, near Aachen, Germany. He died one month from his 27th birthday. He entered the US Army in May 1942 and trained at Fort Knox, Key., and Camp Bowie in Texas as a tank and truck driver and motorcycle scout. While stationed at Camp Osborne, St. George, near Swinden, England, he was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident, but was released in time to join the invasion forces. He was born Oct. 14, 1917, at Nazareth and attended school at Nazareth and Blue Ridge in Castro County. He was the son of William and Catherine Dirks.

**Robert Eugene (Gene) Easley** was a helicopter pilot in the US Army, with the rank of Warrant Officer, W-1, when he was killed in action in Vietnam on Aug. 14, 1967. He was a career soldier. He was born Sept. 11, 1932, in Oklahoma, and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1951. He married Fayrene Greathouse in 1952. They had two sons. A plaque has been placed at DHS in his honor.

**James David Erwin** was drafted into the US Army at the age of 18 during World War II. He was killed in Germany at the Rhine River in June, 1945, three days before the end of the war. He was the son of Leona and Theodore Erwin and attended Dimmitt schools.

**Greer H. Estes** commanded the Headquarters Company of the 313th Infantry of the 79th Division of the US Army, and was killed in action during the Normandy Invasion near Montgarden, France, on July 8, 1944. After answering the call of his country in 1941, he received his basic training at Camp Bowie in Texas. Soon after Pearl Harbor, he was recommended for officer training. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in May of 1942, was promoted to First Lieutenant Nov. 9, 1942, and was commissioned a Captain on July 4, 1943. Born June 29, 1913, in Dimmitt to Percy and Lena Greer Estes, he graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1930 and attended West Texas State College and entered Texas University to study law. He was admitted to the bar in 1939, and opened a law office in Seagraves that same year. The American Legion Post of Dimmitt is named for him.

**Roy Ferguson** served in the US Army's 14th Infantry Division during World War II. He was only 25 when he drowned in the Danube River just outside Berlin, Germany, as the war was ending in 1945. His body was never recovered. His youngest brother, Winston Ferguson of Amherst, said he believes Roy and others were shot before they drowned.

**Billy J. Graef** was inducted into the Navy during World War II. After serving only a short time, he was killed on Guam on July 21, 1944. He was born Nov. 26, 1925, to Will and Annie Dougherty Graef. He attended school in Bethel and Dimmitt.

**Frank C. Herrera** died in a training accident on June 24, 1987, at Fort Hood in Texas. He was attached to the Headquarters Troop of the Sixth Cavalry Brigade Air Combat unit of the US Army. He had been transferred to Fort Hood from Hawaii three months before his death. A lifelong resident of Dimmitt, he graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1982. His parents are Susie Herrera and the late Pablo Herrera of Dimmitt. His wife is Rodesia Herrera of California, and they had one son, Christopher.

**Vance Harwood Murphy** was a member of the 445th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force. He died Aug. 9, 1944, during World War II. He is buried in the Loraine Military Cemetery near St. Avold, France. He was born Jan. 2, 1920, to William Andrew and Fannie Emily Phillips Murphy. He attended school in Dimmitt and Clovis, N.M. he married Helen Nevadomsky, and they had two sons, George Harwood and Vance William.

**Lonzo O. McDonald Jr.** entered the service at Fort Bliss at El Paso and was sent to Vietnam in May of 1969. He was killed in action Aug. 8, 1969. He was born May 15, 1948, in Memphis, to L.O. Tilman and Myrtle McDonald. He married Carolyn Matthew, and they had three sons, Dwight, Patrick and Warren.

**Roy James Nelson** was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Purple

Heart, Bronze Star and Silver Star from his service in the US Army in France and Germany. He was killed in action near Krautheim, Germany, on April 7, 1945. He was born Jan. 20, 1926, at Heald. He was the son of Andy L. And Ada Williams Nelson. He graduated from McLean High School.

**Emilio Nino Jr.** was killed in Vietnam on June 4, 1968. He was born Sept. 23, 1946, in Fresno, Calif. His family moved to Castro County in 1954. He attended Dimmitt schools, and married Mary Muniz in 1967. They had a daughter, Renee. His parents are Emilio Nino Sr. and Cuca Nino.

**Raymond Randolph** was a career soldier who was killed in action as an infantryman in Korea on Sept. 5, 1950. He had been a paratrooper during World War II, joining other paratroopers in surprise tactics behind enemy lines, and playing an important part in the retaking of New Guinea from the Japanese invaders.

**Russell Eugene Slough** served in the US Army in both Korea and Vietnam. He was wounded on May 24, 1970, in Vietnam and died in a hospital in Japan on June 22, 1970. As an ROTC member, he had been commissioned into the Army as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from West Texas State University in 1968. He was born Sept. 1, 1944, to James and Ruth Slough. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1962. West Texas A&M University has honored Slough by naming a campus street after him, "Russell Slough Boulevard."

**Patrick L. (Pat) Stagner** was a victim of the infamous Bataan Death March. He died in April of 1942. He joined the US Army while living at Easter, was sent to the Philippines, and was captured on Corregidor. He was born June 4, 1915, in Castro County and attended school at Frio and Easter. He was the son of Joe and Jennie Easter Stagner.

**John Ray Stephens** was awarded a "Soldier's Medal," which is the highest award for one while serving in the armed forces who distinguishes himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy. He lost his life on Oct. 25, 1951, while attempting to save two airmen from drowning at Patrick Air Force Base at Cocoa, Fla. He helped form a human chain that rescued one of the men; however, the undertow was so strong, he was pulled under and drowned. He had served as a Chaplain at Guam and Okinawa during World War II, and had been called back to active duty for the Korean Conflict. He was born Nov. 15, 1911, and was living in Castro County when he surrendered to preach in the little church at Flagg. He married Salla Gammill and they moved to Plainview, where he graduated from Wayland Baptist College. He went on to graduate from Baylor University and then attended seminary. The couple had a son, Johnny Stephens, and two daughters, Judy Toole and Kay Fryer.

**Robert Daniel Truelock** joined the Navy on Nov. 20, 1947, when he was only 17, and was assigned to the *USS Walker*, a battleship destroyer. The ship was off the coast of Korea when it struck a mine, killing Truelock on June 12, 1951. He was awarded the Purple Heart. He was born May 2, 1930, in Lamb County to John Henry Truelock and Leola Green Truelock.

**George Elton Wall** died Aug. 10, 1967, in the Tonkin Gulf off of Vietnam in the worst disaster at sea since World War II. He was an aviation electronics technician for the Navy on the carrier *Forrestal*. The son of Fred Elton and Georgie (Schwen) Wall, he was born May 17, 1945. He graduated from Dimmitt High School and attended Texas Tech University until his junior year.

**Arthur Holland Webb** died in the Pacific Theater during World War II when his aircraft carrier, *Saratoga*, was bombed. He was a 1937 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He lived with his grandmother, Mary Carline Killingsworth Webb. He was the son of Arthur Sam Houston Webb.

**Edward Worm** also died during the Bataan Death March in the Philippines in World War II. He was part of the 12,000 captured at the rock fortress of Manila Bay who were kept without food for seven days and then marched on a long trek to a Japanese prison camp. Many died along the way.



LET ME SHOW YOU HOW ITS DONE—Layne Myatt helps his daughter, Shay, learn how to do the hula hoop during the kids' games portion of the July Jubilee Celebration. In the background, kids of all ages practice their hula hooping skills in order to win first prize. Jaime Birkenfeld was the overall winner of the competition. Photo by Scott Brockman

### More about

## City authorizes bids . . .

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for a lot outside the city limits. Mayor Wayne Collins said the city usually charges double the regular water rates in such instances. Council members said they would place the matter on the agenda for the next council meeting and consult with Works Dept. Supervisor Ralph Salinas.

The council viewed budget requests for Rhoads Memorial Library as presented by Librarian Cindy Pottorff and agreed to consider them in their on-going budget workshops. The library budget proposal asks for an increase of over \$6,000 in funding, with most of that going for a raise for assistant librarian Marie Howell, for computer improvements,

and for building maintenance. Sheffy told the council that the flat bed trash truck has been extraordinarily busy picking up tree limbs in alley ways since the recent storms that caused damage to so many trees. He said they are trying to get around to everyone, but it will take some time. Edwards gave a speech to new council members about their duties.

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