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City to sue over trailer removal

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Cancer screening today

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W Halsell, in Dimmitt today, June 5.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for more information or to make an appointment.

By DAVIE A. BROWDER Managing Editor

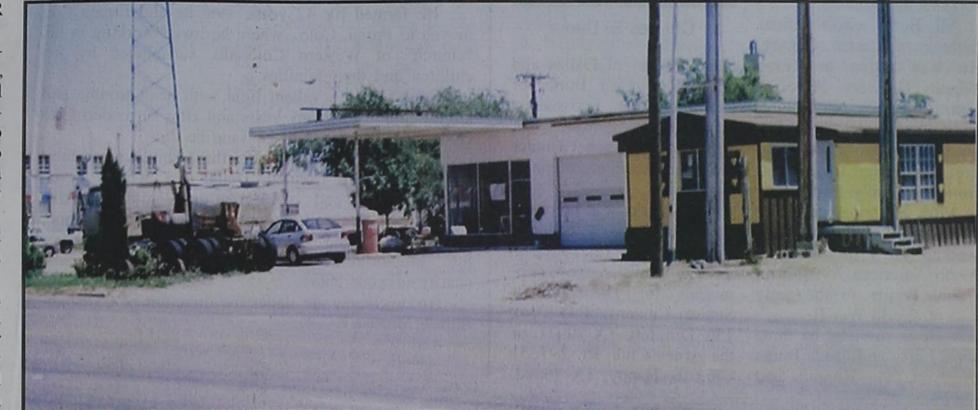
After a closed-door meeting to discuss legal matters, the Dimmitt City Council unanimously voted to instruct the city attorney to file suit in district court to seek an order to remove a trailer house owned by Frank Mendoza Sr.

The trailer is one block south of the courthouse on Broadway.

The city has been in ongoing negotiations with Mendoza, said Mayor Wayne Collins. "The city issued a permit in error and we offered Mr. Mendoza \$2,500 to help move his trailer because we had made a mistake in issuing the permit."

Collins said the suit will be filed as soon as possible. "We were trying to help him," Collins said. "We'd offered him the money and 10 days to move the trailer,

Man stabbed;



THE CITY HAS BEEN in negotiations with Frank Mendoza Sr. about his brown and yellow trailer, located one block south of the courthouse. After talks broke down, the Council decided Monday night to sue Mendoza in district court.

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"I think this was the worst court sides with the city, the outcome for him and for the Sheriff's Department will be

the order to move the trailer. The trailer violates city Collins said that if the zoning laws, including fire said. ordinances.

city. That's why we tried to responsible for carrying out of the city that is zoned for

trailer houses, but it's not where he put his," Collins

In other business, Monday "There is a certain portion night, the council approved Continued on Page 12

County Fair group to meet

The Castro County Fair Association will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, at the Chamber of Commerce office. All members are urged to attend. Anyone interested in the Fair Association is welcome to attend.

Job Fair planned

The Quad Counties Job/ Health Fair, including Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Oldham will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, at the Hereford ISD Administration Building Banquet Hall, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Admission is free. For booth information, contact Jim Davis, (806) 364-8600.

DISD summer food program

The Dimmitt Independent School District Food Service Department announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program.

Meals will be provided at Richardson Elementary School, 708 W. Stinson, Dimmitt, from June 2 through June 30. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

police I.D., seek suspect **By DAVIE A. BROWDER** Managing Editor

One man was critically injured and the other is being sought by Dimmitt Police after an altercation in the alley in the 200 block of Northeast 6th Street, police reports show. The incident occurred at 5:33 p.m. Saturday. The victim was flown to a hospital in Lubbock, where he is in critical condition, the report said.

"We know who the suspect is," said Police Chief Ray Aleman. "We're looking for him."

Aleman said the victim had multiple stab wounds; the suspect will be charged with aggravated assault.

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positive rabies contact south-

"According to the report,

a woman was riding her

horse at about 3 p.m., on

May 27, when a coyote ran

Managing Editor

west of Dimmitt.

By DAVIE A. BROWDER up behind the horse and started biting at the animal's County Judge Bill Sava legs," Sava said, quoting said Wednesday he'd been from the report.

tures, starting on Page 6.

Rabies found in coyote in county

Karen McDonald, Zoonopartment of Health of a sis Control Specialist for the state said that this positive contact makes it even more important that residents in this area make sure their cats and dogs are vaccinated.

"Rabies is a deadly dis-

ease, but there are vaccinations to keep your pets safe," McDonald said. "Also, residents should keep their animals enclosed.

'People should stay clear of wildlife. It's great to look at, but don't go out and try to hand feed wild animals; they're supposed to run away and if they don't you should."

Deadline looms for Relay for Life partipants

Individuals, companies, groups and organizations are asked to set up a team for the Castro County Relay for Life event, set for June 20-21.

Relay for Life is a team event in which walkers or runners compete against each other to raise the most money and to travel the most miles. Teams will consist of 10-15 people representing various businesses, civic groups, social organizations, church groups and families.

Teams should sign up immediately. There is a registration fee of \$10 per person to assure commitment. The fee includes a

T-shirt for each participant. Each team member is asked to raise as much as possible for their team. T-shirts will be ordered for the teams by June 6.

Those interested in organizing a team should contact Mat Bradley at 647-2145 or Camille Williams at 647-6115. They have information packets available to help team leaders organize their team and fundraising efforts. Also, volunteers may call Relay Chairman, Mike Bain at 647-4151 or any director of the Castro County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

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By DAVIE A. BROWDER Managing Editor

A 7-year-old Dimmitt girl was mortally wounded by what authorities believe was an accident with .22caliber rifle, according to Sheriff C.D. Fitzgearld.

Kimberly Ann Jackson, 7, of Dimmitt died shortly after she was struck in the chest by a single bullet from the semi-automatic rifle. The incident occurred about 7 p.m.. Saturday, at a home southwest of Dimmitt, Fitzgearld said.

Although authorities believe the event was an accident it remains under investigation and the child's body was taken to Lubbock for autopsy.

The owner of the gun that was involved is being sought, the sheriff said.

"The rifle is not supposed to belong to the family that lives there," he said.

Kimberly Ann Jackson "We're trying to track the family that used to live

there." The victim is the daughter

of Noe and Marina Jackson of Dimmitt.

Kimberly is also survived by her brothers, Noe Jackson Jr. and Nathan Ryan Jackson, both of Dimmitt.

Other survivors include her grandparents and a great-grandmother.

Please see Page 2 for a complete obituary.



HART HONOR GRADUATES

Melanie Davis, left, and Kellie George were the Salutatorian and Valedictorian for the Class of 2003 at Hart High School as the class graduated May 30. Davis had a 95.93 Continued on Page 11 GPA, while George had a 98.93 GPA.





dictorian of the Class of 2003 and Jill Merritt is salu-

tatorian. A number of awards were handed out prior

to graduation during awards day May 26. See pic-

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ROOF REPAIR AUTO • HOME • LIFE Castro County Dimmitt's 16th Annual JERRY JEFFRIES, OWNER **City-Wide Garage** Readings taken every HELPING YOU is what we do best! Honest Professional Service Hi Lo Precip day at 7:00 a.m. at FARM ALL TYPES ROOFING Malcolm Sager, LUTCF UREAL Tuesday......74......50 KDHN, official Saturday, June 7th Wednesday..8050 National Weather **Bob Anthony, LUTCF** INSURANCE **Residential and Commercial** Thursday......89......55 Station Service There will be a \$10 per resident charge for 304 N. Broadway, Dimmitt Friday......96......59 Wood · Shake · Composition · Asphalt · Metal being listed in the directory. Saturday......102.....59 647-5106 WORK GUARANTEED-COMPETITIVE PRICES Sunday......87......60 Texas Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. This fee covers the cost of the yard sign. May moisture 2,40 **Texas Farm Bureau Underwriters** Booth spaces are available on the Square for \$35 each Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co. 806-647-0756 Tuesday......87......56..... .17 1400 S. HWY. 385 2003 moisture 3.51s Sponsored by the Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. Dimmitt, TX 79027 Mobile 806-647-8272 Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce 647-2524 Farm Bureau County Mutual Insurance Company of Texas

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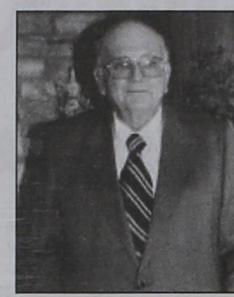
CHARLES E. BURKS

Services for Charles E. Burks, 84, were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at First Baptist Church, Dimmitt, with the Rev. Howard Rhodes officiating. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo.

Mr. Burks died June 2 in Dimmitt. He was born Sept. 30, 1918, in Arney. He married Opha Sims on Feb. 1, 1942, in Dallas.

Mr. Burks was a farmer/ rancher in Castro County. He was active in Texas Wheat Growers Association, American Agriculture, Farm Bureau and the Southwest Cattle Raisers Association. He moved to Dimmitt from the family farm home in 1969. He remained active in farming until 2002. He worked on P51 planes at North American Aviation in Grand Prairie in the early morials to: The Dimmitt part of World War II.

sons, Larry and Linda Burks



Charles E. Burks

Nancy Burks of Dallas and Gregg and Lisa Burks of Cummings, Ga.; two sisters, Katie Mae Gaulden of Amarillo and Rachel Hunter of Dimmitt; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Burks was preceded in death by his wife, Opha Burks on Feb. 12, 2001.

The family suggests me-Senior Citizens, P.O. Box He is survived by three 156, Dimmitt, TX 79027; or the Arney Club, Rt. 2, 2551 of Amarillo, Ronnie and CR 610, Happy, TX 79042.

ODUS MILLER HASTINGS

Odus Miller Hastings "slipped the surly bonds of earth" on May 30, 2003 at 5:30 a.m., the best part of a golden spread or Western Colorado day. The joyous anticipation of his flight had been celebrated with him by his family for two days at the home of Max and Sondra Hastings.

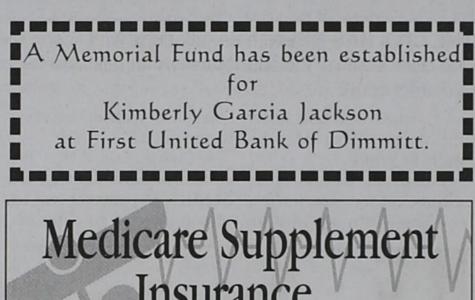
Odus was born on May 23, 1923 in Dimmitt, Texas to Joe and Janie Hastings. After graduating from Dimmitt High School in 1940, Odus joined the Army Air Corps, flying a C-46 in Africa. After service he returned to farming with his dad and brother Joe Richard. He married Emma Lou Bradley on March 16, 1947. Three children, Johnna, Benny and Max were born to them.

He farmed for 42 years, then he and Emma Lou moved to Fruita, Colo., where he loved working in his-"church" of Western Colorado, surrounded by his children and their families.

Odus fought a valiant fight with heart trouble and kidney failure for many years and after surrendering to God said, "I'm ready to go" and he did.

He is survived by his wife, three children and their spouses, Richard Connell, Diana and Sondra; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving is his brother, Joe R. (Martha) of Midland, Texas, and a sister Dorothy (John) Gantt of Pickens, S.C. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Callahan-Edfast Mortuary.



KIMBERLY ANN JACKSON

Services for Kimberly Ann Jackson, 7, of Dimmitt were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at Church of God of the First Born with Pastor Fernando Fernandez and Pastor Juan James officiating. Burial will be at Castro Memorial Park Cemetery.

Kimberly died Saturday, May 31, 2003, at Castro Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

She was born Feb. 15, 1996, in Lubbock to Noe and Marina Jackson.

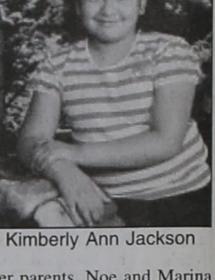
She was a lifelong resident of Dimmitt, where she had just completed first grade at Richardson Elementary.

She was active in Girl Scouts, baseball and soccer. She was a member of Church of God of the First Born. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Dimmitt; and a great-grand-Mary Lou Garcia.

JACK OTIS OGLETREE Graveside services for Jack area from 1926 to 1959.

Otis Ogletree, 86, of Bangs, was Saturday in the Bangs Cemetery with Loyd Hopper officiating. Mr. Ogletree died Wednesday, May 28, 2003, in Carrollton.

He was born Aug. 18, ing candy to every child 1916, in Hoyt, Colo. to Henry W. and Lucy Blake Ogletree. He married Gracie Ruth Cox on October 25, 1936, in Dimmitt. She Nov. 19, 1987. Insurance... The State Farm Way! Last Puzzle Solution • flexible • affordable · backed by good neighbor service Call State Farm Agent: **Russel Birdwell** 116 E Jones Dimmitt, TX 806-647-3427 Antiques Plus... Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.* STATE FARM Statefarm.com State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois INSURANCE Call for details on coverage, costs, restrictions and renewability. Note: These policies are not connected with or endorsed by the United States Government or the Federal Medicare Program The Original ACROSS 44 Humble, TX petroleum festival "_____ Day" 1 support org. for 45 TXism: "his age is north TX higher than his performing arts _" (dumb) 5 TXism: "get your 46 discount store found ducks in _ in TX: _ Club 6 film made in TX: 47 the belly over the belt "The Thief Who 49 Span. word "our" in 10 12 to Dinner" the name of many 7 Houston AM radio TX missions 18 16 17 8 TXism: "let sleep-22 21 ing dogs _ Aury 9 30 31 32 28 29 24 25 26 27 originally occupied Galveston Island 36 35 16 TXism: "still wet 42 40 41 behind the 39 18 TXism: "you don't 45 44 need much sleep if 49 you 48 47 21 Longhorns are to 54 52 53 UT what Buffaloes are to this sch. 56 57 22 Cowboy coach Bill's predecessor 58 52 gull-like bird Campo 59 53 dir. to Dallas 23 plane of noted TX 4 Dublin description? pilot Wiley Post: 60



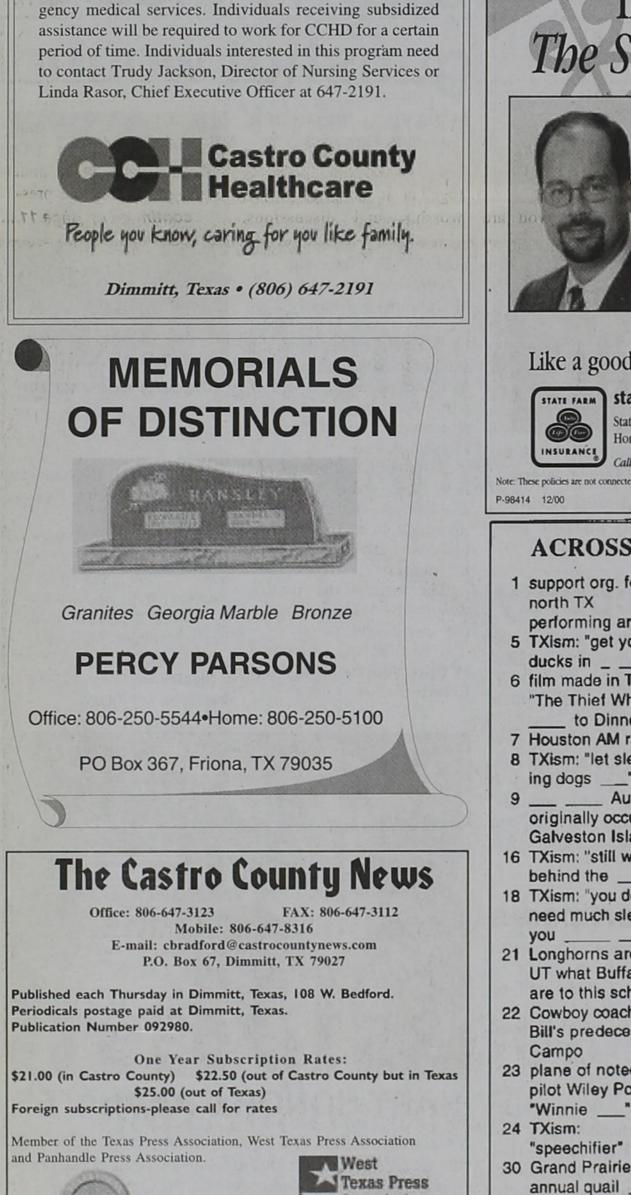
her parents, Noe and Marina Jackson of Dimmitt; two brothers, Noe Jackson Jr. and Nathan Ryan Jackson, both of Dimmitt; grandparents, Manuel Garcia of Tyler and Lauro Jackson and Paula Jackson, both of mother, Marguarita Kimberly is survived by Rodriguez of Clovis, N.M.

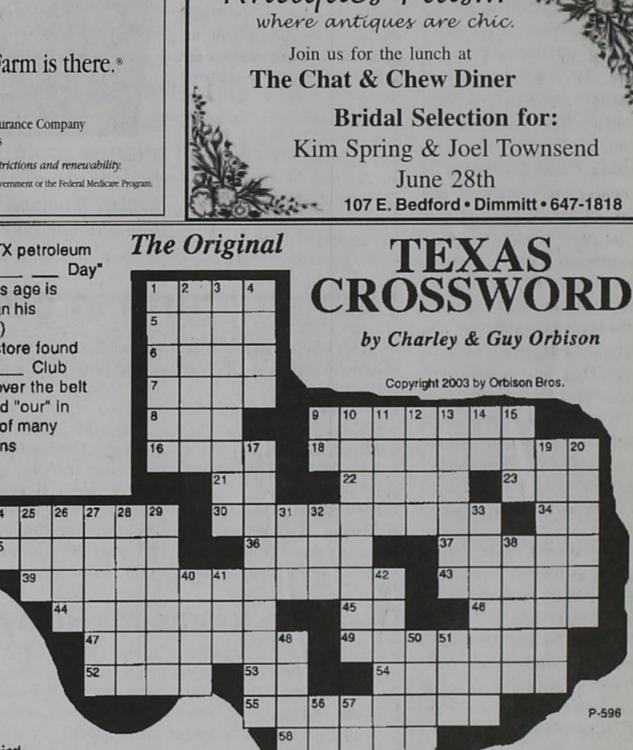
> They later moved to Bangs, where he owned and operated a service station from 1959 until retiring in 1989. He was known for washing every windshield and givwho stopped by.

Mr. Ogletree is survived by a son, Henry Myers Ogletree and wife Irvaleen of Alpine; a daughter, Lucy preceded him in death on Jane Ogletree of Dallas; four grandchildren, Monte The couple lived and Ogletree and wife Nora of farmed in the Springlake San Angelo, Wendell Ogletree and wife Cindy of El Paso, Steven Cuthbertson and wife Caroline Ashley of Carrollton and Nikole Vigil and husband Keith of Denton; and eight greatgrandchildren. was speaking with War

Grow your own Health Care Professional

Castro County Hospital District has developed a "Grow Your Own Health Care Professional Program" to help replenish and continue supplying the growing need for healthcare professionals for CCHD. The District will subsidize interested and qualified persons with their educational needs. Areas of health care will include nursing service, radiology, laboratory, medical records, physical and occupational therapy along with respiratory therapy and emer-





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On the GO with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Dimmitt graduates are still making news-worthy stories long after their walk across the platform to receive their high-school diplomas. Justin Sutton, the son of Eddie and June Sutton had quite an experience at the Big Twelve Track meet in Austin.

Justin is a 2000 DHS graduate and is a junior at Texas A&M University. He finished fifth in the pole vault, but went through a couple of poles first, according to reports. His first broken pole came as he made his final warmup vault, so he switched too a bigger pole that he shattered on his first attempt. He used an even bigger pole on his next try, which was 16-7. He vaulted to his fifth-place finish of 17-1 on his final try,

the report said.

This was far from his first experience with shattered poles. In fact, in high school, he shattered a pole just before the District meet. The resulting injury, a tear in his hand, kept him from advancing to regionals.

Way to go Sutton! We're proud of you! (Some of your Dimmitt fans who came by to share this news are the W.J. Hills and Jerry Hellers.)

Jason, Amy and Caleb Stone spent a week vacationing in Katy at Jason's parents, Danny and June Stone. They enjoyed playing on the beach and swimming in the Gulf. Danny Stone is the manager of the Lifeway (used to be Baptist) Bookstore in Katy. After they returned to

Dimmitt, Matt Stein, a friend from Colorado Springs, came by for a visit. Matt has just recently been deactivated from the U.S. Marines. Matt and Jason had worked together in the "Every Home for Christ" ministry while they lived in Colorado. They played guitars in the praise band there.

Gwen and Marvin Bryant along with Gwen's mother Merle Arthus and sister Jo Wilson spent a special time with the Bryant's son, Bruce, his wife Monica and son, Bailey, in Gruver.

They attended First Baptist Church services and enjoyed a beautiful day. Bruce, Gruver's head football coach, had just returned the day before from the UIL track meet in Austin.

The senior class of Dimmitt High School 2003

have been royally entertained for their graduating successes. The Catholic Church honored them with a brisket and all the trimmings dinner, First Baptist had its annual Mexican Fiesta for the group. They were entertained by the "Shephard Blind Band."

The Church of Christ served a brisket dinner one evening and the First United Methodist Church fed them lunch after graduation rehearsal on Friday morning.

We would like to congratulate the class of 2003. A special recognition to Ashley Irons, valedictorian, and Jill Merritt, salutatorian! Thank you Jenna Steinle for sharing this information and

being such a wonderful Christian young person.

Sheila Wolfe and son Brett from Crystal Lake, Ill., visited her mother, Loranell Hamilton. The three drove to Altus, Okla., to see Mary Watson and family.

Brett and Sheila had to return home Thursday as he had received an academic award and will leave for Barro Colorado Island near Panama for 10 weeks researching seeding dispersal and seeding establishment of the rain forest trees and their effect on biodiversity. He will be working for Dr. James Dalling of the University of Illinois. This island is owned by the Smithsonian Institution.

Shea Myatt, 10, had an

end-of-school sleepover Thursday night. Shea and two of her teammates had just played in the A.A. basketball tournament in Friona. They lost, but played a good game. Their coaches, Jim Bradford and Caitlin Buckley, are expecting great things as the years progress.

Shea's guests were Wendy Bradford and Heloise Cillie. Jim and Molly are Wendy's parents and Cillie's parents are Shcalk and Felicia Cillie. They are from South Africa and work for Mark Cluck. They've lived here about three years. They also have a son Enrico, who is now an eighth-grader.

Please bear with me as I exercise my grandmother's bragging rights. Our great-

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Naz News Virgie Gerber 945-2669

A large number of relatives, Post Office friends, ASC friends and others enjoyed a surprise 80th birthday party for Charley Hill at the VFW Hall in Tulia, Saturday evening. The party and dance were hosted by Bev Hill.

Charley's son, Terry, and wife, Lura, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, his daughter, LeeAnn, and husband, Dave Brown, of Scott City, Kansas, son Todd, Misty and Brynlee Hill of Lubbock and daughter Traci, Kevin, Anni and Ethan

here to celebrate their Dad's birthday.

Marvin and Carol Hoelting, their daughter, Jill Carpenter, and three month old son, Kyler, of Denver, Colorado were here for the weekend. They helped Tinie Hoelting celebrate her birthday. The party was held at the home of Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker.

The class of 1953 gathered at the Senior Citizens Center for a 50th year reunion. A breakfast brunch was encourse a lot of reminiscing and just enjoying being together! Those attending from Nazareth were Clyde and Bea Hoelting, Don and Betty Acker, Floyd and Dorothy Schulte, Edwin and Juanita Schacher, Denny and Pill Heiman, Gin and Louis Huseman, Arnold and Catherine Huseman, Gene Phyllis and (Acker) Podzemeny of Sudan, NM, Elmer Huseman of Dimmitt, Vincent and Mary Ann (Acker) Waltersheid of Hereford, Evelyn (Stork) Hill of Lubbock, Dan and Estelle Acker and Rita Kern, and

Plainview. Gracie (Schacher) Holly is the only deceased. Unable to attend were Denis and Irene (Schacher) Acker of Canyon, who are vacationing in Italy at this time, Michael Schacher, who is in the rest home in Dimmitt and Joe and Elaine (Albracht) Sullivan of Farmer's Branch.

Tony and Angela Acker celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary May 25, 2003. They were married Feb. 15, 1953. Ila Mae Moran, sister of Angela

came from Missoula, Montana. On Friday evening the family gathered at the Tony Acker home for a spaghetti supper, Saturday night everyone enjoyed a Texas Barbeque at the home of Dale and Marlene Acker, a hay ride, games and more visiting. On Sunday, Bud and Rita Kern hosted a Mexican stack-up before the 3 p.m. Mass in Holy Family Church. Reception and dance followed in the Nazareth Community Hall. Tony and Angela rode up the "traditional hill" in a Memorial Day weekend at 1937 Dodge pick-up. On

Monday, everyone gathered at the hall to clean up and a surprise 70th birthday party for Ila Mae Moran. Later, the Moran's and several of the Acker's drove to Palo Duro Canyon for a picnic. Relatives attended from New Mexico, Idaho, Nevada, Minnesota, Wyoming, Hereford, Groom, Summerfield, Amarillo, Happy and Florence, Texas.

Jerry, Tricia and Andi Rose and Virgie Gerber drove to Kellar to spend

Scholl of Henrietta, were all joyed by everyone and of (Hoelting) Berter of several family members

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Hispanic Voice with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

Congratulations to the 2003 graduates of Dimmitt Voice.

Montiel the other day and she is on Cloud Nine, possibly Cloud 10! She and husband Gabriel just got back from Austin visiting a great-grand baby! The parents are Hector Javier Rodriguez and Regina Javin Montiel. The baby girl was named Keylone Javine Rodriguez and weighed 7pounds and 3-ounces and was 19-inches long!

The proud maternal grandparents are Susan Cantu of Pearsal and Daniel Montiel of Amarillo. The paternal grandparents are Hector and Sylvia Rodriguez of Dimmitt. They all spent Memorial weekend with the new baby and had a wonderful time. Congratulationsto all.

We were speaking with Estella Mendez and catching up on some things and we got started talking about the Cursillo. The Cursillo and the Walk to Emmaus are the same, only in the Catholic Church, we have a Spanish word for this; Cursillo..(pronounced coor see oh) which means "Course" like a class or a course you take. Anyway, the way I understand this is that no one can fully explain how God touches each person in his special and unique way, since we are all different. The Cursillo Movementand the The Walk to Emmaus Movement can assist each of us in developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be fully Christian. The Cursillo Movement is a movement of the Catholic Church. The proper name is Cursillo De Cristiandad (short for Course of Christianity). The Movement evolved from Spain in the 1940s with

a group of men who dedicated themselves to ISD from the Hispanic bring the young men of their city of Mallorca to better know Christ. The first I was speaking with Marie Cursillo was neither a lucky accident nor a blueprint which came directly from heaven, but grew and grew out of a process of development. The first Cursilloin

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the United States was held in Waco Texas in 1957. The key figure in the beginning was Father Gabriel Fernandez from Spain. In 1959, the ment. Cursillo spread throughout Texas and on to Phoenix, Ariz. In 1962, the Cursillo Movement came to the Eastern United States. The movement spread rapidly

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People

Johnson on Dean's List

Brittany Shauntrice Porter, a 2000 graduate of DHS, was recently named to the Dean's Honor List at Texas Tech University's School of Nursing. To be so honored, a full-time student must have attained a GPA of 3.5 of better during the past semester.

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She is the daughter of Randy and Paula Johnson of Dimmitt.

In addition, Porter was recently notified of her selection for Theta Tau International, the secondlargest nursing organization in the United States and among the five largest and most prestigious in the

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Brittany S. Porter

world. According to the news release, nursing leaders are selected for the group on the basis of their leadership accomplishments.



Jennifer Hucks Hucks graduates from Mesa State

Jennifer Hucks, granddaughter of Don and Betty Carpenter, graduated from Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colo., on May 11, 2003.

She received her bachelor or science in biology with pre-professional distinction.

She will be attending graduate school at the University of Colorado in the fall.

Another recent accomplishment includes her research in the sequencing of a deer mouse gene while researching the cardiopulmonary and respiratory syndrome (known as the Hantavirus).

She is now employed as a cytogenetic lab technician at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.



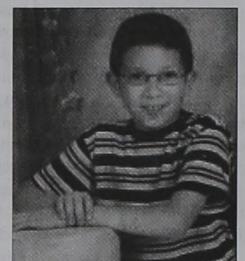


"MELANCHOLY" PERFORMS: Left to right, head singer Casey Jones, guitarist L.J. Soler and bass Todd Jansa performed recently on the stage of the Liberty Theatre on Thursday night in front of the big, new screen immediately after the showing of Matrix:Reloaded. Not pictured is drummer Ruben Leal.

Bugarin poem selected for publication

Manuel Martin Bugarin, 9, the grandson of Engelberto and Janie Bugarin Sr. of Dimmitt recently had a poem he authored selected for publication.

He is the son of Engelberto and Gloria Bugarin Jr. of Amarillo and attends Margaret Wells Elementary.



Manuel Martin Bugarin

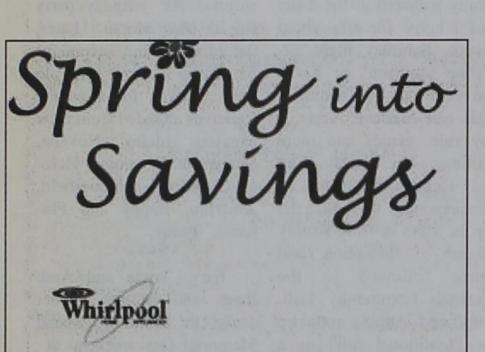
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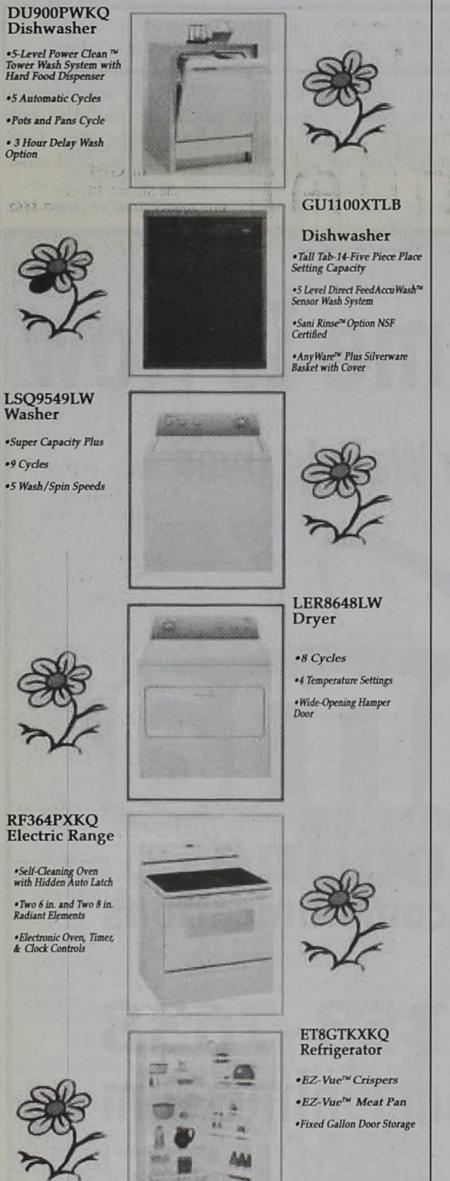
"Celebration of Young Poets."

His maternal grandparents are Matias and Juanita Hernandez of Easter; greatgrandparents are Juana Guajardo of Dimmitt and Isabel Bugarin of Mexico.

His poem was titled, "My Loving Mom"

"You look so beautiful and so intelligent. You smell like a blooming rose, and so grand. You sound so encouraging, and with your soothing voice, you calm me, when I'm mad. You make me feel so special and important. Beautiful, beautiful Mom."





Rafael Enriquez III and Cynthia Barrera of Dimmitt are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Gabriel Rafael Enriquez was born at 11:22 a.m. on May 16. He weighed 6 lbs. 10.2 oz. And was 21 inches long. His paternal grandparents are Rafael Enriquez Jr. and Mary Lou Enriquez and maternal grandparents are Eddie Barrera and Sharlean Barrera all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Jessie and Gloria Reyes, Rafael and Rafaela Enriquez, Judy Badillo of Amarillo, Petra Barrera and L.B. and Rita Pennington of Canyon.

It's a girl for Roberto Perez of Hereford and Carmen Pineda of Dimmitt. Ariana Irene Perez was born at 1:31 p.m. on May 19. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 18.5 inches Ariana was wellong. comed home by her older sister, 18 month old Abygail Perez. Her paternal grandparents are Alejandro Perez and Juanita Perez of Hereford and Maternal grandparents are Esteban and Leticia Escamilla of Dim-Great-grandparentts mitt. are Carlos and Esther Doroteo Pineda and Montañez.

Jacob Aaron Aguero arrived to Linda and Jose Aguero at 4:40 a.m. on May 27. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. Jacob was welcomed home by his older sister, 12 year old Laraine Aguero and big brother, 10 year old Joe Aguero. His paternal grandparents are Cesario and Manuela Aguero of Laredo and Maternal grandparents are Hope and Enrique Ogas of Dimmitt. Great-grandfather is Rafael Ontiveros of Lovington, NM.

His third-grade teacher asked him to write a poem for Mother's Day and his,

tions Young Poets Contest. Manuel's poem was chosen to be published in the book,

This day I will marry my best friend, the one I laugh with, live for, love Lindsee Brynn daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Goforth and Benjamin Allen son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Coleman hope that you will join in this celebration on Saturday, the seventh of June two thousand and three

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How do you handle temptation?

probably thinking just how silly that question really is fairly regular basis. struggles or have we endured any lately, but how severe was your struggle? Truth is, we live in a very imperfect world full of imperfect people and things are not always going to go our way. In fact, they seldom do! Knowing that I live in a less than perfect world tells me that I will endure less than perfect situations, better known as struggles or trials.

The struggles we endure in this life tend to mold and shape us into the people we are to be. No one likes or enjoys their personal they do benefit us.

Have you endured a "Consider it pure joy, my struggle recently? You're brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the because we all go through testing of your faith develstruggles, it seems, on a ops perseverance." (Jas. The 1:2-3) We learn to be patient question is not do we have and steadfast in our faith from the struggles that we endure. If we never struggled then we would never grow as a person in our faith. I think that it's important that we all understand that struggles are not just reserved for the weak. You need to know that even the wisest, strongest and most faithful endure struggles in this life. Struggles are something that we don't outgrow or become too good to endure. Notice Paul's struggle. "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate to struggles at the time, but do." (Rom. 7:15) The apostle Paul struggled with



Chuck Ball

the same things we struggle with today, doing what we know we shouldn't do. Peter struggled with some things even as he walked alongside the Lord Jesus for all those three years. In John 18: 1-26, we find the scene where Jesus is arrested in the garden and Peter draws his sword and strikes Malchus, cutting off his ear. Not long after that Peter denies Jesus three times just as Jesus foretold that he would. It's obvious that Peter, like us today, struggled with doing

Who has the last word?

By The Rev. Doris Huckert

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, says the Lord, who is and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Jesus is the beginning and the end as he stated in Revelation 1:8. No matter what problem or need you may be facing, you need to start with him. John 1:1 says Jesus is the Word, so if we are going to start with Jesus, we have to start with the Word. Don't do anything until you study to find out what the Word has to say.

Then stay in the Word. As Colossians 1:23 says, Continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you have heard."

The only way you can be defeated by the devil is to stay out of the Word. He wants you to doubt the Word of God. So don't let go, just say as Jesus did, "It is written!"

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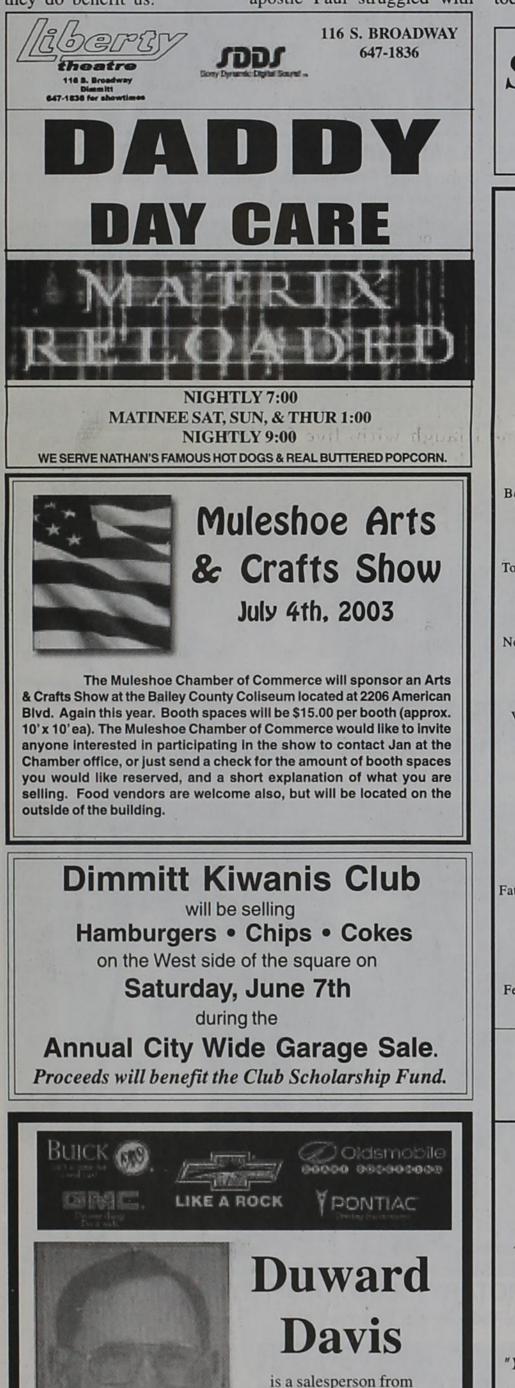
Philippinas 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." Yes, I can begin to believe and in faith know the breakthrough is coming beyond any doubt. Rest assured that He will have the last Word! When

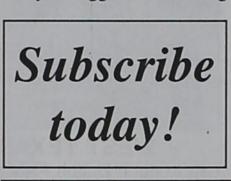
Jesus said he was the first we choose God's way He grants us wisdom. His Word, the Bible, leads us to live rightly, have right relationships and make right decisions. He (the Word) is Remember this: the Beginning and the End, says the Lord. ****

> The Rev. Doris Huckert is Chaplain of Dimmitt Nursing and Rehab and Hospice Chaplain of Castro County Hospital District.

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CASTRO COUNTY TEXAS TECH ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP Left to right: Jaclyn Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Isabel Garcia, Jill Merritt



BETA ZETA UPSILON Left to right: Ramey Rice, Carri Meeks, Melissa Rueda, Lauren Waggoner





HEREFORD TEXAS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AWARD Left to right: Jenna Steinle, Lauren Waggoner, Abraham Salinas, Jill Merritt, Jaclyn Bishop.



WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS Left to right: Dalton Fisher; Juan Diaz; Priscilla Rodriguez; and Melissa Rueda, who also won the Senator Grady and Andrine Hazelwood Scholarship.

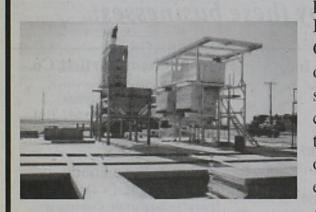


PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS Left to right: Nancy Vargas, Robin Beames, Jeremy Norman, Corrie Black, Isabel Garcia.

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North Gin Progress Report

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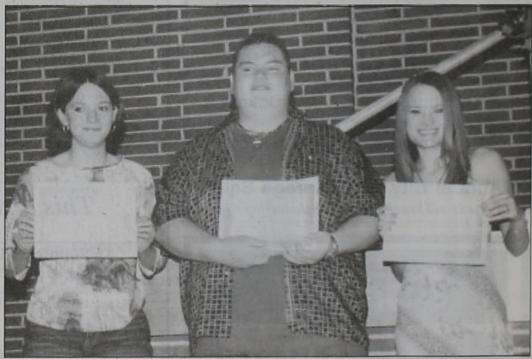
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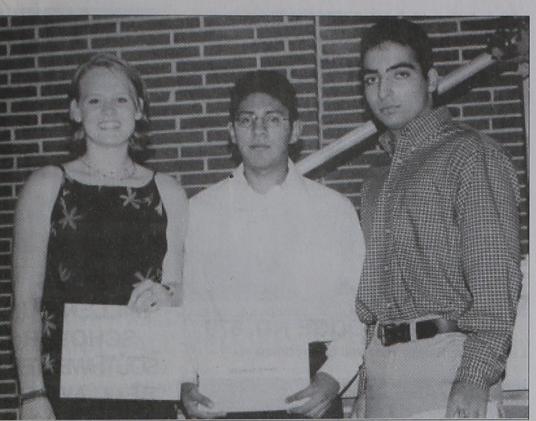


ROTARY CLUB CAMP RYLA Left to right: Shae Odom, Todd Jansa, Sheena Ehly.



CASTRO COUNTY 4-H PARENT LEADER AWARD

Left to right: Holly Lane and Jaclyn Bishop



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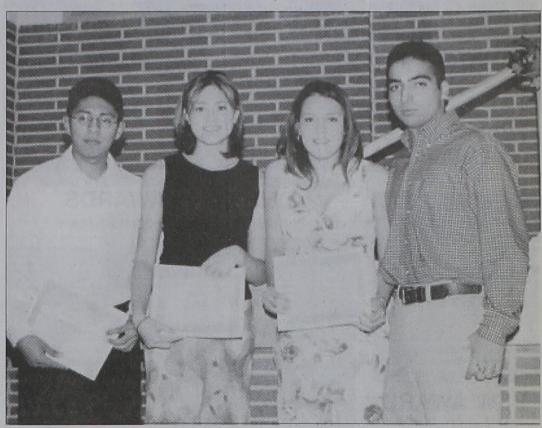
Left to right: Lauren Waggoner; Abraham Salinas, who also won the Shawn Cotter Memorial Scholarship; Juan Diaz, who also received the C.A.M.P. and Aaron Wilcox Athletic Scholarships



METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS Left to right: Ramey Rice, Melissa Rueda, Casey Jones, Caitlin Buckley, Jill Merritt.

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ICC HOLY CROSS SCHOLARSHIPS

Left to right: Abraham Salinas; Melissa Rueda; Valarie Martinez, who also received the C.A.M.P. Award; Juan Diaz.

CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS Left to right: Ruben Leal, Lauren Waggoner, Brandon Furr, who also received the Bobcats Booster Club Scholarship

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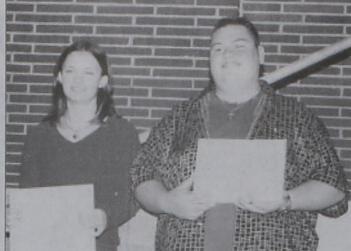


JOHN COLLINS MEMORIAL Amber Bell



VFW AWARD Elizabeth Cartwright

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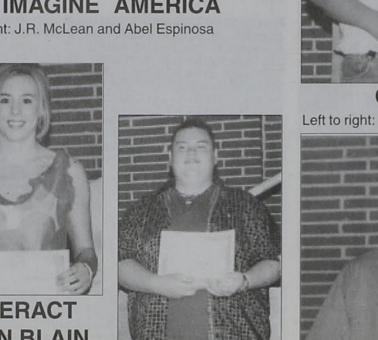


DHS BAND AWARDS Left to right: Stephanie Hazel and Todd Jansa



IMAGINE AMERICA Left to right: J.R. McLean and Abel Espinosa





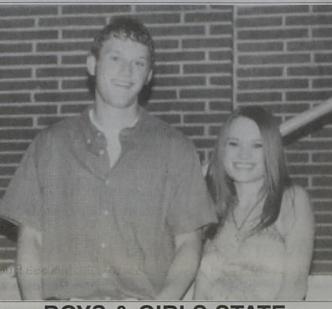
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MASONIC LODGE NO. 879 Left to right: Ramey Rice and Casey Jones



GILMORE AWARD Left to right: Ruben Leal and Stephanie Hazel



BOYS & GIRLS STATE Jake Porsch and Sheena Ehly



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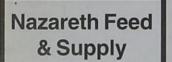


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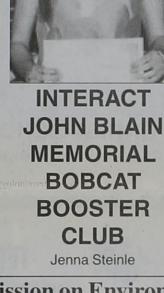
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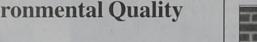
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APPLICATION. CM CATTLE FEEDERS, INC., P.O. Box 991, Hereford, Texas 79045 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of TPDES Registration No WQ0001387-000 to authorize the applicant to operate an existing beef cattle feedlot facility at 20,000 head in Castro County, Texas. The application was received by TCEQ on January 28, 2002. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The existing facility is located on the east side of U.S. Highway 385, 14 miles south of the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Castro County Farm Service Agency, 114 W. Belsher, Suite A, Dimmitt, Texas.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

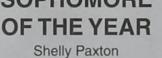
PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of the newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at Please note that the 77th legislature changed the agency's name from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Both names are interchangeable for a short period of time, until the phase-in is completed.

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La Donna Castanuela, Chief Clerk Texas Commission on Environmental Quality





CITIZENSHIP AWARDS L.J. Soler and Caitlin Buckley

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Left to right: Holly Lane, who also won the Danny and Sharla Vaughn Memorial, and Lauren Waggoner, who also won the DAR Award, Kiwanis Award, Texas Classroom Teachers Association Award, Trustee Scholarship and Snyder-Nations Scholarship.

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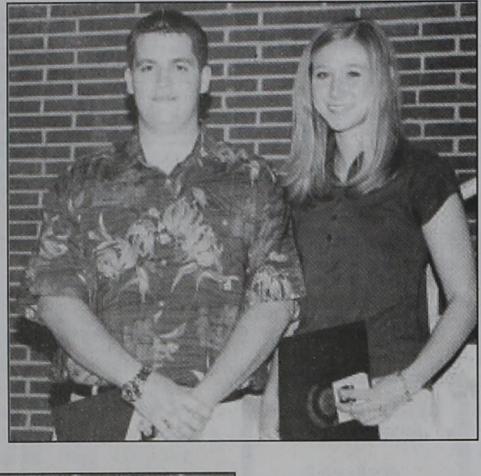


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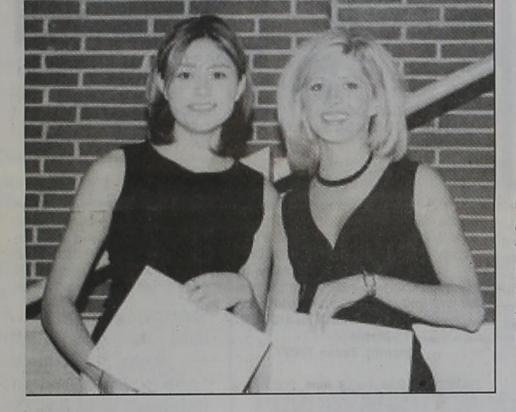
Left to right: Ramey Rice and Ashley Irons, who was Valedictorian and won the Army Reserve Scholar/ Athlete Award



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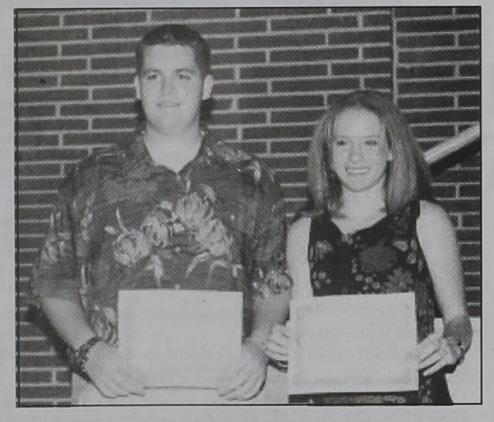


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Left to right: Melissa Rueda and Caitlin Buckley, who won the Koma Ratcliff Memorial, TABC Kenneth Cleveland Memorial and the Kenneth Cleveland Memorial awards

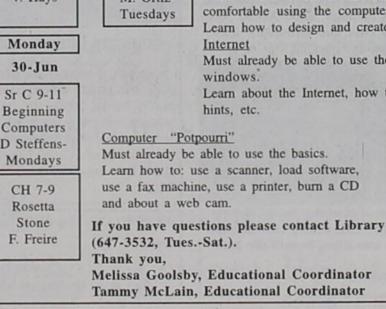
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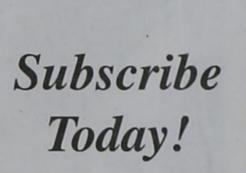
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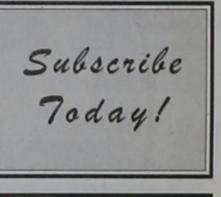
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DISD BUS DRIVERS gather at the home of E.L. and Mildred Washington for their annual end-of-the-year cookout. From left to right, standing are E.L. Washington, Hank Lynn, Gene Penney and Charles Cotter. Seated are Diane Townsend, Betty Jones and Maleah Penney.

Relay for Life

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Information also is available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524. All of the money raised will go to the ACS for life-saving research, education and patient services.

"Relay for Life is more than just a fund-raiser," said the year's chairman Mike Bain.

"It brings together fami-

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the home of Gene and Susie Gerber.

Ralph and Natalie Grosser and children, Eric and Emma of Denver, Colorado and Jenny Goss of Durham, NC also spent the weekend at their parents home in Kellar. It was a fun relaxing weekend.

lies and friends to celebrate those who have survived cancer and to remember those who have not."

This year's event will be held at the Dimmitt High School Football Field.

At least one member of each team is on the track at all times.

While the relay is in progress, a community party atmosphere is created in tent city with entertainment,

With one grandchild left to

graduate this year, their final

destination was to San

Antonio where Robin Perez

graduated from O'Conner

land Lee.

food, games and camarade- survivors. rie.

People who are not on a a luminary for \$5. team are invited and encouraged to come and join in the fun and games.

Cancer survivors will kick off the Relay for Life with a "Survivors' Lap" after sundown the evening of the event and luminaries will be lit in memory of those who have lost their battle with cancer and in honor of

High School Saturday

Three of thegraduation cer-

emonies were within a 24

Individuals may purchase

The Commissioners Court

First on the agenda were

met all day Monday to

consider the budget for the

budget requests from elected

officials/department heads,

which were read and com-

pared to both the approved

budget for this fiscal year

and year-to-day expenses

shop, requests are studied

but no line items are

approved. After a number of

sessions, the final budget

will be set after discussions

In the preliminary work-

coming year.

for this year.

Each person who is remembered with a luminary will be named, then a moment of silence and special music will conclude the ceremony.

The Relay for Life will end after midnight with a closing ceremony and final victory lap for all participants.

with department heads and a study of projected revenue.

budget considerations

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Commissioners begin

Of particular concern to commissioners were: projected increases in insurance premiums; the likelihood of state cuts in funding; creating additional local responsibility for statemandated programs; a backlog of court cases, which, if heard, would result in increased court expenses; and the termination of

project grants which the county has received in recent years.

June 5, 2003

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The commissioners also discussed the necessity of maintaining a surplus to cover unbudgeted expenses.

The 2003-2004 budget workshop will be continued in open session as the final agenda item for the June 9 meeting of the Commissioners Court.

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People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief.

City-wide garage sale is Saturday

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for a huge garage sale. Saturday is the date that's been set for Dimmitt's 16th annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The charge for participating in the event and being listed on the directory is \$10 per resident. This fee also covers the cost of the yard sign, which is given to each participant. Booth spaces are available for rent downtown for \$35 each. Business card sized ads around the outer edges of the sale directory are available for \$25.

Additional information is available from the Dimmit Chamber of Commerce, 115 W. Bedford St., or by calling 647-2524.

On The Go

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grandson, son of Donald and Ronnie Ewing of Hereford, just graduated from the Pre-K class of 2003 of the Hereford Bluebonnet Elementary School. His name is Donavin; he is 5 years old. He received the "top reader medal" from

Mrs. Diaz's class.

The class marched in clad in motar board and to the traditional music, "Land of Hope and Glory."

the ceremony. Donavin is

Hereford.

Our great-grandson Christian Garza, son of Carolan and Charlie, received the Salutatorian medal of the I was very impressed with fourth-grade class at Bluebonnet.

James and Irene (Chunky) Wilhelm had five grandchildren graduate this year.

First, in Nazareth, Craig Birkenfeld and Rose Wilhelm both graduated on the 23^{rd} .

A week later, Terrence Wilhelm graduated from Hereford High School.

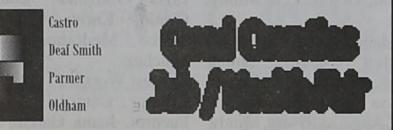
The very next morning, James and Irene traveled to Midland-Odessa to see Katy Chester graduate from Mid-

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sence of Christ. The whole purpose of the Cursillo and the Walk to Emmaus is to inspire, challenge and to equip our local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and places of work. Who should go to the Cursillo/ Walk to Emmaus? ANYONE who wishes to strengthen their spiritual lives, Christians who may have unanswered questions, men and women who understand that being a Christian involves responsibility, individuals who are willing to dedicate their lives to God, men and women in positions of responsibility in the church and world.

The Cursillos are usually held at the De Falco Retreat Center in Amarillo. Estella Mendez, a very strong person in my book, lived her Cursillo in October of 1966.

She helped with the latest



evening.

hour period.

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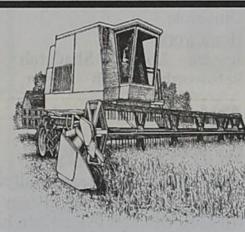
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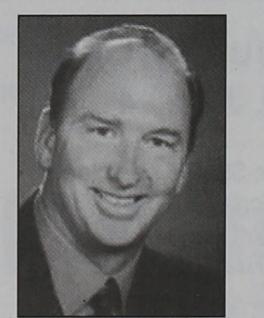
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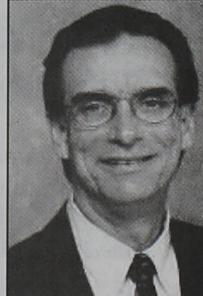
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Dimmitt First Grade Awards

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TaKara Thomas, Arturo Marquez, Mariela Ontiveros, Christy Stephens, Steven Nunoz, Kaylee Addison, Brenda Reyes, Aaron Rodriguez.

Citizenship

J'Juane Triana, Karissa Schacher, Stephanie Fuentes, Christy Stephens, Ruben Silva, Lucas Swain, Joanna Montes, Jesse Medrano, Brenda Reyes.

Homework

Arturo Marquez, Brenda Reyes, Christy Stephens,

Nelson graduates from SPC

LEVELLAND - Jana Nelson from Dimmitt received a Certificate of Proficiency in Surgical Technology during South Plains College's 45thcommencement exercises May 16. A record 832 students were awarded diplomas during ceremonies inTexan Dome.

Emily Mireles, J'Juane Triana, Kaylee Addison, Mariela Ontiveros, Ruben Silva, Selina Moreno, Stephanie Fuentes, Steven Munoz, Joanna Montes. Attendance

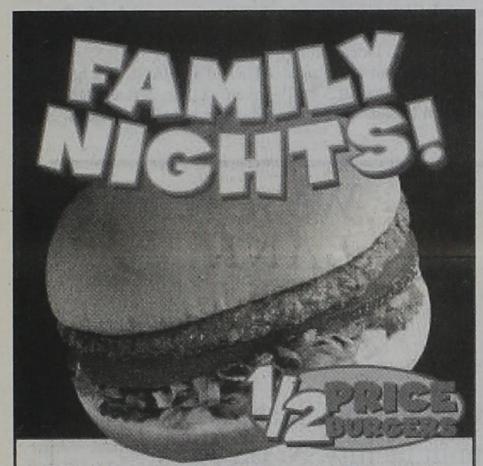
Adam Villanueva, Christy Stephens, Ambrosia Rivera, Mariela Ontiveros, Steven Munoz, Selina Moreno.

Tulia woman arrested

Jara Shale Williams, 20, of Tulia, was arrested and charged with brining a prohibited substance to a correctional institution, said Sheriff C.D. Fitzgearld.

The arresting officer is Department of Public Safety Officer Augustin Perez Jr. Fitzgearld said he witnessed the suspect hide a substance that appeared to be marijuana in the visitors room of the county jail. After she was detained, the sheriff and two others went to the hiding place, found the substance and it is being tested, he said.

"She had come to visit an inmate," Fitzgearld said. "After the visit, she hid the substance, then went back to tell the inmate where he could find it."



Ms. Villarreal's Class Most Improved Oscar Ontiveros, Albert Attendance Rodriguez, Javier Sanchez. Handwriting Salas. Citizenship Maria Alanis, Adriana Jas Villanueva, Jonathan Arredondo, Bojorquez, Vanessa Flores, Jackie Fuentes, Jorge Gonzales, Jazmin Lozano, Jose Lujan, Luis Lujan, Yasmin Marin, Oscar Ontiveros, Estefania Porras, Albert Rodriguez, Mayra Salas, Javier Sanchez. Homework

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Hinojosa, Madeline Salinas,

Mr. Dunnam's Class

Kimberly Jackson.

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Colton O'Brien, Angelita Rivera Handwriting

Kassandra Gomez, Victoria Leal, Gavino Luna, Marcus Martinez, Dorian Rosalez, Christian Ortega, Mindy Smith.

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Attendance

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Ms. Gunter's Class Honor Roll Carter Hill, Adam Reinart Hardest Worker Carter Hill, Adam Reinart, Nallely Salas, Alma Melendez, Jessica Ross, Tiffany Oltivero, Gustavo Ibarra, Tiffany Medrano. Citizenship Alma Melendez, Nallely

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Carter Hill, Adam Reinart, Tiffany Oltivero, Alex Ibarra, Andres Rodriguez, Gustavo Ibarra, Nallely Salas.

Ms. Steinle's Class

Perfect Attendance Jacob Dunnam, Jennifer Fernandez, Noe Jackson, Kelsey Schilling, Michelle Wait. Hardest Workers Whole Class Most Improved Readers Mazie Triana, Coby Venhaus Citizenship Gaby Aguilar, Jeffery Almanza, Haley Bonilla, Josiah Burzynski, Tramaine Kirven, Kelsey Schilling, Josslene Torres, Mario Velasquez, Michelle Wait. Honor Roll Haley Bonilla, Josiah Burzynski, Jacob Dunnam, Candace Munoz, Kelsey Schilling.

Most Improved Citizens: Clarissa Anes, Jennifer Fernandez.

Ms. Padilla's Class

Perfect Attendance Jorge Aguero, Gerardo

Dimmitt Third Grade Awards Jonathan Gamez, Brittany Lindley, Ty Morrow, Oscar Navarro, Abby Olivero, Eric Oltivero, Jose Salas, Amber Sanchez, Jasmine Swain, Stacy Uvalle.

> Ms. Axtell's Class **Best Citizen**

Johnny Ray Dones, Monique Aleman Honor Roll Kale Johnson, Monique Aleman, Karina Dozal, Will Malone Perfect Attendance Uriel Rodriguez, Tori Addison, Monique Aleman, Meranda Garcia, Chris Martin, Alberto Nicholas, Michael Oltivero Hardest Workers Whole Class

Ms. Walton's Class Yearly Honor Roll Austin Cluck, Manuel Acevedo, Carsyn Steffens 4th Nine Weeks Honor Roll Austin Cluck Citizenship Tanner Gilbreath, Amy Smith Hardest Worker Austin Cluck, Manuel Acevedo, Ignacio De La Cruz, Tristen Woods, Amy Smith Perfect Attendance Austin Cluck, Amy Smith, Carsyn Steffens, Tristen Woods, Ignacio De La Cruz.

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Jessica Lopez, Shadarah Angelita Rivera (perfect Pebsworth, Jacob Porter,

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of a flyer that will be sent to all residents informing them of the upcoming Cleanup Day. Peggy Broadstreet, chairman of the Cleanup Dimmitt Committee had prepared it. Cleanup Day will be from June 21. The city landfill will be taking certain items, including furniture, for free between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Broadstreet has been working on cleaning up Dimmitt for more than a year.

"If I hadn't started working on it, Dimmitt would be in worse shape health and environmental wise," she said. "The reason I started in on this is because so many people were complaining but nobody was doing anything about it. I was new to the community and I don't know who owns what and I could look at it with a clear view.

We have ordinances in this town, that if they were enforced Dimmitt would be a beautiful place to live because there are a lot of beautiful, super people in this town."

The flyers, with numbers to call for help with pickup will be sent out in water quality assurance letters that go out to all residents.

In other actions, the council replace Connie Martinez, who has moved, with Gene Broadstreet, to the Board of Katy Aljoe, Brandon Dean, Adjustments.

Grado, Karen Guadiana, Marco Medrano, Alonso Brandon Chavez, Omar Sanchez. Dones, Colton O'Brien, Hardest Workers Liliana Castillo, Cinthia Marissa Oltivero, Daniel Fuentes, Juana Garcia, Juan Perez, Angelita Rivera, Mindy Smith, Alexandra Torres,

Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez, Osvaldo Monsivais, Karla Munoz. Citizenship Gerardo Bojorquez, Jorge Jaramillo, Marisol Soto. Honor Roll Juana Garcia

Ms. Merrit's Class Honor Roll Katy Aljoe, Crystal Escamilla, Brittany Lindley, Joe Salas, Stacy Uvalle. **Best Citizens** Brittany Lindley, Jasmine Swain. Honor Students for the Year Katy Aljoe, Crystal Escamilla, Brittany Lindley, Jose Salas, Stacy Uvalle. Perfect Attendance Oscar Navarro, Amber Sanchez. Most Helpful Matthew Anes Hardest Workers

Cheese Toast Apple Slices w/cinnamon White Milk June 9-Pancake on a Stick Assorted Fruit Juice White Milk June 10-Frosted Flakes Cereal Orange Juice White Milk June 11-Sausage and Biscuit Fruit Cocktail White Milk June 12-Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Bar Orange Juice White Milk

Lunch Menu

June 6-Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich Jello **Tossed Salad** White Milk Ranch Dressing June 9-Beef/Bean Burrito Mexicali Corn **Tossed Salad** White Milk Italian Dressing June 10-Corn Dogs Macaroni and Cheese **Baked Beans Tossed Salad** White Milk Honey Mustard June 11-Turkey Salad Sandwich Fresh Fruit Snack **Tossed Salad** Frito Chips White Milk Creamy Italian June 12-Barbequed Beef on a Bun Mexipinto Beans Cole Slaw White Milk

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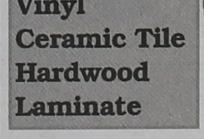
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Permiam Basin farmers vote to continue boll weevil program

ABILENE - Cotton growers in the Permian Basin have become the latest to affirm their commitment to boll weevil eradication, voting to continue the effort by a 6 to 1 margin.

"We are certainly pleased with the outcome of the vote," said Eddie Herm, a Howard County cotton farmer who was elected to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors.

Herm succeeds Jim Brown of Midland in the position. Brown declined to run for re-election to concentrate on business and personal interests. "I see it as a positive thing to get that high a percentage of the growers to ratify the program," Herm said.

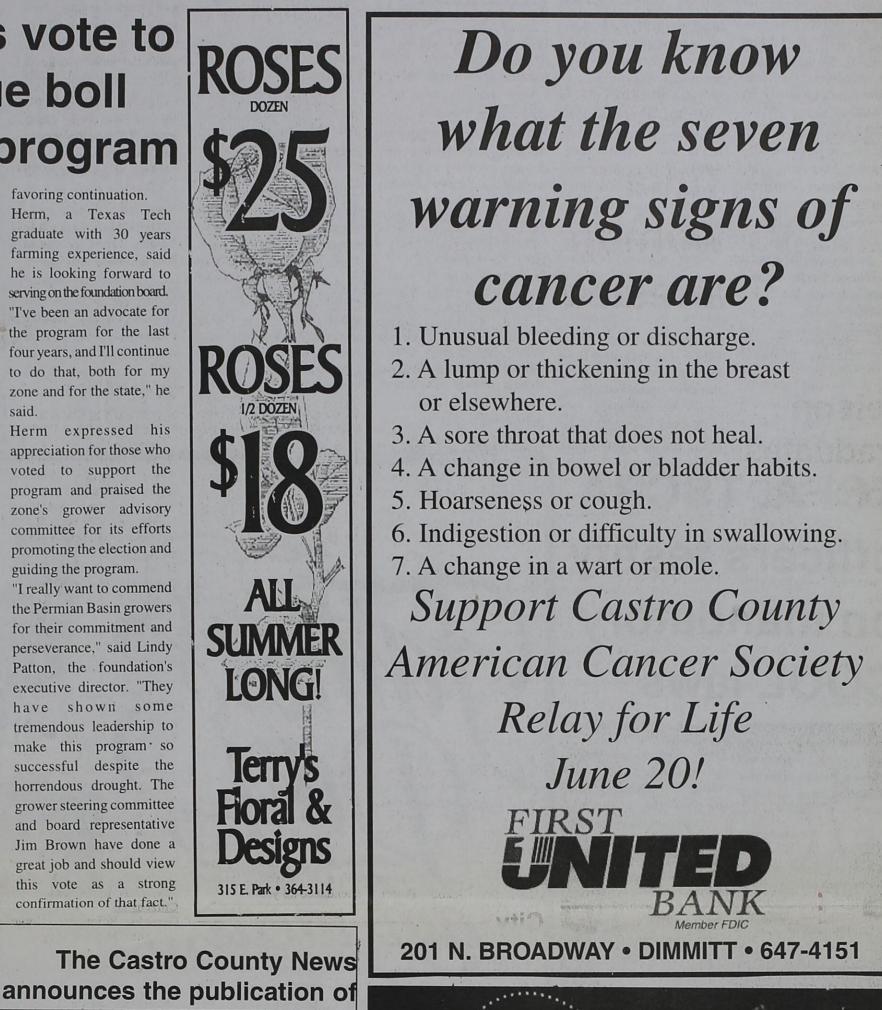
Producers in each eradication zone must decide every four years whether to continue their program. All the zones created before 2000 have voted on whether to retain their eradication programs. All the elections have passed with more than 80 percent of the voters

favoring continuation. Herm, a Texas Tech graduate with 30 years farming experience, said he is looking forward to serving on the foundation board. "I've been an advocate for the program for the last four years, and I'll continue to do that, both for my zone and for the state," he

said. Herm expressed his appreciation for those who voted to support the program and praised the zone's grower advisory committee for its efforts promoting the election and guiding the program.

"I really want to commend the Permian Basin growers for their commitment and perseverance," said Lindy Patton, the foundation's executive director. "They have shown some tremendous leadership to make this program so successful despite the horrendous drought. The grower steering committee and board representative Jim Brown have done a great job and should view this vote as a strong confirmation of that fact."





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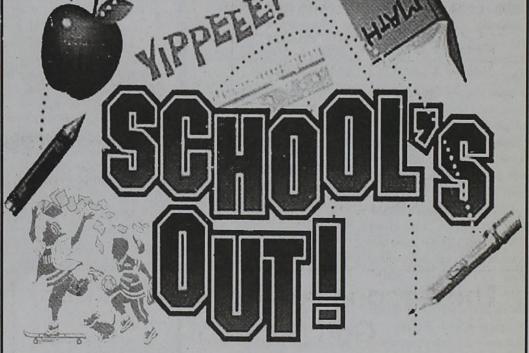
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14 **Castro County News** June 5, 2003 **Choosing the right facility for your loved ones**

Making arrangements for long-term care, whether for ourselves or for loved ones, can be difficult. Choose carefully: making the right selection now can help ensure comfort and security for years to come.

The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) licenses long-term care facilities and categorizes them into five groups. These are nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation and related conditions, assisted living facilities, adult daycare facilities, and Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSAs).

A nursing facility, commonly referred to as a nursing home, is a healthcare facility that

day. Nursing homes are generally for those who need constant medical attention. All basic medical and personal necessities are provided by the staff.

> Assisted living facilities provide individualized health and personal care assistance in a home-like setting. These facilities emphasize autonomy and privacy while still maintaining general oversight.

Adult daycare facilities provide health, social and related support services for adults in a structured environment. Health care services may include nursing, personal care and therapy services. Participants do not stay overnight. HCSSAs include home health agencies, hospices and

provides organized, personal assistance services. **TCFA, TSCRA** officers testify on mandatory **COOL** laws

A voluntary, rather than menu or in a processed product mandatory, country-of-origin at the grocer. labeling (COOL) program was Many producers question the costs of COOL, Morales said. the clear preference at the May "Mandatory COOL will add 1 USDA listening session in costs to the production, Austin. processing, distribution and sale TSCRA President Bob of beef," he said. "Estimates McCan, Victoria, began the range up to nearly \$10 billion four-hour hearing by testifying, for the beef industry alone." "Labeling beef as to its country While Morales said of origin is a worthy concept." considerable debate exists over However TSCRA supports a what the actual costs will be, voluntary program rather than a ""they will be significant mandatory program with because Congressional intent burdensome regulations and requires a verifiable, undefined costs to the producer. recordkeeping audit trail." Additionally, there is not The Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) has a 'sufficient evidence to suggest similar position. "TCFA consumers will pay a premium strongly supports voluntary for strictly U.S. beef, nor to COOL as a viable alternative to suggest they would continue to mandatory COOL," testified pay a premium in the coming Ernie Morales, TCFA years. "Therefore, we are chairman-elect from Devine. extremely reluctant to assume "Our position is based on the additional costs of a COOL premise that, if benefits exceed system if there is a chance the costs, voluntary labeling would benefits will not be sufficient to

structured care 24 hours a They provide medical services and routine, ongoing care such as feeding, preparing meals, bathing, dressing, grooming, transferring, and walking.

> Once you determine the type of long-term care most beneficial to your situation, research the facilities or services in your area. If you are looking for a residential facility, it may be helpful to use a facility that is near your family or friends. However, you should select several facilities to compare. Some are much better than others. Ask a trusted physician for recommendations, or talk to family and friends about their experiences.

Once you narrow your choices, visit the facilities in person to evaluate the

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environment. Simple observations such as smell and appearance should be taken into account. Take some time to talk to staff and residents.

The State of Texas inspects nursing facilities once a year. Ask for the most recent survey report, which the facility is required to post. Most

facilities have some violations, but this does not necessarily mean they provide poor care.

Strict standards exist for items such as nursing care, quality of life, dietary services, and safety concerns. You should review the report closely for infractions in these areas.

Ask questions such as: What is the ratio of nurses and nurse's aides to patients?

How many complaints have been made against your facility? What kind of turnover do you have for nurses and nurse's aids? Ask to see the facility's policy for emergency care and any other areas that apply specifically to your or your loved one's medical condition. DHS also inspects HCSSAs on a periodic basis, and the inspection results are required to be made available when requested under the Public Information Act. You can ask service providers questions such as: Does the agency provide services in your part of town? Does the agency have substitute staff when the regular staff is out? What are the normal hours of operation and what services

are available after hours and on holidays?

What are the policies regarding emergencies? You should also inquire into billing practices and whether they accept Medicare and Medicaid.

The majority of long-term care providers are caring individuals who provide excellent service to their clients. By knowing what to look for, families can make sure that their loved ones receive the best care possible.

For information about long-term care providers or to file a complaint about a long-term care facility: Department of Human Services (800) 458-9858 or on the Web at www.dhs.state.tx.us

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be supported by the market. Mandatory programs are only needed when consumer demand will not pay for the increased costs."

Discussions with USDA officials have convinced TSCRA and TCFA leaders that cow/calf and stocker operators along with cattle feeders will be required to maintain extensive and auditable records to ensure compliance with the law.

Morales said many cattlemen question the intent of mandatory COOL. "Maybe it was adopted to create trade barriers for imported feeder animals from Canada and Mexico. We should think twice about discriminating against our Canadian and Mexican neighbors. Mexico was the largest importer of U.S. beef and beef products last year. We cannot afford to jeopardize this market with artificial trade barriers that create retaliation against our products."

cover such costs," McCan said.

He went on to point out cow/calf and stocker producers are in the uncertain position of owning calves which must comply with a law which goes into effect September 2004, for which regulations have not been written.

Commodity producers from Texas and the Southwest addressed Undersecretary Bill Hawks and TDA Commissioner Susan Combs. The majority of the agricultural producers who testified were opposed to the mandatory program. Nearly two-thirds of the speakers cited the onerous burden of recordkeeping, the crippling expense of reconfiguring meat processing businesses; the threat of stiff penalties; and the likely prospect of having to significantly alter their foreign purchases of cattle and fed calves, leading to worries of reciprocal action with foreign

As a consumer information law, McCan pointed out COOL fails to meet that purpose. "Approximately 80 percent of foreign beef consumed in the U.S. is through foodservice or processed products."

Since these two categories are exempt from country-of-origin labeling, consumers will seldom be able to actually identify and choose U.S. beef on a restaurant

trading partners.

Of the minority who support mandatory COOL, the common thread of their comments appeared to be the "yes, but " approach. While they approved of the intent of the law, they seemed alarmed at the burdensome record-keeping which appears to be necessary to comply with the law as written.

