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## Comptroller slams Perry's school funding plan

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn on Monday released her financial analysis of Gov. Rick Perry's school finance proposal, which would be the largest tax hike in Texas history, and is \$200 million short of the governor's promised property tax relief and would force the next Legislature to increase taxes by at least \$2.6 billion.

"Perry's plan is a mess," she said. "In fulfilling my responsibility as Comptroller, I was asked by the chairman of the House Ways and

Means Committee to analyze what Rep. Warren Chisum laid out as Gov. Perry's proposed school finance plan. The Governor's plan would result in the largest tax increase in Texas history, is short \$200 million this biennium and will force the next Legislature to increase taxes by at least \$2.6 billion."

In 1987, Texas imposed what was then the largest tax increase in history when taxes went up \$6.1 billion for the state's 1988-89 budget cycle. Perry's plan would in-

crease taxes \$6.8 billion for the upcoming 2006-07 period. And not one penny is included for education.

Next fiscal year, 2006, Perry's plan would increase taxes \$3.1 billion and reduce property taxes \$3.1 billion. The following year, taxes would increase \$3.7 billion and property taxes would be reduced \$3.9 billion — leaving a \$200 million shortfall.

Strayhorn said that Perry's plan promises to increase property tax relief in the years after 2007, but

he has provided no way of paying for it. His plan promises \$23.7 billion in tax relief over five years, but what he is really doing is writing a \$5.3 billion hot check and leaving future legislatures — and Texas taxpayers — to pick up the bill. That will force the 80th Legislature to increase taxes \$2.6 billion when it meets in regular session in 2007 to budget for 2008-09, or forego the promised property tax relief.

"This is the second plan Gov. Perry has offered up and, like the

first, it simply does not add up," Strayhorn said.

Strayhorn called on Perry to pull down this plan, regroup and try again. "Legislators should not be put in the awkward position of voting for a plan that simply does not work," she said. "The Governor needs to go back to the drawing board and give Texans a plan that works. Calling the Legislature abruptly back into session without a plan, without a direction and without a clue is no way to govern this state."

## A day at the dairies



The crowd wasn't as big as organizers would have liked, but those taking the tours of E&M and Spandet dairies on Saturday made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers.

Approximately 30 Castro County citizens either took the bus provided at the courthouse on Saturday or went on their own to tour the two dairies. At top, some of the tour group from Dimmitt watch the carousel, filled with cows being milked, turn at Spandet Dairy, owned by Laurens and Ilona Schilderink. At right, Maria Dyksterhuis, who with her husband Evert, own and operate E&M Dairy, talks about the parallel system of milking. At each dairy, ice cream and milk were served and all kinds of information, including recipes, about dairy products were handed out.



## Town meeting set to discuss organizing Boys and Girls Club

By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

A town meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a Boys and Girls Club of America in Dimmitt is set for 7 p.m., Thursday, July 7, at City Hall.

Jon Riddle, one of the organizers of the meeting, said everyone is invited.

"We're going to talk about the possibility of bringing this organization to Dimmitt," Riddle said. "They bring a lot of resources to the table as far ideas and money."

"I think what we'd like to do is to provide an environment of learning and fun after school. It will involve homework assistance, games, even scholarship and career advice."

Riddle said the group looks to give latchkey kids or kids who need direction a place to go after school.

"One of the things we're looking at is bridging a gap between parents and school," he said. "Anyone interested should come to the meeting, because it's of benefit to the businesses in town, as well. People chose where they live based on schools. If we don't have good schools, people aren't going to live here."

"The problem is bigger than the schools; it requires community involvement. The community needs to step up and get involved."

For information, contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524 or Jon Riddle at Dimmitt Pharmacy, 647-3151.

## Commissioners OK agreement with Hale Co. Development

By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Castro County Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution in which Hale County Development Commission is financing certain solid waste components at Vanderham Dairy No. 2.

This isn't the first such resolution the commissioners have approved, said

County Judge Bill Save.

"The county has received about four such applications," he said. "It costs Castro County nothing and the county makes sure that each resolution includes a phrase that says 'Castro County shall have no liability for the payment of the bonds, nor shall any of its assets be pledged to the

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## Gross sales taxes up for Castro County

The State Comptroller of Public Accounts has released a state sales and use tax analysis by country for the retail trade division, showing that Castro County has increased its share between the final quarter of 2003 and the same period in 2004.

The report shows the number of outlets and the gross sales for those outlets during those periods.

In Castro County, the number of outlets was up seven, from 133 to 140 in the one-year time-frame.

The gross sales for the See TAXES, Page 2

## Speaker scheduled for Friday event

By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

The Chamber of Commerce, with the help of Castro County, have gotten together and planned a recognition of Independence Day for the noon hour, 12 to 1 p.m., Friday, July 1, at the

Gazebo on the courthouse square, said Chamber of Council president Roger Malone.

"It's going to be fairly informal, just a prayer time, patriotic music, raising the flag," Malone said. "Everyone can bring their lunch. This year, the way

everything is taking place, we didn't have anything planned for July Fourth. But (County) Judge (Bill) Sava and I got to talking and got to thinking that we still have people over in Iraq and Afghanistan and we need

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# Forum

## Education reform should be a priority

By **BILL HAMMOND**

Whether legislators will return to Austin for a special legislative session is no longer in question, but how to deal with school finance is still the Capital City's hottest guessing game this season.

Will legislative leaders agree on a new way to fund public schools?

Can Governor Rick Perry's brokering produce an

agreement that brings all sides to the table?

While the school finance question is still anyone's guess, one education issue is clear:

Texas must take action to bolster our schools and enhance excellence. Education reform was one unfortunate victim of the just-concluded legislative session.

Sweeping changes by state Rep. Kent Grusendorf (R-Arlington) and state Sen. Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) were approved by the House and Senate but died in conference committee in the session's waning hours. Chairmen of their chamber's respective public education committees, Sen. Shapiro's and Rep. Grusendorf's proposals would have put teeth into the term "local control."

Their legislation would have introduced higher standards of accountability and transparency to our public schools. This is not to say that solving the financing equation for schools is not paramount. It is.

Yet addressing other needs in public education should be no less a priority. Resolving one creates an opportunity to address the other.

Both are vitally important for the future of Texas schoolchildren and their ability to compete in a rapidly evolving workplace.

Why the urgency? In short, many of our schools are not making the grade.

Our children are not getting the education they need and deserve. Their future — and ours — is literally at stake. Quality education means having a workforce prepared and capable of getting the job done.

But to get there, kids need to have the proper tools. It's that simple. Unfortunately, education reform is anything but simple.

Consider these three key issues.

First and foremost is holding educators accountable for performance and results. Texas should have a strong rating

system that allows the true story to be told about schools that are failing. Schools that perpetually turn in a poor performance should be restructured or shut down quickly. There also should be a firm criteria and strict limit to the number of schools reaching "exemplary" status.

Another issue that deserves our focus is financial accountability. The Legislature should institute a system that distinguishes among the districts' varying levels of financial performance and correlates spending to academic outcomes. Taxpayers might be surprised to learn that more money doesn't always mean better results.

Last but certainly not least is rewarding teachers for the success of their students. Any pay-for-performance measure must be one that identifies and rewards excellence, aimed at campuses with a high population of economically disadvantaged students.

In recent years, hundreds of hours have been spent debating education reform.

During the recently concluded legislative session, lawmakers tried mightily to overhaul the system so kids would gain the needed tools to pursue a trade or further their education. It would be a travesty not to complete the mission, not to pass meaningful reform.

If these issues are not addressed, then legislators will enter the next election cycle having passed a budget that spends \$3 billion more on education with no guarantee of results. Education is a big ticket item in Texas, and taxpayers demand raising the bar, not just on student performance but on teacher performance and administrative efficiency. The future, as they say, is here.

Let's take the steps now to help ensure our kids are ready.

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*Bill Hammond is President and CEO of the Texas Association of Business, which represents 140,000 small and large businesses in Texas.*

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## TAXES

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2003 final quarter were \$20,179,617. For the fourth quarter for Castro County in 2004, gross sales were up more than \$4.6 million, to \$24,813,983.

Earlier this week, the Comptroller announced that the state received \$1.45 billion in sales tax revenue in May, up 10.7 percent, compared to May 2004. Strayhorn sent \$344.8 million in June sales tax

allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.2 percent compared to last June. Since January, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 6.8 percent ahead of last year. The Comptroller said May's 10.7 percent increase in sales tax collections follows an 8.1 percent decline in April, but does not indicate an economic shift. Adjusting for the Comptroller's successful tax amnesty program in 2003, April state sales tax revenue increased 3.6 percent compared to April 2004. The Comptroller sent June sales tax allocations of \$233.4 million to Texas cities, up 5.5 percent compared to June 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 7

percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$20.3 million, up 6.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 9.8 percent higher than last year. Another \$9.9 million went to 97 special purpose taxing districts around the

state, up 15.8 percent compared to last June. Ten local transit systems received \$81 million in sales tax allocations, up 7.5 percent compared to a year ago.

State sales tax collections in May and local sales tax allocations in June represent sales that occurred in April and were reported to the Comptroller in May.

## NAZ NEWS

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Fritz and Julene Gerber hosted a farewell party for their granddaughter, Danielle Wilhelm, daughter of Neal and Colleen Wilhelm of Wichita Falls. Danielle is headed to North Carolina State at Raleigh, N.C. on July 1. Many family members; Nazareth friends; friends from her high school, Notre Dame in Wichita Falls; and also college basketball players and friends from South Plains College, Levelland, came.

Danielle just returned from Orlando, Fla., where she was named the 2005 National Alliance of Two-Year Collegiate Athlete of the Year with a 3.76 GPA. She averaged 14.9 points and 7.3 rebounds per contest at SPC, where she started in all 35 games.

Her family and friends all wished her Good Luck!

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Please pray for all of our sick people and those serving in our Armed Forces, especially those in Iraq.

**Last Puzzle Solution**  
A crossword puzzle solution grid with words filled in. The grid is shaped like the state of Texas. The words are: WORK, ACOT, COMO, ONAN, ANAN, SOI, IGALIN, ROTATOR, MARGIE, TRIBUNE, ATTEND, BLOFAC, GENT, ESTA, ADMIRE, COALS, ATEN, JIROUCHEWARD, RATILBOU, TIGES, SHERBERTS, SLAVES, ER, MOP, ALTER, ANA, MESS, TRIS, OKS, ILL, TEE. S-703

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Amarillo TV station
- 5 Baldwin of film "Aviator" about TX Hughes in Starr Co. on 83
- 7 TXism: "shaking like \_\_\_ dog"
- 8 TX state fair icon: "Big \_\_\_"
- 9 oil leakage results in ground \_\_\_
- 16 this Estrada starred with TX Fairchild in "Honeyboy"
- 18 TAAS replaced "Texas Assessment \_\_\_ Skills"
- 21 state of Rangers foe Angels (abbr.)
- 22 TX Roger Miller tune: "\_\_\_ Me"
- 23 TXism: "\_\_\_ it or lose it"
- 24 "Ma's" sec. of state: Emma G. \_\_\_
- 30 with 47-across, TX Ranger expression he was "Mingo" when TX Fess was "Daniel" (init.)
- 35 Mason Co. feud: "\_\_\_ War"
- 36 TX Borden of milk condensing fame
- 37 TX cafeteria big Dallas hotel on Stemmons
- 43 TXism: "\_\_\_ and his money are soon parted"
- 44 Charles \_\_\_ probably created TX soft drink
- 45 Rangers leag.
- 46 fireplace tube
- 47 start of 30-across
- 49 early TXNs
- 52 former Astro GM Smith
- 53 Emmy \_\_\_ Harris has recorded with TXNs Orbison, Lovett, & Nelson
- 54 primp
- 55 Breckenridge is seat of this county
- 58 de-twist a rope
- 59 San Angelo was named for a \_\_\_
- 60 once a giant communications co. (abbr.)
- 61 distress signal
- 12 famous TX ranch in the Valley
- 13 name of blank in 59-across
- 14 TX Gale Storm's "\_\_\_ Honeymoon"
- 15 flightless bird raised in TX
- 17 "Killeen \_\_\_" (h.s. mascot)
- 19 TXism: "\_\_\_ head for something besides a hat rack"
- 20 spotted childhood disease
- 24 late Ranger sport-caster Holtz (init.)
- 25 Rice's 1st pres. Lovett (init.)
- 26 TXism: "\_\_\_ owl"
- 27 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ stove"
- 28 in Runnels Co. on hwy. 67
- 29 TXism: "it's the \_\_\_ truth"
- 31 TXism: "had to \_\_\_ my words"
- 32 Grande
- 33 chip brand by TX-based Frito-Lay
- 38 former Fort Worth mayor Bob
- 40 TX Carol Burnett birth month (abbr.)
- 41 a brother of TX George W.
- 42 trunked mammals
- 48 ballerina skirt
- 50 poker three card
- 51 XIT Ranch once encompassed \_\_\_ counties
- 56 in Ellis Co. on I-45
- 57 Disney dog or very small TX town

**WEATHER**

	Low	High	Prec.	Snow
Monday	92	61		
Tuesday	90	58		
Wednesday	91	58		
Thursday	91	62		
Friday	91	63		
Saturday	89	60		
Sunday	89	57	.08	

June Rainfall ..... 2.91  
2005 Rainfall ..... 9.62  
2005 Snow ..... 3.90 inches

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# On the Go

As I wrote late week, the Garden Gate Tour, sponsored by the was very successful. Here is a list of the winners from the drawings sponsored

by a number of business: Lynn Lankford, Amarillo, wind chimes, Caryn's Hallmark Shop; Laura Wimberly, Hereford, decorative pillows, Dorothy's Decorating; Jenna Simons, Hereford, tin shelf, Dimmitt Pharmacy; Eddie Duncan, Dimmitt, wreath, Seale Florist; Theresa Artho, Hereford, iron garden bench, Terry's Floral; Cheryl Weatherly, Friona, tree, Lone Star Home and Garden Center;

The directors of the Center would like to thank the following business for the sponsorship: Ray Lee Equipment; Rafter 3 Feedyard; Dimmitt Pharmacy and Seale Florist as well as garden owners, Jan Fleet, Coby and Connie Gilbreath and Frank and Judy Welch.

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Bertha Thompson was honored with a farewell party recently. She has moved to a retirement village near Dallas. Bertha and her daughter, Lyndell Sinclair, are living in a new apartment complex.

Those attending were Sue Howell, Bobbie Baldrige, Dorothy Self, Mozelle Odom, Mozelle Lilley, Glendora Clark, Bernice Hill, Elois McMasters, Louise Mears, Sue Phillips, Sandra Nelson and the hostesses, Gertie Waggoner, Billie Kirby and Dorothy Hopson.

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Myrtle Lois Moran has recently returned home from a trip to visit her children. She went to Dallas to her son, Scott and his wife, Sharon's, home for their daughter Angela's graduations from Texas A&M University. Scott is a 1968 DHS grad.

From Dallas, she flew on to Atlanta, Ga., to visit her daughter Pat and Pat's husband, Terry Tanner. From

## Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, amigos! Hello, friends. Se esta poniendo caliente. It's getting hot.

Sometimes I just dread the drive back and forth to Hereford everyday. I am just thankful that I work in a cool office. Well, I can't believe that June is almost gone. I've been so busy at work that I haven't had much time to get out and gather news. Thank goodness for e-mail.

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Sylvia Perez-Guerra and Dr. Cesar Guerra have had a busy summer. The two spent a week in Arlington and enjoyed the Texas Rangers vs. Washington Nationals (aka the Montreal Expos) game. Sylvia said she had her baseball glove ready in case any fly balls came her way. Dr. Guerra and Sylvia also got together with Dr. Guerra's five sons for Father's Day. After their stay in Arlington, they made their way to Seattle, Wash., for the Seattle Seahawks vs. Dallas Cowboys game. (Good thing Josh didn't know or he would of tagged along). They were extremely excited because their 7-year-old granddaughter, Alyssa, attended the cheerleading camp and actually cheered on the sidelines during the game. Sylvia says that they felt especially proud when little Alyssa performed with the other cheerleaders during the halftime performance - what an honor. Alyssa is going to have some really great summer vacation stories when she goes back to school.

After their stay in Seattle, the Guerras will return to Amarillo and begin planning and preparing for the Perez family reunion and golf tournament. This year, the reunion is being held in San Juan, Texas. Wow, what a summer and it's only just begun.

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Josh and I attended my best friend, Elizabeth Lopez's wedding this weekend and had a great time. Elizabeth is the daughter of Pilar and Tina Lopez. They lived in the Dimmitt area for many years and still have friends and family here. Elizabeth married Gary Velasquez on Saturday, June 18, at San Theresa's Catholic Church in Friona. They had a beautiful and touching ceremony in which they included members of their families who are no longer living. After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a great meal of carne guisada, rice and beans. The dance was held in Muleshoe. Liz and Gary had a great time dancing with friends and family all night long. The music was great, the DJ did a great job of including everyone's favorite songs. Liz and Gary shared their first dance together as a married couple to "Obsession" by Frankie J. I had a few minutes to chat with my friend, Liz, before her husband stole her away and she said that her wedding was everything she had dreamed of and she was so happy that she has found the love of her life. After the dance, she and her family made it back home to Friona to finish off the celebration, it was by the way her 28<sup>th</sup> birthday and Father's Day. I'll have to give her a call to see how things went.

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Don't forget, there is still time to get involved in this year's annual ICC Jamaica. Whether you're good at cooking or you want to try something crafty this year, get involved. If you've got any questions, contact ICC church and you're sure to get some answers.

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I'd like to remind everyone of the deadlines for the Hispanic voice. I need information by Thursday or Friday at the latest if you want it in the following week.

I know it's confusing, but that's how it works. Also, I'd like to remind everyone that I can't write up invitations in my articles.

But of course, I'll be more than happy to talk about the event afterward. There's been a bit of confusion and I don't want to leave anyone's info out. So, if you have an important event coming up, make sure to contact eh Castro County News in plenty of time.

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Bueno, esto es todo para esta semana. Well that's all for this week.

Don't forget to send me your info to [angie79027@hotmail.com](mailto:angie79027@hotmail.com) or call 647-0106 or 346-3882. Have a very safe and fun Fourth of July. I can't wait to get the grill fired up and enjoy some carnitas (steaks) and the fireworks. Hasta leugo.

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Atlanta, her next stop was Columbia, S.C. to see her great-grandchildren, Kati and Benjamin and her grandson Jamin and his wife, Andrea. Jamin is a NBC weather man.

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Phyllis and Al Jackson, their daughter, Janice Kay and her husband, Gerald Davis, have recently returned from a trip to Alaska. They gathered up Gerald's cousins, Jim and Norma Davis at Redding, Calif., and traveled on to Seattle. Their ports of call were Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan, Alaska.

The fog was thick at Ketchikan, so they couldn't see the glaciers, but they had a wonderful time. Janice Kay celebrated a birthday while on the cruise and decided it was a great way to get older!

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Deanne Sowder called from Lubbock to inform me that I had deleted Naomi Ponce's name on those attending the farewell party for Linda Langford at Kay Kellar's last week. Thanks for setting me straight.

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It's time to be making plans for the Fourth of July. As we

Dimmitt people celebrate our nation's birthday on Friday, July 1, at 1 p.m., bring your own lunch and join in at the gazebo for prayer for our troops and our nation, a flag raising, patriotic songs and your sack lunch.

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I grew up in Hedley, Texas. It's about 14 miles from Clarendon. Those Clarendon people know (and maybe still do) how to celebrate. Flip Breedlove, the Donley County agent was "king" of the barbecue dinner that was served at the Clarendon County Club every year. There was always a parade and lots of celebrating. When I moved up here to wheat harvest country, people were almost too busy to acknowledge the holiday. As we celebrate our nation's birthday, let us always be grateful for our forefathers who wrote: "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves, do ordain this Constitution of the United States of America."

See you are the gazebo at 1 p.m., Friday, July 1.

## Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

This was a busy week as most of us gathered items for our annual city-wide garage sale.

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A bridal shower for Katherine Huseman, bride-elect of Bob Fisher, was held Saturday evening at the home of her daughter, Peggy Ramaekers in Canyon. It was quite a different show with an evening of manicures, messages, food and Margaritas! Monette Schilling gave the manicures and a friend of Peggy's gave the messages. Katherine's co-workers at the Tulia Bank, friends and family members really had an evening of fun!

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Don and Betty Ackers' four children surprised their dad with a birthday party at the Nazareth Senior Citizens Center on Saturday afternoon. The event was attended by all the Acker families and Leinen in-laws, with a few card-playing friends and classmates. A delicious meal was catered and a good time was had by all.

Since Betty's brother, Jim Leinen, flew in from California, it was easy to get Don to the vent as he thought he was going to a Leinen family reunion.

Don thanks everyone present for making his day to special with the gifts, cards and "buckets." The "blind hog" was also a very special gift.

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The Stork sisters, Vi Pohlmeier of Tulia, Dorothy Pohlmeier, Dolores Heiman and Virgie Gerber, spent Wednesday in Lubbock with another sister, Evelyn Hill. A very enjoyable day!

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The Home Merc Board sponsored a Steak Dinner and Raffle on Saturday evening at the Home Merc. They served 125 plates. Later, music at the City Park was provided by Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld and son, Matt. Raffle winners were Carol Kern, who won the lighted cross, made by Bud McLean; a painting donated by Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia was won by Matt King and Lori Wilhelm won the white Afghan made by Bertha Klein. All proceeds will be used for the computer classroom renovations in the Home Merc.

Allen Dobmeier, president, thanked everyone for coming, the cooks who prepared the meal and Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld. He said plans are being made for their big fundraiser in January, 2006.

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Todd and Heidi Benway and their children, Chandler, Tatum and Dax, from Wichita, Kan., spent the weekend with the Cory Hoelting family. They enjoyed Wonderland Park in Amarillo and a day at Lake Kensie.

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Madison Hoelting played on the Rangers machine-pitch baseball league in Tulia this summer. She has now been picked for the All-Star Tournament in Floydada.

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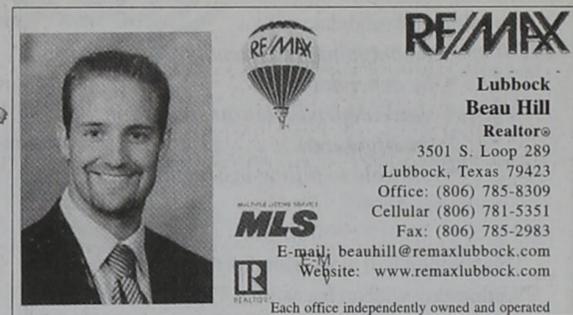
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### Card of Thanks

To all our friends and family:

*We would like to thank you for all your kindnesses during the recovery of our loved ones after an automobile accident. Your prayers, cards, visits, food and contributions have been such a comfort to our entire family as we continue to heal from the accident. May God bless each of you for the gift of friendship, love and prayers you've given us during a time when we needed each and every one of them to see us through. Thank you again,*

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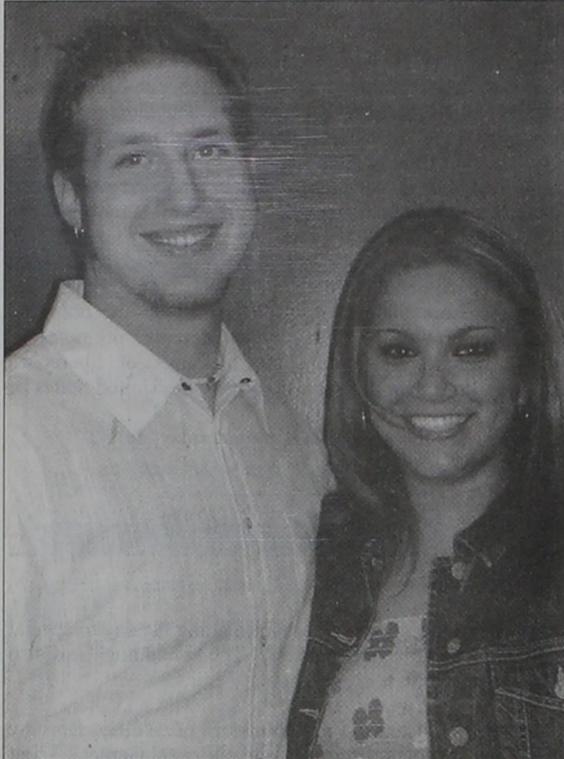
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# People



**Jacob Ethan Loudder & Hannah Joelle Bryant  
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The parents of Hannah Joelle Bryant and Jacob Ethan Loudder have announced the couple's engagement and approaching marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Bobby and Ruby Bryant of San Marcos. She is a 2004 graduate of San Marcos Baptist Academy. The prospective groom is the son of Lance and Terri Loudder of Dimmitt. He is a 2002 graduate of Lazbuddie High School. No date has been set for the wedding.

## Buckley-Zimmerman feted with shower

A shower for the bride-elect of Derek Buckley, Whitney Zimmerman, was held Saturday, June 25, at the home of Niki Riddle. The table was laid with a floral table square. In its center was a two-tier fountain filled with petit greenery. The centerpiece was accented with crystal candle blocks. Mini chocolate eclairs, petits fours and ham and cheese spirals were served with iced tea. Special guests were Pam Zimmerman, mother of the bride-elect and Lillian Tipton, grandmother of the bride-elect, both of Lovington, N.M.; Vicki Buckley, mother of the prospective groom, Betty Carpenter, his grandmother and Ann Carpenter, his great-grandmother, all of Dimmitt. The couple was presented with a grill by the hostesses.

## Whittle honored with shower held June 25

A wedding shower honoring Becca Whittle, bride-elect of James Wilhite, was held Saturday, June 25, in the home of Sara Hill. Honored out-of-town guests who were relatives of the prospective groom were Tammy Long, Amherst, mother; Nadine Wilhite, Clovis, grandmother; Roxie Burnett, Amarillo, aunt; Twila Lusk, Clovis, aunt; and Tracy Smothermon, Amarillo, cousin. The mother of the bride-elect, Rosemary Whittle from Gatesville, also attended. The table was covered with a bright floral cloth and the serving dishes were assorted pieces of pottery. Cinnamon rolls, chocolate dipped strawberries and sausage balls were served with strawberry punch. There were 35 hostesses assisting Mrs. Hill and the gift for the couple was their bedding selections, consisting of a duvet cover and accessories. The wedding is planned for July 23, at First United Methodist Church in Plainview. The couple will live in Plainview after the honeymoon.

## What's the Law?

### Bad roommate is not legal justification to break lease

**Q.** My daughter recently signed a one-year lease. Since she and her roommate signed the lease, her roommate's personality has changed. My daughter is afraid to live with her. Is this a valid reason for them to break the lease?

**A.** Your daughter's problems with her roommate are between her and her roommate, not the landlord. The fact that they do not get along does not give them the right to terminate the lease. The only way they can be released from their obligation under the lease is if the lease says this is a valid reason, or the landlord agrees.

**Q.** Is it legal for a business to ask for my social security number when I cash a check?

**A.** Yes it is legal, but a new law may protect you in the future. Under a new law that takes affect in the fall, a business may ask for your social security number only if it has established procedures and policies to protect the privacy of the information. In my opinion, however, you should never give anyone your social security number when using a check

or credit card. It is not necessary for identification, and can easily be used for identity theft. My suggestion is to refuse to disclose your social security number, and shop somewhere else if the merchant requires it.

**Q.** I want to be cremated after I die. I also would like my ashes destroyed. I am concerned that my family will not follow my wishes. What can I do to insure that my remains are disposed of the way I want?

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**Q.** I work for a department store. Can my employer require me to take a drug test?

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For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, will be the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. Other anniversaries may be charged for.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of immediate family, including grandparents and great-grandparents.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and names of special or out-of-town guests.

A deadline of six months after an event will be the rule. Drop by for a form or send the information via e-mail to [editor@castrocountynews.com](mailto:editor@castrocountynews.com). Deadline is Monday noon.



# CHURCH NEWS



## Love at Philippi



**Brett Page**

Paul desired the folks at Philippi to have a certain kind of love. We know this because he tells us, "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgement" (Phil 1:9).

So we know the kind of love Paul desired for the church at Philippi.

He desired a progressive love.

Notice he said, "And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more:" (Phil 1:9).

There can be no doubt about his desire that they might have a greater love, that it might abound or overflow its banks.

Do we not sing a song, "More Love to Thee?" That song expresses a desire on our part to love more and more.

This is one of the things that a person cannot overdo. One will always have room to love more and more.

Also, Paul is asking for a love that is perceptive. Notice that in verse 10 he says, "Approve things that are excellent."

The fact that he wants them to love does not mean that they will give their

endorsement to everything that comes along asking for acceptance.

Our love cannot be blind to that which is not right, even though it may be embraced by someone we dearly love.

Paul then seeks a love that is productive.

He will say, "That you may be sincere and without offense until the day of Christ; being filled with the fruit of righteousness" (Phil 1:10-11).

Love is not merely something passive but is very active. It will produce some things in the life of one so motivated.

There will be sincerity. There is no shame, but the character will be able to stand the test.

There will also be a life of service as one is filled with the fruit of righteousness.

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

## COUNTY

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payment of the bonds.' " That's the only connection that Castro County has to the financing, Sava said.

In other action, commissioners:

\* Approved a bond for Deputy Glen Snitker

\* Agree to submit the application requesting unclaimed capital credits from electric cooperatives.

"The Comptrollers office can make allocation of that money back to the county," Sava said. "The court agreed to submit to the comptroller a request for the capital credits, usually is less than \$2,000, but it's still money we can use locally for certain projects."

\* Discussed and tabled revisions of the Castro County personnel policy manual.

\* Approved Valor Tele-

communications right-of-way permit for installation of a communication line across county Road 521 at a location 2,000 feet south of FM 194.

\* Approved a bid for a new motor grader for Precinct 3 at a cost of \$48,462 from Warren Caterpillar.

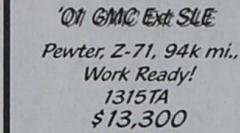
\* Set the first budget workshop of this year for 9 a.m., July 5, at the Ross Building.

\* Approved Republican election judges for the term beginning Aug. 1, 2005. They are: Pct. 101, alternate judge, Linda Merritt; Pct. 105, election judge, Sharon Sadler; Pct. 109, election judge, Darla Stewart; Pct. 201, election judge, Robin Gonzales; Pct. 206, election judge, Lynn Sides; Pct. 301, election judge, V.C. Hopson; Pct. 307, election judge, Vicki Richards; Pct. 401, election judges, Delores Heller and Cenci Hardee; Pct. 408, election judge, Irene Wilhelm; early voting, election judge, Patsy Franks.

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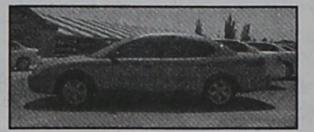
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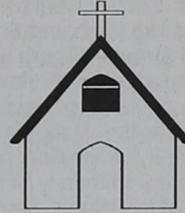
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## Choice Realty Ribbon Cutting

The owners of Choice Realty cut the ribbon at the new location, 315 E. Bedford on Thursday, June 23, aided by directors from the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Pictured, left to right are: Chaun Gunstream; Ann Widick; Robert Underwood; Don Cornett; Landon Porsch; Shirley Cornett; Jake Porsch; Kaden Hatla; Brenda Porsch; Evelyn Noble; Kelly Howell; and Mark Kleman. The office phone is 647-3003; cell phone is 647-6517.

## CALENDAR

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the field Sunday, July 3. All finals will be played on Monday, July 4.

Other tournament plans haven't been finalized as of yet, but teams interested in playing should contact Stacy M. Thompson at 272-3652 for more details.

Those interested in being a food vendor at the new city park on July 4 should also contact Stacy. No outside vendors will be allowed to set up at the park July 2-3, but the chamber concession stand will be open. There will be a minimal fee for food vendors setting up on the fourth. For

other inquiries about "Fun In Muleshoe On The Fourth," contact Chamber President Heather Foley at 272-4102 or any the chamber board members listed above.

### Breast Screening is July 7

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W Halsell, in Dimmitt on July 7.

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### German Fest in Nazareth is July 9

Enduring features of German culture in Nazareth will be on display at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nazareth German Festival on Saturday, July 9.

Folks who line up at the Community Hall for the German sausage meal from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. will receive a brochure, listing all the activities, plus a map with locations and times for all events. Tickets for adults will be \$7; children will be \$5. Frozen sausage will be available at 2 pounds for \$6 at the meal.

Pioneer Day at the Nazareth Museum will be a main attraction from 12:30-3:30 p.m. There will be demonstrations of lye soap making, sausage making, corn shelling, hand-kneaded bread making and washboard laundry butter churning at the Museum and Annex. Antique tractors and a row binder demonstration will also be on display along St. Mary's Street. In addition to an Arts & Crafts Show at the Band Hall starting at 10 a.m., the Home Mercantile Building will open a Community Art Exhibit along with Espresso Etc., selling delicious Italian sodas, smoothies, and ice coffees. Over at the Senior Citizen Center, there will be old German card games like Pitch and Solo, plus a place to find a dessert called Streudel. There will be Children's Waterslides and Barrel Rides on the lawn by City Hall, and Live Music Stage on the lawn near the Museum. Tours can also be taken in the Holy Family Catholic Church and the Nazareth Family Park. Armbands can be purchased for \$7 at the Community Hall. A new event this year will be the "Best of the Worst" Sausage Cook-off at 3 p.m. Anyone interested can buy tickets to sample the cuisine, and cast a vote for the best German sausage of the day. Teams interested in entering the contest can call Dwight Acker at (806) 945-2291. Festivities will be capped off by the Suds n' Sounds Concert at the Nazareth Community Ballpark. Gates open at 5pm, and the live bands perform at 6:30 p.m. -1a.m.. Headline act for the concert is Reckless Kelly. Proceeds from the day's events benefit the Knights of Columbus Charities and the Nazareth Community Hall. Admission is \$20 per person.

## Castro County Grand Jury indicts 10

A Castro County Grand Jury handed down 10 indictments on Tuesday, June 28.

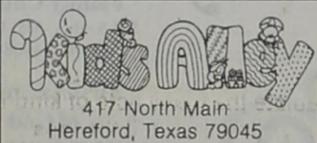
Those indicted include:

- \* Tashi E'lane Molinar, El Paso, possession of a controlled substance.
- \* Jose Antonio Rodriguez, Dimmitt, theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.
- \* Priscilla Rodriguez, Dimmitt, theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.
- \* Tito Salazar, Tulia, forgery of a financial instrument.
- \* Fernando C. Holguin, Hart, possession of a controlled substance under one gram.
- \* Michael Diaz, Hart, hindering apprehension or prevention of a known felon.
- \* Daniel Rodriguez Jr., Dimmitt, burglary of a habitation.
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# Community Calendar

## Relay For Life changes date again - to Aug. 13

The 2005 Castro County American Cancer Society Relay For Life has been moved from Friday, August 5 to Saturday, August 13 due to many scheduling conflicts, including the tax-free holiday weekend.

The theme for the upcoming event will be Survivor II, a follow-up of last year's canceled event, and will allow teams to use decorations left from last year. A costume and tent decorating contest will be held again this year with prizes being awarded to the winners.

The featured entertainment for the event will be karaoke, with local performers as well.

Many games are being planned for the event, including horseshoes, basketball throws, rock climbing and possibly a bicycle race.

Teams are still being sought. All team rosters are due by July 22.

For more information on the relay, contact Camille Williams at 647-2974 or Karron Smith at 647-1066.

## Blood drive is July 5 in Dimmitt

On Tuesday, July 5 Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host a blood drive at City Hall, 200 East Jones from 1 to 7 p.m. As a thank you, all donors will receive a red patriotic T-shirt and hot dogs will be served. To schedule an appointment please call 331-8800.

All blood types are needed, but in particular type "O".

Did you know that the number one use of blood products is for cancer patients? Did you know the second largest use is for every day surgery?

Most individuals believe that traumas or accidents use the most, and even though they may use a large amount at one time, it is the every day continual

use for cancer patients and surgeries that require daily amounts.

Please join us on the 5<sup>th</sup> and give the gift of life. To have any question answered about blood donation, please call 331.8800 or visit our web site, [www.thegiftoflife.org](http://www.thegiftoflife.org)

## Fund set up for Pena family

A fund has established for Sandy Pena and Madison Hill, who remain hospitalized in Lubbock following an accident several weeks ago. Anyone wishing to contribute may go by Hereford Federal Credit Union.

## Springlake sets July Fourth events

The Town of Springlake will be celebrating Independence Day on Monday, July 4. The parade will begin lining up at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building on South Hwy. 385 and will start at 6 p.m. on its way to the park at west Hwy. 70. All antique cars, antique tractors, floats, bicycles and horse clubs are welcome to come and join the parade. Activities at the park will include announcement of the parade awards and the Pioneer Award, a 42 tournament and the cake auction and the hamburger/hotdog supper which both benefit the Springlake Volunteer Fire Department. Live entertainment will be

provided throughout the evening by Guyle Roberson and Friends and Dr. Sidney Ontai, who is on staff with the Earth Medical Clinic and Doc Mayer, a cowboy poet who recently performed with Michael Martin Murphy. Fireworks will begin at dark. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and celebrate the Fourth.

For more information, call City Hall at 986-4211.

## Muleshoe seeks vendors for July Fourth celebration

July 4th vendors being sought. Fourth of July activities in Muleshoe have been moved to one centralized location Main Street. Businesses and vendors are being asked to set up outside businesses on Monday, July 4. Anyone interested in having a booth on Main Street for July 4 in Muleshoe should contact Carolyn Johnson at 272-5911 or Jim Ella Clemmons at 272-4726. A minimal fee is being charged for each booth participating. A BBQ cookoff is still in the works. Those who would like more details about this event should contact Terral King at The Connection Warehouse, 272-5532. The "Carrying On" committee of the chamber will be running this year's softball tournament at the new city park July 2-4. Saturday, July 2 will feature co-ed play and men only will take

This card of thanks is being reprinted due to a name being omitted

## Card of Thanks

We appreciate the many acts of kindness shown to our family since the loss of our beloved Don. Thank you for the delicious meal, phone calls, cards, flowers and visits. Your attendance at the graveside service helped to lessen our pain. All of our Dimmitt friends are such a blessing to us. We ask for your continued prayers. God Bless!

The family of Don Gregory  
Ellen, Keith, Linda, Taylor, Taryn and Tate  
Rebecca  
Carrol and Barbara  
Bill and Dalia

## Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

### NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION General Permit Authorization No. TXG920584

**APPLICATION.** LARRY ROBB, 1894 Farm-to-Market Road 168, Nazareth, Texas 79063 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for new CAFO authorization to operate a beef cattle feedlot facility at a maximum of 5,500 head in Castro County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on March 17, 2005. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The existing facility is located on Farm-to-Market Road 928, approximately 3 miles east of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 928 and Farm-to-Market Road 168 and this intersection being approximately 6.5 miles north of Hart in Castro County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit are available for viewing at Castro County Courthouse, County Clerk Office, 100 East Bedford, Room 101, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

**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 newspaper publication of this notice. For New, insert the following: In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

**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 general permit 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 website at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us)

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To La Herradura, Defendant, Greeting:

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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dimmitt, Texas, this is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2005.

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By **DIGGER ELAM**  
HISD Superintendent

State Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock has written a bill that has been signed by Governor Rick Perry that will affect teachers. Of course teachers that are already employed will be grandfathered out of these new provisions. Here are some of the new provisions from SB1691:

- \* Prohibiting districts from offering early retirement incentives to current employees
- \* Repeal of the 90 day waiting period for new employees
- \* New employees will have their pensions calculated based on their highest 5 years instead of 3 years of salary
- \* Must retire at age 60 to receive full benefits
- \* Cannot receive a partial lump sum option unless an



Digger Elam

employee has reached the "90" rule

- \* Schools share is increased from 0.5 to 0.65 percent of a salary
- \* School districts that hire "double-dippers" will have to pay TRS 12.4 percent of the payroll of the retired person being hired back
- \* Requiring that teachers or administrators hired back as bus drivers must actually drive buses only
- \* Teachers hired after January 1, 2006 may not enter the (Deferred Retirement Option Program) **DROP**

One positive note from this SB1691 is that no insurance increases are expected for retirees next year! Oh boy, I can hardly wait to retire!

## Obituary Policy

Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be in-



## Back from Vacation

The Carlos Triana family recently returned from a trip to Hawaii. Triana, his wife Delores and their sons, Juane, 8; J.J., 10; and Mazie, 11, left June 8 for Honolulu and returned June 22. While there, they visited the Triana's daughter and her husband, Raymond and Mary Ann Williams and their son, Sander, 6. Raymond is with the U.S. Navy, assigned to Pearl Harbor. Above, the family takes a tour of the Pearl Harbor memorial. Left to right: Sander, Mary Ann, Mazie, Carlos, Juane, Delores and J.J. at the U.S.S. Missouri.

## FRIDAY

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to take some time to say some prayers and remember why we're a free country." Sava said he's prevailed upon Lt. Col. Michael James Keller, who was in Iraq from February, 2003 to July, 2004, to come and speak those gathered at the gazebo on Friday.

While in Iraq, Keller was first in Babylon, then in Tikrit and finally in Baghdad. He's now assigned to the Public Health SME, 321<sup>st</sup>

Civil Affairs Brigade in San Antonio as a reservist. His civilian occupation is as chief executive officer, Allegiance Behavioral Health Center in Plainview. Keller has a BS in biology/chemistry and a BSN in nursing from WTAMU and a masters of business administration in healthcare administration from Wayland Baptist.

"I visited with Mr. Keller and he was telling me about some personal experiences he had in Iraq," Sava. "That I thought were extremely interesting. I feel at the time we're celebrating the birth of our nation, there are

other countries around this world that don't enjoy the same freedoms we do and we should take pride in our part in helping to assure that the people of the world have a taste of liberty.

"We'd love to have people come out, bring pictures of their children, if they have sons, daughters, grandchildren or any family members in the military at the present time, whether they're in Iraq or not. We'd especially like those with family in Iraq to share those with us at the gazebo so we can thank them for what they're doing for our country."

## OBITUARIES

### LESLIE G. LOUDDER

Graveside services for Leslie G. Loudder, 89, of Dimmitt, will be at 11 a.m., Friday, July 1, 2005, at Westlawn Memorial Park, Dimmitt with Larry Odom, assisted by Russell Mackey, officiating.

Mr. Loudder died June 26, 2005, at Bonham.

He was born Aug. 8, 1915, in Gunsight, the second son of W.E. and Nora Loudder.

The family moved to Sunnyside in 1929.

Mr. Loudder graduated from Dimmitt High School and later served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was wounded in battle in the Papua and New Guinea campaign in the South Pacific and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Battle Star, among other medals.

He married Jettie Faye Lowell in 1951 in Gunsight, where he'd moved to raise cattle.

The couple returned to Sunnyside and he lived there until failing health made it necessary to move. He was living at the Bonham VA at the time of his death.

Mr. Loudder was preceded in death by his parents and a son-in-law, Dene Gray.

He is survived by three daughters, Nancy Kirby and Lloyd Jasper of Amarillo; Paula Gray of Pottsboro; and Sandy and Larry Odom; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Alton Loudder of Sunnyside; and two sisters, Verba Sadler of Breckenridge and Earnestine "Teeny" Bowden of Dimmitt.

The family will receive family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, June 30, at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

The family asks that memorials be made to a favorite charity.

## What's the Law?

**Q.** My father died. In his will he left me a small percentage of his estate. What else am I entitled to? My brothers and sisters get much more.

**A.** Basically, the will determines how property is divided after death. If the will leaves you a small percentage of the estate that is what you are entitled to. It doesn't matter if other siblings receive more or less than you do. There is no law that says brothers and sisters must receive equal shares of the estate.

The only additional property you might be entitled to would be property left to you in a joint account or an account on which you were the beneficiary.

For example, your father might have a life insurance policy which names you as the beneficiary. The proceeds of that policy would go directly to you and would not be

part of the estate, distributed in accordance with the terms of the will.

**Q.** There was once a state law that said the date on a check paying a bill through the mail is legally the date the bill is paid. I have a dispute regarding a bill that I mailed before the due date, with a cancelled check dated before the due date. The creditor says the check was received after the due date and, therefore, late. Do I legally owe late fees and finance charges?

**A.** As far as I know, there never was a law that said the date on a check determines the date a bill is paid. A bill is paid on the date the check is received by the creditor, not the date on the check or the date it is mailed. Be sure to allow enough time for the check to be received by the creditor before the due date. If your check arrives after the due date, you will owe late fees and interest.

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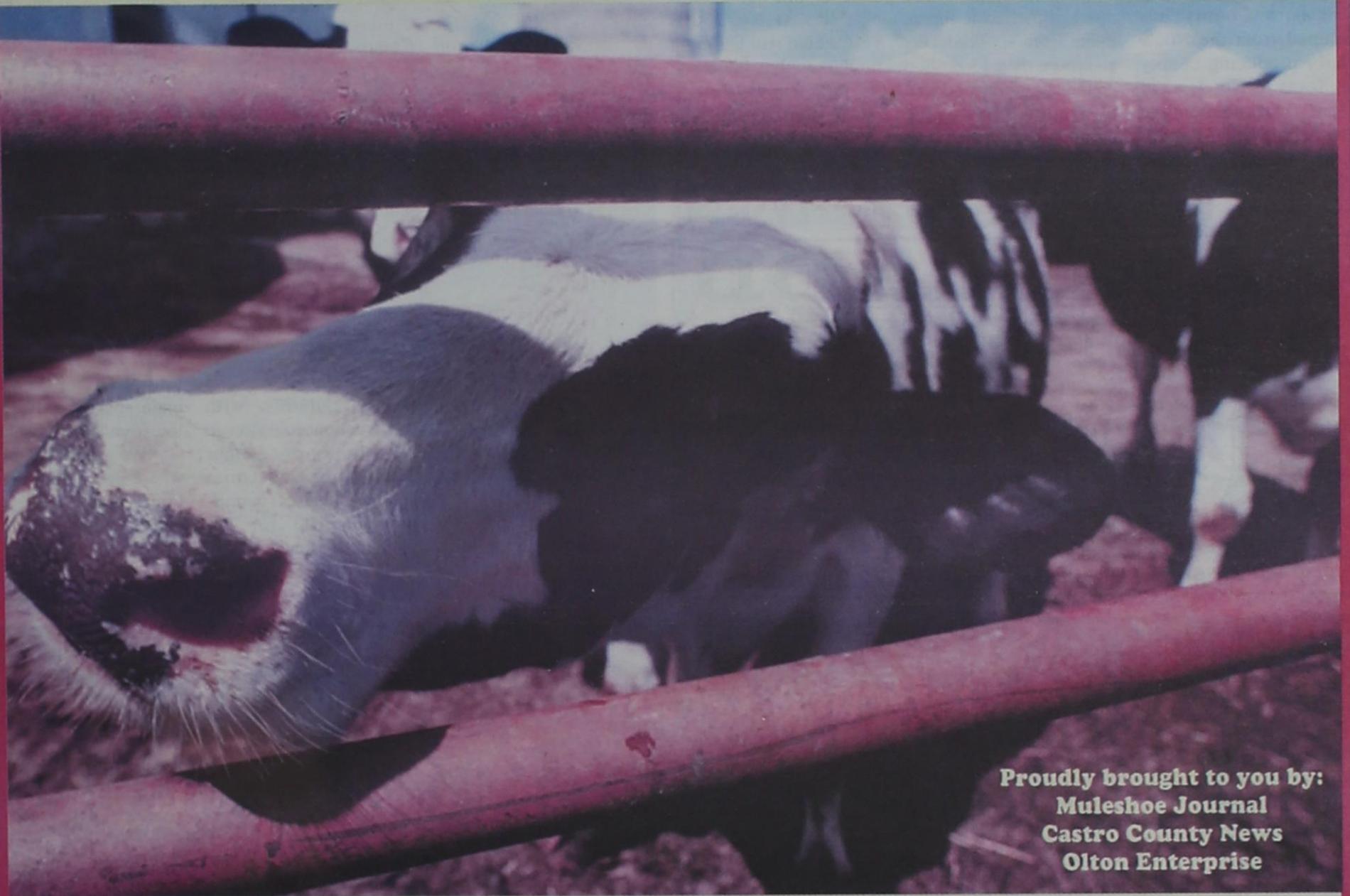


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# Area counties rank high in milk production

By Davie Browder  
Castro County News

Castro County has jumped from the No. 9 dairy producing county in Texas to No. 4, as of April, 2005, according to the Milk Market Report. Lamb County is ranked No. 5 with Bailey County at No. 9.

Obviously, Castro County has made the most significant jump, going from six producers and more than 13 million pounds of milk produced in 2004 to nine producers and more than 31 million pounds.

Last year, Lamb County was No. 4 with

eight producers and more than 29 million pounds of milk. At No. 5 this year, Lamb still has eight producers, but increased its milk production to more than 31 million pounds.

And Bailey County is making its premier on the list at No. 9 with seven

producers and more than 18 million pounds of milk.

Following are the top 10 Texas County in dairy production. They are listed by County, number of producers and pounds of milk.

1. Erath, 106; 109,811,558
2. Hopkins, 147; 48,915,024
3. Comanche, 34; 44,998,280
4. Castro, 9; 31,120,863
5. Lamb, 8; 31,069,270
6. Hale, 4; 27,309,654
7. Archer, 52; 19,685,703
8. Parmer, 6; 19,235,085
9. Bailey, 7; 18,387,769
10. Deaf Smith, 5; 17,488,761

According to the Milk Market Report, in the last 10 years, the Panhandle

has had a significant impact on where milk is produced in Texas. Compared to a list of Top 10 producers only 10 years ago, just four remain on the list in 2005, Erath, Hopkins, Comanche and Archer, as the six counties that are new from 10 years ago are all located in the Panhandle. In 1995, no Panhandle counties were on the list.

And nowhere is the growth more apparent than in Castro, Lamb and Bailey counties, with construction going on in all three on either additions or new dairies and more than 50 permits now on file for the Panhandle area.

Dairymen say that the environment in Texas,

especially in the Panhandle, is cow-friendly, as well as people-friendly.

"Moving from East Texas to the Panhandle meant that we could breed all year round," said Maria Dyksterhuis of E&M Dairy, west of Dimmitt. "The lack of humidity here helps our cows produce more, too. They don't dry up like they did in East Texas."

Dairymen moving into the area from California cite the wide-open spaces, as well as the friendly atmosphere.

"We wanted a place where we could raise our family and not be next door to a suburban area," Sandi Osterkamp of Osterkamp Dairy in

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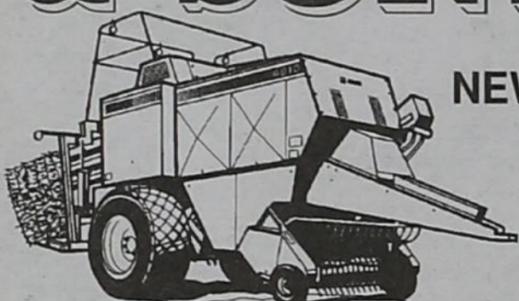
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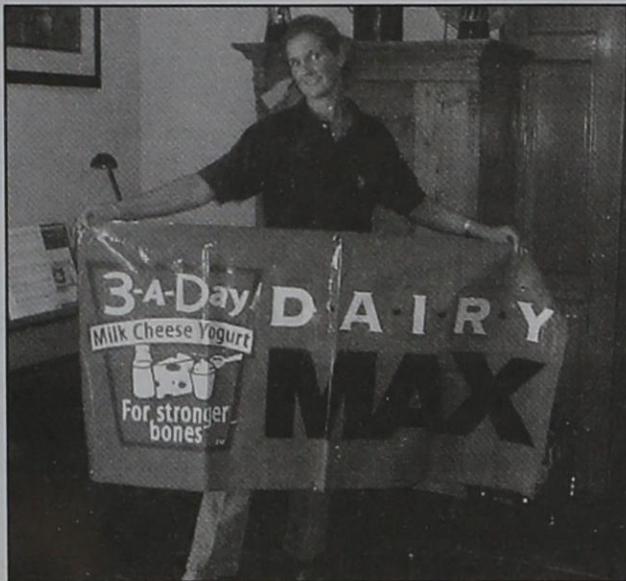
# Five-Star dairy expands

Teresa Kirk  
Olton Enterprise

When Case and Piertsje Vanderlei came to the United States in 1985 from a small town in Holland, Case found work at several dairies, unaware that just two short years later, the couple would open up their own dairy in the Sulfur Springs area.

Eventually, the Vanderleis would settle in Lamb County as owners of the Five-Star dairy, the second dairy built in the area, located on U.S. Hwy 84 just west of Amherst.

The path to Lamb County was not a straight one for this family. After operating a dairy in Sulfur Springs, the Vanderleis spent several



FIVE-STAR DAIRY OWNER PIERTSJE Vandelei reminds everyone to have three dairy servings a day to help build bone strength.

years at Stephenville in Central Texas as owners of another dairy. Environment problems in Central Texas motivated the Vanderlei family to

look for a new area to move their dairy. "The area has more food availability, better weather - no humidity," *Continued on page 46...*

## More about

...Milk production from page 2

Castro County said.

In April, 2005, 378 Texas dairies produced 367,980,967 pounds of milk or 65.17 percent of the milk in Texas. Average production per dairy for the Top Ten counties was 973,495 pounds in the month of April. Total Texas milk production for April, 2005, is 564,647,522 pounds produced by 776 dairies. The average daily production per dairy for Texas in April, 2005, was 727,639 pounds of 145.11 percent more than 10 years ago.

According to statistics, Castro County in 2004 produced about 1 percent of the milk marked in the state with Bailey and Lamb coming in a .91 percent. Castro County produced 235,067,272 pounds of milk in 2004, which included 8,714,363 pounds of butterfat. Bailey County produced 141,882,202 pounds of milk and 5,335,707 pounds of butterfat, while Lamb County had 354,965,486 pounds of milk and 13,100,606 pounds of butterfat.

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# Sunrise Farms:

## Five generations and still going strong

By Davie Browder  
*Castro County News*

NAZARETH - Mark Kleman is the brother at Sunrise Farms, east of town, who handles the dairy end of the families' business and he says he's just come by it naturally.

"We grew up there doing it and I've just stuck with it," he said.

"It's a hard life, but it's a good one. It's a lot of hard work. There are ups and downs like in everything else. Good times and bad times, that's all farming is. The weather makes a lot of difference."

Mark's parents, Dorothy Kleman and the late Alvin Kleman

started Sunrise Farms in 1970 with a purpose - to provide for the seven children.

The oldest sons, Dwayne, Mark and Joe, run a beef cattle business and the dairy at the family home. Gerald Braddock also helps out on the dairy side of things.

Dorothy Kleman was well acquainted with the dairy business when the family started Sunrise Farms.

Her grandfather had started out with a dairy in the Happy area and she grew up on it, so it seemed a natural to her and husband, Alvin.

"This farm, including our dairy operation, has let us send our six boys and daughter to college," she said. "It's provided us and our family a good living."

Now, a fifth generation is working at Sunrise Farm as Alvin and Dorothy's grandchildren spend time working at both operations. In addition, the Farm employees



SUNRISE FARM BUSINESS MANAGER Mark and wife, Judy, Kleman and daughters Samantha, Sarah and Amanda are fifth generation dairy farmers.

about 15 other employees. they buy all their stocker cattle for the beef cattle business.

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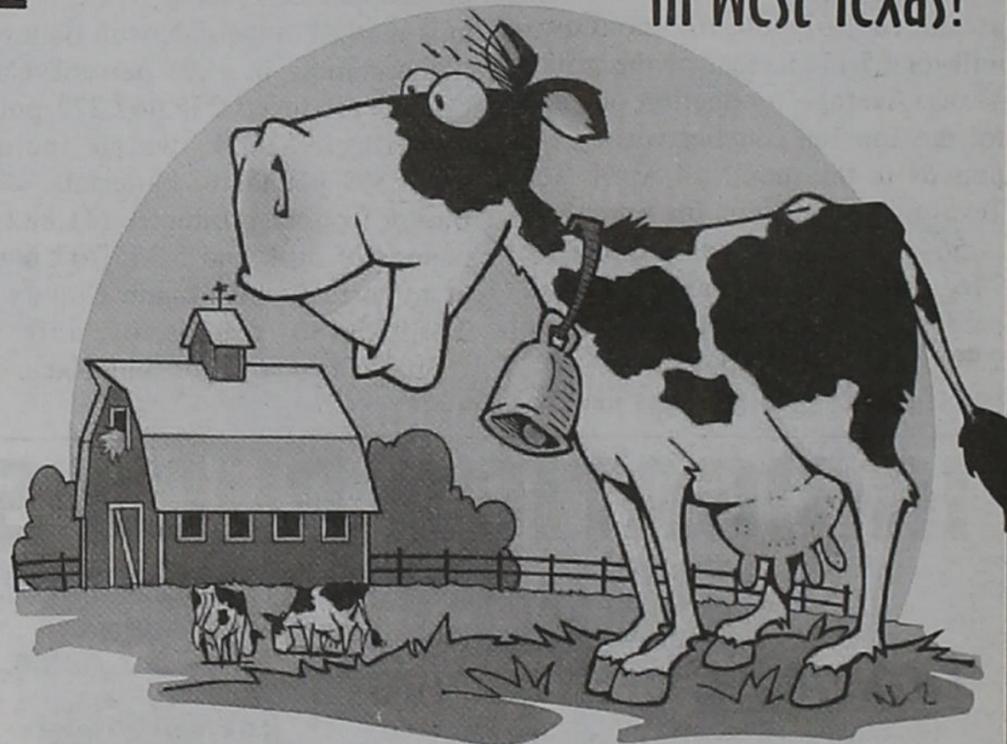
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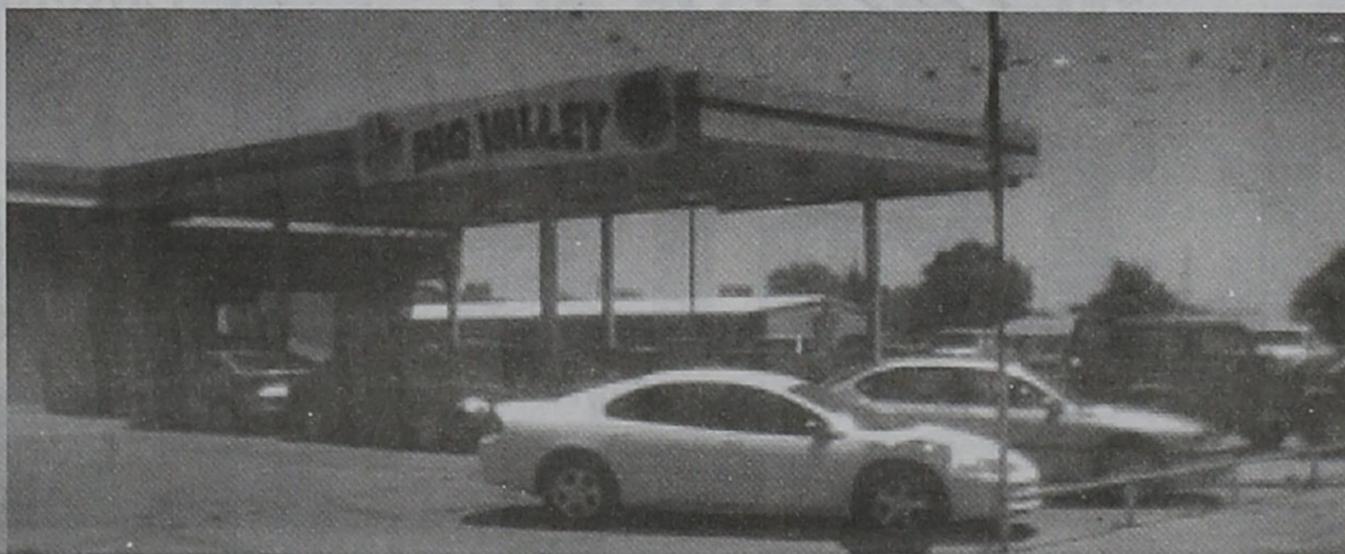
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# 3-H Progress Dairy new to West Texas

By Larry Thornton  
*Muleshoe Journal*

The 3-H Progress Dairy herd has grown to approximately 3,000 head since the operation started milking earlier this year. In March, the dairy, located west of

Muleshoe on Hwy. 84, which is owned and operated by the Hettinga family, formerly of California, was milking 1,350 head, and employing 17, and had just opened the second half of its double 50

milking barn. According to Melody Hettinga, the numbers of employees at the dairy has climbed significantly, reaching approximately 30, ten more than her husband Pete Hettinga estimated would be

needed when in full operation in a March Journal interview. In that interview, Pete Hettinga said there were several things that brought the Hettinga's to west

Texas, including the price of land, the availability of feed, veterinary services, labor and a good market for milk. This was a good opportunity for my sons,

Hettinga said. We made a family decision to come here. Pete and Melody Hettinga have three sons who are part of the 3-H operation and  
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## BenDora Dairy holds true to family tradition

Teresa Kirk  
*Olton Enterprise*

The dairy business has been a family tradition for three generations for brothers Mark and Roy Long, beginning with their grandfather, Ben Long Sr., in 1927 in Weatherford. A good climate, excellent feed, open range and the people of West Texas are what drew the brothers to open the BenDora Dairy on U.S. Hwy 385 in Lamb County, near Amherst.

"The area is great," said Mark Long co-owner of BenDora Dairy. "The farmers are great and the quality of what they do is good."

Both brothers live near the dairy with their families. Mark and his wife, Jamee, have two children, John and Justin. Roy Long and his wife also live nearby. Opening June 11, 2001, the size of the dairy has grown by a third since then. Twenty-five employees milk 2,000 cows, three times a day producing 120,000 pounds of milk on a 24 hour schedule. After the udders are



**BROTHERS MARK AND ROY LONG** are the owners of BenDora Dairy. Pictured with the brothers is Mark's wife Jamee and Doggy Dan

washed and sanitized, 40 cows stand shoulder to shoulder in the stalls. Milking takes 10-15 minutes. The milk is instantly cooled in the tanks that can hold up to 18,000 gallons of milk each. Then the milk is picked up and transported to a milk plant for processing. All baby calves are kept on another part of the dairy until they are ready to go to Weatherford, where they stay until time to calve and start the milking process. Some

30 to 45 bulls are also kept at the dairy along with the 2,000 head of milking cows. Back in Weatherford, the Long family owns and operates the BenDora Heifer Facility where all the heifers are raised, bred, then spent back to the dairy just prior to calving. According to Mark, the dairy spends approximately \$2 million for hay and silage every year, most of that bought from local farmers. Mark is very proud to say that May was a record month for this dairy, production was at its highest ever. "Dairies are very important to communities," said Jamee. "It brings money back to the communities, five dairies in a county does what a Wal-Mart does, and our community is very important to our



**BENDORA DAIRY KEEPS BABY calves** in a separate part of the dairy.

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# Spandet uses carousel-type milking procedure



SPANDET DAIRY OWNERS LAURENS Schilderink and wife Ilona are pictured with their children Mike, 5; Ellen, 6; Amy, 3; and Lars, 7. New daughter, Iris, was born June 15, after this picture was taken.

By Davie Browder  
*Castro County News*  
 HART - The Schilderinks, owners of Spandet Dairy, south of

Dimmitt, and northwest of Hart, moved from Denmark, after running a dairy there 15 years, to the Texas Panhandle

three years ago. "The climate brought us here," said Laurens Schilderink. "California might be better, but it's a

lot more expensive."

Now the operation run by Ilona and Laurens Schilderink runs 24-7 with some 3,000 head of cows, plus 700 more that aren't milked. As of yet, Spandet isn't raised its own herd.

"We still sell the calves and buy springers," Schilderink said.

And it's not just the weather and the cow-friendly environment that brought the family here.

"We like it here very much," he said. "It's a great place for raising children.

And the smaller population made finding suitable land for a dairy an easy task."

Now with five

children, the latest addition is Iris, born June 15, 2005, the family is settled in and working 24/7.

"We sure like it out here, there are very nice people in this part of the state," Schilderink said. "The people out here are used to cows from feedlots and that kind of thing and it makes it easier."

Another great addition in Castro County, he said, is the new Pioneer Dairy Lab, slated to open Aug. 1.

"It will sure be nice to have it that close," Schilderink said. "We might get our results back quicker. It's a good thing for us. We'll like that very much."

Spandet uses a carousel-type milking procedure, where the cows file into the milking barn, step onto the rotating carousel, are hooked up to the milking machines and then step off after they're through.

"We milk 60 cows at a time on the carousel," Schilderink said. "It only takes a couple of days to get them trained, so that's not so bad."

Both Laurens and Ilona were born in Holland and came from dairy families.

"I was born and raised on a dairy," he said. "My wife's grandparents had a dairy. She came and worked in Denmark and that's where we met."

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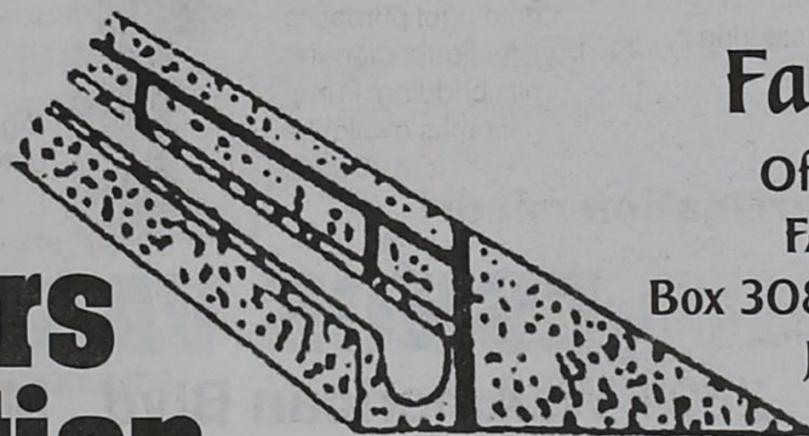


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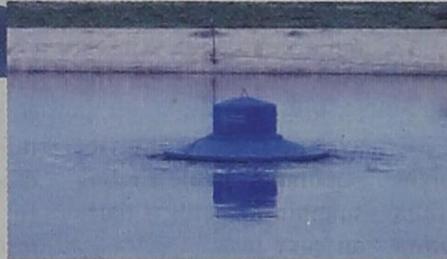
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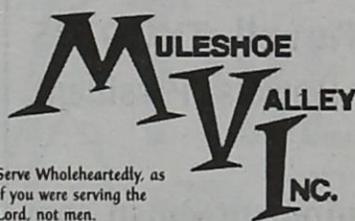
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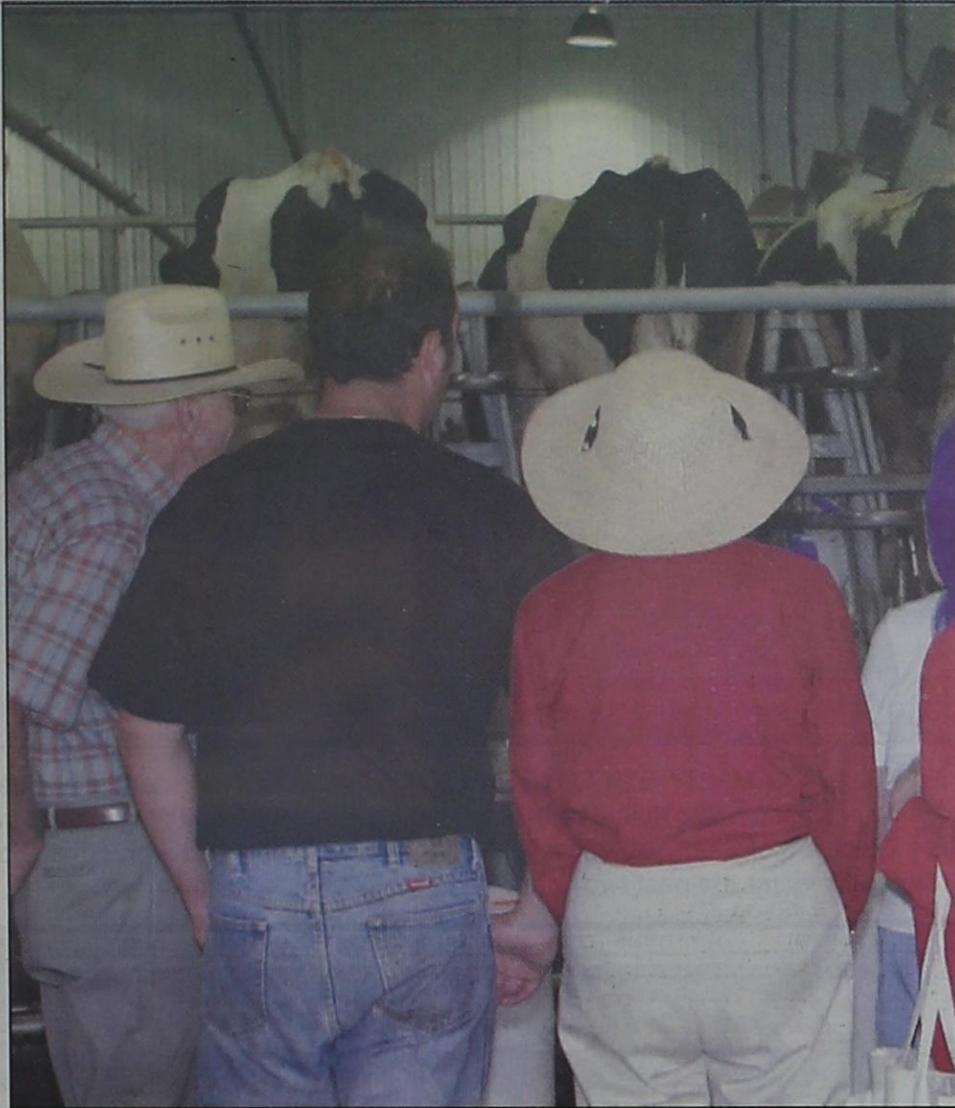
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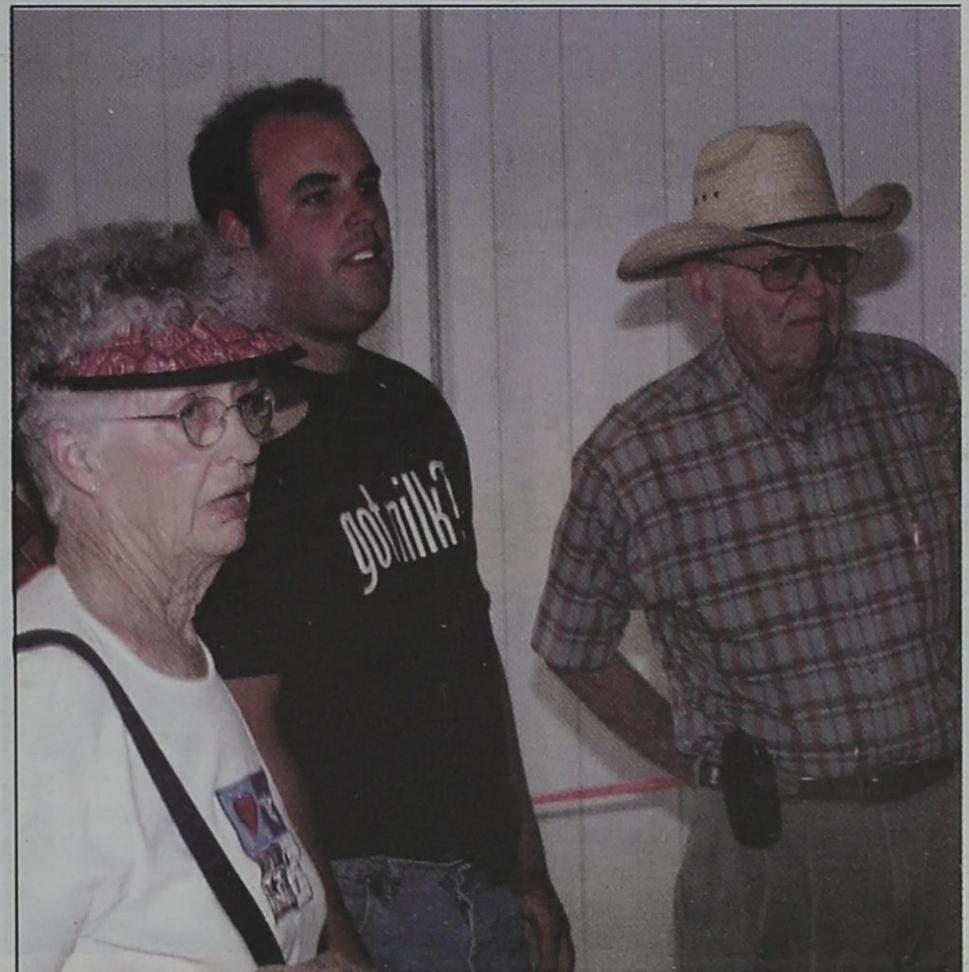
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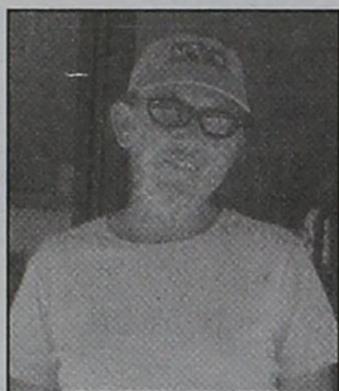
# Area residents tour Castro County dairies



SOME 20-30 CASTRO COUNTY RESIDENTS got a crash lesson in the dairy business on Saturday as E&M Dairy, west of Dimmitt and Spandet Dairy, north and west of Hart, opened their doors for a tour. Since June is Dairy Month, local dairies wanted to say thank you to the area for welcoming them into this area. After seeing the carousel at Spandet, where the cows walk onto a turning carousel, get hooked up, milked and walk off again and the parallel milking system at E&M most everyone said it had been a worthwhile afternoon. The tour group got a sneak peak at the carousel type milking system (above) at Spandet Dairy. Laurens Schilderink (above right), who with his wife, Ilona, owns Spandet, greeting tour goers Marie Perrin (in red coat) and Evelyn Noble and Colin Matthews (right), who works at Spandet, telling Raphard and Mary Lu Smithson about the carousel milking system.



# Rio Blanco Dairy relies on locals for feed supply



**ERIKA VORSTER** - Office manager for Rio Blanco Dairy, originally came from Northern South Africa to work for the dairy.

**Larry Thornton**  
*Muleshoe Journal*

Operating northwest of Muleshoe since it was established in Aug. 2002, Rio Blanco Dairy, owned and operated by Alan Caddell and David Lawrence, was years in

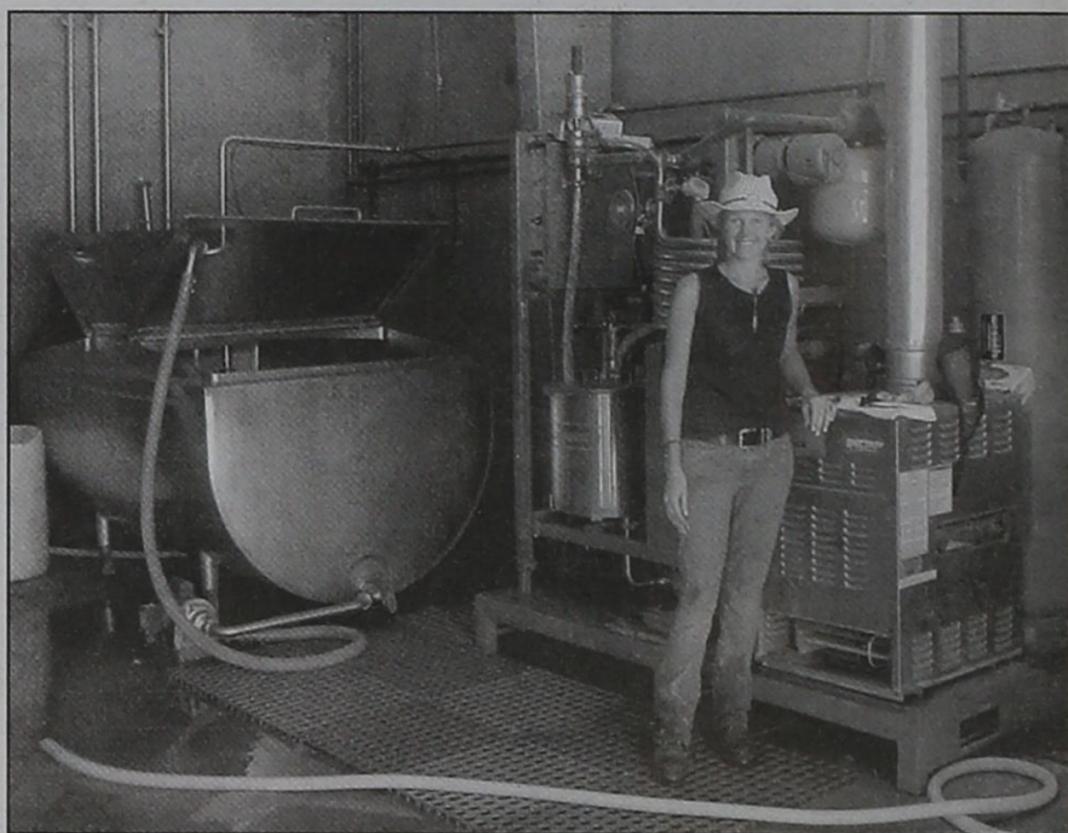
planning by two dairymen who'd known each other since childhood. Raised in the Sulfur Springs area of east Texas, Lawrence and Caddell grew up in the dairy business, but on a smaller scale. The Caddell family dairy milked 300 head, while the Lawrence's were milking 400, but with changes on the horizon in the dairy industry, they recognized that if they were going to expand they needed to relocate. The market said get big or get out of the business, Caddell said. He said there were several economic factors that went into the decision to build the operation near Muleshoe.

Caddell said they first visited the Muleshoe area in about 1998, when they began talking about a joint dairy operation and began looking for a new location. Currently, Rio Blanco Dairy is milking 2,800 head, and has about 40 employees spread over its dairy, calving and farming operations.

The dairy produces 200,000 pounds of milk or four truckloads per day. Most of the dairy's feed is bought from local farmers. Lawrence and Caddell try to keep feed supply up and cost down by farming some land themselves.

Rio Blanco dairy relies on artificial

*Continued on page 35...*



RIO BLANCO DAIRY EMPLOYEE ALRYNA MCELREATH stands beside the dairy's pasturizing unit. The milk is pasturized for the baby dairy calves at Rio Blanco. McElreath job is overseeing the calves. She has worked at Rio Blanco Dairy for the past two years.

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# Dairy Fountain: A land flowing with milk

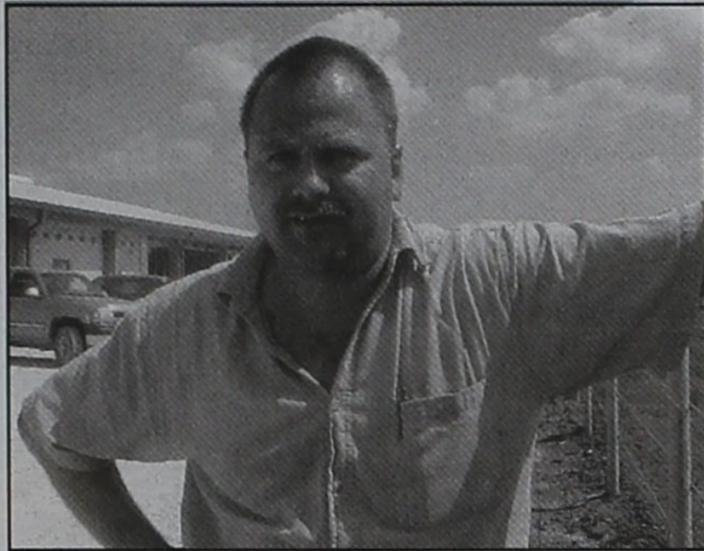
**Teresa Kirk**  
*Olton Enterprise*

Milking cows has always been a way of life for owner of Dairy Fountain, Leo Ruyne. Born and raised in the Netherlands, he grew up on a dairy that would milk 50 cows day, owned by his parents.

Ruynes first owned a dairy in Denmark, where he would milk a herd of 56 cows.

When the Ruynes family was looking for a new place to call home, the family looked at New Zealand, Brazil, Argentina, and the United States.

Ruynes and his wife, Christina, settled on Sulphur Springs. After eight and a half years of milking cows there, his family decided to make a move to West Texas.



DAIRY FOUNTAIN OWNER LEO RUYNE is proud to say milking is a family business.

Dairy Fountain is located near Edmonson on Hwy 179 and CR 20. When Dairy Fountain was under construction three years ago, Ruyne knew where everything would be, right down to the last brick, stone and fence post. Ruyne takes great pride in his milking facility. "I try to over see

everything that goes on here," says Ruyne. Dairy Fountain is unique in dairies. This dairy has a full time veterinarian. With the 40 employees at Dairy Fountain milking 80 cows at a time on a rotating carousel, three times a day, this is a 24 hour facility. The herd will be increasing soon

with over 550 cows in waiting to calve. This dairy produces 264,000 pounds of milk or 5 truck loads per day. Artificial insemination is the way Ruynes insures an increase in his black and

white herd of Holstein cows. Here all heifers are kept on another part of the dairy until just prior to calving waiting for the milking process can begin. "Controlling feed costs is very important

because 46 percent of our cost is in the feed. You've got to shop around and look for the cheapest product you can." Says Ruyne. In order to cut feed cost *Continued on page 36...*

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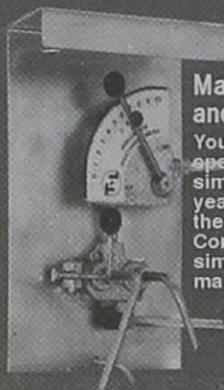
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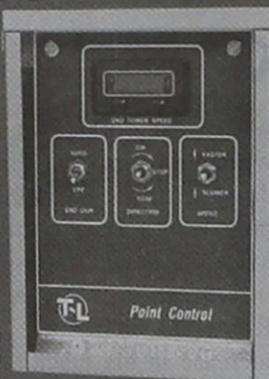


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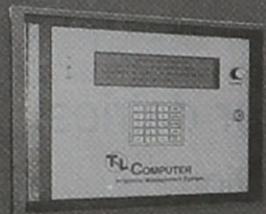
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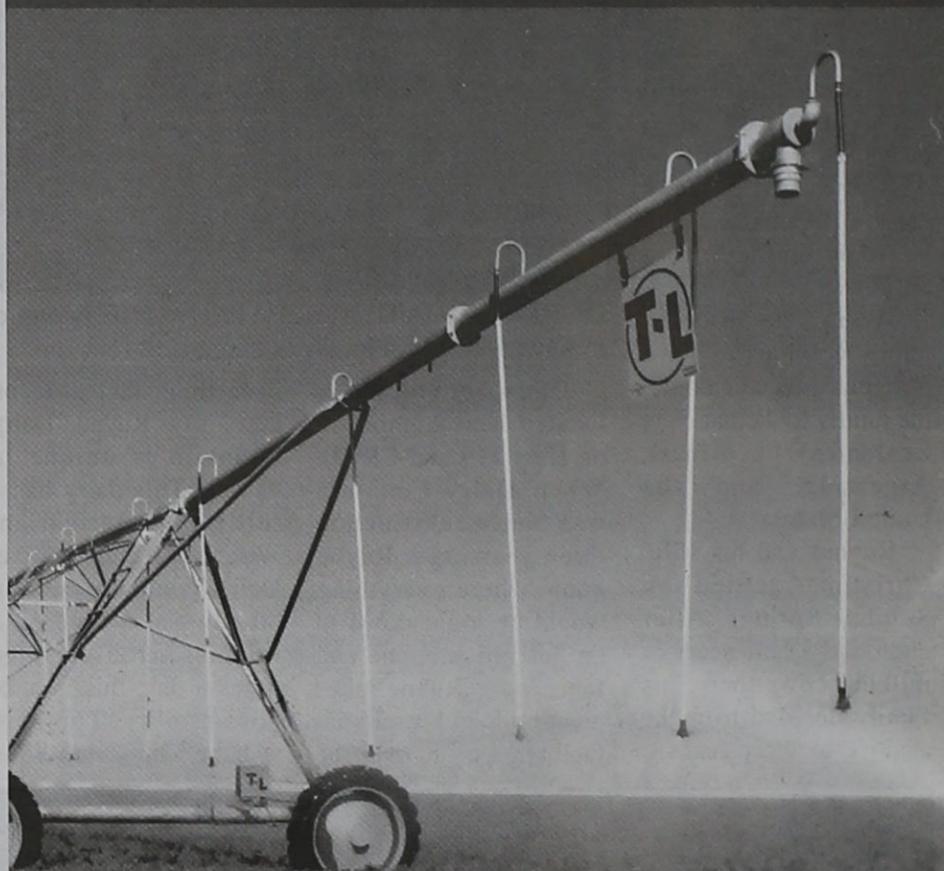
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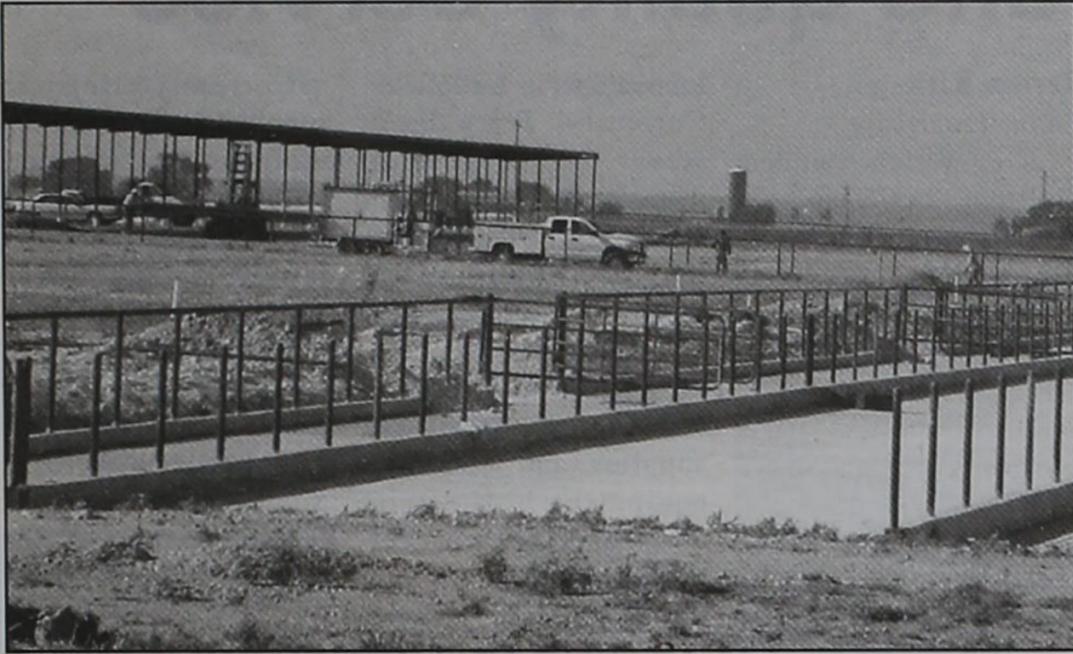
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OSTERKAMP DAIRY IS EXPANDING IN SIZE - Once the dairy is completed, it will have to capacity to raise an additional 1,500 heifers.

**Larry Thornton**  
*Muleshoe Journal*

Osterkamp Dairy is currently updating its facility with the addition of heifer pens, according to Joe Osterkamp. When completed, the dairy will have the capacity to raise 1,500 heifers to add to its existing herd. The dairy, which has employees, and milks 2,100 cows is located west of Muleshoe on Hwy. 70.

Like many in the business, the Osterkamps have a family tradition of dairy farming, with the family's first dairy being established in the 1920s in California by Osterkamp's great-grandfather. The dairy completed the initial construction of its facilities in

2004, and started milking in May of that year.

At that time, Osterkamp said the dairy's top priorities were to take care of its animals and to produce high quality milk. According to Osterkamp, everything done at the dairy is designed around the comfort of the cows from the design of the corrals to feeding.

In the hot Texas weather, fans and misters are commonly used to keep the animals cool. He also noted that the dairy employees a breeder with the responsibility of keeping the animals reproductive systems healthy. Calving can be pretty stressful on a cow, Osterkamp said. The breeder makes sure she stays healthy.

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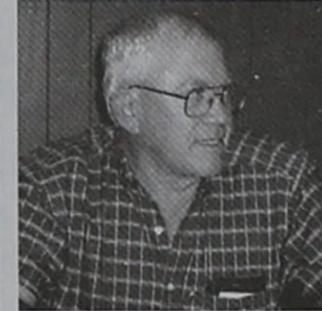
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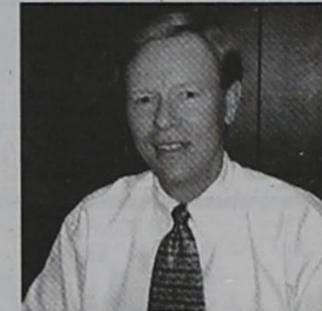
**Max King**  
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Married to Pat King; retired from King Grain and now substitute teaching (which he loves); four children and five grandchildren.



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Married to Laura Sanchez; owner of Sanchez and Sons Construction (21 years established, Jose took over seven years ago); two children, Allegra, 7, and Adriana, 3.

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The Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is committed to the promotion of high quality development in the Muleshoe Area and to improvement in the quality of life for its citizens.

Formed in 1993, the MEDC has assisted twelve (12) businesses in creations and expansions. The Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation offers incentives to businesses based upon job creation and retention and increase in tax base. Coupled with the local government's pro-business attitude, Muleshoe is an attractive location for new and expanding businesses.

MEDC is funded from a one-half cent local sales tax (4A) dedicated to economic development.

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Kreg Welch founded Holstein Supply, Inc. in April 2000 in Syracuse, KS. Welch started the company with himself one office employee. In 2003, Welch incorporated two stockholders, Jim Smart and Terry Ford.

In December 2004, Holstein Supply Inc. bought out Dairy

Innovations in Littlefield. Currently, Terry Ford serves as general manager of the Littlefield office. With 28 people in the two locations the company has increased all aspects of the business. From service work, chemicals, supplies, and installing equipment. Holstein Supply strives to meet the needs of out area's dairies.

Currently Holstein Supply Inc. is installing equipment in the new Milk Harvest, Hilltop, Tee Vee, and D & J dairies. They have serviced 30 dairies in this area since 2004.

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# Dairy lab set to open Aug. 1

**By Davie Browder**

*Castro County News*

Aug. 1 - that's the date for the opening of Pioneer Dairy's new, state-of-the-art Dairy Lab, said Brent High, the facility's new manager, who is already in town and getting things ready for the kickoff.

Unusual amounts of rain in the area delayed the construction after ground was broken last year, and the rains this spring haven't helped.

"We wanted to make sure that everything was handled properly," High said, explaining the delay in the opening date.

High, who transferred to Dimmitt from Pioneer's operation in Stephenville, said once

the lab is open, "It will be one of the most prestigious facilities of its type."

They've already been hiring, but are still looking for people, who High described as "people who are enthusiastic, who have a good attitude, who want to learn about the business."

High said it isn't necessary for prospective employees to have degrees or lab experience because "we'll do a lot of on-site training."

The projection is for 20 employees for the lab, with more to be added as business expands. This lab will not only be testing milk from local

dairies. Pioneer has contracts from around the state and even from other states.

They've built a truck bay, so the milk trucks can drive into a covered area to leave the samples.

"We can also use it if we need to agitate the load for a sample," High said. The lab will run four primary tests - microbiology, bacteria, culture and payment (butterfat, protein, lactose

and somatic cell).

"Dairies get paid on what the butterfat and protein is and the percentage of somatic cells," High said.

"We'll also do herd control (DHIA) testing. That's when we go out

and get samples from every cow in the herd and test each one. It can tell a dairyman if a cow that has been sick and held out can go back into production."



THE EXTERIOR OF PIONEER DAIRY LAB, located just south of the park on Highway 385 in Dimmitt shows how close the company is to opening its doors on Aug. 1.



THE INTERIOR IS THE FINAL PIECE of the puzzle that has to be finished. Unusual amounts of rain delayed construction through the winter and spring.



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# E&M finds conditions right for milk production

By Davie Browder

Castro County News

Evert and Maria Dyksterhuis and their children, Jackie, 12, and Danny, 13, have been running E&M Dairy, located west of Dimmitt, for more than three years.

Before that, the couple operated a dairy near Longview in East Texas.

"Over here in the Panhandle area, for one thing, you're very welcome," she said. "The people are most welcoming to agriculture. It's environmental friendly."

The weather is a big plus, too, she said.

However, Evert was not real pleased with last year's record rainfall of about 50 inches.

"Last year was an exceptionally wet year," he said. "I hope this year we'll have less rain to deal with."

But Maria said the lack of humidity is especially beneficial out here.

"You get milk production here and breeding year round," Maria said. "In

East Texas you quit breeding from May to September. Over here it goes year round. Humidity in East Texas is tough on the cows, too and they produce less milk."

Along with their staff of about 18, the couple and their children milk have about 2,400 milk and dry cows, plus about 800 heifers.

"Right now we're pretty much full," Maria said. "We raise all our Holstein heifer calves. We sell the bull calves to a local calf raiser."

The cows, which are milked three times a day, product about 120,000 pounds of milk to be shipped out daily.

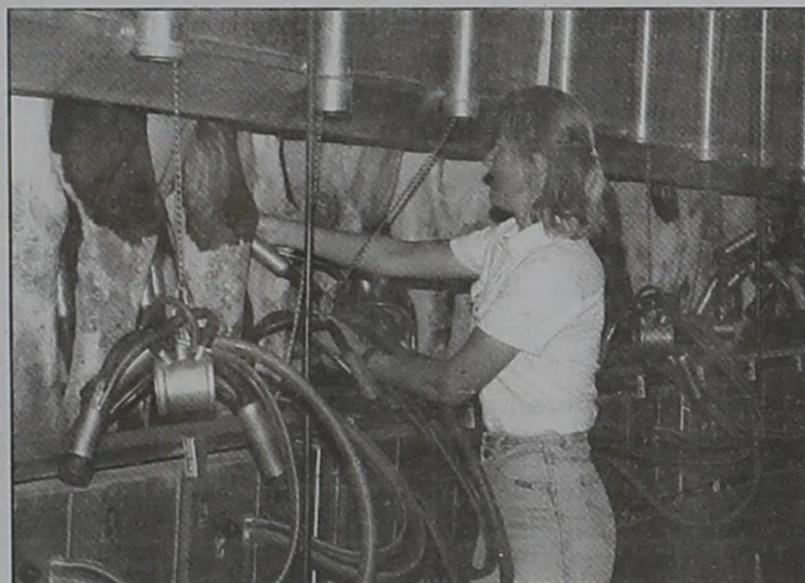
The family is getting ready to host some of their visiting relations from Holland.

Although Evert and Maria have been in America 15 years, the last 11 of which they've been in business for themselves, they met on her brother's dairy farm in Germany. Evert, a native of Holland was working there, she

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MARIA DYKSTERHUIS, HER SON DANNY AND daughter Jackie out with the dairy baby calves. E&M Dairy raises all of their heifers from babies. The bulls are sold to a local calf raiser.



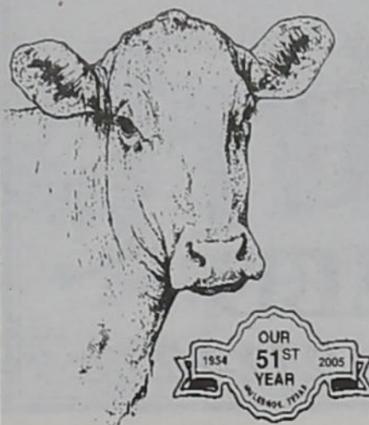
MARIA DYKSTERHUIS WORKS IN THE DAIRY, helping milk the cows.

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## Boehning Dairy produces 250,000 pounds of milk per day

**Teresa Kirk**  
*Olton Enterprise*

Boehning Dairy is located just across the Lamb County line on US 70.

Unlike most West Texas dairy farmers, Brian Boehning doesn't come from a family of dairymen.

Boehning started his first dairy in 1987 in Canyon, milking 40 cows a day.

Boehning and his wife, Tiffany own Boehning Dairy and Hill Top Dairy. Combining both dairies they milk 3,500 head of cows, producing 250,000 pounds of milk per day. The two dairies employ 45 people, that work 8 hour shifts, 24 hours a day, 7 days a

week. This dairy relies on artificial insemination to increase the milking herd. On average 35 cows are artificially inseminated a day, according to employee Blake Mount.

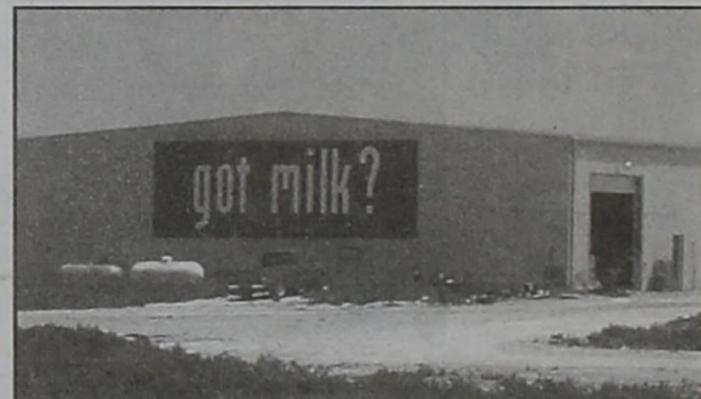
Boehning dairy is a family business which is managed by his brother Jeff.

Most of the hay and feed are bought from area

farmers. Boehning farms 120 acres of land to keep feed cost low. Brain's father-in-law Ten Angelo manages the farm end.

Brian and his wife were featured in the November/December 2004 issue of DFA (Dairy Farmer of America).

Brain and Tiffany are the parents of three children, Triston, Abigail, and Addison.



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# TJ Dairy steadily growing



THE FIRST DAIRY IN AMHERST, TJ Dairy continues to grow steadily after ten years in operation. Owner Tim Figueroa also enjoys farming and his collection of exotic animals near the dairy. Pictured is one of the two zebras in his collection. He also has a Brahma bull, a donkey, a llama, longhorns and three buffalo.



**Teresa Kirk**  
*Olton Enterprise*

Tim Figueroa, Owner of TJ Dairy was the first dairy to break ground in Amherst. Located three miles SW on Hwy 84. Being the first in the area, Figueroa paved the way for many more dairies to follow.

Figueroa opened the dairy for milking ten years ago, and has grown steady with every year. With 35 employees milking 2,900 cows three times a day, producing 200,000 pounds of milk, this is a 24 hour operation.

Besides the dairy business, Figueroa also has a farm around Sudan. Figueroa grows some of the food for the dairy, but most comes from local farmers.

Figueroa says he has no plans to expand his dairy business by buying any more milking cows, the only expanding he plans to do is when his heifers have calved and are ready for milking.

Figueroa enjoys his collection of exotic animals that he keeps near the dairy.

Figueroa takes a lot of pride in his dairy business and facility as well as his employees.

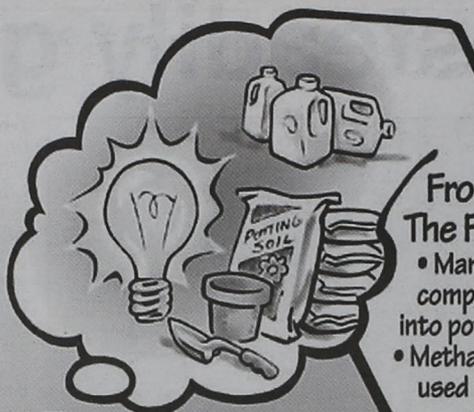
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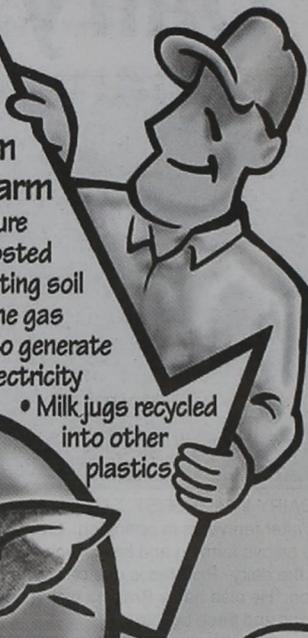
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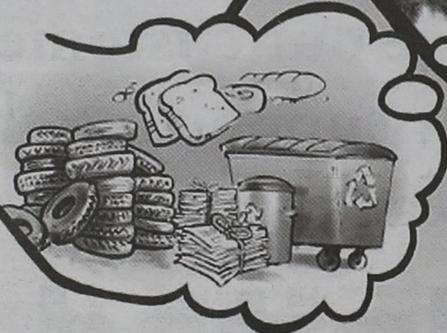
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# Cost, efficiency brought Vanderham to the area

**Davie Browder**

*Castro County News*

Whether being a dairyman runs in the family or in the blood, Zachary Vanderham came by it honestly. His family, which originated in Holland, has been in the dairy business for generations. Zachary's grandfather, Hubert Vanderham, came to this country in 1946, where he milked 30 cows by hand.

Since then, his grandfather and Zachary's parents, Ronald and Cherylee Vanderham, have built a much bigger dairy in Visalia, Calif., started in 1979. That dairy now

milks 2,300 cows and feeds 5,500.

Now Zach is carrying on the family tradition. His family sent him to Castro County - Vanderham No. 2 is northwest of Hart - where he's building a dairy where he'll milk about 4,000 cows a day and feed a couple of thousand more than that.

Zachary is the second eldest son - his older brother, Jonathan, runs a dairy in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The move to Texas from California on the part of dairy families is a natural, according to Zachary.

"The weather is one

main reason," he said. "You can build open lots, which is about one-third the cost of freestyle barns."

Also, the reception that dairies get in the Panhandle is an inducement to relocate.

"It's nice to come to a place where people understand our lifestyle," he said. "In California, it's mostly suburban areas and family farms are not thought of as a real business.

"I fell totally welcome here. Everyone has been beyond friendly to me. I'm not used to how kind people are to me."

Ground was broken for the dairy on June 1.

By Feb. 1, Zachary plans to be milking cows. But for now, he's spending 18-hour days, 7 days a week, getting the building under way, lining up workers, working on contracts for everything the dairy will need.

"It's been a lot of decisions - making them everyday," he said. "I think about how I can build the dairy as perfect as possible, but I never think about my age (22).

"My dad said, 'If I hadn't thought you could do the job, I wouldn't have sent you.'"

Although he will have to buy the supplements he feeds his cows, he'll



ZACHARY VANDERHAM FEELS at home in West Texas. Ground was broken on June 1 for this dairy which will milk around 4,000 head per day.

be buying corn and wheat silage, alfalfa, cotton seed and rolled corn locally, he said.

His father has made only one trip here - that was when they were buying the land. Since then, it's been all Zachary's ballgame. So far, it looks like he's working on a perfect game.

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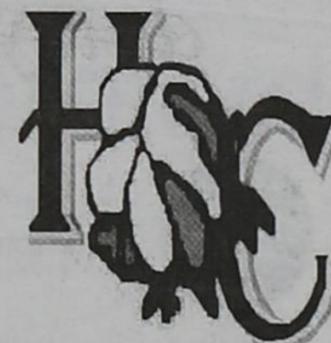


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# Braddock family grows and shows dairy heifers



THE BRADDOCKS STAND OUTSIDE THEIR DAIRY barn, built by Thomas Braddock's father, several decades ago. Left to right are Marcie Braddock; Brett, 11; Thomas Braddock; and Brenna, 8, with her registered brown Swiss heifer named Fancy that she's raising for the March stock show.

By Davie Browder

Castro County News

It's an "All in the Family" type thing for Thomas and Marcie Braddock at their dairy north and west of Nazareth.

"I grew up around the dairy business," Thomas Braddock said. "One of the things I like to do is raise calves."

And he's passed that tradition along to his children, Brett, 11, who's almost 12; and Brenna, 8. In fact, in the family photo taken for the special section, Brenna is holding her heifer named "Fancy" that she's raising for the March stock show.

Right now, Braddock's milking more than 50 cows and says he likes to stay in the 40-to-50 cow range.

"I like it small where I can take care of it myself," he said. "I've been around this business ever since I can remember. I stay in it because my kids do dairy showing in Lubbock every year. Plus, my dad, Vincent Braddock, was in the dairy business for 40 years before he passed away. The barn he built 30 or 40 years ago, is the barn I'm milking in now. It was a flat barn when he started. It's been made it a parallel and that's what it is today."

"My mother, Louise Braddock, owns the place and I pay Momma a little lease every month for the facilities. It's a family deal, the lease is just between us."

The Braddocks are a very family-oriented group. And while Thomas has

never had another profession, he claims he's never wanted one, or even thought about it.

"I like what I do," he said. "It allows me to be around my kids and see them grow up. That's the key to life. Both of them help me a lot and they enjoy it."

"I can't ask for anything better."

Whether you're running a dairy or working at some other job, there are always going to be a few drawbacks, he said.

"It's going to be hard no matter what you do," he said. "Right now if milk prices stay decent, I'll stay doing what I'm doing. As long as I can keep my bills paid, I'll keep going."

"We run the registered brown Swiss dairy cows. Brenna worked herself to break Fancy so she can show her in Lubbock. I never had to help her, put a rope on her on anything. Brett has a cow that he won grand with last year. He'll be showing her again; her name is 'Connie.'"

And even though his wife Marcie isn't from a dairy background - she's from the "city life," he said, she helps out at the dairy, too.

"Right now she's been helping with the milk," Braddock said. "During the summer sometimes, we let the kids sleep in and she helps me. For a lady who lived in town, she gets out with me in the barn, and so do both our kids."

"But my wife caught on quick; these last few weeks I couldn't have done it without her."

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To get the same amount of calcium provided by a quart of milk you would have to eat three and one-half pounds of peas, 27 oranges, 50 tomatoes or 50 slices of whole wheat bread. The best sources of calcium are milk, yogurt, and cheese. About 72% of the calcium in the U.S. food supply comes from dairy foods.

## Debruin speaks on the contributions of dairies to the local community

Larry Thornton  
*Muleshoe Journal*

Floris Debruin of J&S Dairy of Muleshoe talked about the contribution of dairies to the local community and the school district during an interview Friday.

With almost all of the employees at the dairy residing in Muleshoe and having students in the Muleshoe Independent School District, the impact dairies have on the local economy isn't limited to the number of

cows being milked or the amount of milk being produced.

Debruin, who came to the United States from Holland about 17 years ago, has been part of the Muleshoe community since he moved here from Stephenville about four years ago, said the biggest change in becoming a Bailey County dairyman was getting use to reduced number of trees. During the past couple of years, the J&S herd has increased to about 2,500

cows, and the dairy has gained a couple of employees. Co-owner Joel Shearer is from Portales, N.M., building the dairy with Stanley Jones, also of Portales. Prior to opening the dairy at Muleshoe about four years ago, Shearer operated a dairy at Sulphur Springs. During an earlier interview with the Muleshoe Journal, Shearer said he like Muleshoe, and especially the way Muleshoe treats the dairies.



EMPLOYEES AT J&S DAIRY work in the milking barn. The dairy herd has grown to around 2,500 head.

### Dairy Facts~

\*\*The average cow produces 90 glasses of milk each day or about 200,000 glasses of milk throughout her life.

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ROCKY LANGLEY ON HIS 4-wheeler before he goes out on the farm. Langley is the general manager of Evergreen Farms, located a few miles out of Dodd and near Lazbuddie.

By Davie Browder  
Castro County News

Rocky Langley, general manager at Evergreen Farms in the southwest part of the Castro County near Dodd, grew up on a dairy.

But the operation he oversees at Evergreen is a not quite what he grew up with.

"I've been in the dairy business most of my life," he said. "But the dairy I grew up on was a much smaller one. But I've been around dairies since I can remember."

Evergreen Farms, owned by the Spyksma family in California, has been in operation since September, 2003. Langley has been on the job for the past four months. He said this operation was started by the Spyksmas, who already operated two dairies in California.

"Some of the cattle came from California to this dairy and some were purchased here," he said. "We raise all our baby heifers and sell the baby

bulls."

Right now, Evergreen, which is located on 1,800 acres, milks 3,600 head of cows three times a day, seven days a week with a parallel system of stalls.

"I think this area is receptive to dairies coming in here," he said. "There are a lot of big feedlots here already. Dairies are pretty much welcomed."

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- The gestation period for a cow is 9 months. Cows usually have their first calf when they are two years old. Most cows are milked for 3-6 years.
- The average cow eats for 6 hours a day and chews her cud for another 8 hours each day. In one day, her jaw movements total 41,360.
- Cows have four stomachs: the first one, called the rumen, softens the feed. In the second stomach, called the reticulum, the cud is formed. The third stomach-the omasum-breaks up the cud and the fourth stomach-the abomasum-digests the cud.
- Cows have big appetites. Every day, they eat about 90 pounds of feed (hay, grain and silage) and drink 25-50 gallons of water. Ninety pounds of feed is equal to about 480 hamburgers and 25-50 gallons of water is nearly a bathtub full.
- A dairy cow weighs about 1,500 pounds.
- The average cow produces about 25 pounds of milk in one milking (about 45 cups); 50 pounds of milk per day (about 90 cups); 15,000 pounds of milk in a year (about 28,000 cups); and 107,000 pounds of milk in a lifetime (200,000cups).
- Cows can hear higher and fainter sounds than humans and have an acute sense of smell-sometimes detecting a scent over six miles away.
- The major breeds of dairy cows are: Holstein (black and white); Jersey (yellowish-brown); Guernsey (tan and white); Brown Swiss (dark brown or gray); Ayrshire (white and red); Milking Shorthorn (red or red roan). (This information courtesy of the Kansas Dairy Commission.)

## Red Rock in hopes of expansion

**Teresa Kirk**  
*Olton Enterprise*

Owners of Red Rock dairy, John and Sue VandePol, are not new to the dairy business. The VandePol's have been in business since the 1950s.

The VandePol family moved to West Texas from north California, where the couple had a dairy that milked 400 head of cows. Red Rock is located northeast of Amherst on FM 2479 in Lamb county.

When the couple decided to make a change for their dairy business, they looked at land in New Mexico before a construction company owner; Stanley

Jones recommended the Amherst area for the possible new site for their dairy.

In existence for almost three years, the dairy produces three truckloads or 124,000 pounds of milk per day, according to Sue.



AN EMPLOYEE AT RED Rock Dairy, prepares to attach the "milkers" to a heifer using a parallel milking system.

Red Rock dairy has increased its herd since last year, as well as employees. The herd has reached to 1550 cows that are milked three times a day. "We plan to expand to around 1800 milking cows by this fall" according to Sue. All heifers are kept and raised on land near the dairy prior to calving, and milking. The

VandePols say artificial insemination and having a "clean up bull" is the way

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# DeVos family is "crazy like a fox" for West Texas dairy land

**Teresa Kirk**  
*Olton Enterprise*

From Holland to Canada to the United States, John and Pauline DeVos have made their way to West Texas and Hale County to become part of the area's growing dairy industry.

The DeVos' are owners of the Fox Dairy located 14 miles East of Olton on Hwy. 70.

Born and raised on dairies in Holland, both John and Pauline have family histories that are deeply rooted in the dairy industry.

"Dairies in our family go back generations, I can't tell you how long, but it's been a long time," said Pauline DeVos. "In Holland, my husband, John, had a dairy with his brother." Where the brothers milked around 120 cows a day.

Many factors, including farming space and environmental issues, led the DeVos' decision to leave Holland and move to Canada in 1990 where they began their own dairy business.

"There are 16 million people in Holland," DeVos said. "If you draw a line from the Oklahoma border to just south of Amarillo, that is the size of Holland. Farm space and many



**A FAMILY AFFAIR** - The DeVos family stands in front of their dairy. Pictured are (front) Dianne (back l to r) Gary, John, Pauline and Jasper.

environmental issues, it's not easy anymore." After running their dairy in Canada for 10 years, the DeVos' decided they need a new challenge and moved to

the U.S. in 2000. They first had planned on starting their dairy business in New Mexico, but unsuccessful deals around the Roswell area led them to expand their search into West Texas.

After a trip to Palo Duro Canyon, to see the musical "Texas" the DeVos' decided the West Texas area was right for their business.

"We went to see 'Texas' at Palo Duro. When we came back, we came through the area and liked the look and so we did more research," DeVos said.

In 2002 the couple, along with their three children, moved to West Texas and began the Fox Dairy from scratch on a piece of land that was once a cotton field, DeVos said.

Today, the Fox Dairy is growing along with the growth of West Texas milk production. Fox dairy now consists of 14,000 milking cows, having added an additional 2,000 head since 2004. The heard of milking cows at the Fox dairy are

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# Skimmed milk could help men keep diabetes at bay

Low-fat dairy foods could lower a man's risk of developing type 2 diabetes, according to a new study from the US.

An ongoing study of male health professionals such as doctors, pharmacists and vets, looked at the food questionnaires of approximately 41,000 men over the course of 12 years. Those who ate the most dairy foods, particularly low-fat varieties, were at less risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Scientists at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard School of Public Health, and Brigham Women's Hospital, asked the participants to complete

questionnaires about the types of food they ate. None of the men had diabetes when the research began but about 1,243 of them developed type 2 diabetes during the course of the 12 year study.

According to the authors of the paper, published in the Archives of Internal Medicine, each extra portion of low-fat dairy per day was associated with a 9% lower risk for type 2 diabetes. They described this as a modest, but significant, protective effect.

Overall, men who had 2-3 portions of low-fat dairy foods every day had the lowest risk, with skimmed milk providing

the most noticeable benefit.

Amanda Vezey, Care Advisor at Diabetes UK said, "This is an interesting study as we already know that being overweight or obese increases the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by up to 80 times. Eating a healthy, balanced diet which includes low-fat dairy foods and taking part in regular physical activity will certainly help to reduce this risk."

More studies are needed to determine why low-fat dairy foods may help to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes, but the researchers suggest there could be a link with the known beneficial effects

dairy has on risk factors such as weight loss and blood pressure.

Although this study only looked at the eating habits of men, it is thought that similar effects would be seen in

women.

## Notes

Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body is unable to make enough insulin to control the amount of glucose in the blood, or the body does

not use insulin properly. It can be treated by diet, exercise and medication. Diabetes UK estimate that about 1.8 million people in the UK have diabetes - over three-quarters of these have type 2.

## The future's 'all-white' for vending healthy drinks in school

The future is white – the future is healthy vending machines selling a variety of milk products says The Dairy Council, who last month ran an exclusive vending seminar for the dairy industry.

Movers and shakers from the industry met key people from the vending, catering and education sectors to discuss healthy vending in schools.

Speaker Joe Harvey, Director of the Health Education Trust, explained that the time was right to invest in healthy vending, as many head teachers were looking for alternatives to traditional vending in response to pressure from government to improve food standards.

Assistant Head teacher Andrew

Dobberson from Tring School drew on his experience of introducing a drinks machine (selling only milk, water and fruit juices) into his secondary school, to tell the industry that partnerships between teachers, pupils, caterers and dairy companies are the key to success.

Arnold Fewell, author of The Sodexo School Meals and Lifestyle Survey 2005, dispelled any myths that students could not afford healthy vending by highlighting that the average 13-14 year-old had over £15 a week to spend on food in school.

The seminar also included presentations from Jan Podsiadly from the Automatic Vending Association (AVA), Mark Simmonds a vending

supplier from Kent, Phil Rattray a vending contractor from South Wales and Kevin McKay National Vice-Chair of the Local Authority Caterers Association (LACA).

The seminar ended with the unveiling of a new drinks machine that vends all types of dairy products (milk drinks, cheese and yogurts) whatever the size or shape.

The Dairy Council also took the opportunity to announce that the makers of Grange Hill (BBC children's programme) had asked for a milk-only vending machine, branded 'The White Stuff', for the fictional school's canteen. It's understood that the next series will feature a story line based around the canteen.

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### Rice Pudding

5 C. Milk (Preferably Whole milk or if you live on a dairy the milk from the tank works well also.)

- 1 C. Rice
- 1 C. Sugar
- 1 tsp. Lemon extract-If you have a fresh lemon around, wash the lemon, peel it in strips and add it to the rice while it cooks. But, remember to remove the peels before serving!
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1/4 cube butter

Mix all ingredients in saucepan and cook until rice is done. Remove from heat and pour it in a glass dish. Sprinkle cinnamon over top.

# Holstein dairy cattle dominate the country's milk production

Holsteins are most quickly recognized by their distinctive color markings and outstanding milk production.

## Physical Characteristics

Holsteins are large, stylish animals with color patterns of black and white or red and white. A healthy Holstein calf weighs 90 pounds or more at birth. A mature Holstein cow weighs about 1,500 pounds and stands 58 inches tall at the shoulder. Holstein heifers can be bred at 13 months of age, when they weigh about 800 pounds. It is desirable to have Holstein females calve for the first time between 23 and 26 months of age. Holstein gestation is approximately nine months.

While some cows may live considerably longer, the average productive life of a Holstein is 3 to 4 years.

## Milk Production

The 1999 average actual production for all U.S. Holstein herds that were enrolled in production-testing programs and eligible for genetic evaluations was 21,167 pounds of milk,

775 pounds of butterfat and 683 pounds of protein per year. Top producing Holsteins milking twice a

day have been known to produce up to 67,914 pounds of milk in 365 days.

## Superior Performance

Holstein dairy cattle dominate this country's milk production industry. The reasons for their popularity are clear: unexcelled production, greater income over feed costs, unequalled genetic merit, and adaptability to a wide range of environmental conditions. Added up, this means more profit for the dairy producer who milks Holsteins. This point becomes even more clear when you consider that nine of every 10 dairy producers currently milk Holsteins.

## Genetic Improvements

The artificial insemination (AI) industry has had a tremendous impact on genetic improvement of the breed. Since perfection of the semen freezing process in the late 1940's, AI has allowed the use of superior, proven bulls by Holstein breeders across the country. Today, AI accounts for 85 percent of Holstein births.



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Americans eat the equivalent of 10 acres of pizza every day!

Americans eat an average of 29 pounds of cheese every year — over a lifetime that's more than a ton of cheese!

The tradition of making Swiss cheese in 200 pound wheels began in the Middle Ages when the government taxed cheesemakers on the number of pieces of cheese they produced - not the total weight.

Vanilla is America's favorite ice cream flavor.

George Washington enjoyed ice cream so much he ran up a \$200 ice cream bill one summer.

The milk mustache advertising campaign was launched in 1995.

Cows have an acute sense of smell - they can smell something up to 6 miles away!

The natural yellow color of butter comes mainly from beta-carotene found in the grass the cows graze on.

An average dairy cow weighs about 1,400 pounds.

Milk is better for cooling your mouth after eating spicy food. Milk products contain casein, a protein that cleanses burning taste buds.

Most cows chew at least 50 times per minute.

According to legend, cheese was discovered accidentally, when an Arabian merchant was carrying milk in a pouch made from the stomach of a freshly killed calf. The hot desert sun and the rennet remaining in the pouch caused the milk to separate into curds and whey.

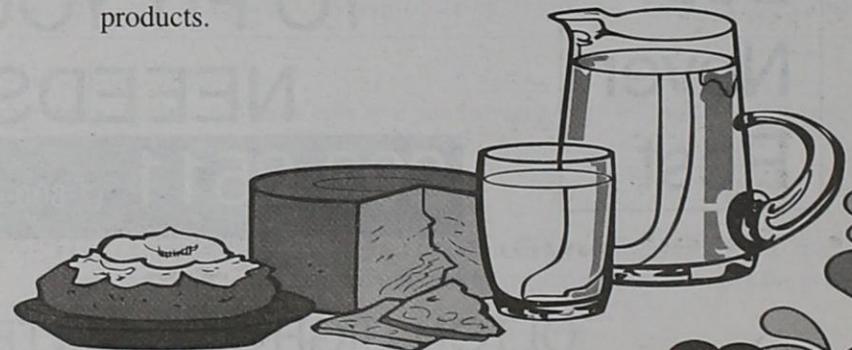
The milk bottle was invented in 1884. Plastic milk containers were introduced in 1964.

Average U.S. cow produces 53 lb of milk per day, or 6.2 gallons

Average cow eats . . . 20 lb hay, 20 lb corn silage, 10-20 lb corn, 6-12 lb supplement (fortified with protein, energy, vitamins & minerals)

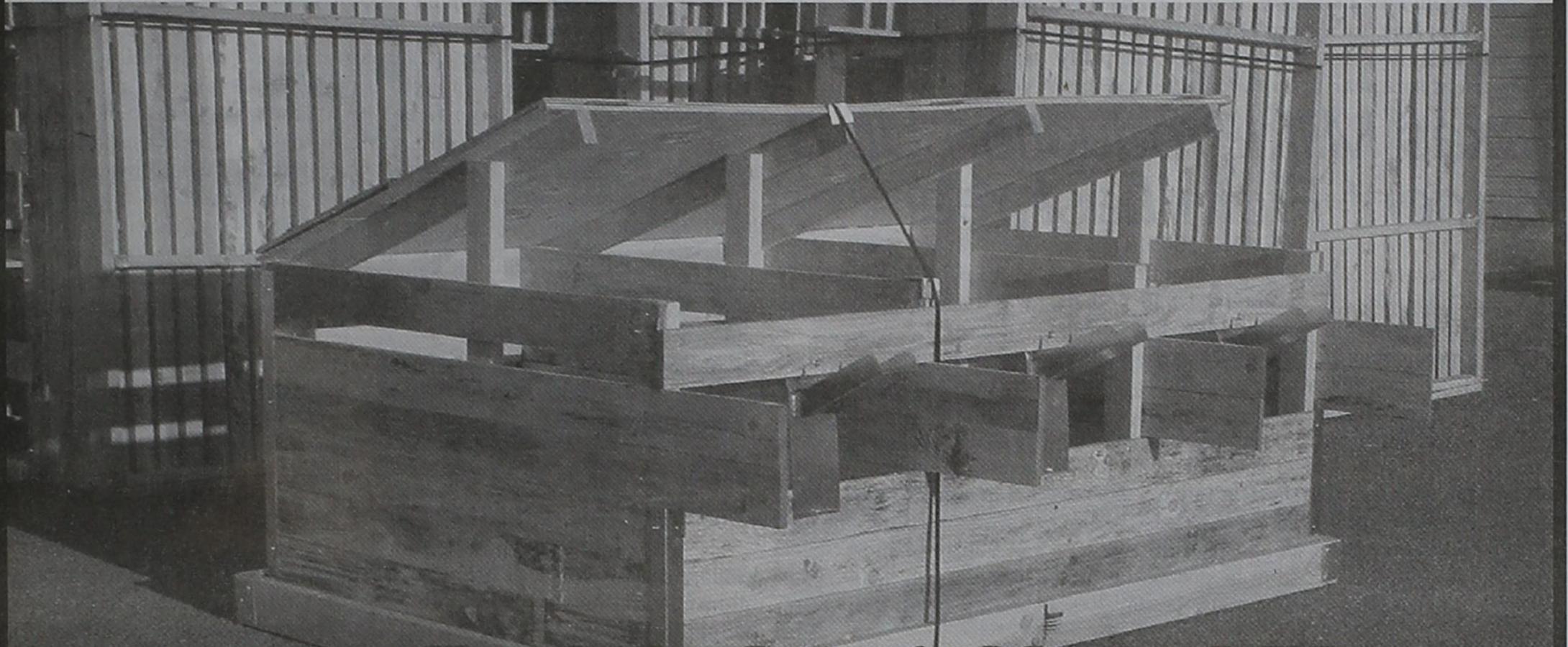
Consumer spending on dairy products is \$74.6 billion dollars annually about 1.33% of personal income.

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# A glass of milk a day helps heart health

A glass of milk a day could help reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke, according to a team of leading experts in the field of heart

research.

For the past 24 years Professor Peter Elwood and Dr Andy Ness have worked on the Caerphilly Collaborative Heart

Disease Study - following the dietary habits of some 2,500 men from South Wales, aged between 45 and 59 years.

Of these men, 665 were asked to keep food diaries over a seven-day period, so researchers could examine any link between total milk consumption and the incident of heart disease and stroke.

The results, published this month in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, found 'no convincing evidence of an increased risk of heart disease from milk drinking'. In fact, 'those men who drank

more than the average amount of milk had a reduced risk of stroke and possibly a reduced risk of a heart attack'. Although it was not significant, blood pressure was also lower in the men who drank milk.

It's not known why the milk drinkers were better protected against the risk of heart disease and stroke but one explanation could be the beneficial effect of dairy products on blood

pressure.

Research has shown that three portions of dairy a day, in combination with 5 portions of fruit and vegetables and a low-salt intake, can lower blood pressure without the use of medication.

These new findings build on previous results from the 'Caerphilly Study' and help to dispel the myth that milk contributes towards heart disease.

## Texas Milk Production Up 8 Percent From Last Year

Texas milk production totaled 586 million pounds during May, up 8 percent from last year's production of 545 million pounds. April 2005 production totaled 568 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during May averaged 320,000 head, up 3,000 from last year and up 1,000 head from

the April 2005 number. Production per cow averaged 1,830 pounds during May, 110 pounds above last year and 50 pounds above April 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 4.4 percent from production in these same states in May 2004.

April revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 3.4 percent from April 2004.

Production per cow during May averaged 1,754 pounds, 62 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.12 million head, 54,000 head more than last year and 9,000 head more than April 2005.

## More about

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AI made the development of reliable, unbiased methods to evaluate Holstein genetics possible. With AI, a single Holstein bull can sire as many as 50,000 daughters. Type and production information on all these females makes it easier to predict performance of future offspring and evaluate the quality of genetics transmitted from sire to offspring.

In the late 1960's, the AI industry, the Dairy Herd Improvement

Association (DHIA) and breed organizations, including the Holstein Association, worked together to develop genetic tools dairy producers could use to breed their cattle for improvement. They used type and production information and research data from universities to develop measures Holstein breeders now use to evaluate bulls and select sires according to their needs.

*Active Export Market*

Holsteins can now be found on every continent and in almost every country. Such convincing evidence of genetic superiority has created an active export market for Holstein genetics. Currently, live Holstein females and males and frozen embryos and semen are being exported to more than 50 countries and used extensively to improve foreign food supplies and dairy producer incomes.

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(Makes about two cups or four 1/2 cup servings)

- 1-1/2 C lowfat cottage cheese
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 1 C minced, mixed raw vegetables\*
- \*Choose among three or more types of vegetables. The following are good choices:
- Red, green, yellow bell peppers
- Red and green onions
- Carrots
- Celery
- Radishes
- Jicama
- Tomato

Mix ingredients thoroughly. Store in covered plastic or glass container for up to three days.



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insemination for reproduction, however a few "clean up bulls" are kept on the premises to ensure the breeding process is completed. During the past year, the dairy has constructed a hospital barn and in July 2004 began raising its own heifers. With the current market, Caddell said, it makes sense to raise your own. When asked what he enjoys most about the dairy business, Lawrence said it was the challenge. There's always something to challenge you, he said. You can always do better at something if you challenge yourself and work at it. Caddell is apparently in agreement as he discussed the dairy's efforts to be as environmentally friendly as possible. Rio Blanco has tried a variety of methods to control the fly problem that is

always encountered around large herds of livestock, including the use of predatory insects and chemical spraying. And hauls away its manure in an effort to reduce odor. At some time in the future, Rio Blanco plans to expand again, opening a second facility at another location. Lawrence and

his wife, Jan, have four children. Jan primarily cares for the children and helps out in dairy when time allows. Caddell and his wife, Missy, are the parents of two children. Missy is an elementary school teacher. When it came time to name the dairy in 2002, Missy's classroom students came up with the name Rio Blanco.



RIO BLANCO DAIRY WORKERS change out the milkers for the carousel milking machines. The rubber milkers are changed every two weeks to cut down on the possibilities of infectious diseases.

EXPECTING HEIFERS at Rio Blanco Dairy enjoy the comfort of their stylish maternity ward in shaded pens.

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said.

"I know our family will like to see this operation," Maria said, even though these relations aren't in the dairy business. "Both Evert and I came from a family background of dairy farms.

"It can be a hard life, but it's fun most of the time. We are raising our kids on the dairy where they help with the chores. And I think they enjoy it, too - most of the time."

## More about

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they prefer to breed their herd of Holsteins.

The dairy employees 18 people for the local community.

The VandePols buy feed from local farmers,

as well as farm 180 acres of their own land.

"This is a very family oriented business, our son John works alongside us," Sue says, "we work side by side with each

other 7 days a week."

The couple also have two daughters, Dana and Diane, that live in California. The couples' daughters visit as often as they can.

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# Holsteins

The first Holstein cow arrived in America in 1852.

The Holstein-Friesian Association of America was formed in 1885. The name was changed to Holstein Association

USA, Inc. in 1994. In 2000, Holsteins on official U.S. production testing produced an average of 21,536 pounds of milk, 789 pounds of fat and 674 pounds of protein. That

Holsteins are usually between 23 and 26 months of age when they have their first calf. The productive life of a Holstein cow is between 3 and 4 years. A mature Holstein cow

stands 58 inches tall and weighs 1,500 pounds.

The Holstein Association's mission is "To provide information that dairy producers will us to breed, manage and market higher producing, more durable cows."

Nine out of ten dairy producers milk Holsteins. Better Cows Make More Money!

# More about

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diary milks fourteen hundred cows every eight hours, running around the clock.

Named for the English translation of their last name, Fox Dairy is still a very family oriented business.

The DeVos' eldest son, Gary, is a senior at Texas Tech majoring in animal science with an emphasis in business management. He works at the dairy on weekends and during the summers, and plans on working at the dairy full-time after he graduates.

High school senior Jasper, and 12-year-old Dianne also work around the dairy and perform daily chores.

## Dairy Definitions

**Whole milk** – contains not less than 3.25 percent milkfat and 8.25 percent solids-not-fat. Addition of vitamins A and D is optional, but if added, vitamin A must be present at a level of not less than 2,000 International Units (I.U.) per quart; vitamin D is optional, but must be present at a level of 400 I.U., if added. Characterizing flavoring ingredients may also be added. According to the dairy farmer checkoff-funded Midwest Dairy Association; each person consumes around 7.4 gallons each year.

**Reduced/lowfat milk** – contains 0.5, 1.5, or 2.0 percent milkfat and not less than 8.25 percent solids-not-fat. Milk must contain 2,000 I.U. of vitamin A per quart. Addition of vitamin D is optional, but must be present at a level of 400 I.U., if added. Characterizing flavor ingredients may also be added. According to the dairy farmer checkoff-funded Midwest Dairy Association, each person consumes on average 9.6 gallons each year.

**Skim or Nonfat milk** – contains less than 0.5 percent milkfat and not less than 8.25 percent solids-not-fat. Skim or nonfat milk must contain 2,000 I.U. of vitamin A per quart. Addition of vitamin D is optional, but must be present at a level of 400 I.U. if added. Characterizing flavoring ingredients may be added. According to the dairy farmer checkoff-funded Midwest Dairy Association, the average person consumes around 3.4 gallons each year. The biggest gains in milk consumption in recent years have come in the area of flavored milk through promotion like "Extreme Flavors" and "the Wilder Side of Chocolate Milk" along with increased availability of the new record resealable containers. Flavored milk sales increased by 5.1 percent in 2001. Preliminary numbers indicate that total milk sales increased by half a percent in 2002, led by cheese, which increased by 2.5 percent and fluid milk, by .3 percent.

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DANIEL RUYNE, 8 years old, lends a helping hand to a neighbor who is taking a turn at bottle feeding a calf.

where he can, Ruyme farms 1,000 acres. Growing some corn but mostly forage that is used by the dairy. Leo and Christina are very proud parents of four children, Marcell who is 11 years old, Daniel 8 years old,

daughter, Michelle who is 6 years old, and the baby of the family is Paul who is 4 years old.

"The whole family works in this business" says Ruyme, "my two oldest sons have 32 bulls of their own that I sold

them, this way they learn the value of a dollar, and buy the things they want, like dirt bikes." All the Ruynes children pitch in and get the work done. It seems feeding the baby calves are one of the favorite things they do.



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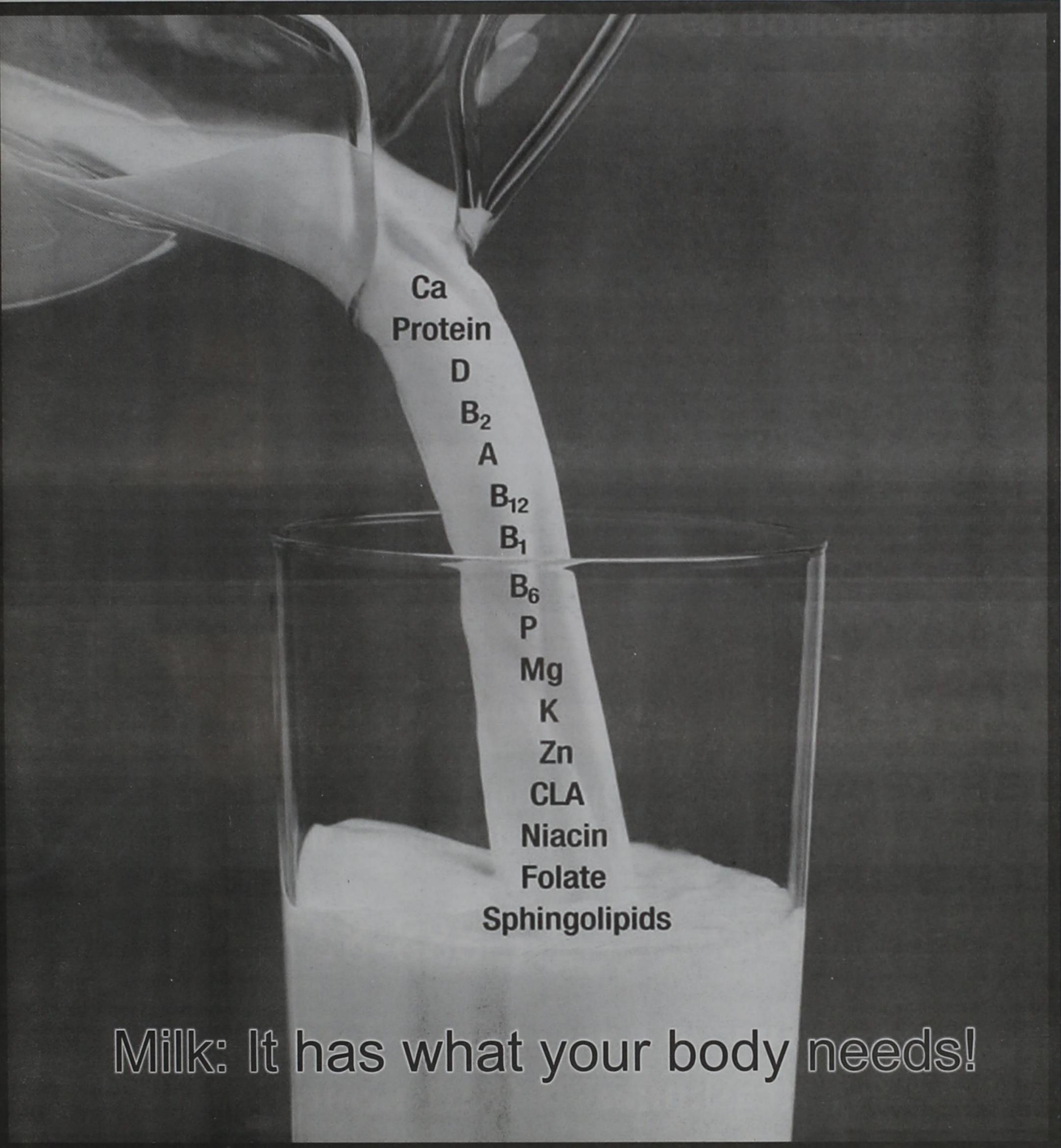


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# It's "family farms", not "factory farms"

By John Cowan

Recently I have read many articles in which the author is critical of and adamant that dairy farmers are "factory farms." This conjures up images of impersonal operations where dairy cows are warehoused, pollution is rampant and the operators don't care about their neighbors.

In fact, nothing could be further from the truth.

Yes, dairy farms are bigger than they were even 20 years ago, and, as time goes on, they will need to grow, just as any business needs to grow to keep up with inflation. Technology, better management practices and other advances allow a farmer to safely care for a larger number of animals while ensuring the milk they produce meets stringent health standards. The milk we drink today is safer than it was when our ancestors milked a few dozen cows by hand.

But one thing has not changed — the farm remains a family enterprise that requires long, hard hours by the farmer and his family or employees who are local residents with an interest in protecting their community. The farmer is personally involved in the management and operation of his dairy.

In Texas, every farm is a family farm, regardless of its size — even the largest farms, known as Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, which have at least 700 mature dairy cows.

These farmers work and live on the

land. They want to protect it so it remains sustainable as well as profitable.

They also care about their local community; some have lived there for generations. They want to make a positive contribution to their community, both socially and economically.

In addition to professional pride, a dairyman has a responsibility to his animals, his family and to his country to protect and manage his operation in an environmentally responsible way.

State and federal rules mandate how the animals are housed, fed, treated, medically evaluated, transported and even milked. In addition, farmers are required to operate their farms by strict rules. They must properly dispose of manure and animal waste and must manage fields where beneficial nutrients are used to grow crops.

Everything the farmer does and produces is inspected, monitored and tested. Dairyman are proud of their role in providing food and fiber for the citizens.

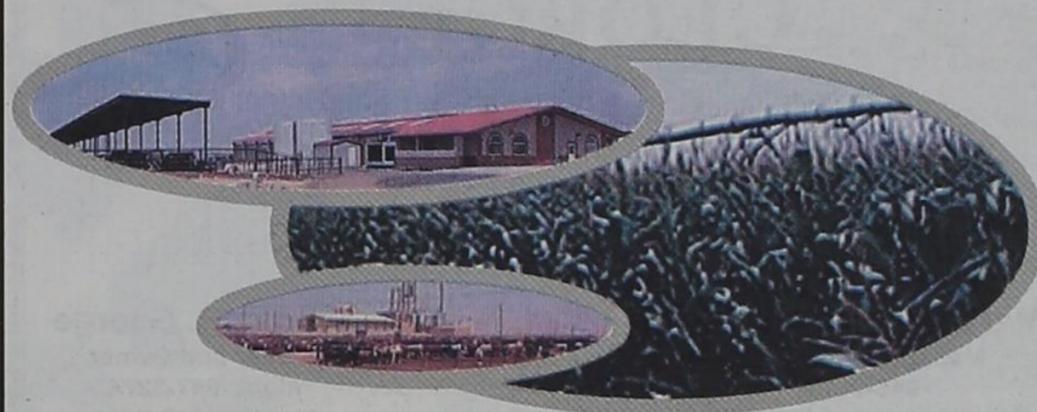
For consumers, it's the best of all worlds. They can feel secure that they are getting a product that is both safe and wholesome. And they can know it was produced with the personal touch of another Texas family, that of the dairy farmer.

*(John Cowan is the executive director of the Texas Association of Dairyman, Inc., [www.milk4texas.org](http://www.milk4texas.org).)*



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6. Seize every opportunity and milk it for all it's worth!
7. It's better to be seen and not herd.
8. Honor thy fodder and thy mother and all your udder relatives.
9. Never take any bull from anybody.
10. Always let them know who's the bossy.
11. Stepping on cowpies brings good luck.
12. Black and White is always an appropriate fashion statement
13. Don't forget to cow-nt your blessings every day.

# Osterkamp family leaves California for West Texas "milk" rush

**Davie Browder**  
*Castro County News*

A year ago, Sandi and Tom Osterkamp hadn't quite been in operation in the west part of Castro County a year, but already the family loved the weather.

Since it's Nov. 4, 2003, opening, Sandy said her family likes the

area more every day.

"We love it here, absolutely love it. It's God's country," she said. "The people are just wonderful. We've all left our families and our homes and now we have new families and new homes. We've really only been milking a year and a half. My younger

daughter Amy and I came here first.

"We have two sons, Mark and his wife Angie; our son Scott, not married; our daughter Erin and Arie Prins and their son Willem, 11 months, will be one year old on July 20, all are here and helping out at the dairy."

They're milking about 2,000 cows a day.

"We raise all our own dairy cows," she said. "Our babies stay here with us, we raise them to be replacement heifers. We have about 5,000 cows right now."

While they rely mostly on artificial insemination, they still keep a few bulls at the dairy.

The family moved here from Corona, Calif.

"In southern California, dairies are pretty much gone," she said. "They're moving this way. We know quite a few people considering Texas. People come to see us all the time checking out the area."

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OSTERKAMP DAIRY OWNERS - Arie Prins and his son, Willem Prins, 11 months old; and Mark Osterkamp \*note- baby Willem has on boots like his father and uncle.

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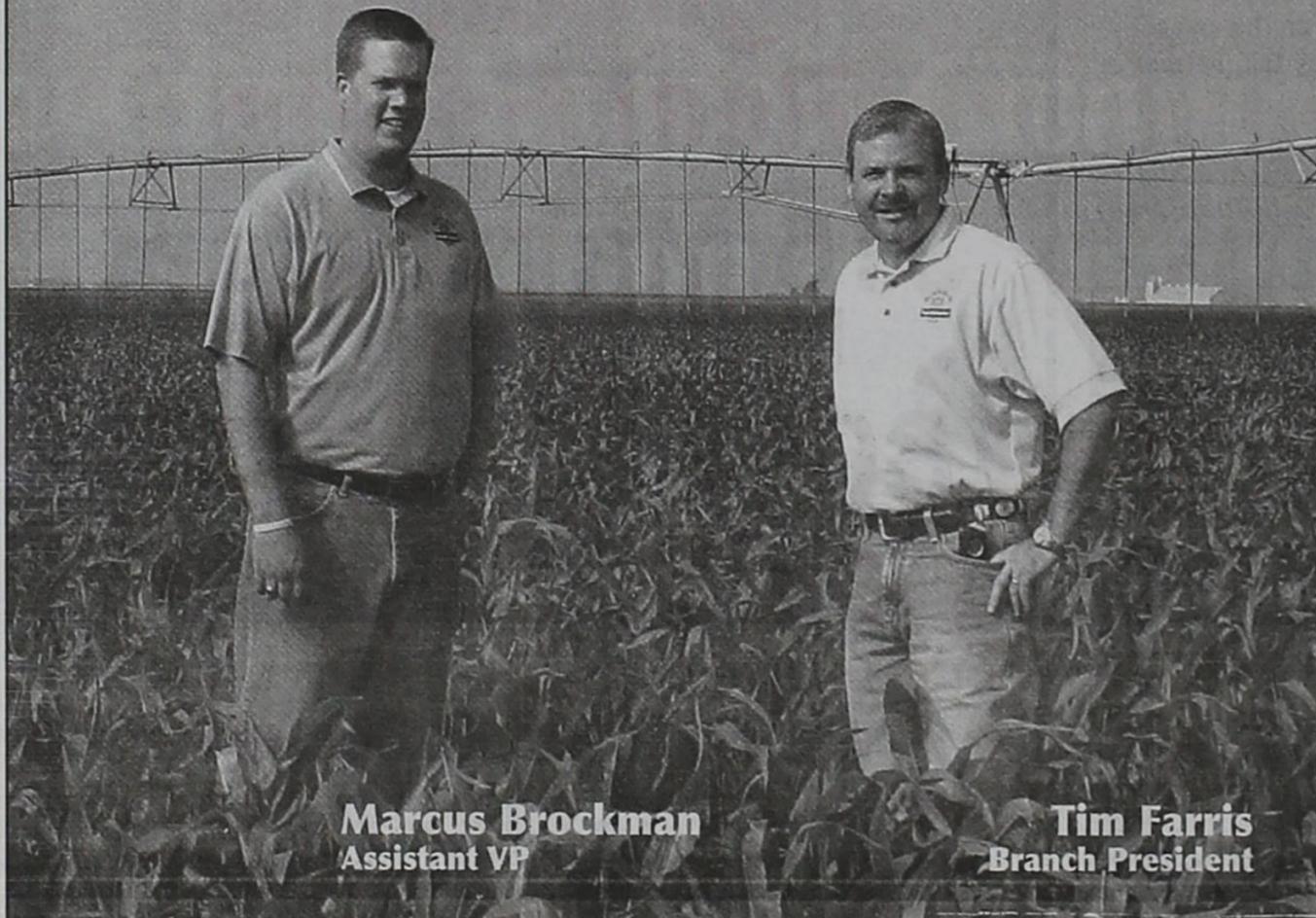


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There aren't too many places you can go to where people like cows.

"In California, they build houses next to the dairies."

And it was the wide-open spaces of the Panhandle that drew the Osterkamp family. Plus the weather.

"High humidity isn't good for cows," Tom Osterkamp said. "If they don't eat, they don't give milk."

Osterkamp Dairy is located west of Dimmitt and north of Highway 86 on FM 1056.

"We got pushed out of California," Tom said. "We came here and looked at the land. There were a lot of nice, wide-open spaces, lots of cattle. I don't think we'll get pushed out of here."

Although the family left the earthquakes behind, Sandi isn't any more at ease about tornadoes than she was last year, the first time she was interviewed for an article about the dairy.

"We just traded one for another, but with earthquakes, they just happen before you know it," she said. "Tornadoes, you have to wait and see if they strike."

She said that while the

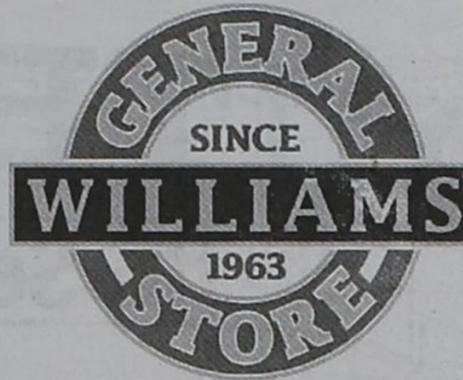
family believes it's found the best weather conditions for a dairy, it can still be up one day and down the next. And not just because of milk prices. "It's still a farm operation and it can be an iffy proposition at times."

At Osterkamp, about 1,850 cows are milked twice a day. About 120,000 - or three truckloads of milk - are shipping from their dairy daily.

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By Larry Ayers

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dairies and feedyards). Southwest Ag sells *only the best* covers and silage bags by Up North Plastic. In fact, Southwest Ag Services is the West Texas and New Mexico Distributor for Up North Plastic.

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## Cheers to consumers, producers in National Dairy Month

By John Cowan

Prepare to uncap a jug of milk or dig into a big bowl of ice cream – just in time for the first uncomfortably warm Texas weather, June is National Dairy Month.

This is a time to thank the consumer for his or her support and recognize the state's dairy farmers for their hard work, day in and day out.

Milk and milk products have been an important part of our

nation's diet and livelihood since the first cows were brought to Jamestown, Va., in 1611. Dairy Month has been celebrated annually in the United States since 1939.

Much has changed in the industry in the past decades. More products are available now than ever before. And the products are safer than ever before, thanks to advances in refrigeration, technology and food packaging. Technology

has also had a tremendous impact on milk production, although some aspects of farming haven't changed for generations.

With so many beverage, especially soft drink, options available to consumers, they still

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family. For every dollar we put into the community, it turns over three and a half times." The Long family takes their cows very seriously.

"We want the best for these cows, when they are comfortable, they are happier, so they produce more milk."

Mark makes sure the pens are scraped several times each shift, the cows have shade in all the pens as well as all the water and feed they need. Mark and Jamee Long are very active in their children's activities. 4H seems to be the favorite for John and Justin. Mark Long is very proud to say that his family received Ag Family of the Year Award. This family loves being part of this community, and has high hopes for its success.

### More about

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wish to continue in the dairy industry.

Pete's brother, Hein Hettinga who is a co-owner in the 3-H Progress Dairy has been in the dairy business since 1971, and owns a dairy in California and in Arizona. Pete Hettinga said it was only a matter of time before his 900-cow dairy at Oakdale, Calif., began to feel the effect of urban sprawl, and said he thought it was best to make the move while he was still young.

The Hettinga's have decades of experience in the dairy and dairy-related businesses.

The Oakdale dairy, which had been established in 1981, was purchased by Pete Hettinga in 1990, which followed years of experience operating his brother's dairy in California. He also operated a calf operation for 10 years.

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LEAH PENZA, DVM (left) OF CANYON EXAMINES HEIFERS at Fox Dairy to detect pregnancy. Each cow is checked and marked regularly to determine pregnancy.

## More about

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haven't lost their desire for milk, nature's most nutritionally perfect food. They also are continuing to eat plenty of butter, cheese and ice cream, even though more are turning to lighter or lower fat versions.

The most recent statistics available show that each of us annually consumes about 22 gallons of fluid milk, almost 1 pound of yogurt, 4.5 pounds of butter, 30 pounds of cheese and almost 27 pounds of frozen dairy products.

Of course, without the commitment of our dairy producers, the stores' shelves would be bare.

In Texas, about 800 dairy farmers produce more than 656 million gallons of milk a year, ranking Texas 12th in milk production nationwide. Those same producers (and their cows) also help make Texas the fourth leading producer of ice cream in the country.

These farmers also are contributing to the Texas economy as a whole, and

even more to their local communities. The economic impact of the dairy industry on Texas is estimated at \$772 million in goods produced and 10,926 jobs.

Dairy farming isn't easy. Cows don't take a day off – they always have to be fed and cared for. And the work isn't glamorous.

These days, being a farmer also means coping with new technology, rising business costs and increasingly complex and stringent environmental regulations.

Yet our farm families wouldn't choose any other life.

The Texas Association of Dairymen thanks our farm families for their dedication to feeding our nation. And we thank those who drink milk and eat other dairy products for appreciating the fruits of our farmers' labor.

In appreciation to both, a toast by TAD with a glass of cold milk. We invite you to join us.

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Vanderlei said "And there is less environment problems." After meeting with Littlefield Economic Development Board the family decided to move to Lamb County with their five children, Pytrik, Marlynke, Janelle, Jelmer, and Case.

Today, Five-Star dairy produces just over 170,000 pounds of milk a day, milking about 2,800 cows three times a day. The Vanderlei's buy about 90 percent of the food for the dairy from local farmer's the other 10 percent comes from the Vanderleis own 1644-acre farm.

Construction on the Five-Star heifer facility was completed in September 2004, and it employees four people. Five-Star heifer facility is were the

couple raises the heifer herd until ready for breeding and milking. The Vanderlei's rely on the old fashion way to breed the herd. Although "artificial insemination isn't out of the question, it just isn't as reliable, as letting nature take its course," says Piertsje, "A bull will always be there when we may miss the right time."

Milk Harvest, the couple's second dairy is under construction and plans to be opened for milking September 15, 2005. This dairy will employ 16 people, and milk an additional 2,000 cows.

The dairy is increasing as the numbers of dairies increase in the area. Five-Star employees 30 people, which has increased by five since last year.

"This is still very much a family business," says Piertsje, "we all have our jobs to get everything done that needs to be done."

"Dairies are an asset to our community," says Piertsje, "Dairies help out in lots of ways, and our community is very important to us."

### When does a cow start producing milk?

A cow must have a calf in order to produce milk. Calves are fed until they are 8-9 weeks old. The average cow is 2 years old when she has her first calf. A young cow is called a heifer.



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