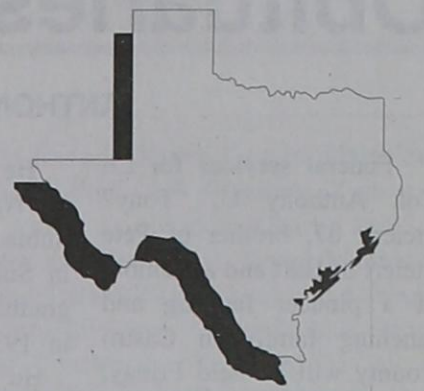




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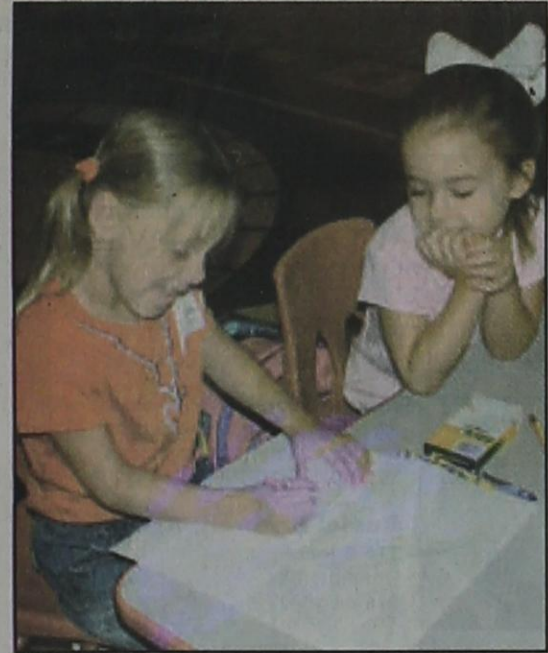
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## School Days are here



**ABOVE, DHS CHEERLEADERS** prepare for school. Cheerleaders were making signs last week to welcome students to the first day of classes on Monday. Pictured, left to right, are: Kathy Amador, Suzie Limas, Sheena Ehly, Shantell Self, Erica Abrego, Callen Mixson and Kami Sanders.



**STARTING OFF RIGHT:** Above, students at Dimmitt Middle School started off their first day with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

**KINDERGARTEN:** Students in Diane Sanders class were enthusiastic their first day of school on Monday. At left, Morgan Weaver and Morgan Nelson get down to work; while Sydney Irons, right, turns to look in her supplies.



## Three cases of West Nile Virus diagnosed here

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**  
*Managing Editor*

Three cases of West Nile Virus have been confirmed in Dimmitt, according to Dr. Gary Hardee, County Health Officer.

"We've confirmed those three cases and there may be another one," Hardee said. "But there's something else, called an Echo Virus, going around too. With it you have a rash, fever and flu-like

symptoms and it can last upwards of two weeks."

Hardee said the West Nile and Echo viruses have similar symptoms; the only way to tell the difference is through a blood test. But unless a patient is exhibiting the most severe symptoms of West Nile, doctors don't routinely do the blood test.

Hardee warns everyone to be careful and avoid  
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## City sets proposed tax rate, won't buy ambulance for EMS

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**  
*Managing Editor*

The Dimmitt City Council set .246 cents, up .009 cents, or almost a penny, as the proposed tax rate for the coming year. The public hearing on the tax rate will be at the next council meeting, set for Sept. 8, said Mayor Wayne Collins.

"The council looked at the

ambulance question in context with the whole budget," Collins said. "We were already in a deficit situation and the council decided not to include the ambulance and raise taxes more."

In other action, council members heard from plumbers who want the  
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## Hospital district holds first hearing on proposed tax rate

There seems to be little interest in the proposed hospital district tax increase. Only three people that weren't hospital employees or board members were present for the public meeting sponsored by the hospital Monday evening ... and one of those was the representative for the *Castro County News*.

Henry Ramaekers opened the meeting by explaining the tax increase and why it was necessary. The increase will amount to a jump of 7.9 percent and will mean an additional \$12 per year for the average home owner. The hospital will realize about \$100,000 from the

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## City reorganizes departments, creates code enforcement office

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**  
*Managing Editor*

Dimmitt City Council members have said they're determined to clean up the town.

And in recent days, it's become obvious that a commitment has been made. One home which neighbors had complained of loud and long was cleaned by a city crew last week. And six homes have been signed over to the city for demolition.

One of the reasons for the upswing in the city has been the hiring of Karen Hutson as the city's Code Enforcement officer. She, along with workers from Public Works and police officer Rita Sepeda, have been working with owners to get property cleaned. And, when that didn't work, citations were issued.

"Houses that aren't up to code don't have to be torn down," Hutson said. "The owners

have the option of doing the work to bring them up to code."

For now, the city will go in and tear the house down at no charge to the owners.

"At this time, people need to start considering allowing us to take down an out-of-code home," Hutson said. "You never know, in the future, that service might not be free."

Some towns and cities contract to have houses torn down, often paying \$10,000 or more per home for the demolition.

To have a home demolished, go by the Department of Public Works and sign a release form so the city can go on the property, Hutson said.

Saul Arce, Director of Public Works, has overseen the demolition.

"The first house we tore down, we'll burn  
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**AFTER THE CITY,** with the owners permission, demolished this house in the southeast part of town on Aug. 13, it was destroyed with a controlled burn the next day.

**Castro County**

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# Obituaries

## ANTHONY U. 'TONY' STEIERT

Funeral services for Lt. Col. Anthony U. "Tony" Steiert, 87, brother of Pete Steiert of Hart and a member of a pioneer farming and ranching family in Castro County will be held Friday, Aug. 22, at 10 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father John Kodankandath, pastor, officiating.

Visitation will be at the CCD building in Nazareth at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21.

Burial with military honors will be in Holy Family Cemetery at Nazareth. The honor guard will be provided by the Nazareth American Legion Post.

Mr. Steiert, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Aug. 16, at Pike's Peak Hospice in Colorado Springs.

Anthony U. Steiert was born to Louis A. and Frances Mary Davis Steiert on Dec. 18, 1915, at Nazareth.

He attended grade school in Nazareth and attended Subiaco College Academy in Subiaco, Ark., where he graduated from high school in 1936.

He entered the Army Air Corps in 1941 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in August, 1942. He served with the Seventh Photo Reconnaissance Group based at Mount Farm, England, during World War II.

He remained in the military after the war and served in numerous overseas and stateside assignments.

He was employed by the Communications Electronic Command of Fort Monmouth, N.J., and was involved in logistics assistance worldwide in the 1960s and 70s.

He retired from the Air Force with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He married Myrtle Littlejohn of Grand Forks, N.D., on Aug. 25, 1975.

He owned a farm near Hart and helped to establish St. John's Catholic Church in Hart.

He was active for many years in Toastmasters International and the Holy Trinity Church Choir in Colorado Springs.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Louis J. "Bud" Steiert, and a sister, Mary Frances Steuben.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle of Colorado Springs; a brother, Pete of Hart; a sister, Ann Baumhardt of Amarillo; 10 nieces; three nephews; eight great-nephews; and seven great-nieces. Memorials may be made to Pike's Peak Hospice, 825 E. Pike's Peak Ave., Suite 600, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

## Castro County Reunion replaces Old Settlers Reunion

The annual parade-day luncheon event at the Senior Citizens Center is no longer called the "Old Settlers' Reunion."

It's now the Castro County Reunion, and folks of all ages are invited.

Those attending last year's reunion voted to change both the name and scope of the annual get-together, according to Don and Verbie Nelson, co-chairs of this year's reunion. "Very few of our county's original residents are still living, and their descendants and later arrivals in the county have been a little reluctant to crash the party," Don Nelson said. "We want everyone of all ages to know that they're welcome to come and enjoy the food and fellowship."

The only price of admission for local families is a dish or two for the old-fashioned covered-dish luncheon, which will be served promptly at noon on parade day.

"Visitors from outside of the county don't need to bring a thing but their appetites," Nelson said.

A special invitation is extended this year to Bobcat Band exes who will be here for the Harvest Days Parade and band reunion, "Mr. Ralph Smith's Opus."

The doors of the Senior Citizens Center will open at 9:30 a.m. for those who wish to gather there to watch the Harvest Days Parade.

Those bringing covered dishes are asked to have their food on the tables at the Senior Citizens Center by 11:45 a.m. on parade day so the meal can be served on time. Food may be brought in, either through the center's front entrance or through the west door of the building near the kitchen.

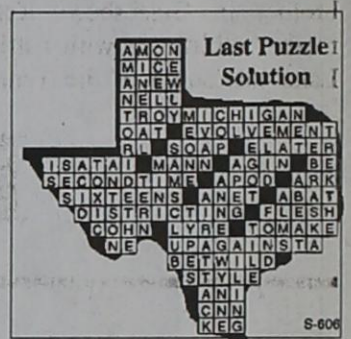
"Through some miracle having to do with cook's intuition, we seem to always have the right proportions of salads, vegetable dishes, meat dishes and desserts on the tables," Nelson said. "And it's always as delicious as you'd expect it to be, with all the cooks sharing their favorite recipes."

Bread, tableware, drinks,

salt and pepper will be provided.

Following the meal, several in the crowd will be recognized-the oldest person present, the one who traveled the greatest distance to be here, the family with the most members present, etc. Also, Darlene Collins will present a short program explaining Dimmitt's new state-of-the-art wireless communications network. Several of the network's on-line computers are located in the Senior Citizens Center and will be available for inspection and use by reunion attendees.

A short business meeting also will be held to organize next year's reunion.



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- 6 TXism: "sounds like a dry \_\_\_\_\_ (bad singer)"
- 7 TXism: "useless as party \_\_\_\_\_ to a pig"
- 8 TX Charley's "\_\_\_\_\_ Losing You?"
- 9 Reba's "\_\_\_\_\_ Life Out There?"
- 16 NASA drink
- 18 TXism: "popular as \_\_\_\_\_ daughter"
- 21 TCU All American center Charles "\_\_\_\_\_ Aldrich"
- 22 1st female TX Sec. of State, Meharg
- 23 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse \_\_\_\_\_"
- 24 "\_\_\_\_\_ work"
- 30 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ better, I couldn't stand it"
- 34 Tony McGee's position on the Cowboys (abbr.)
- 35 TXism: "tall hog at the \_\_\_\_\_" (VIP)
- 36 TX Roddenberry's "Star \_\_\_\_\_"
- 37 a daughter of TX Gene Tierney
- 39 TXism: "beats a \_\_\_\_\_ with a sharp stick"
- 43 Gulf fish
- 44 Houston Building
- 45 tree chopper
- 46 Winnsboro FM
- 47 natural height

- 49 "\_\_\_\_\_ of Laredo"
- 52 "A-Rod's" position on the Texas Rangers (abbr.)
- 53 TX actress Sandy (init.)
- 54 TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ blood in his veins" (lover)
- 55 traps
- 58 sour tasting substance

- 59 news wrangler (abbr.)
- 60 TXism: "two-\_\_\_\_\_ nag"
- 61 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ some gravel" (fell)

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- 3 TX Browning won '52 diving gold in \_\_\_\_\_, Finland
- 4 Gen. Robt. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 state where TX Buddy Holly crashed (abbr.)
- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ an egg-sucking dog"
- 11 TXns Landry & Kite
- 12 TXism: "gave \_\_\_\_\_ dose of his own medicine"

- 13 African antelopes raised in TX
- 14 "Dang Me" singer TX Roger (init.)
- 15 TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of a sow's \_\_\_\_\_"
- 17 TXism: "never look a \_\_\_\_\_ in the mouth"
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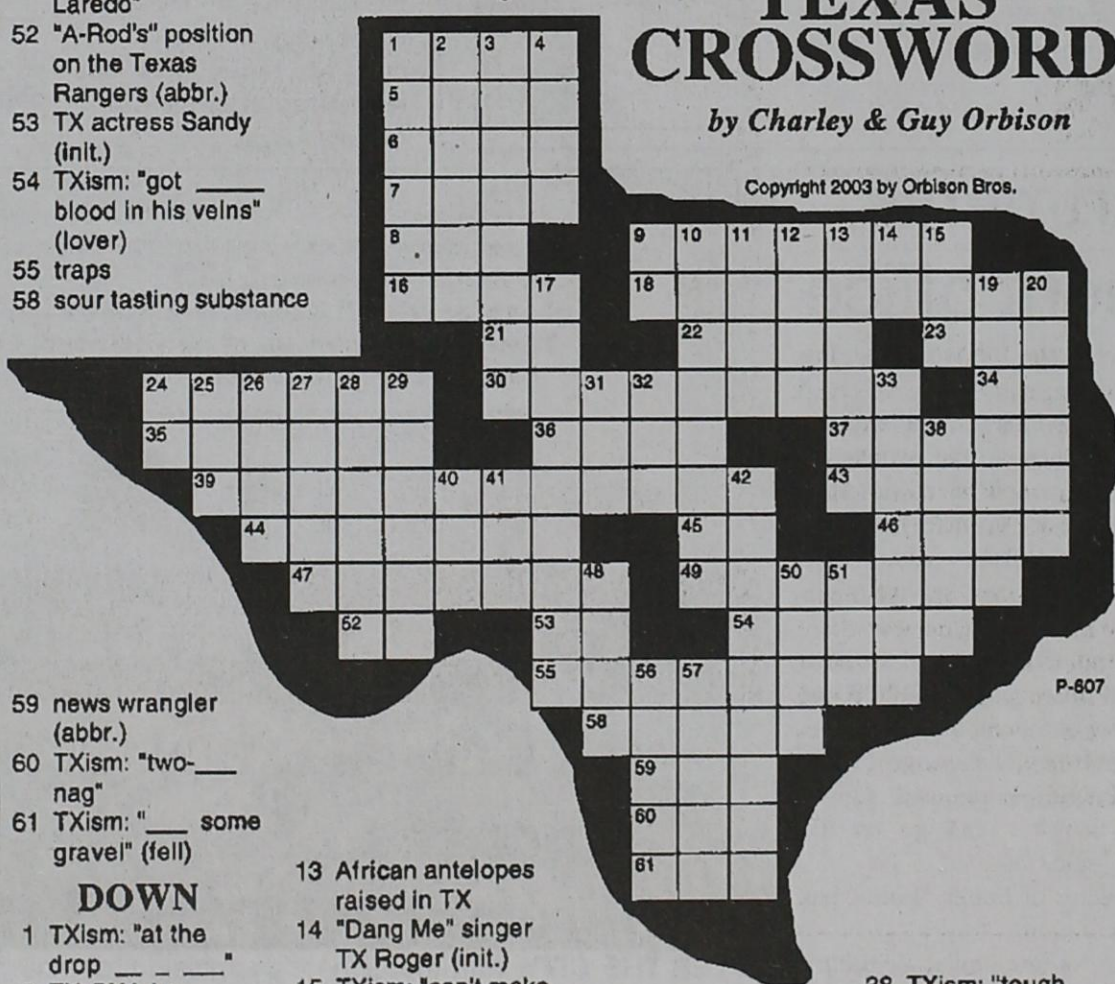
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# On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson 647-4579

The Alan Steinle family spent the end of July on vacation in Florida and Tennessee. They began their vacation on Jacksonville Beach in northern Florida.

They traveled to Orlando and spent three days at Disney World. They lodged at the Caribbean Beach Resort in the Jamaica area. It had six pools and a beautiful lake, where Kalan enjoyed the Mouse boats. The Magic Kingdom was especially beautiful at night, with the parade and magnificent firework show. After Disney, they traveled to Daytona Beach, but the water was a chilly 64 degrees. Normally, the water temperature is 83 degrees in July. However, because of an upwelling in the Atlantic Ocean, cold water from deep beneath the ocean was forced up to the surface. It was a little too cold to enjoy.

After a week in Florida, they were excited to visit Elaine's parents in Tennessee. Alan enjoyed golfing and he also took Jenna, Kalan and Travis (a cousin) rafting down the Hiwassee River.

They enjoyed lots of good country cooking and fresh vegetables from the garden. They also visited Elaine's brother in Gainesboro, Tenn. They celebrated Elaine's mother's birthday with catfish and a trip to Dale Hollow Lake just south of the Tennessee-Kentucky border.

Visitors of Duward and Joyce Davis were John and Diane Logsdon of Canton.

We all went to an all-school Kress Reunion at Country Club in Plainview. John was Class of 1953; Duward and Joyce were Class of 1956.

The earliest graduate was class of 1937. Approximately 500 attended.

Then on Saturday, a big day in Kress started with breakfast, then a parade, barbeque, school assembly and class get-together.

Son Kelly and family came from Weatherford. Amy, 8, stayed with grandparents for a week while her parents vacationed in Las Vegas.

Joyce has good pictures of a little red humming bird and a plainer hummer from her back yard feeder. We live two doors down from the Davis family and have enjoyed the same little rufus. Joyce reports having seen as many as five at a time.

The children of Houston and Doris Lust honored Houston with a surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party on July 27.

The party was held at the Lust's home at Bethel. Those in

attendance were Doris; Joe and Kathy Lust of Plainview; Ryan, Audra and Colton Smith of Silverton; Zach and Sherry Smith, Jesslyn, Caitlin and Maddie, Charlie and Sue Summers and Cody, Rex and Carol Lust, Taylor Matthews, all of Dimmitt; Zeke and Tiffany Nino, Casey and Michelle Summers, Levi and Carol Lunsford, Cameron Lust, Jenny Griffin, Kyle and Flo Touchstone, Trey and Ti, all of Lubbock; Cory and Wendy Lust and Cray of Dumas; Ann Cayton, Sean Lindsey and Brittany of Gilbert, Ariz.; Glenn and Barbara Lust of Lazbuddie; Bill and Lonella Avent of Amarillo; Orville and Trent Finck and Norman and Naomi Finck, all of Tulia.

All enjoyed eating, visiting, playing horseshoes and washers and riding the four-wheeler.

The First Baptist Church honored Howard and Belinda Rhodes with a month-long sabbatical. They've served as pastor here for seven years.

They spent part of their time off attending a Bible seminar in Montana. They lodged at the foot of Mount Baldy. It was beautiful country there. Howard's goal was to climb Mount Baldy. He reported climbing and climbing, but did not achieve his goal.

He said, "I didn't make it. I wasn't fit for the hike. The spiritual lesson I learned, I will reach the end of my journey, but my goal will be to enjoy the journey."

The Baptist honored the Dimmitt Independent School District teachers for the 2003 school year with a luncheon. There were 156 teachers who enjoyed the fellowship and meal.

Van Earl and Waurayne Hughes have just returned from Florida, where they've been with their daughter Javan, who has been very ill. We are glad to report that she is recovering nicely.

## Hispanic Voice

with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

Jackie Ramos is still at ICU at UMC with her husband Ralph Ramos. Ralph is doing a little better but is still in critical condition. His right leg is still swollen and his circulation is somewhat better but not good enough yet. His kidneys are still shut down and he is on dialysis and a respirator. The respirator may come off sometime this week hopefully. Jackie is very optimistic and is holding on real good. Her family has been there for her: Freddy and Rita, Raul, Patsy and Johnny and Audrey. Ralph's brother Fred and wife Mary Lou from Rockport; a sister Joel Guerra from Tennessee; a sister Ramona Lopez and George from Dimmitt; a brother Sotero Ramos and Delia from Dimmitt; lots of nephews and nieces have been there also. Jackie wants to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, food given to her in her hour of need. She says please keep praying for Ralph because she knows

God will answer. She says, "It's going to be a slow healing process, and that's O.K., I can wait, he's my husband and I love him dearly."

We saw Anita and Manuel Velasquez on Sunday at the hospital visiting Ralph. He is still very ornery. Hey, how come you never write about me in your column? I said, well you never tell me anything about you or Anita or the grandkids. I know he probably has very cute grandchildren in Lubbock, so maybe this will get him started. Manuel I hope I embarrassed you. Not really. It was very nice of ya'll to visit. Jackie says she really appreciates all the visits ya'll have made.

Sept. 7 is grandparents day. I have been given \$20 to donate to one kid between the ages 7-9 to write a short story about their grandparents and why they think they are so fantastic. Please mail to The Hispanic Voice, 104 NW 4th, Dimmitt, TX., 79027, NO LATER

THAN AUG. 31 because that's the cut off date for me. Your letter will be published in the Sept. 4 issue. Please tell me who your grandparents are OK? Now let me tell you what grandparents day is: A lady named Marian McQuade from Fayette County, W.Va., thought that it would be a good idea to help the lonely, elderly in the nursing homes, the shut-ins or grandparents, whose grandchildren do not visit them. She wanted to have a day targeted just for them. After all, they bring special memories to us all. The Bible says in Deuteronomy 4:9 that we concern ourselves and to not forget things which our eyes have seen and to teach them to thy sons and thy sons' sons. This Marian McQuade hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Carter in 1978 proclaimed that National Grandparents Day be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. I have to have at least

two letters, so kids, start writing, or if no one writes, I'll go eat pizza with it. (Not really, I'll donate it to some worthy cause.)

Prayers are needed for Ralph Ramos, Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Julia Aguilar, Marcelo Aguilar, Alonzo Aguilar, Alyssa Monreal. If you have any news for me, call me at 647-4266, e-mail me at [Middleace1966@yahoo.com](mailto:Middleace1966@yahoo.com)

## Naz News

with Vergie Gerber 945-2669

A large crowd of parents and others gathered at the Nazareth school Monday morning to attend the opening ceremonies, held on the front lawn of the school.

The FCCLA officers welcomed all students, especially the new ones this year.

They also led the singing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance after Rebecca Olvera and Garrett Kleman raised the

flag. Superintendent Marshall Harrison then introduced a special group, the kindergarten, the class of 2016!

He also recognized the school board of the members' dedication. He said the school has 229 students enrolled this year.

Principal Deb Clinton then recognized the senior class of 2004, introduced the teaching staff, aides, maintenance staff and school

board.

The 2003 Labor Day preparations have been made and the worklist distributed. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attractions are the Fancy Work and Country Store, concessions, raffle, children's and adult bingo, horse shoes, auction, new children's games and hamburger supper!

### THANK YOU

Words are inadequate to express my appreciation to Dr. Bizzell and the emergency room staff for their swift and efficient care of me.

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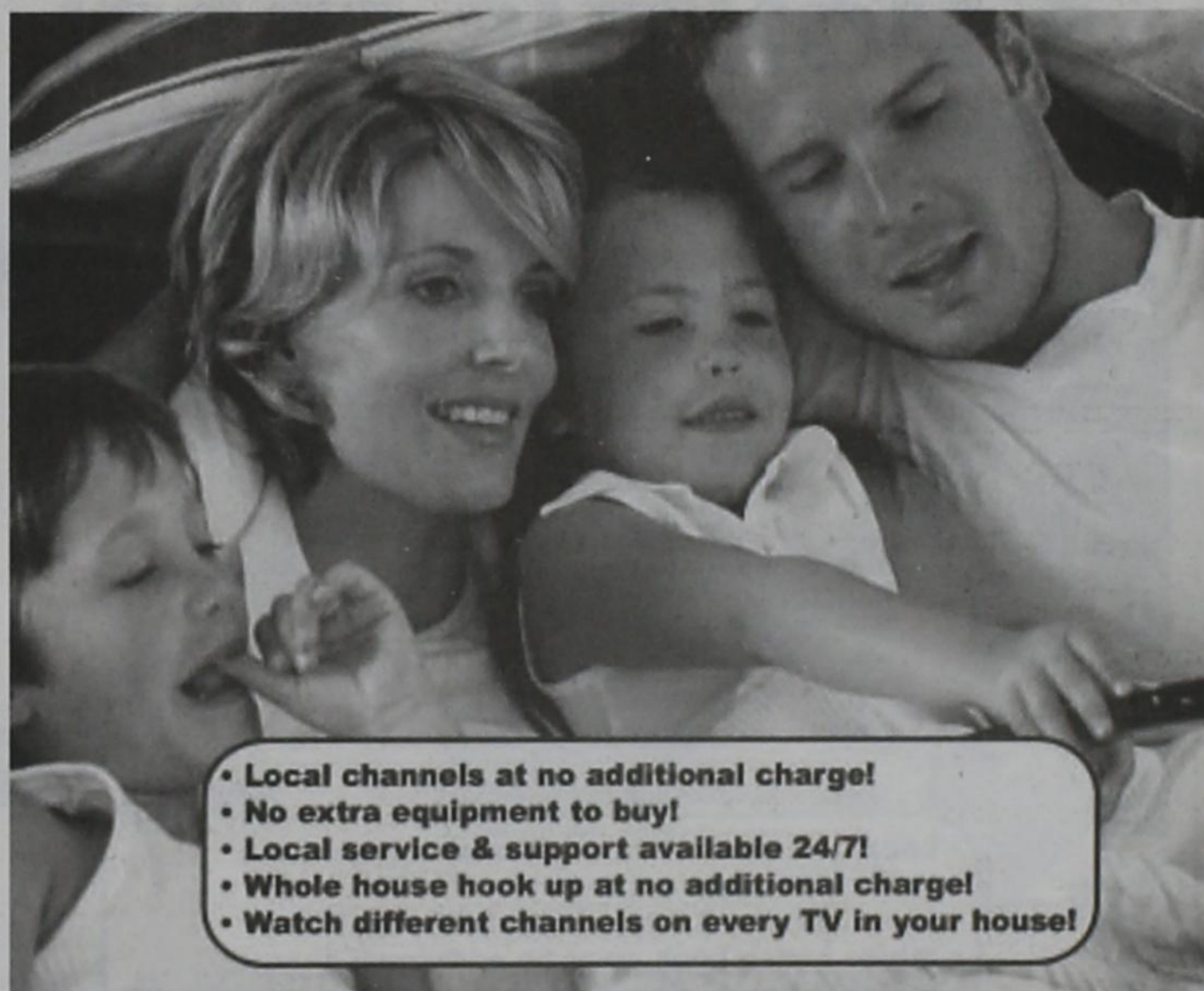
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# PEOPLE

## Lane marks 90th birthday

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**  
Managing Editor

There's no doubt in the mind of anyone who knows Mrs. Sadie Lane that had she been born 50 years later, she'd be a doctor today.

"If we could have afforded for me to continue school, I'd have been a doctor, no matter when I was born," said Mrs. Lane, who turned 90 on Aug. 16, 2003. "But we lived out in the country, outside McLean and couldn't afford gasoline for the car, so I had to quit school in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade."

Born Sadie Ovaline Brock in Lexington, Okla., on Aug. 16, 1913, she's lived most of

her life in the Panhandle area of Texas. The family moved first to Clarendon in 1917, then to Antelope Flat. They then moved to the Heald community, where she attended school until it was time to finish high school in McLean and had to quit.

And although she stopped formal schooling, Mrs. Lane has never stopped reading and learning.

"I like to keep busy and I try to do as much for myself as I can," she said.

She married Earl Lane on June 15, 1934 in the courthouse in Pampa, after several years of courtship. They at first lived on his father's farm and in 1936 they moved to Kellerville, then moved to Lefors, where they lived for 29 years. She lost her husband in 1987 and moved to Dimmitt in 1993, where her sister, Alma Nelson, lives. She also has a sister-in-law, June Brock, in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Lane has three children; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Although this does not sound like a lot to her, since she was raised in a family with four sisters and three brothers.

Her parents, J.D. and Hattie Elzora Brock were farmers. Mrs. Lane lost her mother in 1951 and her father in 1964.

All three of her children: son, Charles Lane of Bullhead City, Ariz.;

daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Greg Niederhauser of Medicine Lake, Mont.; and son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Shirley Lane of Wills Points, as well as numerous grandchildren, nieces, great-grandchildren and a lot of other relations and out-of-town friends made it to her birthday party, held Saturday at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, which she regularly attends.

Mrs. Lane is not the oldest surviving sibling. She has a sister, Edna Hood, 96, who lives in San Francisco.

When asked about her age, Mrs. Lane said she's proud of attaining 90. And she told those attending her party, she expects to see them at her next birthday, in about 10 years.

"I don't worry about age," Mrs. Lane said.

"It doesn't make you any younger by not telling your age."

"I've seen a lot of presidents come and go. A lot of them, I didn't care for - a lot of governor's I didn't care for either."

Mrs. Lane still maintains her own household and spends a great deal of time reading and keeping up on the news.

And if you don't want to know what she thinks of an issue, don't ask.

"I've lived through two depressions; I've seen a lot," she said.

"And when people ask, I speak my mind."



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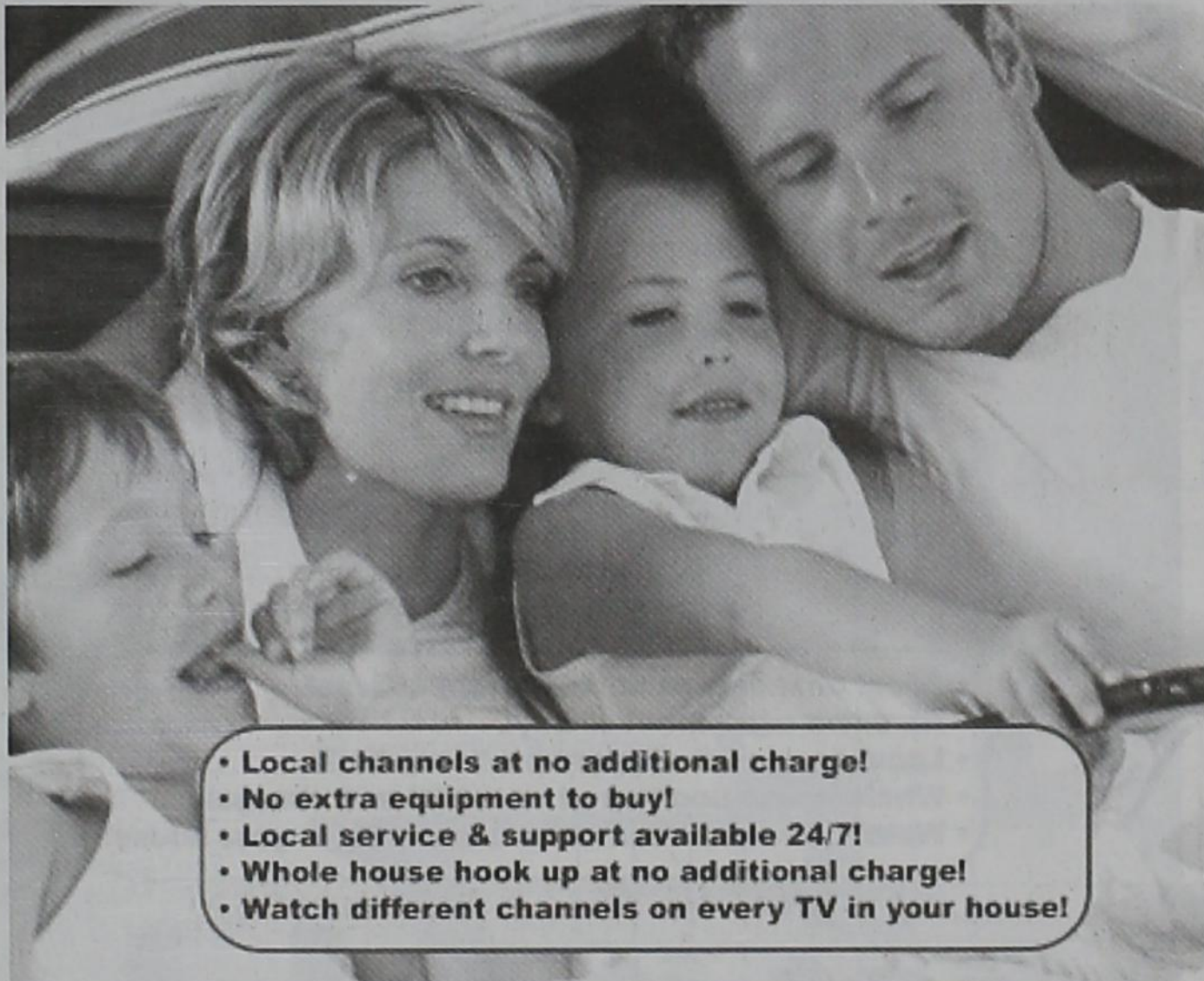
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# CHURCH NEWS

## Searching for peace



**Chuck Ball**

*through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1)* The question you need to ask yourself is do you have peace with God? It is because I have peace with God that I know that I will someday be with Him eternally.

It is when you have peace with God that you receive peace from God. *"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7)* This peace that Christians receive from God is hardly explainable since the apostle Paul records that it "transcends all understanding."

However, we can know that this peace from God is a true peace that allows us to live in peace and to be at peace in whatever situation life brings our way. I wonder, do you have true peace?

True peace comes only from God. When one is baptized into Christ, he begins his new life in a covenant relationship with God. *(Gal. 3:26-27) (Rom. 6:1-4)* When one becomes a Christian, he or she enjoys peace with God. *"Therefore, since we have been justified*

## A maintenance program for hope

BY JIM DAVIDSON

When it comes to the important subject of "hope", the noted American Psychiatrist Dr. Karl Menninger once said, "Hope is an adventure, a going forward...a confident search for a rewarding life." Have you ever thought about the importance of "hope" and what it means in your life? It has been said that a human being can live for three months without food, for three days without water, for three minutes without air, but he can't live for three seconds without hope. While this may stretch your imagination a bit, it nevertheless makes a very important point. Hope...we can't live without it.

As you ponder this a moment, I want to tell you about getting to know a wonderful lady by the name of Susie Vanderlip. Our chance meeting by e-mail and over the phone came about when an editor of a newspaper that runs this column asked me if I would be willing to visit with her about getting her column syndicated. I've had many requests like this over the years and I am willing to try to help anyone if I can. As I've said before, it's the only way I can ever repay the hundreds of people who have helped me. Susie Vanderlip lives with

her clinical psychologist husband, Dr. Ken Vanderlip in Orange County, California. She is a graduate of UCLA where she minored in modern dance and now is an Associate Professor in Dance at Coastline Community College where she taught for 12 years. Susie is also a professional speaker and author and is one of less than 500 people in the world to earn the "Certified Speaking Professional", the highest earned designation from the National Speakers Association.

Her life, however, has not been without tragedy. In August of 1984 her first husband died of an unintentional drug overdose of alcohol, cocaine and the pain killer Percodan. Eight years after his death, Susie went into the dance studio to choreograph a piece about relationships. Over the next six months, writing, choreographing, rehearsing and Beta testing the material on a wide variety of audiences, something happened that would forever change her life. As she responded to audience questions, she felt as though God put a "burning bush" on her doorstep.

This led to the development of a program that she named "Legacy Of

Hope." Her focus today is speaking to young people and adults and guiding teens successfully through the landmines of adolescence, including alcohol and drugs, teen violence, sexuality, gangs, suicide and emotional distress. This is what her column is about and while at this point she only has one paper, she has a message that people need to hear. She is not only committed but she has been there and done that.

From my heart I wish Susie well and will help her any way I can, but as I thought about her program "Legacy of Hope" and exposing teens and parents to really good concepts and insights, I also thought about what would happen in their lives as they moved on and later came into contact with many negative and evil influences. This reminded me of the overweight person who loses 30 to 50 pounds only to gain it back when

they got off the diet. What they need is a great maintenance program, one they can stay on for life.

You have the right to disagree, but at this point I'm going to be bold enough to say that what we all need is "A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR HOPE." The only lasting and eternal hope that I know about is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When Jesus comes into our life, He changes us forever and our lives will never be the same again. It's the only way to successfully deal with all those negative and evil influences that I talked about earlier.

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## Military news

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## Nelson graduates from Texas Tech

Ann Catherine Nelson of Hart graduated Aug. 9 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

She received a degree in agribusiness.

She is married to Brady Nelson and they have a 7-month-old daughter, Maggie. She is the daughter of Tim and Monica Wilhelm of Nazareth.



**Ann Catherine Nelson**

## RES sets parent meeting

Richardson Elementary will hold a parent meeting for first grade parents on August 26, 2003. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and be held in the library.



Read the Castro County News to find out when and where the local games are happening!

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# The scoop on refills

A lot of my customers either refill their own ink and toner cartridges or will buy refilled ones. Some swear by them and others simply tolerate them because they are "cheaper."

Having been an HP trained service technician, I can tell you that in most cases the price difference is simply not worth it.



**FRANK MENDOZA JR.**  
Computer Solutions

Following are several reasons I tell people to stay

away from rebuilt cartridges.

Over the years I have cleaned a lot of printers that were damaged by a leaking rebuilt cartridge.

These rebuilt cartridges usually have about a 30% failure rate and when they fail they can cause a lot of damage to the printer.

A good cleaning will typically cost you between

\$50 and \$100 depending on the type of printer.

Secondly, the print quality of a rebuilt cartridge is not as good as their new counterparts.

The cartridges either print faint, have smears or streaks on them or have missing lines.

Laser cartridges are especially prone to poor

print quality because the developing drum inside has a limited life span and most refilling places will use these drums way beyond their expected life span.

Lastly, rebuilt cartridges don't last as long as new ones.

Most times these cartridges are not refilled to full capacity to save the manufacturer money.

Also many manufactures will increase the amount of toner or ink applied to the paper to compensate

for the poorer quality of the ink or toner which also decreases the total output of the cartridge.

So plainly put, rebuilt cartridges are not quite the money savers they appear to be.

If you want really professional print quality and cost efficiency you are better off with new cartridges.

I have found that ebay is a really good source for inexpensive new cartridges - just be careful who you buy from.

## Lunch menus

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**Tuesday, Breakfast:** Strawberry Danish; **Lunch:** Corn Dogs, Turkey Salad Sandwich, Grilled Cheese w/Soup, Pork & Beans, Mexicali Corn, Black-eyed Peas, Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad, Jell-O and Chips

**Wednesday, Breakfast:** Corn Pops Cereal and Fresh Bananas; **Lunch:** Fried Chicken, Bean Chalupas, Hoagie Submarine Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Spanish Rice, Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad, Hamburger Salad and Rolls

**Thursday, Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls; **Lunch:** Chicken Spaghetti, Enchilada Casserole, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli and Cheese, Hamburger Salad and Garlic Bread

**Friday, Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito; **Lunch:** Pepperoni Pizza, Nachos, Chicken Pot Pie, Okra, Refried Beans, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Cantaloupe, Jell-o and Biscuits

### Hart

**Monday, Breakfast:** Sausage, Biscuits and Cereal; **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Ham Sandwich, French Fries, Wheat Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Cheese, Gravy, Fresh Fruit and Jell-o

**Tuesday, Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza and Cereal; **Lunch:** Lasagna Meat, Pizza, Spaghetti, Cheese Rolls, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Pears, Corn and Jell-o

**Wednesday, Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls and Cereal; **Lunch:** Roast with Gravy, Corn Dog, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Rolls and Pineapple Upside Down Cake

**Thursday, Breakfast:** Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce and Cereal; **Lunch:** Fideo con Pollo, Enchilada Casserole, Chips, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Pineapple Pudding and Fresh Fruit

**Friday, Breakfast:** Sausage, Biscuits and Cereal; **Lunch:** Frito Pie, Cornbread, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Pinto Beans, Salad, Fruit Cocktail and Jell-o

### Nazareth

**Monday, Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls and Cereal; **Lunch:** Nachos, Rolls, Corn Dogs, Peach Cobbler, Pineapple Chunks, Green Beans and Frito Salad

**Tuesday, Breakfast:** French Toast Sticks, Sausage Patti and Cereal; **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Beef Fingers, Bread, Blueberry Crisp, Fruit Cocktail, Scalloped Potatoes and Tossed Salad

**Wednesday, Breakfast:** Breakfast Pockets and Cereal; **Lunch:** Beef Tacos, Hamburgers, French Fries, Oatmeal Blueberry Muffins, Fruit Cocktail and Green Peas

**Thursday, Breakfast:** Muffins and Cereal; **Lunch:** Chicken Spaghetti, Rolls, Sausage Pizza, Pears, Corn and Tossed Salad

**Friday, Breakfast:** Sausage on Roll and Cereal; **Lunch:** Hamburger, Chicken Sandwich, French Fries, Cookies, Peaches and Pinto Beans

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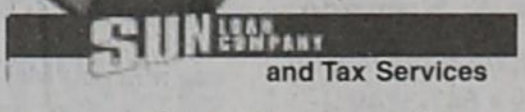
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# Dunnam is pleased with team's performance in scrimmage with Olton

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Dimmitt football coach Glen Dunnam said he's pleased with what he saw Friday when the Bobcats scrimmaged Olton.

"I told the team after the game that the main thing I was looking for was effort and I saw that," Dunnam said. "We didn't expect them to do everything perfectly. The mistakes we made were ones we could fix."

On offense, Dunnam said the Bobcats moved the ball well, both on the ground and in the air.

"We had success both ways, but couldn't put the

ball in the end zone," Dunnam said. "Nicky Guana threw the ball well and Jared Griffitt and Matthew Sanders ran the ball well."

Dunnam said the offensive line gave Guana time to throw the ball.

"Our offensive line did a good job on pass protecting," Dunnam said, noting that the line is very young, with only one starter returning from last year.

"We had a couple of breakdowns on running plays, but nothing that can't be fixed."

On defense, Dunnam said the intensity that he was looking for was apparent.

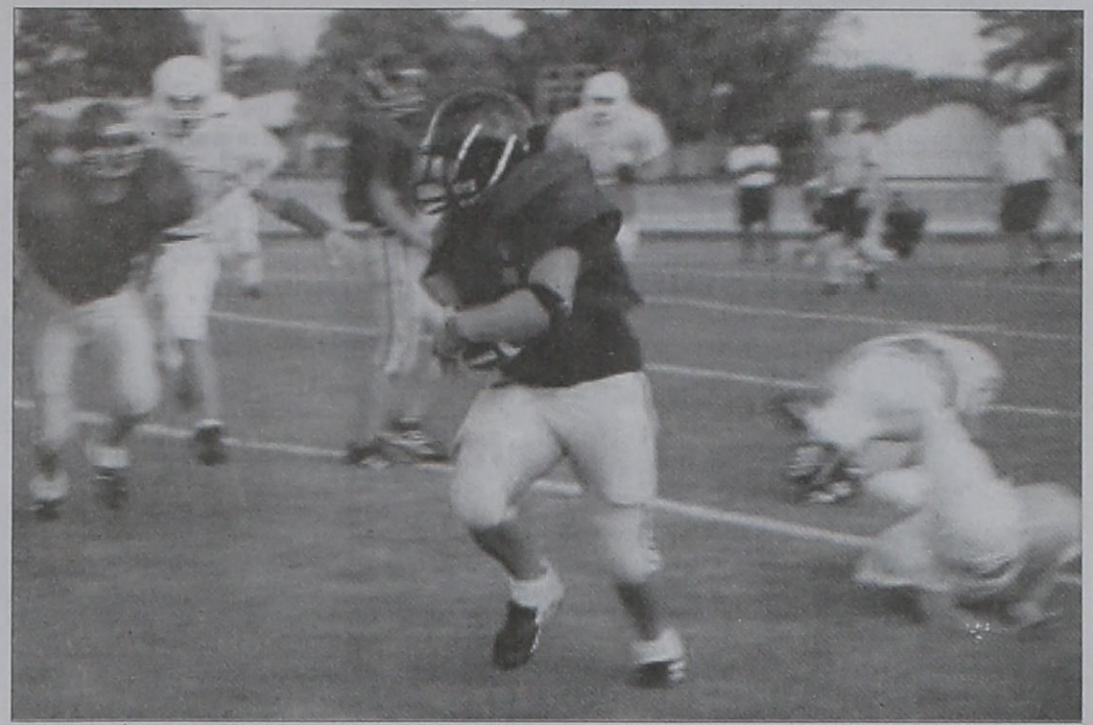
"We allowed some big

plays, but take away those three or four plays and we did real well," he said. "Our linebackers did a good job of filling holes facing the running game. Our defensive line had a good push against both the run and the pass."

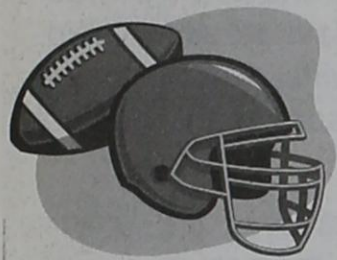
Dunnam said he and his staff believe the team is ahead of where they were last year.

"Everybody was going hard on every play, which is something you look for," he said.

This week, the Bobcats scrimmaged Lubbock Roosevelt here, with the junior varsity game starting at 6 p.m.



DIMMITT'S MATTHEW SANDERS runs upfield during the Bobcats' scrimmage Friday.



## Dimmitt Bobcats



Matthew Sanders  
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Date	Team	Place	Time
Aug. 22	Roosevelt (scrim)	Here	6 p.m.
Aug. 29	Friona	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Denver City	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Floydada	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Abernathy**	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	River Road	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	OPEN		
Oct. 10	* Slaton	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	* Littlefield	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	* Muleshoe	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Brownfield	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	* Lub. Cooper #	Here	7:30 p.m.
JV and FRESHMEN			
Aug. 22	Roosevelt (scrim)	Here	5 p.m.
Aug. 28	Friona	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Denver City	There	5:6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Floydada	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Abernathy	There	5:6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	River Road	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	OPEN		
Oct. 9	* Slaton	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	* Littlefield	There	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	* Muleshoe	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	Here	5:6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	* Lub. Cooper	There	5:6:30 p.m.

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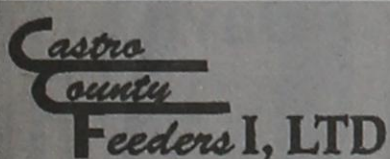
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**NAZARETH CHEERLEADERS**, assisted by the team's mascot, Swifty, held a Little Cheerleaders camp last week, coinciding with the first week of practice for the Swifts, who'll kick-off the season with a scrimmage at 6 p.m., Thursday night, against Claude. The scrimmage will be at home.

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 21	Claude (scrimmage)	Home	6 p.m.
Aug. 30	Am. Highland Park	Away (Dick Bivins)	1 p.m.
Sept. 5	Anton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Sunray	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	White Deer	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Clarendon (homecoming)	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Lubbock Monterey Sophs.	Away (Lowrey)	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Farwell*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17			Open
Oct. 24	Bovina*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Hart*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Springlake-Earth*	Away	7:30 p.m.

\* denote district games

**JUNIOR HIGH**

Sept. 11	Bushland	Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	Plainview	Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 25	Plainview	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 3	Bushland	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 9	FARWELL	Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 16			Open
Oct. 23	BOVINA	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 30	HART	Away	5 p.m.
Nov. 6	SPRINGLAKE-EARTH	Home	5 p.m.

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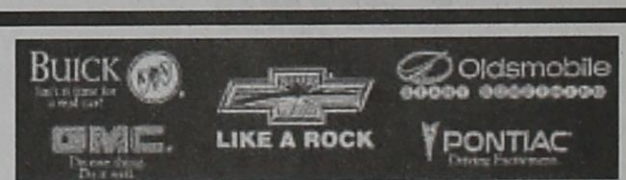
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Courtesy of The Hart Beat



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### Hart Longhorn 2003 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 29	Lubbock Roosevelt	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	New Deal	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Morton	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Boys Town	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26			OPEN
Oct. 3	Petersburg- Homecoming		7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	* Bovina	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	* Farwell	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	* Springlake-Earth	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Nazareth	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Amar. Christian Fellow.	Here	7:30 p.m.

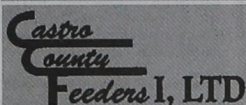
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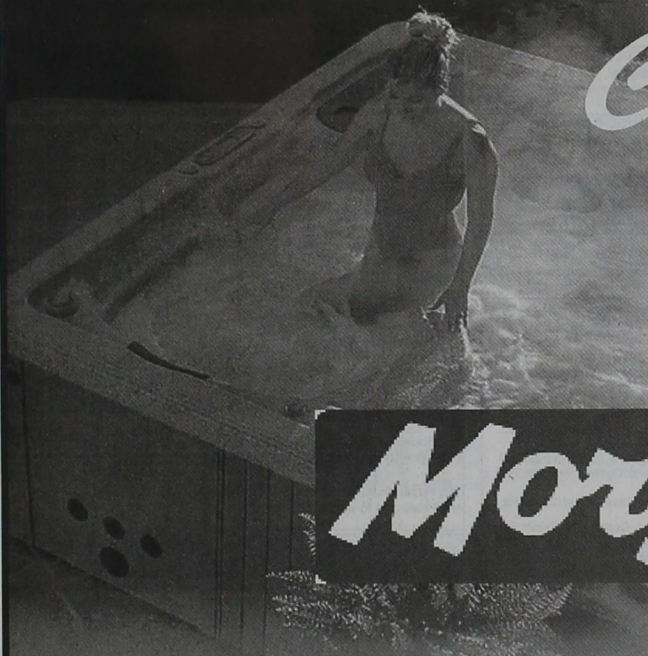
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## Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Nazareth Independent School District of Nazareth, TX will receive bids until 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 5, 2003 in the office of Superintendent of Schools, Nazareth I.S.D. Bids for the following:  
Replacement of PE facility floor  
Bids may be mailed or returned in person:  
Nazareth I.S.D.  
Office of Superintendent  
101 South First Avenue  
PO Box 189  
Nazareth, TX 79063  
806-945-2231  
806-945-2431 (fax)  
Bids should be clearly marked "Bid for replacement of PE Facility Floor".  
The Nazareth I.S.D. Board of Trustees will review bids on September 10, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.  
The Nazareth Independent School District will reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities. 21-2tc

## Notice

**EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING AND PLACEMENT**  
THE CASTRO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SSA PROVIDES EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AGES THREE, FOUR AND FIVE, WHO HAVE PROBLEMS IN THE AREAS OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS, CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT, AND GROSS AND/OR FINE MOTOR SKILLS.  
ALSO, PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN WITH VISION OR HEARING DISABILITIES IS AVAILABLE FROM BIRTH.  
ANY CHILD FROM BIRTH THROUGH AGE 21 SUSPECTED OF HAVING A DISABILITY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFICE FOR INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PARENTS OR OTHER INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFICE AT 608 WEST HALSELL, DIMMITT, TEXAS OR PHONE 806-647-3103 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.



# Loman marks 101st birthday

By KRISTIE KINSER

Myrtle (Myrt) Loman celebrated birthday number "101" Saturday at Runningwater Draw Care Center amidst a horde of friends and well-wishers. Entertainment at the monthly birthday party was by the Melody Boys of Slaton who played old-time music.

Born in McKinney on Aug. 2, 1902, Myrt became caretaker of her family when her mother died while Myrt was in the eighth grade. She became the

honorary mother of four brothers, a sister and an orphaned cousin.

"I've known hard times," says Myrt. "I got a clean dress on Friday to wear all the next week. I've worn long black stockings and black high top shoes, middy blouses made from Light Crust flour sacks and flour sack bloomers."

She moved to Hart on Christmas Day in 1942 with her husband, H.E. (Pappy) Loman when he was assigned depot manager.

They had lived all over

the Panhandle since he worked with the railroad, Myrt says. She became his helper, doing the bookwork involved without pay. Years later, a railroad official asked her what her salary was.

She answered that she had none.

"Well, I'll be if I'd work for free," he told me, says Myrt.

"I've lived in a half dugout and in a log cabin," adds Myrt.

"When we moved to Hart, there wasn't a house for rent

and we lived in two box cars. We fixed them up really nice and it was a good home."

They were thrilled when they finally got their little home on Avenue E, close enough that Myrt always walked to the Post Office or grocery store.

Myrt worked for Hansen's Grocery for a few years and says that was a high pay job, she made 50 cents an hour and Walt Hansen later raised her salary to 75 cents an hour.

Myrt became a newspaper correspondent in the forties when she persuaded Bill Turner of The Olton Enterprise to dedicate two pages each week to Hart news which she obtained.

Always a staunch supporter of her little town, she soon became a correspondent for The Plainview Daily Herald, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Castro County News and Amarillo Globe News.

Graduating from the Olton Enterprise, The Hart Beat was born July 19, 1962.



MRS. MYRTLE LOMAN and her birthday cake.

Runningwater Draw Care Center since July 2001.

When birthdays caused her to give up her work collecting news, Myrt began stitching lap robes for elderly people, especially residents of nursing homes. She had made more than 100 of the small quilts by the time she gave up that pursuit.

Myrt has lived at

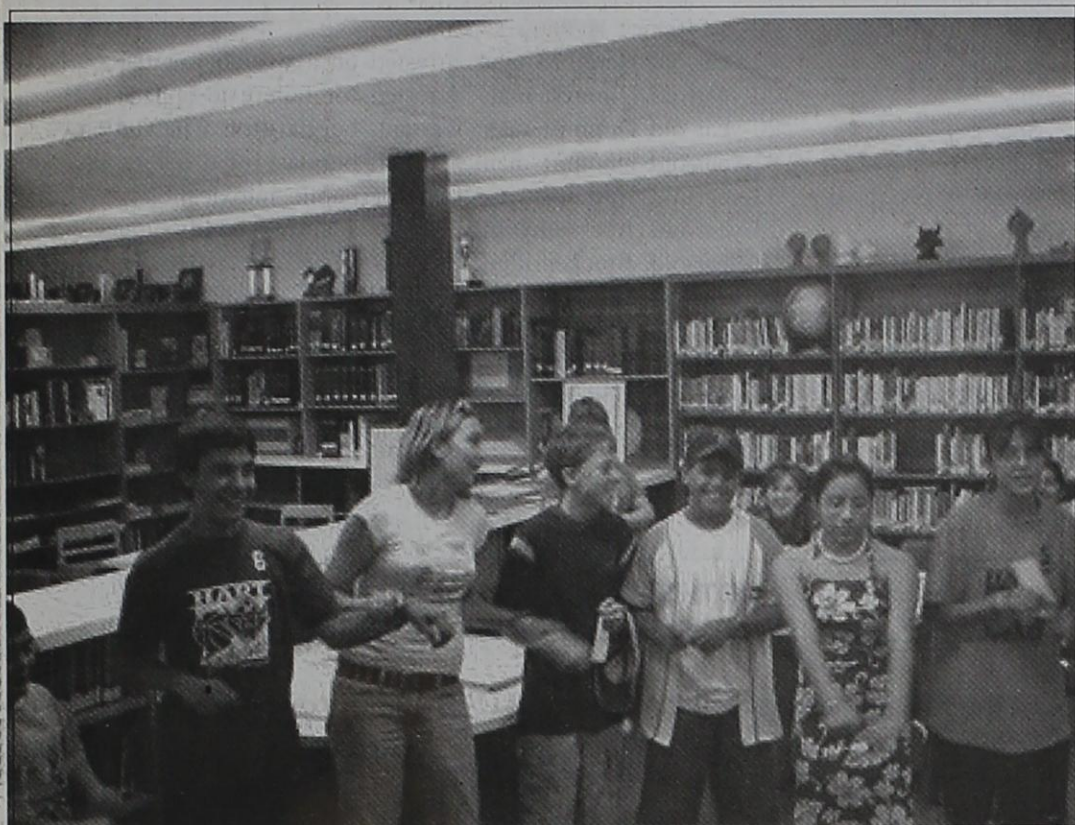


Photo by Ashley Martinez

HART STUDENT COUNCIL members above have fun playing games with the new seventh graders. Pictured, left to right: Leo Gutierrez, Lindsay George, Chance Hanes, Damian Morales, Roxanne Gonzales.

## Hart Student Council holds Tadpole Camp

By ANGELICA MATA

Going into a bigger building with older teens may seem very scary for kids who were the "Big Dogs" in their old school, so Hart Student Council members wanted to show them that it's not as terrifying as it seems; we have all been there at a point, so we know the feeling. The Student Council started off by welcoming the seventh graders with a Tadpole Camp during registration. The seventh grade was treated with a "What Not To Wear" fashion show.

The models walked down the runway wearing inappropriate clothing for school.

Then, everyone then had a great time playing games such as Dum Dum Data, Wigalow, and Wam Sam Sam.

The Student Council members paired up with two younger students each.

Student Council members will act as mentors, and will be there throughout the school year to make the seventh graders feel welcome, and to let them know they have someone to turn to when in need.

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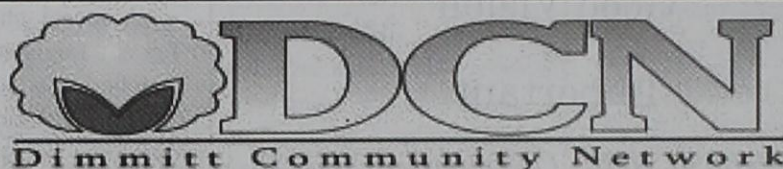
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## August Computer Classes

Complete a Network application at Rhoads Memorial Library and sign up for classes. There is no charge for classes through August. A small charge will be made for materials. Classes will be limited. Sign up early. This opportunity for technology learning is made available by a TIF grant, the City of Dimmitt, and DISD. Don't miss out! Classes will be held in the Dimmitt City Hall (CH) "Technology Center" and the Senior Citizens Center (SrC) "Learning Center."

**Reminder: You must complete the application forms & receive a password BEFORE you can take a class or use the Network computers.**

### Dimmitt Community Network Class Schedule

Date	Class	Time	Location
Aug. *4, 18	Microsoft Publisher	6-9 P.M.	SrC
*6, 13	Web Design	6-9 P.M.	CH
*19, 20, 26, 27	Forensic Science	6-9 P.M.	CH
13, 20	Quilt Design	4-6 P.M.	SrC
*21, 28	Make-It & Take-It	6-9 P.M.	SrC

DISD teachers can take classes marked with (\*) asterik and receive GT credit and Comp time.

#### Description of Classes

- Beginning Computers**  
Must already know how to use the mouse and keyboard and be able to turn on and shut down the computer properly. Learn more about windows, terminology and personalizing your computer.
- GED Preparation**  
Must already be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. This class gives information about the GED test, gives you resources on the Internet to use in preparing for the GED, and tells you how to get into programs on computers within the Network which can help you prepare for the GED.
- Quilt Design**  
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows.
- Job Skills**  
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard, windows and Microsoft Word. Learn to create a resume, cover letter and thank you/follow up letter. Learn tips for applying and interviewing for a job.
- Rosetta Stone**  
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn to use the Rosetta Stone language program. This program allows you to learn either Spanish or English. This particular class will be taught in Spanish.
- Computer Potpourri**  
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn how to use a printer, fax machine, scanner, web cam and CD burner.
- Troubleshooting**  
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Learn why your computer is acting the way it is and what to do about it. Take apart and put together a computer.
- Make-It & Take-It**  
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Utilizing digital cameras, scanners and Word Art to embellish a T-shirt, mouse pad, coaster and tote bag. Students must bring their own T-Shirt.
- Web Design**  
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn to create a website, using Microsoft Front Page, for personal or classroom use.
- Microsoft Publisher**  
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn to design letters, flyers, cards, newspapers and etc.
- Microsoft Excel**  
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Create workbooks/spreadsheets.
- Robotics**  
Must be able to use mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Must be proficient with computer. Beginning computer programming; learn to assemble and control robots in hands-on projects.
- Forensic Science**  
Must be able to use mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Must be proficient with computer. Learn the entire process of solving a crime, explore DNA fingerprinting and create a composite picture of a person.
- Computer Animation**  
Must be able to use mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Must be proficient with computer. Bring digital photos to life with words and music.
- Digital Editing**  
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Must be proficient with computer. Manipulate pictures taken with the digital camera.
- Microsoft Access**  
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Create a database for mailings, recordings and inventory.

If you have questions please contact Rhodes Memorial Library (647-3532, Tues.-Sat.).  
Thank you,  
Melissa Goolsby, Educational Coordinator  
Tammy McLain, Educational Coordinator



## WTAMU's new program in mechanical engineering OK'd

CANYON - Another population base in Texas will now have to be known as the largest one in the state without a baccalaureate-level engineering program. The Texas Panhandle was freed of that dubious distinction recently when West Texas A&M University, received final approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to launch an undergraduate degree program in mechanical engineering.

Dr. Russell C. Long, WTAMU president, said the ambitious undertaking was bolstered by financial and other support from the local business community. The mechanical engineering program will provide greater opportunities for the area's brightest students, while benefiting economic development by helping attract new industry to the area.

## Hospital

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increase. Ramaekers listed the reasons for the tax increase, federal cuts in Medicaid and Medicare have been cut by about 5 percent, expenses-especially in the fight to retain nursing talent and the necessity to purchase or replace capital equipment. "We have made some mistakes but we have done some things right, too," Ramaekers said.

Don Newman was on hand and he said, "I want to congratulate all of you for a job well done and the job you have done to hold down taxes over the years. I am here to support you."

There will be a second public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 28, in the Solarium of the hospital, again. Immediately following this meeting, the board will meet and vote on the tax increase.

## City

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work could cause harm to the public. "We've got the dangers of direct crossing over of lines," Acker said. "And that could mean the water line tied to a drain line."

"We have people doing plumbing around town who do not understand the law. They're not carrying insurance in case they damage someone's plumbing, but money isn't the main thing - it's public health."

A recent change by the Texas Legislature allows plumbers in cities under 5,000 population to work without a license.

The council indicated it would take a closer look at the proposed ordinance at its next meeting.

Council members also said they wanted to get input from city employees before making any changes in the city's smoking policy.

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## Police Reports

Aug. 5 to Aug. 14		
Aug. 5	1500 bl. Western Circle Dr.	Criminal trespass
Aug. 5	500 bl. W. Bedford St.	Aggravated assault
Aug. 5	300 NW 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	Burglary of a habitation
Aug. 7	600 bl. NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	Burglary of a habitation
Aug. 7	500 bl. W. Bedford St.	Theft - C
Aug. 7	100 bl. E. Bedford St.	Violation of probation
Aug. 8	400 bl. SW 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	Warrant/misdemeanor
Aug. 8	500 bl. SW 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Criminal trespass
Aug. 8	300 bl. W. Halsell St.	Mental
Aug. 9	100 bl. NW 12 <sup>th</sup> St.	Assault - A
Aug. 9	900 bl. E. Jones St.	Burglary of a habitation
Aug. 10	800 bl. SW 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Unauthorized use of a vehicle
Aug. 10	600 bl. NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	Burglary of a habitation
Aug. 11	900 bl. E. Jones St.	Credit card abuse
Aug. 11	900 bl. E. Jones St.	Aggravated assault

## Sheriff's Report

Aug. 5 to Aug. 8	
Aug. 6	42-year-old Hereford man, arrested on a warrant for theft
Aug. 7	20-year-old Dimmitt male, arrested for failure to appear
Aug. 7	20-year-old Dimmitt man, warrant, burglary of a habitation
Aug. 7	22-year-old Dimmitt man, warrant, burglary of a habitation
Aug. 7	33-year-old Hart man, arrested for public intoxication
Aug. 9	24-year-old Abernathy man, assault causing bodily injury
Aug. 10	23-year-old Breckenridge male, warrant
Aug. 10	36-year-old Dimmitt man, DWI
Aug. 12	29-year-old Hereford man, two warrants
Aug. 13	20-year-old Hart Man, three warrants
Aug. 13	50-year-old Dimmitt man, possession of a controlled substance
Aug. 15	19-year-old Dimmitt man, warrant

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of CASTRO, Texas;

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de CASTRO, Texas;)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese, por las presente que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00a.m. hasta las 7:00p.m. el 13 de Septiembre del 2003, para votar en La Eleccion Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 78a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

#### LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

PRECINCT 1	
101	HART GOLDEN GROUP
105	SUNNYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
109	TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
PRECINCT 2	
201	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH - DIMMITT
206	FLAGG FERTILIZER
PRECINCT 3	
301	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - DIMMITT
307	EASTER COMMUNITY CENTER
PRECINCT 4	
401	DISTRICT COURTROOM - DIMMITT
408	NAZARETH COMMUNITY HALL

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en:)

COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERKS OFFICE, ROOM 101, CASTRO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIMMITT, TEXAS

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on AUGUST 28, 2003 and ending SEPTEMBER 9, 2003.

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 28 de AGOSTO del 2003 y terminado el 9 de SEPTIEMBRE del 2003)

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberian enviarse a:)

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CASTRO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 101  
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DIMMITT, TEXAS 79027

Applications for ballots by mail must be received not later than the close of business on: SEPTEMBER 5, 2003

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran recibires para el fin de las horas de negocio el 5 de SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2003)

Issued this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2003. (Emitada este dia 15 de AGOSTO, 2003.)

William F. Sava  
Signature of County Judge  
(Firma del Juez del Condado)



# Calendar

## Participation in fair urged

The Castro County Fair Association and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce would like to encourage everyone to become involved in the upcoming Castro County Fair and Harvest Days Parade, Sept. 4-6. The Pet Show and Junior Tractor Pull will be Sept. 4; the Fair and Parade will be Sept. 6. There's not a better way to publicize your organization, advertise your business or promote your activities or events - while having fun at it. There will be new activities and entertainment, along with those that are back by popular demand. Booth entries are due now. Come by the Chamber for entry forms and information or call 647-2524.

The Texas Pedal Tractor Pull and Castro County Fair Pet Show will kick off the activities at 4:45 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 4.

On Friday, Sept. 5, all fair exhibits should register from noon until 6 p.m., at which time those entries will be judged. Vendors and craft booths will set up from noon until 9 p.m., Friday and finish up from 7-9 a.m., Saturday morning. On Saturday, the Harvest Days Parade will be lined up by 9:30 a.m. and begin at 10.

Entertainment, food, games and crafts of all kinds will be located at the Expo Center after the parade. A fiddler's contest will be at 12:45 and Pokey the Clown's Junior Ranch Rodeo will start at 1:45 p.m. Saturday.

At 5:30 p.m., there will be barbecue served by the Masons and at 7 p.m. is "Mr. Smith's Opus." Activities will wind up with a dance at the VFW from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

## First-grade parents to meet

Parents of first graders at Richardson Elementary are invited to a parents' meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Richardson Elementary library.

## Parish picnic set in Nazareth

On Sunday, Aug. 31, Holy Family Parish in Nazareth will have its annual Labor Day Weekend picnic and parish fundraiser.

The event will kick off at 10 a.m. with a parade; children's games and rides begin after the parade and continue until 5 p.m.

Then, a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Hall at 104 First St. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$4 for those 12 years and younger.

There will be arts and crafts sales, a raffle and bingo. Also, a horseshoe tournament will be held in the afternoon.

Livestock and goods donated by area businesses will be auctioned, starting at 2 p.m. A hamburger supper will be from 5 to 8 p.m.

Festivities will end with a Community Hall from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

## Fiddler's Contest is Sept. 6

The Castro County Fair Association is sponsoring a Fiddler's Contest at 12:45 p.m., Sept. 6, during Harvest Days. The contest will be at the Expo Building, 403 SE

4<sup>th</sup> St. Age groups competing will be 12 years and younger; 13-18; 19-40; 41 and up. Entry fees range from \$5 to \$10; first, second and third place prizes will be given.

For more information, contact Herb Mayfield at 647-5526.

## Sunday movie at Home Merc

The public is invited to a showing of "The Straight Story," at 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth.

The movie stars Richard Farnsworth and Sissy Spacek. It is the true life story of Alvin Straight, an elderly rural man who made a 200-mile journey of reconciliation, driving a lawnmower. There is no charge for the movie and complimentary popcorn will be available.

## FSA County Committee Election

The nomination deadline for Farm Service Agency County Committee Elections is Sept. 5.

For more information or nomination forms, contact your local FSA office or USDA service center.

## Start saving box tops, labels again

It's school time and that means its time to start saving box tops for education and Campbell's labels. Also, D.R.E.A.M.S. (PTO) is asking that residents save Lowe's grocery receipt tapes (dated Sept. 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004).

Box Tops for Education are on many Betty Crocker items such as cake mixes; Pillsbury items such as biscuits, rolls and cookie dough; some Old El Paso products; and General Mills cereal. Labels for Education are labels from all Campbell's soups; V8 Juice; Swanson broths; Franco-American Spaghetti Os; A to Zs and Pasta; and Prego pasta sauces. Also, UPC codes from Goldfish Crackers and lids from Pace Picante Sauce.

Boxes will be set up at or near each principal's office, so you can send the labels, etc., to school with your kids or bring them when you visit the school.

Also, boxes will be at 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Muleshoe, First United Bank, Bobcat Barber Shop, Church of Christ, Headhunters, Henderson's TV, Hereford Credit Union, La Coiffures and Rhoads Memorial Library.

## Tiger League football signups set for today

Tiger League football sign up and weigh in will be at 7 p.m., Aug. 21, at the Chamber of Commerce Building. All boys in the fifth and sixth grades wanting to play tackle football should attend the meeting. Those attending must have a copy of their birth certificates and \$50. This will be the only opportunity to sign up. Anyone with questions may call Jon Riddle at 647-3151.

## In-service for substitute teachers

An in-service for Dimmitt ISD substitute teachers will be at 9 a.m., Aug. 26, in the Administration Board room, 608 W. Halsell. Those attending are asked to bring their Social Security card and driver's license.

## Free class for food vendors

Castro County Extension is hosting a free class for all people who will have a food booth at the fair this year.

The class will be held at the Extension office at 205 N Broadway in Dimmitt from 10 a.m. - noon on Thursday, Aug. 21.

The Castro County Fair Association is requiring that at least one person from each booth attend the class taught by Kristy Mitchell, CEA - FCS.

## Old Settlers Reunion, now Castro County Reunion planned

Castro County Reunion, formally known as Old Settlers Reunion, will meet Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Senior Citizens Building on Jones Street. Don and Verbie Nelson are the leaders this year.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. and then everyone will watch the parade; the building will be open by 9:30 a.m.

The meal will be served at noon, with everyone bringing one or two covered dishes. Those bringing dishes are asked to have them at the Senior Citizens Center by 11:45 a.m.

This meeting is for everyone to come see all old friends and enjoy.

## Dimmitt Band reunion 1956-83 set

"Mr. Ralph Smith's Opus," is the theme for the Band Reunion for DHS exes for the years 1956 through 1983 and their parents.

The reunion will be Sept. 6,



**GOING HOME:** Assistant police chief Santos Perez, aided by VFW members Robert Perez and Commander Bill Klein carry a tombstone out of the Dimmitt Police headquarters last week after it was found in a ditch. The tombstone was that of a World War II veteran who had been buried behind Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. It was returned to the caretaker there to be put back in place.

Saturday, during Harvest Days. Members will participate in the Harvest Days Parade at 10 a.m. and there will be a barbecue, visiting and films at the Expo Center at 5:30 p.m. that same day.

For more information, contact, Teresa Underwood Lindsey at [teslindsey@hotmail.com](mailto:teslindsey@hotmail.com); Delores Wilke Heller at 647-2655 or [hellerdelores@hotmail.com](mailto:hellerdelores@hotmail.com); Sharon Lilley Steffey, 938-2693; Sue Bagwell Boozer, 647-5632; Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524; or look at the website: [geocities.com/teslindsey706/bobcatbandreunion2003.html](http://geocities.com/teslindsey706/bobcatbandreunion2003.html)

## Multi-class DHS reunion set is Sept. 19-20

A multi-class reunion has been scheduled for Sept. 19-20, 2003, at the Fifth Season Inn West in Amarillo. The members of all classes of 1944 through 1955 and any others who would like to attend will be welcomed.

There will be special rates for those who call and make reservations and identify themselves with the Dimmitt HS reunion.

It will begin with snacks brought by the exes on

Friday afternoon and evening. There will be a catered barbecue on Saturday night, Sept. 20. Price will be \$10 per plate and reservations may be made at the time of registration. The meetings will be held in The Amarillo Room. A brief business meeting will be held after the meal on Saturday night.

Please make plans to attend and enjoy the fun and fellowship. The agenda will be unstructured allowing ample time for visiting and renewing acquaintances. For more information, call Phyllis (Youts) Jackson at 647-2577 or Lewis Martin at 355-7977.

## Breast cancer screening set

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 Sept. 4.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women.

The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Depart-

ment of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

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# Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Castro County Hospital District conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Castro County Hospital District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.9% percent on August 18, 2003. The Castro County Hospital District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 28, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at PMH Solarium.

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## Code enforcement

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the remains and then come in with a track loader to get rid of the debris," Acre said. "We're trying to cleanup the whole town. These houses we're tearing down need it and it'll make the town look a little better."

Police Chief Ray Aleman said his officers have been helping out where they can, whether it's getting the trucks parked over by the Azteca moved or serving a resident who has excess trash. "Ever since we got the trucks moved, we've had no problem with the parking over there," Aleman said. "Officer Rita (Sepeda) did a real good job there."

"The city did the work on the signs and that's what it's all about - everybody working together."

Mayor Wayne Collins said the council has been working on the reorganization of the Public Works Department for some time.

"We've put code enforcement and inventory control as part of Karen Hutson's duties," Collins

said. "She'll also be doing building inspections. In some cases, we'll do the cleanup, if the owners don't act promptly. But if we do, we'll bill them for the man hours and the machinery."

One factor precipitating the creation of a code enforcement officer was the city's dilemma after a trailer house owner was wrongly given a permit to park the trailer within a block of city hall in contravention of fire and building codes.

"Now, if you want a building permit, you must go to Karen Hutson, apply and she will evaluate that application," Collins said. "Then she will recommend approval or denial to the city manager, who will sign off on all permits."

"If a person has a permit denied, he or she can come before the city council on appeal and a final resort would be to file suit in district court."

Collins thinks this system will be fairer to everyone.

"We're going through a couple of steps to eliminate

the appearance of favoritism," he said. "We encourage people who have a question or don't think they were treated fairly to bring it to the City Council."

One of Hutson's other main duties will be inventory control, Collins said.

"We've had parts, water meters, tools, all come up missing," Collins said. "We want to tighten procedures for keeping control to make sure there are no thefts."

"She'll also improve our way of keeping track of gasoline that's purchased to make sure it's going in city vehicles and not private vehicles."

Collins said he's not accusing anyone of theft, but that the council has seen the need for better oversight over the city's inventory. And one way to do that is with work orders.

"We're not trying to be punitive or say we have a bunch of thieves that work for the city," Collins said. "We just want to make sure we run a tight ship and that tax payers property is not



**CLEAN-UP CONTINUES:** The family that owns this house on 5th Street has moved out of state. New code enforcement officer Karen Hutson has sent them a notice to get their yard cleaned up. There are other steps Hutson can take if no response to the letter is forthcoming.

stolen or misappropriated."

While the changes have been made to improve the way the city works, Collins said that nothing is set in stone. "If these changes don't work, we'll do something different."

Another change that the council has made is now all department heads and

assistant department heads are required to attend council meetings.

That way, Collins said, if council members have questions, it's easy to get answers directly from the department responsible. "We're just trying to open the lines of communication with the departments,"

Collins said.

Collins said if you look at the city overall and compare it to other towns of about the same size, Dimmitt is doing a good job. "We have low tax and utility rates," Collins said. "And we operate with about 25 percent fewer people than other towns in our size range."

## West Nile Virus

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mosquitoes, but he stressed that parents of kids who are playing sports - especially football - should find a

waterproof insect repellent, with a concentration of at least 10 percent DEET.

"The city has done a pretty good job spraying for mosquitoes, but you can't stop it all," Hardee said.

"And kids can't stop in the middle of a game to swat away a mosquito."

Hardee said the clinic has seen quite a few cases of the viral infections, but said most can be treated at home.

"Just treat the complications, like fever," he said. "If you get concerned or have more problems, then you need to get seen by a doctor."

Hardee and the Texas Department of Health urge residents to check their

property for standing water where mosquitoes, which carry the West Nile Virus, breed.

And to follow the guidelines suggested by the Department of Health.

1: Dusk and dawn are the time mosquitoes are most active and breeding. You're encouraged not to be out during these times.

2: Dress: If you're going to be out, dress properly - long sleeved shirts and long pants.

3: Since most Texans are not going to dress properly, wearing an insect repellent with DEET in it is essential. It should be on all areas of the skin that is exposed, but remember for children to use repellent that has 10

percent or less on children.

4: Drainage is important. If you have areas of standing water or bird baths, kiddie pools, make sure you drain them because stagnant water is where mosquitoes reproduce.

Check gutters, flower pots, etc., after rains or watering to make sure there is no standing water.

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Claims may be presented in care of attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Representative  
Estate of William Donald Shipley, Deceased  
c/o Walter T. Price, IV, Esq.  
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PO Box 31656  
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

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