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By Don Nelson

It might surprise you to learn that I used to be a cowboy.

Yep. When I was 10 years old, I herded cows for the Brannan Dairy here.

The dairy was a couple of miles west of town on the north side of the highway, and the milk processing was done in a little red-brick building behind the Brannan home in the 300 block of Northwest Second.

Several of us boys divided our time between the dairy and the processing room, where we would wash, scald, fill and cap the glass bottles.

We also shared the job of delivering the fresh milk house-to-house every day. We would ride on the rear jump-deck of the open-bed delivery truck, pick up two to four quart bottles from a case, jump off and run to the next house, leave the milk on the porch, pick up the empty bottles and race back to the truck as it rolled slowly down the street.

(You had to learn how to grip the bottle necks right and how to step forward as you jumped off the truck or you'd go sprawling on the street in a mess of spilled milk and broken glass.)

My favorite job of all was herding the dairy cows on horseback.

Mr. Brannan had permission to graze the herd along the highway right-of-way, and he always needed a kid on a horse to take the cows out and bring them back in.

My horse was Old Dan, who was seven years old and a lot smarter than I.

I was so short that I couldn't reach the stirrups to mount up. I had to lead Old Dan over to the fence, climb up

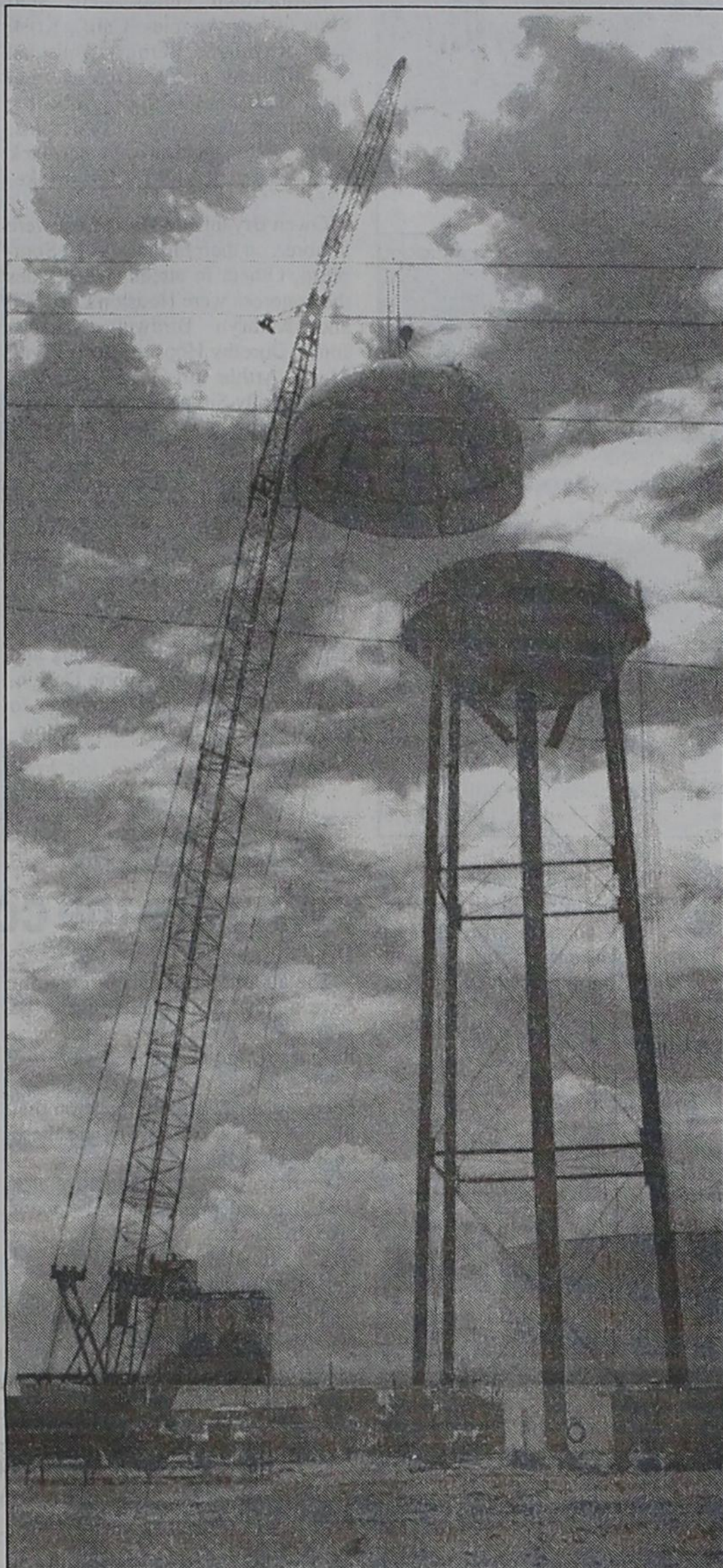
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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	86	65	
Friday	92	64	
Saturday	96	65	
Sunday	98	66	
Monday	98	66	
Tuesday	95	65	
Wednesday	93	64	

July Moisture99
1999 moisture 19.13

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.



CAPPING IT OFF—The newly constructed water tower in southeast Dimmitt gets the top put in place July 21. Caldwell Tanks of Kentucky finished their part of the project Monday afternoon with the completion of the welding and preparation of the structure, which has a capacity of 150,000 gallons. Another company is scheduled to come within the next two weeks and put a special coating on the interior and paint the exterior. Saul Arce, supervisor of the Works Dept. for the City of Dimmitt, said the project should be completed by the end of August, and work will begin on taking down the old water tower located east of the city warehouse. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Linskyi family moving to Canada

By LINDA MAXWELL

Of the six or eight boxes of "stuff" the Linskyi family plans to take with them for their move to Canada, four or five of them will be crammed with memories from Dimmitt.

Alex and Tonya Linskyi and their son, Serge, received confirmation July 17 that they have been approved for a Canadian visa, and will have the status of "landed immigrants." They will be moving in about two weeks. After three years there, they will have the opportunity to become Canadian citizens if they so desire. The family are citizens of Ukraine, a Russian republic, and they have lived in Dimmitt for almost five years.

"For us, Dimmitt is a special place with special people," Alex said. "It really has become our second home. I think it would be unfair and unjust for us to leave without expressing thanks for all that has been done for us. We have experienced hard times and good times, but all the time we have been feeling the sup-

port of our friends. We will be missing Dimmitt and our friends, but one day we will come again to visit."

The news of their Canadian visas means they no longer have to worry about having their US visitors' visas extended or possibly face having them revoked.

"Every time we applied there was a fifty-fifty chance or less to get an extension," Alex said. "Every time we applied for an extension it was more and more difficult."

He said their current US visas would have expired in the fall and there was a strong possibility they would not have been renewed. The renewals have to be approved through a US embassy, and they have faced delays of the process in the past.

One of the first things Alex wants to do after they get settled in Canada is to return to Ukraine to visit family and friends whom they haven't seen for 2-1/2 years. The security of a Canadian visa will allow them to make the trip without any difficulty,

Alex said. He said that with a US visitor's visa, approval had to be obtained from the US Embassy in Kiev to be able to leave Ukraine again after a visit home, and permission was not easy to obtain.

That is one reason Serge never returned to Ukraine for a visit after having come to the US, because the family was certain that it would have been nearly impossible for him to get permission to leave Ukraine again.

Besides the country's liberal immigration policy, Canada was attractive to the Linskyis because it has one of the largest Ukrainian communities in the world outside of Ukraine itself. A big percentage of them live in the Toronto area, which is where the Linskyis plan to move.

The family wants to try to settle in a small community like Dimmitt.

"After we came from a big city in Ukraine, we were just sick when we first came here (to Dimmitt)," Tonya said. "But now we just love this place. We are scared to death to go to

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Ice cream social to honor Linskyis

The Women's Council of Dimmitt's First Christian Church is hosting an ice cream social on Wednesday (Aug. 4) to honor the Linskyi family, and everyone is invited.

The come-and-go event will be held in the back yard of the home of Loranel Hamilton at 603 Oak, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Linskyis, Alex, Tonya and Serge, are moving to Toronto, Canada, after living in Dimmitt for most of five years.



ALEX, SERGE AND TONYA LINSKYI
... Preparing to move to Canada.

Schools announce registration schedules

The start of the 1999-2000 school year is just two weeks away and that means students must register for classes.

Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools have scheduled registration and teachers and administrators are preparing for the first day of school, which will be Aug. 12.

Richardson Elementary

Registration at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt will be held Tuesday in the school's library from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

This registration is for students who will be entering kindergarten and for students who are new to the district.

Parents must provide a birth certificate, Social Security card and a shot record.

Dimmitt Middle School

Dimmitt Middle School will regis-

ter students next Thursday, Aug. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All students are required to be present for registration and new students must bring all information from their previous school along with a birth certificate and Social Security card. Students who have pending fines are asked to pay those before registering.

Registration starts on Aug. 5 with the fourth graders reporting from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The fifth grade will register between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Registration for the sixth grade will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

After a lunch break, the seventh grade will register from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by the eighth grade from 2 to 3 p.m.

For more information about registration, call the school at (806) 647-3108.

Dimmitt High School

Dimmitt High School has sched-

'School Dayz' starts Aug. 4

Dimmitt merchants are planning a "School Dayz" promotion of special prices to encourage local citizens to shop at home during the "sales tax holiday" declared by the state legislature.

"We urge everyone to check out our local merchants and see what they have to offer," said Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "Especially, be ready for the specials they will be offering next week in addition to the tax break shoppers will enjoy."

The tax-free period starts at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, and will end at midnight on Sunday, Aug. 8. The law states that retailers will not be required to collect tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during this period.

Sava said that he has been informed that special back to school

loans will be available during the event. He said those interested should check with their lending institution for further information.

The sales tax holiday does not include sales of clothing and footwear primarily designed for athletic activity or for protective use and that are not normally worn except for the athletic activity or for protection.

Sava said that he will have a list of apparel that will qualify for those wanting more specific information. Those interested may call the Chamber at 647-2524.

The sales tax break was implemented through Senate Bill 441, and Texas leaders estimate the event will save the state's consumers \$69.2 million.

State and local taxes for Dimmitt come to 8.25%, which would equal \$8.25 savings for each \$100 spent.

uled its registration for next Thursday, Aug. 5.

Seniors are expected to report for registration from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Juniors will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. and sophomores will sign up for classes between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Freshmen will register after lunch, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

All students will register in the high school library.

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4-H'ers will be honored Tuesday night

Castro County 4-H'ers will be recognized for their achievements over the past year during the annual 4-H achievement banquet Tuesday night at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

The annual banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Mexican food meal prepared by the ladies' group from the church.

Theme for this year's awards banquet is "The Millennium Ends But the 4-H Tradition Continues."

Tickets for the event are \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under who are not members of 4-H. 4-H'ers may attend the banquet free of charge.

Hosts for the banquet will be the Flag 4-H Club and the Castro County 4-H Horse Club.

Those planning to attend the banquet should contact the Extension Office at 647-4115 by Monday. Tickets for the event may be picked up at the Extension Office.



MISS HART AND COURT—The new 1999 Miss Hart, Nikki Burress (left), was crowned Friday night at the annual Miss Hart Pageant. Other winners

included (from second left) Geneva Finch, first runner-up; LaCretia Robinson, Miss Congeniality; and Rachel Wall, second runner-up.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Hart Days activities continue with variety show and parade

The new reigning Miss Hart, Nikki Burress, and the other contestants from the Miss Hart Pageant will join honored pioneer Irene Brooks in riding in the annual Hart Days Parade Saturday, starting at 10 a.m.

Other Hart Days activities will include a variety show, fiesta pile-up dinner, ice cream contest, and pet show on Friday; and bingo, the duck race, and a number of food booths and other activities on Saturday.

The Pet Show will be coordinated by Darla Davis on Friday, starting at 10 a.m. in the vacant lot by Rachel's Southern Snow. For more information, call Davis at 938-2273.

The fiesta pile-up dinner, sponsored by the youth group from the Hart Church of Christ, will be held

Friday at the school cafeteria, with serving to start at 6 p.m. Meal tickets will be \$5 per person for the all-you-can-eat buffet.

An ice cream contest is planned in conjunction with the fiesta dinner and Darla Davis is coordinating the event. Entries need to be ready at 6 p.m., with the judging to start at 6:15. There will be four divisions: men, women, boys under 17 and girls under 17. After judging, the ice cream will be sold for 50 cents per scoop, or all-you-can-eat for \$1.50.

The variety show will follow the dinner, and it will be held in the Hart Elementary School Gym, starting at 7:30 p.m. The Hart 4-H Club is coordinating the show. Acts will include pianists, singers, instrumentalists, and more.

The annual Hart Days parade will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. For more information or to enter a float or other entry in the parade, contact Alan Birkenfeld or Gregg Gerber with the Hart Lions Club. The Lions are organizing the parade.

Parade lineup will start at 9 a.m. on Ave. A. The procession will travel down Broadway, turn on Ave. G and end back on Ave. A. Jerry Kittrell will act as emcee.

Judging divisions will include floats, antique cars and antique tractors, with plaques given to the winners.

Bikes, three wheelers, etc., will meet at the parking lot of Lowe's Pay-n-Save and join the parade as it passes by.

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Pancake House branches out with lease in Hereford

Francis and Bea Acker, owners of the Pancake House in Dimmitt, are expanding their restaurant operation northward with the lease of the former Caison House in Hereford.

The familiar restaurant at the intersection of Highways 385 and 60 in Hereford will be renamed "Caison's Pancake House."

Bea Acker said the projected opening date for the restaurant under its new name will be Friday, Aug. 13.

The Ackers' son, Scott, will manage the operation.

Acker said the restaurant will serve breakfast seven days a week plus the evening dinner on Fridays and Saturdays, and lunch on Sundays.

"We'll serve basically the same type meals that we serve here," she said.

Open hours for Caison's Pancake House will be 6 to 11 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 6 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sundays, Acker said.

DISD girls are reminded to get physical

Female students entering seventh or ninth grades in the Dimmitt schools and who are planning on participating in athletics during the coming year must have a medical physical before they will be allowed to play, and those exams will be offered soon.

Physicals are required for boys and girls entering the seventh and ninth grades, according to Dimmitt coaches.

Girls may obtain their physical on Monday or Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Cost for each physical is \$10.

Hart Days street dance set Saturday

The 1999 Hart Days celebration will wind down with a street dance beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday on the parking lot east of Hale County State Bank at Hart.

Hart senior Marcos Flores will serve as disc jockey for the dance, and he invites those attending the dance to bring their favorite CDs. He will play a variety of music including country, R&B and Tejano.

No admission will be charged for the dance, but donations will be accepted, with proceeds going to the Hart Days Fund.

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to the top wire and jump into the saddle.

When Old Dan decided he didn't want to go, he wouldn't go. And I couldn't make him. While he would stop and graze on a patch of grass, I'd talk to him, hitch the reins, yell at him and try to kick him in the ribs.

But nothing would work. He had me horn-swoggled, and he knew it.

Until one day when Mr. Brannan drove up while I was in a state of being horn-swoggled.

"Don't just sit there and let that horse paw the ground!" he said. "Kick his ribs in! Show him who's boss!"

Well, that was part of my problem to start with—my legs were too short to kick Old Dan's ribs in. But considering the fix I was in at the time, I kicked his ribs in. I must've come three inches out of the saddle while I did it.

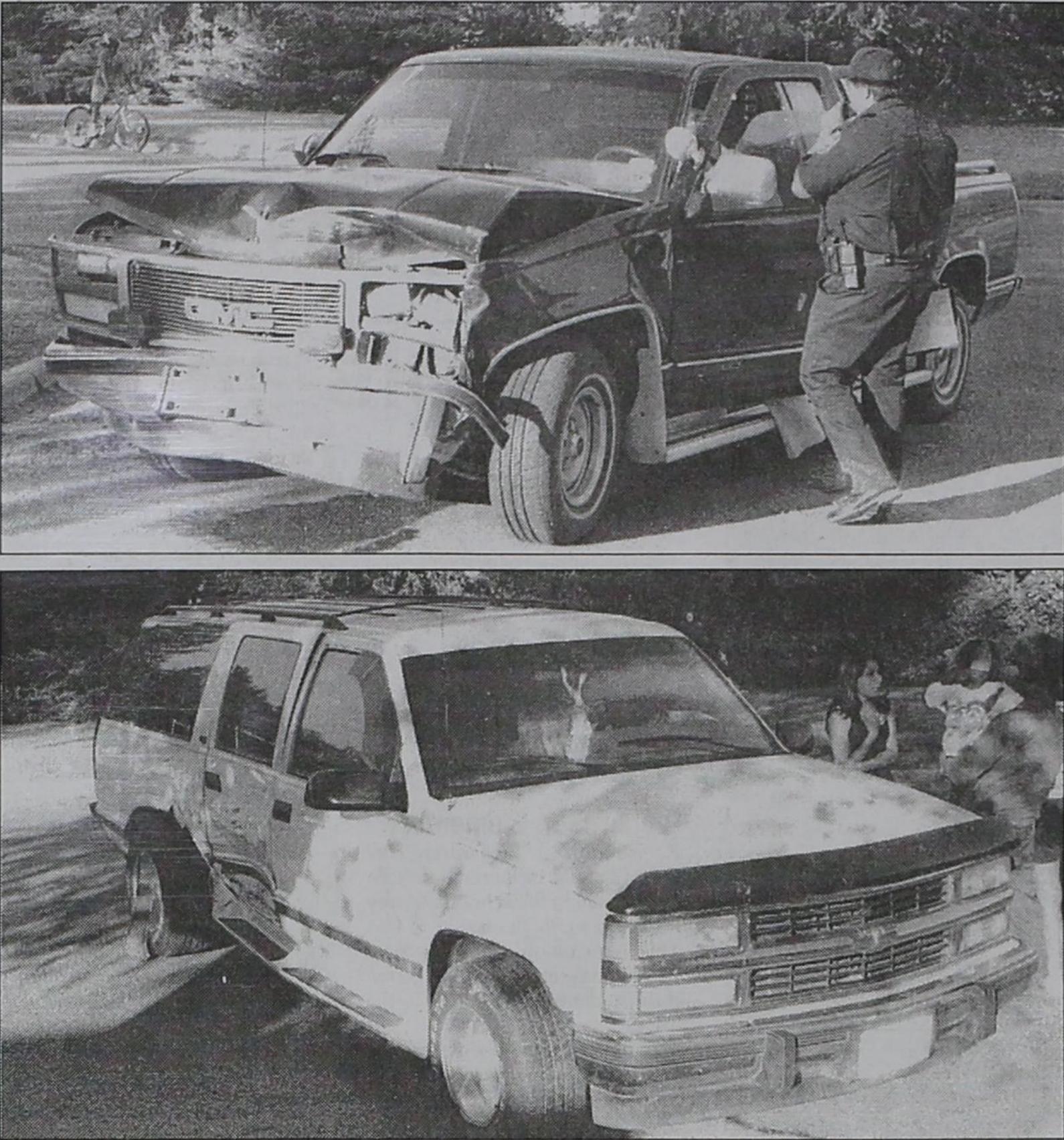
"And when he starts grazing and won't raise his head, you raise it for him!" Mr. Brannan said.

Old Dan and I got along better from then on.

There was still one problem, though. Old Dan didn't mind crowding and turning the cows, but he would get only so close to the herd bull, and no closer.

I guess he knew better than I did just how mean that herd bull could get.

When the bull would decide to cross the highway and try to get into the pasture with John Allred's heifers, the same scenario would usually ensue: I'd take off after him on Old Dan; we'd get just so close and the bull would turn toward us and start pawing the ground. Old



FRIDAY CRASH RESULTS—At 7:14 p.m. at the intersection of Southwest Third and West Belsher in Dimmitt, a 1989 GMC pickup (ABOVE), driven by Carl Leander King, 74, of Dimmitt, failed to yield right of way and struck a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban (BELOW), driven by Armando Castaneda, 46, of HC1, Nazareth. Police said the Suburban was head-

ing north on Southwest Third when it was struck by King's pickup, which was heading west on Belsher. Both drivers were listed with possible injuries. The pickup had heavy damage, while the Suburban had moderate to heavy damage. King was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way at a yield sign.

Photos by Don Nelson

Youths conduct Bible School in Corpus Christi

A week in Corpus Christi sounds like a vacation, right?

For the youth and sponsors of several Dimmitt churches who arrived in Corpus Christi July 18 for mission work, the week in Corpus was anything but.

Fifty-seven members of First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church and various other churches of Dimmitt spent a week in Corpus Christi to teach Vacation Bible School in five different government housing projects as part of a youth ministry mission trip.

The large group was split into five teams.

"I thought the trip was neat because a lot of the kids didn't come from good homes and their lives weren't all that good; and when we came, they brightened up. There always seemed to be lots of kids at the door in the morning," said Jill Merritt, a Dimmitt High School freshman.

Each team told Bible stories, did craft work, held recreation, played music and provided lunch for the kids.

"It made me realize how much we have, compared to those kids," said Van Jeter, a DHS senior.

Like true missionaries, the group did not occupy hotel beds; instead, they slept on the floor of the recreation center at Calallen Baptist Church.

"It was all right [to sleep on the floor] because a lot of us brought air mattresses," Merritt said.

Jeter, who spent his week with nine team members at Navarro, one of the five housing projects, said the group went to the beach a few times. The group also visited the Riverwalk in San Antonio as well as the malls.

"It was a great experience," said Merritt.

"It was the hardest work that you could ever love," said Randy Gressett, the youth minister at First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church and coordinator of the trip.

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

It was birthday time at the Sims' home this weekend.

Family and friends of birthday girl Glenda Sims enjoyed a cookout, hosted by Doc Sims, visiting and homemade ice cream and birthday cake.

Out-of-town guests were Matt Sims of Los Angeles, Calif., Kristi Cope of Midland, Bernice Armistead of Littlefield, and Marsha Morgan and Rala Byrnes, both of Lubbock.

Dimmitt guests were Tim Sims, Darla, Dalton and Darcy Fisher, Jack and Jan Edwards and Trampas Moke.

Gwen Bryant and Doris Lust were honored on their birthday at El Sombrero. Others in attendance besides the honorees were Houston Lust, Bill and Kathryn Birdwell, Carolyn Jones, Dorothy Hopson, Doris Flynt, Merle Arthur of Gruver (Gwen's mom), Polly Simpson and Martha Jo Hyman.

Kay Kellar went to Lubbock on Monday to bring her mother, Midge Burleson, for a visit. Kay had a cookout and had friends over to keep Midge entertained.

Freddy Upshaw was the chef and the others did the fixings. Hank and Syd Lynn, Leigh and Aubrie Durbin, Dolores Griffitt and Martha Jo Hyman enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Louise Mears is spending the week in Angel Fire with her son-in-law, Zay Gilbreath; her grandson, Gary; and her great-grandsons, Garrett and Jackson Gilbreath.

Leigh Durbin took Martha Jo Hyman to Lubbock for a doctor's appointment on Monday. Lena Durbin and her fiancée, Ben Duesterhaus, met them for lunch.

On Sunday, Norita Hoelting of Nazareth, Dorothy, Kami and Kayla Ware, Margie Durbin, Joan Durbin, Leigh and Aubrie Durbin and Martha Jo Hyman went to Pep for a bridal shower honoring Lena Durbin. Lena and Ben's wedding is planned for Aug. 14.

The class of 1989 held its 10-year reunion. A good time was had and many memories were stirred among those attending.

A vacation in Las Vegas, Nev., was enjoyed by Ann Stroud, her sister, Carlene Stroud of Muleshoe and Sandy Dickey, her sister-in-law from Lubbock. No money was won, but they had a lot of fun.

The Thursday Bridge Club met with Virginia Crider handling hostess duties. Louise Mears finished with the high score and Loranel Hamilton finished second.

Letter Why are the coaches leaving?

Dear Editor:

The athletic programs in Dimmitt have always been something to be proud of. Lately we have seen coaches resign and move away.

Most moves were lateral. All have been replaced. But the question that has not been asked is, why are these coaches leaving?

We have a superintendent and a school board president that do not care to discuss the reasons. They would rather hire replacements and hope the questions go away.

When Coach Chris Edwards resigned, he left what is probably one of the best girls' basketball programs in the state. One would think that there would be numerous applicants for the position.

Two applicants later, Mr. Les Miller was proud to announce that a replacement had been hired. Am I the only one that sees a problem?

We have lost seven or eight good coaches. Still no problem.

There are three people at the top—(Supt. Les) Miller in administration, (Board Chairman Paul) Garcia on the school board, and (Athletic Director Bruce) Dollar in the athletic department. After all the resignations, perhaps the citizens of the DISD would be willing to accept three more.

ALBERT ACEVEDO

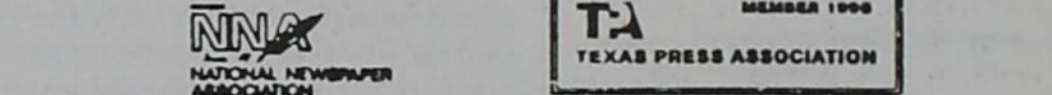
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ACROSS

1 TXism: "big of locks" (hairstyle)

5 TXism: "the good Lord willing and the creeks don't"

6 Park, TX

7 Rising, TX

8 TX Nolan Ryan baseball cards

17 TXism: "it belongs to me the bank"

18 Travis drew dirt at Alamo

21 concerning

22 TXism: "put the back burner"

23 TX Ginger's "the Dark"

24 TXism: "rough as sheets"

29 TXism for "flu"

30 TXism: "beer sheds"

31 to Houston from Dallas

32 vessel from Houston (2 wds.)

34 Ranger Palmeiro objectives

35 "Magnificent" Yul (init.)

36 a NASA shuttle

37 TX actress Sharon who was slain by Manson "family"

38 mother of TX Ginger Rogers

40 hit by TX Henley's group: "Take The Limit"

41 TXism: "locked" (fought)

43 TX JoBeth Williams film: "Desert"

44 seamstress

45 in Bowie Co. on 67

46 "Remember the"

47 TXism: "sticks out like thumb"

48 TXism: "table grazed"

49 TXism: "we out our differences"

50 this Lois plays a cowboy's wife in "The Honkers"

52 Jimmy's Miami predecessor

53 a Gulf tide

54 ABC anchor from Dallas: Lisa Mc

55 stat for Ranger Zimmerman

DOWN

1 former right-hand Ranger reliever from Florida

2 "One Ranger"

3 Lee Harvey

4 TX Janis Joplin's last album

9 "chow down"

10 dull, stupid person

11 TXism: "horn" (amateur)

12 TXism: "big biscuit the pan" (boss)

13 TXism: "he'll to his own funeral"

14 TXism: "there's more of them than in Texas"

15 TXism: "tie up the loose"

16 pig's place

19 TXism: "is colder than freon" (ruthless)

20 to Bryan from Austin

22 the "Duke" in film "The Quiet Man"

24 before AD

25 fictional sister of TX Ima Hogg

26 wagon wheel track

27 meaning of Spanish name, Lampasas

28 TXism: "weak day-old kitten"

29 Ho Minh

30 TXism: "ain't worth two"

33 TXism: "drug cowboy" (dude)

34 TX Joe Don Baker's "Cool Luke"

35 clerical petty officer

37 TXism: "if it ain't a cow in Texas"

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39 Fort Worth's WBAP

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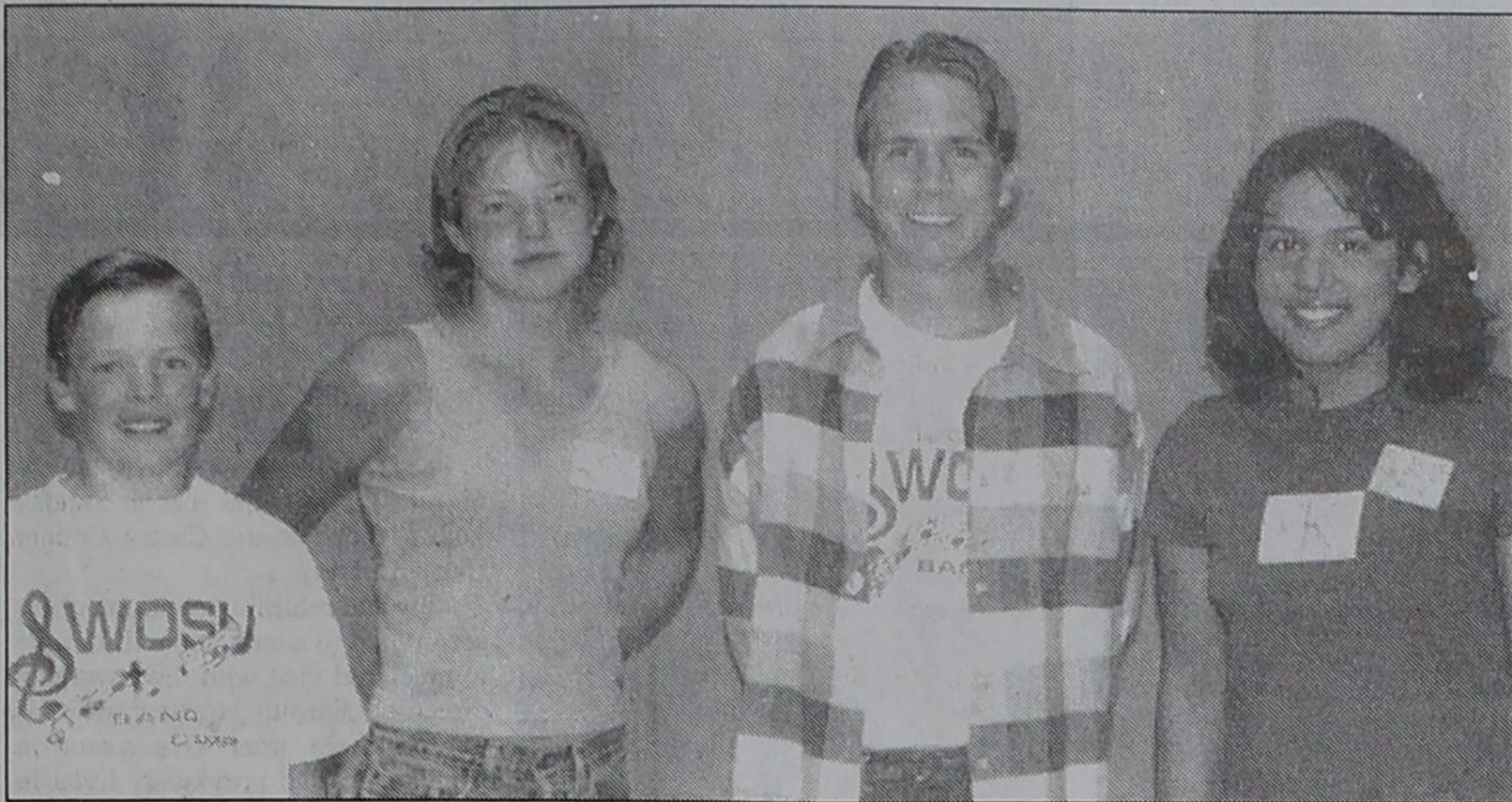
43 character stain

44 "Alamo City" (abbr.)

46 Big Bend Natural

49 TXism: "monkey's uncle"

51 Guadalupe rafter



THESE NAZARETH STUDENTS recently attended Oklahoma's largest band camp at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Among

those attending were (from left) Craig Birkenfeld, Mikki Huguley, Quentin Jones and Elizabeth Olvera.

Courtesy Photo

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to Millie Birkenfeld and Judy Lange on the death of their father, Felix Fetsch of Hereford. Funeral services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford.

On July 15-19, 41 youths and adults from the Amarillo Diocese, including 15 from Nazareth, participated in a convention in Tucson, Ariz. The group enjoyed the three days of workshops and attended mass on Saturday and Sunday. The highlight of the weekend was the adoration on Saturday night.

On Sunday the group traveled to Mesa, Ariz., to attend mass at St. Timothy's where the Teen Mass originated. It was a very spiritual and unforgettable trip.

Those attending from Nazareth were Lindsey Gerber, Nichole Huseman, Erin Jones, Jessica McGilvray, Jayme Schmucker, Megan Hoelting, Dawn Ramaekers, Jill Schulte, Karen Wilhelm, Mandy Hoelting, Steph Gerber, Rose Wilhelm, Darlene Fetsch, Peggy Ramaekers and Nikki Wethington.

A bridal shower honoring Lena Durbin, bride-elect of Ben Duesterhaus, was held July 17 at the home of Edith Huseman.

Ben's mother, Vennie Duesterhaus of Pep; his stepmother, Karen Duesterhaus of Littlefield; his aunts, Jane Duesterhaus and Sharon Pettite; his sister, Amy Albus and her children, Ashlen and Kevin; Lena's cousins, Dana Johnston of Amarillo and Linda Smith of Aurora, Colo.; Lena's classmates, Kristin Moore and Kandal Derrick; Carol Bishop of Dimmitt and Vicky Lange of Amarillo were some of the out-of-town guests attending.

The hostess gift was a goosedown comforter and dust ruffle. Guests enjoyed assorted mini muffins, a melon fruit basket and Tobey's love Punch.

Jo and Martha Jo Hyman then treated the mothers, sisters, aunts and nieces to a luncheon at The Cotton Patch in Plainview.

Later that evening, Leigh Durbin hosted a hamburger cookout for her husband, Curtis's birthday.

Martha Jo Hyman; Dorothy, Kayla and Kami Ware of Pampa; Norita Hoelting, Joan Durbin, Margie Durbin, Leigh Durbin and Aubrie Durbin attended the Pep shower on Sunday, where Lena and Ben received many more very nice gifts. The hostess gift was a Hoover Wind Tunnel vacuum cleaner.

Follies set Aug. 21-22

The annual production of the *Follies* will be Aug. 21-22 this year, according to Dimmitt Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Sava said he currently has scripts available for this year's show, and those interested in performing may pick up a script at any time at the Chamber office.

For more information about the *Follies*, contact Sava at 647-2524.

GRAB A VINE AND JOIN THE FUN!



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Sunday: 7 p.m. only

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Free, reduced-price meal guidelines are announced for local school districts

Local schools recently announced their policies for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for the free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households with incomes at or below the levels specified in the criteria are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court also may be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. Eligibility for a foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter stating the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at any principal's office.

To apply, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a number is not available by writing the word "none." The application must be signed by an adult

household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the food service director for each school will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to:

Dimmitt: Les Miller, 647-3101 or 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt 79027; Hart: Dr. Martin Earley, 938-2143, or P.O. Box 490, Hart 79043; and Nazareth: N. Dean Johnson, 945-2231 or Box 189, Nazareth 79063.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives those benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year, and also must report any decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the stated levels.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the US Dept. of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes he/she has been discriminated against, he/she should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

For a household of one, weekly income may be no higher than \$294, or \$1,271 per month or \$15,244 per year.

For a household of two, the yearly total may be \$20,461, broken down into \$1,706 per month and \$394 per week.

A household with three members may earn \$494 per week or \$2,140 per month for an annual income of

\$25,678.

An annual income of \$30,895 is allowed for a household of four, which equals \$2,575 per month or \$595 per week.

With five in a household, they may bring in \$695 per week or \$3,010 per month, for a yearly income of \$36,112.

Weekly income may be \$795 for a household of six, making it \$3,445 for a month and \$41,329 for a year.

Seven household members may have a yearly income of \$46,546, for a monthly income of \$3,879 or \$896 per week.

The weekly income for a household of eight may be \$996 per week or \$4,314 per month or \$51,763 in a year.

For each additional household member allow an additional \$101 per week or \$435 per month or \$5,217 per year.

Hart Days variety show slated Friday

A wide range of talent will be displayed Friday at the annual Hart Variety Show. The show will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Elementary School gym.

Admission to the show is by donation and proceeds will go to the Hart Days Committee Pavilion Fund, which is currently up to about \$6,000.

Entertainment scheduled for the evening will include pianists Kyle Johnson and Trent Barnes, both of Hart. Lindsey George of Hart will twirl a baton. Those planning to sing are soloists Vivian Bennett of Hart, Bill Sava of Dimmitt and Courtney Shofner of Lamesa; and the duo of Willie and Barbara Finch of Hart. Nikki Burrell of Hart will read poetry and Terry Sue Earley of Hart will play the violin.

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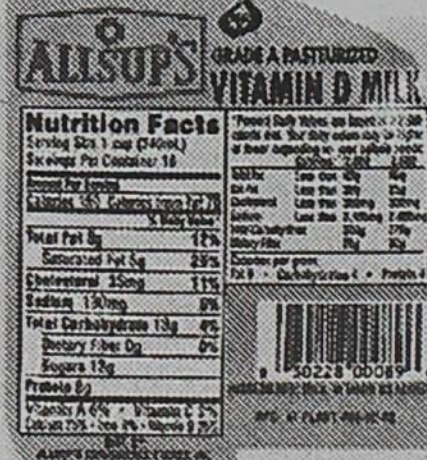
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Gressett says goodbye

By MONICA T. ORTIZ
In January 1996, a minister and his wife arrived in Dimmitt to take responsibility for youth programs at First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church. Almost four years and one little boy later, Randy Gressett, his wife Teresa and their two-year-old son Jonathon are leaving Dimmitt.

Gressett served the two churches as the youth minister and also was the minister of education at the First Baptist Church until July 11, when he accepted an invitation to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Munday, a town of 1,600, located about 70 miles north of Abilene. Gressett and his family will depart on Aug. 8.

"For about the last year, I've had a growing interest in becoming a pastor. They [Munday] contacted me," said Gressett, who will serve as the senior pastor in Munday and also intends to become involved with the youth.

Gressett, who came to Dimmitt from Irving, said it is extremely difficult to leave.

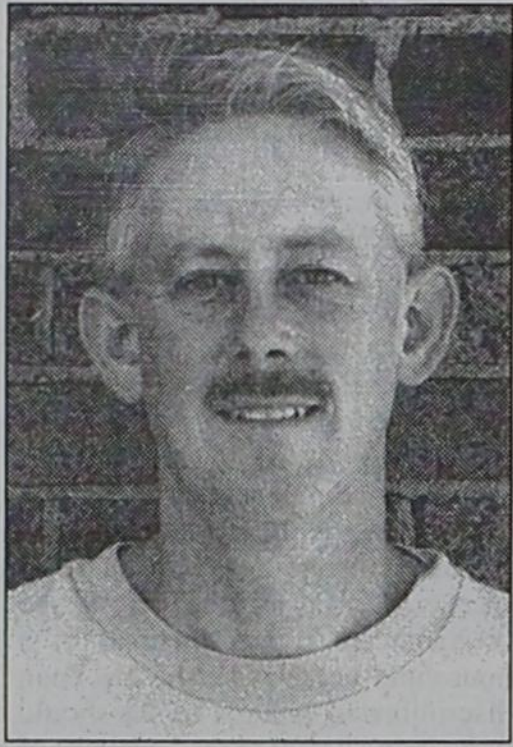
"My wife and I are excited for the opportunity, but at the same time, our hearts are breaking at the prospect of leaving a place that has become home and people who have become very dear to us," he said.

Eight months after settling down in Dimmitt, Gressett and his wife witnessed the birth of their son in August 1996. Gressett said good

memories were formed here in Dimmitt.

When Gressett began serving as the youth minister here, he immediately connected the youth with programs such as "Lunch Bunch," a lunch retreat for anyone hungry enough to go to church on weekdays during the noon lunch hour.

"Our four years here have been some of the best days of our life," he said. "We have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to build relationships and enjoy the support of two great churches and a wonderful community. And the most rewarding aspect has been the opportunity to see the Lord work in



Randy Gressett

the lives of the young people of our town."

Gressett announced his resignation Sunday to the two churches. According to Gressett, he waited to make the announcement because of a youth trip to Corpus Christi. He said he wanted the kids to enjoy their time there.

"In spiritual terms, none of us are a finished product," he said. "My prayer is that the churches and community will continue to work together to nurture and encourage our young people as they grow spiritually. It's important for the churches to work together."

Although Gressett said he looks forward to a new challenge and meeting new people in Munday, he "can't think of any aspect of life in Dimmitt that I won't miss."

"No doubt, I will miss the people of Dimmitt the most," he said.

Fashion Follies will be Sept. 25

The 1999 District 2 4-H Fashion Follies will be held Sept. 25 at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock and all Junior 4-H'ers are urged to participate.

4-H'ers may model either home-sewn or purchased clothing. For complete rules about the event, contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

"This is not a judged contest; it is a clothing event," Neal said.

The District 2 4-H is also looking for four Senior 4-H'ers to serve as narrators for the Fashion Follies.

Applicants must be 14 years of age and be able to be present at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock on Sept. 25.

Those interested in serving as a narrator should contact Neal for an application. You will need to make an audio tape using a sample narration. Tapes and application must be returned to Neal by Sunday.

County roping slated Aug. 15

Castro County's best ropers will be showing off their skills on Aug. 15 in a special competition.

The Castro County roping will be held Aug. 15 and books open at 3 p.m. that day for those who wish to enter.

There will be three different competitions.

The first is the Castro County Team Roping and teams will get three go-arounds for \$20.

The second event is the Castro County All-Around Competition and competitors will get two shots at heads, two at heels and two at calves for a \$60 entry fee.

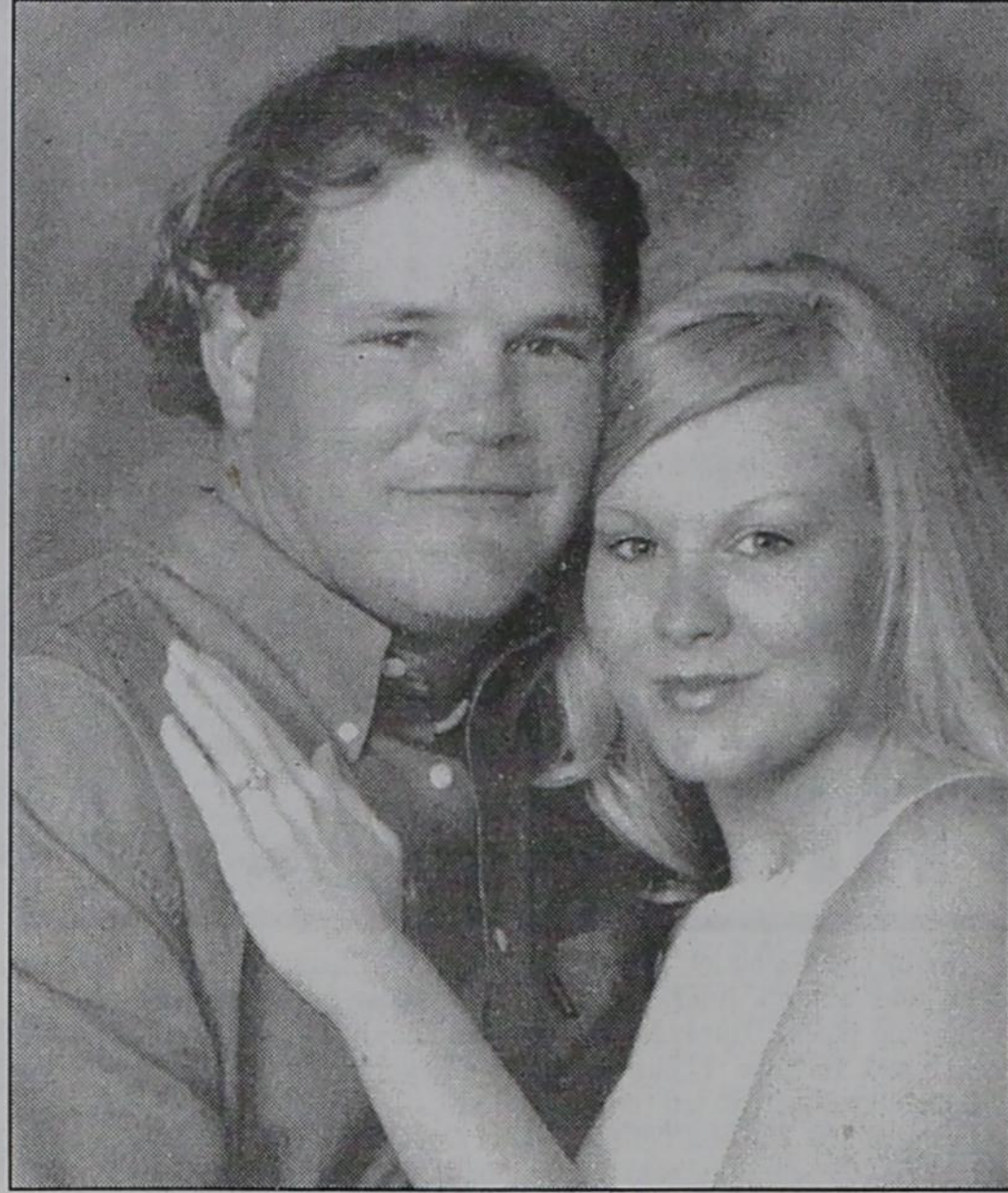
The all-around winner will receive a saddle and individual winners in each of the three events will be awarded buckles.

The team roping and all-around competition are restricted to Castro County residents.

The third event is the open roping and for \$20, ropers will be three shots.

All proceeds (after expenses) from the roping will benefit the Castro County 4-H Horse Judging Team.

For more information, contact Lonnie Robb at 647-4332.



Justin Foraker and Cassidy Wilhelm

August vows planned

Dean and Diana Wilhelm of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cassidy, to Justin Foraker, son of Lonnie and Janis Foraker of Shallowater.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. They plan to reside in Shallowater after the wedding.

Band rehearsals to start Monday

The Dimmitt Bobcat Band will begin rehearsals for the fall season and the first meeting for band members in grades 7-12 will be on Monday from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Rehearsals will be held each evening—except Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday—through Aug. 10.

All students who plan to be in the Dimmitt High School marching band

this fall must attend the rehearsals. Even those who cannot sign up for the class are urged to attend.

"In the past we have had students that are unable to take band during first block because of a scheduling conflict, but we worked with them so that they could still participate at the games on Friday nights and at the University Interscholastic League contest in October," said Assistant Band Director Theresa Carlisle. "We are willing to work with the students as long as the student comes to the evening band rehearsal each week and can learn the music during sectionals. The students also have to be willing to practice on their own time."

Carlisle lists 11 reasons students may want to consider joining the band this year:

1. You get into all the games for free.
2. You make new friends.
3. You get the satisfaction of competing.
4. You improve your SAT scores.
5. You show your Dimmitt High School Pride.
6. It's fun. Everyone gets to play.
7. You get to have fun playing the music instead of just listening to the music.
8. You get to go on band trips.
9. You don't have to decide what to wear to the games because you get to wear a very stylish uniform.
10. Your transportation is provided for you for all out-of-town games.
11. MUSIC! It's good for the soul!

Band plans Sunday social

The Dimmitt Bobcat Band is planning to kick off the season Sunday with a social at the Castro County Expo Building.

New and returning band members are invited to attend and will be able to meet and visit with the new band director, Harold Hinsley who is moving here after five years in Illinois. He had previously lived in Texas.

The social will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and watermelon and ice cream will be served.

All band students in grades 5-12 are invited to attend.

Band members who can bring a freezer of ice cream or a watermelon to the event are asked to call Teresa Carlisle at 647-0352 (leave message).

Shower fetes Mrs. Howard

Wendi Ethridge Howard of San Antonio was honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower in the home of Linda Langford on July 17.

An upright vacuum cleaner with attachments was presented to the honoree by hostesses.

Guests attending were served mini cherry cheesecakes, green grapes, melon balls and fruit punch.

The serving table was covered with a white Battenburg cloth accented with a basket of greenery and fresh flowers. A candelabra on a mirrored platter completed the table decorations.

Out-of-town guests were the honoree's mother, Kathy Ethridge of Floresville; her grandmothers, Christina Crawford of Hart and Faye Ethridge of Dimmitt; Christy Christian of Amarillo; her sister, Amy Riskey of Dumas; and her cousins, Tonya Ethridge and Mindy Ethridge, both of Nazareth.

4-H'ers asked to return form

Castro County 4-H'ers are asked to fill out new enrollment forms if they haven't done so within the past three months.

The new 4-H year officially begins on Sept. 1 and the completed forms will allow Extension staff to update their records.

4-H'ers must complete a new card for each club in which he or she is a member.

Olton festival lasts Aug. 3-7

The Olton Chamber of Commerce presents the Annual Sandhills Festival on Aug. 3-7 in Olton.

All-day festivities will be in the town square on Aug. 7. Night activities will be included on all four days.

The activities will include a performance of the musical *Grease* on Aug. 5 and 7, a street dance on Aug. 6 and 7 and a triathlon beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 7. The downtown parade starts at 10 a.m. on Aug. 7.

For more information, contact the Olton Chamber Office at (806) 285-2292.

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For more information, contact Lively at the Dimmitt Police Dept. at 647-4545.

Prayer vigil at schools set Aug. 7

A statewide prayer vigil is being planned on each school campus in Texas, and Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools plan to be a part of the vigil on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m.

The statewide prayer vigil is being coordinated by Fred Seaman of Beaumont and he is working hard so that each school will be simultaneously covered by the prayers of concerned parents, friends and school children.

County residents are urged to meet at Dimmitt High School, Dimmitt Middle School, Richardson Elementary School, Hart Schools or Nazareth Schools to pray with friends and neighbors for the safety of children and teachers.

For more information about the prayer vigil, contact one of the local coordinators, Jimmie Schulte, June Brown, Coby Gilbreath or Dorothy Sheffy.

'Back to School Ado' set Aug. 7

The West Texas Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America will benefit from the "Back to School Ado" set for Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Lubbock.

The event will be held in the Southcrest Baptist Church parking lot, located on South Loop between Indiana and Quaker Ave.

There will be special appearances by Texas Tech football players, Chuck E. Cheese, Kool Kat, clowns and Khiva Shrine go-carts.

Events will include a dunking booth with the Lubbock Professional Police Officers Assoc., a Beanie Baby Walk, hair coloring, face painting, a bouncing pit, velcro wall, water polo, horse rides, and much more.

In addition those attending may sign up to win a round trip to the Oct. 24 football game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Redskins.

All ages are invited to attend and participate in the activities. Proceeds will benefit the Lupus Foundation of America, West Texas Chapter.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.



Joe Carr and Alan Munde

Western music will be featured at dinner theater set in Nazareth

Lovers of western, bluegrass and country music will have a real treat in August with two concerts planned in Nazareth.

On Friday evening, Aug. 6, a dinner theater at the Nazareth School Cafeteria will include a program entitled, "A History of West Texas Music," with narration and songs performed by South Plains College music professors Joe Carr and Alan Munde; and a special performance by Lubbock singer and songwriter Andy Wilkinson.

Then on Saturday, Aug. 7, a concert and dance will be held from 8:30 to 11 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Center. Featured performers will be Andy Wilkinson and the Gimme Caps (alias Kenny Maines, Donny Maines and Cary Black of Lubbock).

Tickets for the Aug. 6 dinner theater are \$20 per person and the 40 available tickets will be sold on a first-come basis.

The concert and dance on Aug. 7 will be \$10 per person.

Both events are being sponsored by the Promised Land Network, an ecumenical rural outreach working to promote the rural communities and local arts.

The meal included with the Aug. 6 show will consist of locally-grown foods prepared by Sylvia Boeshart, owner of The Peanut Patch in Turkey. Her cooking received high marks in the July issue of *Texas Monthly*.

Wilkinson has written and recorded several award-winning albums with a company that he helped created, Grey Horse Press in Lubbock. Supported by his fine musicianship and a tenor voice to deliver his exquisite lyrics, Wilkinson's ballads tell the stories of land and people in West Texas.

Munde and Carr present a unique program of instrumental and vocal music featuring banjo, guitar, mandolin and fiddle. The Levelland-based duo first performed together as part of the internationally-acclaimed bluegrass group, Country Gazette. In 1995, they authored a book for the Texas Tech University Press entitled, *Prairie Nights to Neon Lights: The Story of Country Music in West Texas*.

For reservations or more information, contact the Promised Land Network Office at (806) 945-2444.

Family night set for Lee Street VBS

Lee Street Baptist Church is continuing Vacation Bible School today (Thursday) and will conclude with a "Family Night" on Friday.

Family members of those participating in the VBS are invited to attend the activities on Friday, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a worship rally, followed by awards.

Afterward, all attending are invited to have hot dogs and soft drinks and participate in the "Fun Fair" set up in the VBS tent on the vacant lot just north of the church building at 410 Southwest Second. The Fun Fair will include games and opportunities to win token prizes.

The session today (Thursday) will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The theme of the week is "Mount Extreme: The Ultimate Good News Challenge," and activities include missions, crafts, recreation, refreshments and music, in addition to adventure-filled Bible stories.

Jackson, Jeter highlight Boys' State experiences

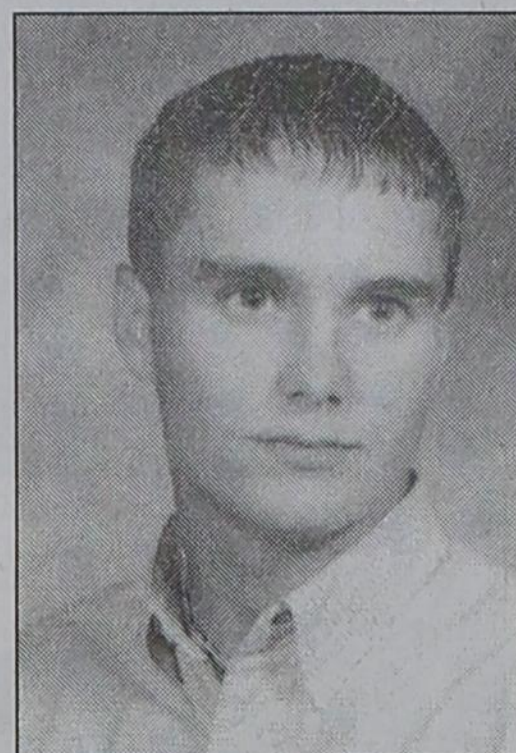
Two Dimmitt High School students will enter their senior year this fall with a deeper understanding of their rights and privileges as American citizens thanks to the American Legion Boys' State program.

James G. Jackson, 17, son of Trudy and Richard Jackson; and Van L. Jeter, son of Teresa and Kent Lindsey, attended Boys' State June 5-11 at the University of Texas in Austin. They were sponsored by American Legion Greer H. Estes Post 445 of Dimmitt.

While at Boys' State, Jackson and Jeter heard several members of Texas state government and other elected officials explain their offices' responsibilities and role in the government's day-to-day operation.

Many of today's influential figures, including President Bill Clinton, astronaut Neil Armstrong, NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw and many others, have taken part in the American Legion Boys' State program since it began in Illinois in 1935.

The two Dimmitt students share their impressions of the Boys' State experience.



James Jackson

Texas Boys' State 1999 was truly an honorable experience for me to attend and participate.

There are many valuable lessons I learned about the democratic government and my fellow man. Boys' State taught me the importance of free speech and the right to vote, leadership and citizenship.

Many people take advantage of free speech and the right to vote. These are two of the greatest key factors in the democratic society. This is why the government is so highly criticized today.

People complain about the government, but fail to speak their point or go down and check the ballot and play a role in the government they are a part of.

This theory states that if you don't like the representatives in your government, go down and vote for the man or woman that will represent you, not themselves. The government of the United States of America is the best in the World and the people of our country take advantage of it. Get out and vote on the issues that suit you, not your neighbor. It takes 30 minutes to go down and fill out a ballot. This can change the face of government of today and tomorrow. Give it a try. One vote can make a world of difference, especially if 10,000 people that did not vote gained that concept.

Leadership is also a key to a democratic society. You have to believe in your leader and the points he is will-

ing to fight for. If you do not have an outstanding leader, you are probably not going to be happy with the work he accomplishes or tries to accomplish.

Your government is only as good as your leader. Step out in front and lead the way. Believe in yourself as well as others and make the right decision. It could affect you as well as your peers for the rest of your life. Be a leader and strengthen the national voting participation and interest in government. The government will only be what you make of it. Be a leader.

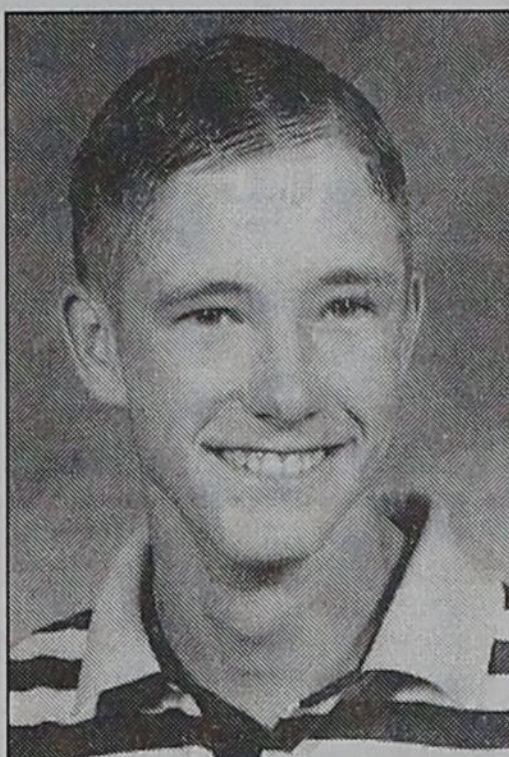
Citizenship is a quality point practiced by over 1,000 Boys' Staters and is a great lesson in life.

Boys from Kingsville to Perryton interact and live together for one week to get the Texas Boys' State government working smoothly. Boys you don't even know and haven't heard of live and work together to achieve their purpose or role in Boys' State.

This gives you a chance to learn how to make friends and work with people you do not know. This opportunity will help you later in life when you get a job or when you move to a new place and need a friend.

This may have been the most valuable lesson learned at Boys' State, although it was a close race. Many valuable lessons were learned and friends made, and hopefully will be maintained for life.

I learned a considerable amount about life, also. Give yourself a chance. Go out and speak on issues or just go vote. Be a citizen and a leader. Out there somewhere, someone is watching you. Do the best for the both of you and make America a better place.



Van Jeter

Boys' State was very exciting and was a learning experience. It allowed me to interact with many other young men of the state of Texas.

I made many friends out of complete strangers that now will never be forgotten.

I learned a tremendous amount of information about the state and federal government. Boys' State provided a "hands-on" experience in learning about the government.

I listened to many different highly respected men and philosophers such as Chan Gailey, Lewis Timberlake, Derek Seal and John Cornyn.

I realized and cherished the fact that I was able to meet people that might eventually hold great political offices.

I was part of "Hill" City amongst 46 other boys. I ran for the House of Representatives and was elected to that office. Holding this position was a great experience because I was able to sit on the floor of the House and pass bills just as they do in reality.

Boys' State is a wonderful experience and I encourage other young men to attend if they ever receive the opportunity.

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ELECTRIC CAMP HONORS—(ABOVE, RIGHT) Cliff Wright (left) recently won a first place plaque and money from Southwestern Public Service Co. to be used toward a trip to the Future Farmers of America national convention in Nashville next autumn. Wright, a student at Dimmitt High School, outscored others in a four-day SPS Electric Motors

class taught by Larry Seales (right), a vocational agriculture teacher at Whiteface High School. (ABOVE, LEFT) Seales also presented a certificate to Austin Fullingim, a DHS student, who scored second overall on tests in the same class. The classes were held at a Sacramento Mountains camp near Cloudcroft, N.M. *Courtesy Photo*

‘Sustaining Agriculture’ weekend set in Nazareth

The seventh annual *Sustaining Agriculture* weekend will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7, in Nazareth.

Theme for this year's event will be "Moving from Producer to Marketer" and featured speakers will be Charles Griffith, a farm specialist for the Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Okla., and Dr. Pamela Brown of Lubbock, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service marketing specialist.

The Promised Land Network, a regional sustainable agriculture organization based in Nazareth, is the sponsor for the event.

Registration and refreshments will begin at 7:45 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Registration fee is \$15 per person for the entire day and \$5 per child for the children's tour.

After opening remarks, five outdoor tours will be offered, including whole farm planning, strip grazing, wildlife enhancement on farmland,

urban agriculture and farmer's markets, and uncovering rural history. There also will be a children's tour for the entire morning.

At 11:15 a.m., a second session of indoor workshops will cover futures marketing, home cooking possibilities, income from on-farm wildlife, alternative crop options and local songwriting and storytelling.

Lunch will feature locally grown vegetables and pasture-raised meats, and a brainstorming session led by Tim Walter of the Aspen Institute on the topic, "Practical Considerations for Direct Marketing."

After lunch, Dr. Pamela Brown will give a short presentation on "Cashing in on Your Business and Developing Markets."

Her presentation will be followed by a panel discussion featuring five farmer/entrepreneurs who are engaged in different types of market

enhancement.

At 3:30 p.m., a final session of workshops will be offered by the five panelists with more details on their marketing strategies.

Evening recreation will begin at 5 p.m. with home brew and refreshments, including an "open mike" conversation on the topic, "What Should be the Government's Role in Agriculture?"

Supper will be served at 6 p.m., followed by an auction to benefit the Promised Land Network, and live music. The evening concludes with a concert and dance with Andy Wilkinson and the Gimme Caps (alias Kenny Maines, Donny Maines and Carey Black).

For more information, call the Promised Land Network Office at (806) 945-2444.

Blooms, squares are scarce in cotton while area corn crops look promising

By **JOHNNA PATTERSON**
County Extension Agent-IPM
Temperatures increased and sunshine was quite abundant most of last week.

Rain showers were scattered across the county with some areas receiving two or more inches.

Cotton continues to grow, although some fields have little square retention and very few blooms. Corn looks very good and the possibility of a two-ear crop in most fields looks good where water is plentiful.

and Circle areas.

Although some fields are blooming and we don't normally suggest treating for fleahoppers after bloom, some fields are reporting such poor square set and fairly high numbers of fleahoppers that treatment is still needed to save what few squares are on the plants.

Products that are effective in fleahopper control are Orthene, Lorsban, Bidrin, dimethoate, Provado, methyl parathion and Vydate.

Western tarnished plant bugs continue to be found in program fields this week, although numbers are very low. There are reports of higher numbers in black-eyed pea and bean fields. Producers should keep an eye out for these pests, especially if they have cotton near pea or bean fields.

Pyrethroid materials are the best chemical control choice, but producers should watch for aphids if using these products. Other choices include Orthene, Vydate, methyl parathion, Provado, Lannate, dimethoate and PennCap-M.

Cotton aphids also have been spotted around the area. This pest is still rare in program fields in Castro County, but numbers range between zero and 20 per leaf in Lamb County.

Beneficial insect numbers remain relatively high and seem to be keeping the aphids in check. Insecticidal control of cotton aphids should be delayed until infestation exceeds 50 aphids per leaf. Products work very

well if the application is optimized through spray volume and coverage. Lannate can work well if under-leaf coverage is good. Bidrin sometimes needs a little help. Mixing Curacron or Ovasyn with the Bidrin can often make a big difference.

The Section 18 for Furadan for Extension District 2 has been activated. This district includes the following counties: Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Hale, Lamb, Bailey, Floyd, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Mitchell, Scurry, Garza, Borden, Dawson, Lynn, Gaines, Terry and Yoakum.

If you have any questions on the status of the Section 18, call one of the IPM agents in your area, the local TDA office or visit the TDA Section 18 web page.

While the number of emerging overwintered boll weevils has continued in a general decline, numbers remain high enough in many instances to cause concern, even where cotton is now blooming, according to Dr. Jim Leser.

The percent of active grid traps catching weevils continues to decrease locally. IPM program traps were pulled this week and field inspection has revealed oviposition punctures below treatment threshold.

Local grid trap catches declined again this week to less than an average of three weevils per trap (where weevils were found) and only 40% of the traps caught weevils.

Egg-laying punctures were found in one Lamb County program field this week, but the percent of infestation was less than 2%.

Leser recommends "holding off treatments for weevils at this time unless pressure is extremely heavy. You need to give fields a rest, allowing natural enemies time to recognize and reproduce. They will be needed for the upcoming bollworm egg lay."

Producers should focus on scouting for punctured squares and stop relying on traps to determine boll weevil activity. The threshold prior to peak bloom is 20% punctured squares.

Feeding punctures can be found about anywhere on the square and appear as a small, round, black sunken hole. If feeding punctures are all that is found, you should consider waiting two or three days before spraying.

Egg punctures are usually found on the lower one-third of the square and have a "plug" in the hole, giving it a wart-like appearance. If you find red weevil adults, the start of the first summer generation has started in your field.

CORN

Most IPM program fields are in the brown silk to milk stage. Infestations of second generation southwestern corn borers in Castro County range from 0 to 6.25% south of the Dimmitt and Sunnyside area, 2.5% west of Dimmitt, 5% north of Dimmitt, 0 to 10% in the Hart area and 2.5% to 5% in the Flagg area.

Although the percent of infestations were relatively low this week, moth flight activity was very high in several locations. Threshold level for second generation borers is 20 to 25% infestation.

Suggested insecticides for controlling second generation corn borers include Capture, Diazinon 14G, Asana XL, Ambush, Furadan, Pounce and Lorsban.

Trap catches exploded this week for southwestern corn borers. There appears to be two separate flights occurring—one again through Springlake, Circle and across to an area north of Olton and the other from north of Dimmitt through Hart.

Some of the IPM fields correlated nicely in egg lay with these moth flights, but some did not. Producer-reported infestations were upwards of 38% in some areas. Remember, producers with white corn fields will want to use a lower threshold for treatment than the 20 to 25% used for field corn.



WIRING II—Elizabeth Olvera (left), a student at Nazareth High School, scored third overall on tests following a four-day Wiring II class held by Southwestern Public Service Co. at an annual FFA summer electricity camp held in the Sacramento Mountains near Cloudcroft, N.M. The class was taught by Don Hillis (right), a vocational agriculture teacher at White Deer High School. *Courtesy Photo*

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Boll weevil eradication efforts showing success around state

Cotton growers in Texas are celebrating, because the pesky boll weevil is being efficiently eliminated from many cotton growing counties in Texas.

Growers in the Southern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone (SRP) were the first to become involved in boll weevil eradication in 1994. Since the inception of their program, weevil populations have been virtually eliminated in the nine-county region surrounding San Angelo.

"I've farmed cotton in this area for 21 years, and we're definitely happy to be seeing cotton yields like this," said Eola producer Kenneth Gully. "We're pleased with the investment we've made in our program and very proud because it's already paying real dividends and allowing us to compete in the cotton marketplace."

In 1995, SRP program personnel trapped 846,080 weevils the last week in June. This year, during the same time period, the number was 157 weevils, a 99.98% reduction. In addition to the reduction of boll weevils, there has been a dramatic decrease in the amount of pesticides used in the zone.

"Growers are not having to contend with the boll weevil as they have in the past. They are depending less on pesticides and relying more on beneficial insects that prey on cotton pests," said Foundation Program Director Osama El-Lissy. "The program is benefitting growers, landowners, the environment and rural communities whose economies are tied to agriculture."

"Texas will soon be able to compete with those in other states who have already finished eradication programs and who are growing cotton less expensively," said El-Lissy.

For several decades, growers in the SRP concentrated their pest

management strategies on one particular insect.

"Prior to the success of the boll weevil eradication program in this zone, the entire cotton production system revolved around this devastating pest [boll weevil], from planting time to harvest management," said Dr. Thomas W. Fuchs, State IPM Coordinator.

"Overwintered boll weevil control with insecticides often reduced beneficial insects and opened the door for other pest problems. We are now able to conserve the natural enemies of other pests. The program has enabled growers to more fully utilize proven IPM (integrated pest management) practices and resulted in fewer insecticide applications and higher yields," said Dr. Fuchs.

Runnels and Tom Green County IPM Agent Rick Minzenmayer's observations closely mirror those of Dr. Fuchs.

"I've worked and managed the IPM scouting program in the SRP since 1987," said Minzenmayer.

"Prior to boll weevil eradication,

producers' number one problem every year was the boll weevil. Most cotton fields (prior to eradication) would be treated twice for overwintered weevils and then, beginning in late August, begin treatment for in-season weevils until mid-September," he said. "Now that the boll weevil is virtually eliminated, our yields have increased and our input costs have been reduced. We can now practice good, sound IPM strategies and utilize our natural enemies more effectively."

The Foundation, the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) will review the final data at the end of the year and may declare the SRP as the first zone in Texas to have successfully eradicated the boll weevil.

The SRP eradication zone averages 220,000 cotton acres in these counties: Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher, Tom Green and portions of Taylor.

Latest trends in agriculture serve as topic of conference

New crop protection products, the latest information on the biotech seed outlook, new livestock markets and how to cope with low commodity prices were some of the topics discussed by farmers and ranchers attending the Farm Bureau summer commodity conference, held in San Angelo earlier this month.

Highlights of the conference were presented to Castro County producers on July 21 at Farm Bureau's monthly meeting.

The annual three-day conference attracted more than 200 farmers and ranchers.

"I think all ag producers attending the meeting received a refresher course on various areas of particular interest to the individual farmer and rancher," said Lonnie Robb, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau.

Several commodity sessions, including beef cattle, citrus, forestry, wildlife, cotton, grain crops and others updated producers on the most current information impacting their industry.

"We are so grateful for the information presented during these sessions," Robb said. "Many times our farmers are so busy working the land and taking care of livestock at home that they cannot always keep up with the latest trends. A conference such as this one unites many producers across the state to discuss common problems and hopefully come up with some workable solutions."

Producers attending the conference also toured a local windmill company, a feed mill and the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center.

Gonzales, Turner to compete in Farm Bureau district events

Valerie Gonzales, daughter of Roy and Robin Gonzales of Dimmitt, will be representing Castro County Farm Bureau at the district Farm Bureau Queen Pageant next Thursday, Aug. 5, in Idalou.

Gonzales was selected as the Castro County Farm Bureau Queen at a county contest in April.

At the district level, contestants will be judged on appearance, poise, personality, speech and response to impromptu questions.

Also participating at the district level in the Talent Find contest will be Castro County's Talent Find winner, Miranda Turner, daughter of

Mike and Julia Turner of Tulia.

Turner won the county contest in April by performing a piano solo, *Hodyn Sonata in D Major*.

She will be judged on audience appeal, performance, appearance and professionalism.

Both contestants will be competing for college scholarships.

At the district level they will be competing for \$1,000 in each category and will advance on to the state competition, which will be held in Corpus Christi in November. Winners at the state level will receive \$2,500 scholarships.

Tierra Blanca Creek to be site of field day, tour

A field day and tour to highlight the Tierra Blanca Creek Water Quality Demonstration Project will be held Aug. 17 and a Castro County site is among those featured on the tour.

Buses will depart from the West Texas A&M University Equine Center, touring sites including Timber Creek Veterinary Clinic, WTAMU Dairy, the Tierra Blanca Creek Property Owners Association and private demonstration sites.

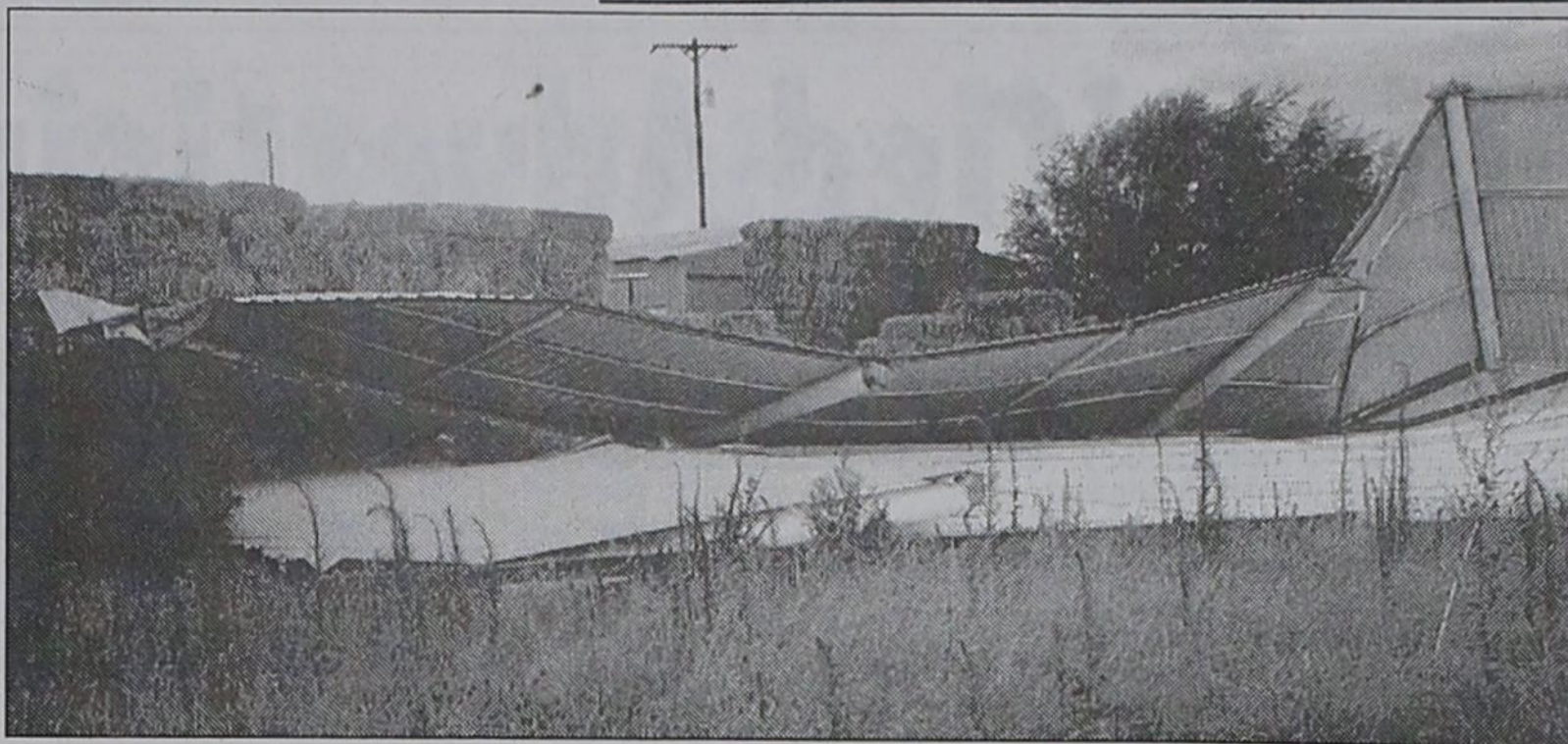
The Tierra Blanca Creek Demonstration Project is the joint effort to protect the water quality of the Panhandle. The program's goal is to persuade local producers to voluntarily implement Best Management Practices into their daily operations by establishing the program's positive effects and benefits through demonstration sites.

Best management practices include efficient irrigation, reduced tillage, integrated pest management, manure management, rotational grazing, vegetative filter strips and water quality management plans.

The majority of the demonstrations are sited in Parmer, Castro, Deaf Smith and Randall Counties.

Registration and bus loading begins at 8:30 a.m. and the tour will depart at 9 a.m. Buses will return to the departure site at 5:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, call Lanny McDonald at (806) 354-5847 or e-mail atlmcDonald@amaonline.com.



HIGH WINDS accompanying a strong thunderstorm last Wednesday destroyed this hay barn at Nazareth Feed and Supply. The storm didn't last long, but it

packed a punch, dropping an inch of rain at Nazareth.

Photo by Anne Acker



Diseases are attacking lawns

By JOHNNA L. PATTERSON

Castro County Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Management

Castro and Lamb Counties have received large amounts of water over the past several months and the excessive water and hail has contributed to the loss and/or damage of thousands of acres of crops across the area.

Along with commercial acreages, residential turf problems have also been reported by homeowners who are experiencing brown or dying spots in their lawns.

There are several diseases that can contribute to turf death, including leaf spots, crown rots and take-all root rot, also known as bermuda grass decline, as well as others, can be found in the area.

Take-all root rot or bermuda grass decline are caused by *Gaeumannomyces graminis* var. *graminis*. This is a soil-borne fungus that will cause root rots under certain conditions.

Turf may begin to decline and die in spots or in large areas. Stressed lawns from high or low fertility, low water or excessive water high in salts, mowing too short or soil compaction can cause the disease to proliferate.

Samples have been taken to the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station for analysis and the report showed "Helminthosporium" leaf spot and crown rot. This disease is actually caused by the fungus *Bipolaris cynodontis* or the fungus

Exsaroehilum rostratum. Both of these fungi were once considered members of the group "Helminthosporium."

These fungi can cause leaf spots and crown rot resulting in a blighting of the turf in relatively small and irregular patches scattered throughout the turf area. Black to brown spots on leaf blades and leaf sheaths often are present. Lower leaves on plants are often shriveled and blighted. The disease is most severe in temperatures between 80 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit with more than 10 hours of leaf wetness per day for several days and a mowing height of less than 2 inches. High nitrogen levels favor the disease.

Disease management suggestions include:

- * Fertilize with low to moderate levels of nitrogen during spring, summer and autumn (1/4 to 1/2 lb. nitrogen per 1000 square feet per month).

- * Decrease shade and increase air circulation to enhance drying of turf.

- * Avoid irrigation in late afternoon and evening prior to midnight so you don't add to long periods of leaf wetness. Irrigate only as needed and then do so deeply. Frequent, shallow watering adds to periods of leaf wetness and disease severity. The best time is early morning or after midnight.

- * Use light mowing equipment to avoid stress on the turf.

- * Limit thatch thickness to 1/2 inch or less. Raking cut grass will aerate the turf and remove innoculum as well as enable fungicides to reach the target areas.

- * For leaf spot and crown rots, use fungicides labeled for leaf spot, including Banner, Chipco 26019, Curalan, Daconil, Dithane, Fore, Mancozeb, Teraclor, Turfcide, Touche, Twosome and Vorlan. Read labels carefully for rates, suggestions and precautionary statements.

- * For bermuda grass decline, use labeled fungicides including Banner, Heritage, Spectracide brand Immunex or Baylaton (granular or wettable powder).

Some of these products are not readily available, but many can be purchased at a nursery shop. Make sure to get the fungicide watered in deep enough to reach the root zone for root rot diseases. If the fungicide does not reach the root zone, the pathogen will not be controlled.

The key to disease control in your lawn is to do things in moderation, whether irrigating or fertilizing.

TLC (tender, loving care) is good for your lawn, but too much of a good thing can do more harm than good. Following good management practices such as those listed above are the best methods of controlling lawn diseases and will help you maintain a beautiful lawn year around.

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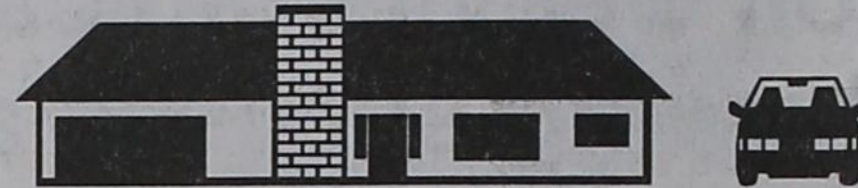
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF IVOR BAGWELL, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of IVOR BAGWELL, Deceased, were issued to MILTON IVOR BAGWELL and NELDA JEAN FALLWELL on the 6th day of July, 1999, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and they now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows: MILTON IVOR BAGWELL, HCR 4, Box 113, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; and NELDA JEAN FALLWELL, 1901 Eastfield Drive, Richardson, Texas 75081. 25-17-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE
We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas, hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 26th day of July, 1999, and have found the same to be correct and in order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands, is in the sum of \$1,488,305.01.
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Precinct #3	\$142,689.39	--
Precinct #4	\$246,466.48	--

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 26th day of July, A.D., 1999.
IRENE MILLER, County Judge
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DAN SCHMUCKER, Commissioner, Pct. 4 25-17-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE
The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Private Club Permit Renewal to be located at 208 SE 4th, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Gerry's First Place.
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OUT-OF-TOWN
It's a girl for Twyla Eberle and Shannon Owen of Cottonwood Falls, Kan. Their daughter, Chantel Marie Owen, was born July 21 at Morris County Hospital in Council Grove, Kan. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 ozs. Grandparents are Eddie and Cathy Owen of Dimmitt, Sharon Hendrix of Cottonwood Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Eberle of Emporia, Kan., and Cathy Blue of Bazaar, Kan. Great-grandparents are Virgie Owen of Dimmitt and Cecil Hendrix of Prue, Okla.

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Floyd Jr. and Mariza Lopez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Aaron Michael Lopez, who was born at 6:21 p.m. on July 20 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Aaron Michael weighed 8 pounds and 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has an older brother, Marco Anthony Lopez, 2. Paternal grandparents are Floyd Lopez Sr. of Dimmitt and Mary R. Lopez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Antonio and Rufina Rodriguez of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Lala Nuñez of Mexico and Gabino and Josepha Rodriguez of Dimmitt.

Nominations sought for parade marshal

Bill Sava, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, said that nominations are being sought for the honor of grand marshal or marshals for the annual Harvest Days Parade, which will be held Sept. 11.
Nomination deadline is Aug. 15. Names may be submitted by calling 647-2524 or by writing a nominating letter and mailing it or taking it by the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford.
"We have many local citizens who are worthy of this special recognition, so get those names turned in before the deadline," Sava said.

More about Hart Days . . .

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Several non-profit organizations in Hart are planning to man food booths in or just south of the Hart Fire Station. Among those planning to serve food are the Pentecostal Church and St. John's Catholic Church, both with Mexican food booths; the Hart Lions Club, hamburgers; United Methodist Women, homemade pie; Hart Fire Department, sausage rolls; and Zealot Club, homemade ice cream. Also, the Good Neighbor Club will hold a bake sale on Saturday morning at City Hall.

Bingo will be sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization at St. John's church.

A dunking booth will be sponsored by the Hart High School Student Council, and the cheerleaders will sponsor the train barrel ride.

The WITH Association will conduct its popular duck race again, this time on Saturday afternoon.

Hale County State Bank will sponsor the Sand Dig, with children digging in the sand to find toy prizes. The sand is being provided by Hill Feed Yard and the form will be built by Ed Harris Lumber Co.

A dance will conclude the day's activities, starting at 8 p.m. in the parking lot east of Hale County State Bank.

Brooks, the parade's "Honored Pioneer," will also serve as parade marshal. She is a longtime Hart resident, having moved there in 1949. Her children are Thomas Brooks and Neoma Williams, both of Hart, and Sharon Shofner of Lamesa.

Mrs. Brooks was a charter member of the Home Demonstration Club and is now a member of the Good Neighbors Club. She has been active in many civic organizations. She is a member of the Hart First Baptist Church.



Police Calls

A 16-year-old girl from Nocona told deputies Sunday that a 35-year-old suspect struck her on her head with his hands in a case of simple assault. The incident happened just south of Easter on FM 1055.

Fred Bruegel reported to the Sheriff's Dept. July 21 that someone had broken a window on a tractor belonging to Curtis Bruegel, west of Dimmitt in a field north of Tam Anne. Also, 55 sacks of onions were reported stolen or damaged.

A 36-year-old Dimmitt man told police July 20 that a 38-year-old Dimmitt woman hit him in the face with a six-pack of beer bottles. She was charged with criminal mischief over \$50 and assault/family violence/bodily injury. The incident happened in the 300 block of Northwest Eighth.

A Dimmitt couple were arrested July 24 at 1:22 a.m. for assaulting each other in an incident of assault/family violence/bodily injury. The man, 18, and the woman, 20, had been arguing, when it escalated into a fight.

Rafaela Jimenez Enriquez, 59, of Dimmitt, told police July 21 that a suspect had vandalized a t-shirt and a flower pot of hers in the 300 block of Northwest Eighth. She estimated the damages at \$20.

A clerk at the Town & Country store in Dimmitt reported July 24 at 4:45 a.m. that someone drove off without paying for \$13 worth of gasoline.

In alcohol-related incidents in the past week:
—Last Thursday a suspect was

stopped in the 200 block of West Jones at 12:35 a.m. and charged with driving under the influence and without a driver's license.

—Friday, a 32-year-old New Mexico man was jailed for DWI, first offense, breath test refused, a Class B misdemeanor.

—Saturday at 8:12 p.m. a Dimmitt man, 49, was arrested for public intoxication.

—Monday at 12:16 a.m. a 40-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested on charges of DWI, third offense.

Jailed on warrants were:
—A 47-year-old Dimmitt woman on a bench warrant on July 21.

—Last Thursday, an Olton woman, 22, on a warrant for bond surrender stemming from charges of theft.

—Early Sunday, a 40-year-old Dimmitt man on a fugitive arrest warrant, with charges of driving with license suspended and DWI, first offense.

On Saturday in Dimmitt, two separate incidents were reported of damage to parked, unattended vehicles. No injuries were reported and

damage to all vehicles was rated light.

At 6:20 p.m., a 1992 Ford pickup driven by Angel Hernandez, 30, of Dimmitt, backed out of a driveway in the 600 block of Southwest Third Street and struck a 1995 Ford pickup belonging to Jesus Martinez of Hereford. The 1995 pickup was parked along the curb facing the wrong way, police said. Hernandez was given a ticket for backing without safety, no proof of liability insurance and no driver's license.

At 9:50 p.m., a 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Terry Lynn Mixson, 36, of Dimmitt, backed out of a parking space in the Pizza Hut parking lot and struck a 1986 Chevrolet Celebrity belonging to Maria L. Navarro of Dimmitt.

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ACGA head meets with White House Chief of Staff

Keith Dittrich, president of the American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) was recently invited to represent corn growers at a meeting with White House Chief of Staff John Podesta.

The meeting involved a discussion about the dire financial state of agriculture and what can and should be done to turn the agriculture situation around.

Just like the recently held agricultural summit in St. Louis, the ACGA played a positive role in pushing the proactive agenda that would return price and profit to production agri-

culture.

Dittrich reiterated the ACGA's support for lifting the cap on loan rates and suggested that \$6 to \$8 billion more dollars must be available for farmers this year to weather the storm of historically low prices for grains and livestock.

Dittrich also pledged the support of the ACGA in working to bring financial security and fairness back to the farm by working with other farm organizations to make the necessary changes to current farm legislation.

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Sunnyside
Bennie Wright.....647-5712

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Kelly Inman.....938-2462

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First United Methodist
110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt
Rusty Dickerson.....647-4106

Iglesia De Cristo
E. Lee & SE 3rd, Dimmitt
Pedro A. Gonzalez

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1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt
Fern Couture.....647-4219, 647-0105

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Felix Sanchez.....647-3668

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302 Ave. G, Hart
Jeff Box.....938-2316

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Church of Christ
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Abundant Life Family Church
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Tom and Kay Mullins

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First Baptist
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Howard Rhodes.....647-3115

Lee Street Baptist
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Jeff Addison

First Christian
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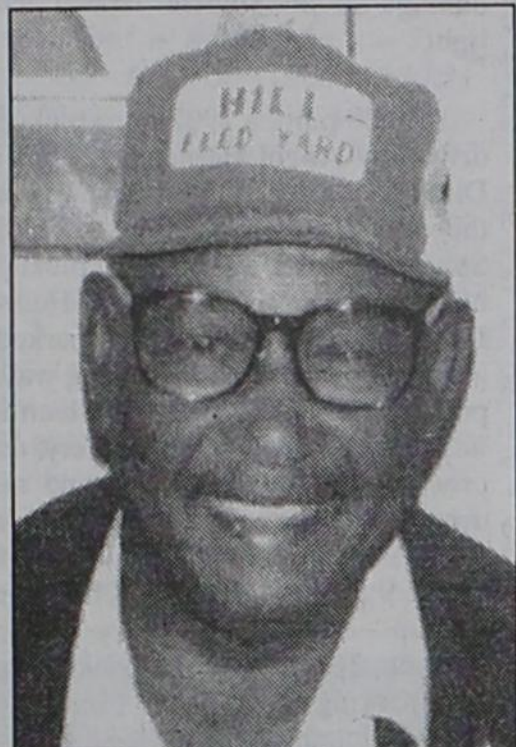
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Westway Trading Corporation
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Obituaries



Marcellus Nance

Funeral services for Marcellus Nance, 79, of Hart, will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt. Officiating at the service will be Aaron Lee, minister of Hart Church of Christ.

Burial will follow in the Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Nance died at 8:20 a.m. July 25 in Hart.

He was born May 24, 1920, in Banger, Okla. He married Lillie Fisher on Nov. 27, 1943, in Georgetown. He was a farmer and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Lillie Molden of Plainview, Barbara Watson of Pueblo, Colo., Helen Forester of Sacramento, Calif., and Ida Randon of Mesa Ariz.; two sons, Marcellus Nance Jr., of Los Angeles, Calif., and George Nance of Houston; four brothers, Leroy Nance and Hanslee Nance, both of Clovis, N.M., John Nance of Sudan and James Nance of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Fastine Jackson and Beulah Sumerall, both of Denver, Colo.; 21 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

More about Registration . . .

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Hart

Hart schools will hold registration on Monday, Aug. 9, and students in grades 7-11 will have their school pictures made that day.

Blunck Studios will be present during registration to take school pictures for those classes and the school's dress code will be in effect, according to Principal Digger Elam. Seniors will not have their pictures made on Aug. 9.

The registration schedule includes seniors at 8:30 a.m., juniors at 9:30 a.m., sophomores at 10:30 a.m., freshmen at 1 p.m., eighth graders at 2 p.m. and seventh graders at 3 p.m.

The first day of the 1999-2000 school year will be Aug. 12 in Hart.

Nazareth Junior High

Students who will be entering the sixth, seventh and eighth grades this year at Nazareth will register for the upcoming school year Wednesday morning, Aug. 4.

Registration opens at 9 a.m. with the eighth grade class meeting. The seventh grade will register at 9:30 a.m., followed by the sixth grade at 10 a.m.

The school's dress code will be in effect during registration.

Nazareth High School students were scheduled to register on Wednesday, July 28.

Jerry Dean McKay

Jerry Dean McKay, 55, of Hart, died last Thursday, July 22, in Florida.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Hart Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. McKay was born in Deport and moved to High Springs, Fla., in 1990 from Dimmitt. For 34 years he was the owner and manager of Jerry's Barber Shop in Gainesville, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Sue McKay; two sons, Rickey McKay of Whitharral and Ron McKay of High Springs; his mother, Veda McKay of Bovina; a brother, Larry McKay of Alabama; and a sister, Wanda Thurman of Paint Rock.

Maryzella Monk

Maryzella Monk, 85, of Dimmitt, died Saturday.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday in Borden County Cemetery in Gail with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt, officiating. Burial followed in Borden County Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Monk was born in Galveston and she grew up in Plainview. She lived in Abernathy for 24 years. She lived 20 years in Gail and three years in Graham before moving to Dimmitt in 1992.

She married Marvin M. Monk in 1932 in Plainview. He died in 1992.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Koch of Dimmitt and Gaye Monk of Graham; and a son, Larry Monk of Tahoka.

The family requests memorials be to the Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo.

Ronny Glynn Phillips

Services for Ronny Glynn Phillips, 51, of Plainview, brother of Karen Hutson of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning in the Church of the Nazarene with Shawn Fouts, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Parklawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Phillips died Saturday.

He was born in Littlefield and grew up in Plainview, graduating from Plainview High School in 1966. He retired after 11 years with the US Postal Service. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Plainview.

Survivors include his mother, Vera Phillips of Plainview; his father, Norman Phillips of Plainview; a brother, Joseph Edward Phillips of Dallas; and two sisters, Karen Hutson of Dimmitt and Debbie Crosby of Plainview.

The family suggests memorials be to the Church of the Nazarene in Plainview.

Because it grows on a vine, the watermelon is considered a vegetable. It consists of about 93 percent water, but is also a good source of potassium, vitamin A and vitamin C.



Flora Stanford

Flora Stanford, 96, of Dimmitt, died Saturday in her home at 604 W. Lee St.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Weldon McCormick of Lubbock, former pastor, officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of the church. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery at Amarillo under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stanford was born Jan. 12, 1903, in Plano, and grew up on a farm there. She and her father, Jess Shelley, would travel and sing throughout the area to raise funds for the Methodist Children's Home at Waco.

After graduating from high school in Plano, she attended Kidd Key College in Sherman.

She married the Rev. E. Lee Stanford on June 2, 1925, in Plano. He died July 21, 1972. Rev. Stanford was a Methodist minister, and the couple served in Chisholm, Petrolia, Bellevue, Van Alstyne, Paris, Greenville, Hale Center, Miami, Amarillo, Dimmitt, Abernathy, Lockney, Olton and Clarendon before retiring in Dimmitt in 1962 after 38 years in the ministry.

They purchased a farm north of Dimmitt while serving here in the 1950s.

Mrs. Stanford traveled throughout Europe and the Holy Land. In 1961 she and her husband were chosen to represent the Northwest Texas Conference at the World Methodist Ecumenical Conference.

She was a member of the United Methodist Women.

Survivors include a daughter, Arvalee Saul of Houston; two sons, Jess Stanford of San Angelo and Paul Stanford of Albuquerque, N.M.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Donald Wright, Rick Wright, Jim Wright, George Sides, Monty Boozer and Milton Bagwell.

The family suggests memorials be to the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt or to the Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Ave., Waco, TX 76708.

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More about Linskyi family moving . . .

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a big city now (to live). We spoke to our parents, relatives and friends and they are all worried about us (leaving Dimmitt)."

"So many things happened for us for the first time here," Alex said. "I received my driving license—the first in my life—in Dimmitt. In Ukraine we never had a private vehicle. The first car we bought was here—a 1984 Grand Marquis—the first car in our family.

"My first experience to cut grass was here, too," he added with a wry smile. "Also, the first experience for Tonya to practice her English was here.

"We became Christians here and were baptized here," Alex said. His first contact with Dimmitt was through Dr. Bill Murphy, who visited Ukraine on a mission trip.

The family has attended just about every church in Dimmitt, but they call the First Christian Church here their "church home." They have been living in the church parsonage while the congregation is without a minister.

Alex said they are not sure what church they will attend in Canada. He said they will probably try several.

"We will share our love of Jesus wherever we go," Alex said. "The most important thing is love for Jesus. God will show us where he wants us to go."

Tonya said the first thing she plans to do in Canada will be to find a big Orthodox church, like those in Ukraine, go in and light some candles and pray for their friends and family, thanking God for helping them.

Alex said they tried everything they could to obtain work visas for the US, but the US Embassy in Ukraine is very reluctant to issue any.

"It is probably a policy of the bureaucratic machine," Alex said. "It is nearly impossible for a European to come and get a job and a green card. If you find a company that can employ you, you have to go through very difficult and long steps. It can take one to two years to get permission: We tried, but we weren't lucky."

Alex said he was bitter about the situation for the first two years they were here. He had sent out probably 50 letters with resumes and letters of recommendation to universities and colleges with departments of Eastern European and Russian studies. He had been a professor of English at a university in Ukraine. He said most of the schools he applied to have very small departments with only two or three positions, all of which were filled.

"A few said, 'yes, we would love to have you, but what type of visa do you have?' I would say a visitor's visa and they would say, 'oh, we can't help you,'" Alex said.

Although Canada's immigration policy is more liberal than that of the US, it still took a year and seven months for the family to receive word that their application had been approved. First Alex's passport had expired and needed to be extended. Then the family had to meet conditions of Canada's immigration policy.

Alex said they had to be the right age, and right type of profession, in good health and have good financial prospects, including a bank account of \$15,000 to \$20,000.

As soon as possible after moving, Alex and Tonya will begin a job search. Alex said he will try to be a teacher or a teacher-coach of soccer at a college or university. Tonya will take some courses to become a

massuese or to be able to teach remedial gymnastics.

Serge, who graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1998, has completed one year of studies at McPherson College in Kansas. He has applied for admittance to Clarenton University, which is about 40 miles from Ottawa, Ontario, one of the most prestigious universities in the province. He hopes to be accepted for either the fall or winter semester, although he missed the fall application deadline because of uncertainty about the family's visas. He should know within two weeks if he is accepted or not. If he is not accepted for the fall semester, he plans to work until the winter semester.

Serge said he will continue his studies in international business. He is excited about the prospect of going to college in Canada.

"It will be so much cheaper, because here I pay as an international student," Serge said. "There will be a lot of opportunities, but I will still be so far away from entering the 'real world'—three more years. If I had stayed in the US, it would be difficult to find a job because of my visa. Now I can be a productive citizen."

Serge said another big adjustment will be the weather.

"We are used to Texas weather," Serge said. "We are really sick of the hot weather, but we will probably regret leaving when the real cold hits (up there)."

Tonya said the climate in Ontario will be similar to that in New York, although a little colder in winter than their native Ukraine. Toronto is about 1-1/2 hours travel from Buffalo, N.Y. and about 150 miles from Detroit. It is nearly 2,000 miles from Dimmitt.

They plan to travel light, and won't need a moving van, since all of the furniture they are using is borrowed.

"We have a lot of friends in Dimmitt," Alex said. "We want to thank the city and the people for their kindness and love. The whole city was involved, from the mayor, who gave a very good recommendation for us, to 'my ladies' I am mowing yards for, to hundreds of people of all ages and occupations, and Serge's friends at Dimmitt High School, we

appreciate all they have done for us. It would be difficult to name them all.

"We are so, so happy and lucky. Too many things have happened here. It has been a very good life experience. It was difficult, but now from the other side, it was easy with so many friends," Alex said. "We will remember the love and the experiences we have had here, and we plan to stay in touch."

"Everybody is welcome to come and visit us in Canada," Alex said.

County will provide funds to continue grant

Castro County Commissioners agreed to provide the matching funds needed to secure a grant which pays for the salary and expenses for the district attorney's investigator.

Castro County must pay \$1,728 to receive \$22,272 in grant monies for the coming year.

The total cost for having the investigator is \$24,000.

Commissioners agreed to back the project Monday during their regular court meeting.

They also agreed to continue collecting the \$10 road and bridge fee, elected to maintain the county's current health insurance plan with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, and decided to stay with the county's current retirement plan for another year.

Commissioners also discussed drawing up a contract between the county and the cities of Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth concerning use of the county jail and dispatch services, but tabled the matter until a later date.

"I think a new contract needs to be drawn up between the county and cities, possibly based on each city's population," said County Judge Irene Miller.

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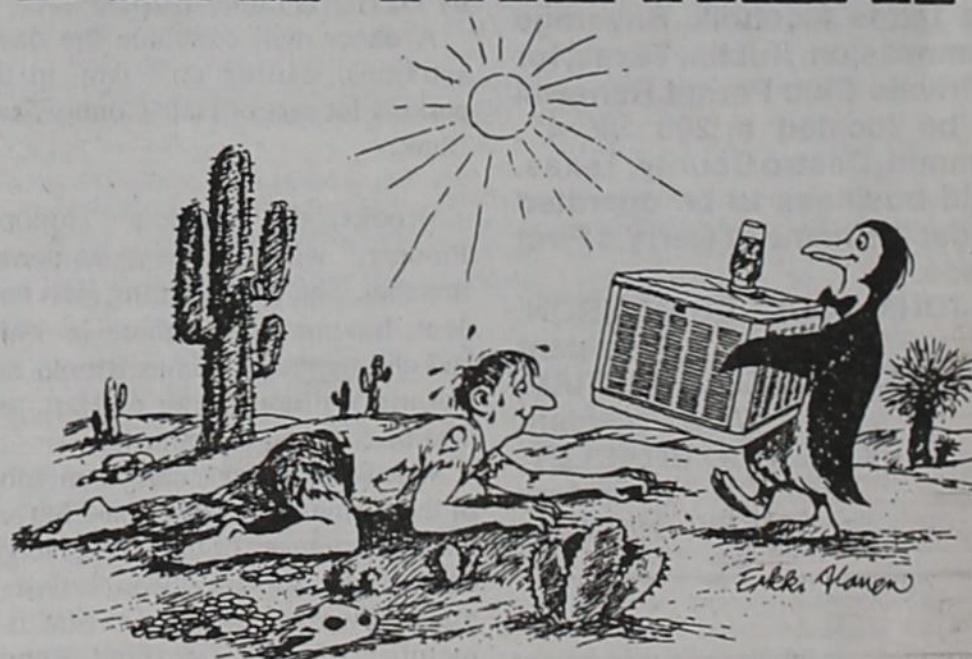
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