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COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS J.D. Ragland (left) and Greta Schuster take a look at one of the five demonstrations farmers will examine at the farm of Bob Phipps. Phipps' farm will be the last stop of the 1996 Llano Estacado Farm Tour, which will take place August 2. This demonstration shows the effect a corn herbicide can have on a crop. The two rows nearest Ragland have been treated with a

corn herbicide and look clean, while Schuster inspects weed-infested corn that was not treated with a herbicide. Also on Phipps' farm, producers will take a look at BXN and Round-up-ready cotton, '96 Nematode trials, cotton seedling disease and early cotton insects. (For more details on these demonstrations and other stops on the tour, see related story.)

Photo by Scott Brockman

Crop tour scheduled for August 2

The 1996 Llano Estacado Farm Tour will be held August 2, with all the stops on this year's tour taking place in Castro County.

According to J.D. Ragland, Castro County Extension Agent, this crop tour is the county's biggest agricultural education event.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at Flagg Fertilizer, which is located six miles west of 385 on FM 1524.

Following registration, farmers and producers will jump on a chartered bus and depart on the tour. The first stop will be at Tommy Martin's farm out by Flagg Fertilizer.

Bt corn will be the feature there, and Pat Morrison, an entomologist at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock, and Tom Archer, an agronomist at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock, will be the speakers.

Bt corn is genetically developed corn seed that is supposed to keep corn borers from attacking the corn.

The Coby Gilbreath farm will be the next stop on the tour. The topic of discussion will be irrigation scheduling for sugar beets. The speaker will be Charlie Rush, an agronomist at the Experiment Station in Bushland.

A 15" cotton plot will be studied during the third stop of the tour at the farm of Lance Loudder.

Also at that third tour stop, Kater Hake, the cotton specialist at the Extension Service in Lubbock, and Russ Perkins, a BASF representative from Idalou, will speak.

A noon meal, presented by the Texas Corn Producers Board, will then be served free of charge to tour participants. The meal will be eaten under tents set up at Loudder's farm. This is a new wrinkle for the tour.

Meal tickets will be presented during the registration.

During lunch, demonstrators and cooperators will be presented with awards of appreciation and recognition. Hyman Fertilizer donated the awards.

The final tour stop will actually be five demonstrations in one, with the participants to be hauled around in a flat bed trailer to each of the stops.

Located at the Bob Phipps farm, the last tour stop will include demonstrations on BXN- and Round-up-ready cotton, corn herbicides, '96 Nematode trials, cotton seedling disease and early cotton insects.

Clay Salisbury, an agronomist with the Experiment Station in Amarillo, and Brent Bean, an agronomist with the Extension Service in Amarillo, will speak about the Round-up-ready cotton and corn herbicides, respectively.

Terry Wheeler, an agronomist with the Experiment Station in Lubbock, will speak on '96 Nematode trials. Speaking on cotton seedling disease will be Harold Kaufman, plant pathologist for the Extension Service.

Jim Leser, an entomologist with the Extension Service in Lubbock will conclude things with a talk on early cotton insects around 4:30 p.m.

Ragland said that even though all the tour stops are in Castro, the tour itself is a multi-county effort, consisting of Castro, Lamb, Bailey and Parmer Counties.

The crop tour is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Castro, Lamb, Bailey and Parmer Counties' Agricultural and IPM Committees.

Ragland said for the past three years there has been an average of 60 participants, but this year he expects around 75.

Those who do come will be eligible for door prizes, and six CEU's have been requested through TDA for Private, Commercial and Non-Commercial applicators.

"I think this is going to be a real good tour," Ragland said. "We have excellent crops, and there are a lot of things in ag production that we can

get excited about."

He mentioned that an RSVP is not necessary, but he would appreciate if those who know that they will attend would call and notify the extension office at 647-4115.

He also said to call the extension office if there are any questions about the crop tour.

A Texas Country Cleanup will be held at the Castro County Expo (Continued on Page 12)

Expo improvements hit delay in schedule

Howard Smithson, supervisor of the Expo building, asked the County Commissioners for permission to levy a fine against a contractor for failure to complete a project as promised.

Smithson told the commissioners at their Monday meeting that the kitchen at the Expo building has been all torn out for replacement of the floor tile. However, not enough tile was ordered by the company installing the tile and they are having difficulty locating an additional supply. Smithson said they may have to wait for the manufacturer to make some more.

Smithson said that if the new tile does not match to his satisfaction the tile already laid, he will refuse to accept the work or authorize payment of the contract.

"They may have to re-do the whole thing," he said.

He told the commissioners he

Hart Days

Celebration and reunion set Friday and Saturday

The Hart Days celebration set for Friday and Saturday will be highlighted by two parades, lots of dolls, and an all-school reunion.

Hart Days activities will kick off Friday with kids' games from 4 to 6 p.m., sponsored by the WITH Association. They will be held at the vacant lot between The Company Store and Pebsworth Insurance on Broadway. There will be a 25-cent charge for each game. Also, a Pet Show will be held at McLain Car Wash, across from Ed Harris Lumber Co., beginning at 3 p.m.

Beginning around 6 p.m., the Hart Lions Club will sell Lionburgers, and the Hart Booster Club will sell fajitas. In addition, bingo will be set up at the Hart Fire Station to benefit the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept.

At 7 p.m., the Hart Golden Group will host a dinner theater, featuring Grammy and Pop Frances of Silverton as the entertainment. The pair will present several musical numbers, enhanced by costuming.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, and may be purchased from any Golden Group member or at the door. A highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the Hart Man, Woman and Teacher of the Year.

Events on Saturday will start off with the Hospitality Room and Bake Sale sponsored by the Good Neighbor Club, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Hart City Hall.

Throughout the day, a Doll Show will be held at the community room of the Hale County State Bank, Hart Branch. A doll doctor will be on hand to give free estimates of needed repairs on dolls brought in. Also, appraisals will be made for \$1.

An Arts and Crafts Show and Sale will be set up at McLain Car Wash, with some booths offering dolls for sale. In addition, a man from Borger will be on hand to display his very extensive collection of G.I. Joe dolls.

The Flight for Life helicopter from University Medical Center of

Lubbock is expected to make an appearance between 9:30 and 10 a.m., and will be on hand for viewing at the Hawkins Memorial Clinic parking lot. Also, the UMC "Space Walk," a bouncing amusement, will be available for youngsters to enjoy free of charge.

The Parade of Dolls, led by an ice cream truck, will start at 9 a.m. in downtown Hart. Youngsters age 3 through third grade from Hart, Nazareth and Dimmitt are invited to parade their favorite dolls along a three-block stretch, and are encouraged to dress in costumes matching their dolls'. Dolls may be held, pushed or pulled. Line up will be at 8:45 a.m. one block west of Broadway on Ave. B.

Last minute entries will be permitted. For more information, call Cindy Lee at 938-2251. There is no charge for participating, and each child who enters will receive a ribbon and refreshments in front of Ed Harris Lumber Co. following the doll parade.

Line up and judging for the annual Hart Days Parade will start between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on Avenue A, with antique tractors asked to line up at Seventh Street and Avenue A. There is no entry fee. First, second and third place plaques will be

awarded for the best entries in cars, tractors and floats.

The parade will start at 10 a.m., with Jerry Kittrell serving as emcee. Over 100 entries are expected.

Immediately after the parade, the WITH Association will hold the Duck Race. Entries cost \$10 each. The winner will win a "Great" trip for two.

Around 11 a.m., serving will begin at food booths around the fire station, including Lionburgers from the Lions Club, Mexican food from the Guadalupanas, fajitas from the Booster Club, home-made ice cream from the Zealot Club, and soft drinks from the American Legion.

A horseshoe tossing competition will be held at the fire station. Entry fee is \$15 per team.

The Hart High School Student Council will sponsor the "Jailhouse Rock" booth, at which persons may pay a fee to have someone "incarcerated." The detainee is required to pay a fee for his or her release.

There will be a Sand Dig set up south of the fire station, sponsored by Hale County State Bank.

Hawkins Clinic will hold a Health Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. at the clinic, with free screenings offered for glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure. (Continued on Page 8)

City to seek bids on vehicles, seal coating

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to go out for bids on two vehicles, and begin the process for seal coating some city streets.

City Manager Don Sheffy told the council that he will check with the city engineer for help in drawing up specifications before going out for bids on the seal coating.

Sheffy said the process should have been started earlier in the year, but possibly enough can be done before the weather turns too cold. He said City Works Dept. Supervisor Ralph Salinas has drawn up a list of streets in greatest need of seal coating. He said the number that can be included would depend on the bids received.

The two vehicles approved for purchase include a new car for the police department and a slightly used pickup for use by Sheffy. Sheffy said he would prefer a pickup, because after he is through with it, it could be used by the water department. Also, Sheffy said he would like to keep the present car designated for the city manager and continue to allow employees to use it for transportation to conferences and training schools.

"It seems like we have someone going nearly every week," Sheffy said.

In other business, the council approved a resolution authorizing a deferred compensation plan for city employees who elect to participate, provided that City Attorney Jack Edwards approves the plan's provisions.

Mayor Wayne Collins said 14 employees had expressed interest in the program.

Sheffy asked about capping the city's No. 9 well at the West Lake

Park. Collins suggested checking the drilling log on it first to see if it has reached maximum depth. He said it would be easier to repair an existing well than to drill a new one.

In open discussion, council member Gloria Hernandez asked about putting restrooms in the main city park. Collins said there used to be restrooms there, but they were "just destroyed" by vandalism. He added that vandalism is still a problem at the park. A new basketball goal that had been installed only two weeks ago already has been broken and stolen.

Sheffy said he is looking into getting a stronger type of goal that players could "jam" or "hang" on, in imitation of pro players, without damaging it.

Rhoads Memorial Librarian Cindy Pottorff presented the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year for the library. The budget showed an increase of almost \$1,000 in the payment requested from the city. The main items necessitating the increase included office supplies for use by the new computers being installed in the library, an additional charge for adding a second computer to the Harrington Computer Consortium (which includes access to the Internet), building maintenance, subscriptions, and conferences and training.

The proposed budget showed expenditures of \$59,346, with \$29,563 assessed to both the city and the county, and an additional \$220 for postage.

The council told Pottorff they would consider the proposal along with other items as they prepare the 1997 fiscal year budget.

1:1

By Don Nelson

There I stood, with a mouthful of toothpaste. Mesmerized. Watching as Kerri Strug was carried back into the arena and helped onto the medal stand, moments after she had nailed a crucial vault on a sprained or cracked ankle to give the USA its first-ever Olympic gold medal in women's team gymnastics.

If you were watching Tuesday night, you were glued to the tube, too, as this unexpected drama unfolded. Don't tell me you weren't caught up in it. So were millions of other Americans and billions of viewers around the world.

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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	94	67	
Friday	94	66	
Saturday	96	67	
Sunday	92	65	
Monday	98	65	
Tuesday	97	60	20
Wednesday	92	60	

July Moisture	1.87
1996 Moisture	6.03

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.



TUG-OF-WAR—The "law" team on the left, including law enforcement officials and several volunteer "tuggers," defeated a team of teens pulling on the right. The event was one of the activities at the party held last Thursday at "Roadside Park," honoring local teens for completing the

30 days of the "Control Your Destiny" contract. About 250 teens attended the hamburger cookout and swimming party. Other activities included volleyball, touch football and a dunking booth.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Op-Ed

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More about 1:1

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Kerri's pressure vault, on an ankle she had injured when she fell on her first try, was the gutsiest athletic performance so far in the Atlanta Olympics.

Her accomplishment will go down in Olympic history alongside the male Japanese gymnast who performed the rings with a broken leg in the Barcelona Olympics of '92. And the injured marathoner at the same Barcelona Games who refused to quit and whose father ran onto the track and helped him across the finish line in last place while the onlookers gave both of them a standing ovation.

That's what the Olympics are all about. When the best athletes in the world go up against each other, the competition is nearly always dramatic. And when adversity goes up against character, the drama sometimes transcends the mortal sphere.

With a little luck, maybe I'll get to see a moment or two of such Olympic drama first-hand next week.

Our Olympics trip has been a family project. But all Verbie and I have had to do was ante up a Visa card and watch our kids handle all the arrangements.

We already had a mole in Atlanta — our daughter Connie, who works at the Methodists' Mission Training Center at Emory University. That was a huge advantage. The MTC has two apartment complexes to house missionary trainees. One of them is a five-story apartment building within walking distance of the Georgia Dome and the MARTA train station. Plenty of vacancies this time of year. \$55 a night. (Eat your heart out.)

Dave and Carol, our son and daughter-in-law in Madison, Wis., pulled down all the flight schedules

and made the time-and-transportation plans.

Nathan and Karen, our son and daughter-in-law in Houston, booked the events and ordered the tickets. Nathan opened an account with the Olympic ticket office and sent our combined requests in a single order with a first-day postmark. In the original drawing, we scored on four of the five or six sessions we requested. Later, through the Internet, Nathan found tickets still available for a major track-and-field session, so we grabbed those, too.

Because of the kids' work schedules, we'll be there only four days. But it will be during some of the main track and field events, which to me is the best part of the Olympics. I'm breathing hard already.

Nathan, Karen, Verbie and I will fly only as far as Birmingham, where we have a big van reserved for the two-and-a-half-hour drive into Atlanta. Nathan is the designated driver, thank gosh.

At the Stone Mountain Tennis Center next Wednesday, we'll watch some semifinals in women's singles, men's and women's doubles. (That's a concession to Nathan and Karen, who are big tennis nuts.)

We'll have to leave that session early to get back to the Olympic Stadium for the evening track-and-field competition. This session will include the finals (and medal ceremonies) in women's triple jump, men's discus, men's 800m dash, and women's 100m and 400m hurdles. It also will include a couple of decathlon events and the second round of the men's 200m dash, where we'll get to see Baylor's Michael Johnson run.

Next Thursday morning we'll go back to the Olympic Stadium for

the decathlon hurdles and discus, the qualifying rounds in women's high jump and long jump, and (would you believe) the wheelchair races—women's 800m and men's 1,500m.

On Friday afternoon, Aug. 2, we'll see the two women's semifinal basketball games.

(This is where we'll make our shameless attempt to be on TV. Karen is making us a big red, white and blue butcher-paper sign saying *Swoopes = Hoops* inside an outline of the state of Texas, with a star showing where Brownfield is and a red-and-black Texas Tech logo next to the Panhandle. We'll hold it up every time Sheryl scores—or at least until the fans behind us start squawking. If the TV cameras pick us up—and they probably won't—the game won't be televised until after midnight, so our moment of fame, if any, will be fleeting. At least Sheryl may get a kick out of it.)

Our final Olympics session will be the fifth and seventh place women's basketball games Saturday afternoon, Aug. 3. We'll probably see something like Lithuania vs. Bolivia.

My own Olympic events will be pin-swapping and hat-trading.

I'm tapping a dozen or so Brownfield pins to the women's basketball semis for a little halftime bartering, and a sackful of Dimmitt pins to trade everywhere else. (Remember the T-shirts that said "Rome, Paris, London, Dimmitt"? You got it. I'll be doing my dullest to convince fans from around the world that Dimmitt is, indeed, the center of North American culture.)

And I plan to take a cowboy hat (not my old comfortable one) to trade to an Aussie or Brit for one of their wide-brimmed jobs.

I usually shoot slide pictures of our travels, but I won't be lugging my camera bag on this trip. I'll already be toting binoculars, an umbrella, a water bottle, a money belt and maybe a fanny pack—and in the Georgia heat and humidity, that's plenty. Besides, any pictures of the athletic events that I could shoot from the stands wouldn't be in the same league with the commercial shots that will be available.

We'll have Verbie's nifty Pentax automatic for family snapshots, and I'm sure the kids will have their camcorders.

You'll get a better view of the Olympics on your TV than we'll get in the stands. Also, while we're attending the live events we'll be missing a lot of the other events and background features that NBC is providing in its excellent coverage.

But as they say, there's nothing like being there.

And there's nothing like being with the kids and grandkids. Our three little granddaughters will turn into walking stars and stripes, thanks to Grandma Verbie and the Merle Norman store, and they'll probably get any trinkets or goodies they want.

So let the games continue!

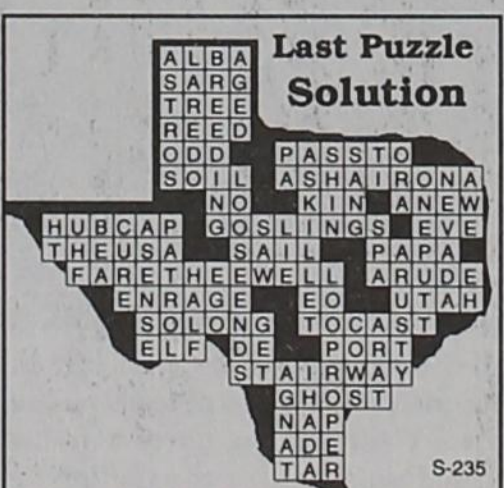
At the wedding of Mitzie Heller and Bryan Alexander Saturday, the groom's father, Roy (who is a lay minister) performed the ceremony and the bride's father, Jerry, provided the entertainment.

"Who gives this woman to be married to this man?" the groom's father asked.

"Her mother and I... and MasterCard," Jerry answered.

He who is known as an early riser can stay in bed till noon.

—Yiddish Proverb



State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Ignoring protests by religious conservatives, the State Board of Education voted last week to begin screening textbooks only if the attorney general says it is legal.

In a 10-5 vote that followed some heated debate, board members agreed to ask the attorney general to decide whether they still have authority to screen textbooks for objectionable materials.

Some state officials agree that power to screen textbooks was taken away by the Legislature in its school reform law last year. But religious conservatives and some lawmakers have argued that the board is not prohibited from throwing out textbooks it considers inappropriate.

Board Chairman Jack Christie acknowledged there was only an "outside shot" the attorney general would approve screening, but he said the board is ready to review all textbooks if given clearance to do so.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, who wrote the 1995 reform law, said he has no quarrel with the board asking the attorney general for an opinion.

"But I am very clear about the law," Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, told the *Dallas Morning News*, insisting that his intent was to shift the major decisions on textbook content from the state to local school boards.

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, said the office will review the question and provide the board with an answer as soon as possible.

GOP Group Targeting Laney

House Speaker Pete Laney accused a Republican group attempting to seize control of the Texas House of seeking to make the Legislature look like Congress — gridlocked.

"A small group wants the Texas House to adopt the worst partisan aspects of Congress," Laney said.

State Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, chairman of the Campaign for Republican Leadership, said "it's entirely possible that we can achieve a Republican majority. We've got an aggressive campaign planned this year."

Democrats hold a 17-14 edge in the Senate and an 86-64 majority in the House.

Grusendorf's group listed 27 House seats where it envisions potential Republican victories, including Laney's West Texas District. His GOP opponent is Springlake rancher Hollis Cain.

The Republicans say Gov. George W. Bush would have been able to achieve more of his legislative agenda with a Republican speaker.

But Bush's press secretary, Karen Hughes, said the governor would not campaign against Laney or others in the Legislature who helped him pass his program.

Insurance Rules Invalid

A state "blacklisting" rule blocking insurance companies from considering another company's decision to drop or refuse to cover a prospective customer is invalid, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled.

The rule, along with another thrown out by the court, was adopted by the Texas Board of Insurance, which was replaced in 1993 by an appointed commissioner.

The first rule also prohibited insurers from denying coverage or setting rates based on the fact that a prospective customer had been covered in a high-risk pool.

The second rule prohibited insurers from conditioning the sale of automobile insurance on the purchase of another policy or refusing coverage because the customer owned only one vehicle.

Rod Borderlon, executive director of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, said when insurers rely on other insurers' decisions, consumers don't get a fair shake from either company.

He said the court made clear that the procedure, not necessarily the rules, was wrong.

But Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said insurers must consider all the information available.

"The insurance industry is making every effort to provide the best possible price for our customers, and we cannot do that without the tools necessary to evaluate risk," Johns said.

A spokesman for Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer, said the department will comply with the court's ruling and will study the best ways to deal with the "consumer protection issues involved in these rules."

Locals May Share Lottery Cash

State Sen. Tom Hayden, R-Wichita Falls, said he will introduce a bill next year to give cities and counties five cents of every \$1 lottery ticket sold within their boundaries.

All lottery revenues now go into the state general fund.

With ticket sales of almost \$3.5 billion in the past 12 months, the Texas Lottery is the most successful in North America.

And Sen. Haywood thinks local governments should share in that success.

There would be no restrictions on how the cities and counties could spend their share of the money under his proposed legislation, Haywood said.

Haywood said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, the Senate's presiding officer, has promised to let him move the bill if he can get the needed votes.

Letter

'Farewell, and thanks'

Dear Editor:

I arrived in Dimmitt almost six years ago. From the first day, I was welcomed by the employees and the community with a warm and genuine feeling of wanting me to be a part of the community.

It did not take long to realize that the people in Dimmitt have a work ethic that is second to none. Early on at the plant, I challenged a lot of people to make changes and improvements in several areas, and I was hardly ever disappointed, and in most cases delightfully surprised with the results.

Within about nine months of living on Maple Street, a neighbor, Bill Snider, stopped me and asked if I might be interested in serving on the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce board. This was a very rewarding experience, as I had the opportunity to work with the community leaders and look at the positive and negative aspects of living in a small town.

The chamber in Dimmitt works very hard to promote Dimmitt, and constantly battles to keep its head

above water financially. I urge all businesses in town to continue to support your chamber, and any businesses that are not members to consider joining. This community needs an active chamber, and one of my fears in the past few years is that we might have to reduce the chamber to a part-time operation, and Dimmitt cannot afford to lose any business opportunities.

I will always treasure the years here in Dimmitt. I came to town with my dog and will leave with a wife, two stepsons and a wonderful family, and several life-long friends.

I would like to thank everyone. Dimmitt will always be a part of my life. Thanks for the memories.

GARY THOMPSON

P.S.—To my friends at the golf course—Mickey, John, Alan, Jerry, and Cary: Save a few dollars because I will be back to try to get your money. This is really going to be a financial setback because nothing spends better than "Mickey Money."

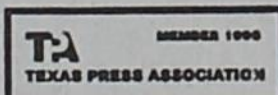
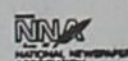
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- location of Fort Bliss: Lanoria
- TXism: "___ dance to that tune" (agree)
- Houston Galleria store: ___ & Taylor
- TX-made film: "Daddy's Who's Got the Will?"
- TX-made V-22 Osprey is a tilt-___
- D/FW arrival abbr.
- TX Pilgrim's Pride "won't sell ___ chicken"
- a flag that flew over TX: fleur-___lis
- TXism: "couldn't beat a ___" (loser)
- Nolan had no-trade ___ in his final Rangers contract
- crazy, silly comedy cake layer
- TXism: "gave his pall bearers the ___" (recovered)
- TX Trini (init.)
- early TX female astronaut
- TXism: "red as a ___"
- this Farley began TX Boy's Ranch
- Astros NL opponent Los ___ Dodgers
- "stay on one's ___"
- green gemstone
- TXism for "toilet"
- some "new" cars
- TXism: "play possum"

DOWN

- TX Joan Crawford won Oscar for this film
- character in Six Flags' Looney Tunes ride: Wile ___
- seat of Kenedy Co.
- TXism: "he's all beer ___ foam"
- less common
- TXism: "___ piece" (far)
- TX Lyle Lovett's "Here ___"
- TX actor Rip (init.)
- police patrol State Fair on motor ___
- started a fire again
- TXism: "tame as ___ dog"
- TX Bush ailment on '92 Japan trip
- tortillas fried in fat

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37 TXism: "has ___ on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)

38 Dallas mayor who supported D/FW: ___ Jonsson

40 San Antonio's ___ Jimenez Thanks-giving dinner

41 TX Costa produces Christian ___ line

44 JFK spent last night in ___ Regency in Fort Worth

47 "Houston, we've got a problem" (___ 13)

On the Go

with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Paul and Barbara Kenley took their daughter, Nikki, to Brevard, N.C. in July. En route, they enjoyed sight-seeing in Memphis and Nashville. They attended a bluegrass concert by Ricky Skaggs in the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville.

After leaving Nikki at the Brevard Music Center for 7 weeks of opera and musical productions, Paul and Barbara toured the Biltmore Estate near Asheville, N.C., drove to Stone Mountain, Ga., and then went to Charleston, S.C. In Charleston, they ran into Vernon and Jane O'Kelly who were staying in the same motel! The highlight of the Kenley's trip was touring the old historic district of Charleston and Ft. Sumner. One day they drove down to Savannah, Ga. to tour and came back by Hilton Head Island.

The vacation ended with the Kenleys in Richmond, Va., as they attended the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Conference. They were able to tour the Virginia state capitol at noon one day during the conference.

Blayne and Courtney Baley, nephew and niece of Paul and Barbara Kenley, are visiting this week. They will return to their home in Hico on Tuesday.

Vade and Aline Kirby went to Sulphur, Okla. for Vade's school reunion on Saturday and to Aline's cousin's reunion on Sunday. After enjoying a weekend there they went to Oklahoma City to visit a niece and family, and then on to Norman, Okla. to visit a sister.

Al and Kathy Webb visited their son, John and granddaughter, Breanna in Lawton, Okla. recently. They went on to Electra and attended the twentieth anniversary of the hospital there. They enjoyed a hotdog cookout, fireworks and speakers. They also visited their "Loy Renewal" friends while they were there and Bro. Bob Webb and his wife Arlene. Bro. Bob is Al's brother who is pastor of Hillside Baptist Church in Electra.

Visiting in the home of Irene Blanton this past week was her daughter, Lanelle Stephenson and husband from Denton. They spent several days just visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Blanton of Plainview were guests in Irene's home as well over the weekend.

Correction in last week's column—Rosetta Bellinghausen's name was omitted in the list of friends who attended the Class of 1965 reunion. Alice and Arnold Acker are her niece and nephew, and of course, their mother, Rose Acker, was there.

The museum was a busy place last week on Tuesday. Five men brought their riding lawn mowers and mowed all the grounds at the museum. Dale Winders is the president of the museum board, but since he had surgery on his shoulder, he asked his Methodist friends to mow the grass. Raphael Smithson, George Sides, Houston Lust, Donald Shelton and Clarence Wood all brought their

lawn mowers and did a great job! Jerry Stump works on the flower bed in front and it always looks good! Mary Lu Smithson, Rosetta Bellinghausen and I served cookies and lemonade to the men, but they hinted they would rather have beans and cornbread! (We made the mistake of serving that one time.)

On Wednesday, the 4-H boys and girls came to work at the museum. The boys trimmed trees and cut the smaller weeds, while the girls worked in the house, dusting and washing woodwork. We served them lemonade and cookies. J.D. Ragland, the county agent, supervised the work for the boys, Jeremy and Brandon Furr, Taylor Matthews and Coby Lane; and the girls, Elizabeth Cartwright, Adrienne Hart, Holly Lane and Melanie Davis and her mother, Paula, of Hart.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Susie Bonds of Americus, Kans., who came with her dad, Moss Howell. She is spending the summer here. Also visiting was Gregory Smith of Austin, who is with the Historical Commission.

Several friends gave Jackie McLeroy and her mother, Mary Small, a farewell luncheon on Friday at the Pancake House. Jackie and Mary are moving to Lubbock and they will be missed in Dimmitt. Those attending were Peggy Webb, Irene Blanton, Waurine Hughes, Deanne Clark, Mary Jo Brown, Louise Mears, Mattie Seale, Myrtle Lois Moran, Jo Eddie Riley, Glenda Sims, Ruby Tischler and Cleo Forson. Their address will be 2504 140 St., Lubbock, TX 79423; and their phone number is (806) 748-0839.

Loranell Hamilton was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club, and she served a delicious strawberry cake for dessert, and candy for snacks. The others brought a brown bag lunch. Johnnie Vannoy won high score and Dude McLauren won second high score. Others playing were Ina Rae Cates, Susie Reeves, Bernice Hill, Bill Thornton, Bobby Damron, Helen Braafladt, Louise Mears, Neva Hickey and Cleo Forson.

A lovely wedding shower for Kathy Atchley, bride of Scott Atchley, was held in the pretty country home of Oma Dee Heard on Saturday morning. Scott is the son of Charles and Sue Atchley, and he has been in the service since he graduated from Dimmitt High School. Scott's sister served fresh fruit, fruit breads, punch and coffee to the friends and family.

The wedding of Mitzie Heller and Bryan Alexander was a beautiful affair on Saturday afternoon. As

usual, the little flower girls stole the show as they went back down the aisle picking up the petals they had thrown. Also, the bride's father got a laugh when he answered "Her mother and I and the credit card!!" The reception was special with a huge white cake decorated with flowers, served with punch and pick-up food on the groom's table. It was good to visit with Mark Ray, son of George and Monette Ray and grandson of George Ray, Sr., who was pastor of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt in the '50s. It was also good to visit with Bob and Vicki Vaughn.

Several people from Dimmitt attended the wedding of Traci Elliott and Michael Love (formerly of Dimmitt) in Muleshoe Saturday afternoon. Honored attendants from Dimmitt were Jeff Butler, Robert Nelson, Todd Braafladt, Kelly Hill. Doug Nelson was an usher. Harold Love was Michael's best man. Dianne Love Hill was an honored attendant and Mackenzie Hill was the flower girl.

The Carl Kings, the Bill Clarks, the Jimmy Rosses, the George Sides, the Lance Loudders, Sue Rita Myatt, Sue Boozer, Marty Benton, Kyla Boozer Riley, Tricia Touchstone and the Charles Axtells were some of the attendees. Rev. Marvin Roark of Friona officiated the ceremony.

Rev. Billy McCauley and his wife, Mary Kay and son Luke, were present in Dimmitt Sunday as Billy preached and played his soprano sax at the Methodist Church. Mary Kay is the daughter of the late Dr. Page, and they visited her aunt, Oma Stokes, while they were in town.

The Fred Kuntz family had a large family delegation in attendance at First Methodist Sunday. The Bill Clarks have had their three grandchildren from Duncanville visiting in their home for two weeks. Jack and Clara Patton have had their grandson, Rye of Houston, here also.

Alvin and Frances Frazier, and

Mary Lou, Cara and Tanner Dearing traveled to Decatur this weekend and surprised Landal with a birthday visit (wife Ann was not surprised). Landal's children, Kendra and Kevin Holder, and their baby Andrew, came out from North Richland Hills, along with Traci Frazier and Edith Oswalt, Ann's mother.

A dinner of fried chicken and fresh veggies from Alvin's garden was served. They also had birthday cake and punch. Baby Andrew got most of the attention. He is Landal's first grandchild, Alvin and Frances' first great-grandchild, and Mary Lou's first great-great-grandchild—so a five generation picture was taken. Landal said he didn't mind being upstaged by Andrew.

Ruby Ramsey has had family visiting this last week. John and Nancy Cranford from Virginia Beach, Va., Justin Cranford of Pensacola, Fla., and Richard, Sonya, Kinsey and Kit Cranford of Tulsa, Okla. all came out to stay. They all were at Camp Spring Lake at Rocky, Okla. for the Cranford family reunion. Justin went to Tulsa with Sonya for four days.

Richard, Sonya and children went to Acuff for "Cousin's Day" at Earl and Kate Rowans. Richard had to return to Tulsa, so Sonya and the children returned to Dimmitt for three days. Then they will go the Dallas to see Brenda and Jim Truitt.

Sonya will go to San Antonio for a reunion of her DHS girlfriends. Leada Hance and Phoebe Claborn had dinner with them on Friday. On Sunday, Charles and Jean Pitts of Amarillo came down for dinner and church.

Steve, Shelly, Shauna and Stormy Nutt went on a vacation to Fun Valley near South Fork, Colo. The little girls had fun fishing in the ponds, riding bicycles, wading in the stream, playing miniature golf, paddle boating, dancing to the Fun Valley Playboys, riding horses and meeting many new friends.

All of the activities were located within the Fun Valley RV Park. Steve and Shelly hardly left their campsite. The weather was cool, and they spent most of their time relaxing, fishing (with no bait) and enjoying the beautiful scenery.

On July 11, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Ortiz had their family reunion at Three Riders Resort in the Colorado mountains with all their seven sons and daughters, Johnny, Sal, Rosa, Aleza, Danny, Gus and Becky, and their grandchildren attending. They really enjoyed the nice cabins and cookout under the pine trees. They went fishing and rafting and played games with the Whale family. They enjoyed the relaxation underneath the pine trees and beautiful mountains.

Social Security

You probably know that Social Security pays monthly benefits to retired workers beginning at age 62. You might also know that Social Security pays survivor's benefits to widows and widowers on the records of their deceased spouses. But you probably don't know that in certain cases, a parent can receive Social Security benefits in the event of a worker's death.

Social Security pays monthly benefits to parents on the record of a deceased worker under the following conditions:

*The worker must have paid Social Security for a certain amount of years. The time required varies depending on the worker's age at death.

*The parent must be at least 62 years old and must not have remarried since the worker's death.

*The parent cannot be entitled to his/her own, higher Social Security benefit.

*The parent must be able to show that he/she was receiving one-half of his/her financial support from the worker at the time of death. This proof of support must be submitted to Social Security within two years of the worker's death.

Here is an example: Mrs. Williams is 63 years old and lives with her 40-year-old son, Rob. He works as an electrician, is married with two children, and supports his mother. Mrs. Williams has never worked outside of the home. She and Rob's father were divorced after five years of marriage when Rob was 4 years old. Mrs. Williams did not remarry after her divorce. One day, Rob dies in a work accident. Mrs. Williams can file for dependent parent's bene-

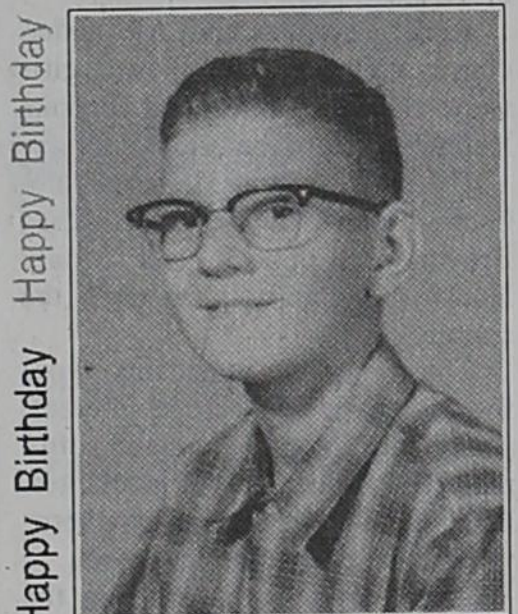
fits on her son's Social Security record.

The amount the parent will receive is equal to 82-1/2% of what the worker would have received in Social Security benefits. If both parents are entitled to benefits, the amount is 75% each. However, the amount is subject to a family maximum and may be less if the worker also has children or other dependents who qualify for benefits.

The benefit can be paid not only to biological parents, but to adopted parents and stepparents as well, if the child was adopted or became a stepchild before age 16.

If you think you qualify for these benefits or know someone who might, and wish to have more information, you may call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or your local Social Security office.

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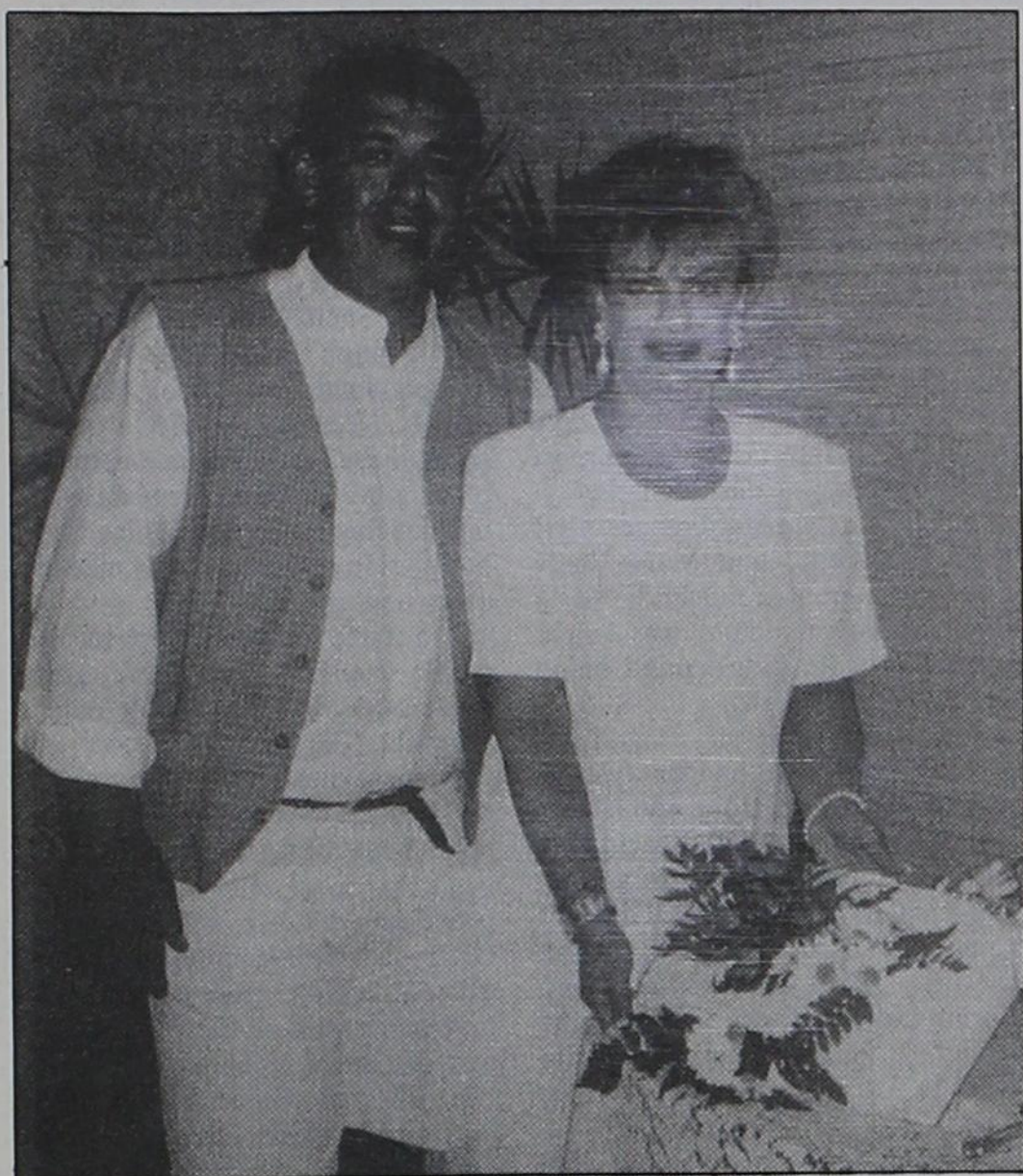
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MR. AND MRS. PAUL TORRES
... She's the former Michele Morrow.

Couple wed June 29

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Torres exchanged wedding vows June 29 on the beach at South Padre Island, with Bennie Ochoa III, Justice of the Peace of Port Isabel, officiating at the sunset ceremony.

The bride is the former Michele Morrow, daughter of Glenn Morrow of Odessa and the late Muriel Morrow. The groom is the son of Manuela Rojas of Hereford and the late Toby Torres Sr.

Matron of Honor was Lesa Labar of South Padre Island, sister of the bride. Maid of Honor was Michael

Bell of Dimmitt, daughter of the bride.

Best man was George Labar Jr. of South Padre Island, brother-in-law of the bride.

A reception was held at the Sundite III on South Padre Island in the condominium of the bride's sister.

The bride is employed as a sales assistant, and the groom is employed as a lead operator for Cerestar USA, Dimmitt, Inc.

Following the honeymoon, the couple are residing in Dimmitt.

Wherever we are, it is but a stage on the way to somewhere else, and whatever we do, however well we do it, it is only a preparation to do something else that shall be different.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



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Domingo III and Virginia Saucedo are the parents of a baby boy, Domingo Saucedo IV, born July 14. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19 inches in length at birth. He has an older sister, Margarita, who is two years old. Paternal grandparents are Domingo, Jr. and Victoria Saucedo of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Paulo and Josefina Posada of Dimmitt. His great-grandparents are Ramona Saucedo of Seminole and Maria Garza of Weslaco. His great-great grandparent is Sinforsio Flores of Dimmitt.

Christina Riojas and Juan Robles announce the birth of a baby boy, Ian, born July 11. He weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. and was 19 1/3 inches long at birth. Paternal grandparents are Enrique and Hope Ogas of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Gloria Olivarez Saucedo of Dimmitt and Felix Riojas of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Felix and Julia Riojas of Immokalee, Fla., Rafael Ontiveros of Lovington, N.M. and Angie Olivarez of Austin.

Sewing seminar to be held next week

The Panhandle's largest conference geared toward home sewers, crafters and quilters will be held in Amarillo on Aug. 3-4.

"Sew Alive in '96" will feature Kaye Wood, host of the hit PBS show, "Quilting for the 90's," who will present two different seminars.

Marilyn Gatz of Sew Better Seminars also will teach two seminars on constructing designer fashions from simple patterns.

The two-day conference also includes a fashion show, seminars presented by major sewing machine manufacturers, and product booths.

"Sew Alive in '96" will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, and continue through 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4. The event will be at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West, in Amarillo.

Admission to the exhibits is free. Seminar fees vary and, due to limited seating, pre-registration is recommended.

For more information or to register, call 352-5027.

Heller, Alexander exchange vows

Mitzie Dee Heller and Bryan Lee Alexander were united in marriage in a formal, double-ring ceremony Saturday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with lay minister Roy Alexander, father of the groom, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Delores Heller of Dimmitt and the groom is the son of Roy and Judy Alexander of Levelland.

The church was decorated with arrangements of tulle, English ivy and lilies on the pews. A brass arch and two spiral candelabras decorated the altar area, and in the background was a two-tiered candelabra. The candelabras and arch were decorated with cranberry and pink lilies, ivy, babies breath and tulle.

A brass pedestal entwined with ivy and tulle held the unity candle. The registry table was topped with a mirror, upon which sat a large bowl containing gold fish. Inside the bowl was a fresh flower arrangement of white lilies.

At the registry was Tiffany Smith. Ronda Wise was organist. Soloists included Mark and Becky Ray of Lubbock, cousins of the bride, sing-



MRS. BRYAN LEE ALEXANDER
... nee Mitzie Dee Heller.

ing *Household of Faith* and *Unforgettable*; and Bryan Alexander singing *If Tomorrow Never Comes*.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a formal-length, fitted gown of white satin, featuring a heart-shaped cut-out neckline. The long, sheer sleeves featured open work applique highlighted with sequins and pearls. Heavily decorated with sequins and beaded with pearls, the gown featured a large satin bow in the back and was styled with a cathedral-length train accented with open appliques decorated with sequins and pearls.

She carried a bouquet of stargazer lilies, white primrose and pearls. She also carried a large handkerchief belonging to her grandmother Heller. Her fingertip-length veil was accented with pearls and anchored by a delicate floral headband.

Maid of Honor was Molly Young of Spokane, Wash., friend of the bride. Bridesmaid was Amy Heller of Lubbock, sister-in-law of the bride.

Best man was Kary Crumpley of Springfield, Mo., friend of the groom. Groomsman was Coby Heller of Lubbock, brother of the bride.

Ring bearer was Kirk Alexander, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Stormy Heller and Brooke Heller, nieces of the bride.

Ushers were Craig Heller of Lubbock, brother of the bride, Chad Brown of Lubbock and Monty House of Dallas, both friends of the couple.

The feminine attendants wore formal-length teal crepe dresses, styled with fitted bodices and softly pleated shoulder draped necklines. Each carried a bouquet of cranberry lilies with sheer cranberry bows.

The reception was held in the church Fellowship Hall. The three-

tiered wedding cake was decorated and topped with cranberry colored lilies. Mock champagne punch was served, along with nuts and mints.

The groom's table was filled with ham and turkey and cheese crescents, cheese, fruit and dip.

Servers were Jenifer Fuller, Kathy Patterson of Lubbock and Sine Christensen of Denmark, friends of the bride. Gary Heller, uncle of the bride, provided music for the reception.

The couple will be at home in Lubbock following their honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is a sophomore at Texas Tech University, where she is majoring in elementary education.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Conroe High School, and attended South Plains College. He is employed with Scott Tractor Co. in Lubbock, and plans to begin farming in the Levelland area in January.

4-H plans fun night

The Castro County 4-H Council will hold its annual Family Fun Night Monday at the courthouse.

Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and each family is asked to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy before orientation begins at 6:50 p.m. A Parent/Leader meeting will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. and new officers will be elected during this time.

The first session of the fun night, featuring dances, will begin at 7 p.m. Relays will highlight the second session at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will conclude with a swimming party from 8:15 to 10 p.m.

Building a Better Dimmitt

Through three changes in location, adding and dropping lines of name brand merchandise, and variations in the number of employees, Kittrell Electronics remains on the cutting edge of an exciting, innovative industry, according to owner/manager Jerry Kittrell and his wife, Edna.

"The electronics industry is by no means through changing," Jerry said. "There are new products on the horizon all the time."

Jerry said he has seen many changes during the years he has been in business in Castro County. He opened Kittrell Electronics on June 1, 1964, in Hart as a television and appliance repair shop. Six months later, he was an authorized dealer for selling Zenith televisions and Kelvinator appliances.

In those early years of the business, Jerry said the company's prosperity rode the wave of color television.

"There were few color televisions in Castro County back then," Jerry said. "People would call and say 'bring one out to the house and let us watch it.' We did a tremendous number of home demos and sold a lot of color TVs."

In 1966, in partnership with his brother, John, he opened another store in Dimmitt in the Bearden Shopping Center. A year later, the brothers bought out the RCA and Whirlpool dealership owned by Dewey Powell; and in 1969 they moved into the building now occupied by Tots and Teens. A year or two later, they moved to their current location, all the while continuing operations in Hart, as well.

In 1971, Jerry bought out his brother's interest in the business, and continued operating both stores, employing as many as seven full-time employees. In 1972, Jerry was burned in a servicing accident, and while he was laid up in the hospital "had some time to think," and decided to close the Hart store.

After Whirlpool bought out Kitchenaide and Roper, Kittrell's was able to offer those additional band names, and dropped the Kelvinator line.

The innovative merchant was the first business in Dimmitt to offer movies for rent, starting out with the laser disc movies and machines for rent, then shortly switching to VCRs in response to the industry trend.



It wasn't long before Jerry decided to sell off the appliance servicing part of the business.

"We just didn't have room, especially after we took on our Radio Shack affiliation in 1990," Jerry said. The building was remodeled, with an appliance display area put in the back area of the store that had been the repair work area.

This year, the store has gotten completely out of the movie rental business, freeing up additional floor and storage space that Jerry said will be used to increase the display area for Radio Shack products. The store also now offers RCA electronics and is a dealer for DSS—Digital Satellite Systems—and for Cellular One cell phones.

"The people in Castro County have been extremely loyal, going out of their way to buy from us because we're a hometown business," Jerry said. He added that he has delivered numerous items to customers "sight unseen," due to the trust he enjoys from his customers.

Jerry and Edna have three daughters and six grandchildren. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Hart, and Jerry belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Dimmitt. He said he often helps out with civic projects for Castro County.

As a member of the Texas Electronics Association, Jerry has served as president of the local association and for four years served as its state governor.

The business currently has one full-time employee, besides Jerry and Edna,—Sulema Oliviero. They frequently employ part-time workers for after-school hours.

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NICOLE KENLEY Kenley attending Brevard Music Center

Nicole Kenley of Dimmitt is studying and performing at the Brevard Music Center this summer.

From June 28 to Aug. 11, the Brevard Music Festival presents more than 55 different concert events, ranging from symphony, band and grand opera, to chamber music. Festival guest artists this year include Frederica von Stade, Christopher Parkening, Vladimir Feltsman and many others.

Kenley, who is studying voice at Hardin-Simmons University is the daughter of Paul and Barbara Kenley. She is performing in ensembles and studying with faculty from some of the nation's top symphonies and music schools while at Brevard.

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MRS. MATT GFELLER
... nee Mandy Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Gfeller are home in Dimmitt

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gfeller are at home in Dimmitt after a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta following their June 15 wedding.

The bride is the former Mandy Davis, daughter of Leslie and Frances Davis of Hart. The groom is the son of Ronnie and Kay Gfeller of Dimmitt.

Rev. Paul Kenley officiated as the pair exchanged vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt at 6 p.m.

Maid of honor was Ashley Davis of Dimmitt, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Michelle Davis, sister of the bride, Jill Gfeller, sister of the groom, and Holly Wise, friend of the bride, all of Dimmitt; and Amy Cousin of Trophy Club, cousin of the bride.

Ashley Heard of Nazareth, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Chris Davis, brother of the bride, and Coby Summers, Jad Gabel and Jason Nelson, friends of the groom, all of Dimmitt.

Candlelighters were Alicia Heard and Nicole Heard, both of Dimmitt. Ring bearer was Austin Heard and flower girl was Brittany Heard, both of Dimmitt.

Serving as ushers were Bryan Irwin and Keith Irwin, cousins of the bride, and Robert Wilhite and Kevin Shaw.

Sitting at the registry were Carla Petty and Tiffany Wilcox.

Organist was Ronda Wise and pianist was Walter Maynard. Soloists and selections included Tori Baker singing *Wedding Song (There is Love)*; Freddy Upshaw, *Look at You, Girl*; and Vivian Bennett, *Lord's Prayer* and *Grow Old With Me*.

The church was decorated with three brass candelabras, which were decorated with lilies, asterias and babies breath. Wine-colored bows marked the pews.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory taffeta, traditionally styled with lavish details on the ballgown silhouette. Appliques of delicate embroidered lace enhanced the off-the-shoulder neckline and sleeves of layered organza. The fitted bodice, topping a lace patterned front skirt and attached to a graceful, cathedral train, completed the elegant gown designed by Venus.

Her bouquet was fashioned of roses, babies breath and English ivy. The feminine attendants wore floor-length gowns of burgundy

satin and crepe designed by Jordan Fashions. The sheath dresses were styled with a sleeveless bodice featuring a sweetheart neckline and an elongated waistline. The vee back was accented with a bow and streamers.

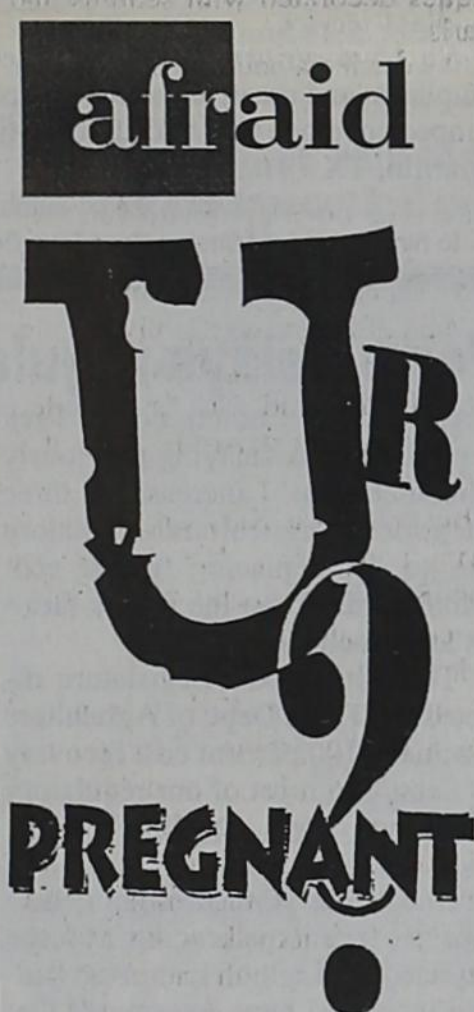
A reception followed at the Hereford Country Club.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Dimmitt High School, and attended Texas Tech University for a year. She will attend West Texas A&M University in the fall.

A 1991 graduate of DHS, the groom attended WTAMU. He is self-employed in farming and ranching near Dimmitt.

Death and taxes and childbirth! There's never any convenient time for any of them!

—Margaret Mitchell



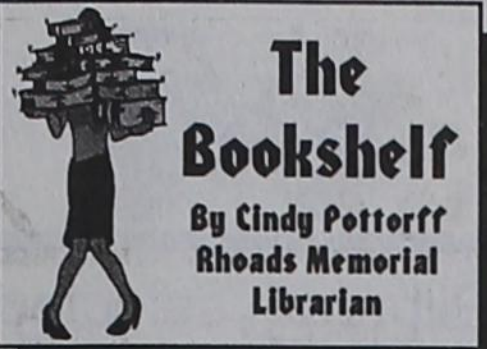
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All summer readers and read-to-me's are invited. Parents of children under the age of 6 are asked to come, too.

We will offer fun and games and a chance to get wet! So ... come and have a little fun.

The Land Bank has graciously allowed the library to use the lot across from the library for the party. Other local sponsors who have helped make our Summer Reading program a success are: Walt Hansen, Paula Jackson and Pizza Hut, Danny Jimenez and Mr. Burger, and Pat Pugliese and Dairy Queen. Thank you all!

On a very different note, we have been getting some questions about the new computers which will soon be available at the library. Two PCs will be available for use by the public by Sept. 1. Both have come to the library through grants.

One of the PCs is a standard PC. It will be available to run compact discs and other software owned by the library. The other PC will be an Internet Public Access PC.

Making these computers available to the public, particularly the Internet Public Access PC, is a very new situation. It is new not only for our library, but also for libraries across the country. Those of us who work at the library will have to learn along with those who will come in to use the computers.

It's an exciting time for us and we're looking forward to making new information sources available through our library.



EIGHT NAZARETH STUDENTS attended the 41st annual Southwestern Oklahoma Band Camp July 7-12 in Weatherford, Okla. Those attending were: (front, from left) Angela Fortenberry, Miranda

Burton, Jason Birkenfeld and Justin Myers; and (back, from left) Holly Myers, Susan Lange, Quentin Jones and Brooke Moyers.

Naz students attend band camp

Eight Nazareth students attended the 41st annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University band camp held July 7-12 on the Weatherford campus.

Around 445 students from six states attended the band camp. Students auditioned for placement in one of six concert bands, and the week's activities concluded with a concert featuring all the bands.

Angela Fortenberry, Miranda Burton, Jason Birkenfeld, Justin Myers, Holly Myers, Susan Lange, Quentin Jones and Brooke Moyers attended the camp representing Nazareth.

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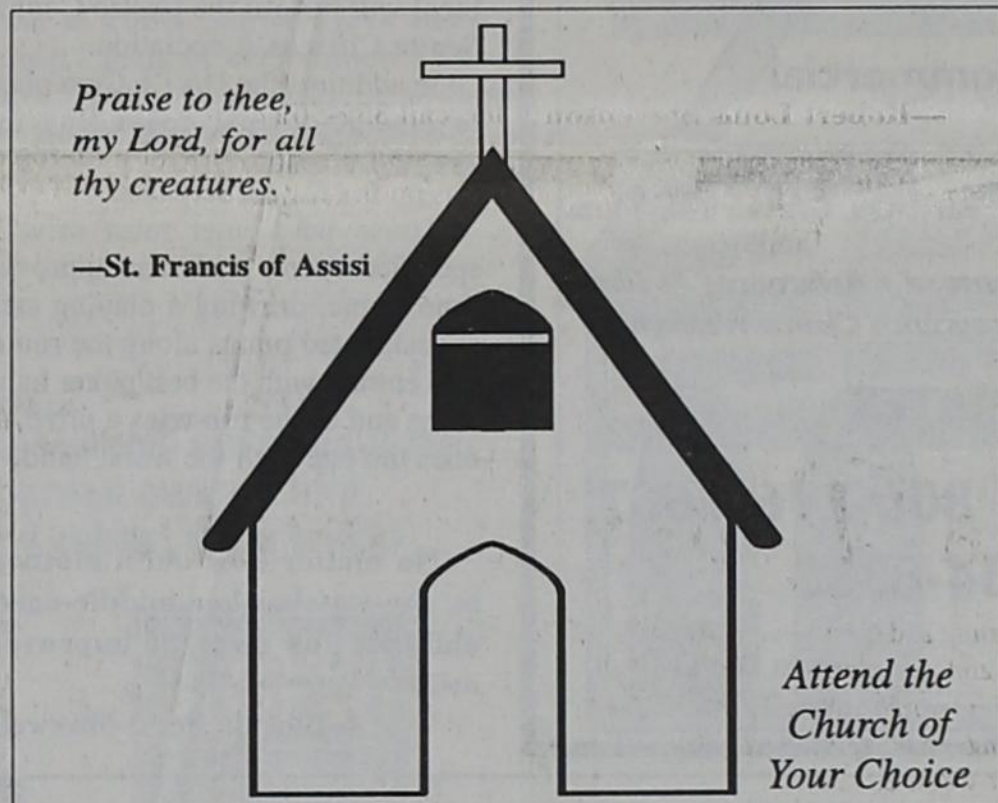
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Chamber pickup tickets available

About 170 tickets have been sold so far for a chance to win the 1993 Chevrolet pickup being raffled off by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, and plenty of chances are still available.

Tickets are going for \$100 each for the "fully loaded" vehicle, a black and gray Silverado extended cab model with a sportside bed. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office or from any member of the Chamber's board of directors, as well as at First United Bank of Dimmitt, First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch, the Nineteenth Hole in Nazareth, and McLain's Corner in Hart.

The drawing date will be announced later. The Chamber hopes to sell 500 tickets.

Five second prizes, valued at \$200 each, include gasoline, a grocery shopping spree, restaurant meals, Texas Lottery tickets, and beef. The second-prize winners will be paid in Dimmitt Dollars, redeemable at local businesses.

Proceeds from the drawing will benefit the Chamber of Commerce. After paying for the prizes and promotional expenses, the Chamber plans to pay off its building mortgage, pay off a \$3,000 note to the Economic Development Commission, purchase a new photocopier and other necessary office equipment, and produce a new Dimmitt brochure, according to Chamber Executive Director Shelly Nutt. She said the chamber owes about \$8,300 on its mortgage.

Chamber Director Avery Thrasher is chairman of the project.



NOSTALGIA will run rampant at the annual DATA Club Car Show, set for Aug. 10 in Dimmitt. This 1965 Mustang owned by Sonny and Alene Thomas of Dimmitt will be among the vehicles on display, with entries expected from across the area. All proceeds from the show will benefit the Castro County Senior Citizens Association.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

DATA Club car show set Aug. 10

The Dimmitt Alumni Technology Association (DATA) Club's annual car show has been scheduled for Aug. 10 at the Expo building in Dimmitt.

Show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with admission set at \$3 per person to view the show.

Entries will be accepted up until show time. Each entry in the car and tractor show will be \$15. Entries in the radio control vehicle competition will be \$7 per vehicle, allowing a controller and a pit person. Entries in the model car show will be \$3 each.

Early entry may be arranged by calling Alene Thomas at 647-2208 or Don Moke at 647-4264.

During the show, a meal of turkey and all the trimmings will be served, selling at \$5 per plate.

All proceeds from the show and meal will benefit the Castro County Senior Citizens Association.

In addition, the DATA Club plans to hold its annual Poker Run the evening of Aug. 9, with a \$5 registration fee for participants.

Those who enter must drive a specified course within an approved time frame, drawing a playing card at designated points along the route. The entrant with the best poker hand at the end of the run wins a prize, as does the one with the worst hand.

No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement.

—Florida Scott-Maxwell

Gilbreath selected for TALL program

Coby Gilbreath, a Texas Sugar Beets Grower Association (TSBGA) director for the Dimmitt area, has been selected to take part in the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Program.

He is one of 30 persons selected for the two-year program which has helped develop many young leaders for Texas agriculture.

The program, administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture, gives young producers and others in state agriculture hands-on leadership training through exposure to a wide range of agricultural, as well as social issues across the state, nation and world.

The group meets every other month in various parts of Texas to study regional agricultural activities and how they relate to other areas. The program will also include trips to other states, Washington, D.C., and a foreign country.

"TSBGA is honored to have one of our directors elected for this program," said Kenneth Frye, president of TSBGA.

"Coby has demonstrated his leadership skills as an association director and will be a major asset to the TALL program. We congratulate him on his selection."

Local veterans' names sought

The Castro County Historical Commission plans to place a historical marker at the courthouse honoring veterans from Castro County who died in combat during World War II and the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts.

"We have some of the names of those who died while serving their country, but I'm sure there are others we don't know about," said Clara Vick of the Historical Commission. "We don't want to leave anyone out."

Names that have been submitted so far include: Raymond Theodore Dirks, Cyrus Andrew Jr., Billy Graef, Arthur Holland Webb, Greer Estes, Vance Herwood Murphy, Roy Nelson, John Ray Stephens, Russell Slough, George Elton Wall, Brodie Bronell Bills, and Emilio Nino.

Those who know of any veterans from Castro County who should be included on the marker may contact Vick at 647-3154 or Teeny Bowden at 647-2977. Also, they may write to Vick at P.O. Box 457, Dimmitt, 79027.

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

Building Loyal Customers



If you're in business, it's bound to happen to you. Sooner or later, you will be confronted by an unhappy customer. The problem may be real or imagined. It may be of serious consequence or a simple misunderstanding. How you deal with angry or unhappy customers can help you build a loyal customer base or hasten the demise of your business.

Research shows that the average unhappy customer tells at least 16 others about your unsatisfactory service. Few small businesses can afford this much negative publicity. Therefore, you must deal with problems quickly and sincerely.

Difficulties with customers often occur when they feel cheated or believe that you didn't live up to your end of the bargain. Because of previous bad experiences with others, they may feel that you won't care about their problems either.

Often, these customers are angry and preconditioned to unload on you or your company. They may think you won't listen unless they show you how upset they are.

Angry customers require careful handling. However, if you treat them fairly and resolve their problems, they become a steady, reliable source of income for your business. These customers know you will take good care of them if another problem arises. Loyal customers are often worth thousands of dollars over the life of your business.

We have a problem

The first step toward solving any problem is acknowledging its existence. Don't try to deny that the situation exists. If your customer believes there is a problem, you have a problem. It may not be your fault, but it is still your problem to solve. Stay calm yourself, acknowledge the problem and focus on what your customer is really saying.

The second step is to listen carefully and patiently. The angry customer needs to vent some frustration. By being a patient listener, you accomplish two goals. First, you allow the customer to work off some anger. Second, you begin gathering facts and details about what went wrong.

After the customer has lowered his or her adrenaline level, try to find the real cause of dissatisfaction. This may take some probing. Once you find the true source of unhappiness, you're a step closer to finding a solution and building a loyalty.

Find the Facts

Engage in fact-finding dialogue. Ask relevant questions. Make certain you know what happened and when. It doesn't hurt at this point to make some notes. When customers see you writing down their comments, they may stick a little closer to the facts. Your notes also serve as a record in case you cannot resolve the problem right away.

You should be careful at this point not to make a \$2 deal into a \$10 process. If the problem is straightforward and the solution is simple, solve it, make the customer happy and go on. It is only in more complex or more costly situations that this detailed, fact-finding conversation is important.

Once you have all the information, try to resolve the problem as quickly as you can. Ask the customer to propose a solution. If what the customer proposes is realistic, do it. Replace the item, refund the money or fix the product.

If you cannot solve the problem immediately, let the customer know what you are going to do. Communicate any progress to the customer regularly. Postponing the problem is not a solution. Remember that the goal of resolving complaints is to create a satisfied customer that will tell others about your excellent service.

We have written an easy-to-use, one-page guide to help you resolve complaints and create loyal customers. For a free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: LOYAL, c/o Minding Your Own Business, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Perry delays regulatory fee increases

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said he is delaying previously scheduled Sept. 1 increases in three categories of agricultural-regulatory fees to avoid placing further economic hardship on the state's farmers and ranchers.

"The 74th Texas Legislature directed the Texas Dept. of Agriculture to achieve 100 percent cost recovery by Sept. 1 in most of our regulatory programs, when feasible," Perry said.

"Due to the severe drought conditions we are experiencing and the projected \$2.4 billion loss in agricultural income, I have determined that it is not feasible to implement these fee increases at this time."

Perry this week notified Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Speaker of the House Pete Laney about his decision to delay the fee increases.

The scheduled increases will be delayed for grain warehouse inspection and license fees; produce dealer license fees; and seed certification

label and inspection fees.

A fee increase will be implemented by Sept. 1 as scheduled for pesticide product registration fees, which are paid by companies that manufacture and distribute pesticides in Texas.

Perry said he will continue to monitor and review when the fee increases can be implemented without causing significant harm to Texas' second largest industry, agriculture.

"In times of crisis such as this, state and federal government officials must use common sense and be flexible," Perry said. "Clearly, now is not the time to raise regulatory costs on our producers."

Perry also has asked the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to rescind its June 6 fee increase that is as high as 400 percent on several veterinary health export fees that certify cattle and other livestock as healthy for export.

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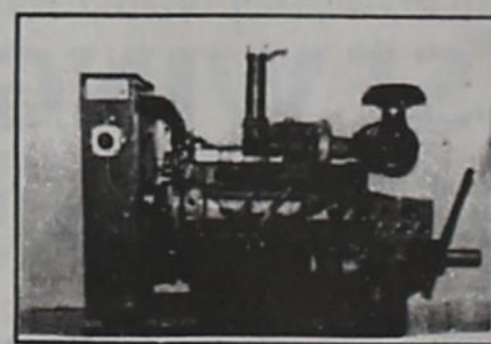
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Police Calls

Alicia Melendez, 42, a resident of the Flagg community, was injured by a dog in an attack that was reported to the Sheriff's Dept. around 7 a.m. Tuesday. The dog is a 1-year-old Rottweiler. Melendez said she was informed the dog is being held in observation for 10 days to determine if it has rabies. Deputies said the matter is still under investigation.

Melendez said she was walking to her mailbox when the dog attacked her, biting her on the arm, finger and leg. She tried to run to her car, but fell. She said she got hold of a hoe and swung it at the dog and it let go long enough for her to get in the car. She said the dog circled the car, barking, and jumped on the hood, trying to get at her.

Melendez said it is a neighbor's dog and she had never had problems with it before, and even had fed it on occasion. She said her injuries required several stitches, and her condition is complicated by the fact that she is a diabetic. She had been taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where she was treated and later released.

An incident of child abuse was reported to Sheriff's deputies July 16, when the grandfather of four children residing in Coronado Acres said that his son-in-law had been hitting the children, causing bruises and scars. Also, the man told deputies his son-in-law had assaulted him, too, punching him in the face. The suspect also allegedly struck his sister-in-law's boyfriend. Investigation into the matter is continuing.

Saturday, a Hereford woman told deputies she had been assaulted around 4:30 p.m. in Summerfield. She reportedly was treated and admitted to Hereford Regional Medical Center for observation. Investigation into the aggravated assault is continuing.

An incident of public intoxication and hit and run involving a 32-year-old man from Kress was reported around 10:13 p.m. Sunday in Hart. The man had been driving his Toyota pickup west in the 500 block of Avenue F and struck a parked Ford pickup belonging to Juan Hernandez. A passenger had gotten into the parked vehicle just before

the collision. No injuries were reported, according to Hart Police Chief Wayne Johnson. Johnson said damage to the Toyota was light, and the Ford had no damage.

The driver of the Toyota was ticketed for leaving the scene of the accident.

Also in Hart, a mobile home received some damage to its roof due to high winds Monday night, according to Johnson.

Wednesday morning, an unoccupied mobile home in the 700 block of Hawkins Street in Hart had slight damage to the insulation underneath as the result of a fire of "suspicious origin," according to Johnson.

Early Saturday a 40-year-old Nazareth man was picked up for public intoxication and a Dept. of Public Safety warrant.

Also on Saturday, at 11:23 p.m., an 18-year-old Dimmitt man and a 17-year-old Hart man were arrested for disorderly conduct for fighting at the Expo building.

Sunday just after midnight a 19-year-old San Antonio man was arrested for disorderly conduct after he reportedly urinated in a public place at the Expo building parking lot.

At 2:39 a.m. Sunday, a man, 27, and a woman, 25, were arrested for disorderly conduct at the Azteca Complex. They reportedly were using profane language and causing a disturbance. The woman also was charged with public intoxication.

Sheriff's Deputies reported a case of minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage at Roadside Park around 11:28 p.m. Saturday; and Dimmitt Police charged two youths for the same offense between 11:30 and 11:57, also at Roadside.

David Allison of Dimmitt told deputies that someone broke out a window of his garage with a rock Friday. He estimated the damage at \$20.

Deputies reported Monday that someone had vandalized the roadside park at Sunnyside by writing all over the tables with a permanent marker. Similar writings were also found on the tables at "Roadside Park" just south of Dimmitt, according to police. Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said the writings contained profanity directed against a local family in an apparent "family feud."

Amanda Lee Flores of Dimmitt told police that someone took her family's dog without their consent. She said it was taken sometime around July 2.



OVER 400 HAMBURGERS were served to an estimated crowd of about 250 teens, in addition to several adults and children who helped in serving and sponsoring the "Control Your Destiny" celebration party held last Thursday at "Roadside Park." The party was a reward for Dimmitt teens' efforts to keep the park free of arrests for minor in possession, intoxication or vandalism during a 30-day period. The

City of Dimmitt and law enforcement officers, as well as local merchants, organizations and citizens, contributed to the party. On the serving line are (from left) Assistant Chief of Police Santos Perez and his wife, Connie, Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt, Mary Lou Lumbrera, Nacola Furr, Susie Sandoval and Becky Stovall.

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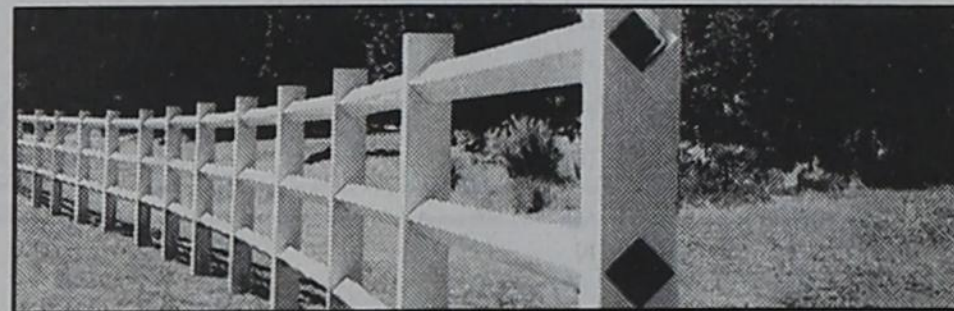
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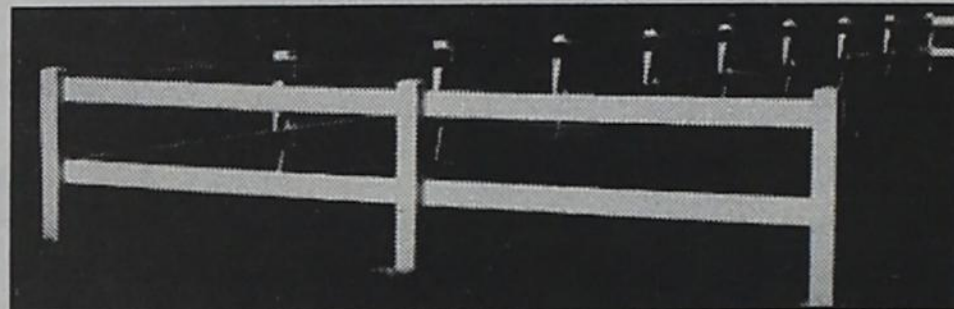
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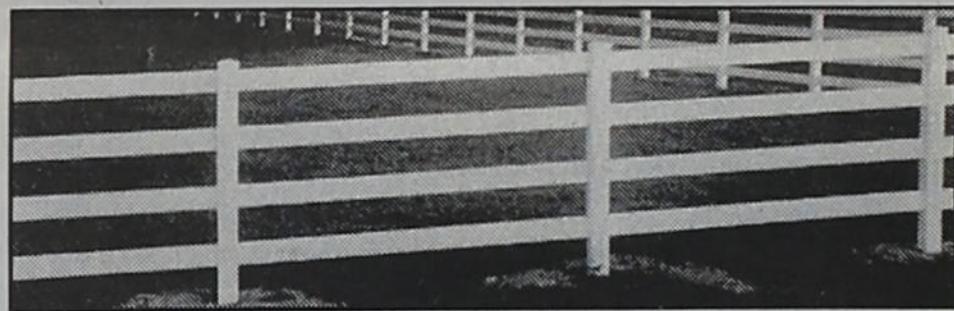
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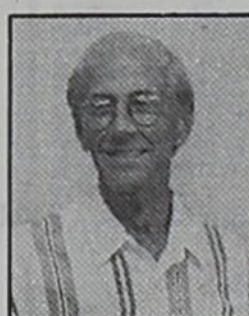


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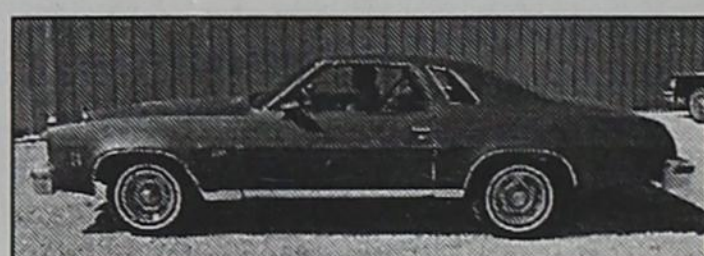


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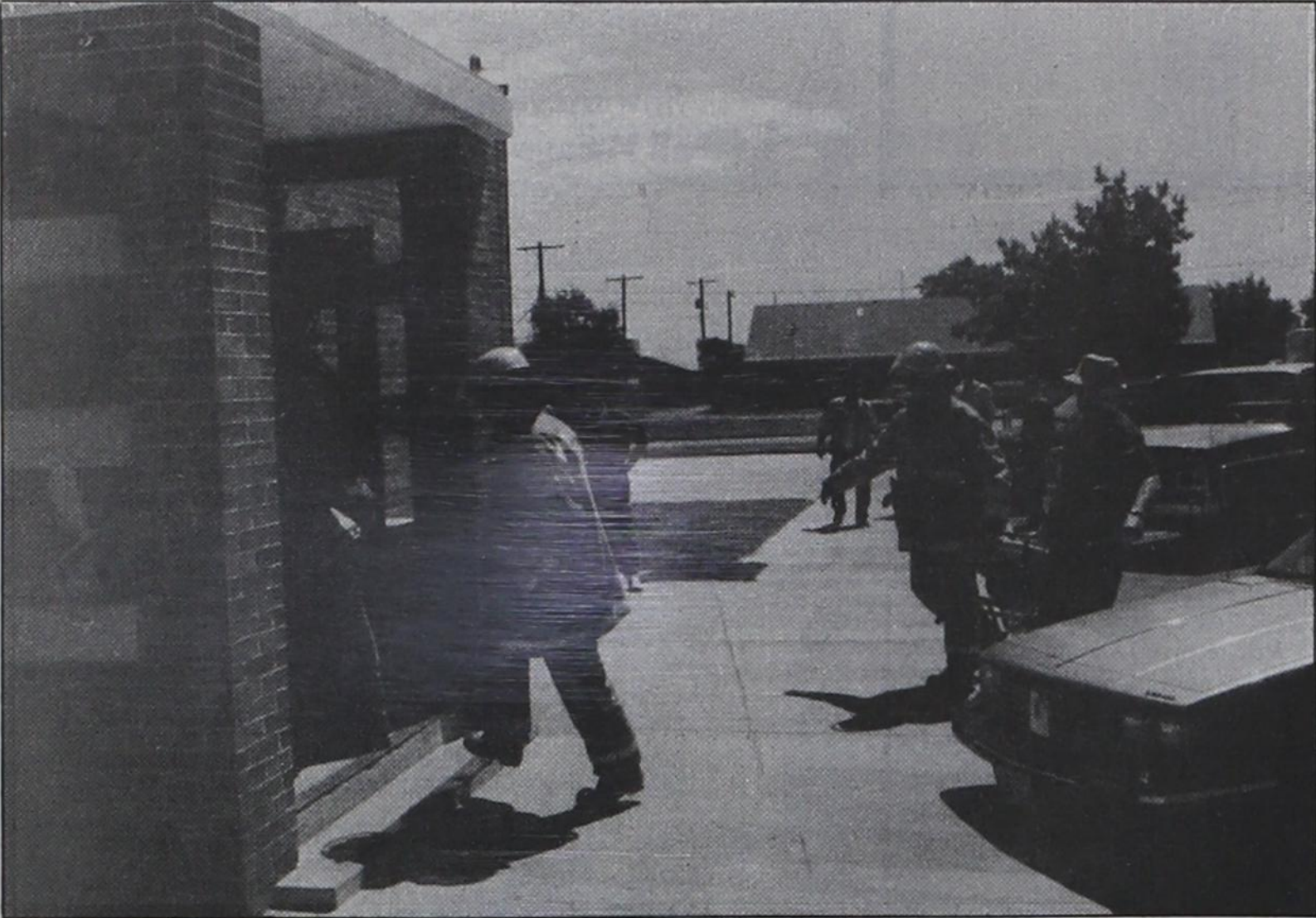


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DIMMITT VOLUNTEER FIREMEN haul a fan into the east wing of Plains Memorial Hospital to blow out smoke from a small fire late last Thursday morning. The fire was caused by a short in one of

the air conditioner wires, according to Tommy Cleavinger, assistant fire chief. The small fire was put out quickly and nobody was injured.

Photo by Scott Brockman

What's cooking?
In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt for the week of July 25-31.

- DIMMITT Breakfast**
- THURSDAY:** Fresh fruit, assorted breakfast cereal, graham crackers and milk.
- FRIDAY:** Assorted fruit juice, french toast with syrup and milk.
- MONDAY:** Fresh fruit, toasted cheese sandwich and milk.
- TUESDAY:** Assorted fruit juice, assorted breakfast cereal, graham crackers and milk.
- WEDNESDAY:** Fresh fruit, assorted breakfast cereal, graham crackers and milk.
- Lunch**
- THURSDAY:** Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, baked potato half, garden relish and milk.
- FRIDAY:** Fajitas with sauted onions and peppers, refried beans, arroz Mexicano, tossed salad with dressing, Mexicali corn and milk.
- MONDAY:** Cheese pizza, savory green beans, tossed salad with dressing, chilled fruit cocktail and milk.
- TUESDAY:** Hamburger, potato rounds, hamburger salad and milk.
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Wethington to play basketball in Belgium

B.J. Wethington will be competing in the Belgium International Cup, a special basketball competition for high school aged boys and girls, August 2-4.

Wethington is the son of Bernie and Lou Wethington of Tulia and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schulte of Nazareth. He will be a senior at San Jacinto Christian Acad-



B.J. WETHINGTON

emy in Amarillo this coming year.

Prior to competing in the basketball tournament, B.J. will take part in sightseeing tours of Antwerp, Brugge and Oostend, all cities in Belgium, with several hundred players and parents from across the United States.

The group will also tour Paris, France and take a canal cruise. B.J. will leave July 29 to start the sightseeing part of the trip.

The tournament will take place in Mechelen, Antwerp, Hasselt and Bonheiden, all cities in Belgium. Each team will play a total of five games.

The teams representing the United States consist of high school students from the Amarillo area and selected regional states. Approximately 400 invitations were sent to the premier athletes in the region according to Sports Challenge International, Inc., the organizers of the event.

More about Hart Days . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

There will be free refreshments and door prizes given away.

A harmonica workshop will be held in the High School band hall from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., conducted by Lonnie Joe Howell. He will give a mini-concert, demonstrate the basics of playing, and teach a number of simple songs and fun techniques. Those having a harmonica are invited to bring them to the workshop and play along. All who attend the workshop will receive a free "Harmonica Basics" starter pamphlet. Howell also will offer music lesson videos and harmonicas for sale.

The variety show will start at 7 p.m. on the east parking lot of the bank, with selected ex-students and teachers from the Hart schools scheduled to perform. Those attending are advised to bring their own chairs, because seating will not be provided.

Following the variety show, there will be a street dance, with music provided by "Country Nites" of Plainview.

The 75-year all-school reunion is expected to draw over 500 visiting families in addition to the crowds usually attracted by the Hart Days activities, according to organizers.

The reunion will kick off Satur-

day right after the parade, with registration at the Hart Elementary gym. A noon luncheon is scheduled at the school for those who pre-registered by July 10, and organizers say over 400 are expected. The meal will include lasagna and all the trimmings.

Those who did not pre-register for the meal may eat at Hart Days food booths or local establishments, and then join the rest later for visiting and other activities.

A program of "Welcome and Recognition" will be held at 3 p.m. at the Hart Elementary Gym, with former students and teachers being recognized for various honors.

Ex-students and teachers also are expected to provide entertainment at the variety show set at 7 p.m. on the east bank parking lot.

"Anyone who has ever attended school at Hart is urged to attend and register at the school, so addresses can be kept on record for notification of future events," a reunion spokesperson said. Registration will continue through about 4 p.m. at the gym.

He who hesitates is sometimes saved.

—James Thurber

More about Expo improvements . . .

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Smithson permission to purchase a new stove for the Expo kitchen. He told them one of the old stoves had been burning the floor beneath it and he did not want to put it back in. He located a stainless steel one in Amarillo at a kitchen supply business at a cost of \$1,850 plus \$40 delivery, with at least \$200 offered in trade-in on the old stove. Smithson said he has lined up six local businesses to donate at least \$1,000 toward the purchase.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said there is sufficient money in the Expo budget to cover the difference.

In other business, the commissioners accepted the proposed guidelines for use of the Hazel Merritt Bequest, as drawn up by the Rhoads Memorial Library Board. Librarian Cindy Pottorff told the commissioners that County Attorney Jerry Matthews had approved the guidelines.

The guidelines state that before any substantial amount of the bequest money is spent, it shall be approved by the board and be presented to the commissioners for final approval.

Maretta Smithson told the commissioners that Teleserve of Dallas, the company that has been supplying the pay phone on the first floor of the courthouse, has given notice that they are going to discontinue the service, saying it is no longer profit-

able to them. County Judge Irene Miller asked Smithson to check with Sheriff CD Fitzgearld to see if the company that is supplying pay phones to the jail might be willing to include the one for the courthouse, too, and possibly the one at the Expo building.

The commissioners voted to continue the current \$10 fees levied on car registrations in the county. They declined adding another \$1.50 fee for "crossing guard expense," as provided in state law.

A bid received on replacement of the outdoor carpet on the front and west steps of the courthouse was tabled to wait for more information. Higginbotham-Bartlett bid \$1,783.80 to replace the carpet. Commissioner Larry Gonzales advised the other commissioners to request a heavier rubber backing and a "wider blade" on the carpet, which would make it wear longer. He said he had special-ordered a similar type of carpet for use at the schools.

Also tabled was discussion on a retirement plan, since treasurer Janice Shelton was absent.

In open forum, Gonzales told the other commissioners he had visited the Sheriff's Dept. recently to see how an air filter he had ordered was working. He said the Sheriff's Dept. is still not in compliance with the earlier order, passed by the commissioners' court, limiting smoking in the courthouse only to designated smoking areas—the coffee room upstairs and the interrogation room in the Sheriff's Dept.

He asked to have the smoking policy put on the agenda for the next meeting of the commissioners for further consideration.

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Castro County General	\$ 200,000
Castro County Precincts	\$ 250,000
Hospital District	\$ 5,889,430
Dimmitt ISD	\$ 2,000,000
Nazareth ISD	\$ 350,000
City of Dimmitt	\$ -
City of Nazareth	\$ 42,788

Schedule C

Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(for cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive the following amounts in additional sales and use tax revenues.

Castro County	\$ 117,005
City of Dimmitt	\$ 91,528
City of Nazareth	\$ 3,427

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Castro County Appraisal District, 204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, Tx.

Notice prepared by Jerry Heller

Chief Appraiser

Prepared on July 19, 1996

1996 Property Tax Rates in Castro County							
	County General	County Road	Hospital District	Dimmitt ISD	City of Dimmitt	Nazareth ISD	City of Nazareth
Last year's tax rate:							
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,198,792	\$ 317,902	\$ 1,224,260	\$ 2,420,396	\$ 273,358	\$ 260,472	\$ 6,262
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,198,792	\$ 317,902	\$ 1,224,260	\$ 2,420,396	\$ 273,358	\$ 260,472	\$ 6,262
Last year's tax base	\$ 352,586,010	\$ 349,343,220	\$ 349,788,700	\$ 213,102,110	\$ 115,341,080	\$ 22,924,480	\$ 5,262,400
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.091	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.175	\$ 0.237	\$ 1.190	\$ 0.119
This year's effective tax rate:							
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,198,540	\$ 317,566	\$ 1,224,064	\$ 2,415,757	\$ 273,341	\$ 259,726	\$ 6,262
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 354,802,695	\$ 351,482,205	\$ 352,287,385	\$ 209,036,020	\$ 115,175,450	\$ 22,078,050	\$ 5,289,370
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.338	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.347	\$ 1.156	\$ 0.237	\$ 1.176	\$ 0.118
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices & holds hearing	\$ 0.441		\$ 0.357	\$ 1.191	\$ 0.244	\$ 1.211	\$ 0.122
This year's rollback tax rate:							
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 1,315,545	\$ 317,566	\$ 1,224,064	\$ 2,415,757	\$ 364,869	\$ 259,726	\$ 9,689
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 354,802,695	\$ 351,482,205	\$ 352,287,385	\$ 209,036,020	\$ 115,175,450	\$ 22,078,050	\$ 5,289,370
= This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.371	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.347	\$ 1.156	\$ 0.317	\$ 1.176	\$ 0.183
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.401	\$ 0.097	\$ 0.375		\$ 0.342		\$ 0.198
+ 0.08 cents for school districts				\$ 1.236		\$ 1.256	
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.498		\$ 0.375	\$ 1.236	\$ 0.342	\$ 1.256	\$ 0.198
A county or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes must insert the following lines:							
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.032				\$ 0.071		\$ 0.063
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.466				\$ 0.271		\$ 0.135

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Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright left Monday July 15 for the Dallas area to visit with a daughter and family. Their son also came to visit from Temple. Their vacation was cut short soon after they reached Burleson, however, when they received word that her father, Bryan Jones, was to have his leg amputated above the knee and the doctor didn't know if he would live through the surgery. They came back to Lubbock, and the surgery was performed Friday morning, July 19. He came through it O.K. and is still doing well. They came to the parsonage Sunday to get a little rest.

Teeny Bowden attended the funeral services for Rev. Murle Rogers, a former Sunnyside Baptist Church pastor, in the First Baptist Church of Lockney Sunday afternoon. She went with Mozelle Lilley of Dimmitt and her daughter, Sharon, of Lubbock. Sharon went home from the funeral and Mozelle and Teeny rode home with J. Paul and Gertie Waggoner. They met with Tex and Norma Conard at Furr's in Plainview and had dinner together. Lillian Carson went after church alone, taking a live plant from the Sunnyside Church. Gerald and Pat Elkins were there also. Gerald and J. Paul were pallbearers.

Murle Rogers died in his home Thursday morning, July 18, after years of battling with congestive heart failure. He was called as pastor at Sunnyside Sept. 19, 1954, and stayed six years until December 1960. He rode out the tornado in the parsonage April 12, 1960 without injury although the parsonage was destroyed. Their son, Clifford, who was called Butch until he was grown, sang two songs at his daddy's funeral. He sang a song new to us and none of us remembered the name if we were told. The second song was Bula Land. He did a beautiful job with both to climax an emotional service. Murle had his heart attack in 1982 soon after he became pastor of the Lockney church. He had open heart surgery in Lubbock which almost took his

life and forced him to give up the pulpit ministry. He was a wonderful person and will greatly be missed.

Otus Williams of Hobbs had wrist surgery in Lubbock July 25 and Emma Jean King went to be with his wife and her daughter and help her take care of Britni. He came through the surgery O.K. but Emma Jean brought Britni home with her and took her home on Friday.

Ester Peterson called Emma Jean King Sunday morning saying she was coming to the 75th Anniversary and wanted to know if she could stay

with them. She extended the invitations unless Margaret has her baby. She will have to go and help a that time.

Frances Duke spent Monday through Friday, except for Tuesday afternoon and night, in Lubbock baby sitting with her grandchildren, Ashlee and Alyssa, while their parents made a business trip to California. Tuesday afternoon, friends came by on vacation from Oregon and spent the night with them. Steve and Mary Hammell and daughter, Sandi, and a friend Tiffany, are next door neighbors to

Robert's sister, Laverne, and Bob Gunderson in Umpqua, Ore.

Ray Joe and Jo Eddy Riley and Teeny Bowden were among those who attended the funeral services in Dimmitt Friday morning for John Alldredge. We have less knowledge among us because of his passing.

Sandra Duke came Friday night and spent the day Saturday with her parents, Robbert and Frances Duke.

We received a trace of rain Tuesday afternoon. We need more.

The daughter of Bennie and Joyce Wright came from Burleson Friday to be with her grandfather, Bryan Jones and of course her parents.

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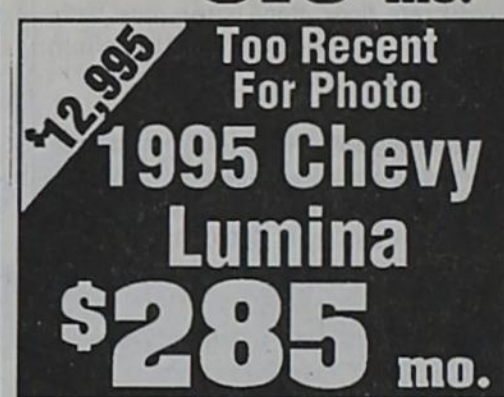
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♥ Hart Days Parade

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♥ Variety Show & Dance

7 p.m. Saturday, bank parking lot. Dance music provided by Country Nites of Plainview.

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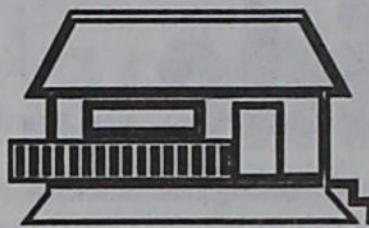
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25-Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting bids for instructional supplies, office supplies, testing materials/supplies, athletic equipment/supplies, shop equipment/supplies, furniture, library books, art supplies, magazines and periodicals, transportation supplies, maintenance supplies and food items for the 1996-97 school year. Bids must be received by 3 p.m. on Aug. 8, 1996, at the DISD Administrative Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. Bid specifications may be obtained at Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-15-2tc

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS

Nazareth Independent School District is accepting sealed bids for MILK PRODUCTS and BREAD PRODUCTS to be used in the Child Nutrition Programs of the District. Said bids will be opened at 1 p.m. July 29, 1996, at the Superintendent's Office, located at Nazareth Schools, Nazareth, Texas. Bids may be delivered or mailed to Supt. N. Dean Johnson, 101 S. First Ave., PO Box 189, Nazareth, Texas 79063-0189; phone (806) 945-2231. Nazareth ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted.

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Rural Day was observed Saturday as the Promised Land Network hosted its Fourth Annual Ag Sustainability Study Tour at Herman Birkenfeld's farm. The tour included a meal served by the Legion Auxiliary. In the evening, a Parish Mass was celebrated in Holy Family Catholic Church followed by a Rural Fair held inside the Community hall. The fair concluded with a concert by singer, song-writer, Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock. Proceeds from the Concert will benefit the Nazareth Museum.

Father Harold Heiman of Subiaco, Ark. visited with relatives and friends this past week in Nazareth, Dimmitt and Hereford. On Sunday, the family of Ella Hoelting honored her with a birthday party at the Running Water Draw Care Center in Olton. Ella is 93 years old. Enjoying the party were her brother, Father Heiman; her sister, Oleda and her husband, Andy Schumacher; her sons and daughters-in-laws, Ronnie and Regina Hoelting, Cecil and Norita Hoelting, Dickie and Bernice Hoelting; and her daughter Estelle Keys, and her friend Dan Burger of Lubbock.

Tommy Wethington was honored with a party on his 50th birthday Saturday evening at the Legion Hall. Many friends and relatives came to wish him a happy 50th!

Misty Maxfield, bride-elect of Todd Hill was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday at the home of a friend, Gayla Cowan, in Misty's hometown of Amherst. Attending from Nazareth were Beverly Hill and Virgie Gerber.

The fourth Hoffman-Kuper Reunion was held in Boulder, Colo., July 4 weekend. Attending from Nazareth were Gilbert and Dolly

Schulte, Cecil and Norita Hoelting, Toby and Vincent Gerber, Denia and Margie Durbin and Jane, Mick, Laura and Allen Gerber. Leigh and Curtis Durbin of Dimmitt also were there. They were the lucky winners of a quilt made from squares contributed by many of the Hoffman-Kuper family descendants. Mary Gerber and Dorothy McQuilliams traveled with Toby and Vincent as far as Pueblo, Colo. and spent several days visiting their cousins, Otto and Aurelia Huber.

Ida Gibson of Dimmitt and her family enjoyed their annual weekend together at the Holiday Inn in Irving. Those who gathered were Roxanne and her family of Livingston, Erlene and her family of Temple, Sheila and her family of Midland, Jimmy Birkenfeld and his family of Denver City, Vera and her family of Lone Oak, Curtis Birkenfeld of Dimmitt and Sidney Birkenfeld and family of Nazareth.

Kent, Teresa, Blake and Brock Birkenfeld and Karleen, Keith, Mandy, Brett and Kyle Hoelting enjoyed a trip to Salina and Olpe, Kans. for the Nub and Mary Hoelting family reunion. Joining them were Tim, Karen, Jerad and Danielle Petty of Seminole. They all enjoyed a great time visiting with cousins, receiving wonderful hospitality and great food, playing baseball, swimming, and dancing at the famous "Hoelting Grove."

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier and some of their families enjoyed a trip to Center, Colo., where they attended the wedding of Steven DeHerrera and Christa Bogle, daughter of Pam and Lyn Bogle of Center.

James Wilhelm is home after having surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital. He is doing very well.

Girl Scout camp deadline extended

Activities including arts, crafts, and hiking will be part of the Girl Scout Day Camp scheduled for next week in Dimmitt, starting Monday and continuing through Aug. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, at the First United Methodist Church.

The registration deadline has been extended to 5 p.m. Friday. Registration forms are available at the *Castro County News* office, 108 W. Bedford, and may be dropped off there, as well.

The sign-up fee is \$20 for registered Girl Scouts and \$26 for all others. Financial aid is available, according to Janice Sutton of the Caprock Girl Scout Council office in Lubbock, which is organizing the day camp.

"People may pay what they feel they can afford, and apply for financial aid for help with the difference," Sutton said.

The camp has been set up for girls ages 5 to 17.

"Girls don't have to be a Girl Scout to come to the Day Camp,"

said Kimberly Bradford of the Caprock Girl Scout Council. "We want this camp to be a chance for girls to have fun, but also for them to see what kind of activities we try to have in scouting, as well."

Participants will be asked to bring a sack lunch each day. Bradford said a cook-out may be held one of the days, weather permitting.

She said college students are being enlisted by the council to lead the camp activities, and also there will be an International Scouting Exchange participant as one of the staffers.

In addition, arrangements are being made for special activities at the Azteca Complex for girls who live there. Staffers from the day camp will visit there Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The camp is being sponsored by the Caprock Council in an effort to revitalize the Girl Scout program in Dimmitt, which suffered a drop in participation the past year.

Dogs require special care in hot weather

When there are high temperatures, dogs require very special care, according to the American Kennel Club.

Interested dog owners can order a free packet, "Fun in the Sun," from the AKC. The packet has informative and educational tips on summer care, fitness and travel for dogs.

Here are some of the tips featured in the packet:

◆ In high temperatures and humidity, dogs can easily get dehydrated and suffer from heatstroke, so keep water available and ensure that your dog has access to shade.

◆ At the beach, don't let your dog drink too much sea water. The saline in the water could make the animal sick.

◆ Dogs can get sunburned, too, so limit exposure to the sun when possible, and apply sunblock to the

animal's nose and ears.

To obtain a free "Fun in the Sun" packet, write to: AKC Fulfillment, "Fun in the Sun," 5580 Centerville Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27606.

Class of '43 to hold Harvest Days reunion

The Dimmitt Class of 1943 will be holding its reunion during the annual Harvest Days celebration, September 6-7.

The festivities will kick off on Friday, Sept. 6, with a meal at the Borderline Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

Following the meal, the group will gather at the home of John and Sue Merritt at 700 Maple.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, the class will view the Harvest Days' parade together and then meet at the Dimmitt Senior Citizen's Center for lunch.

All friends and family are invited to join the class at the reunion.



A BIG CROWD, estimated at almost 200 total, turned out at the Dimmitt City Pool last Thursday at the free swim party for Dimmitt teens sponsored by the city and local law enforcement officials. The swimming was part of the party thrown for the teens

as a reward for completing the "Control Your Destiny" contract. The contract called for "Roadside Park" to be free of arrests of local teens for minor in possession, intoxication or vandalism at the park for a 30-day period.

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Obituaries

John Alldredge

Services for John Alldredge, 89, of Dimmitt were held Friday at Ivey Chapel in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Alldredge died July 17 in Dimmitt.

He was born May 19, 1907 in Merkel. He married Mary Ruth Palmer Sept. 29, 1934, in Pampa. She died June 11, 1956. He moved to Dimmitt from Lamesa in 1943. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the National Rifle Association and a lifetime member of the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors. He served as Castro County Surveyor for approximately four decades.

Survivors include one son, Gerald Alldredge, Ph.D., of Albuquerque, N.M.; one daughter, Jonalyn Jones of Hart; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the service were Billy Hackleman, Edd Bennett, Walt Hansen, C. D. Fitzgeard, Bryce Dowell and Vaden Kirby.

The family asks memorials to Castro Memorial Gardens, P.O. Box 454, Dimmitt, TX 79027; or a favorite charity.

Ronnie Brown

Ronnie Brown, 49, of Hereford, a 1966 graduate of Dimmitt High School, died July 13 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Hereford.

Services were held July 15 at Welsey United Methodist Church in Hereford, with the Rev. Bonnie Dunsworth, pastor of Wesley United, and the Rev. John Westman of Seagraves officiating.

Burial was in West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Mr. Brown was born March 10, 1947, in Hereford. He grew up in Dimmitt where his father, Sam Wesley Brown, operated a Texaco service station for many years. He graduated from Dimmitt High School and served in the United States Air Force. He married Nina Buckner May 28, 1983, in Lubbock. He was a mechanic for Deaf Smith

Electrical Cooperative and was a member of the Hereford Elks Lodge and Merry Mixers Square Dance Club.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Randy Brown of Camp Pendleton, Calif. and Dustin Brown of Hereford; two daughters, Lynn Dee Brown of Northfield, Mass. and Dominique Brown of Hereford; his mother, Helen Brown of Hereford; and two sisters, Judy Scruggs of Hereford and Bernadene Griffith of Park Rapids, Minn.

Jerry Hardin

Services for Jerry Hardin, 51, of Hereford, a former Dimmitt resident, were Wednesday in First Baptist Church with Doug Manning, worship leader for Fellowship of Believers, officiating.

Burial followed in West Park Cemetery under direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hardin died Sunday, July 21, in St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

He was born in Sayre, Okla. He moved to Hereford from Dimmitt in 1976. He attended school in Hext, Okla., and graduated from Sayre High School. He attended Oklahoma State University. He married Barbara Davis on March 14, 1964, in Sayre.

He was a real estate broker and had worked for AAA Flying Service in Dimmitt and Whiteface Aviation in Hereford. He was also a farmer. A son, Justin Hardin, died in 1987.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Misti Chanler and Tammy Gilmore, both of Amarillo; his father, Bob Hardin of Erick, Okla.; two sisters, Jan Hardin of Sayre and Robbi Hudgens of Hereford; a brother, Joe Hardin of Erick; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Anthony's Hospice, to Crown of Texas Hospice or to Amarillo Chapter of Compassionate Friends.

Lurline Kendall

Graveside services for Lurline Smith Kendall of Hereford, mother of Ralph Smith of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday in West Park Cemetery with Dr. Tom C. Fuller,

pastor of First United Methodist Church in Hereford, officiating. Arrangements are by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kendall, 92, died July 16 in Hereford Regional Medical Center.

She was born June 5, 1904, in Avoca. She married Ralph Smith on Nov. 26, 1922, and he died April 17, 1960. She married Joe Kendall in January 1967, and he died Sept. 13, 1995. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty club.

She was a homemaker and an artist. She moved to Deaf Smith County in 1924 and served as county clerk to finish her husband's term of office after his death in 1960. Two daughters, Martha Jane Smith and Joan Euler, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph Glenn Smith of Dimmitt and Gereld David Smith of Panhandle; a stepdaughter, Betty Hagan of Cleburne; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to Kings Manor / Westgate or First United Methodist Church.

Connie Nelson

Services for Connie Nelson, 51, of Dimmitt were held Monday at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services followed at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Nelson died Saturday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born July 14, 1945 in Amarillo. She grew up in Dimmitt and later moved to El Paso where she graduated from Bel Air High School in 1963. She also attended Texas Western College in El Paso, where she met her husband, Stanley Nelson. They married August 29, 1964, in Dimmitt. She had lived in Deming, N.M. before moving back to Dimmitt in 1969. She was a licensed Pharmacy Technician and had worked for the Coleman Pharmacy in Dimmitt since 1986.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Scott Nelson of Friona; three daughters, Lisa Morgan of Abilene, Laura Nelson of College Station and

Leslie Nelson of Dimmitt; her parents, Johnny and Harriet Goodwin of Beaver, Okla.; a brother, Wayne Goodwin of Denver, Colo.; her grandmother, Elizabeth Huckabay of Dimmitt; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Garland Coleman, III, Garland Coleman, Glenn Merritt, Bruce Fuller, Carter Townsend and Sam Kirk.

The family suggest memorials to a favorite charity.

Myrna Ramos

Myrna Elena Ramos, 26, of Rio Grande City, a former Dimmitt resident, died July 13 at the Starr County Memorial Hospital of Rio Grande City, after injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral mass was held July 13 at the Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church of Roma.

Burial followed at the Queen of Peace Memorial Park of Roma.

Mrs. Ramos' daughter, Victoria, was injured in the same accident and died later. Funeral arrangement information on Victoria was unavailable at press time.

Mrs. Ramos is survived by her

husband, Billy Ray Ramos; a daughter, Cassandra Ramos of Rio Grande City; her parents, Ruben and Lilia Garcia of Rio Grande City; seven brothers, Ruben Garcia, Edwin Garcia, Reynaldo Garcia, Olegario Garcia, Juan Armando Garcia, Alejandro Garcia and Guadalupe Garcia, all of Rio Grande City; three sisters, Maria Irma G. Perez, Nancy Melissa Chapa and Yolanda Cruz, all of Rio Grande City.

Murle Rogers

Services for the Rev. Murle Rogers, 67, of Lockney, a former pastor of Sunnyside Baptist Church, were held Sunday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe D. Perkins officiating.

Burial was in Lockney Cemetery under direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral home.

Rev. Rogers died Thursday, July

18, in Lockney.

He was born Aug. 15, 1928, in Clarksville. He attended Howard Payne University and Southwestern Theological Seminary. He married Wanda Story on Oct. 19, 1947, in Thrift. He was a member and pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church in Lockney. He was a member of the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Lockney.

He was a Baptist minister, having served in Happy, Cactus, Shamrock, Skellyton, Ropesville, Friona and Lockney. He was pastor at Sunnyside Baptist from 1954 to 1960.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Clifford of Lubbock; three sisters, Naoma McClure of Electra, Monette Pemberton of Wichita Falls and Jo Ferguson of Gladewater; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church Building Fund.



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The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Bruce, Dixie grew up in Midland and graduated from Midland Lee High School. She attended Texas Tech and the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, receiving her R.N. diploma in 1967. In 1974, she earned a Nurse Practitioner's certificate in obstetrics/gynecology, and served several years in that specialized field. Then she attended West Texas State University, earning a B.S.N. degree in 1982.

Dixie also holds a Master of Theology

degree from SMU. As one of the requirements for that degree, she served as a chaplain at Lubbock Methodist Hospital in 1989-90.

She later returned to WTSU and received her Family Nurse Practitioner certification in 1992. She also has taught OB/GYN in the WTSU School of Nursing.

Dixie is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing.

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Dixie has two sons, Stan of Amarillo and Steve of Waco, and "the two most beautiful twin granddaughters in the universe."

We're proud to have Dixie as the Nurse Practitioner at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. We know that her patients will be in good hands.

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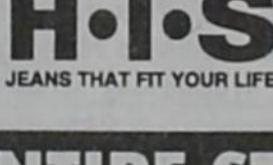
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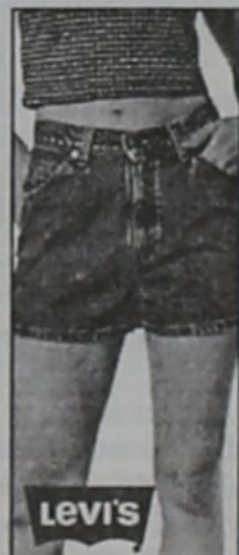
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