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Four inches in an hour!

Prayers for rain soon became cries of help for some farmers west of Dimmitt, including James Welch who received four inches of rain and devastating hail within an hour, as storms swept Castro County this past weekend.

Rain and hail pounded areas around Flagg, Sunnyside and Bethel Friday afternoon and evening, damaging many crops permanently.

Welch, who farms on the Charlie Graef place 15 miles southwest of Dimmitt, said that he lost 100% of his cotton and 50% of his wheat, but added, "The corn should come back."

Gregg Sides, who owns a place nine miles west and three miles south of Dimmitt, received two and a half to three inches of rain with pea- to marble-size hail.

"The hail just murdered the cotton and killed the corn," he said. "It looks as if they'll have to replant all the cotton and some of the corn on both sides of Highway 1524."

He also added, as did Don Graham of Dimmitt Agri Industries, that adjustors and consultants will be filing into Dimmitt assessing the damages, which could mount because of the continuing severe weather.

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> —Bethel farmer Gregg Sides

Castro County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland said that it was too early to conjure an exact estimate of the percentage of crops needing to be replanted.

As the storm moved east, though, it slowly decreased in energy. Jarrel Sewell of Cargill Grain in Hart estimated that they received around two inches over the entire weekend with some wind and hail damage.

Three inches of rain and some pea-sized hail fell six miles north of Nazareth, near Arnie, and east Castro County received only two inches and hardly any hail all weekend.

KDHN Radio, the official National Weather Service observer in Dimmitt, reported .75 inches of rain for that storm last Friday and 4.38 inches in the past week.



BOB HORTON, editorial writer for the Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal*, checks the progress of his simmering chili Saturday morning, several hours before the judging at the Castro Memorial VFW Post. Chili cooks from throughout the region had great weather for the competition.

Photo by Don Nelson

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By Don Nelson

Carroll Webb:

"The difference between a conservative and a liberal is that if a guy is drowning a hundred feet from shore, the conservative will throw him 50 feet of rope and tell him he'll have to swim halfway. The liberal will throw him 200 feet of rope—including both ends."

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Carl Bruegel is an irrepressible optimist, despite being a farmer.

I ran into him in the Post Office the other day.

"How's the world treatin' ya?" he asked.

I tossed one of his own lines back at him:

"If things were going any better, I don't think I could stand it," I said. "How're things with you?"

"Man, if it was any better, I'd have to hire somebody to help me enjoy it," he said.

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MEMORIAL DAY message for Castro Memorial Gardens is given Monday by Coby Gilbreath.

Photo by Don Nelson

100 garage sales planned Saturday

Thousands of bargain hunters will be in town Saturday for the eighth annual city-wide garage sale in Dimmitt.

Although the sale doesn't officially start until 8 a.m., shoppers usually start making their rounds at first light. Special maps with locations of "official" sales will be handed out by workers downtown on Saturday morning.

Over 100 families are expected to have garage sales Saturday. The sale is being advertised and promoted by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. The chamber is still accepting registration on sales. For $10, the sale will be listed on the maps and receive the benefit of the promotional blitz. Official sales also are marked by a special garage sale sign.

Booth spaces will also be set up on the courthouse square. Booth spaces are still available for $25 through the chamber.

Also helping to promote the sale this year is the Dimmitt Lions Club. The club has moved its annual Radio Day to this Saturday and will be broadcasting live from the gazebo at the courthouse from 9 a.m. to noon on KDHN, 1470 AM. The club will feature remote broadcasts and interviews from official garage sales in the city.

The maps and lists provided by the chamber to shoppers includes the seller, their address, and information about three main items or categories which will be for sale.

DISD offering free meals this summer

A summer food program will be offered this summer in Dimmitt for all persons 18 years of age and under.

The meals, breakfast and lunch, will be offered Monday through Friday beginning next week and going through July 28. The cafeteria will be closed July 3-4.

The summer food program is offered through the Dimmitt Independent School District by the US Dept. of Agriculture and the Texas Dept. Of Human Services.

"There is no registration, no fee, no application," said Charles Ketchum, director of the DISD food service. "They don't even have to be in school. They just have to be 18 or younger and come eat."

The meals will be offered only at the east cafeteria at Richardson Elementary School, 708 W. Stinson. Breakfast will be from 8 to 9 a.m., and lunch will be from noon to 1 p.m.

The school district will be reimbursed by the federal government for the cost of running the food service, including labor costs.

The program is not new in the

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Naz rodeo set this weekend

The wildest rodeo in the Texas Panhandle will make its 19th annual run Friday, Saturday and Sunday east of Nazareth.

The Nazareth Country Rodeo and Wild West Show will run Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. The rodeo will be held at Marvin Schulte's arena, five miles east of Nazareth on SH 86 behind Elmer's Package Store.

Admission for persons high school age and up is $5. Admission for persons 12 to high school is $2, and admission is free for kids under 12.

The rodeo is sanctioned by the Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association and stock is furnished by the Maverick Rodeo Co. of Tulia and the Nazareth Country Rodeo.

Traditional rodeo events will include bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding, bull dogging, calf roping, barrel racing, team roping, single steer roping and girls' breakaway roping.

Wild West events will include a wild horse race, wild cow milking, kids' calf scramble and kids' steer riding.

A rodeo dance will be held Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Rowdy Ace will perform for the dance. There will be a charge for admission.

Proceeds from the weekend's activities will benefit the Nazareth Fire Dept.

Clark is new president

Board eyes clinic options

Bill Clark is the new hospital board president.

He was elected at last Wednesday night's meeting, and will preside for the first time at a called meeting tonight (Thursday) at Plains Memorial Hospital.

James Welch, who has served a second stint as president during the past year, was elected vice-president, and Teresa Lindsey was elected board secretary.

All were elected without opposition. In conducting the election, Welch abstained from voting on all three offices, while Lindsey abstained on the secretary's vote.

Clark and Lindsey both have been on the hospital board for a year. Welch has been a trustee for 16 years and is starting his ninth term. Other board members are Carolyn Sides and Jerry Annen, both newly elected.

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The board opened bids from two firms for construction of a new rural health clinic building, but notified the bidders that they were going to take their time on making a decision because of taxpayers' reaction to the project.

The bids ranged from $551,360 to $592,710, depending on options.

All bids were referred to the building committee, headed by Clark, for study and a recommendation.

In the building committee report later in the meeting, Clark said his committee had looked over three existing buildings in Dimmitt to see if they could be remodeled to provide clinic facilities for three physicians and two mid-level practitioners.

Clark reported that the central portion of the shopping center in the 100 block of West Jones Street was "a real good prospect" because of its location, adequate parking facilities and good remodeling possibilities.

The vacant part of the shopping center is flanked by Edwards Laundry on the east end and Troy's Sweet Shop on the west end.

Hospital Administrator Steve Goode said the portion of the shopping center being looked at has approximately 4,760 sq. ft. of floor space, whereas a new clinic was planned to take up 8,000 sq. ft.

"The architect said this would be okay for a short-term solution but inadequate for the long term," Goode said.

"The entire building actually has 11,000 sq. ft.," Goode reported. "If we took in the WIC (Women's, Infants' and Children's Services) office, that would give us approximately 5,800 sq. ft., not counting the doughnut shop or laundry.

"If we had 5,800 sq. ft. to work with, we might find a way to make it work," Goode added.

Annen commented, "I went over there with a negative attitude, but from what I saw, it could be remodeled to work. There will be some real challenges, but the price per square foot is attractive."

Lindsey agreed.

The parking lot in front of the shopping center would accommodate 28 cars in two rows, Goode estimated.

"After looking at the bids on a new building tonight, I just feel like the building committee will be taking a real close look at that building," Clark commented.

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After a detailed discussion with Lab Director Jerald Hensley and Assistant Director Bob Beck on negotiations for new laboratory equipment, the board approved the purchase of a refurbished X-ray machine with a new film processor and a tomography unit.

Total cost of the equipment will be $104,500, including site preparation. New equipment of the same type would cost $160,000 or more, Hensley and Beck reported.

Installation is expected to take six weeks, Hensley said.

The board also voted to purchase a new coagulation machine for $8,500 and pay off the lease on the hematology (blood analyzer) machine at the Medical Center of

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Hereford man escapes serious injury in Friday morning wreck

An alert truck driver was able to avoid a head-on collision between his tractor-trailer rig and a pickup Friday morning, but the accident between the two vehicles still sent one man to the hospital.

James Zeissel, 57, of Amarillo, was driving his tractor-trailer rig north on US 385 about 13 miles north of Dimmitt at 1:20 a.m. Friday morning when he noticed a pickup cross the center stripe into his lane. He swerved his truck just enough to avoid a head-on crash, but the vehicles collided left front to left front, according to police reports.

The pickup, a 1977 Chevrolet, was driven by Casey Jones, 24, of Hereford. Jones was trapped inside the pickup and part of the vehicle had to be cut away to free him. He was taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries and he was released the next day.

The pickup was totaled and the truck sustained light damage.

According to reports, a fog had settled over the area and road conditions were wet when the accident occurred.

Zeissel was not injured in the accident.



THIS 1977 CHEVROLET PICKUP driven by Casey Jones, 24, of Hereford, was totaled after it collided with a tractor-trailer rig early Friday morning about 13 miles north of Dimmitt on US 385. Jones was trapped inside the vehicle and rescue workers had to cut away part of the vehicle to free him. He was taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center, was treated and was released the next day.

Photo by Scott Brockman



Good rainy day news!

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	60	44	.03
Friday	54	46	.91
Saturday	69	49	.75
Sunday	78	48	
Monday	71	48	1.05
Tuesday	57	49	.81
Wednesday	74	47	.83
May Moisture			**5.98**
1995 Moisture			**7.15**

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

Op-Ed

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Carl's Comments

By CARL KING

Your Texas Corn Growers' Association has won a lot of battles over the years. Unfortunately, we're still losing the war.

There are still too many forces in Washington that don't mind using agriculture as a scapegoat in budget cutting exercises.

We do have a good chairman in the House Agriculture Committee, Congressman Pat Roberts of Kansas. He thinks a lot like we do. And new Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman is another friend of the farmer.

But it will be tough for them to help us win the war in the writing of the 1995 Farm Bill.

It is very apparent that the 1995 Farm Bill will be written in Sen. Richard Lugar's budget committee. And if you've kept up with Lugar's views, you know he favors doing away with the target price, deficiency payment concept.

It's obvious that the Indiana senator doesn't understand production agriculture, other than a few acres in his home state.

We can only hope that the Senate Agriculture Committee won't play along with him. And that Sen. Robert Dole, the leading Republican presidential candidate, will remember his rural Kansas roots and the strength he has always received from the agricultural community.

If Lugar has his way, there will be a $6 billion drop in farm income the first year. And over a 10-year period, farm income will be down an average of $4 billion every year.

Do Mr. Lugar, Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey and others think we farmers keep that income at home? Do they not know that while our prices have remained at Depression levels, our expenses have risen out of sight?

Do these people think we'll be able to keep as many John Deere and Case IH factory workers on the job when we stop buying tractors and combines? What about the rural town merchants whose livelihood is directly tied to our success?

Agriculture has taken major budget cutting hits in recent years. As I testified before the House Ag Committee recently in Lubbock, if all federal spending had followed the pattern of agriculture spending over the past eight years, we would be in pretty good shape in this country.

If fairness is going to be applied, then agriculture should be left alone, because we have already taken more than our appropriate share of cuts.

All we ask is to be treated fairly. If the throat of agriculture is cut again, then the whole country is going to have problems.

As I've said before, TCGA and the American Corn Growers' Association will always fight for the corn farmer. But this can't be accomplished without your help.

No checkoff dollars are used to fund these efforts. That money is used solely for research and market development.

Your dues are what keep us going. That, along with private contributions, is what funds our legislative and lobbying efforts.

So if you've already paid this year's dues, we thank you. If not, please send it in today.

We've got a lot of work to do in the coming months. Again, there are people in Washington like Congressman Roberts and Secretary Glickman who understand our situation.

But we have to make sure others know the facts. We must be able to tell them that corn production and all of agriculture cannot survive if we are not allowed to obtain a fair price for our products.

Even though GATT and NAFTA are in place, there are still many countries selling grain and other commodities to the United States at subsidized prices. It's hard for us to compete with foreign farmers, as well as their treasuries.

Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national government?

Write and tell us about it. (*Castro County News*, Box 67, Dimmitt, 79027. *Also, see Letters Policy.*)

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call them, as well:

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Tom Haywood, 30th District:
Austin phone (512)463-0130.

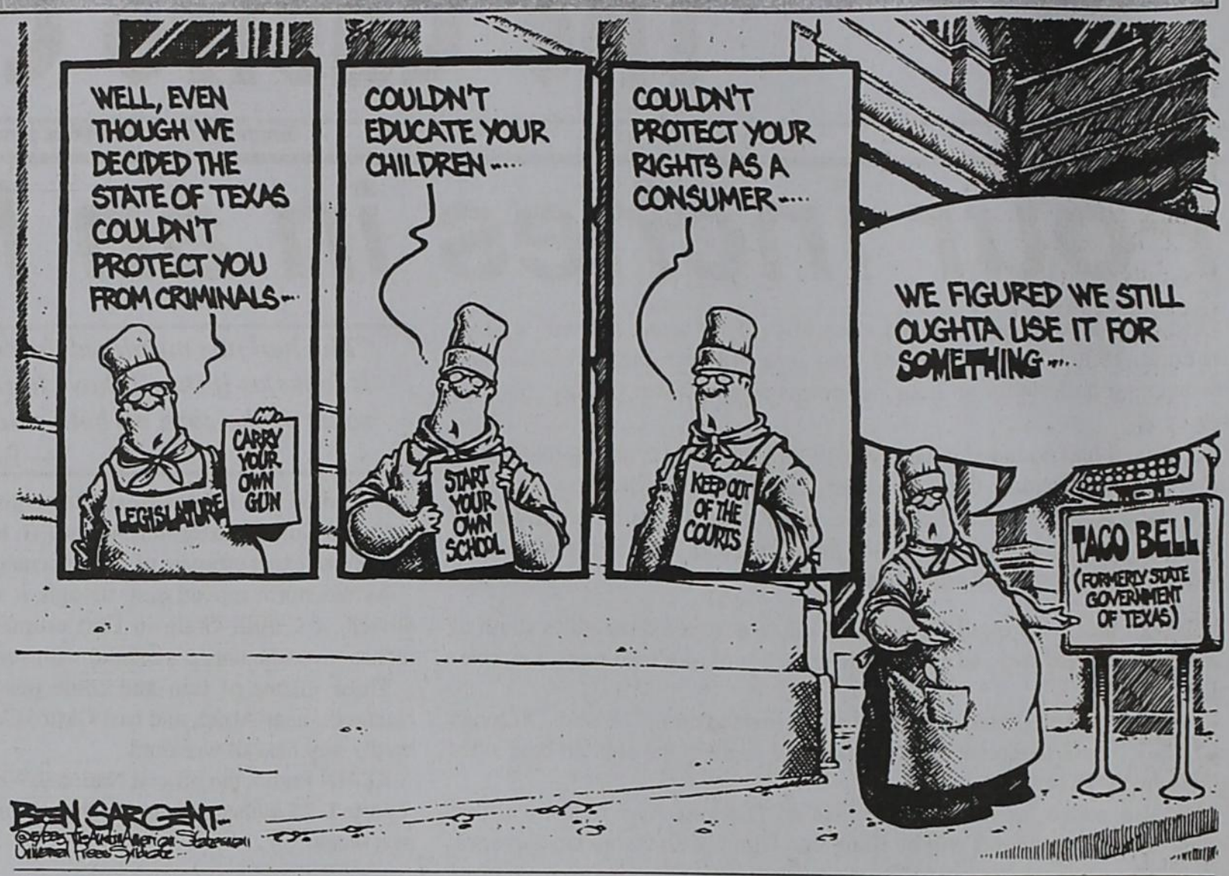
Teel Bivins, 31st District:
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Pete Laney, 85th District:
Speaker of the House. Austin phone (512)463-0604. Local office: P.O. Drawer 900, Hale Center, 79041; phone (806)839-2478.



State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — House and Senate negotiators gave final approval last week to a bill that would increase local control of schools, offer parents new school choices and require more days of class for most students.

The measure, which rewrites the state's education laws, is expected to pass both houses before the legislative session ends May 29.

Conference committee members said the reduction in state regulations and the increased authority for local school districts should prompt districts to develop better academic programs.

"The freedom that is given to local school districts to adapt to the educational needs of their children is probably the most meaningful change in this bill," said Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the House Public Education Committee.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, Senate Education Committee chairman, said that districts would have a free hand to make changes they think are desirable.

"We're trying to create a new mindset that local districts have the freedom to innovate and be creative, and not have to turn to the state for permission to do everything," Ratliff said.

Sen. Greg Luna, D-San Antonio, was the only member of the conference committee who opposed the compromise measure.

Luna said the $170 million contained in the bill for school construction is inadequate for property-poor school districts.

The voucher program, which was included in Sen. Ratliff's original bill, and was supported by Gov. George W. Bush, was killed by the conference committee.

While vouchers were rejected, the committee did adopt a public school choice program that would allow students in low-performing schools to transfer to another school in their district or a neighboring district using "public education grants" from the state.

Bush Likes Welfare Bill

Meanwhile, Gov. Bush, who had been critical of a welfare bill that emerged from conference committee, said he is pleased that lawmakers changed the bill to require a five-year wait before reapplying for welfare benefits.

The bill was voted out of conference committee with a three-year wait, but Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, persuaded some lawmakers to change the wait to five years.

"I am very pleased that happened," Bush said. "Texas must say to the able-bodied, 'You can be on welfare for a limited period of time, and then you're off.' The five-year time limit recognizes some may need to recycle on for legitimate needs."

Bill Increases Tuition

A measure negotiated by a House-Senate conference committee to raise tuition at Texas' public universities was approved by the House and Senate last week.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, would continue $2 per semester hour annual increases in undergraduate tuition until fiscal year 2001, when it would reach $40 per hour.

The measure would boost out-of-state student tuition to the level charged by the other five most populous states. That would mean an increase from $171 per semester hour to an estimated $222.

One provision of the bill, however, would allow out-of-state athletes to attend Texas universities at the much-lower in-state rate.

"It puts Texas schools on a parity with other states in recruiting star athletes," Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said.

It was at Armbrister's suggestion that the provision was added to the tuition bill during debate in the Senate.

Food Stamp Card Launched

State Comptroller John Sharp last week formerly initiated a new system of electronic welfare benefits for Dallas.

Sharp, Mayor-elect Ron Kirk and other Dallas officials formally launched the new Lone Star card system at a grocery store in Lakewood, near Dallas.

The Lone Star card works like a charge card, allowing welfare recipients to purchase food without stamps and to receive monthly cash benefits without waiting for a check from Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

Officials believe all Dallas welfare recipients will have received their cards by June 1, when more than 200,000 families in the Dallas area will switch to the cards.

Other Highlights

- The Senate has sent Gov. Bush a bill that would deregulate the state trucking industry to conform with federal law and transfer regulatory authority over registration and safety from the Texas Railroad Commission to the state departments of Transportation and Public Safety.
- The House gave final approval to a major anti-crime bill, but an amendment by Rep. Clyde Alexander, D-Athens, to legalize police checkpoints to catch drunken drivers, failed, 84-57, 10 votes short of passage.
- A package of Medicaid overhaul bills were unanimously approved by the Senate and sent to Gov. Bush's desk. Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, told lawmakers the measures will save the state $6 billion in the next five years.

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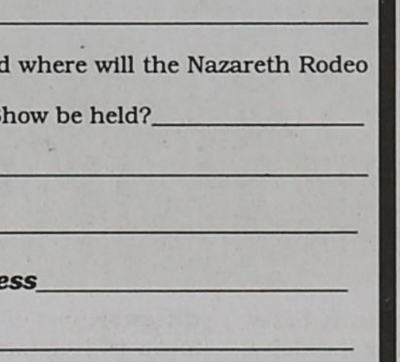
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Classifieds gets results

Last Puzzle Solution



News Quiz

This newspaper quiz for prizes is open to all students in the county. All the answers are in this issue. After completing the test, deliver it or mail it to the *Castro County News*, 108 W. Bedford St., P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt 79027. Tests will be graded at 4 p.m. Monday. All test sheets with perfect scores will go into a drawing Tuesday for a free 2-liter soft drink, and the winner will be notified. Each week's winning test will go into a drawing for a $200 Grand Prize to be held in November.

LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Margie Durbin.

✍ **1.** Allsups is holding a special contest called Rattlesnake Roundup. What is the amount of cash and prizes which will be awarded?

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✍ **2.** Who are the retiring teachers from Dimmitt Middle School?_____

✍ **3.** Who is author of the News' "Minding Your Own Business" column and the book, *Up Against the Wal-Marts*?_____

✍ **4.** Who is sponsoring Dimmitt's eighth annual city-wide garage sale?_____

✍ **5.** Who won the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest? _____

✍ **6.** Who were the first place winners in brisket, chicken ribs, chili and showmanship at the cookoff held Saturday at the Dimmitt VFW?

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✍ **7.** Name the Dimmitt baseball player named first-team all-district and tell what position he plays._____

✍ **8.** When does the Castro County Museum Association meet this week?_____

✍ **9.** What is the new "treat" offered for sale at Dairy Queen?_____

✍ **10.** When and where will the Nazareth Rodeo and Wild West Show be held?_____

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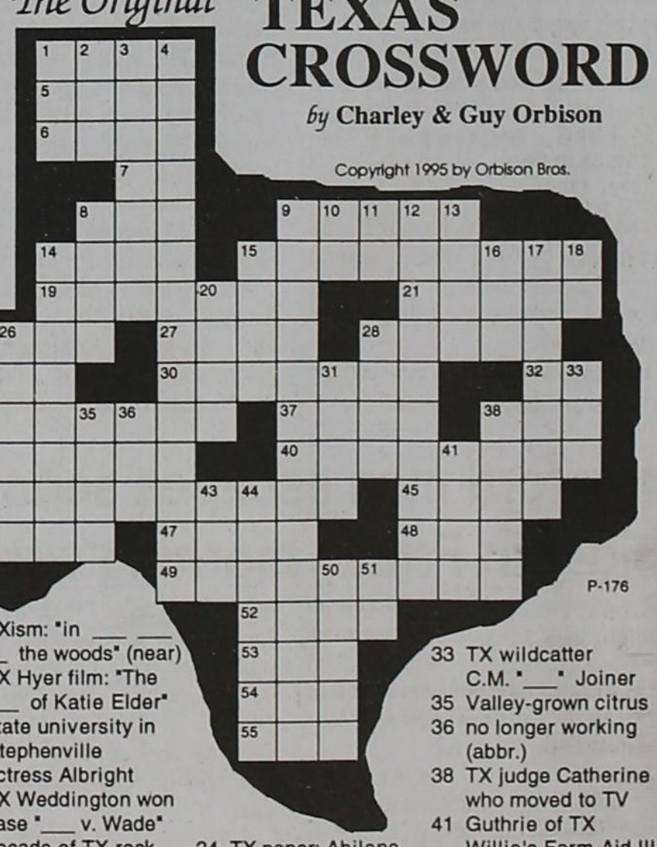
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ACROSS

1 in Wichita Co. on 287: ___ Park
5 new TX Rangers announcer Sham
6 TXism: "suits __ __ a fare-thee-well"
7 TXism: "dry __ popped corn"
8 pool hall stick
9 Houston's Tenneco makes fork ____
14 TX Hank Thompson's "Six Pack __ __"
15 19th cent. TX novel: "The Head___ ____man"
19 TXism: "nervous __ _ ___ in a frying pan"
21 TXism: "worth his weight __ ___ leases" (rich)
22 "_____ with the enemy" (treason)
27 TX Bush alma mater
28 TX John Connally served on carrier USS _____ in WWII
29 tied after 2 hands of "42" (2 wds.)
30 TXism: "never sign anything in the glow __ _ ___ light"
32 Oiler score
34 TXism: "lower than a snake's belly in _ ____ __"
37 early resident of Danevang, TX
38 TX Bush was head of this secret agency
39 Utah Lake is _____ than TX lakes
40 TXism: "__ _____ of his own shadow" (afraid)
42 boarding house sign (3 wds.)
45 TX singer Kristofferson
46 TXism: "_ ___-loop man" (good roper)
47 TX Steve Martin's "The Man ___ Two Brains"
48 Grand ___ Opry
49 TXism: "__ ____ ___ a stepper" (easy)
52 this continent imports half of TX mohair
53 voting month (abbr.)
54 "O" of IOU
55 initials of TX pitching legend

DOWN

1 TX Perot was salesman for this corp.
2 TX mine output
3 Ft. worth suburb
4 TXism: "I'm gonna give you _ ___ __ ___ __ medicine" (retaliate)
8 TXism: "___ an arm and a leg" (expensive)
9 TXism: "he's a _____ __ ___ ___ mind" (ego)
10 "__ Anybody Goin' to San Antone?"
11 Sinatra of "Four for Texas" (init.)
12 TXism: "in ___ ___ __ the woods" (near)
13 TX Hyer film: "The ___ of Katie Elder"
14 state university in Stephenville
15 actress Albright
16 TX Weddington won case "___ v. Wade"
17 decade of TX rock group "Mysterians"
18 __ Fenix
20 can ride one down the Guadalupe
22 each one has its own seat (abbr.)
23 TXism: "fits like hide __ _ horse"
24 TX paper: Abilene Reporter ____
25 Africa desert
26 Houston wed Tiana, daughter of Chief ___-___-te-ka
28 years and years
31 Beaumont is located in ___ TX
33 TX wildcatter C.M. "___" Joiner
35 Valley-grown citrus
36 no longer working (abbr.)
38 TX judge Catherine who moved to TV
41 Guthrie of TX Willie's Farm Aid III
43 ___ Grande Valley
44 Dimmitt fructose plant produces _____ from corn
50 edibile cow gland
51 in Nacogdoches, oldest U.S. road: "__ Calle del Norte"

On the Go

With
Mary Edna Hendrix
647-3343

An appreciation rally was held in Levelland on May 23 at the First Baptist Church for the work of the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) of Texas down through the years. Our Baptist church was represented.

Since the beginning of WMU in 1888, the women of WMU have faithfully served in teaching, supporting and praying for Southern Baptist Missions. They have been the mission soul of Baptist life.

The program was presented by some 50 members of the SONshine Choir, and quartet numbers, testimonies of what WMU has meant to me through Texas WMU, and the guest speaker, Mrs. Ophelia Humphrey of Amarillo, former president of Texas WMU.

All WMU women were urged to continue supporting the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for foreign and home missions.

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Emily Ramey went with Tom and Argen Draper of Hereford to Tahoka for the baccalaureate sermon for Susan Draper who was valedictorian of her class of 32 graduates. Susan is the daughter of Milt and Dorothy (Wright) Draper, and she has a sister, Amy. Dorothy is a former Dimmitt resident and graduated from Dimmit High School. Milt cooked a breakfast of bacon, eggs, hot biscuits, cantaloupe and coffee for the visitors. They enjoyed visiting over the weekend.

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The birthday group celebrated Edna Reinart's birthday after church on Sunday at the Sirloin Stockade restaurant in Hereford. This group gets special attention at this restaurant since they have been celebrating birthdays there for a long time, and they usually get a birthday cake for the honored guest. Those attending on Sunday were Rosetta Bellinghausen, Charles and Rena Richard, Lawrence and Vernice Green, Leander and Clara Reinart, Donald and Agnes Schilling and Andy and Oleda Schumacher.

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Don and Sandra Robb and Ted Robb of Idalou were in Dimmitt recently visiting their mother, Madge Robb. They enjoyed visiting, and they took Madge out to eat at K-Bob's.

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V.C. and Dorothy Hopson and Van and Carole Hopson entertained relatives of Cody Fry Hopson who was graduating from Dimmitt High School. Family members came from Amarillo, Odessa and Bowie.

After entertaining Cody's relatives, V.C. and Dorothy drove to Rocky Ford, Colo. to visit James and Joyce Autry. James was competing in the cutting horse contest.

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On Sunday morning the Youth Directors of the Sunday School class at First Baptist Church served breakfast to the graduates and their parents before the morning service where the graduates were honored. Members of the Senior class of 1995 and members of the First Baptist Church are Kelley Boyd, Mandy Davis, Cody Fry, Danny George, Jill Gfeller, Carla Petty, Angelique Pfaff, Tiffany Smith, Tiffany Wilcox and Holly Wise.

Debbie Annen had made three large breakfast casseroles and had one left so she brought it to the Sunday School class of older women where she is the teacher, and we enjoyed it very much. Thanks Debbie.

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Bobbie and Wanda Murdock entertained Brad's family, Rhonda, Holly and Katie Murdock of Portales over the weekend. Brad is in Korea for six months.

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Cleo Forson served as hostess for Elizabeth Huckabay for the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Cleo served a delicious chess pie for dessert. Johnnie Vannoy won high score and Helen Braafladt won second high score. Others playing were members, Edith Graef, Louise Mears, Ferne Dickey, Loranell Hamilton, Dugan Butler, Alma Kenmore, and Neva Hickey; and guests, Bill Thornton and Mary Small.

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Alene Lilley's two daughters, Mavis Lewis of Houston and Jean Victory of Tulsa, surprised her on Mother's Day. Freddie and Jerry Lilley took Alene to Furr's in Plainview for lunch, and there were Alene's two daughters who were here for the weekend to surprise their mother.

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Amelia Barrera flew to Harlingen and onto Mission to be with her mother for a week. She also enjoyed being with other members of her family. She had a few delays in flying due to storms.

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The Golden Acres Senior Citizens held their monthly birthday dinner May 23, honoring birthday girls Mary Cox, Susie Reeves and Virgie Davis.

Present for the celebration were Cox, Reeves, Ida Mae Moore, Alene Lilley, Una Ward, Johnnye Davis, Fay Ethridge, Grace Anderson, Gladys Hampton, Inez, Lee, Mavis Tittle, Wreathel Green, Edith Richardson, Helen Wilmuth, Cleo Parks, Rhea Killion, Dub Cline, and Roy Hollums.

Those attending enjoyed sandwiches, chips and dips, desserts, iced tea and coffee.

Later, three visitors came by, Cindy Odom and two girls, to visit Mr. Hollums.

Ruidoso was the scene for a few of the tennis gang this Memorial Day holiday. Kay Kellar, Deanne Clark, Doricell Davis, Janet Hand and Linda Langford stayed in Kay's cabin and celebrated Linda's birthday all weekend. She even had her birthday wishes displayed on the Pizza Hut marquis. They saw the James Sims family and the Doug Setliff family while there and did some eating, shopping, resting and tennis.

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M. Loys Raymer, former Dimmittite, visited the L.C. McLains this past Monday to celebrate Laurence's birthday. She also visited her brothers, Joe Carver and Grady, as well as had lunch with Maxine Tidwell, Carolyn Jones, Mitzi Brockman and Deanne Clark. Geneva Schaeffer sent flowers in her absence. Mrs. Raymer lives in Shady Shores, Texas and works in Lewisville at the family bindery.



RETIRING TEACHERS HONORED—Verbie Nelson (left) and Waurayne Hughes, language arts teachers in Dimmitt Middle School, retired at the end of this school year. They received flowers and crystal pieces during the DISD's Employee Appreciation Dinner May 22, and also were honored Friday morning at the school with a surprise reception where they received commemorative clocks and plaques. Mrs. Nelson has taught here 24 years and Mrs. Hughes 34.

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Memorial Day was celebrated in Holy Family Church with a mass for the living and deceased veterans, officiated by Father Neal Dee. Everyone then enjoyed breakfast at the Nazareth Legion Hall. Guests were Father Neal Dee and Nazareth School Superintendent Dean Johnson. Julius Birkenfeld, president of the Nazareth Legion Post, made the program interesting by asking veterans to share with the group where they had been while in service and which service they were in. Alvin Anderle gave a specially good account of his service days.

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Many relatives and friends attended the wedding of Dana Gerber and Joe Kleman May 20 in Holy Family Church, with Rev. Neal Dee officiating. Reception and dance were held at the Nazareth Community Hall.

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Many friends from Nazareth attended the 25th ordination to the priesthood celebration for Monsignor Harold Waldo at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Amarillo.

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Dorothy and Leroy Pohlmeier drove to De Soto to attend their grandson Clint Kendrick's graduation from De Soto High School. Clint is the son of Rob and Linda Kendrick. The graduation was held at the SMU Coliseum. Clint plans to go on to college. Also attending were Monette, Gaylon, Heather and Eric Schilling of Dimmitt.

Leroy and Dorothy also visited with Paul Pohlmeier at a rest home in Knox City on their return trip home.

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Many friends and relatives attended the wedding celebration of Leroy Schulte and Jenny Jones on Saturday, May 27, in Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee, presiding.

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Gene and Susie Gerber of Odessa, Jenny Gerber of San Marcos, and Natalie and Ralph Grosser of Houston attended the Schulte-Jones wedding. They also visited with Virgie Gerber and family, and Louise Braddock and family.

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A bridal shower honoring Trudy Clark of Dallas, bride-elect of Kenny Kern, was well attended Sunday afternoon at the home of Beverly Hill.

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Arnold and Catherine Huseman, Marlene Acker, and Anita Fischbacker of Canyon drove to Yukon, Okla. to attend graduation ceremonies for Sabrina Pohlmeier, daughter of Ralph and Emalene Pohlmeier of Yukon. Sabrina was ranked 15th in a class of 450 students.

Emalene then joined her parents, the Husemans and sisters, Anita and Marlene, as they drove to Abilene for the wedding of Chad and Terry Huseman. Chad is the son of Edwin and Irene Huseman of Dumas.

On the way to Abilene they stopped in Chickasaw, Okla. to visit with an army friend of Arnold's, one that he had not seen in 40 years.

RES wins UIL meet

Richardson Elementary third graders recently won the district title at the UIL competition.

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Jones, Schulte exchange vows Saturday in Holy Family Church

Jenny Jones became the bride of Leroy Schulte Saturday when the two exchanged wedding vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. Father Neal Dee officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Larren and Celine Jones of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Floyd and Dorothy Schulte, also of Nazareth.

Floral arrangements of red roses and gladioli decorated the altars. The sanctuary area was decorated with spiral candelabras. Red and silver bows marked the pews.

Courtney Hoelting served as pianist and soloist. Melinda Schmucker also was a soloist.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore an elegant gown of white satin and Italian lace designed by Ilissa for Demetrios. The bodice was beaded with sequins and pearls and it featured an off-the-shoulder neckline, long sleeves and a basque waistline. The gown was highlighted with a detachable semi-cathedral train which was adorned with beaded lace appliques. She wore pearl earrings and a pearl necklace to complete the look.

Maid of honor was Kim Dobmeier, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kelly Jones of Nazareth, sister of the bride; Dana Schulte of Amarillo, sister of the groom; Ashley Hoelting of Nazareth, cousin of the bride; and Tracy Drerup of Canyon and Shelly Schulte of Nazareth, friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore floor-length gowns of red wedgewood taffeta designed with a sleeveless balero. They wore pearl earrings and necklaces.



MRS. LEROY SCHULTE
. . . nee Jennifer Jones

Best man was Roger Schulte of Lubbock, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Doyle Schulte of Nazareth, brother of the groom; Malcom Jones of Nazareth, brother of the bride; Bob Wilhelm of Nazareth, friend of the bride; Curtis Durbin of Nazareth, cousin of the groom; and Stan Schulte of Nazareth, friend of the groom.

Susan Jones and Erin Jones, both of Nazareth, sisters of the bride, were candlelighters.

Glen Reinart of Hereford, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer. Flower girl was Chelsea Schulte of Nazareth, the groom's niece.

Ushers were Dan Braddock of Amarillo, cousin of the groom; and Dean Schacher, Don Birkenfeld and Mickey Hochstein, all of Nazareth, friends of the groom.

After the wedding, a reception honoring the couple was held at the Nazareth Community Hall. Tables were decorated with white and red skirts and held white baskets filled with potpourri.

The bride selected a navy blue pantsuit with white stripes for her traveling attire.

The couple are enjoying a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev. and will make their new home in Nazareth.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Nazareth High School and she is attending Amarillo College.

The groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1987 and he is self-employed as a farmer and rancher at Nazareth.

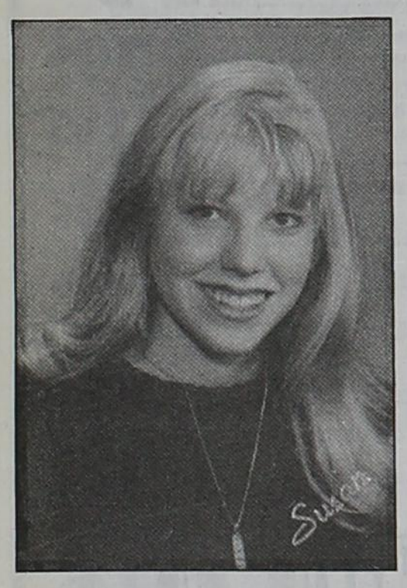
Museum group meets tonight

The Castro County Museum Association will hold its regular monthly meeting today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

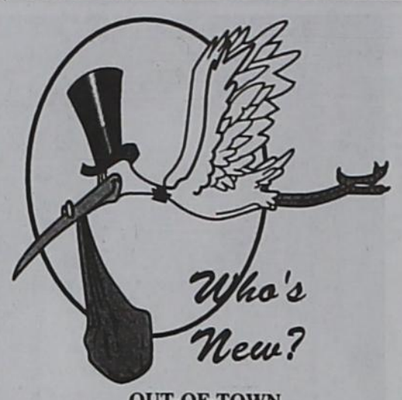
The meeting is open to all interested persons.



LENORA RAMEY, granddaughter of Emily Ramey of Dimmitt, graduated from Quincy University in Quincy, Ill. Saturday night. Miss Ramey attended Quincy on a four-year soccer scholarship and she earned her degree in marketing. *Courtesy Photo*



TAHOKA VALEDICTORIAN—Susan Draper, daughter of Milt and Dorothy Draper, is valedictorian of Tahoka High School. She received a number of scholarships, including a music scholarship to Wayland Baptist University. Among those attending the baccalaureate services Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Draper and Emily Ramey.
Courtesy Photo



OUT-OF-TOWN

It's a boy for Oscar and Amy Medelline of Lubbock. He was born May 1 in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs., was 20 inches long and has been named Bryce Alexander. Grandparents are Sue Dishman of McKinney and Lydia Fierro of Dimmitt.

Bridal shower honors Harman

Renea Harman, bride-elect of Greg Goodwin was honored with a bridal shower recently in the home of Kay Gfeller.

The 36 hostesses presented the honoree with a barbecue grill and cover.

The serving table was covered with a lace cloth and it held a floral arrangement of white magnolias accented with crystal candlesticks. Almond punch, strawberries and fruit bars were served from mirrored trays.

Special guests were the bride-elect's grandmothers, Bea Cole and Paula Harman; the honoree's mother, Carolyn Harman; the bride-to-be's close friend, Fawn Houseman; the prospective groom's mother, Carmen Goodwin; and his sister, Laurie.

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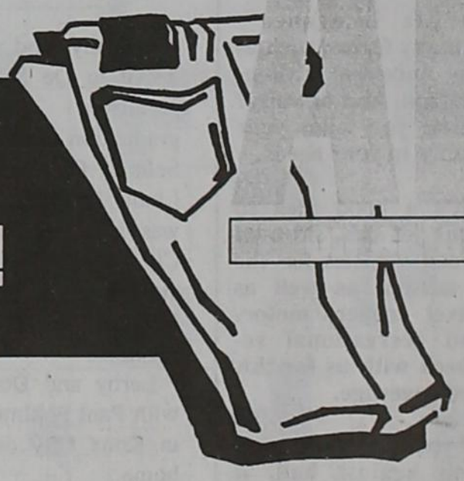
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Sue Crozier and Gary Fields

August vows planned

Bob and Jackie Crozier of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sue, to Gary Fields, son of Juanda Fields of Sudan and the late Louis Fields.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. on Aug. 5 at the First Baptist Church in Sudan.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from Tarleton State University in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural business. She is employed in Muleshoe by the US Dept. Of Agriculture as assistant county supervisor for Rural Economic and Community Development.

The prospective groom is a 1982 graduate of Sudan High School. He earned an associate degree in animal science from South Plains College in Levelland and a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics from Tarleton State University in 1987. He works as plant operator at the Southwestern Public Service Tolk Station.

While the two were attending Tarleton they were members of the Block and Bridle and Rodeo clubs. He was president of the Rodeo Club, was a member of Collegiate 4-H and coached the Stephenville 4-H horse judging team.

They plan to reside in Sudan.

Methodist Conference planned

Both Dimmitt's and Hart's United Methodist Churches will be represented in Amarillo for the 86th Session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference today (Thursday) through Sunday.

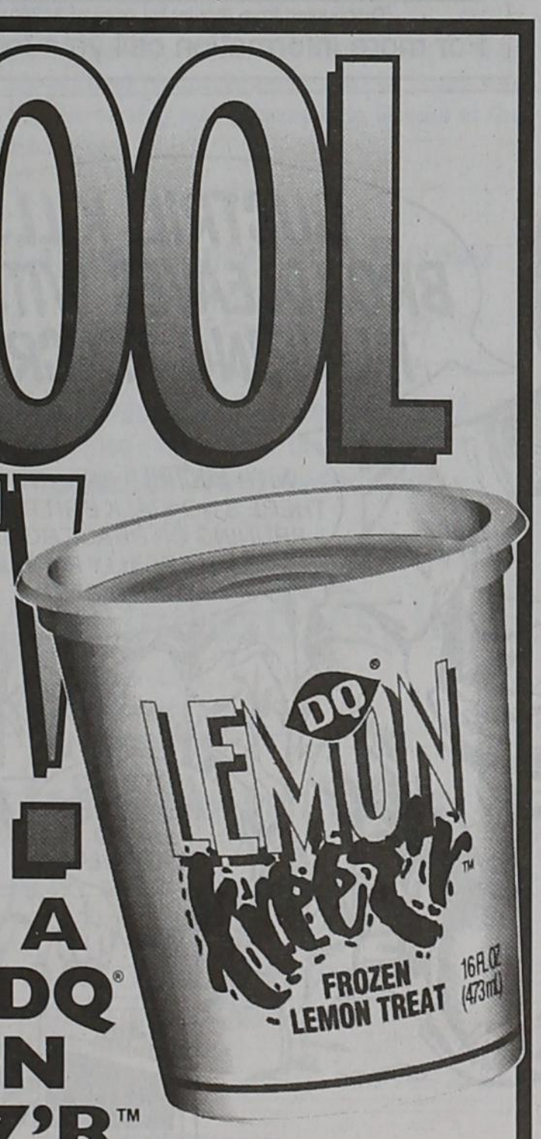
Bishop Alfred L. Norris will preside at the sessions in the Amarillo Civic Center Exhibit Hall. The theme of the event is "Share the Gift of Jesus Christ." Hosting this event will be over 9,000 United Methodists in the greater Amarillo area.

Representing the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt will be Rev. Johnny Robertson, who is a clergy member of the Northwest Texas Conference, Mildred Bradford and Ricky Kuntz, lay members of the Conference.

The First United Methodist Church in Hart will be represented by Rev. Lilith Ardhuerumly, who is a clergy member of the Northwest Texas Conference, and Robert Hawkins, lay member of the Conference. Hart will be welcoming a new pastor, Rev. Greg Kennedy.

Dr. Zan Holmes, pastor of St. Luke's Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, will be the Conference Preacher. Bishop Norris will preach for the Service of Ordination and Consecration on Sunday afternoon.

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Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

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"Where's the Power" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's Pentecost sermon at Sunday morning's worship service at 11 a.m. Communion will be celebrated.

Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ

Dr. B.D. Murphy will present a program on his most recent mission trip to Ukraine at 7 p.m. Monday at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ. The public is invited to attend.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is in charge of the services for Canterbury Villa at 9 a.m. Sunday. Church members are encouraged to participate.

Penetecost will be celebrated Sunday with a special Pentecost offering to be taken up to benefit the building fund.

The evening worship services are being moved to 7 p.m. for the duration of the summer.

This Sunday night, Dr. B.D. Murphy will present a program on his most recent mission trip to Ukraine. After the program, there will be an ice cream fellowship, and the public is invited to come hear the program and share in the fellowship.

Dr. Murphy will also present his program at 7 p.m. Monday at Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ.

The congregation is sharing in Backyard Fellowships on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. The host for Wednesday (June 7) will be the Hardwicks at the parsonage. Those attending are asked to bring favorite dips, soft drinks and taco toppings.

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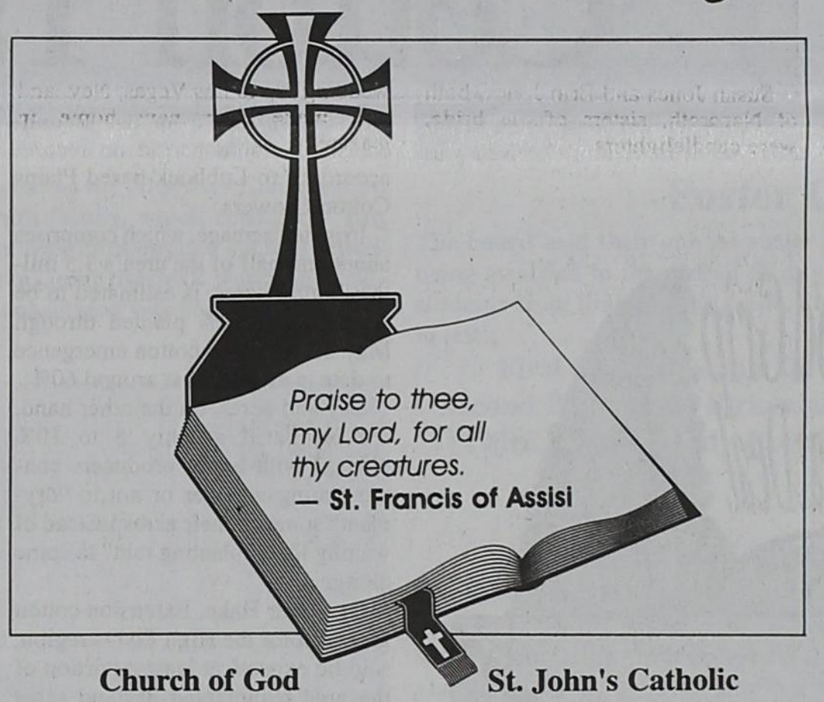
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By DON TAYLOR

How to avoid getting a job

I like to watch animals. The human species is a particularly interesting group to observe. Recently, while in the Atlanta Airport, I watched and listened to several young men while away the time before their flight.

Apparently, they were college seniors on their way to interview for jobs with a company in Dallas. They were swapping techniques they would use to get hired.

The actions of one young man in particular drew my attention. He was physically expressive and very vocal. He said he knew how to avoid interviewing traps, and proceeded to tell the others his views on getting hired. He talked a pretty good game and might get hired, if personnel managers hold interviews in confessional booths.

I'm sure fellow students consider his two-colored hair campy, cool or in vogue just now. And, I'm certain that multiple earrings are also in style. Nose rings and tattoos are surely fashion statements. However, I'll bet $100 the young man with all of that *fashion* didn't get hired.

Thanks, but no thanks

Here are several other tips for anyone who is trying to avoid getting a job.

- Punch up your resume with a little creativity. Ad-lib a little about grade point averages, job titles, responsibilities and salary levels. Nobody really checks resume details, do they?
- Don't bother to study the company you are interviewing with. Larry King never reads about the guests he's interviewing. If it works for Larry, it should work for you, too.
- Arrive a little late or very early for the interview. Employers want people who can bring variety to the job, don't they?
- Don't pay any attention to the receptionist or secretary who greets you. Save your personality for the interviewer. You don't have to be courteous to anyone who will be lower on the totem pole than you will be.
- Wear clothes you really like to wear. Remember, the idea is to stand out in the interview process. Never visit a company ahead of time to see how employees dress. You don't want to be "just another sheep."
- Have a canned opening monologue that contains a couple of good jokes. It's best to let them know that you have quite a sense of humor. Don't worry if the jokes are a little racy. After all, you don't want to work for a bunch of stuffed shirts do you?
- Bring up the salary early in the interview. Might as well let them know from the start that you aren't going to accept any low-ball offers. Don't let them sell you on the job and then try to get you to work for peanuts.
- If your last boss was a jerk, make certain this one knows you won't put up with an idiot for a boss. Life is too short to work for another jerk.
- Share what you know. You may only get one chance to impress the interviewer. Therefore, don't be afraid to tell them all you know. Even if it isn't remotely relevant to this job or interview, assume that you can impress your interviewer with all of your extra knowledge. Knowledge is power, you know.
- Don't hesitate to volunteer personal information. By sharing your personal problems and quirks, you may establish a bond with the interviewer. They've got problems, too.
- Make certain the interviewer knows you're going to take your time in considering your options. Leave the impression that you're getting a lot of offers.

These suggestions should keep you on the unemployment rolls for a long time. However, if your objective is to get hired and enjoy your new job, you might want to do just the opposite of all we've suggested.

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

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By SCOTTY ABBOTT
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Failed acres must be reported to the CFSA office before those acres can be used in any other way. Failure to report could result in a loss of program benefits and/or crop acreage base credit.

Producers must immediately report to CFSA any failed crops on which he or she purchased the CAT insurance. The crop will have to be appraised before the failed acreage can be used any other way.

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The final planting date for planting grain sorghum in Castro County will be June 30. Corn should have been planted by May 15 and cotton should have been sowed by Wednesday.

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The 1995 crop loan rates for Castro County are $2.63 per bushel for wheat; $1.79 per bushel for barley, $1.05 per bushel for oats and $1.53 per bushel for rye.

County producers get okay to graze and hay ACR, CU

Castro County has been approved for emergency haying and grazing of Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR) and Conserving Use (CU) for Pay acres due to drought conditions.

The order will allow producers to graze or hay the specified acres beginning today (Thursday) and continuing through Oct. 31.

The Castro County Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA) Committee has also asked for authority to allow haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreages due to drought conditions suffered by livestock producers, but the agency has not been approved at this time.

Producers who wish to hay and graze these acres must contact the Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA) to sign a register (DF-18) and report the acres to be hayed or grazed on Form ASCS-578.

Failure to make the request and sign the register will render the acreage ineligible for ACR and CU for Payment acreage and a maintenance default will be assessed the producer.

If a producer elects to sell standing or harvested hay, or rent or lease the grazing privilege to a livestock producer, that producer must provide CFSA with a copy of the signed statement from the livestock producer who is buying, leasing or grazing the hay. The statement must say that they will not resell the hay or subrent or sublease the grazing privileges to anyone, and that the hay or grazing will be used only to feed livestock owned or leased by that livestock producer.

To remain eligible for program benefits, producers who request emergency haying and grazing of approved cover on ACR and CU for payment acreage must do the following:

* Do not remove cover to the extent that the land is exposed to wind and water erosion.

* Do not harvest the approved cover.

* Do not hay or graze wildlife food plots, wildlife habitat, alfalfa that is irrigated or could be irrigated or any small grains left standing.

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Cotton Talks

Planting cotton on the High Plains of Texas in 1995 hasn't been easy as the area suffers from the second-driest 12-month period on record, according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers.

Irrigated acreage, which comprises about one-half of the area's 3.5 million cotton acres, is estimated to be about 80 to 90% planted through May 26. Irrigated cotton emergence to date is estimated at around 60%.

Dryland acres, on the other hand, are estimated at only 5 to 10% planted with many producers contemplating whether or not to "dry-plant" some of their acres instead of waiting for a "planting rain" to come along.

Dr. Kater Hake, Extension cotton specialist for the High Plains region, said he expects at least a portion of the area's unplanted dryland acres will be planted in a dry seedbed. Hake is advising producers who are thinking about dry-planting cotton to be conservative and only plant part of their dryland acres in this manner.

"Currently there is still enough time for producers to implement some strategy into their planting efforts," Hake said. "We still have a little time to get a planting rain. The key will be in getting the number of acres to be planted following that rain down to a manageable level."

Hake's advice is to dry-plant enough cotton acreage so that following a planting rain the producer can easily plant all unplanted acreage in four to five days.

Of the acreage already planted and up to a stand, most appears to be in good shape. Producers in some areas may see some increase in seedling disease pressure following several days of cool, damp weather; however, the crop is off to a good start overall.

For producers concerned about the possibility of being prevented from ever planting the 1995 crop, the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) just issued some revised regulations for producers with crop insurance.

The revised provisions relate to a producer's options under the Federal Crop Insurance program.

For more information about the changes, producers should contact their county Consolidated Farm Service Agency office.

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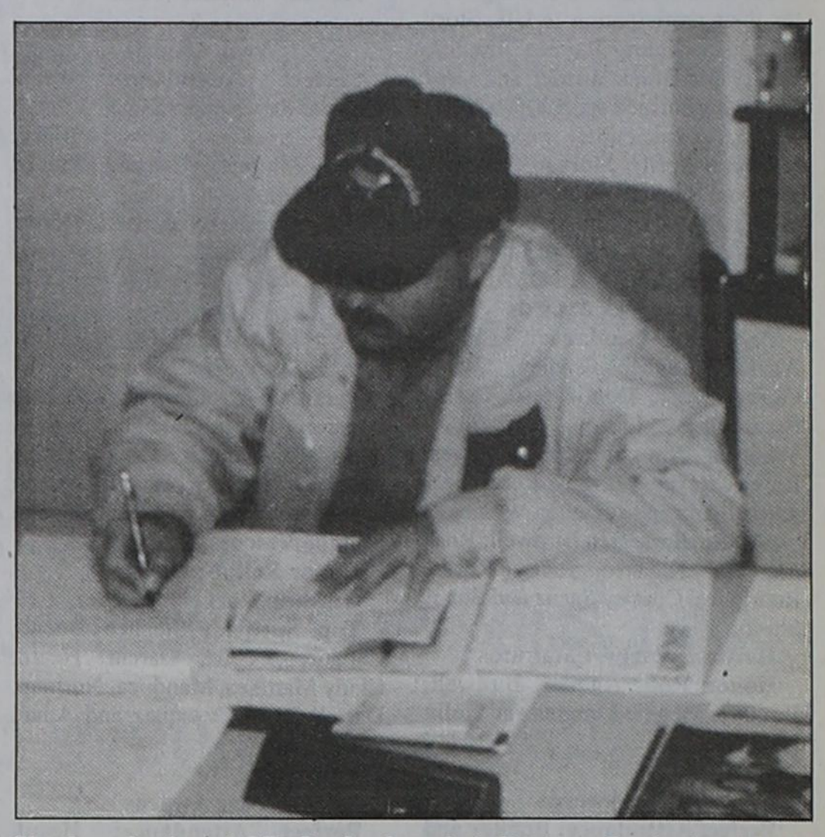
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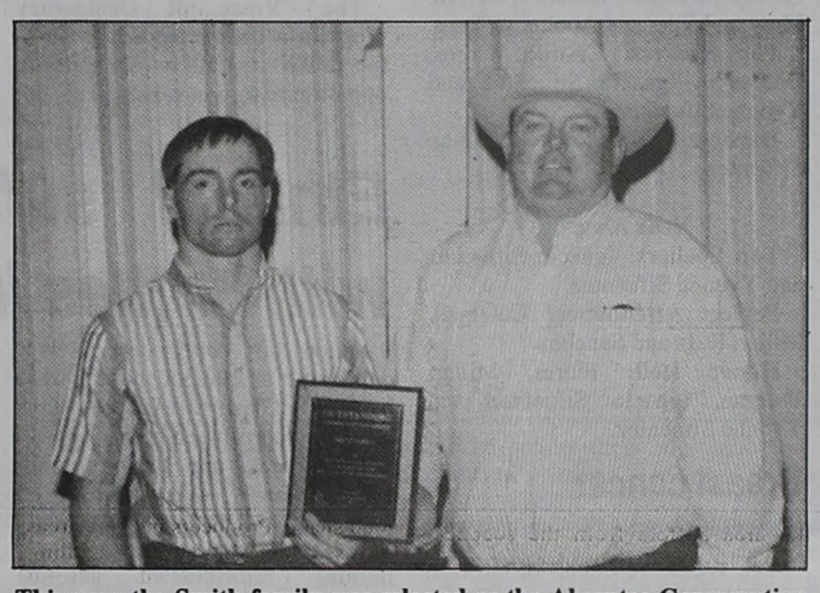
The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District honored their county winners at their annual awards banquet. The awards banquet was held at the Expo building with a steak meal and all the trimmings being provided. The steaks were cooked by E. M. Jones and Arnold Gilcrease. This year about 75 people attended the banquet and enjoyed a program that included a slide presentation by Robert Jacobson.



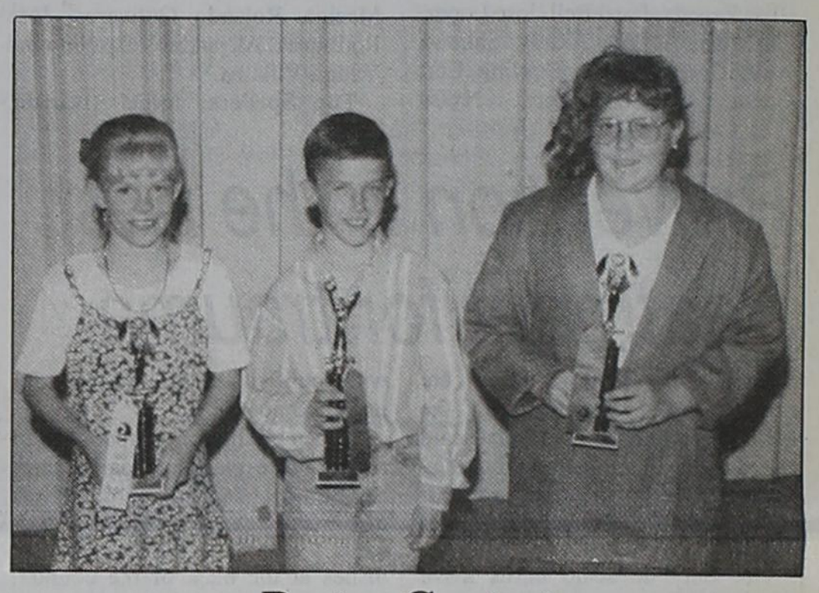
This year the district honored Arnold and Catherine Huseman. Arnold served on the Board of the Running Water SWCD for 10 years. During that time he served as vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer. He provided leadership and guidance for Zone 1 during that time. We wish Arnold and Catherine well and will miss Arnold serving on the board. Bob Birkenfeld was elected to the Board of Directors of Zone 2. We welcome Bob to the board and look forward to working with him.



The board selected J.D. Ragland as their Business Professional Individual this year. The board has felt J.D. has gone above and beyond the duties of his job in providing information, service and assistance to local producers in the support of conservation. J.D. has a record of outstanding contributions to the producers of Castro County as well as the district.



This year the Smith family was selected as the Absentee Conservation Farmer for Castro County. The Smith family, which consists of Joy, Randy and Jeff, are dryland farmers who have applied such practices as diversions, waterways, critical areas, and livestock watering facilities. Their work and dedication in conserving our soil and water resources is commendable.



Poster Contest

The board held their annual poster contest this year with the trophies being awarded to the overall county winners. The poster contest is for students from first to sixth grade. This year's winners were (from right to left):

First Place: Melanie Davis, Hart fourth grader
Second Place: Ross Birkenfeld, Nazareth second grader
Third Place: Mandy Hoelting, Nazareth fifth grader



This year the board honored Regina Hoelting as their Conservation Homemaker. Regina was selected for her work at home and at the CFSA office where she works during the day. Her belief that efforts to conserve and properly use our natural resources must start at home was evident in her daily life. The silver tray was presented to Regina at the banquet by Bob Birkenfeld.



This year's board selected Gaylord, Chris and Clay Cogburn as their Conservation Farmers. The Cogburn family was selected for their conservation work they have completed and their effort they are making on conserving the soil and water.

Essay Contest

The board held their annual essay contest with several essays being submitted. The essay contest is for students under 18 years of age with the winners receiving savings bonds: first place, $100; second place, $75 and third place, $50. This year the winners were:

First Place: Cody Annen
Second Place: Kristin Hales
Third Place: Miguel Melendez

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Second graders earn awards

Second grade teachers at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt recognized students for six weeks and year-long achievements by presenting awards for perfect attendance, making the honor roll, being hard workers and good spellers.

Several students were recognized for their participation in UIL Story Telling including Raynee Bradley, who placed fifth at district; and Jared Bell, who finished sixth. Other Story Telling participants were Cody Larner, April Morgan, Jeremy Norman, Ignacio Sifuentez, Stuart Sheffy and Alejandra Velasquez.

Students earning awards included:

BROWN'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Liliana Aguilar, Raynee Bradley, Carlos Chavez, Josh Dominguez, Carlos Escamilla, Lesley Hinojosa, Viktorya Navarro, Kelly Reyes, Ricky Reyes, Javier Rodriguez, Albert Ruiz and Jonathan Welch.

Top Spellers: Ben Birdwell, Rosa Marrufo, Navarro, Ricky Reyes, Rodriguez, Charley Saenz and Stuart Sheffy.

Hardest Worker: Marrufo.

Honor Roll: Aguilar, Birdwell, Bradley, Meggie Lemons and Kelly Reyes.

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Year Awards

Perfect Attendance: Bradley and Kelly Reyes.

Honor Roll: Aguilar, Birdwell, Bradley, Jaime Cavazos, Lemons and Kelly Reyes.

SOLIZ'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Fabian Pena, Sharette Johnson, Shawn Martinez, Elias Zepeda, Jared Bell, Jose Lopez, Christiana Ramos, Rudy Salinas, Andy Garcia, Felisha Starling, Lori Garza, Kayla Acker, Nyssa Martinez, Cory Back, Rigo Presas and Nayelli Reyes.

Top Spellers: Acker, Martinez and Corrie Kate Black, Pena, Presas, Ramos, Salinas, Starling, and Zepeda.

Honor Roll: Acker, Black, Garza and Presas.

Hardest Worker: Pena.

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Year Awards

Perfect Attendance: Pena, Zepeda, Reyes and Salinas.

Top Spellers: Acker, Black, Garza, Martinez, Starling, Ramos and Zepeda.

Honor Roll: Acker, Black, Garza, Martinez, Presas, Starling and Zepeda.

THAMES' ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Vicente Alvarez, Robin Beames, Steven Caballero, Chuck Cruz, Estela Garcia, Niccole Heard, Adam Mendoza, Jeremy Norman and Camille Vasquez.

Honor Roll: Norman.

Hardest Worker: Vasquez.

Top Spellers: Stephen Bueno, Caballero, Cruz, Garcia, Heard, Cindy Martinez, Mendoza, Norman, Darrell Reyes, Vasquez and Adam Zambrano.

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Year Awards

Perfect Attendance: Heard, Mendoza and Norman.

Honor Roll: Bueno and Norman.

Top Spellers: Bueno and Heard.

LUNA'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Jesus Alvarado, Jose Arredondo, Sonya Gonzales, Jose Ledesma, Jose Macias, Rolando Ontiveros, Jose Rodriquez, Alejandra Velasquez and Yadira Villalba.

Top Spellers: Jorge Alvarado, Delilah Barrios, Jessica Delgado, Ontiveros, Rosina Ornelas, Susana Ornelas, Rodriquez, Velasquez and Villalba.

Hardest Workers: Barrios and Ontiveros.

Honor Roll: Jorge Alvarado, Barrios, Ontiveros and Velasquez.

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Year Awards

Perfect Attendance: Ontiveros.

Honor Roll: Jorge Alvarado and Velasquez.

COLLINS' ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Chris Casas, Matt Calderon, Raul Melendez, Christopher Perez, Callen Mixson, Cody Larner, Jessica Navarro and Luis Porras.

Hardest Workers: Christopher Perez and Matthew Larra.

Honor Roll: Shelley Paxton, Layne Penney, Maribel Montiel, Callen Mixson and Larra.

Top Spellers: Penney, Paxton, Montiel, Mixson, Martha Lopez, Larra and Calderon.

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Year Awards

Perfect Attendance: Christopher Casas.

Top Spellers: Penney, Montiel, Paxton and Mixson.

Honor Roll: Mixson, Penney, Montiel and Paxton.

EVAN'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Angel Castillo, Daniel Coleman, Ryan Miller, April Morgan, Raul Olvera, Jose Ontiveros, Maribel Rivera, Matthew Ruiz, Rosalia Saenz and Roy Sanchez.

Honor Roll: Yvonne Sifuentez, Ignacio Sifuentez, Sanchez, Olvera, Morgan, Miller and Apolonia Flores.

Top Spellers: Castillo, Flores, Ontiveros, Ignacio Sifuentez and Yvonne Sifuentez.

Hardest Worker: Yvonne Sifuentez.

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Year Awards

Top Spellers: Ignacio Sifuentez and Yvonne Sifuentez.

Perfect Attendance: Coleman, Miller, Ruiz and Sanchez.

Honor Roll: Flores, Miller, Morgan, Ignacio Sifuentez and Yvonne Sifuentez.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—Dimmitt High School seniors Terri Beth Teaschner (second from left) and Danny George (fourth from left) receive certificates of appreciation and $100 Savings bonds for their entries in the VFW's Voice of Democracy program. Presenting the awards are R.L. Duke (left), Sam Hardy (center) and local post commander Ted Stubblefield (right). *Photo by Scott Brockman*

Teaschner, George win VFW award

Terri Beth Teaschner and Danny George of Dimmitt each received a certificate of appreciation and $100 Savings Bond for their participation in the Dimmitt VFW's "Voice of Democracy" scholarship program.

Both are graduates of Dimmitt High School this year.

The "Voice of Democracy" program is conducted each year by the VFW to allow students an opportunity to win scholarships and awards while expressing their opinions about America. The program is offered to foster patriotism, love of country and good citizenship.

More than $95,000 in scholarships and prizes are awarded each year at the local, state and national levels.

Teaschner and George each wrote an informative and patriotic essay which they recorded on a cassette tape. Each recording, approximately five minutes long, was based on the theme, "My Vision for America."

The awards were presented to the duo by District Commander Ted Stubblefield and school sponsor R.L. Duke, with junior post commander Sam Hardy looking on Friday morning.

"VFW Post 8056 salutes Terri and Danny for accepting this challenge and we wish them great success," said a spokesman for the local post. "We could not participate in this worthy program if students did not compete."

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* Never leave your child unattended in the bathtub. When left alone, children will turn on the water. One second is all it takes for hot tap water to burn a child. Stay with your child or take your child with you if you must leave, even for just a moment.

* Keep hot liquids or foods out of reach. Place plans on rear burners and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep hot foods away from the table edge and put hot dishes at the back of the counter. Appliance cords should be out of reach and avoid using table cloths and place mats when children are present.

When your child suffers a burn, follow these guidelines until help arrives.

For minor burns without blisters, place area in cold water or cover with a towel soaked in cold water for at least 15 minutes. For burns with blisters, do not break blisters. For large or deep burns, keep the child warm and remove clothes from the burned area. Do not apply medication and call 9-1-1.

All burns on the face, hands, feet and genitals should be checked by a doctor.

—Source: Plains Memorial Hospital Nursing Service

Breast cancer screening scheduled

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 West Halsell, Dimmitt, on June 12.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician.

The total cost of the screening is $70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

Ethanol suffers setback with battles in Washington

Major oil companies, always opponents of ethanol, have won a battle over Clean Air Act provisions involving corn-based ethanol

A federal appeals court in Washington overturned an Environmental Protection Agency's requirement that a portion of cleaner burning reformulated gasoline contain ethanol. The court ruled that while the EPA "had the authority to set a standard" for cleaner gasoline under the 1990 Clean Air Act, it could not "mandate the manner or compliance or the precise formula"for the fuel.

Under the EPA regulations, 30% of the oxygenate used in gasoline had to be ethanol, with the remainder a petroleum-based MTBE. The court ruling overturns that provision.

Ethanol has been an efficient and widely-accepted fuel in many corn producing states for years. It has helped lower America's dependence on fossil fuels and imported oil.

However, TCGA president Carl King and other ethanol proponents have argued that without a federal mandate, ethanol would never see a significant share of the petroleum-industry dominated reformulated fuels market.

"The ruling is not a death for ethanol," stresses King. "We would rather have had the mandate, but there is nothing in the ruling that says ethanol or ETBE, the highly efficient ethanol by-product, cannot be used. Ethanol is here to stay.

"We will continue to fight in the legislature, in the Clinton administration and in the courts to make ethanol available as a reformulated fuel that will benefit farmers, as well as help clean up our dirty air."

TCGA board striving for improved conditions

The Texas Corn Growers Association board of directors, elected at this winter's annual TCGA meeting, is a group of corn farmers dedicated to state and federal farm programs that benefit growers, not just agribusiness.

Carl King of Dimmitt, TCGA founder, was reelected to the board and named its president. Other TCGA Board members elected by growers at the January meeting include:

Charles Axtell of Dimmitt, Don Kimbrell of Happy, Ronnie Gfeller of Dimmitt, Robert Boozer of Dimmitt, Kenneth Schlabs of Hereford, Kevin Riley of Dimmitt, Lois Wales of Dimmitt and Rodney Hunter of Hereford.

"The TCGA board will have normal quarterly meetings this year," said King. "We will continue to develop guidelines for TCGA and our support of the American Corn Growers Association.

"I'm please with this board of directors and look forward to a good year of working with them. They are all excellent farmers and are attuned to the many situations facing agriculture today."

TCGA is supported entirely by dues and private contributions. For more information on the TCGA board of directors, contact King at the TCGA office in Dimmitt at 806-647-4224.

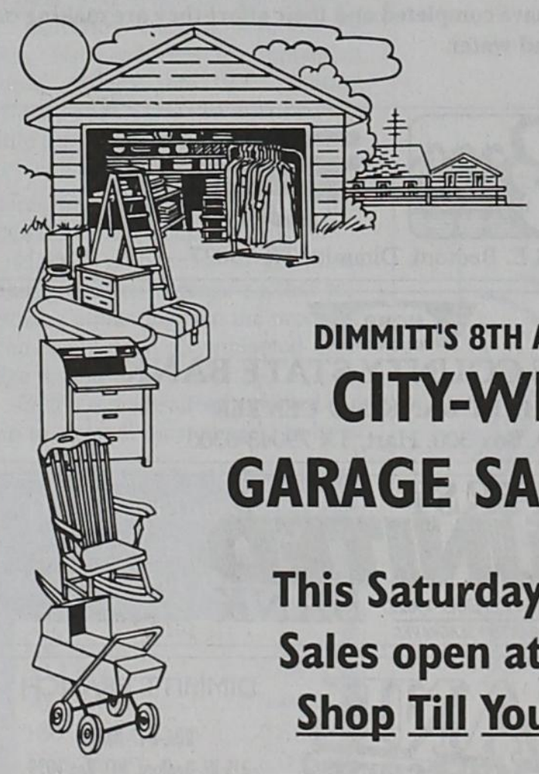
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First Grade receives awards

First grade teachers at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt acknowledged students for six weeks and year-long achievements by presenting awards for perfect attendance, making the honor roll, excellence in writing, citizenship and most improved.

Students earning awards included:

MATTHEWS ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Darcy Fisher, Gabriel Mirelez, Kendra Puente, Kristy Reyes, Desiree Sanchez and Sergio Saucedo.

Writing: Garret Behrends, Mandi Ebeling, Fisher, Reyes, Ashley Sears and Saucedo.

Citizenship: Behrends, Elias Caldera Daniella Covarrubia, Ebeling, Fisher, Mirelez, Anthony Navarro, Saucedo, Sears and Bo Sifuentez.

Most Improved: Fisher and Navarro.

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End of School Awards

Honor Roll: Behrends, Fisher, Puente, Ebeling, Jessica Perez and Saucedo.

Perfect Attendance: Puente.

MYATT'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Jordan Bell, Elias Porras, Shauna Nutt, Bobby Prieto, Kendra Smith, Bianca Torres and Ester Velasquez.

Writing: Clarissa Herrera, Ashlee Nino, Velasquez, Torres, Mark Melendez, Ryan Hunter, Nutt and Laura Rasor.

Citizenship: Jordan Bell, Smith, Fabian Diaz, Haley Heard, Hunter, Melendez, Jennifer Montes, Nino, Porras, Rasor, Natasha Rodriguez, Tucker Self, Torres and Velasquez.

Most Improved: Frank DeLaPaz, Velasquez and Maria Ramos.

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End of School Awards

Honor Roll: Heard, Herera, Hunter, Melendez, Nino, Nutt, Rasor, Rodriguez and Self.

BARRETERO'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Vicente Diaz, Luis Dominguez, Jorge Quintana, Maria Quintana, Angelica Reyes, Teresa Sanchez and Alejandra Silva.

Writing: Maria Quintana, Johnny Ramirez, Adrian Trevino, Dominguez and Fernando Aguero.

Citizenship: Diaz, Dominguez, Jaime Esqueda, Lisa Marrufo, Sergio Ontiveros, Maria Quintana, Alma Reyes, Angelica Reyes, Giovanni Rodriguez, Sanchez, Silva and Adrian Trevino.

Most Improved: Rodriguez.

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End of School Awards

Honor Roll: Trevino

Perfect Attendance: Dominguez, Angelica Reyes and Silva.

PONCE'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Sergio Cuevas, Jorge Esquivel, Janette Galvan, Valerie Ledesma, Jr. Limas, Ruben Rodriguez, Kelly Ruiz and Ana Sias.

Writing: Lupe Castaneda, Galvan, Vincent Casas, Limas and Haidee Villalba.

Citizenship: Casas, Castaneda, Esquivel, Ledesma, Limas, Samantha Neri, Rodriguez, Sias and Villalba.

Most Improved: Ledasma and Esquivel.

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End of School Awards

Honor Roll: Neri and Sergio.

Perfect Attendance: Ruiz

ROBERSON'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Vanessa Caballero, Monica Dozal, Bryan Hall, Krystal Martinez, Emilio Mendoza, Rocio Rodriguez, Ivy Sanchez, Brittany Williams and Shenea Wright.

Writing: Jeremy Gamez.

Citizenship: Martin Alvarez, Caballero, Dozal, Gamez, Martinez, Casey Maurer, Cesar Mejia, Mendoza, Jessica Ortega, Rodriguez, Sanchez, KaShondra Sherman and Wright.

Most Improved: Sherman.

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End of School Awards

Honor Roll: Caballero, Williams and Wright.

Perfect Attendance: Mendoza, Williams and Maurer.

FEASTER'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Isela Velo, Rebecca Bryan, Melissa Campos, Jason Corlis, Jennifer Fuentes, Nicholas Ortiz, Jacob Ruiz, Christopher Velasquez and Hayli Wise.

Writing: Ortiz, Sean Hunter, Bryan, Wise, Fuentes, Stephanie Enriquez and Ross Hunter.

Citizenship: Wise, Bryan, Velasquez, Erica Rascon, Sarah Lopez, Doıa Aguirre, Sabrena Patlan, Fuentes, Sean Hunter, Gregory Calderon, Enriquez, Ross Hunter, Ortiz and Daniel Jackson.

Most Improved: Velo, Julian Ortiz and Ricky Guerra.

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End of School Awards

Honor Roll: Lopez, Bryan, Patlan, Wise, Ross Hunter, Ortiz, Sean Hunter, Fuentes, Enriquez and Jackson.

Perfect Attendance: Campos, Fuentes and Velo.

KEITH'S ROOM
Six Weeks Awards

Perfect Attendance: Marisa Allison, Kathy Amador, Aaron Herrera, Kimberly Saenz, Zjhon Smothermon and Bridgette Velasquez.

Writing: Amador, Joshua McAlister, Nicole Tarango, Velasquez and Michelle Hunt.

Citizenship: Allison, Amador, Amber Enriquez, Herrera, Saenz, Tabitha Sullivan, Tarango, Velasquez and Amanda Lopez.

Most Improved: Isaac Aguilar, Cindy Alvarado, Smothermon and Jeffrey Thomas.

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End of School Awards

Honor Roll: Allison, Amador, Herrera, McAlister, Tarango and Hunt.

Perfect Attendance: Allison, Velasquez and Smothermon.



IT'S A MESSY JOB, but somebody's gotta do it. The rib judges' panel samples every cook's barbecued offerings during the Chili Cookoff at the Castro Memorial VFW Post Saturday afternoon. Locals on this panel included David and Rhonda Mixson (at far end of the table), Richard Catoe and Tommy Kellar (left foreground). Cooks competed in four basic categories: barbecued chicken, barbecued pork ribs, barbecued brisket and chili.

Photo by Don Nelson

Line Riders Chuckwagon wins two, places in two events at cookoff

Line Riders Chuckwagon, represented by Betty and Wayne Wilcox of Coahoma, captured first place in the brisket and chicken cook-off contests, finished second in the rib competition and was 10th with chili at Saturday's chili cook-off in Dimmitt.

The cookoff was held at the Dimmitt VFW Post and proceeds benefitted the Veterans Hospital and DARE program.

Chris Reed of Amarillo, representing "Fly By the Seat of Your Pants," was first with his ribs and Cesario Ramos of Clovis, N.M. was first with his "Road Kill Chili."

Winner in the showmanship competition was Fence Post Chili of Amarillo, represented by Ted and Loretta Osenbaugh. Second place was Large Time Chili and Mike Blakely of Clovis, N.M. Finishing third was Hawg Wild Chili, represented by Rodney Lilly of Amarillo.

There were four entries each in the brisket and chicken competition, seven in the rib cook-off and 21cooks prepared chili.

Here are the official results from Saturday's cookoff.

BRISKET: 1. Betty Wilcox of Coahoma, 2. Marshall Young of Dimmitt.

RIBS: 1. Chris Reed of Amarillo, 2. Betty Wilcox.

CHICKEN: 1. Betty Wilcox, 2. Ben Aleman of Dimmitt.

CHILI: 1. Cesario Ramos of Clovis, 2. Carol Lilly of Amarillo, 3. Jill Mangum of Amarillo, 4. Loretta Osenbaugh of Amarillo, 5. Billy Childers of Amarillo, 6. Ruth Blakely of Clovis, 7. Rodney Lilly of Amarillo, 8. Nancy Hassall of Seminole, 9. Thornton Southard of Sanford and 10. Betty Wilcox.

RES third graders earn six weeks awards

Third graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt were honored for making the honor roll during the sixth six weeks and the year, for being hard workers, good citizens and top spellers during an awards ceremony Monday.

Students recognized were:

GLIDEWELL'S ROOM

Six Weeks Honor Roll: Jake Wright, Lori Sifuentes, Daniel Rodriguez, Justina Navarro, Mindy Maxwell, Amy Laurent, Todd Jansa and Sheena Ehly.

Yearly Honor Roll: Rodriguez, Navarro, Laurent, Jansa, Ehly, Sifuentes and Wright.

Top Spellers: Jansa, Rodriguez, Laurent and Ehly.

Good Citizens: Ehly, Laurent, Francisco Ojeda, Rodriguez and Israel Ellis.

Hardest Workers: Sifuentes, Wright and Lucy De La Paz.

BAIN'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Katy Loudder and Angelica Lara.

Hardest Workers: Christina Campos and Lara.

Top Spellers: Lara, Jesse Luna and Campos.

Good Citizens: Ashley Saenz, Denise Perez, Valentina Lugo, Lara, Loudder, Kris Lindsey and Campos.

AXTELL'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Matthew Sanders, Kami Sanders and Shayla Kenworthy.

Top Spellers: Kami Sanders and Kenworthy.

Good Citizen: Matthew Sanders.

Hardest Workers: Joel Puente, Natasha Williams, Eric Ward, Michael Ward, Matthew Sanders, Kenworthy, Alex Ornelas, Samuel Cavazos, Eva Paiz, Alicia Heard and Amanda Acevedo.

MERRITT'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Tabitha Laurent, Christy Morgan, Megan Pigg, Marcela Salinas, Nicky Gauna, Tyler Myatt and Kyle Ray.

Hardest Workers: Ezekiel Caldera and Casey Hargrove.

Top Spellers: Deidre Perez, Chris Enriquez, Gauna, Rey Medrano, Myatt, Ray and Morgan.

Good Citizens: Morgan, Lisa Sears, John Lucio and Jorge Martinez.

KOCH'S ROOM

Six Weeks Honor Roll: Erica Abrego, Jimmy Armstrong, Larry Adams and Shantell Self.

Yearly Honor Roll: Abrego, Armstrong, Adams, Sarah Silva, Jared Griffitt, Self and Cinnamon Trotter.

Good Citizens: Abrego, Armstrong, Shae Odom, Michelle Barrera, Diana Martinez, Jhirvon Starling, Self, Trotter, Joseph Casarez, Ben Ojeda, Armando Hinojosa, Griffitt and Michael Guzman.

Top Spellers: Abrego, Armstrong, Casarez and Silva.

Jackson earns academic award

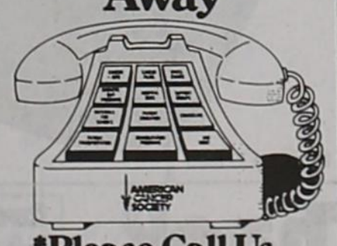
James Jackson, a student at Dimmitt Middle School, has received a United States Achievement Academy Award in science.

Jackson was nominated for the award by Rose Ball, a teacher at the school.

The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Jackson is son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson, all of Dimmitt.

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OM is 13th in world

The Dimmitt High School Odyssey of the Mind team placed 13th out of 54 teams in the World Competition on Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn.

The OM team consisted of Timothy Proffitt, Jason Hall, Joel Townsend, Jeramy Hall, Jason Hargrove, and Jeremy Matthews.

The spontaneous problem slightly baffled the team to force their lowest placing of the three parts of the competition. They placed 4th in the weight category and 8th in the style section.

"They did outstanding against some tough competition," said Wayne Proffitt, one of the team's coaches. "They learned a lot and had a great time. Overall it was a positive, not negative, experience."

The light balsa structure held 723 pounds of weight, while the winning piece from Ashland, Virg. held 983. Dimmitt's entry also held more weight than the second and third place teams from Tucson, Ariz. and Corvallis, Org., respectively.

OM spokesperson Pat Keith said that the winning structure was very similar to the one the Dimmitt team built.

"The design was just like ours, except it had four corners to our three," she said.

She also added that the trip was "a wonderful, wonderful experience", and that the team would like to once again thank all the organizations and individuals of the community for their support.

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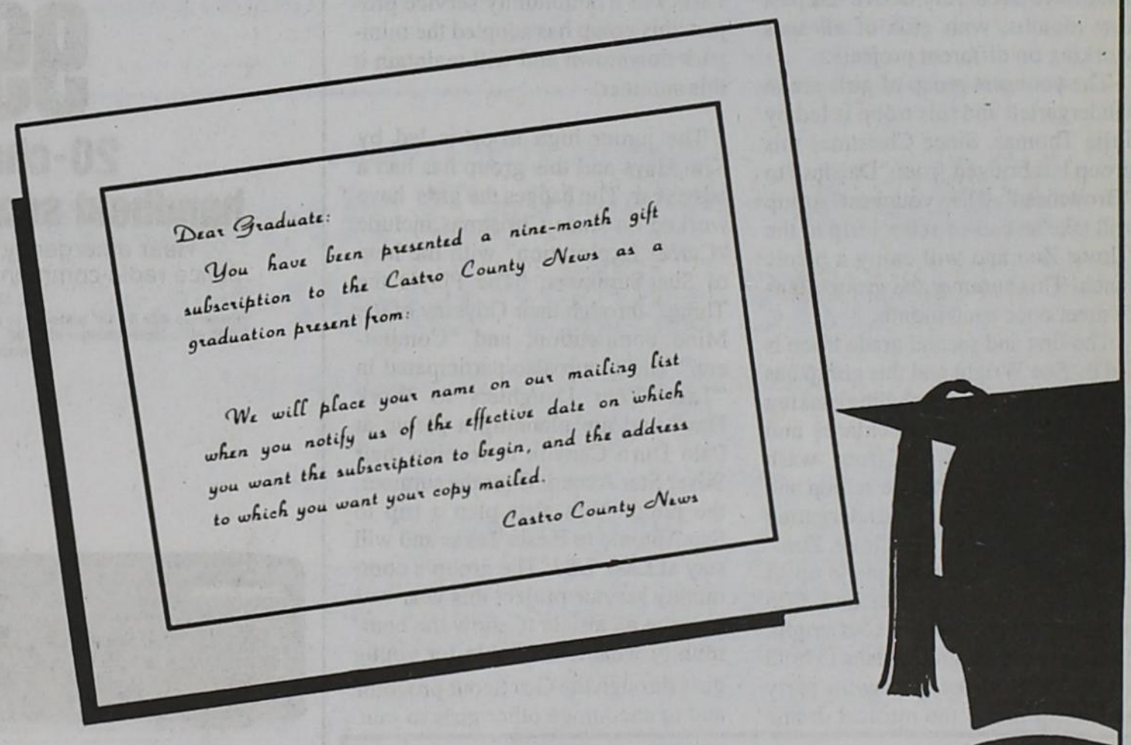
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Sports



MM-MM, GOOD!—Tami Griffitt (left) and Becky Stovall enjoy Marshall Young's barbecued ribs hot off the grill during the Chili Cookoff here Saturday. After cooks submit their hand-picked cuts to the judges, they usually offer free samples to visitors. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Summer's here!

City pool is open

Spashing and water games of all kinds have been underway at the Dimmitt City Pool since Tuesday, when the pool officially opened for its summer season.

Pool hours are from 1 to 6 p.m. every day except Monday, weather permitting. Gate fees will be $1.25 for 2- to 15-year-olds and $1.50 for everyone 16 and over. Small children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

All pool employees are First Aid certified life guards, and they will also book private parties. Victor Burrows is the manager of the pool this year.



A GAL NAMED TED — Showmanship is a big part of any chili cookoff, and Ted Osenbaugh of Amarillo added to the fun at the Castro Memorial VFW Post cookoff Saturday. "My wife cooks the chili and I put on the show," he explained. His wife, Loretta, is a regular placer in regional cookoffs.

Photo by Don Nelson

Thank you for shopping Dimmitt!

Group wins LGA scramble with 36

Jo Beth Mays, Bettye Butler, Kellie Proffitt and Neva Hickey combined to shoot a 36 and win the monthly Ladies Golf Association scramble at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

The group also held its regular monthly meeting on May 23. The next membership meeting will be June 13 after the scramble, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

During the meeting the group will make plans for its upcoming tournament.



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Four Bobcats named all-district in baseball

Four Dimmitt baseball players earned mention to the all-district team, which was announced recently.

Gerald Barrios, a senior catcher, was the lone Bobcat to earn first-team honors, but three others earned second-team honors. They were Dan Matthews, a junior pitcher; Emilio Nino, a senior second baseman; and Zack Matthews, freshman outfielder.

Honorable mention AD honors went to first baseman Zeke Nino and outfielder Dewayne Espinoza.

Others earning first-team all-district honors were Andy Perez of Muleshoe and Aaron Clark of Littlefield, pitchers; Joey Polk of Littlefield, first baseman; Robert Toscano of Muleshoe, second baseman; John Embry of Muleshoe, third baseman; Jimmy Guana of Muleshoe, shortstop; Garrett Heard of Littlefield, Neal Nelson of Floydada, Seth Houston of Friona and Robert Jamie of Muleshoe, outfielders; Jarred Redwine of Muleshoe, designated hitter; and Cody Favor of Littlefield, utility.

Among those, Perez, Toscano, Embry and Heard were unanimous selections and Perez was voted the district's most valuable player.

West returns from overseas deployment

Navy Petty Officer Third Class David L. West, son of Richard and Peggy West of Dimmitt, recently returned from a six-month overseas deployment aboard the amphibious transport dock *USS Ogden,* which involved duty in the Persian Gulf and withdrawing United Nations peacekeepers from Somalia.

West was one of 4,200 sailors and Marines who served aboard the three ships of the *USS Essex* Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), including *USS Ogden,* the amphibious assault ship *USS Essex* and the dock landing ship *USS Fort Fisher.*

Departing San Diego, Calif., in October, West traveled more than 40,000 miles during the six-month voyage to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans and Persian Gulf.

West's ship is a multi-purpose amphibious ship equipped with helicopters and can even launch amphibious landing craft and amphibious vehicles from its flooded well deck.

West and his fellow crew members helped withdraw more than 2,500 United Nations troops and equipment from Somalia. West is one of 7,000 US service men and women who participated in the operation, involved naval forces from six nations.

While spending 152 days at sea, West also had an opportunity to visit Australia, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Pearl Harbor, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

West is a 1993 graduate of Dimmitt High School and he joined the Navy in July 1993.

Girl Scouts stay active

The Dimmitt Girl Scouts, Troop 193, have been very active the past few months, with girls of all ages working on different projects.

The youngest group of girls are in kindergarten and this troop is led by Julia Thomas. Since Christmas this group has bridged from "Daisies" to "Brownies." The youngest group will take an end-of-school trip to the Clovis Zoo and will enjoy a picnic lunch. This summer the group plans to meet once each month.

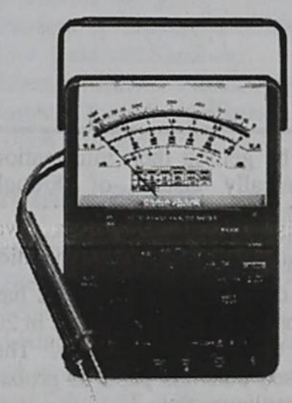
The first and second grade troop is led by Sue Wright and this gorup has done several crafts including making friendship bracelets, necklaces and Easter bunnies made from wash rags. They visited the fire station and are planning to join the kindergarten group in the trip to the Clovis Zoo.

The Girl Scout troop made up of girls in the third, fourth and fifth grades is led by Dianne Cartwright. This summer the group plans to hold a mini-park cookout, a swim party and a trip to see the musical drama TEXAS in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. For a community service project, this group has adopted the mini-park downtown and will maintain it this summer.

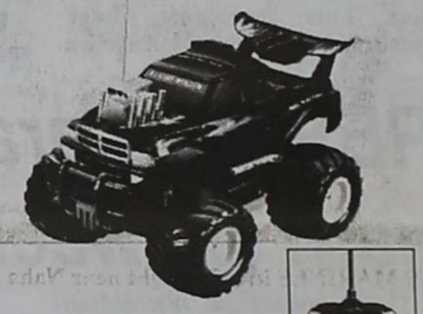
The junior high troop is led by Kim Hays and this group has had a busy year. The badges the girls have worked on since Christmas include "Career Exploration" with the help of Sue Summers; "The Play's the Thing," through their Odyssey of the Mind competition; and "Computers." The group also participated in "Take Your Daughters to Work Day" and are planning a picnic at Palo Duro Canyon to receive their Silver Star Award. Over the summer, the junior high girls plan a trip to San Antonio to Fiesta Texas and will stay at Lake LBJ. The group's community service project this year was to write an article to show the community what is available for young girls through the Girl Scout program, and to encourage other girls to join.

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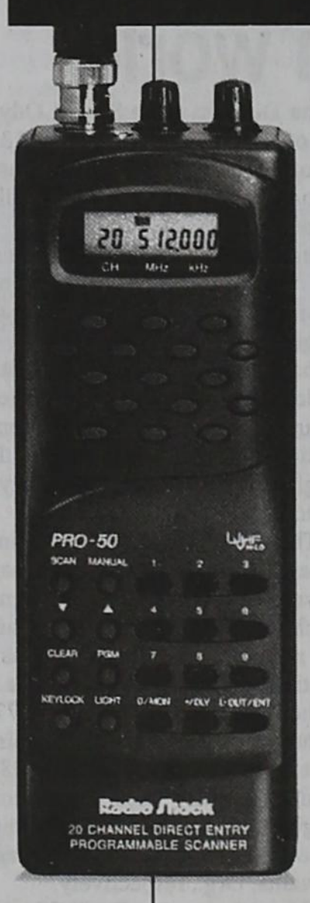
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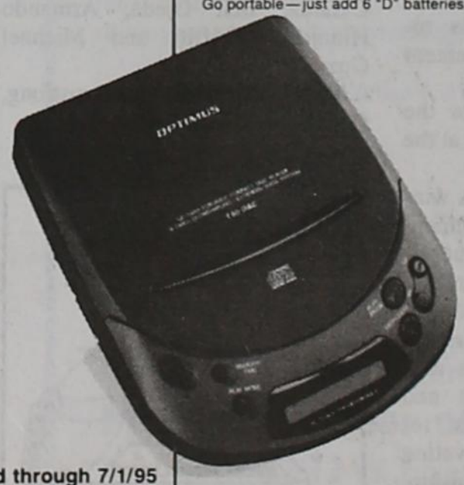


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Chapman hopes world learns from WWII

By PATRICK J. STEIERT

A resident of Dimmitt since 1961, Jimmie W. Chapman was born in Littlefield where he lived until he was 18.

He was one of five brothers who joined the US Marine Corps between 1937-45. His youngest brother was killed in action at Vella Le Vella three days before that portion of Luzon island (Philippines) was secured by Allied forces.

Jimmie was assigned to the Fifth Regiment, Company G, First Marine Division. He saw action on the Solomon Islands in 1944, and the Philippines and Okinawa in 1945. Like so many other soldiers, Cpl. Chapman was scheduled to take part in the invasion of Japan (co-named Operation Olympic). This planned invasion never got off the planning board due to the US use of the atomic bomb which caused the Japanese to surrender.

Chapman recalled the severity of combat on Okinawa near the city of Naha. "The Japanese were well entrenched. We knew they would be. They had used tunnels on many islands we stormed, and we were convinced they would use them on Okinawa as well. But what we didn't expect was their use of old grave tombs as fighting positions."

The Japanese infantry had opened several vaulted mausoleums which they used as machine gun emplacements. With minor adjustments, they were able to store large amounts of munitions inside these "mini fortresses." They were so sturdy, only a direct hit from heavy artillery would knock them out of action. Marine and Army personnel were forced to use bazookas, hand grenades, and eventually flame throwers to neutralize these battle positions.

Chapman commented: "The casualties were enormous on both sides. In most cases the Japanese soldiers would not surrender. They fought to the death. We had a few guys who were fluent in Japanese dialects. We would order the Japanese to surrender. After awhile we'd even ask them to come out. They'd keep fighting! Finally, we'd have to blow their position, or burn it out. They lived by their decree; death before dishonor!"

Chapman told of the human suffering of the civilian populace on Okinawa. "They were convinced that the Americans were their enemies. In their attempt to escape the US advance, many sought refuge inside smaller tombs outside the city of Naha."

Chapman recalled: "We encountered one situation where we knew of a Japanese soldier inside a small dugout beneath a moderate size tomb. We ordered him to surrender. We prepared to blow the position. Suddenly we heard a woman crying. We realized at that point that we were dealing with more than one person in that hole. She began to beg us not to kill them. She didn't want her child to die. We promised not to harm them if they came out. Three people came out of that tiny hole. A soldier and two civilians."

Once the Marines had seized the Japanese soldier, they turned their attention on the civilians. What Chapman saw next brought tears to his eyes.



CPL. JIMMIE CHAPMAN poses for a picture with an unidentified Chinese freedom fighter in 1945. *Photo from Chapman Collection*



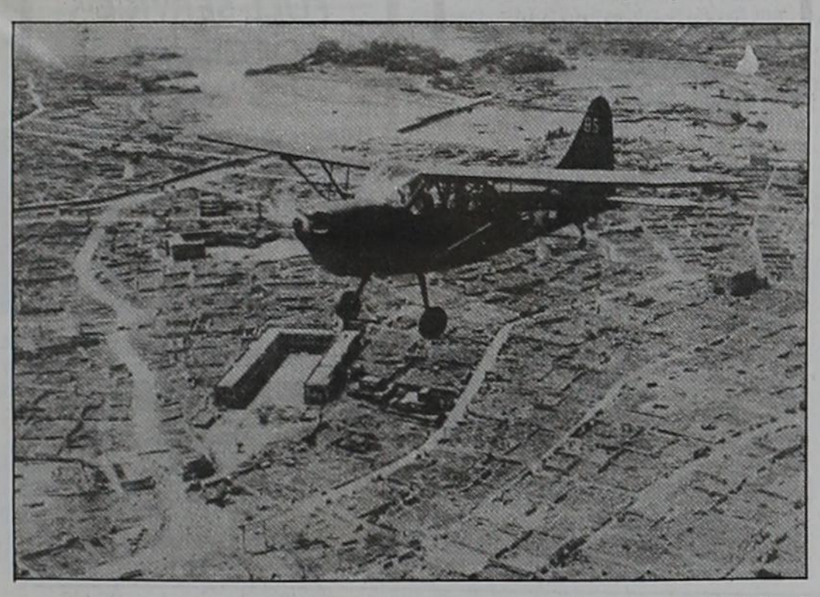
THIS MAUSOLEUM was used by Japanese soldiers as a machine gun nest in World War II. *Photo courtesy Chapman Collection*



THESE TOMBS ARE IDENTICAL to the tombs where Cpl. Chapman found the crippled girl hiding. *Photo courtesy Chapman Collection*



US MARINES in a fire fight near Naha in World War II. *Photo courtesy Chapman Collection*



AN AERIAL VIEW OF OKINAWA shows the destruction on the island. *US Marine Corps photo, courtesy of Chapman Collection*

"There was a little girl who had a shrapnel wound in one of her legs. The wound was infested with maggots. One medic was going to give her a shot of pain killer but realized there was no pain to ease. The little girl's leg was beyond repair, and the nerves were all destroyed. We evacuated the child and her mother to the rear area where a hospital was located. Six days later, during a lull in fighting, I went to see if I could find her. I did. Her leg had been amputated. I expected her to be depressed but she wasn't. She smiled and hugged me. That still brings tears to my eyes even today."

Chapman told of other children too. "There were so many of them. They had never known anything but Japanese occupation. They were all in need of food, clothing, and medicines. They would always run up to us, tug on our pants legs and ask for food. They were always hungry."

When the war ended, the US dollar was incredibly strong. Chapman remembered: "One dollar would buy 4,500 Japanese yen. Ten dollars would buy you all the food you could eat for a month. So we'd gather as many of the children as we could. We'd take them down to a local restaurant that had managed to re-open. We fed all those kids for just a few dollars. Made us feel good, because we knew we were helping those innocent victims of the war."

Chapman explained that in every campaign there were major lulls in the fighting. Many soldiers have described war as being 90% boredom and 10% sheer horror.

During one tranquil period, Chapman tells of a hilarious fishing exploit.

"We were on the beach awaiting our next movement orders. Some of the guys got bored and decided to try their luck at fishing. We made some make-shift rafts and went out a ways to try to find some sizeable fish for a fish fry. The only problem was, we didn't have any fishing equipment. Somebody got the notion of using hand grenades to stun the fish. We tried this for awhile. It was working real well until some guy threw a grenade in too close to his raft. Apparently the grenade drifted, and when it went off, the raft exploded too! That Marine was stunned, but we pulled him in. He was our biggest catch of the day!"

Cpl. Chapman was still on Okinawa when the Japanese surrendered on Aug. 2, 1945. "It was a great feeling knowing all the fighting was finally over. There may be skeptics about our using the atomic bomb, but I'm convinced it was the right thing to do."

Fifty years after WW II, Chapman still remembers the brutal combat, the human carnage and the ultimate destruction of many cities like Naha. But he sees the good in the midst of all the violence that was the war. "I do believe we were in the right in our warring, and I believe that God was behind us. Wicked rulerships were ended by that war. We struggled for a just cause. My brother's death was not in vain. We're free today as a result of our efforts and sacrifices."

Chapman hopes that the world has learned enough from WW II to avoid another global conflict. "I don't think we'll ever see another war like this one was, simply because no one could win another global war."

Chapman holds no animosity towards the Japanese and the war that cost the life of his brother. He has found the ability to forgive through helping the families of Japanese soldiers who fought and died on Okinawa.

"After every major engagement, and prior to burial of the dead, I collected and secured photos that were found on the bodies of Japanese soldiers. These were photos of their family members. I held onto these photos for all these years. I never knew what to do with them. Then I recently received notice that the island of Okinawa was celebrating its 50th Liberation Anniversary. I sent 250 of the photos I had to the Okinawa authorities."

Within a month, the authorities had contacted Chapman, thanking him for the photos. They had been displayed and many of the surviving Japanese family members requested those photos. They had continued a search for 50 years for some clue concerning the whereabouts of their missing family member. The Okinawa authorities explained to the Japanese families that the photos were collected prior to their sons' burial. The photos represented evidence of their loved ones death.

Chapman commented: "This has allowed several Japanese families to conclude their search, and to close an unhappy chapter in their lives. The war has finally ended for those families. Their mourning can finally be completed."



A MARINE IS PHOTOGRAPHED pulling lookout duty near Naha. *Photo courtesy Chapman Collection.*



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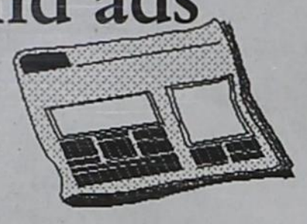


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Where to find ads



1. Homes and land for sale.
2. Farms for sale
3. Homes and apartments for rent.
4. Things people want to rent.
5. Miscellaneous items for rent.
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9. Farm equipment and supplies.
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11. Feed, seed and grain for sale.
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14. Automobiles for sale.
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16. Auto parts and supplies.
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Make your own ad!

You CAN write your own classified! Just put down the essentials, what you think people will be interested in. You can count the words and send a check with your ad to PO Box 67, Dimmitt 79027, or bring it by 108 W. Bedford. (The cost is up there in the box with the dollar sign).

Here's an example of an ad, and how to count words:

Classified advertising for sale. Big bargains for advertisers. 647-3123, 108 W. Bedford.

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Now, you can write your ad:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

Publisher's notice

All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that the dwellings advertised in the newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

1--Real Estate, Homes and Land

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 baths, living room, kitchen/den combination, utility room, office and sun room. 2,079 square feet. 647-4323. 1-7-tfc

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, one car garage, game room, big basement, sprinkler system, security system, two storage sheds, two acres, six trailer spaces and an apartment. 647-2539. 1-7-tfc

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3-2-2 fireplace, central heat and air. 704 Oak. 647-5447. 1-8-4tp

FOR SALE IN HART: 2 bedroom, one bath stucco house, large rooms, good condition, good location. Call 647-5421, Bill Gregory, Broker. 1-43-tfc

USED 14 X 80 3 bd, 2 bath, only $178 mo. Hurry! Two to choose from. Oakwood Homes, 1-800-372-1491. 10% down, 84 mos. 1-5-tfc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1-car garage, located at 205 SW 3rd. For more information contact Hubert Edwards at 647-4244 or Darla Rice in Canyon at 806/655-4304. 1-26-tfc

APARTMENTS FOR SALE in Hart. Six, three-bedroom units. 938-2411. 1-47-tfc

FOR SALE: 18x80 Oak Creek mobile home. Must see to appreciate all interior extras. Call 806/965-2968. 1-7-4tc

3--Real Estate For Rent

THREE BEDROOM house for rent. 1-505-763-1944. 3-5-tfc

Stafford Apartments
Call 647-2631 or 647-3696 evenings

3--Real Estate For Rent

NEW LISTING over 1,800 sq. ft. in great condition, three to five bedrooms, two full baths, great kitchen, two two-car carports and more. Just $45,000.

CHOICE LOCATION with lots of extras. Beautifully decorated. Must see at $70,000.

WALK TO SCHOOL. Three bedrooms, 2-3/4 baths, nice kitchen. $40,000.

CHARM AND ECONOMY with owner financing. Large lot with plenty of room to expand. $52,000.

HOME OF DISTINCTION, four bedrooms, two fireplaces, large basement, great kitchen, two garages and more. $150,000.

SUPREME LIVING in over 5,000 sq. ft. Too many extras to list. Everything #1 grade. One of Dimmitt's finest. $225,000.

WE HAVE SEVERAL businesses and many more homes. Give us a call.

GEORGE REAL ESTATE
S. Hwy 385 647-4174

Jimmie R. George, Broker
647-3274

Mary Lou Schmucker..... 945-2679
Reta Welch..... 647-5647

3--Real Estate For Rent

DIMMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS
622 N.W. 5th
ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT
Call 647-2638
S&S Properties
Equal Opportunity Housing

APARTMENT FOR RENT, furnished or unfurnished, newly redecorated, close to schools. All bills paid. 647-5755. 3-7-tfc

TWO BEDROOM apartment for rent. Very nice. 647-2229. 3-4-tfc

TRAILER HOUSE for rent. Call 647-3725. 3-7-3tc

4--Want to Rent

WOULD LIKE TO RENT nice 3 bedroom/2 bath home in the Dimmitt area. Please call 806-794-1433. 4-8-1tc

Classifieds gets results

5--For Rent, Misc.

RENT TO OWN
NEW TV'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES
No credit checks.
KITTRELL ELECTRONICS
647-2197 Dimmitt

STORAGE SPACES for rent. Call 647-3447 or 647-2577. 5-1-tfc

3--Real Estate For Rent

3--Real Estate For Rent

Azteca Complex
APARTMENTS
910 E. Jones
★ **NOW LEASING** ★
1, 2 or 3 Bedrooms
We have Rent Assistance for qualified tenants (agricultural workers)
Equal Opportunity Housing
For more information, **call (806) 647-3406**
Night 647-2677
Miguel Velasquez, Manager

6--For Sale, Misc.

NEED CAR INSURANCE? Low payments, 806/647-4247. 6-46-tfc

CONKLIN PRODUCTS for sale. Robert Duke, 647-5517. 6-30-tfc

Trash & Treasures
143 N. Main, Hereford
Use our financing or lay-a-way for great deals on elegant metal or wood furniture.
364-8022 or 1-800-647-8022

FOR SALE: air conditioner with 2-speed motor, downdraft. 5600 CFM, new cover. $100. 308 NW 6th. Call 647-2320. 6-7-2tp

WANTED: Responsible party to take on small monthly payments on big screen TV. Good credit a must. Call 1-800-398-3970. 6-7-2tp

EXERCISE BIKE. Well cared for, includes fan. 647-4498. 6-7-2tc

ONE DOUBLE SLIDING door reach-in cooler, one upright Coca-Cola bottle coin-operated cooler, one walk-in cooler, 6x6, nearly-new compressor, two Bally coin-operated pool tables, two Seeburg juke boxes. Make reasonable offer. 647-2614 before 3 p.m.; 647-2643 after 5 p.m. 6-7-4tp

IF YOUR CARPET is stain resistant, then you need HOST, the Dry Extraction Carpet Cleaning System. Don't void your carpet's warranty with improper cleaning. Some methods can actually destroy your carpet's protective coating. But the makers of StainMaster, Wear-Dated and Worry-Free carpet say the HOST System won't void their warranties. HOST was rated #1 by a leading consumer magazine. Available at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., 109 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, 647-3161. 6-8-1tc

SATELLITE FOR SALE. 10' Houston tracker, remote control. Stanley, 945-2506. 6-8-tfc

7--Garage Sales

FOUR FAMILY garage sale, Friday only. Furniture, clothes, baby items, bicycle, desk. 505 SW 3rd. Starts 9 a.m. No early birds. 7-8-1tc

10--Agricultural Services

ROUND BALE HAULING. Donald Shelton, 647-3558; 647-7568, mobile. 10-31-tfc

CUSTOM SWATHING and baling. Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401. 10-36-tfc

10--Agricultural Services

WILHELM CUSTOM FARMING. Lavern, 945-2518; Henry, 647-5425. Subsoil and conventional plowing. 10-51-tfc

11--Feed, Seed and Grain

GROSS $150 OR MORE per acre with seed milo production. Call Gayland Ward Seed, Hereford, 806/258-7394, 806/364-2946. 11-5-5tc

Matua Grass
can lead the way to
PROFITABILITY
in your grazing program!
806-258-7394
Gayland Ward Seed Co.

14--Automobiles

1994 Chev. Lumina; 4-dr.; 22,000 miles; GM warranty; loaded.

1993 Buick LeSabre Custom; 4-dr.; 35,000 miles; GM warranty; loaded. SOLD!

1992 Buick Century Limited; 4-dr.; 24,000 miles; GM warranty; loaded.

1991 Dodge Dynasty; 4-dr.; loaded; 45,000 miles; warranty.

1989 Chev. Silverado 1/2T Pickup; loaded; 59,000 miles; heavy duty.

1993 Lee 16-1/2' x 6-1/2' Utility Trailer; 16,000 lb. axles; extra nice.

1984 Pontiac Bonneville, 4-dr., nice, V-6, local.

1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, 4-dr., nice, V-8, local.

Kent's Auto Sales
116 E. Jones St., Dimmitt
647-3427, Nights 647-5561

FOR SALE: 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix, white, 4-door, cassette, electric windows and doors. Call 647-5660. 14-7-2tc

Our everyday prices are lower than their sale prices!
For a QUICK QUOTE CALL
STEVENS CHEVY-OLDS
Hereford, Texas
1-800-299-CHEV

14--Automobiles

1987 PONTIAC Sunbird convertible, black, loaded. 78,000 miles. $4,000. Video Magic, 647-2822. 14-8-3tc

15--Recreational Vehicles

TRAVEL TRAILER for sale. Used very little. Real good shape. 310 NW Sixth. 647-3442. 15-40-tfc

17--Business Opportunities

$AVON—Representatives needed! No door-to-door required, potential $100-$1200+ monthly, independent representative, 1-800-236-0041. 17-7-4tp

18--Services

Professional Service with Hometown Care
A-1 Roofing
Jerry Jeffries, Owner
RESIDENTIAL and COMMERCIAL
All Types Roofing
Wood-Shake-Composition-Asphalt-Metal
GENERAL HOME REPAIR
Competitive Prices
Work Guaranteed
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-2577. 18-8-5tc

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FULL SERVICE
Oil Changes
Car Washes
647-4641
George Lopez 402 N. Broadway

HOUSE PAINTING, roofing and roof repair. Free estimates. Danny Chisum, 647-5538. 18-4-tfc

NEED YOUR TENNIS RACQUET RESTRUNG?
Call Brent or Bryan Portwood at 647-2541.

TexSCAN

Statewide Classified Advertising Network
More than 300 Texas newspapers for $250. Call this newspaper for details.

EMPLOYMENT

EXPANDING INDOOR/OUTDOOR swine production units in Georgia seek livestock personnel. Send resume to: Suite 448, 2351 College Station Rd., Athens, Georgia 30605.

REAL ESTATE

COLORADO RANCH. 150AC - $44,900. Beautiful rolling meadows & woods, spectacular 360 degree views of Spanish peaks, Sangre De Cristo's, tons of wildlife including elk and big horn sheep, long county road frontage, owner terms. Call Majors Ranch 719-742-5207.

35 ACRES FOR hunting or retirement! South of Rocksprings, lots of Oaks, plenty of deer and turkey! $595/acre, $1,041 down, $225/month (11%-15 years). 1-800-876-9720.

DRIVERS WANTED

DRIVER-GROWTH, EXPANSION, opportunity ... find it at Burlington! OTR/reefer, average pay $600+/wk, 2,500 mi/wk, regular home time, new equipment & top notch benefits. Burlington Motor Carriers: 1-800-JOIN-BMC. EOE.

DRIVERS/0/0-LEASE program - no money down. Must meet company/DOT requirements. Late model walk-in conventionals. We're on the move! Call 1-800-927-0431.

DRIVERS: FLATBED 48 state OTR. Assigned new conventionals. Competitive pay, benefits. $1,000 sign on bonus, rider program, flexible time off. Call Roadrunner Trucking 1-800-876-7784.

WHY AREN'T YOU driving for Bekins? CDL class A drivers get it all! Experienced household goods, OTR, call Brian Gallagher 1-800-456-8406.

HAROLD IVES TRUCKING hiring drivers. Free driver training ... if you qualify. Students welcome. Experience pay up to 28¢ per mile. Excellent benefits: 1-800-842-0853.

ATTENTION DRIVER TEAMS, $15,000 in bonus, paid monthly, quarterly & yearly, plus top mileage pay, 401(K) plan, $500 sign-on bonus. Other paid benefits: *vacation *health & life *dead head *motel/layover *loading & unloading. Covenant Transport, solos and teams call 1-800-441-4394/915-852-3357, students and driving school grads., call 1-800-338-6428.

FOR SALE

AMERICAN FLAG/EAGLE porcelain sculpture. Home/business display. $15.95 check/money order. Gala Gift Fair, 1025 N. Main, 377-TS55, Lumberton, TX 77657. 3-4 weeks delivery.

3-STEEL BUILDINGS, 40X38X16 was $7,724, now $4,724; 50X78X16 one open end, was $14,860, now $9,606. 100x120x14 was $56,942, now $37,760. Stored inside, original crates, complete with blueprints, 1-800-292-0111.

BOWHUNTING EQUIPMENT - BOWHUNTERS discount warehouse, America's largest archery supplier, stocks over 5,000 bowhunting items at 20-40% off retail. Call 1-800-735-2697 for free 160 page catalog.

PRESSURE CLEANERS NEW PSI 1300 $249, 2500 $599, 3500 $899 - Honda 3500 $1,099. Factory direct tax-free, prompt delivery. Call 24-hrs free catalog 1-800-333-WASH (9274).

SUNQUEST WOLFF TANNING beds. New commercial-home tanning units from $199.00. Lamps-Lotions-Accessories. Payments low as $20.00. Call today. Free new color catalog, 1-800-462-9197.

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20/20 WITHOUT GLASSES! Safe, rapid, non-surgical, permanent restoration in 6-8 weeks. Airline pilot developed, doctor approved. Free information by mail: 1-800-422-7320, 406-961-5570, FAX 406-961-5577. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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COMPLICATIONS NORPLANT IMPLANTS or breast lactation drug Parlodel, call 1-800-833-9121. Free legal consultation. Carl Waldman, board certified Personal Injury Trial Law Texas, Beaumont, Houston.

EDUCATION

BECOME A PARALEGAL - accredited, attorney instructed diploma and degree home-study. Up to 50% credit awarded for academic and life/work experience. SCI-NIPAS free catalog 1-800-669-2555.

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FRIENDLY TOYS AND gifts has openings for demonstrators in your area. Part-time hrs., full-time pay, over 800 items. Celebrating our 40th anniversary. Call 1-800-488-4875.

MAKE ONE MORE call! Stop wasting time & money!! Call JNB Enterprise for your free entry level vending machine programs catalog. 1-800-515-0655.

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VENTURE GROWTH SOURCES. Money sources for start up business, growth, development & expansion. For free info call: 915-264-6652.

RECEIVING PAYMENTS ON property sold? We pay cash for real estate notes, deeds of trust, and land contracts ... nationwide!! Highest prices paid. Texas based. 1-800-446-3690.

FREE DEBT CONSOLIDATION. Immediate relief! Too many debts? Overdue bills? Reduce monthly payments 30%-50%. Eliminate interest. Stop collection callers. Restore credit. NCCS, nonprofit. 1-800-955-0412.

WE BUY NOTES secured by real estate. Have you sold property and financed the sale for the buyer? Turn your note into cash. 1-800-969-1200.

ADOPTION

LOVING ACTIVE COUPLE FINANCIALLY secure. Wish to adopt newborn. Warm home with extended family and pets. Allowed expenses paid. Legal. Call Laurie or Jeff 1-800-890-6199. *It's illegal to be paid for anything beyond legal/medical expenses.*

18--Services

NEED YOUR LAWN MOWED? Call Brent or Bryan Portwood at 647-2541. 18-2-tfx

WILL DO OUTSIDE trim and window painting. Winston and Judy Waggoner, 647-5755. 18-7-4tc

Dimmitt Ready Mix & Construction

Commercial & Residential
- Septic Systems
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Licensed, Bonded and Insured

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HEADHUNTERS family hairstyling, 409 NW 4th. 647-4159. New customers get a 20% discount on all services. Look for our coupon in the Plainview Area-Wide Directory. Ask about our tanning specials. We use and sell Redken, Paul Mitchell and Matrix products. 18-45-tfc

Call Us For LUMBER • PLYWOOD HARDWARE • PAINT ROOFING • SIDING

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Tulia, 995-3043

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17 years experience
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Large Removal
Topping • Fertilizing
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WANT TO LOSE WEIGHT? Or feel better? 30 days, $30. Call 647-2242. 18-40-tfc

FREE
Pregnancy Test
Confidential Counseling
Problem Pregnancy Center
505 E. Park Ave., Hereford
Call 364-2027 or 364-5299 (Michelle)

ROOFING SYSTEMS. For quality hail-resistant roofing, call Robert Duke at 647-5517. 18-44-tfc

19--Students Wanting Work

WANTED: Lawns to mow. Need a lawn mowed? Call Zachary Bell at 647-3204 or Brad Beck at 647-5456. 19-49-tfx

WILL MOW lawns. Call Tyson Adams at 647-4397. 19-8-tfx

20--Help Wanted

NOW HIRING

$2075/MO.
Guaranteed

SAFETY ANALYST TRAINEE. NO EXP. NEC. Company trains. Ground floor oppty. for career minded person with major nat'l co. Must be over 18, bondable, and coachable. Adv. prog. & vacation plan. Interview by appt. only
Call MON., TUES., 9-4 pm
1-806-359-0191
CMA
Sunset Center
Plains & Western, Amarillo

CLINIC ADMINISTRATOR: Rural Health Clinic administrator needed in Dimmitt, Texas. Will work with five practitioners in two locations. Degree required. Experience preferred. Will train. Send resume to Stephen M. Goode, CEO, Castro County Hospital District, P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. EOE. 20-8-2tc

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Transcriptionist needed to work with three doctors and nurse practitioners. Must have good typing skills and good knowledge of medical terminology. Must be able to understand accent. Send resume to Stephen M. Goode, CEO, Castro County Hospital District, P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. EOE. 20-8-2tc

20--Help Wanted

DRIVERS

TEIC Corp. is now interviewing qualified drivers for their client, Steere Tank Lines. Full and part-time employment available. Steere Tank Lines requires 12 month verifiable tractor trailer experience, CDL license with Haz Mat and tanker endorsement, must be 21 years of age, pass DOT physical and drug screen.

806-647-3185
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Home Health Agency is now accepting applications for several positions: LVN, full-time and part-time; Secretary/billing clerk, full-time; RN, full-time; Certified Nurse Aid PRN. Experience helpful. Apply in person, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt. 20-7-2tc

OPERATE A FIREWORKS STAND 6/24 to 7/4 outside of Dimmitt. Make up to $1,500. Must be over 20. Phone 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 1-210-622-3788. 20-5-6tc

21--Wanted, Misc.

I WOULD LIKE TO BUY your used gold jewelry—broken, worn out or otherwise. Call 647-3250, evenings. 21-1-tfc

22--Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-40-tfc

23--Lost & Found

LOST! Two basset hounds, black and white male, red and black female. 1 year old. Have collars. Small reward. Call 647-3731. 23-5-5tc

FOUND! Set of keys during election at Dimmitt City Hall. Identify and claim in person at City Hall. 23-5-tfx

25--Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to existing provisions of the School Depository Act, it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the Dimmitt Independent School District to select a Depository to assist with the banking functions for all funds of the District for a two-year period commencing not later than Sept. 1, 1995, and ending Aug. 31, 1997, or until such time as a successor Depository is named. The legal provisions providing for the naming of a Depository of the District are set forth in Subchapter E of Chapter 23, Sections 23.71 through 23.80 of the Texas Education Code. Investments by the District will be governed by the Government Code Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment. Securities Pledged as collateral to secure District deposits will be governed by the Government Code Chapter 2257, Collateral for Public Funds. Sealed Depository bids are due at Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, 3 p.m., June 5, 1995. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and waive any formalities. 25-7-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GUY F. KELLEY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GUY F. KELLEY were issued on May 2, 1995, in Cause No. 2185, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to DORACE JANE KELLEY, Rt. 2, Box 26, Earth, Texas 79031.

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 2nd day of May, 1995.

YARBROUGH LAW OFFICE
By Paul Yarbrough
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 1149
Littlefield, Texas 79339
State Bar of Texas No. 22136000
25-8-1tc

MENU

Here are the school breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt for the week of June 5-9.

DIMMITT
Breakfast

MONDAY: Assorted fruit juices, assorted cereal with milk, plain graham crackers, and 2% lowfat milk.

TUESDAY: Fresh assorted fruit, cheese pizza and 2% lowfat milk.

WEDNESDAY: Assorted fruit juices, assorted cereal with milk, plain graham crackers and 2% lowfat milk.

THURSDAY: Fresh assorted fruit, cinnamon sweet rolls and 2% lowfat milk.

FRIDAY: Assorted fruit juices, assorted cereal with milk, plain graham crackers and 2% lowfat milk.

Lunch

MONDAY: Sausage and pepperoni pizza, green beans, tossed salad with dressing and milk.

TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, french fries, hamburger salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, pork and beans, potato salad and milk.

THURSDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, arroz Mexicano, taco salad, fruit cocktail and milk.

FRIDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato rounds, hay stack finger salad and milk.



ALAN VALDERAZ
Six Separate Honors



SANDRA LOPEZ
$3,000 Winner



ANDY BENNETT
Five Scholarships and Awards



TRACI KNOX
Lions, Xi Mu Iota Scholarships

Hart High School honors graduates

Hart High School's graduating seniors received 30 scholarships valued at $25,000 during commencement exercises last Thursday night.

Also, winners of 12 senior academic and citizenship awards were announced during the graduation service, held in the HHS gym.

The biggest scholarships were awarded to:

—SHEA BENNETT, two-year, full tuition athletic scholarship to South Plains College, plus a $100 United Methodist Women's Scholarship;

— SANDRA LOPEZ, $3,000 scholarship from the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association and the Ethnic Minorities Association;

— ALAN VALDERAZ, one-year full tuition scholarship to South Plains College, plus a $200 scholarship from Texas Tech and a $300 Hart Lions Club Scholarship;

— KIM GROSSMAN, $1,000 Hart Lions Club Scholarship, plus a $200 scholarship from Texas Tech and a $150 scholarship from the Catholic Daughters of America;

—ANDY BENNETT, $500 Hale County State Bank Scholarship, $500 W.I.T.H. Association Scholarship and a $100 United Methodist Women's Scholarship; and

—MIGUEL CISNEROS, $1,100 scholarship from West Texas A&M.

Scholarships also were presented to:

— SHEILA AALBERS, $600 Lions Club Scholarship.

— TANYA LEIBEL, $500 W.I.T.H. Association Scholarship and $200 Lions Club Scholarship.

—MONICA PEREZ, $100 *Pulse* Scholarship from the school newspaper.

—CLINT EMERY, $100 United Methodist Women's Scholarship.

— SHELLY MAYHEW, $100 Shandi McLain Memorial Scholarship and $300 Zealot Club Scholarship.

—NORMA VELASQUEZ, $100 Hart Lions Club Scholarship.

— TRAVIS BENNETT, $200 scholarship from West Texas A&M, $100 Wade Mills Memorial Scholarship and $100 United Methodist Women's Scholarship.

— TRACI KNOX, $400 Hart Lions Club Scholarship and $200 Xi Mu Iota Scholarship.

—NERYBEL MONTEMAYOR, $200 Texas Tech PREP Scholarship.

— DANNA WILHELM, $100 United Methodist Women's Scholarship.

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Academic and citizenship award winners announced during the graduation were:

"I Dare You" Awards: Shea Bennett and Andy Bennett.

American Legion Awards: Andy Bennett and Kim Grossman.

Valedictorian Award: Alan Valderaz.

Salutatorian Award: Kim Grossman.

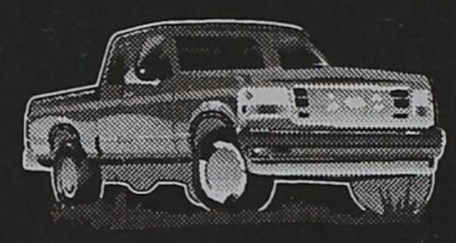
School Board Awards: Sandra Lopez, Alan Valderaz, Kim Grossman, Traci Knox and Danna Wilhelm.

Tandy Award for Excellence in Math, Science and Computer: Alan Valderaz.

Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

It's a boy for Steven and Sheryl Albracht of Hart. Their son, Keenan Cray Albracht, was born at 7:21 a.m., Friday, May 26, at Plainview Methodist Hospital. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 ozs. and was 19 ½ inches long. He has two older sisters, Kembra who is 7 years old, and Keley who is 5. Grandparents are Cleve and Shirley McLain of Hart and Sam and Margie Albracht of Nazareth. His maternal great-grandparents are Jometa McLain of Hart and Sara Todd of Lubbock. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Albracht of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Shacher of Nazareth.

RATTLESNAKE ROUND-UP!
ALLSUP'S
Over $500,000 In Cash And Prizes!
Win Up To $5,000 Instantly!

Win A 1995 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT!

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SAVE ON PEPSI-COLA
12 OZ. CANS, 6 PACK
$1.89

ALLSUP'S SAUSAGE & BISCUIT FOR ONLY 79¢



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Hutchison rep hears locals

Two dozen Dimmitt residents let a representative of US Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison know they are unhappy with the bureaucracy in Washington, DC.

Shea Woodard, a Hub native who runs the senator's new West Texas office in Abilene, visited with local residents during a 45-minute session Friday at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office. Residents complained about unrealistic mandates and rules of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA).

The residents praised the efforts of the city, especially City Manager Reeford Burrous, in keeping the landfill open here while many other cities have had to close theirs. The city was able to use an "arid land" exemption, finagling and politicking to maintain the only landfill in Castro County.

"I know the senator doesn't like these one - size - fits - all rules," Woodard said. "New York is not the same as Lubbock, and Abilene is not the same as Dimmitt. Every place is different and should be treated differently."

Gary Thompson, manager of American Maize-Products plant in Dimmitt, pointed out how ridiculous some of the rules are.

"If we were to have a spill, we would have to report it to the Coast Guard," Thompson said. "Now, how ridiculous is that?"

Other concerns brought up during the meeting included private property rights, a proposed constitutional amendment on flag desecration, a proposed flat tax to replace the income tax, and the 1995 farm bill.

On private property rights, Woodard said Sen. Hutchison added an amendment to the defense bill that curtailed new listings to the endangered species list by the EPA.

"The Arkansas River shiner's listing would have been a disaster to the Panhandle," Woodard said. "We don't need to get rid of everything the EPA does, because some of the things they do are necessary. We have just prevented them from doing anything new because they have no budget."

On the farm bill, Woodard said there will be cuts in whatever comes out of the Congress, but the senator "is behind the ag community because she knows agriculture is a large part of the Texas economy."

"There are some things that won't make it out of the Congress without a change," Woodard said. "We will fight for the least amount of change."

Woodard said Sen. Hutchison is still waiting for new studies on the flat tax and hasn't yet formed an opinion on it, and that the senator is probably going to support a flag desecration amendment.

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Free meals . . .

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state but is new in Dimmitt. It began in 1987 and was served in 254 cities last summer, serving 7.4 million meals. It operates in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. Dimmitt and Castro County is one of those areas in which one-half or more of the children are from families with income at or below 185% of poverty.

Because well over 50% of the children in Dimmitt are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, the program will be open to ***all*** children who wish to take advantage of the program. Ketchum said he is also contacting area churches who may want to use the service for their Vacation Bible School or other programs this summer.

For each meal, the school's food service will receive at least $1.26 for breakfast and $2.28 for lunch. A review of meals prepared by Ketchum shows all meals will fall well short of those costs, which could mean profits for the local food program.

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Obituary

Mon Tanner

Mon Tanner, 87, of Morton, died Thursday.

Services were Saturday at First Assembly of God Church in Morton with the Rev. Henry Russell, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery by Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Tanner was born Nov. 14, 1907, in Foard County. He married Roxie Beard on Nov. 1, 1929 in Clovis, N.M. He was a charter member and past deacon of First Assembly of God Church in Morton. He was past president of the Cochran County Farm Bureau.

He was a retired farmer.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Helen, in 1932.

Survivors include four sons, Hershel Tanner and Randal Tanner, both of Morton, Carlton Tanner of Lubbock and Larry Tanner of Normangee; two daughters, Virginia Hansen of Dimmitt and Thelma Scoggins of Morton; two brothers, Aquilla Johnson of Modesto, Calif., and Guy Johnson of Turlock, Calif.; two sisters, Cora Smithers of Woodland, Calif., and Veda McVay of California; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

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BLENDED FAMILY — Dimmitt High School's American Field Service Foreign Exchange student Angelique Pfaff got to enjoy the presence of both of her families last week, as her parents and brother from the Netherlands were in Dimmitt for five days and will continue a tour of the US, returning home June 10. Angelique is scheduled to return home July 6. Shown are (from left) Patrick, Johan, Riet and Angelique Pfaff, and Angelique's American host family Kathy, Johnny, Wendi and Amy Ethridge. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

More about

Board eyes clinic options . . .

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Dimmitt, but postponed the purchase of another hematology unit until the status of the clinic's lab can be decided.

The board also voted to postpone the purchase of a computer for nursing services and try to get a volume deal on several new computers that are budgeted for various departments in the district.

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Board members went into detailed discussions with Goode, Hospital Business Office Manager Angie Sandoval and Community Clinics Administrator Vince Moss over past - due accounts and the effect of bad debts on the district's projected revenue.

Goode, Moss and Sandoval all said that a written policy regarding past-due accounts, plus the naming of a full - time collection agent, could relieve the bad-debt problem.

They also said electronic billing of insurance claims is now being tested, and that a more efficient accounting program is needed for Medicare and Medicaid claims.

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The board postponed for another month the adoption of a budget for Castro County Community Clinics, voting to allocate another 1/12 of the proposed budget while continuing a study of the clinics' costs and projected income.

Goode reported the resignations of CCCC Administrator Vince Moss and medical transcriptionist Valerie Moss. (See separate story.)

Goode said he has received "several good applications" for the newly created post of chief financial officer for the hospital district, and needed more time to interview the applicants. He recommended the new CFO be hired at the next board meeting.

The board learned that Dr. Jobey Claborn has arrived and started his medical practice. He and Dr. D. S. Patel are to be joined later this summer by another physician; the three are to work together in Dimmitt and Hart with two mid-level practitioners, giving Castro Countians the services of five doctors—including Drs. B. D. Murphy and Gary R. Hardee—and at least three mid-level practitioners.

Mosses resign

Vince and Valerie Moss resigned from the rural health clinics here during an executive session of the hospital board last Wednesday night.

Vince Moss has been the administrator of County Community Clinics since March 1994. His sister Valerie is the clinic system's medical transcriptionist.

Moss has been under fire because of losses incurred by the two-year-old rural health clinic system here, which has been operating with just one doctor for the past year.

For two months, the hospital board has postponed adoption of a fiscal 1996 budget for the rural health clinics, with hospital trustee Teresa Lindsey charging that the CCCC's expenses have been excessive and its projected income figures too high.

Vince Moss claims the clinics' financial woes will turn around "dramatically" with the addition of two doctors this summer.

"When I came here, I felt I was being hired to help build something," Vince Moss said this week, "but for the past year, I feel we've been on a course in the opposite direction."

He said he will return to Amarillo and look for a job. He is part owner of Great Nation Investment Corp., an Amarillo securities brokerage, "but I don't think I want to get back into that," he said.

Valerie Moss said she plans to move to Snyder, where her fiance, Jackie Greene, lives. Their wedding is planned for September.

Moss said this week that he feels the rural health clinic system can succeed here if the people will support it.

"I think the people of Castro County had better decide what they want and what they're willing to pay for," he said. "Health care is changing in small towns. If the clinics survive, then the hospital will survive. If we don't provide the services through the clinics that are dictated by the HMOs and PPOs, then they'll bypass us and the people of Castro County will have to find somewhere else to go for these services.

"People may not like it, but that's the way it's going to be," he said.

Both of the Mosses said they're sorry to be leaving Dimmitt and Castro County.

"I feel like we've made some lifelong friends here," Moss said. "Nearly all the people here have been very kind and friendly, have taken us into their homes and made us feel almost a part of their families. There are a lot of good people in Castro County."

Outside of the clinic system, the Mosses have been known for their musical abilities. She's the lead fiddler and he's the bass fiddler in "The Swing Gang," a western swing band.

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