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By Don Nelson

It pays to advertise (continued):

When Mandy Gfeller and Shelly Smith at the new Just Imagine store got a new line of merchandise in, they wondered how to advertise it.

They decided to just list it discreetly with some other new merchandise in a July Jubilee ad in the paper two weeks ago.

So the ad read:

"Come see our new lines of . . .
★ Lingerie
★ The New Water Bra
★ Music"

No cable, no radio, no TV. Just one non-splashy ad in the newspaper.

Wow! They've had a run on water bras. The things have been selling like, uh, hotcakes. (Sorry.)

They sold out, reordered, sold out, and have reordered again.

"As soon as they saw it in the paper, they started coming in, and the traffic has been good since," Mandy said.

The water bra is quite an invention. It looks like a standard bra, except that it has two water-filled, uh, modules built into it.

I don't know why somebody didn't invent it sooner. For anyone feeling the need, it can always be an option, and I would think it sure beats an implant.

Shelly and Mandy are compiling a waiting list, and they've reordered again.

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Speaking of bras, you can bet there's been a run on those black Nike athletic halters ever since Brandi Chastain kicked the decisive goal for the US in the world championship women's soccer match Saturday.

Chastain created one of those magic sports moments when she ripped off her shirt in celebration and dropped to her knees as soon as her kick hit the net.

The shirt stayed off until time for the trophy presentation.

It was amusing when Chastain told a TV interviewer that she hadn't planned to rip off her shirt; that she just did so in the excitement of the moment.

If you believe that, I have some beachfront property in Utah I'd like to sell you.

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LEARNING HOW TO MOW—Participants in the Summer Quest Program, sponsored by Catholic Family Services and the Castro County Extension office, are learning many valuable life skills, including how to run a lawn mower safely. Friday, a group of youngsters mowed two traffic triangles on South US 385. Here, Aaron Herrera (left) helps Melissa Ruiz maneuver through a difficult spot. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

DISD

Two assistant principals resign; one to be replaced

After an executive session, the Dimmitt School Board voted Monday night to eliminate one assistant principal's position in the district, but declined to take action on a motion to eliminate the other.

According to DISD Supt. Les Miller, the board followed the request of Dimmitt Middle School Principal George Rasor in not filling the position of DMS assistant principal after the resignation of Juli Sawyer. Miller said Rasor volunteered to cover Sawyer's duties in exchange for an additional stipend.

The board agreed to make the change for this school year to see how it works out.

Board member Earl Behrends said he made a motion to also do away with the position of assistant principal at Dimmitt High School, after the resignation of Lyman Schroeder. The motion died for the lack of a second, according to Behrends. Board member Paul Garcia made the motion to retain the position of assistant principal at the high school, with board member John Nino seconding it. They also included wording to set the salary range for the position depending on experience. The measure passed on a 5-1 vote, with Behrends voting against. Board member Avery Thrasher was absent.

The resignations of the two assistant principals were accepted following the executive session. Sawyer has accepted a position in Brownfield. Miller said he did not know what plans Schroeder had.

Other resignations that were approved included Vince Fitzgerald, eighth grade health, P.E., and coach, who is moving to Denver City; Amy Garcia, DHS homemaking, who is taking a position with the Clovis, N.M., schools; and Estella Mendez, Head Start paraprofessional, who is retiring.

Personnel who were hired include Jimmy Whiddon, moving here from Clifton, who will teach high school government or history in addition to helping coach football, track and off season; Chandra Davis, who will teach sixth grade reading; Michelle Johnson, who will teach third grade; Trista Hickman, who will teach fifth grade language arts; and David Rivera, moving here from Hagerman, N.M., who will teach eighth grade health, P.E., and coach.

Also after the executive session, the board voted on salaries for teachers and for administrators and other contracted employees.

Teachers were given a $3,000 increase in addition to whatever step increase they qualified for, according to state mandate. Board member Greg Odom abstained from the vote because his wife is a teacher. The other five board members present gave approval.

Administrators and other contracted employees were given a

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Millican 'back home' as new county agent

Pammy Millican has been hired as the new County Extension Agent, Agriculture, for Castro County.

He served here before, from January 1995 to May 1997, as the assistant County Extension Agent, Ag, leaving to take the position of County Extension Agent, Ag, for Briscoe County in Silverton.

The Castro County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to accept the recommendation of the Extension Service to hire Millican.

Millican received his bachelor of science degree from Angelo State University with a major in animal science with a range management option. He received his agriculture science teaching certificate from Texas Tech University in December 1994, and obtained his master of science degree from Tech, maintaining a 3.909 GPA.

He performed student teaching with the Wall Independent School District from October to December 1994 and worked as a demonstration aide for Lubbock County from May to August 1994.

Pammy Millican

He holds memberships in the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association, BCAA, and the American Quarter Horse Association.

His wife is the former Jill Gfeller of Dimmitt, and they were married in July of 1997.

Wood resigns as NHS principal

Nazareth residents will say goodbye this week to Don and Tonda Wood and their family, Kasey, Lindsey and Lane, who will be relocating to Childress.

Don Wood, who has been principal at Nazareth High School for the past seven years, recently resigned to accept a job as high school principal at Childress. His wife has accepted a fourth-grade teaching position at Childress.

After accepting Wood's resignation, the Nazareth School Board then elected to go with one principal to serve the kindergarten through 12th grade, and current elementary school principal Debra Clinton was named to fill the position.

"We decided to serve the school with one principal as a result of declining enrollment in the elementary grades," said Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson.

"We regret losing a man of Don Wood's character, caliber and knowledge," Johnson said. "He always seemed to have a keen interest in the students and what they were doing, whether it be in athletics or academics. During his time here, he made several changes in the curriculum that have made a great impact on the school system.

"He and his family will be greatly missed by the students, staff and the community," Johnson said.

Wood said he wasn't looking for a new job—Childress approached him about the position. And Childress had to call twice before he and his family

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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	93	64	
Friday	95	65	
Saturday	96	60	.21
Sunday	93	52	.12
Monday	80	52	
Tuesday	84	55	
Wednesday	90	56	

July Moisture 0.33
1999 Moisture 18.47

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

SIZZLING SAUSAGE–Eddie Schacher (left) and Duane Maurer of Nazareth load up a monstrous grill with German sausage Saturday for the Nazareth German Festival. The traditional sausage dinner was one of the highlights of the celebration, which concluded Saturday with an outdoor benefit concert at the Community Center Ballpark. *Photo by Adam Acker*

Above-average rainfall recorded here during spring

Above-average precipitation fell across most of the area this spring, and Castro County was among those areas blessed with substantial moisture.

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District monitors rainfall throughout its service area, and the district recently released rainfall totals for the first five months of the year.

The district has a network of 400 rain gauges placed within its 15-county service area, which includes most of Castro County.

KDHN Radio, the National Weather Service Observer for Dimmitt, reported 12.31 inches of rain during the January-May period, but heavier amounts were received south and west of Dimmitt during different times.

During January and February, moisture record in Castro County ranged between one-half of an inch in most areas of the county to 1.5 inches in a small area just south of Dimmitt.

Rainfall increased during March, with most of the county receiving between one and three inches.

Things continued to improve in April as Mother Nature graced county soils with up to 12 inches of rain.

In May, two inches was the average rainfall recorded in the county, with an area south of Dimmitt picking up three to four inches.

"Mother Nature has provided great opportunities for precipitation across our region so far this year," said A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Water District manager. "While precipitation totals have varied from county-to-county, it is important to note that the majority of the Water District service area has received above-average rainfall during the first five months of the year."

During January and February, precipitation totals ranged from one-half of an inch in western Cochran County to 2.5 inches in southeastern Floyd County.

In March, precipitation totals ranged from one inch in Deaf Smith County to three inches in portions of Cochran and Crosby Counties. Most of the rain gauges within the district indicated about two inches of precipitation during March.

April readings showed widespread precipitation, ranging from zero to two inches of rainfall in western Bailey and Cochran counties to 12 inches in Castro County.

In May, more widespread precipitation was received within the district. Totals ranged from one to two inches in Parmer County and six to seven inches in portions of Crosby and Floyd Counties.

National Weather Service Forecast offices in Amarillo and Lubbock also confirm above-average precipitation totals at their recording stations during the same time period.

Historic precipitation data (1911-1991) shows the average precipitation for January to May in Amarillo and Lubbock to be 6.24 inches and 5.78 inches, respectively.

The January to May 1999 precipitation totals are 14.62 inches for Amarillo and 9.32 inches for Lubbock. That's 8.38 inches and 3.54 inches above the historical precipitation average for the respective recording stations.

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"Our field personnel make rain gauge readings the first week of

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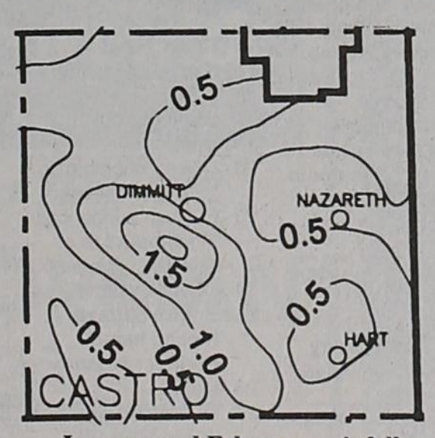
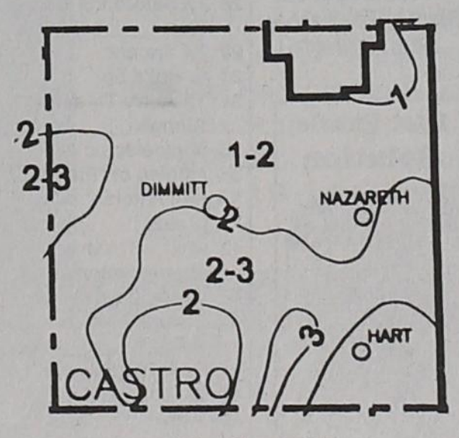


January and February rainfall



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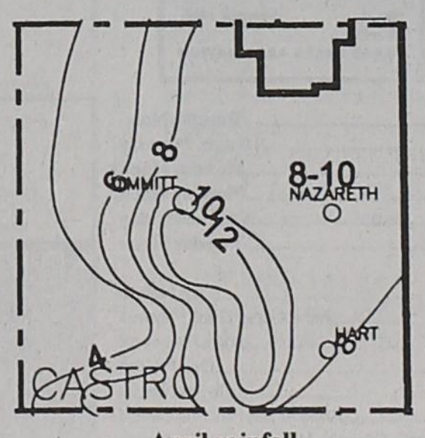

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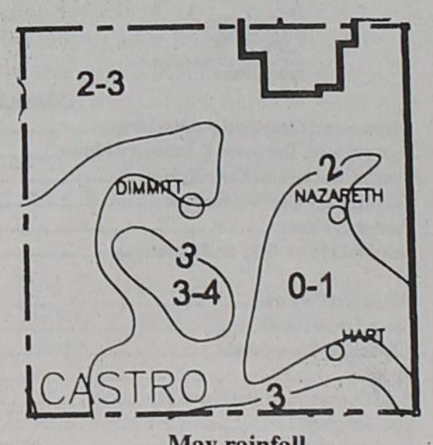

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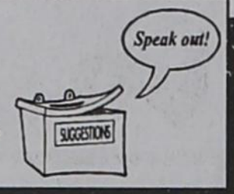

Slaton woman seeks funding for rheumatology conference

Dear Editor:

I had a very interesting conversation the other day. A very dear friend of mine is very sick and her doctors want to send her to another hospital. She has been ill for a very long time and is tired. She's tired of being tired, she's tired of being sick, but most of all she's tired of fighting. She's a 36-year-old mother of one. She had given up hope and was ready to die, so I said to her, "If it were your daughter, you would have taken her to the other hospital a long time ago." She responded, "You know it!" My next question was, "Why won't you save your own life for her? Don't you know she wants you to be there when she gets married? Remember how you felt the first time your mother saw her? Do you want to take that feeling away from your daughter?"

The other day someone asked me why I was so involved in the Lupus Foundation, "Why do you have so much drive?" It's not because I'm sick, it's not because I'm struggling to keep going, it's not for prestige. It's because my 7-year-old daughter is struggling. She's the one with lupus. I watch her struggle as she walks outside to sit down. It is very important to her that she can say, "I went outside today." I've watched her doctors cry because her hands were so swollen she couldn't straighten her fingers, or because she has sores in her mouth so bad she couldn't swallow her own saliva. I've stayed up with her many nights, trying everything in my power to ease her pain.

I hear stories about people suffering for years because "the doctors wouldn't listen." I'm not convinced that they just would not listen. I believe a lot of them don't know. I've spoken with several physicians who say, "I don't know what to look for. I don't know what labs to draw. When do I refer to a specialist?" Lupus is a great imitator. One specialist once told me that doctors hate more than anything to diagnose lupus, because it is such a horrible disease. Yet I find many people who have no idea what lupus is.

My goal is to educate as many healthcare professionals, patients, family and friends as possible. I am planning a rheumatology medical conference in April 2000. I'm working with three physicians, a nurse educator, and the continuing education director to bring national speakers to Lubbock to educate the healthcare professionals in West Texas from El Paso to Dallas and all of New Mexico. If one person is diagnosed and treated quicker, then I will know it was well worth my time. To have this medical conference I must raise $15,000. I have several activities planned, but not enough volunteers and money.

I am making a plea to all of the people afflicted with this horrible disease called LUPUS. If you are physically able and can spare an hour, or two, or more, or have a couple of extra dollars you can spare, please call me at the lupus office (The Lupus Foundation of America, West Texas Chapter at 806-744-6666 or 1-800-580-LUPUS). If you can't/won't do it for yourself, do it for all those people around you—those people who die a little inside every time they see you struggle to walk, watch you sleep all day, and/or are there for you when you have to go to another doctor's appointment or have more blood drawn. Help me to help the physicians, scientists, and nurses who treat you, so that they may find a cure, so you can feel better, walk without pain, and be there to watch your children grow, or maybe just sit and drink coffee with a friend.

I also make a plea to all of the family members and friends. You guys are the ones with the energy. I don't have to tell you how it feels when your loved one is sick. I know how it feels when a lovely child looks up at you with tears streaming down her face and says, "Mom, if I could just die, I wouldn't have to hurt anymore. Jesus would take real good care of me," or when she says, "Mom, will you help me? Will you help find a cure?" Sometimes I feel like I'm fighting this battle alone, but I know I'm NOT! Your loved one has no idea how much you hurt inside, they don't know how hard it is to be strong when you're watching them slowly and painfully fade away. They don't know that you'd give your last breath if you could take their place. I'm asking YOU, if you have an hour or two, or more, or a couple of dollars you can spare, call me. Help me to help those that you love. Let's relieve their suffering and help them get back to living.

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Lupus victim seeks to form support group

Dear Editor:

When I read things about lupus, it scares me a little, because I have lupus. Fortunately, or I should say, thanks be to God, my case is very mild. I only suffer moderate fatigue and mild joint pain, along with occasional skin eruptions.

I have it real easy compared with someone like Suzie Bjork, who has to watch her young daughter suffer. I have seen pictures on the Internet of various complications of lupus, and it isn't pretty.

I have been very fortunate in the doctors that I have had. I was undergoing blood tests a couple of years ago, investigating an off-the-chart anemia reading. The anemia reading did not repeat itself, but the lupus was discovered. I credit Dr. Leon Joplin with caring enough to be concerned about a one-time unusual reading, and being educated enough to know the need for consulting a specialist. As Suzie said, many lupus patients go for years without finding out what is wrong with them.

I certainly hope and pray that research continues to make progress into finding the cause and a cure for this disease.

I have very selfish reasons for wanting to help increase understanding about lupus, but I also would like to help others who are suffering so much more than I have.

That is why I am organizing a fund-raising effort here in Castro County to help Suzie find the money for her conference. Please call me at 647-3123 or 647-3535 if you would like to help.

I also would like to form a local support group for those who suffer from autoimmune and rheumatological disorders, including lupus. Please call if you would be interested in joining the support group.

LINDA MAXWELL

Be careful of what you put in your sack

By RON TRUSLER
Executive Director
Central Plains Center

The problem with rushing grief is that you might not get all the way through it. It can build up and come back to haunt you later. We all know that grief is the result of a loss—not just from death—but also from divorce, job or status change, financial adjustments, moving, friends, etc.

There are so many things that we can grieve over, it is difficult to get through grieving for one thing before something else comes along.

We tend to cut the grief process short because:

(1) We think it's been long enough.

(2) We are distracted by other things.

(3) We feel we are weak for still being troubled.

Therefore, we stuff it down, mask it over and do not express our feelings about the loss anymore.

Working through loss takes time. If the pain of loss is allowed to build up inside us it may become misdirected. In other words, if later we suffer another loss and our reaction is more intense than normal, it is likely a result of unresolved grief from the past. We are dumping all of our leftover grief into this one incident.

I remember when I was about 7 years old. It was my first experience at picking cotton on my Granddad's farm in western Oklahoma. I was too small to pick two or three rows at one time, like the adults. I could not even keep up with the one row.

The sack was real light starting off and I thought this was going to be "a piece of cake." It did not take me long to realize the more cotton you put in the sack the heavier it got. I also learned that the heavier your sack when weighed, the more money you made. I learned that green boles and dirt clods weighed more than cotton. So, I managed to put some in my sack. I became tired of dragging that thing and I was lagging behind the others. It was embarrassing. I thought about dumping part of my sack so I could, at least, finish close to the others. I finally made it to the scales, had my sack weighed and crawled up in the trailer to dump my sack. This was all under the watchful eye of my Granddad. I began to empty my sack. I had forgotten how many green boles and clods of dirt were in there! Granddad was kind of narrow-minded about all this. He was not impressed.

All that to illustrate how we may have more inside us than we realize. We may dump it in inappropriate place—like on other people. It is appropriate to have cotton in the sack, but not green boles and dirt clods. It is appropriate to have experiences that enhance our wisdom inside us, but not those things that make us resentful and harsh.

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Three local women continue education

By LINDA MAXWELL

Three Dimmitt women who joined a career seminar a little over a year ago at the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt have shown their commitment to improving their lives by sticking with their plans for getting more education.

It has not been easy for the three. Various difficulties caused three others who finished the seminar with them to suspend their improvement plans, temporarily at least.

"It isn't easy," said Esther Espinosa. "There is a lot of stress, pressure, disappointments and let downs, but you have to keep going."

She just finished two semesters of work at Amarillo College, working toward becoming a medical data specialist. However, she said she may change her major to office management.

"It (college) is not just playing around. You really need to put 100% in it because it isn't easy for someone who didn't do all that well in school and who has been out of school as long as we have," Espinosa said. She has been out of high school for 20 years, as have Estella Salinas and Gwen Pevehouse, the other two who have managed to continue their education.

Salinas also has completed two semesters toward becoming a medical data specialist. Pevehouse had started out in computer studies, but changed to medical data, as well. She also has completed two semesters of work.

PCS office supervisor Stella Devers said that of the nine who completed the career seminar, she expected these three to have the most difficult time.

"I was afraid for them, because they had been out of it (higher education) for the longest time," Devers said. "But I guess they were the most determined."

"With the struggle they have had they should be proud of themselves," Devers said. "Through every obstacle they didn't give up. They have developed the attitude of 'I want to do it, show me or help me understand.' They never gave up. I am proud of them."

"A few times, I almost gave up completely," Espinosa said. "But with Estella and Stella and my family [encouraging and helping me], I completed another semester.

"If you let somebody down—a family member or your kids—you just have to cope with it and take care of it the best you can the next time around," she added.

Salinas said she will not be able to continue in the fall semester this year, but already plans to get back to her studies in the spring semester next year.

She said she feels she will be better prepared next year after having gone through the struggles of this year.

"I have learned that I can do it," Salinas said. "I had been worried about what people would say, how my family would react.

"My family at first was very encouraging, but they were so used to me being at home, and then I wasn't around. I felt bad when I couldn't do things when they wanted me to, but they got used to it. Now they ask me first, 'Can you go do this?' or 'Do you have your homework done?' "

"I had a lot of back-up from my parents, and my kids have helped a lot around the house," Espinosa said. "I feel that sometimes I put too much on them. I feel like I neglected them some.

"At college orientation, they said, 'You don't have a life any longer.' They told us that school comes before anything. That was hard. Family comes first for us, but we still made it," Espinosa continued.

"If you set your mind to it, you can do it (get an education)," Espinosa said. "It will take a lot out of you and it is a big adjustment, but it is worth it. You will struggle, but it will be worth it.

"Anyone who wants to continue their education and any assistance is available, take it. You will need it," she advised.

"Statistics say that most don't make it through the first semester or the first year," Devers said. "You three are making new statistics."

Espinosa said she almost become one of the old statistics, because she was taking too heavy a class load.

She said she suffered from exhaustion and stress until she dropped a couple of classes.

"That did help take some of the pressure off," she said. She added that she plans to continue with a lighter class load for the fall semester, too, "so I can have a life, and have time to study."

She said she is looking forward to going back in the fall, but she also is glad to be having the summer off for some time with her family.

Espinosa said she is glad to see a change in her son's attitude about college. She said he had mentioned going to college before, but now he is very definite about his plans. She said her brother also told her that her determination inspired him to go back to school. He has completed a semester of studies.

Another good thing Espinosa and Salinas say they have gained from their experience is a strong bond of friendship.

They said it has been an extra encouragement to have each other to lean on.

"We can understand exactly what the other one is going through," Salinas said.

"We are friends for life," Espinosa said. " We will keep on helping, encouraging and pushing each other."

The two also gave a lot of credit to Devers for her encouragement and help.

"She encouraged us a lot and helped our self-esteem," Espinosa said.

The two women said they are looking for employment for the interim before they jump back into the task of accomplishing their goals.

Their advice to others? Get your education. Finish high school. Get as much education in as early as you can.

Devers said she is planning another career seminar for sometime in July. It made a big difference in the lives of these three women, and she wants to help more.

Lee Street Baptist sets VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt on July 26-30, with classes and activities slated for children age 4 through sixth grade.

"Everyone is invited to join us on an expedition to a 'mountain-top' experience," said Jeff Addison, minister.

Sessions will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each evening at the church building at 410 Southwest Second.

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

Anyone wanting more information or needing transportation may call 647-5474.

More about DISD school board . . .

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$2,000 increase. The board voted approval unanimously.

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In other business, the board voted to authorize asbestos abatement in two science classrooms at DHS. The cost will be $10,383. DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill said he contacted Analytical Labs of Cross Plains to do the work. He said they were able to do it at a cheaper rate than the district has gotten from Grimes and Associates in the past.

In another matter, Hill told the board that he contacted Texas Courts and Windscreens of Abilene about giving an estimate for resurfacingand repairing tennis courts at the schools. He said the company told him they could do the two concrete courts at the high school for $6,500 and also the two at the middle school for $6,500. The two asphalt courts at the high school, which are currently covered with carpet, will cost $9,700, because it will take two coats of the resurfacing material to cover them. Hill said the company also listed a charge of $1,890 to remove the carpet, but he told the board that he felt school maintenance personnel could take care of the removal. Hill said the district has enough in the maintenance budget for the upcoming school year to cover the expense for all of the courts.

The student handbooks for all three campuses were approved by the board.

The board tabled action on a request by food service director Charles Ketchum that meal prices be increased for the coming school year. Ketchum made the recommendation in an effort to help reduce the deficit that the food service budget shows each year.

Miller said that he has an appointment to visit with representatives of Aramark, a private company that contracts food services for schools. He told the board that he is only seeking information. He commented that even if the board were interested in going with the company, it would not be feasible to do so any earlier than next fall.

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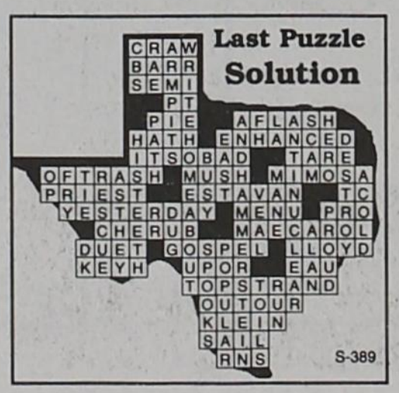

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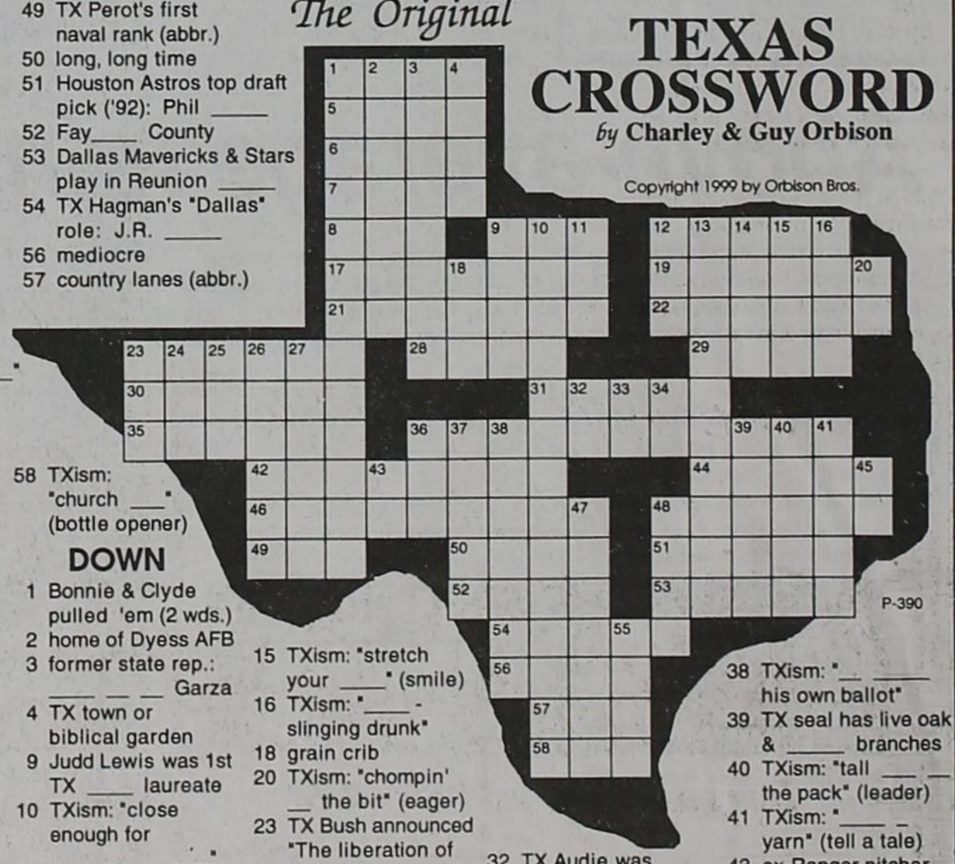
by **Charley & Guy Orbison**



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52 Fay___ County
53 Dallas Mavericks & Stars play in Reunion ___
54 TX Hagman's "Dallas" role: J.R. ___
56 mediocre
57 country lanes (abbr.)
58 TXism: "church ___" (bottle opener)

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1 Bonnie & Clyde pulled 'em (2 wds.)
2 home of Dyess AFB
3 former state rep.: ___ __ __ Garza
4 TX town or biblical garden
9 Judd Lewis was 1st TX ___ laureate
10 TXism: "close enough for _____ ___"
11 TXism: "___ some gravel" (fell)
12 iced ___
13 TX Roddenberry "Trek" line: "live long ___ ___"
14 forerunner of the 7-11 "Slurpee"
15 TXism: "stretch your ___" (smile)
16 TXism: "___ -slinging drunk"
18 grain crib
20 TXism: "chompin' __ the bit" (eager)
23 TX Bush announced "The liberation of Kuwait ___ begun"
24 TX mine output
25 El Paso's Plaza Theatre has 15-___ Wurlitzer organ
26 scuffle
27 TX Trevino won this in '68 & '71
32 TX Audie was hero of WW ___
33 LBJ's old address: Washington, __
34 Errol of film "San Antonio" (init.)
36 DFW arrival guess
37 Connally was a ___-time TX gov.
38 TXism: "__ ___ his own ballot"
39 TX seal has live oak & ___ branches
40 TXism: "tall ___ __ the pack" (leader)
41 TXism: "___ _ yarn" (tell a tale)
43 ex-Ranger pitcher Henke (init.)
45 Ranger broadcaster Nadel (init.)
47 Diez _ ___ __ Septiembre
48 poor horse (2 wds.)
55 TXism: "looking to meddle"

OFFICERS FROM CASTRO COUNTY'S IOTA ZETA chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society recently attended the group's state convention in Abilene. Those present for the convention were (seated) Sue Howell, (standing, left to right) Vicki Richards, Ruth Cochran and Glenda Sims.

Courtesy Photo

County teachers attend state DKG convention

Several members of Castro County's Iota Zeta chapter attended the 70th state convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, held in June at the Abilene Civic Center.

Among the local residents attending were Sue Howell, president of the Iota Zeta chapter; Vicki Richards, first vice president; Glenda Sims, treasurer; and Ruth Cochran, immediate past president.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an organization of key women teachers. It was formed in Austin on May 11, 1929, by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, an University of Texas professor. The Delta Kappa Gamma membership numbers more than 160,000 educators from 14 countries.

Members attending enjoyed preconvention tours to historic points of interest in Abilene.

Sharon Daugherty of Abilene, convention chairman, was assisted by co-chairman Ruth Talbert of Abilene and consultants Dr. Colleen Durrington of Abilene and Louise Foerster of Brownwood.

A pre-convention communications/leadership workshop entitled, "Enthusiasm Starts at the Top" was open to all members. Following opening night activities at the Civic Center, members participated in "Abilene Night." They enjoyed such activities as the Abilene Art Walk, free admission to the Grace Museum and a showing of *A Month at the Lake*, featuring Vanessa Redgrave at the historic Paramount Theatre.

During the executive board meeting on June 11, delegates voted on a variety of recommendations and adopted a budget for the coming year. Other convention attendees participated in committee and special interest workshops during the board meeting.

The annual birthday luncheon brought recognition to members who published during the year as well as to state and local newspapers providing exemplary coverage of education and/or society programs and projects. Members having 50 or more years of service received a certificate and red rose, traditional flower of the organization.

Special recognition of the State Achievement Award and the Golden Rose Award honored five members who have contributed time and energy to the state organization.

State President Dr. Mary Ann Walden of League City presented certificates to outstanding chapters. A 100-voice chorus entertained during banquets and memorial services.

Special brochures featured chapters honored for outstanding newsletters, and the Iota Zeta chapter was among those honored. Also honored were chapters with outstanding contributions to scholarships and other society projects. The state president hosted a dinner for state personnel at the Windsor Hotel.

A special presentation honoring the international president, the state president, past state presidents and the 306 Texas chapter presidents, including Dimmitt's Sue Hoell, was held one evening at the Civic Center. Carol Horton of Odessa and Eleanor Scott of Seabrook directed the event.

A memorial service in the First Baptist Church in Abilene honored members who had died since the 1998 convention.

Installation of state officers for the coming biennium took place just before the President's and Founders' Banquet. Newly-elected officers include Juanita Harmon of Lewisville, president; Dr. Karen Duke of Houston, first vice president; JoAnn Brooks of Plano, second vice president; J'Ann Payne Aman of Waco, recording secretary; and Alma Grace Richardson of Wichita Falls, corresponding secretary. Jean Hefner Webb of Fort Worth will serve as parliamentarian.

Evelyn Barron of Clinton, Miss., international president, served as official representative of the society to the convention. She assisted in welcoming the 900 members to Abilene and presented the keynote address at the final banquet.

Dr. Mary Ann Walden presented the official state gavel to the new state president, who then spoke briefly about her plans for the next two years.

Street dance slated during '99 Hart Days

The 1999 Hart Days celebration will wind down with a street dance beginnng at 8 p.m. on July 31 on the parking lot east of Hale County State Bank at Hart.

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

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

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

The Thursday Bridge Club met, and 12 players enjoyed the day. High scorer was Edith Graef and second high was Dwight Joiner.

Bill Dannevik came over to help me with my "grape-arbor-to-be." He trimmed the vine and I am going to have my girls tie the pieces and make a wreath for themselves. I can just hear their complaints when it comes time to make jelly. I'm still trying to make something of them.

Lori and Kevin Cleveland and their sons, Alec and Eric, are moving to Grapevine, where Kevin will be head golf coach for both girls and boys. Lori will be a math teacher. They will certainly be an asset to the school and community

Dorothy and V.C. Hopson picked me up for Friday night out on the town. We joined Percy and Margaret Parsons and George and Carolyn Sides at K-Bobs. The Sideses had three of their grandchildren with them—Kate Sides, and Ben and Clayton Sides.

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On Saturday, June 19, Deanne Clark hosted a "Dimmittite Party" for all the folks who live in Lubbock, but are from Dimmitt. Over 60 invitations were sent out, and many more telephone calls were made to invite everyone that was known to live in the Lubbock area.

There were approximately 25 guests, including Bob and Jean Dulaney, Kristi and Steve Edwards, Brad Holcomb, Dickie Holcomb-Ballard, Jennifer Hanners, Brandi Rick, Jon, Kim, Jon David and Sara Bruegel, Frank, Jamie, and Reagan Mendoza, Ruby Moultrie, Paula Graham, and Scott Armstrong.

A delightful feast was served with such dishes as deviled eggs, cold cut sandwiches, various chips and dips, and of course . . . Jean DuLaney's delicious homemade sweets. Deanne's home and backyard looked absolutely beautiful. She has made some lovely changes to the backyard by creating a "garden scene" with wonderful lattice work and walkways. I am sure everyone appreciated the chance to reminisce and see each other again.

John and Carol Lantz had two of their granddaughters for three weeks recently. Kallie and Becca Hopping, daughters of Teresa and Rick from Scottsbluff, Neb., went to *Wizard of Oz* in Lubbock one night, and Mr. Gatti's in Amarillo another night. Jeff was home one weekend to play in the Kenneth Cleveland Golf Tournament.

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Jerry and Delores Heller have had a busy few weeks. They welcomed the arrival of another new grandson, Riggin Heller (8 lbs., 5 oz.), son of Craig and Jody Heller of Tishomingo, Okla., on June 10.

They also had a Heller cousins' reunion at Palo Duro Canyon on June 17-20. The early Heller family lived at Happy and Canyon. They had cousins from California, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Texas. Jerry's dad, Everette Heller of Plainview, treated the whole family to the performance of TEXAS on Saturday night. The weather was perfect and Palo Duro Canyon has never looked so green and beautiful. We take it for granted, but visitors really are impressed with Palo Duro Canyon and the play.

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Roy Baccus is 82 yrs. July 1, 1999. He is a husband to one—Anita. He is a father to four—Martha Jo, Eugene, Ricky, and Randall. He is grandfather to seven—Mark, Keith, Jo, Brent, Leigh, Len, and Kendra; and great-grandfather to four—Cale, Maycee, Aubrie, Grady, and one on the way. This is a lot of "Happy Birthday" wishes.

Winners for the Thursday Bridge Club were Edith Graef winning the high points with 7,410 and Dude McLaurin with 6,000. Helen Braafladt was hostess.

Jean Morris, Jean's cousin Nancy Gautier of Waco, and Jean's sister Kay Neal of Quinlan visited Paul and Nancy Hilburn, Jean's brother and wife in Annandale, Va. Paul has been in Washington, D.C., for many years.

Amber and Phil Peacock, daughter and son-in-law of Howard and BeLinda Rhodes, are the proud new parents of Melody Grace Peacock. The baby girl was born Saturday in North Carolina. She has a big brother.

Don and Carolyn Moke went to Fredericksburg and Kerrville over the Fourth of July. The fireworks display on the river was great, they said.

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Joe Collins and his wife, Laura, with their three children, Amber, 10, John Joseph, 7, and Chase, 3, visited recently in Dimmitt. Joe is the son of Wayne and Darlene Collins. He is a major in the Marines, and has been sent to the Naval Graduate School in Monterey, Calif. to get a master's degree in national security affairs.

After Joe finishes his master's, he and his family will be in Germany for a year while he works in Russia and the Baltic States. As part of his studies Joe will learn the Georgian language and culture.

Acts sought for Hart variety show

If you can sing, dance, act, play the piano or other instrument, or just enjoy entertaining people, your talents are needed for the Hart Days Variety Show.

The show will be held July 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Elementary School gym. Admission to the show is by donation and proceeds will go the Hart Days Committee Pavilion Fund, which is currently worth about $6,000.

Several have already agreed to perform in the show, according to co-coordinator Rachel Wall.

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

Those interested in performing for the show should call *The Hart Beat* at 938-2640.

Screening for breast cancer slated Aug. 5

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Aug. 5 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

WIC to issue vouchers for farmers' market

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program in Castro County will issue vouchers which may be used to purchase fruits and vegetables from a farmers' market.

The vouchers may be redeemed at a special farmers' market located in front of the Family Dollar Store in Hereford on Wednesday beginning at 4 p.m. The vouchers also will be good at a farmers' market located on the Wal-Mart parking lot in Plainview beginning July 24. The Plainview market will be open every Wednesday and Saturday beginning at 7:45 a.m.

For more information, call the Dimmitt WIC office at 647-4240.

WIC now offering free immunizations

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic in Dimmitt is now offering free immunizations to those on the WIC program and their family members.

For an appointment, call the office at 647-4240 or come by at 113 W. Bedford.

We are reopening on a trial basis—all children will be expected to behave!

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We have shower gift selections for the following couples:
Amanda Harkins and **B. J. Wethington**
Melinda Schmucker and **Chet Pharies**
LaTrice Lewter and **Dustin Dyer**
Kevin and **Wendi (Ethridge) Howard**
Shawn and **Amanda (Odom) Potter**

The Village Shop
204 W. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-2450

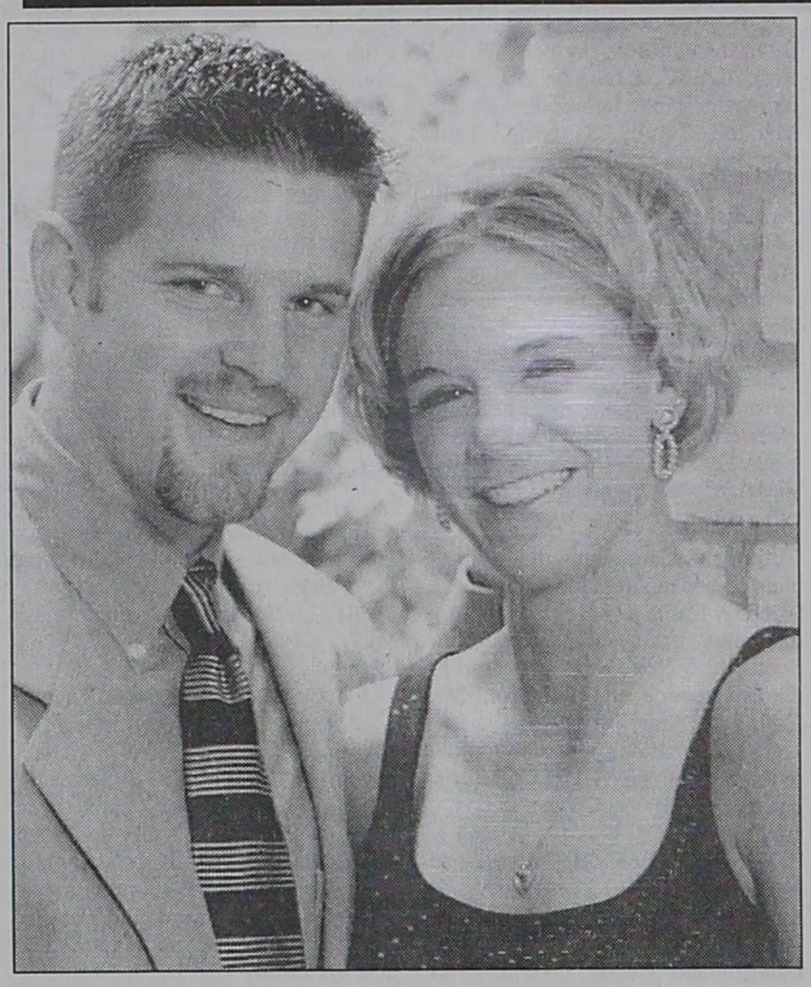
Dear John,

It's hard to say good-bye to someone when you don't expect them to be leaving, and try to tell them everything that you should have when they were there. But we know that you can hear us and be with us in everything that we do, so we'll do the best that we can to go on in life without you here. It's hard to explain the feeling of losing a friend like you, someone so close, and knowing that you'll never stay at our house, or go to a concert or just be able to sit up all night with us anymore. But we thank God for every day that he let you be here with us, and we thank you for wanting to be here. You'll never know how much it means for a friend to be there for you when he probably has more to worry about than you do. But we thank you for always being there when we needed you, and still when we didn't. And putting your goals aside to help us with ours. Thanks for showing us that everything bad that happens to us isn't really that bad, or at least doesn't have to seem like it. Because no matter what happened to you, you could always have a smile on your face, and make others smile when their problems seemed too much to handle. Thank you for showing us how to have a good time, and when everything seemed boring, you made it fun. And for always thinking of something to do when there wasn't anything. And for knowing when it was time to joke around, but knowing when to be serious, too. Thanks for always supporting us and sticking right beside us, even if we treated you like you weren't there sometimes. Thanks for being a little guy with such a big heart, and filling the empty space in our hearts with memories. A lot of people misjudged you, John, because of your carefree attitude and unique personality. But those of us who knew how you really were loved you for being different.

So thank you for all of this, John Scott, and you'll be remembered, and loved, and missed for the rest of our lives. But most of all, John, thank you for being our friend.

Written by Cameron McLain

People



Chet Pharies and Melinda Schmucker

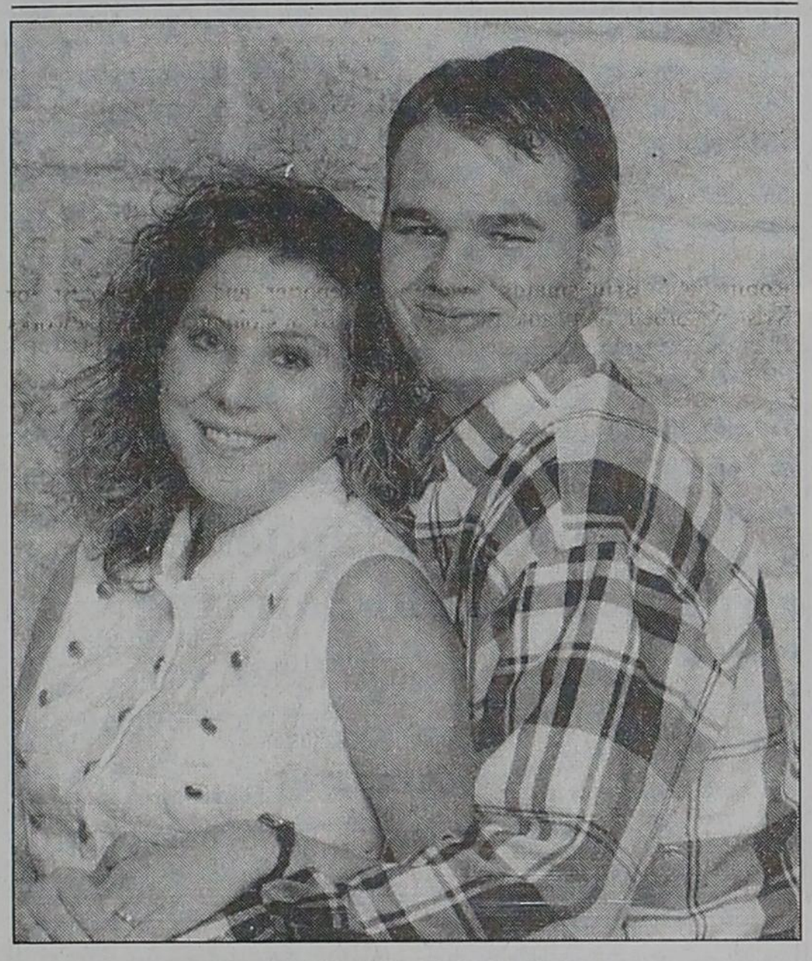
Schmucker to wed Pharies

Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melinda, to Chet Pharies, son of Phil and Donna Pharies of Clovis, N.M.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on Aug. 28 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Miss Schmucker graduated from Nazareth High School in 1996. She will be a senior at Texas Tech University, where she is a member of the Lady Raiders' basketball team.

The prospective is a 1996 graduate of Clovis High School. He attended Texas Tech University and was a member of the Red Raiders' football team. He is the owner and operator of Carpet Tech in Lubbock.



Latrice Lewter and Dustin Dyer

August wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lewter of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Latrice Lewter, to Dustin Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dyer of Hart.

Miss Lewter and Mr. Dyer plan to exchange wedding vows on Saturday, Aug. 14, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hereford.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

The prospective groom graduated from Hart High School in 1998.

Both are attending Amarillo College.

Prenatal classes slated in Dimmitt

"Special Deliveries" are classes offered through the Castro County Hospital District to address the needs of women in pregnancy.

The classes are designed to help women make healthy choices and address the concerns they may have during their pregnancy. Attending the classes can earn moms points for the 2Care for Moms program, and extra points can be earned by bringing dad to the classes.

Prenatal classes will begin July 26 and will be held each Monday from 5 to 6 p.m.

Childbirth preparation classes will be held each Monday from 6:30 to 9 p.m., also starting on July 26 and continuing through Aug. 23.

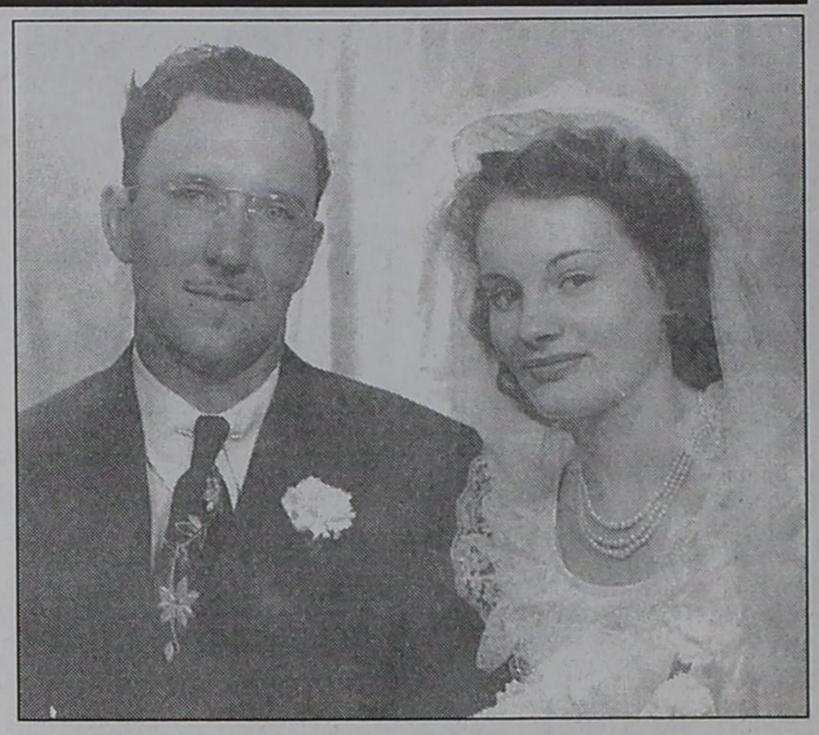
Preregistration is required due to limited space. Registration forms may be picked up at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. They should be completed and returned to Cindy Ellis at the Medical Center.

Prenatal classes are for women in early pregnancy and provide information related to the physical and emotional changes during pregnancy, complications of pregnancy, the prevention of and relief measures for common physical discomforts of pregnancy, nutrition and exercise during pregnancy, signs and stages of labor, and preparing for breast feeding.

The childbirth preparation classes are to prepare parents/couples for the labor and birth process. These classes are for women at least 28 weeks into the pregnancy and their partner or support person who will be with them during labor and delivery.

Topics will include the labor and birth process, variations in labor and birth, signs and stages of labor, comfort in labor using relaxation and breathing techniques, labor coaching, complications of labor and birth, nutrition and exercise, and breast feeding.

At the conclusion of the class sessions, there will be an infant/child CPR class on Aug. 30-31 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Preregistration also is necessary for this class, and registration forms may be picked up at the Medical Center, completed and returned to Ellis.



Applications due for local 4-H awards

4-H'ers have until Tuesday to apply for the county Silver Star and Gold Star awards, which will be presented during the 4-H banquet on Aug. 2.

Those applying for the awards will be interviewed by a selection committee on next Thursday, July 22.

The Silver Star, Gold Star and I Dare You Awards are the highest county achievement awards given by 4-H.

These awards will be presented to the three most deserving young persons.

The Silver Star recipient must be under 15 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year and must have completed at least three years in 4-H, including the current year.

The Gold Star and I Dare You recipients must be at least 15 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year, and they also must have completed at least three years in 4-H.

For more information about the awards or to submit an application, contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. HOCHSTEIN
. . . On their wedding day (top) and today (bottom), 50 years later

The Bookshelf

By Marie Howell, Rhoads Memorial Librarian

By MARIE HOWELL

Summer reading has started at Rhoads Memorial Library with the theme being "Open a book—on with the show!"

We are also having a Story Time on Fridays at 3 p.m. Those that attended the first Story Time in July had a great time with the skit, "Squash Pie," featuring Bill Sava as the farmer. We are planning other fun things to do during the next three Story Times in July.

The library has purchased some talking books. Some are abridged and some are unabridged. These include *Sackett's Land* by Louis L'Amour, *Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy, *Ramona* by Helen Hunt Jackson, *Testament* by John Grisham, *Best of Chicken Soup for the Soul* by Jack Canfield, *Rattlesnake Crossing* by J.A. Jance, *The First Eagle* by Tony Hillerman, *A Man in Full* by Tom Wolfe, *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller, *Mistaken Identity* by Lisa Scottoline, *Certain Prey* by John Sandford, *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgearld, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and others.

Some of our patrons listen to talking books when they have to drive some distance. Some listen while on the tractor, some while cleaning their house, office, etc., and some just listen.

WIC clinic sets Saturday hours

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Office in Dimmitt at 113 W. Bedford will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to meet the needs of working families.

The office is open on the third Saturday of each month, in addition to its regular hours during the week.

No appointment is necessary, and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call the local office at 806-647-4240 during regular business hours.

Hochsteins to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William C. "Junior" Hochstein will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday with a special mass at Holy Family Church in Nazareth, followed by a reception and dance.

The celebration is being hosted by the couple's children, Sharon Brockman, Patti Kern, Carol Kern, Jimmy Hochstein, Mary Jeanne Hochstein, Dianne Huseman, John Hochstein and Mickey Hochstein, all of Nazareth; Debbie Mazura and Bobbie McGregor, both of Amarillo; and Larry Hochstein, Randy Hochstein and Bill Hochstein, all of Canyon.

William C. Hochstein married the former Catherine Schacher on July 19, 1949. They have lived in Nazareth all their lives. She's a homemaker and he is a farmer.

The Hochsteins are members of Holy Family Church, where he serves as a Eucharistic minister and lector. He is a member of the American Legion, Catholic Order of Foresters and Knights of Columbus. She belongs to the American Legion Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters and Christian Mothers Society.

The Hochsteins have 27 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

4-H banquet slated Aug. 2

Castro County 4-H'ers will be recognized for their achievements on Aug. 2 during the annual 4-H achievement banquet.

This year's banquet will be held in Dimmitt and hosts for the banquet will be the Flagg 4-H Club and Castro County Horse Club.

Those planning to attend the banquet should contact the Extension Office at 647-4115 by July 26. Tickets for the event may be picked up between July 26 and 30 at the Extension Office.

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Cost is $30, which includes T-shirt.
INCOMING GRADES 7-9:
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost is $40, which includes T-shirt.
Check or cash payable at registration.
Drinks available at an extra charge.

Activities will include drills, contests and games.
Wednesday, July 21, all campers will go from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Coach Tim Gilliland will direct the camp
at the Dimmitt High School Gym.

You are invited to a
Wedding Shower
honoring
Wendi (Ethridge) Howard
bride of
Kevin Howard
Saturday, July 17
from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
in the home of
Mrs. Gary Langford
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Selections at Coleman Pharmacy,
Hays Company, Seale Florist
and The Village Shop.

The children of
Ralph and Stella Shirley
invite you to an
Open House
in celebration of their parents'
50th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, July 25, 1999
from 2 to 5 p.m.
at the Friendship House
1410 No. Washington St., Friona
Come join in the celebration and reminisce with us.
No other invitations are being sent.
No gifts please.

Bennett and Heard exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

April Bennett became the bride of Garrett Don Heard on June 26 when the two exchanged vows in a garden ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Harold Bob and Ruth Bennett of Hart.

Perry Hunsaker officiated at the formal, double-ring nuptial service. After the couple exchanged vows, hundreds of monarch butterflies were released.

Parents of the groom are Donnie Heard and Jimmy and Sharon Parmer of Littlefield.

The garden was decorated with a white lattice archway with white columns, white wooden chairs and white lanterns with tulle bows and flowers. Lighted archways, tree lanterns and fresh flowers completed the decor.

Organist Beth Buckley accompanied soloist Vivian Bennett as she sang, *I Believe in You and Me* and *The Way You Look Tonight.* Buckley also accompanied Lloyd Jordon, who sang *I Will Be Here.*

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown designed by Alfred Angelo. It had spaghetti straps with a scooped neckline. The corset bodice of matt satin had ornate beading with a Basque waistline. The skirt had multiple layers with a full-length tulle skirt.

Holly Stanton of San Marcos, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jenna Ford of Lockney and Megan Lemons of Dimmitt, cousins of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore slip dresses of ice blue Shantung silk. Blue crystal hair clips were their accessories. Each attendant carried a bouquet of pink roses, babies' breath, statice and daisies.

Best man was Justin Johnson, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Marco Palacios of Austin and Mike Garza of Elgin, friends of the groom.

Nikkie Rowland was the ring bearer.

Flower girls were Nikki Huseman and Shannon Warren, both of Littlefield.

Guests were seated by Ryan Kelton and Tanner Stansell of Littlefield.

A reception followed in the Bennetts' back yard.

MRS. GARRETT DON HEARD
. . . nee April Camille Bennett

Fresh flowers, lanterns and lighted archways decorated the reception area. Large round white tables and chairs covered with white linen cloths were set up for the guests.

The serving tables were covered with floor-length white linen tablecloths and were decorated with fresh flower arrangements. Crystal and silver serving pieces were used.

Caterers provided croissant sandwiches, fresh fruit and dip, cheese and crackers, other pick-up foods, punch and tea.

The bride's cake was a round, three-tiered creation covered with white fondant icing. Bows and ribbon flowers decorated the cake.

The groom's chocolate cake was decorated with basket weave icing and chocolate-covered strawberries.

The bride selected a black linen dress for her traveling attire.

After enjoying a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple are home in Littlefield.

The bride is employed by Littlefield Independent School District as an assistant girls' varsity basketball coach, junior varsity basketball coach, assistant cross country coach and assistant girls' track coach.

The groom earned a degree in coaching and English at Wayland Baptist University. He is employed by Littlefield Independent School District as a junior high football, baseball and track coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brattain establish home in Plainview

A double-ring garden ceremony on June 26 at the Hart home of Harold Bob and Ruth Bennett joined in marriage the Bennetts' daughter, Shae Autumn Bennett of Plainview, and Chris Brattain of Whiteface.

Mr. Brattain is the son of Carl Brattain and Ann Brattain of Lubbock.

Officiating at the nuptial ceremony was Perry Hunsaker.

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The bride was given in marriage by her father.

She wore a dress fashioned by Demitrios. It featured a matt satin halter sheath with an elaborate, beaded bodice and skirt. The bodice was designed with a criss-cross back. The cathedral-length train was made of cut lace.

She wore rhinestones, flowers and a tulle veil in her hair. Her bouquet featured pink roses, sunflowers, daisies and babies' breath.

Serving as maid of honor was Danielle Welps of Hart, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were April Jordan of Meadow and Cary Lynn Striddle of Georgetown, friends of the bride.

The maid of honor and bridesmaids wore slip dresses of mint green Shantung silk and they wore blue crystal hair clips. Each carried a nosegay of roses, statice, daisies and babies' breath.

Best man was Chris Chambers of Lubbock, friend of the groom. Brandon Starlin of Dallas and Ben Duesterhaus of Whiteface, friends of the groom, were the groomsmen.

Nikki Rowland of Hart was the ring bearer.

Flower girls were Lexie Rowland and McKensie Gerber, both of Hart.

Dustin Davidson, Lance Davidson, John Allison and Kyle Igo, all of Whiteface, served as ushers.

MRS. CHRIS BRATTAIN
. . . nee Shea Autumn Bennett

After the ceremony, the couple was feted with a reception in the Bennetts' back yard.

Fresh flowers, lanterns and lighted archways decorated the reception area. Large round white tables and chairs covered with white linen cloths were set up for the guests.

The serving tables were covered with floor-length white linen tablecloths and were decorated with fresh flower arrangements. Crystal and silver serving pieces were used.

Caterers provided croissant sandwiches, fresh fruit and dip, cheese and crackers, other pick-up foods, punch and tea.

The bride's cake was a square, three-tiered creation frosted with white fondant icing. Bows, scroll decorations and hearts accented the cake.

The groom's cake was German chocolate and it was covered with chocolate-covered strawberries.

The newlyweds are planning to take a trip to San Antonio at a later date. They have made their home in Plainview.

The bride graduated from Wayland Baptist University and she is employed as the head varsity girls' coach for the Kress Independent School District.

The groom is a senior at Wayland Baptist University and he is a member of the Pioneers' basketball team.

Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Manuel Martinez and Alicia Villegas of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Martin Manuel Martinez, who was born at 7:17 a.m. on July 2 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Martin Manuel weighed in at 8 pounds and he was 20 inches long. He has five older siblings including 9-year-old Veronica C. Martinez, 7-year-old Valerie N. Martinez, 6-year-old Juan M. Martinez, 4-year-old Vanessa M. Martinez, and 2-year-old Virginia L. Martinez. Paternal grandparents are Mercejildo and Josefina Martinez of Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Maria and Santos Villegas of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Jose and Celia Alvarez of Dimmitt.

4-H plans 'Fun Night' for families

Castro County 4-H'ers are invited to enjoy a picnic at Thompson Park in Amarillo and an evening at Wonderland Amusement Park on July 26.

The 4-H Family Fun Night will be for all Castro County 4-H'ers and their families. Each person visiting Wonderland Amusement Park will be charged $7. Those attending the picnic are asked to bring sack lunches. The Castro County 4-H Parent/Leader Association will furnish drinks.

Those planning to attend should contact the Extension Office at 647-4115.

Ministry team to preach at Faith Family

Bruce and Cindy Black, a dynamic husband and wife ministry team, will bring their ministry to Faith Family Church, located at 3400 Garland in Plainview.

The couple will speak during Saturday and Sunday services. Saturday's service will begin at 6 p.m. while Sunday's has been slated for 10 a.m.

Bruce Black's preaching "is full of compassion and power to see people healed and set free by the power of God," according to a spokesperson for the church. "Their ministry is an exciting combination of Bruce's trumpet and Cindy's singing and exhorting under the anointing of the Holy Spirit."

For more than six years, the Blacks traveled with the Kenneth Hagin Ministries Crusade Team and were members of the RHEMA Singers and Band. Today, they travel throughout the US and the world, preaching the truth of God's Word.

Fashion Follies will be Sept. 25

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

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

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

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

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

Those interested in serving as a narrator should contact Neal for an application. You will need to make an audio tape using a sample narration. Tapes and application must be returned to Neal by Aug. 1.

4-H'ers asked to return form

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

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

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

MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN PERRY TANNER IV
. . . She's the former Andrea Linn Hoffner

Newlyweds make new home in Columbia, SC

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perry Tanner IV are home in Columbia, S.C., following a wedding trip to Jamaica.

The couple were married in an afternoon ceremony on May 22 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Savannah, Ga. The Revs. Thomas W. Corbell and James L. Dugan officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the former Andrea Linn Hoffner, daughter of Carolyn E. Hoffner of Savannah and the late Rev. Bill R. Hoffner. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perry Tanner III of Marietta, Ga., and the late Phyllis Horne Tanner. The groom's stepmother is the former Pat Moran of Dimmitt.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Robert Hoffner of Salisbury, N.C.

Matron of honor was Elizabeth Robinson. Bridesmaids were Kristen Corbell, Stephanie Eleazer, Ellen Foster and Barry Mcteer.

Best man was the groom's father. Groomsmen included Brent Belman, Jerry Cushenberry, Alex Hoffner, Greg Magan, Brad McLane and Dan Pierro.

Music was provided by soloist, Jennifer Corbell.

Scripture readers were Craig Geriner and Chris Smurda. Crucifer was Jennings Tanner, cousin of the groom.

After the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception at Hoffner Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Georgia. She is currently enrolled as a graduate student in journalism at the University of South Carolina. She was formerly employed as anchor/reporter at WCBI in Columbus, Miss.

The groom graduated from the University of Georgia and he received a master's degree from Mississippi State University. Formerly a reporter and meteorologist for WCBI in Columbus, he now works as co-host and meteorologist for "WIS Sunrise" at Columbia's NBC affiliate, WIS-TV.

Stella and Ralph Shirley

Shirleys to observe 50th anniversary

Ralph Shirley and Stella Guggemos were married on Aug. 11, 1949, in Hereford. They are being honored with a 50th wedding anniversary celebration on July 25 in Friona at the Friendship House from 2 to 5 p.m.

"Many people may remember Ralph as the Fire Chief of the Friona Volunteer Fire Dept., as well as the manager of Pioneer Natural Gas Co., from which he retired," a family member said. "Stella worked in food services at Friona High School."

The couple have two children, Gary Shirley and his wife, Jalaine, who live in Houston; and Richard Shirley and his wife, Patricia, also of Houston; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Project record forms due soon

4-H'ers who did not complete a record book this year may still be recognized at the 4-H achievement banquet if they complete a project record form and return it to the Extension Office by 5 p.m. on July 26.

The project record form is similar to a record book; however, it does not contain as many details.

If you would like some help in filling out the form or if you need a copy, call and visit with County Extension Agents Benny Martinez or Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry

'Balance' herbicide may have bad effect on High Plains corn

In late spring, a number of farmers in the southern and High Plains region of Texas began reporting to the Texas Corn Producers Board that their crops experienced a negative reaction to the herbicide, "Balance."

According to reports from farmers, the new herbicide, manufactured by Rhone-Poulenc, caused damage to some crop production, ranging from yellowing and whitening of early crops to complete stunting and loss of production.

The Texas Corn Producers Board alerted farmers in these regions with an advisory and requested that any farmer experiencing problems with "Balance" contact the TCPB office at 1-800-647-CORN. TCPB is building a database to assist in identifying any problems that farmers may have.

TCPB also contracted with a crop consultant to assist farmers in identifying crop damage and to advise farmers on a sound remedy.

"We're working with Rhone-Poulenc to identify any problems with the product and to mitigate any losses to corn farmers," said TCPB Executive Director Jerry Don Glover. "It is our home that the losses are minimal."

In a letter to producers, Rhone-Poulenc said, "The region's unseasonably cool, wet weather has slowed crop development and contributed to some other, unexpected consequences, including the crop response to Balance corn herbicide."

The manufacturer said the negative crop response is limited to about 15% of the acreage treated with Balance in the High Plains and that the cooler than normal weather conditions hampered the ability of emerging corn to metabolize the new herbicide. Rhone-Poulenc said the vast majority of symptoms are temporary and plants should, with sunlight and higher temperatures, emerge with no further impact on the corn or the yield.

"Our objectives are simple," said Rhone-Poulenc Vice President Pat McConnell in the letter ". . . To do our absolute best to make things right with you this season and to find the answers to this unexpected crop response challenge to reduce the risk of it happening in the future."

BON VOYAGE–Dimmitt's American Field Service (AFS) exchange student, Tine Casneuf of Belgium (standing, far right) was among the Panhandle-area AFS students who recently departed for a three-day trip to St. Louis, Mo., with final destination of Chicago, Ill. They enjoyed a sightseeing trip and orientation in preparation for their return to their home countries. Casneuf and the other students are part of a 100-bus fleet over the US who participated in the AFS departure program. Dimmitt will have another AFS student for the 1999-2000 school year—Lars Angantyr of Sweden, who will be staying with Lance and Terri Loudder. *Courtesy Photo*

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Ag marketing seminar will be held July 28

The second in a series of ag education marketing seminars will be held in Dimmitt Wednesday, July 28, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

The seminar is for those interested in the futures market and there is no charge for the seminar. Lunch will be served.

The class will be conducted by Bryce Myrick, a field services specialist for Texas Farm Bureau.

The first seminar held on April 8 covered the basic techniques for getting into the futures market. The second seminar will continue with education on market hedging, options trading and other risk management techniques.

The seminar is being sponsored by the Castro County Farm Bureau.

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starting at 9:40 a.m., M-F

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Happenings in agriculture

By JOHNNA PATTERSON
County Extension Agent-IPM

Warm sunshine as well as some moisture was seen around the area this week.

Wheat harvest is almost complete. Cotton is growing nicely. Corn is tasseling and doing great. Sorghum and soybeans are coming up nicely, but some sorghum fields replanted in failed cotton seem to be having a little trouble with the cotton herbicide.

Insects and Disease

COTTON

Most cotton fields are recovering and doing very well with the good moisture and warm weather we have been having.

The problem is that the insect pests are also doing quite well. Producers will have to decide how much money they are willing to spend to control insects and avoid excessive yield loss or face the potential of overspending the field's yield potential. Each alternative could be costly.

The percent of square set ranged between 41% and 94% in Lamb County and between 72.5% and 90% in Castro County in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program fields. The average number of square per plant ranged from 1.5 to 5 in Lamb County and from 4 to 6 in Castro County.

Cotton fleahopper numbers increased in several program fields this week. These pests are moving into cotton from the lush alternative weed hosts near fields.

Infestations in program fields ranged from 0 to 18 per 100 plants in Lamb County and from 0 to 20 per 100 plants in Castro County.

Most of these were adults, but nymphs will definitely be appearing soon. Fleahopper numbers can jump above threshold almost overnight. Producers should continue to check square set to determine if it is declining.

The Blackland's threshold is a straight 15 fleahoppers per 100 terminals inspected. Our threshold includes 25 to 30 fleahoppers per 100 terminals, plus a level of square loss ranging from 10% to 25%, depending upon where the field is in the squaring period.

If you checked your field more frequently than once per week, you probably could use a less aggressive threshold.

Fields that have not experienced a fleahopper problem can thank the patchy nature of most insect distributions, but it could also be due to all the overwintered boll weevil sprays. Most weevil insecticides also are effective in controlling fleahoppers. Products that are effective include Orthene, Lorsban, Bidrin, dimethoate, Provado, methyl parathion and Vydate.

The western tarnished plant bug is becoming a problem in several areas, especially in the acreage from Gaines to Parmer Counties, along the New Mexico border and eastward to Lubbock.

This bug can and does attack fruit ranging from pinhead-size squares to blooms to small bolls. It is difficult to control and higher insecticide rates may needed.

This bug is at least twice the size of a fleahopper and often exceeds 1/4 of an inch in size as an adult.

Eggs are laid in plant tissue and hatch in about a week. The nymphal stage is about 10 days. A typical life cycle will run about 20 to 24 days. The adult is winged with a light-colored triangle or heart-shaped marking on its back.

Sometimes it can be quite difficult to distinguish early wester tarnished plant bug nymphs from other bugs.

Monitoring suggestions and action thresholds used in Texas for this pest are primarily from California.

Some Extension IPM agents are currently working on refining sampling techniques and action thresholds. The standard monitoring tool is a sweep net. Prior to peak bloom, the threshold is 10 bugs per 50 sweeps on two successive sampling dates (4 days apart).

After this, the threshold is 20 to 30 per 50 sweeps. Nymphs are counted as two because the sweep net is inefficient in collecting nymphs.

I am not a big fan of the sweep net and have used a drop cloth with good results. It appears to extract nymphs as well as adults; therefore, you should not count nymphs as two when using a drop cloth. I am interested in the utility of the "beat bucket" technique where the top 10 inches of a plant is beat into a five-gallon bucket. I think this may be the most efficient and reliable tool for sampling for adults and nymphs.

Given a choice, with no repercussions, I would choose a pyrethroid to control plant bugs, but considering the aphid situation, other materials become more more attractive. These include Orthene, Vydate, Methyl parathion and Provado. Others include Lannate, dimethoate and Penncap-M.

The potential for infestations of cotton aphids remains high this year. Beneficial insect numbers are relatively high at this time, which is very good for keeping aphid populations in check. Numbers reported from IPM fields were one or less per plant this week. With the overwintering weevil and fleahopper applications, this could change very rapidly.

The percent of active traps catching boll weevils decreased this week from 25.58% to 11.63% in Castro County and from 58.14% to 40.48% in Lamb County.

The percentage of traps catching weevils decreased in both counties this week and the average number of weevils caught in traps from our eradication zone also decreased.

Vydate seems to be the chemical of choice for overwintering applications and also fleahopper control. Try to avoid using pyrethroids until worms are added to the pest complex. If pressure is heavy, remember you need to come back with a second application, probably with Guthion, Methyl or Malathion ULV. If you have aphids and weevils you can use Bidrin.

Once Furadan is cleared, then you can use it instead.

Cotton bollworms have been infesting fields south of here with 8,000 to 10,000 larvae per acre being reported.

Program fields in Castro and Lamb Counties haven't been stricken yet. Keep a close watch for egg laying and larva in your fields. It won't be long until we will be fighting bollworms along with everything else.

CORN

IPM program fields are in the late-whorl stage, but some have started to tassel.

Infestations of corn earworms continue to be light to moderate in most fields. Infestations of southwestern corn borers in Castro County range between 0 and 10% in the Hart area, 5% and 10% in the Flagg area, 10% north of Dimmitt, up to 6.25% south of Dimmitt, and between 2.75% and 7.5% west of Dimmitt. Only one field in Lamb County had southwestern corn borers. This field is north of Circle and had an 18% infestation. Threshold levels can be raised from 15% to 25% infestation, depending upon the crop's growth stage and expected harvest date.

Western and Mexican corn rootworm beetles are being found in over 50% of Castro County IPM fields. Numbers are low to moderate in most of the infested fields, but scouters reported 46 beetles in 80 plants inspected in one field.

Adult rootworm beetles feed on leaves, pollen and tassels, but prefer silks. When adults are numerous (8 to 10 per plant) during the green silk stage and silks are chewed back to within ½ of an inch of the shuck, poorly filled ears may result from poor pollination. Controlling adult beetles usually will reduce the number of eggs laid in the field; however, insecticides can caus an outbreak of spider mites by destroying beneficial insects in the field. Insecticide treatments for adult beetle control should only be used when necessary.

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Together We Can

ORIGINAL PAINTINGS by Nazareth artist Rose Mary Wilhelm were among the items on display Saturday at the German Festival Arts and Crafts Show in Nazareth. The show featured a wide range of hand-crafted and specialty items as well as original art. *Photo by Adam Acker*

New probation director outlines plans for future

Effective April 1, Bill Coleman was appointed by the 64th and 242nd District Judges to serve as director of the Hale, Castro and Swisher County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (adult probation).

Coleman replaces Donna Barton, who retired last November.

Coleman is a 1972 graduate of Wayland Baptist University and he holds a degree in sociology. His wife, Tammy, works for Rehability in Plainview in the field of physical therapy. He has a 23-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old grandson who live in Los Angeles, Calif. He has a 10-year-old son at home. The family resides in Plainview and attends the First Presbyterian Church.

Coleman began his career in adult probation in 1978 when he was appointed chief adult probation officer for the 154th Judicial District serving Lamb, Bailey and Parmer Counties. In June of 1991 he was appointed director of the 286th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department serving Hockley and Cochran Counties.

"My family and I are very happy to be moving to this area," Coleman said. "I am fortunate to be taking over a well organized department with highly skilled, well-trained professional staff."

Under Coleman's leadership, the department has set several goals for the Castro County office. The community supervision officers will start working a flex schedule in August that will extend the office hours on certain days, allowing clients to make monthly reports and scheduled conferences without having to take time off from work. The supervision officers will take time off during the week to compensate for time worked beyond regular courthouse hours.

The department also plans to increase the computer work stations for the GED/Literacy Program from two stations to four.

The judges who oversee administration of the department have made a commitment to serve all three counties equally, as far as possible. Coleman agrees with this concept and visits each satellite office weekly.

The department has started having staff meetings for all employees on a quarterly basis, with two meetings a year held in Hale County and one each in Castro and Swisher Counties. Many positive comments came from the first meeting and the second will be held Tuesday in Tulia.

When asked to give an overall assessment of the department, Coleman said, "This is an excellent department that serves its clients well. We have professional staff who provide high quality supervision and a full range of rehabilitative programs to offer clients the opportunity to become better citizens during their term of probation."

Coleman says his main goals for the near future are:

1. To extend office hours to better serve clients.
2. To upgrade the computer system to be Y2K compliant.
3. To link the three counties together on a new casework management system.

"My long-range goals are to enhance and expand our community service restitution program and get out in the community and let folks know what we do in community corrections," Coleman said.

Coleman is available to give programs to civic groups and may be reached at his office in Plainview at 519-B Broadway; phone (806) 291-5221.

Car show will be held here Aug. 14

An antique car and tractor show, model car show and Poker Run will highlight the 1999 Dimmitt Car and Tractor Show, which will be held Aug. 14 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The show will also include a separate division for bicycles.

The seventh annual Poker Run will kick off the event Friday, Aug. 13, and everyone is invited to compete.

Proceeds from the show will fund memorial scholarships for Dimmitt High School's technology students.

For more information, contact Sonny Thomas at 647-2208 or Don Moke at 647-4264.

Amarillo library sets book sale

The Friends of the Amarillo Public Library will hold their annual Brown Bag Book Sale July 22-24 in the basement of Central Library at Fourth and Buchanan (across from the Civic Center), from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

On July 22, all items will be sold at half price. On July 23, browsers may fill a standard brown grocery bag full of books and other items for only $2 per bag. On July 24, the price will be $1 per bag.

Items for sale will include thousands of children's books, LP albums, National Geographic and other magazines, encyclopedias, arts/crafts/gardening books, foreign language books, and fiction and nonfiction books.

Funds from the sale will be used to support the Amarillo Public Library.

Shoppers are asked to bring their own brown bags.

Nelson's steers place at shows

Castro County 4-H'er Shawn Nelson has exhibited steers this summer at several shows across Texas and he has fared well with his entries.

At the Parade of Breeds Jackpot Show in Plainview, Nelson claimed Breed Champion honors as well as earning third- and fifth-place honors with his steers.

At the Golden Spread Classic Steer Shows in Lubbock, Nelson's steer took home Breed Champion titles both days with one steer and finished third with another.

Swinford helps draft new ag policy for Texas

If State Rep. David Swinford (R-Dumas) has his way, corn chips will never take a backseat to computer chips in Texas.

Swinford, chairman of the Texas House Ag and Livestock Committee, has authored a piece of legislation that created, for the first time, an agricultural policy for the state.

House Bill 2 lays out for future Legislative bodies those agriculture priorities that should be Texas state policy. According to House Bill 2, the state's top agriculture priorities are to ensure that:

✦ Agriculture is represented in state water planning groups.

✦ The state supports efforts to control and eradicate pests and diseases affecting crops and livestock.

✦ Rural economic development is promoted.

✦ Funding is ensured for agricultural research at state universities.

✦ Texans' private property rights are protected.

The four-page bill includes additional provisions for rural transportation, forestry, food safety and tax structure and deals only with policy, Swinford said.

"Agriculture is what we do in rural Texas," Swinford said. "Small-town Texas isn't going to attract a General Motors plant or a computer manufacturer, but we are going to have agriculture. The more we can support agriculture, the better off rural Texas and Texas as a whole will be."

He said the need for a state agriculture policy was the brainchild of House Speaker Pete Laney (D-Hale Center). Early in the legislative session, Swinford said Laney told him he had a special assignment which Laney had designated as House Bill 2, The Ag and Rural Development Bill.

Laney and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry typically reserve low bill numbers for pieces of legislation which they consider important. For example, the state's appropriations bill was identified as House Bill 1.

In previous legislative sessions, Swinford has served on the Appropriations Committee, so when he was named chairman of the Ag and Livestock Committee and was given the task of writing the state's ag policy, he was surprised to have five freshman members named to his committee.

"He gave me my marching orders and then put five freshmen on my ag committee that didn't know anything about agriculture," said Swinford. "We had to have Ag 101 for awhile, but we got the job done."

Swinford said that as the state's population shifts to reflect a more urban state, rural Texas will lose political clout, making the mission of passing House Bill 2 into law all the more important.

According to the US Census Bureau, Texas' estimated population was 19.76 million in 1998 and projections indicate that the number of Texans living in rural areas continues to decline. The 1990 Census found that 83.4% of Texans lived in urban areas and that number increased to 84.2% by 1996.

"When I first came here (to the Legislature) in 1991, we could count on 85 solid votes to support agriculture," Swinford said. "In each of those districts, a majority of the district was occupied by rural residents or agriculture was the top industry."

Today, Swinford said agriculture can count on about 65 votes and "by 2003, we may see only 50 ag votes. That's just the way it is."

For that reason, Swinford said this past session and the upcoming session will be the best time to set an agricultural policy for the state, ensuring rural Texas is represented in the future.

"We're declining," Swinford said of the changes in the state's economy due to urbanization. "We're not as important in the whole state's economy anymore."

Swinford said he hopes that the passage of House Bill 2--which is now awaiting Gov. George Bush's signature to become law--will position rural Texas and agriculture for the next millennium and that future lawmakers will understand the needs of agriculture.

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"We decided we could not do it in one shot, a big omnibus bill that could get defeated or amended easily. Then we would have different pieces of legislation to implement the policy established in House Bill 2," said Swinford.

Among the separate bills dealing with issues enumerated in the policy bill is House Bill 2660, dealing with water availability issues including planning for water supplies, drought preparedness and response. Swinford's bill ensures that the Texas Dept. of Agriculture is at the table in water discussions and planning for the state.

"It also puts underground water districts at the table," Swinford said. "Thank God we don't have any state agencies regulating underground water, but we do have a lot of our own water districts and they need to have a voice at the table."

Another piece of legislation that implements ag policy is the agriculture products promotion bill, or the "Go Texan!" bill, which deals with the development of domestic and foreign markets for Texas agricultural products. It includes getting state agencies and schools to write specifications for products that make Texas producers eligible as suppliers.

An example would be a school specifying orange juice, which is produced in Texas, rather than specifying a brand which is produced in other states.

"If they write Sunkist on something, Texas producers are out," Swinford said.

The bill does not require state agencies to buy Texas products, but they cannot write a bid which precludes Texas products from consideration.

Another important step taken for rural Texas this session is the restructuring of the Office of Rural Affairs and Economic Development.

"We moved it to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture to ensure that people who understand rural Texas are promoting rural Texas," Swinford said.

Chris Reynolds will compete in state horse show

Chris Reynolds of Dimmitt has qualified for the State 4-H Horse Show and he will compete in Abilene July 25-31.

Reynolds qualified for state after placing at the District Horse Show June 18 in Lubbock.

Other county 4-H'ers competing at the district show were Eric Odom and Ross Schulte.

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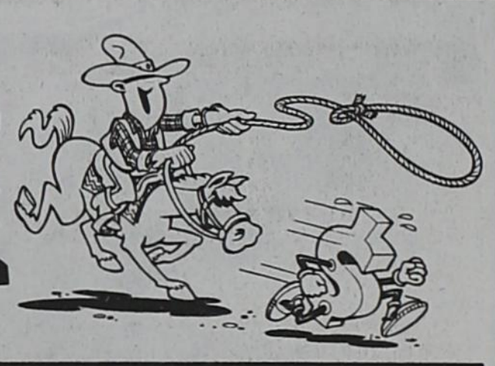

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Sports

Amarillo team claims top honors in Doc Render

Mike Hughes and Steven Russell of Amarillo won the Championship Flight of the Doc Render Tournament held over the weekend at the Country Club of Dimmitt. Their scores hit 66 and 67 for a total of 133, three ahead of their nearest competitors.

Second place in the top flight went to Chass Akard and Damon Salisbury of Lubbock, with scores of 68-68, for a total of 136. Third place was a tie between the team of Mickey Bishop and Phillip York of Dimmitt and the team of Brad Holcomb and Cody King of Lubbock, with identical rounds of 69-68, for totals of 137.

In the President's Flight, Jody Balch and Eric Roanhaus of Clovis took first with scores of 75-68, for a total of 143; Jerry Heller and Stan Byrnes of Dimmitt, second with 74-70-144; and Manuel Quintana and Greg Griego of Clovis, third, 75-71-146.

The First Flight was won by the Dallas team of Gary Hanson and Bo Feagin, 72-70-142; second went to Jim Bradford and Bill Pou of Dimmitt, 72-73-145; and third went to Trini Valdez and Jerry Ivy of Canyon, 75-72-147.

Truman and Tobin Touchstone of Dimmitt won the Second Flight with scores of 78-72, for a total of 150. Gene Jeter and Barry Vaught of Amarillo took second with 78-73-151; and Jack DeLoach and Rollie Sheppard of Lubbock won third, 79-77-156.

In the Third Flight, Trey Aston and Brian Rainey of Lubbock had scores of 39-70-109 to claim first; Jeff and Greg Armes of Lubbock scored 40-73-113 for second; and Randy Willingham and Ray Cameron of Amarillo posted 39-76-115 for third.

In the Fourth Flight, Joe Cabezuela and Key Harrison of Hereford took first with scores of 44-74-118; Henry Ramaekers and Doug Ware won second with scores of 43-76-119; and Corey Boyd and Ray Baca of Canyon scored 43-80-123 for third.

The Fifth Flight was won by Jim Long and Brett Bryant of Dimmitt with scores of 46-83-129; second went to Jerry Killingsworth and Rodney Strafus of Hereford, 45-85-130; and third went to Robert Powell and Ned Swink of Dimmitt, 48-83-131.

Basketball camp will start Monday

The Dimmitt Bobbies' "Camp of Champions" will begin Monday at the Dimmitt High School Gym and all girls in grades three through nine are invited to attend.

Camp will run through Friday, July 23.

Girls who will be in grades three through six will participate in a camp from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and cost will be $30. Those who will be in grades seven through nine will play from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee for the longer camp is $40. Girls attending camp will receive a t-shirt.

Those planning to attend may register and pay their fee at the gym on Monday.

The camp will be directed by new Bobbies' head coach Tim Gilliland and other Dimmitt coaches. Camp activities will include drills, contests and games.

On Wednesday, all campers will participate from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Drinks will be available to campers at an extra charge.

Durbin receives collegiate awards

Denia Durbin, a student at West Texas A&M University, has been nominated for two separate awards from the United States Achievement Academy.

Nominated by one of her professors at the college, Dr. Mary Parker, Durbin was named an All-American Collegiate Scholar and a Collegiate Award winner in education.

Durbin is the daughter of Paul and Joan Durbin of Nazareth and the granddaughter of Loretta Durbin of San Marcos, Calif.

Winners of the Collegiate Awards are selected upon the exclusive recommendation of professors, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors based upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. Criteria include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, and dependability.

The All-American Collegiate Scholar award offers recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. Those selected must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the USAA. "Winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

Richard Blechynden, an Englishman trying to increase the use of tea in the U.S., first served iced tea at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (also known as the St. Louis World's Fair) in 1904.

AND AWAY WE GO!–K'Lynn Gerber and Celina Braddock, drivers of the barrel ride, take a group of youngsters on a ride across the school grounds at Nazareth Saturday afternoon. The barrel ride was one of many events children enjoyed during the annual German Festival celebration. *Photo by Anne Acker*

10K run set in Hereford on Aug. 7

A 10-kilometer run, two-mile fun run and two-mile walk have been scheduled for Aug. 7 at the Hereford and Vicinity YMCA, located at 500 East 15th St., in Hereford.

Entry forms for the event are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office. All participants submitting paid entries to the Hereford YMCA by July 31 will receive a free running cap. Entry fee is $10 in advance or $12 the day of the race.

Completed entry forms should be sent with payment to Race Director, Hereford & Vicinity YMCA, 500 East 15th St., Hereford 79045.

Divisions for the 10-K race include men's and women's 13-and-under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50 & over. The two-mile run and two-mile walk are separated into three categories: open men's, open women's and wheelchair.

Awards will be presented in each division for each race. First-place winners in each division of the 10-K and two-mile run will receive a duffel bag and medal. Second- and third-place winners will receive medals. Those who finish the two-mile fun walk will receive ribbons.

For more information about the races, contact the YMCA at (806) 364-6990.

DISD athletes are reminded to get physical

Dimmitt students planning on participating in athletics during the coming year must have a medical physical before they will be allowed to play, and those exams will be offered soon.

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

Physicals will be offered for boys on Wednesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Girls may obtain their physical on Monday, Aug. 2, or Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Cost for each physical is $10.

TOP PEDAL PULLER in the 10-year-old girls' division Saturday afternoon was Holly Kleman of Nazareth. The annual tractor pull, conducted by the Texas Pedal Pullers Association, was a part of the children's activities Saturday during the Nazareth German Festival. The tractor pull drew a large number of competitors. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Nazareth tractor pull results listed

There was a good turnout for the Tractor Pull held Saturday during the German Fest activities in Nazareth. First and second place winners in each age group are qualified to advance to the state pull, which will be held in Lockney on Aug. 28.

Those who qualified will receive a letter in the mail and they must bring the letter with them to register at the state pull.

11-year-olds

BOYS: Nathan Huseman and Jake Hoelting, both of Nazareth, placed first and second, respectively.

10-year-olds

BOYS: First place went to Mathew Birkenfeld of Tulia and second place was Brandon Wilhelm of Nazareth. Others were Jacob Braddock of Nazareth, third; Keean Lilley of Nazareth, fourth; and Edward Wait of Amarillo, fifth. GIRLS: Holly Kleman of Nazareth, first, and Candace Birkenfeld of Nazareth, second. Brandi Kern of Nazareth placed third.

9-year-olds

BOYS: Joshua Braddock of Nazareth won first; Boyan Reichle of Olympia was second; and Eric Brown of Amarillo was third.

GIRLS: Sayla Barnes of Plainview took first; Allyson Hochstein of Nazareth was second; and Darcy Schulte of Nazareth was third.

8-year-olds

BOYS: Kyle Birkenfeld of Nazareth took first, and Steven Birkenfeld of Nazareth was second.

GIRLS: Caitlin Huseman of Nazareth won first, with Cindy Reichle of Olympia second.

7-year-olds

BOYS: Chad Acker of Nazareth took first and Heath Wilhelm of Nazareth was second. Others were Ryan Birkenfeld of Nazareth, third; Gus Gesling of Tulia, fourth; Marcus Wilhelm of Nazareth, fifth; Anthony Hochstein of Nazareth, sixth; and Kevin Lilley of Nazareth, seventh.

GIRLS: Andie Rose of Amarillo was first.

5-year-olds

BOYS: Ethan Barnes of Plainview was first and Devin Kern of Nazareth was second. Third went to Colten Ingram of Nazareth.

GIRLS: Haley Birkenfeld of Nazareth took first, with Michelle Hochstein of Nazareth, second.

4-year-olds

BOYS: Daniel Kern of Nazareth won first, with Jake Gesling of Tulia second.

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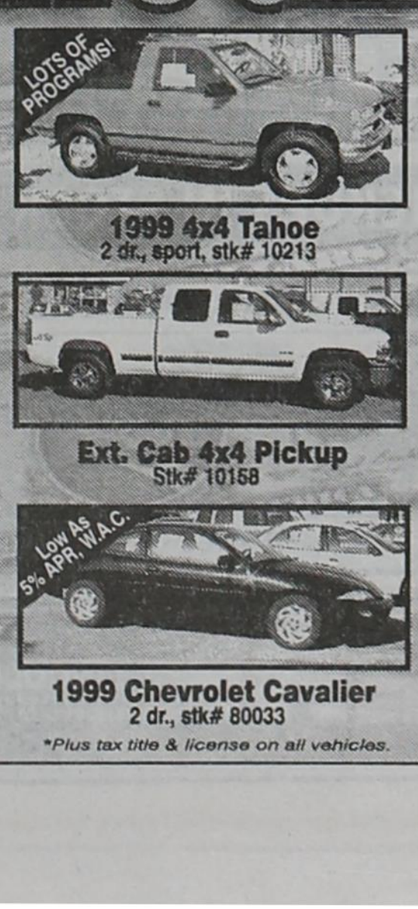

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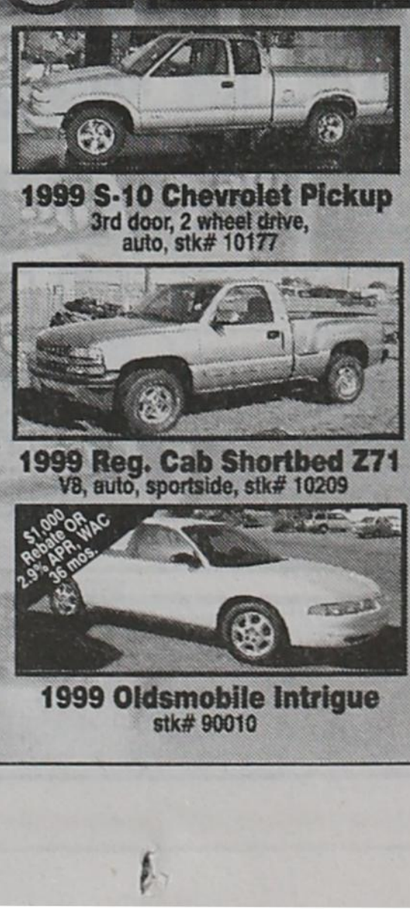
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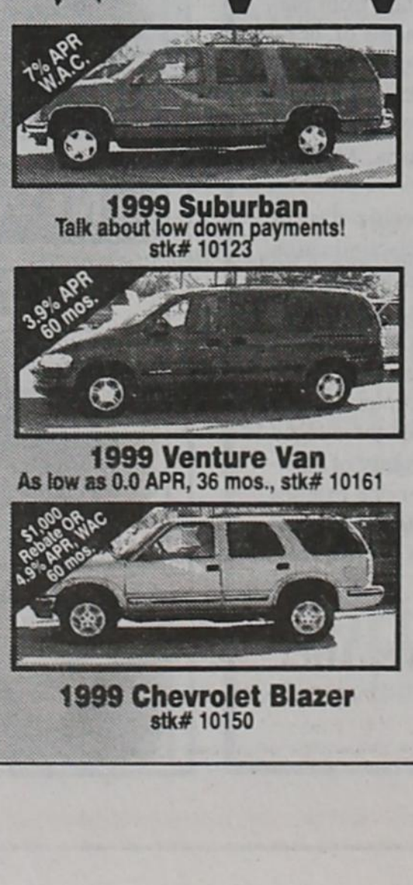

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Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The 27th annual German Festival and Suds and Sounds was held Saturday. A nice shower of rain didn't stop a good crowd of area friends and family from enjoying a German sausage meal at the Community Hall.

Entertainment was provided by a group of Nazareth band students, The Oompah Band.

The arts and crafts show was also held in the school cafeteria and it featured many booths of different crafts.

Other activities and contests were held during the afternoon for adults and children.

Suds and Sounds, the outdoor concert, was held at the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark beginning at 4:30 p.m. A concession stand was open throughout the concert.

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Henry and Linda Jo Ramaekers celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 26, with a dance at the Community Hall. They were glad to have many of their family and friends present.

Linda's maternal family was winding down a family reunion with 50 relatives from Ohio, Missouri and Texas present.

All of Henry's sisters, Debbie, Elaine, Sharon and Linda Jean and their families were at the dance as well as Linda Jo's brothers and sisters, David, Danny, Dennis, Rita and Georgia and their families.

Of course, their mothers, Rose Mary Ramaekers of Umbarger and Ellen Collins of Hereford, were present, too.

They had one bridesmaid and all three of the groomsmen join in the celebration. They had a wonderful time.

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Henry and Linda Ramaekers and Ralph and Evelyn Albracht left June 28 for a trip to the northeastern states. They flew out of Oklahoma City on Tuesday, landing in Kansas City, Chicago and Baltimore before their final landing in Providence, Rhode Island.

From there they drove to Boston, Mass. On Wednesday they toured Fenway Park and historic Boston before attending a Red Sox' game. (Sorry Ralph, the Red Sox lost.)

On Thursday they flew back to Baltimore and made their way to Ateco, N.J. for the wedding activities of Sean and Tina Kennevan. Sean is the son of Jean Albracht Kennevan.

The wedding was beautiful and the festivities were much like those in Nazareth, except there was no wheelbarrow!

On Saturday they made their way to New York where they attended an exciting Yankees' win and a enjoyed a beautiful harbor tour.

On Sunday, July 4, they braved the subway for another Yankees' game, before the 103-degree heat got the best of them. They went to Atlantic City to join other family members at the beach. They got to "enjoy" a little black out and some wonderful fireworks.

On Tuesday, July 6, they started home via Baltimore and St. Louis. They were glad to enjoy the drive home from Oklahoma City where they could see where they were going! They had a wonderful trip, saw so many interesting things and met a lot of nice people.

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Cory, Kimberly, Madison and Jayton Hoelting of Tulia; and Whitney, Monty and Jake Hoelting of Nazareth enjoyed a few days' vacation in Austin with Wade Hoelting. They spent Friday night at O.H. Ivey Lake with Harold Gerber and Nathan Hoelting before driving on to Austin to visit Wade and the Rick Gerber family.

Monday was a fun day in San Antonio at Sea World and the River Walk.

Whitney flew home Monday night to attend the funeral of a classmate, John Scott Farris.

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Carl and Mary Kleman and Urban Ball spent the fourth of July weekend with Esther Braddock and her family in McKinney. They all went to Grand Prairie to the horse races and enjoyed a fireworks display on Saturday.

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Congratulations to Larry and Cyrilla Robb on the birth of a son, Landon Shane, June 25 at 2:02 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Cyril and Mitzie Brockman, Ted Robb of Idalou and Jean Robb of Dimmitt. Great-grandmothers are Tina Mills and Madge Robb of Dimmitt.

A baby shower was held June 22 at the home of Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld.

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Congratulations to Phil and Stephanie Behrends of Amarillo on the birth of a son, Brockman Leland, July 9 at 3:05 a.m., at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 6 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Jerry and Dolores Behrends of Canyon and Cyril and Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth.

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Many relatives of the Hoffman-Kuper families gathered on Saturday at the Veterans Park in Hereford for a reunion.

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On Sunday, Gilbert and Dolly Schulte entertained the Colorado relatives and others with a cookout at their lovely home north of Nazareth.

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Joe and Imogene Drerup attended the funeral of Dianne Murrell of Emory on Friday. She died after suffering for three years from bone cancer. The Drerups visited with their son, Wade, and his family, Julie and Hailey Drerup, in Midlothian. Wade and family also attended the funeral.

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The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed a delicious cold summer meal Sunday evening at the center. They were all invited to attend the 50th wedding celebration of Shirley and Wilton Whitehead in Tulia. It will be held later on this month. Everyone then enjoyed cards or dominoes of their choice.

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Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Florine Brockman, Lori Huseman, Margaret Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Greg Hoelting, Leonard Gerber, Sue Schneider, Easy Schulte, Margaret Birkenfeld, Clara Kleman, Margaret Womack and Anna Hoelting in San Antonio.

PEGGY BIRKENFELD (right) serves up sausage to hungry visitors at the Nazareth German Festival Saturday. The tradition sausage dinner, an arts and crafts show, variety of kids' games and the Suds and Sounds outdoor concert starring country star Gary Allen highlighted this year's Festival. *Photo by Adam Acker*

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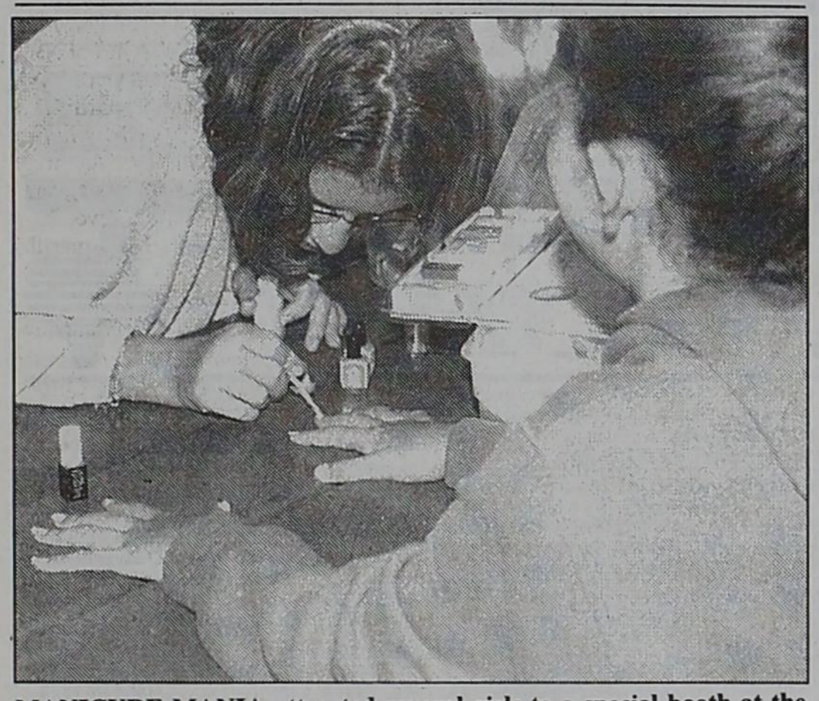

MANICURE MANIA attracted several girls to a special booth at the Nazareth German Festival Saturday afternoon. Keli Schulte (right), Nazareth seventh grader, was one of many who enjoyed having her nails painted. *Photo by Adam Acker*

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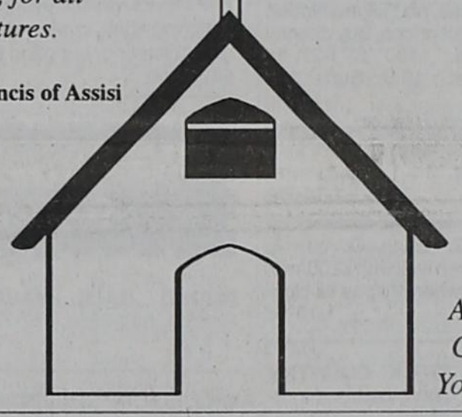

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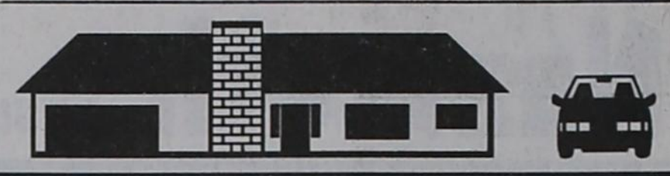

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22—Notices

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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

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24-15-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

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LINDA KOCH
24-15-1tc

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18A. Insurance
19. Students seeking work
20. Help wanted
22. Notices
23. Lost and found
24. Cards of thanks
25. Legal notices

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for all the thoughtfulness shown during our loss of John Scott.

Your kindness, love and support is of great comfort to our family.

We would like to offer a special thanks to Bro. Gerald for the lovely service and the Kent Birkenfeld family for opening up their home to us during our sorrow. God bless each and every one of you.
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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR 2341
IN THE ESTATE OF REGINA BROCKMAN STEFFENS, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Regina Brockman Steffens, Deceased, were issued on July 13, 1999, in Cause No. PR-2341, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to JUDY STEFFENS BRAX. The residence and post office address is of the Independent Executrix is JUDY STEFFENS BRAX, 8002 Bedwell, Amarillo, Texas 79121.

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

DATED the 13th day of July, 1999.
ESTATE OF REGINA STEFFENS
By: JUDY STEFFENS BRAX, Executrix
25-15-1tc

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25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION
TPDES Permit No. 04101

APPLICATION: GARY NUTT, Route 1, Box 41-A, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a new TPDES Permit No. 04101 to authorize the applicant to operate a new beef cattle operation at a maximum capacity of 10,000 head in Castro County. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this Permit. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located from Dimmitt, Texas, approximately eight miles south on US 385, then .5 miles west on FM 1524. Nutt Feedyard is located on the north side of the road in Castro County. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. Written public comments and requests for public meeting may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment, and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TNRCC may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: 1. Your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; 2. Applicant's name and permit number; 3. The statement, "I/We request a contested case hearing;" 4. A brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and 5. The location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application or permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests or a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

INFORMATION: Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. For additional information, please contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Issued: June 30, 1999.

LaDONNA CASTANUELA, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource
Conservation Commission
25-15-1tc

Breast cancer support group slates meeting

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer.

The group will meet Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre at 1500 Wallace Blvd. in Amarillo.

The program will be presented by Pam Ehly of Baptist St. Anthony's outpatient services. She will speak on "New Treatment for Lymphedema."

For more information, call Cindy Horton at the center, 806-359-4673, ext. 111, or 1-800-274-4673.

More about 1:1

(Continued from Page 1)

Chastain is a world-class player. She and every other member of the team had practiced their penalty kicks religiously, because the PK is a crucial part of the game.

She knew just how she would approach the ball, how many steps she would take, which foot she would use, and where she would try to place the kick.

Don't tell me she didn't know what she would do if she scored the final goal.

She already had posed for a photo in *Gear* magazine with nothing for cover but a soccer ball, and had "streaked" in the buff to celebrate another victory (after dark, of course). The young woman is simply uninhibited—which is fine with me.

Chastain's exhuberant celebration is so indelibly etched in the minds of the world's sports fans that many of us have overlooked the real heroine of the match.

It was goalkeeper Brianna Scurry who actually made the difference in the game when she blocked China's third kick.

But that wasn't the end of the game, and Scurry didn't rip off her shirt.

Nike should pay Chastain a hefty commission.

(By the way, the US women's victory was really something, wasn't it?)

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Police Calls

Five goats, valued at a total of $2,000, were reported taken from a location 12 miles west of Dimmitt on SH 86 and one mile south. Armando Fernandez reported the theft to deputies Monday.

Carmen Oltivero of Dimmitt told police the afternoon of July 7 that someone damaged her 1995 Ford Thunderbird by scratching it in several places and making a dent in the right fender.

Jose Chavez of Dimmitt told police the morning of July 6 that someone broke out the passenger side window on his 1983 Chevrolet pickup while it was at his home in the 600 block of Southwest Second. He estimated the damage at $100.

Jailed in incidents involving alcohol during the past week were:

—Friday at 9:08 p.m., a Lubbock woman, 36, on charges of DWI, first offense, breath test refused, a class B misdemeanor.

—Saturday at 11:18 a.m., a 22-year-old Canyon man for DWI, first offense; and at 10:45 p.m., two 18-year-old men, one from Brownfield and one from Westminster, Colo., on charges of being a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

—Sunday at 12:25 a.m., a Nazareth man, 21, on charges of DWI, first offense, breath test refused; at 1:15 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 42, for public intoxication; at 1:16 a.m., a 38-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, second offense; at 1:45 a.m., a Fort Worth woman, 25, for DWI, first offense; at 2:24 a.m., an 18-year-old Amarillo woman for DWI, first offense; at 2:37 a.m., a Canyon woman, 23, DWI, first offense; and at 4:02 a.m., an Austin woman, 32, for DWI, first offense.

—Monday at 12:30 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 27, for DWI, second offense, and driving with license suspended.

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Monday at 7:30 p.m. a 1994 Chevrolet pickup owned by SPS and driven by Jesse Thomas Howard, 41, of Olton, backed into an unattended 1997 Dodge Intrepid owned by Rosario Gonzalez of Hart. The incident happened in the Hacker Addition in Hart on J.D. Street. DPS Trooper Keith Smith said the pickup backed out of a driveway and struck the car, which was legally parked across the street. There was no damage to the truck and the car had light damage on the front left. No injuries were reported. Howard was given a ticket for backing when unsafe.

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Also on Monday, at 3 p.m., a 1998 Ford pickup driven by Stuart Sutton, 20, of Dimmitt, struck a 1987 Freightliner tractor trailer fertilizer truck driven by Kathy Jane Gallagher, 33, of Hereford. Smith said Sutton had been heading south on County Road 510 and made a right turn onto CR 617, striking the right front bumper of the truck, which had been heading east on CR 617. Damage to both vehicles was rated light. Smith said Sutton had a slight bump on the head. Both drivers were given a ticket for not wearing their seat belts, and Sutton also was cited for making an unsafe turn.

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Sunday at 1:23 a.m., a 1990 Chevrolet pickup driven by Carlos Nicholas Hernandez, 16, of Dimmitt, struck an unattended 1992 Chevrolet pickup owned by AgriFarm Industries. Hernandez was given a ticket for failure to control speed. Police said Hernandez was heading north in the 200 block of Northeast Seventh when he lost control and crossed the roadway, striking the other vehicle, which was parked next to the curb facing south. Hernandez and his passenger, Cynthia Melendez, 14, of Dimmitt, both had possible injuries; and damage to his vehicle was rated moderate to heavy, while the parked vehicle had light to moderate damage.

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Saturday at 3:56 a.m. a 1964 GMC pickup driven by a 15-year-old Dimmitt youth struck an unattended 1986 Chevrolet pickup owned by Jaime Moran of Dimmitt. The youth was ticketed for driving under the influence, no driver's license, no seat belt, and no liability insurance. He and a passenger, Jose Barrios, 18, of Dimmitt, were listed with possible injuries, while another passenger, Vanessa Barrios, 14, was listed with a non-incapacitating injury. Police said the GMC pickup had been traveling north in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth when it struck the back of the Chevrolet, which was parked facing the north. The GMC was listed with moderate to heavy damage and the Chevrolet had light to moderate damage.

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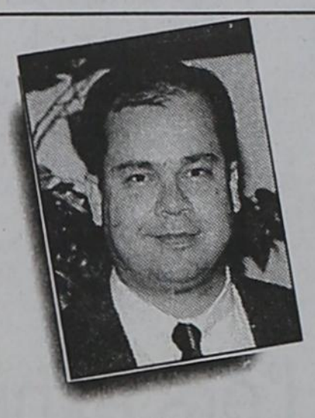
On July 4 at 6 a.m., a 1986 Pontiac Bonneville driven by Santos Perez III, 23, of Dimmitt, struck a utility trailer in the 700 block of West Maple. Perez was given a ticket for failure to control speed and no liability insurance. He was listed with possible injuries and his passenger, Lezly Martin, 18, of Dimmitt, was listed with incapacitating injuries. She was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by ambulance. Police said Perez had been driving east on Maple and passed another vehicle also heading east. The Pontiac struck the trailer, owned by David Hughs of Kress. Police said it was parked facing west on the south side of the street and it did not have any reflectors on it. The Pontiac had heavy damage and the trailer had light damage.

Vacation Bible School will start July 26 at FUMC

Youngsters from the age of 3 years up through the sixth grade are invited to join a "safari" on a "jungle journey" during a Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt July 26-30.

Youngsters attending each day's school from 9 to 11:30 a.m. will be able to take part in several activities including "Christ's Kid's Crafts," "Safari Expedition Sites," "Rain Forest Music," and "Jungle Snacks."

Transportation will be available for those requiring a ride to and from the school, and those who require a ride should call 647-4106 between 8:30 and 9 a.m. each morning.



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Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt would like to remind the community that we are still here to serve any long term care needs of Castro County and the surrounding areas. We came upon a city rumor that our facility was closing. This is not true and the possibility of us ever closing was never true. We realize how gossip can spread through a community and we wanted to clear this situation up. We would also like to state for the record that Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt is within 100% compliance of all state and federal regulations. We consider Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt a great place to live and work. We look forward to giving our residents an exceptional quality of life. We would like to thank everyone who has stood behind our facility through good and bad rumors, we really do appreciate you.

Sincerely,
The Staff of Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt

Commissioners approve Millican as county agent

The Castro County commissioners court approved Pammy Millican as the county extension agent. Millican, who was recommended by Jett Majors, is a native of Robert Lee, graduated from Angelo State University with a bachelor of science degree and received his master's in science as well as a teaching certificate from Texas Tech.

"He does well in all aspects. Pammy's a good balance of 4-H and agriculture," said Major. "I think his biggest asset is his master's degree."

"I'm glad to have the opportunity to come back home. Briscoe County was good to me and my wife, but this county is home," said Millican.

Millican begins August 1.

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Bay Baldridge of Precinct 3 asked the court to consider an alternative for tire recycling.

The old way, according to Baldridge, was to have a recycling company pick up the tires along the roads.

"It was costly to the county," said Baldridge.

He suggested that tires be stockpiled in a county barn. Baldridge also said he would call the recycling company and ask if they would pick them up there.

"It would be a lot less expensive," Baldridge said.

"If you can get the company to come and get the tires, we'd [court] be willing to try it," said Clyde Damron of Precinct 2.

The proposal was accepted.

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Republican candidates for the November election judges were approved.

County 4-H'ers exhibit equestrian knowledge

Castro County 4-H horsemen of all ages were among the best at the recent Castro County Llano Estacado Horse Association Show, held June 26 at Kim Drerup's arena north of Nazareth.

Judge for the show was Rene Bagley of Guymon, Okla.

Chris Reynolds and his horse, *Supreme Description,* captured first-place honors in Showmanship and Western Pleasure; second-place honors in Reining; and third-place honors in Western Riding. He was fifth in Flags and in the competition among Registered Geldings 5 and Over. He also finished sixth in Poles, Stakes, Barrels and Saw Barrels.

In the Pee Wee Division, Jake Ebeling and *Missy* finished first in Halter, third in Western Pleasure and Showmanship, fourth in Flags, Horsemanship and Saw Barrels and fifth in Barrels.

Chase Hatla also enjoyed success in the Pee Wee Division, finishing third in Halter and Showmanship, fourth in Showmanship and fifth in Western Pleasure with *Banana.*

The Junior Division included four Castro County 4-H'ers: Eric Odom with *Temple and Dash,* Chandra Jordan with *Casper*, Keean Lilley with *Shylo* and Kate Sides with *Chance.*

Odom was first with *Temple and Dash* in the Registered Mare, 5 and Over competition and was sixth in Showmanship. He also exhibited the Reserve Champion Mare.

Jordan earned third-place honors in the competition among Registered Geldings, 5 and Over. She also finished ninth in Showmanship with *Casper.*

Lilley finished second in the Grade Gelding competition with *Shylo,* was seventh in Horsemanship and eighth in Showmanship and Western Pleasure.

Sides finished eighth in Horsemanship and 10th in Western Pleasure with *Chance.*

Obituaries

Marvin Douglas Ethridge

Funeral services for Marvin Douglas Ethridge, 71, of Fritch, were held Tuesday at Progress Baptist Church at Progress with Rev. Trey Roberson, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Fritch, officiating.

Burial was in the Bailey County Cemetery at Progress by Brown Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ethridge died July 10.

He was born in Caldwell County and had been a Fritch resident several years. He was a retired farm mechanic and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, in 1995.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Ethridge of Hart; five daughters, May Wright of Fritch, Frances McKay of Athens, Ala., Barbara Arriaga of Amarillo, Bobbie Kelly of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Bonnie Ethridge of Floydada; three brothers, Ray Ethridge of Dimmitt, J.R. Ethridge of Fort Worth and Edward Ethridge of Hillsboro; a sister, Fay Densmon of Hillsboro; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

Frank Huckert

Funeral services for Frank Huckert, 91, of Hereford, and formerly of Castro County, are set for Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford with Monsignor Orville Blum, pastor, and Deacon Jonny Cloud officiating.

Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery under direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mr. Huckert died July 10.

He was born in Iowa and moved to Texas in 1909. He lived in Castro County before moving to Deaf Smith County in 1935. He married Anna Kathrine Hardesty in 1937 at Hereford. He was a farmer and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Joe Frank Huckert of Summerfield, Robert Huckert of Hereford, and David Huckert of Lamesa; four daughters, Mary Kathrine Sauer of Annandale, Va., Betty Lance of Amarillo, Patsy Morgan of Lubbock, and Barbara Barnett of Plano; 14 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 519 Star in Hereford.

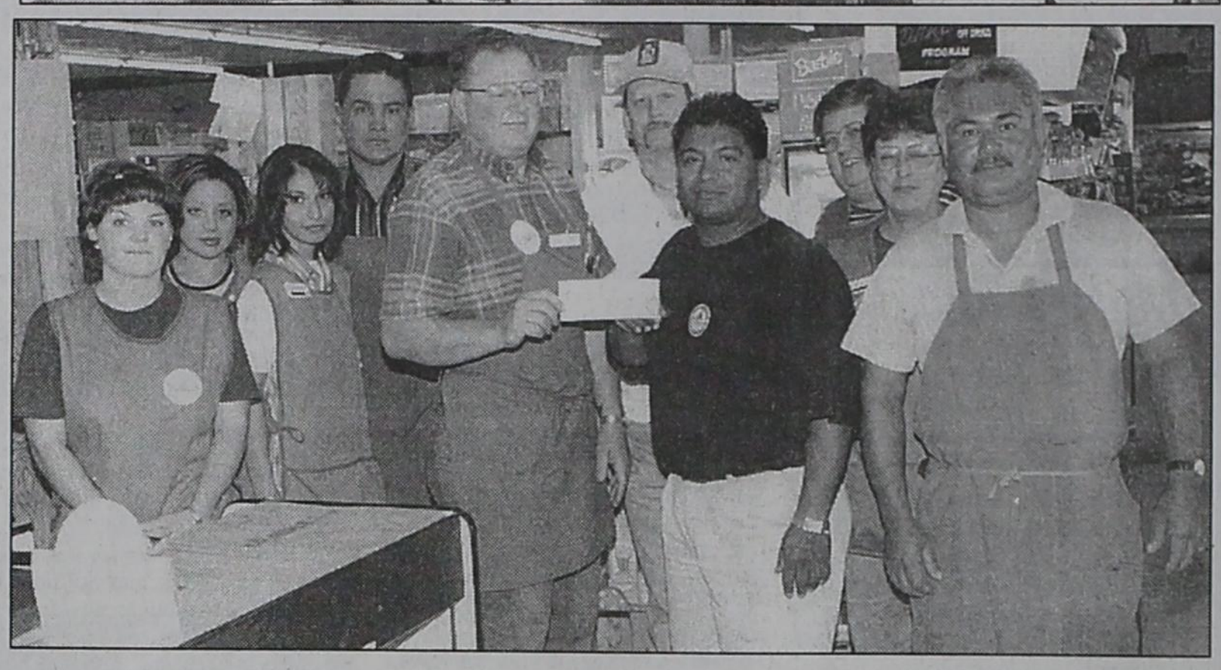
Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

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

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



An open challenge . . .

EMPLOYEES of Dimmitt Market and Dimmitt Thriftway contributed $18 each and each store also contributed $50 for a total donation of $1,000 for the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, which is administered through Panhandle Community Services. (ABOVE) Some of the Dimmitt Market employees gather around to see store owner Walt Hansen (third from right) present a check to PCS employees Jerry Peña (second from right) and Maricela Flores (far right). (BELOW) A representative group of Thriftway employees watch as a check is presented by store manager Doug Pybus (front, third from right) to Peña. Hansen has issued a challenge for other local businesses to meet or exceed the level of giving by the two stores' 50 employees, with the funds to be used to help re-stock the food pantry.

More about Wood. . .

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decided to look at the option.

"We weren't expecting a change. We're very happy in Nazareth. When Childress called the first time they didn't have a job to offer Tonda. We decided we just couldn't do that. Then about a month and a half later they called back and offered her a job as a fourth grade teacher.

"We weighed the pros and cons and finally decided that maybe God was trying to tell us something."

The move to Childress will be almost like returning home for Wood, and it *will* be a homecoming for Tonda Wood.

"I lived in Quanah and Tonda graduated from high school in Childress, so it's like home for us. As a matter of fact, Tonda had said a few years ago that if I was ever going to get her out of Nazareth, Childress would be the place to go."

Wood, who first moved to Nazareth in 1992, said leaving was really a hard decision for the family.

"The community is a big reason we hate to leave. People are always willing to help out in times of need. The faculty (at Nazareth ISD) is up there at the top. They're always willing to chip in and do what needed to be done," Wood said. "We'll miss the extracurricular activities, too, especially all the trips to state. Our kids were too young to play, but they were still involved because the whole community gets involved. That's really special."

"I don't know if we'll ever be able to match the quality of this school and community," Wood said. "It's going to be hard to pull out of town with our moving van. This has been the best seven years of our lives."

Wood said his family is looking forward to meeting new friends, although the prospect of a strange place is a little scary. They have bought a house in Childress and are looking forward to working on it. He's looking forward to the challenges of working in a bigger school system, and he thinks his children will enjoy the school, as well.

More about Above-average rainfall . . .

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each month. They do an excellent job of reading the data in an accurate and timely manner, which allows us to construct contour maps illustrating the amount of precipitation received during the month," said Ken Carver, assistant manager of the High Plains Underground Water District. "This gives us essential information for use in our PET program and our precipitation enhancement program.

"Timely rains have a significant impact upon agricultural production in the High Plains region. The estimated increase in agricultural production resulting from one inch of timely precipitation on cotton, corn, grain sorghum and wheat grown within the Water District has a market value of approximately $81,055,865, with a regional economic impact of approximately $283,695,528," he said. "This would be extremely beneficial to our area economy."

In addition, above-average precipitation can help reduce the need to pump ground water from the Ogallala Aquifer.

"Because of the 1998 drought and a lack of precipitation, most dryland producers were unable to make a crop last year," Carver said. "Irrigators pumped more ground water than usual to supplement the missing precipitation and to provide water for optimum crop development and production.

"Towns and cities within the Water District also reported above-average water use by their residents. We hope that the 1999 growing season will be free of the drought-related problems that affected the region last year."

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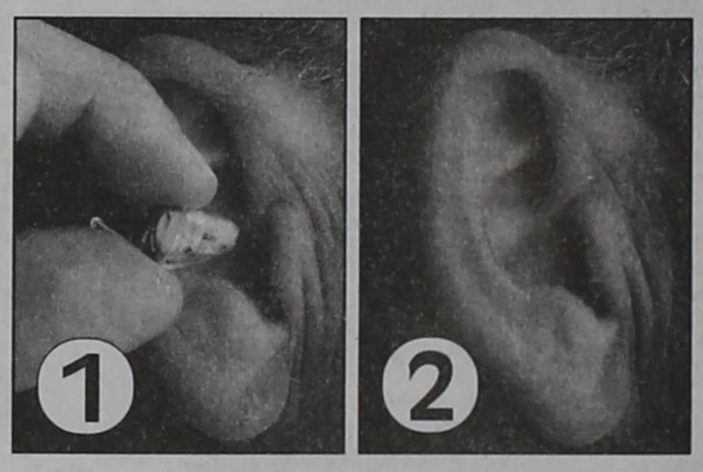

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