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DISD sets hearing for 1998-99 tax rate

The Dimmitt school board will meet Monday at 12 noon at the administration building at 608 W. Halsell to hold a public hearing concerning the proposed tax rate for the 1998-99 school year.

The board has proposed a tax rate of \$1.21 per \$100 of property valuation, the same rate that was in place for the 1997-98 school year.

The board held their regular monthly meeting Monday night and approved acceptance of an employee health insurance plan, among other items of business.

DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill told the board that the district used First Care last year, but that the company had proposed a rate increase of 13-1/2%. Hill said he received 16 proposals from 13 companies, including two from First Care.

Hill recommended the First Care plan, since both of the proposals were under the 13-1/2% proposed increase and will actually only cost the district a small amount more than last year. He said that last year's total premiums were \$529,724.40, while for this year it will be \$529,436.40 for Plan G500, or \$574,609.20 for the Plan G400.

Hill was pleased that the proposal

will allow employees to have a choice between the two plans, selecting their own level of co-pay amounts and benefits. Also, Hill said in an employee survey, 94% of respondents expressed satisfaction with the past service from First Care.

Hill said that no matter what plan is selected, the board will not be able to satisfy all the employees 100%.

The district pays 60% of the cost for the employee's coverage for professional employees and 100% of the cost for paraprofessional employees.

In other business, the board heard a report on the accountability/accreditation ratings for the district as a whole and for each individual campus. All received a rating of "acceptable."

DISD Supt. Les Miller said that the district came "very close" to the status of "recognized." He said the standard has been raised every year for the past couple of years, but it will remain the same for the coming year as it was for the past year, giving

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More counterfeit money appearing

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said that more counterfeit \$100 bills have shown up in Dimmitt.

He said the latest ones are copies of the new design \$100 bills and are "very good" copies, although the two passed in Dimmitt had the same serial number. He said the main way to tell the bogus bills is that they do not have a "water mark" portrait of Franklin that shows up on the bill when held up to the light.

Counterfeit \$100 bills that turned up in Dimmitt earlier were poor copies of the old style \$100 bills.

Aleman said Hereford also has had one passed there. He said he has cautioned local merchants, and Sheriff CD Fitzgearld has spoken to businesses in Hart and Nazareth.

Aleman has said that any merchant who questions a \$100 bill they have received should call law enforcement officers right away and get a description of who passed it.

Hail damage ruins crops

Rain is coming too late for some farmers to save their crops, but for others, the rain relief brought more damage than good. Hundreds of acres were lost Friday night after a hail storm hit several sections of crops near Bovina.

Charles Wales, one of the farmers, said the damage "was severe" to his crops and to the crops of Mark Welch, Randy Morgan and James Collins, as well.

Wales estimated his loss at 300 acres of cotton and 140 acres of corn. According to Wales, unless the cotton leaves out, he lost everything.

Collins lost approximately 300 acres of corn and cotton combined. Welch and Morgan were unavailable for estimates.



CASTRO COUNTY POTATO BOUNTY was held Friday night and Saturday in the Hart area, with 125 volunteers helping in the effort to glean an approximate 20,000 lbs. of potatoes for the needy. Here, Casey Jones (top) and Caleb Dickerson take bags of potatoes out of a pickup and stack them to wait for a larger truck to pick them up for distribution to area food banks. Looking on is Harold Smith (left) of Smith Farms, from which the potatoes were gleaned. Photo by Linda Maxwell

School starts today in Dimmitt, Nazareth

Students in Dimmitt and Nazareth have gathered up pencils and notebooks and are settling in for the new school year today (Thursday).

Classes begin this morning in both schools while Hart students are able to squeeze in a couple more days of summer relaxation before reporting for classes on Monday.

Dimmitt

Dimmitt will kick off its new year today (Thursday) with the first bells scheduled to ring at 8:30 a.m. at Richardson Elementary School, 8:20 a.m. at Dimmitt Middle School and at 8:10 a.m. at Dimmitt High School. Richardson Elementary School will release students at 3:30 p.m. The final bell will ring at 3:32 p.m. at Dimmitt Middle School. High school students will be dismissed at 3:35 p.m.

DMS and RES are planning to hold late registration in each school's library today (Thursday).

DHS will hold an opening day school assembly from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. today (Thursday).

Nazareth

Nazareth students will report to class today (Thursday) at 8:05 a.m. when the first bell signals the start of the 1998-99 school year. Students will be dismissed at 3:12 p.m. each day.

The school will hold opening day ceremonies at 8:05 a.m. today in front of the school. The school's FFA chapter will organize the event.

FFA members will raise the flag. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited. New teachers and students will be introduced.

Hart

Hart students will register for classes Friday, and school pictures will be taken for students in grades 7-11 after registration. Senior picture day will be Sept. 8.

At Hart, seniors will register at 8:30 a.m., juniors at 9:30 a.m., sophomores at 10:30 a.m. and freshmen at 1 p.m. Eighth graders will register at 2 p.m. and seventh graders will sign up at 3 p.m.

Elementary students pre-registered at the end of the last school year.

Going up County proposes another tax hike

Castro County Commissioners have proposed a tax rate of \$.519 for this year, which is 6% higher than last year's tax rate of \$.489 and 10% higher than this year's effective tax rate.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held next Thursday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m. at the courthouse and the public is invited to attend.

The proposed rate is 10% higher than this year's effective tax rate, according to County Auditor Mareta Smithson, but is just under the rollback rate.

This year's effective tax rate is \$.478, which is lower than the 1997 rate of \$.489. The effective rate is lower because property values increased this year. Last year, an average home was valued at \$30,800. This year, the average home is valued at \$31,900.

If the proposed increase is approved, county taxes on the average home would increase by \$14.05.

The proposed tax increase will raise an additional \$158,927 for the county when compared with last

year's budgeted revenue, Smithson said.

Smithson said the county's budgeted expenditures for 1998-99 are \$154,945 more than last year's.

The increase in expenditures was caused, in part, by a hike in the county's medical insurance premiums, retirement and salary increases and from hiring five new jailers to ensure the county's jail remains in compliance with mandatory regulations.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, which carries the medical insurance on county employees, has raised its premiums by 11.3%, from \$327.67 per month, per employee, to \$364.32 per month, per employee. That will cost the county an additional \$25,299.60.

Retirement increases were estimated at \$15,076, or 20.7%.

The five new jailers will result in another \$122,438.20 while salary hikes for other employees will cost the county an additional \$69,852.00.

Those increases in expenses total \$232,665.80, according to Smithson.

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By Don Nelson

Verbie and I saw "Saving Private Ryan" Saturday night.

It's a very intense movie.

Tom Hanks is superb (as we've come to expect). So, too, are many others in the cast, most of whom we had never seen on screen before.

And because of Steven Spielberg's genius as a movie maker, "Saving Private Ryan" will probably go into the books as the definitive movie about World War II, just as Erwin Shaw's "The Young Lions" was the definitive novel.

Like Spielberg's earlier blockbuster, "Schindler's List," "Private Ryan" is not so much a movie as it is a cinematic experience. It's educational. It's historical. It's thought-provoking. It isn't what I would call entertaining.

I didn't have a problem with the graphic realism of the D-Day battle scenes, nor did I expect to. Although I never was in combat — just in the Army basic rehearsal, which is nowhere near the real thing — I've witnessed enough forms of senseless death in 40 years as a journalist that I've learned how to deal with it.

I worried about Verbie during the combat scenes, though.

But actually, the scene that I think affected her the most was an early one involving Private Ryan's mother. (I won't divulge any more about it.)

If you see the movie, at some point you'll cry. If you see it and don't get teary, then it's time to see if you still have a pulse.

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Crime Line offers \$300 reward in cemetery incident

Tuesday morning, the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. was informed that 31 grave markers had been vandalized at Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Dimmitt.

The damage apparently was done Monday night by a person or persons who physically pushed over the markers, breaking some of them. The damage has been estimated at between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

"We didn't see any tire tracks from vehicles being used to push them over," Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said.

The damage was pretty well scattered from the north end to the south end in a strip through the middle section of the cemetery.

Anyone having any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the vandalism may be eligible for a \$300 reward from the Castro County Crime Line. Informants may remain anonymous, and rewards are paid through a drop system.

Call the Sheriff's Office at 647-3311, or the Crime Line number, 647-4711.



THIRTY-ONE GRAVE MARKERS DAMAGED — An incident of vandalism was reported at Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery Tuesday morning. The estimated \$6,000 to \$7,000 in damage apparently was done Monday night by an unknown person or persons. The damage was done along a strip through the

middle of the cemetery from the north to the south end. Some markers were pushed over and some were broken. A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators, according to Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld. Photo by Monica Ortiz



CASTRO COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS (from left) Benny Martinez, Johnna Patterson and Rebel Royall examine a corn field near Dimmitt Monday. The Extension office will sponsor a county crop tour Friday, and the tour will feature stops at several locations around the county. Photo by Monica Ortiz

County crop tour is planned Friday

The 1998 Llano Estacado Crops Tour will be held Friday at various farms around Castro County, and those attending the tour will be eligible for three continuing education units.

Registration will be from 7:30 to 8 a.m. at the George Sides' south farm, three miles south of Highway 86 on FM 1055, then 1.3 miles west. Those registered will see a Bt corn plot on that farm.

Alternative crops and dairy development will be featured at the second stop of the tour on the John Link farm at 8:30 a.m. The Link farm is approximately 1 mile south of the Sides' farm.

The entourage will move to the Bob Phipps farm, 1.5 miles east of

FM 1055 on County Road 629, at 9:15 a.m. for a study of an imi-resistant corn varieties/lightening plot.

A cotton plant population study will begin at 9:45 a.m. at the Robert Struve farm east of Springlake, one-half mile west of the Fieldton highway on Highway 70. Then discussions will center around cotton seed treatment, cotton plant growth regulators, cotton insects and Round-up Ready cotton.

The Hart Lions Club will serve lunch at 11:45 a.m.

A FARM Assist and Integrated Pest Management biological program will be held during the lunch break.

At 1:30 p.m., the group will travel to the Rod Hales farm near Nazareth, where they will hear an update on improved pasture development.

Bethel sets chicken fry

The annual chicken fry will be held next Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Bethel Community Building, and the public is invited to attend.

Each family attending is asked to bring their chicken to the Bethel Community Building between 4 and 5 p.m. on Aug. 20.

The meal will begin around 7 p.m. and will feature fried chicken, salads, vegetables, desserts and more.

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	76	53	40
Friday	87	53	
Saturday	93	59	Tr.
Sunday	97	62	
Monday	97	69	
Tuesday	98	64	
Wednesday	87	64	Tr.

July Moisture 0.92
1998 Moisture 6.90
Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

Op-Ed

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Letter

'Disappointed with DISD stance'

Dear Editor:
As one who is knowledgeable of the school finance system in Texas, I am very disappointed with the stance that the Dimmitt Independent School System board of trustees and administration has taken in regards to funding our school system. The state has laid the challenge for local taxpayers to meet a minimum level of funding in order to maximize the funding received from the state. We have not accepted that challenge locally. Either our board is not knowledgeable of this funding system or they have purposely chosen to starve our educational system to save local taxpayers a few dollars currently. These dollars we are saving today will have to be paid to the taxing system at some point in the future. Remember the hard decisions the hospital district was forced to make several years back when taxes were drastically raised just to keep the doors open. Also, the tax dollars we are deferring from today that will be paid in the future will not receive additional matching state funds. If we paid those tax dollars today, the state would increase their funding to the school system to effectively match our tax increase.

progressive schools and hospitals. These valuation discounts and exemptions work; therefore, we can raise taxes and not destroy agriculture in Castro County.

Since much has been written and talked of the "teacher pay raises," I think we should all stand back and look at some facts. The state mandated an increase in the minimum pay scale for teachers. The teachers did not demand the pay raise. The three percent pay raise "given" by the local district did nothing more than bring a large percentage of our teachers up to or barely above the state minimum pay scale. I have heard the comments that teachers are overpaid and underworked, but as a son, brother, friend and associate of many teachers, I view teachers as professionals who have either a master's or bachelor's degree from a university. They are individuals who have turned away from higher paying jobs in the private sector in order to do the noble task of assisting your children and mine in their educational endeavors. I know this task of educating young people is not an easy one. I know the long hours involved. I know the professionalism required, and I know the sacrifices teachers make. I appreciate the teachers in the Dimmitt Independent School System. They gave me the

education to excel, they gave our children the education to excel, and they will give our future the education to excel. I say it is time we quit verbally and financially abusing our teachers and recognize them for the professionals they are, as they have every right to expect a pay scale equivalent to other districts. More than that, since we expect them to be better educators than other districts', they have every right to expect compensation that is greater than other districts' for their labor of love.

We should demand that our school system go back to being the best school system in the Panhandle. We should expect the board and the administration to lead our system in a progressive manner, rather than the regressive direction we are going. I do appreciate the long hours of service the board gives this community, but perhaps it is time that we as a community let them know it is acceptable to do the right thing to properly fund education.

In plain terms, doesn't it make more sense to raise school taxes seven cents, thereby costing the community \$150,000 and letting the state fund \$150,000 of our current deficit, rather than costing the community \$300,000 from our savings?

DAVID SCHAEFFER



Letter

Teachers give response

Dear Editor:

In response to statements made by Steve Buckley, DISD board president, and Avery Thrasher, DISD board member, we would like to take this opportunity to present some facts.

In the summer of 1997, the DISD school board voted to do away with the \$1,500 and the \$1,700 local stipends paid ABOVE the state minimum salaries for a bachelor's degree or a master's degree, respectively. In place of the \$1,500 and \$1,700 local stipends, the board voted to pay teachers \$1,000 above what they made the previous year—NOT ABOVE the state minimum salaries—for the 1997-98 school year. This amounted to a \$0 local stipend for some teachers and up to \$880 for other teachers because of two things: 1) the State of Texas had already mandated a pay raise for teachers, and 2) the number of years a teacher has taught.

Just a few weeks ago, for the 1998-99 school year, the DISD

school board voted to give ALL employees (secretaries, maintenance workers, lunchroom workers, etc.) a 3% raise over what they made the previous year. Again, this amounted to a \$0 local stipend for some teachers and up to \$1,639 for others, for the same two reasons cited above. Also, the state salary increase was due to the increase in the number of days required in a teaching contract.

Our point is that we teachers nor (as far as we know) any other employees of DISD have demanded or expected a raise each year as stated by both Buckley and Thrasher. What we as teachers have been after is the REINSTATEMENT of the local stipends of \$1,500 and \$1,700, which had been in place since at least 1977 (or before) and now have ceased to exist.

DISD TEACHERS

Cinnamon Bradley, Lisa Reeves, Kathy West, Becky Book, Robin Stephens, Danna Beck, and Katie Ivey.

Guest Editorial

'Now you see it, now you don't' —The disappearance of home health care

By DORIS SPICAK

The tragedy that was written in the remote halls of Congress last summer has begun to unfold with frightening clarity in the homes of thousands of elderly and disabled Texans. However well-intentioned its decisions, Congress's passage of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997—and the drastic cuts to Medicare home health care benefits that attended it—now are beginning to ravage the lives of thousands upon thousands of Texas' most vulnerable population.

The so-called "money-saving" measure now is becoming a devastating reality to patients who are finding that their home health benefits are being cut off. Up until this point, home health care has enabled these patients to maintain their dignity and independence—precious commodities that they now are losing, as they are forced into hospitals and nursing homes.

Do the cuts really save money? Hardly. Home care is a far more cost-effective way to care for the elderly and sick than institutional care. In fact, largely because Texas has more elderly living below the poverty level than any other state, the Medicare home health cuts will actually cost Texas taxpayers \$81 million per year in additional state taxes to cover the cost of alternative care for our elderly.

I doubt that most members of Congress realized the severity of the cuts they made last summer, but the fact is that Congress went far beyond cutting the "fat" from the system. The BBA imposes a new reimbursement system for Medicare home health care called the Interim Payment System (IPS). The payment for each visit to a patient's home has always been capped in order to hold down costs, but the IPS puts a cap—an absolute maximum—on the

total that Medicare will reimburse the agency for each of its patients. And it sets that cap at less than the average patient cost in 1993—five years ago.

For most Texas home health agencies, that means they are limited to an aggregate payment of from \$2,600 to \$3,400 per year per patient. When you consider that the average cost of annual care per patient in Texas in 1996 was \$8,200, you begin to see why about 60% of home health care agencies in Texas will be forced to close their doors, prematurely forcing patients into hospitals or nursing homes.

Those agencies that do manage to stay in business will be unable to afford any patients with severe or chronic needs; they will be forced to accept only those who can be treated and dismissed quickly and inexpensively. Home care agencies can tighten their belts, but they cannot deliver quality services and adequate care at only 30% to 40% of 1996 costs.

Another problem with the IPS is that it gives no consideration to patient needs—the severity of their illness or how long their projected recovery period. That's like telling a hospital, "We'll pay you the same amount to treat a broken arm as to perform a quadruple bypass." Ridiculous! The outlook is frightening for the elderly and disabled across the nation, as well as for Texas taxpayers and the more than 3,000 home health care agencies in Texas.

In a last-ditch effort to avert this crisis, on March 31 the Texas Association for Home Care (TAHC) filed suit in federal district court seeking an injunction to stop the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) from implementing the Interim Payment System. In June, the court rejected our plea, allowing the IPS to go forward. In his ruling,

Judge Barefoot Sanders made it clear that the issue is Congress's problem and that he did not have the authority to nullify the law, even if it is "unwise."

All of us believe in fiscal responsibility with federal taxpayer dollars, and congress can fix the problem without breaking the bank. Home health care grew only 4% in 1997, rather than the 14% growth anticipated by Congress when it passed the BBA, therefore, less severe cuts are needed to accomplish the same savings. In order to help keep expenses down even more, Congress should repeal the IPS and direct HCFA to move quickly to implement a payment system for home health care similar to the reimbursement system for hospitals—a system that sets strict limits, but recognizes the varying needs of patients.

The most important thing that all of us can do now is to make sure our US Senators and Representatives are keenly aware that Texans value home health care and want it to be an accessible part of their health care system. Congress needs to hear from the folks back home that they demand the opportunity to maintain their dignity, independence and quality of care with home health care.

(Doris Spicak is president of the Texas Association for Home Care and owner of Crossroads Home Health Care in Victoria.)

Police Calls

A 20-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Aug. 4 on charges of indecency with a child. On Sunday, he was jailed again on warrants out of Colorado Springs.

Last Thursday, Peggy Scott of Hart told deputies that someone broke into Peggy's BBQ in Hart and took food items valued at \$372.33. Investigation is continuing.

Friday, Damon Gonzales of the Hacker Division at Hart told deputies that someone broke into his residence and took several pairs of gold earrings and two gold rings.

Another burglary was reported in Hart last Thursday. Getrudareimer Lowen told deputies that someone took her purse from a dresser in her residence. It contained personal documents and a small amount of cash.

Dan Heard told deputies last Thursday that someone tampered with the engine on a farm tractor located a half mile west of US 385 on CR 616.

Gabriel Medrano of Coronado Acres complained to deputies Aug. 3 that someone pulled up in front of his residence and shouted obscenities at him and his young brother. He told officers the incident may have been related to another incident that happened in Dimmitt in April.

Annabelle Deltorro of Hereford reported to police last Thursday that someone struck her 1998 Mitsubishi with a bicycle, causing an estimated \$200 in damage to the vehicle.

Someone struck a gas meter in the 400 block of West Andrews in Dimmitt on Aug. 5, causing \$100 in

damage to the meter.

Alcohol related offenses included:

—A 20-year-old Saginaw woman early Sunday on charges of DWI, first offense, open container, breath test refused.

—An Olton man, 43, on Monday afternoon for public intoxication.

On warrants or violations of parole:

—A Hereford man, 22, last Thursday on a Potter County warrant for theft and failure to stop at a signal, Swisher County DPS warrants, and a Randall County warrant for theft by check.

—A Dimmitt woman, 46, on Sunday for violation of probation, stemming from forgery.

—A Dimmitt man, 31, on Monday, for violation of probation stemming from DWI.

A suspect was stopped early Friday and charged with driving while license suspended.

A 14-year-old male juvenile from Dimmitt was stopped by police Aug. 4. The youth had been reported riding a motorcycle in an unsafe manner. He had no registration or license. He was referred to the juvenile probation office.

Sunday at 7:35 p.m., someone was reported for playing music too loud in the 500 block of West Lee.

An incident of dog bite resulted in injuries to Santos Lopez, 36, of Dimmitt on Aug. 4 in the 400 block of Northeast Eighth. The victim was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released.

A resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt walked away from the facility on Aug. 4 around 1:32 a.m. He was located walking in a nearby field.

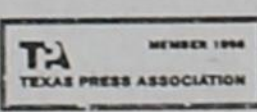
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ACROSS

- TX Trini Lopez hit: "If I ___ Hammer"
- TXism: "wouldn't touch that with ___ foot pole"
- TX Bush denied involvement in ___-Contra scandal
- TX Bonnie & Clyde ___ fugitive life
- Texans like It Iced
- TXism: "___ sneak up on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- Iowa Park h.s. class
- TXism: "___ than his bite"
- MVP of Super Bowl XVIII (init.)
- C&W singer Harris
- this Ripkin's brother Billy was a TX Ranger
- where JFK's motorcade was headed
- TX steak cut
- TX Charley Pride's "Wonder ___ Live There Anymore"
- Ft. Hood command: "At ___"
- Hereford is "town without a tooth ___"
- "Hook ___ Horns!"
- Rangers' ex-GM Grieve (init.)
- TXism: "___ your drift" (understand)
- state of TX Buddy Holly crash (abbr.)
- TXism: "that's a fine how do you ___"
- minimum ___
- TX Madalyn O'Hair and others like her
- promising or swearing
- TXism: "he's ___ morals" (immoral)
- "go fly ___!"
- TXism: "don't ___ over spilt milk"
- film: "___ at the Alamo" ('83)
- TXism: "___ it up" (I liked it)
- it's found in TX genes
- TXism: "hen fruit"
- TX Stuart Hamblen tune: "This ___ House"
- Guadalupe is largest spring-___ river in TX
- Rockets' star when he was Aikeem (init.)
- this TX chemical co. exploded in '50
- TXism: "sneaky ___-sucking dog"
- TX barbed wire tycoon: "___ Million" Gates
- slogan: "Foat ___ Ah Luv Yew"
- Spanish name for the TX-Mex. mafia
- "best little cross-word in TX" (abbr.)
- "___ gut whiskey"
- hurricane mo. (abbr.)
- TX Rangers injured designation (abbr.)
- ex-Cowboy coach Jimmy Johnson has charity for dis ___ kids
- nickname for chuckwagon chef
- San Antonio Zoo star of "The Deep"
- tennis court divider (2 wds.)
- founder of Fort Worth Star-Telegram (init.)
- "My Gal ___"
- hairpiece
- TXism: "___ footed" (clumsy)

On the Go

Donna Underwood has experienced a full and exciting summer. To begin with, she was one of 36 who went to New Mexico on a mission trip to the Navajo Reservation. She taught Vacation Bible School to the Navajo children.

In July she was in Atlanta, Ga., for two weeks and attended two professional conferences. The first one was the International Mobility Conference, and the second was the International Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The last week of July, Donna was in San Marcos on a mission trip to the Baptist Academy where she assisted in a camp for junior high and high school-age inner city children on drug prevention.

The best part of the summer was the visit of her four grandchildren, Brittney, Brandon, Sabor and Hunter. They came and spent a fast-paced week with her.

On Monday the group went to Hereford and set up her classroom for the coming school session.

Tuesday, along with Kaye Stevens, they went to see "Texas" in Palo Duro Canyon.

Wednesday was an exciting adventure to Wonderland Park in Amarillo.

On Thursday they went to see *Armageddon* and *The Parent Trap*.

On Friday they all went to the Aquatic Center in Hereford for swimming.

On Saturday the kids packed up and all went to Lubbock and spent the night with Donna's parents, who took them to Eastland to meet their parents on Sunday.



Dr. Glen Schmucker

Glen Schmucker to lead seminar

Dr. Glen Schmucker, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, will lead a divorce recovery seminar in Dimmitt.

The seminar, "New Beginnings," will be held Aug. 21 and 22 at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. There is no charge to attend, and it is open to the public.

The session on Aug. 21 will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and supper will be provided. On Aug. 22, the group will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and a continental breakfast will be served.

Child care will be provided at the church. Call the church office at 647-3115 for more information.

Topics of the seminar include *The Bible and Divorce—Does God Care?*, *Dealing with the Pain—How Can I Survive Today?*, *Hope For Tomorrow—Will it Get Better?* and *New Beginnings—Can Life Be Good Again?*

Dr. Schmucker is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has pastored churches in Siloam Springs, Ar., Abilene and Sunray.

Dr. Schmucker and his wife, Nancy, will lead the sessions and will share from their own personal experiences and from God's word.

Morris earns BBA degree

Jason Morris of Monroe, La., a former Dimmitt resident, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in commencement exercises Saturday at Northeastern Louisiana University in Monroe.

Morris, 32, is the son of Doyle Morris of Dimmitt and Patsy Havenhill of Plainview. He attended Dimmitt schools before graduating from Tyler High School in 1984.

He attended college on a part-time basis through the years while working full-time. He is a warehouse superintendent for Brookshire Farms food stores.

Leonardo Da Vinci completed the Mona Lisa using different models for the face, hands and torso.

Like squirrels, Blue Jays bury nuts to eat during winter.

Part 6 in a series

Healing the relationship after infidelity



By RON TRUSLER
Executive Director
Central Plains Center

There is little doubt about the pain involved regarding an affair. Some relationships do not heal—too much has happened, too much trust has been broken. However, an affair does not mean that a marriage has to be over. It can heal. I've listed some things that are vital if the marriage is to have a chance.

1. As an individual:
(A) The person who has had the affair must accept total responsibility for it.

(B) The betrayed person must be willing to work toward forgiveness, not forgetting.

2. As a couple:
(A) Realize there will be much pain and the tendency will be to blame when the pain gets bad.

(B) Know that there are deep issues to deal with. If overlooked, they will haunt the relationship in the future.

(C) Accept the fact that the original dream has died. Work toward building another one. It won't be the ideal, but it can be good.

3. As the betrayer, you will tend to want your spouse to not talk about the affair.

(A) Your spouse must talk about it if there is to be healing.

(B) If they are not given the opportunity to talk with you, the relationship will be very limited.

4. As the betrayed, you will have the tendency to want to know details.

(A) Don't push this too hard. You might regret knowing some things. Some intimate details will prevent the wounds from healing.

(B) Best to keep your inquiries limited to things that do not include intimate sexual details.

5. Build alliances with your spouse. Have no secrets.

(A) Secrets have destroyed what you once had. You had stronger alliances with the person you had an affair with than you did with your

spouse. That must be reversed.

(B) Alliances will come slowly. Do not keep any secrets from each other. Trust will be difficult to rebuild, but it can be done.

(C) Whatever you do or say, it must be genuine, without any shadow of pretense or deception. Do not promise big things. Start small—do what you say and mean what you say.

6. There is a price to pay—on both parts.

(A) The relationship is scarred., the pain can eventually go away, but not without a lot of tender, sensitive caring. The betrayed person will have periods of reasonable peace, but then intense periods of anger.

(B) The betrayer will have periods of heavy guilt and will look for reassurance that progress is being made toward being trusted again. This may be a long time in coming.

7. Sexual intimacy may be a long time in building. Each will have to deal with their own barriers and memories.

(A) Sexual activity may increase in meaning once trust is established. Do not rush this.

(B) The first sexual activities may be very mechanical.

(C) Most of what is to be restored will depend on what type of sexual life you had as a couple before the affair.

8. The relationship will not survive by just trying to go back as it was before. You must go beyond that and deeper than you ever have before.

9. If your relationship works successfully (some work, but not very successfully), it will be due to much hard, emotional work on both sides. It cannot be one-sided.

I am aware of couples who have worked through the pain, and they live what appear to be good lives. They have the ability to talk about the affair(s) in a rational manner. Some say they are glad they worked through it, while others say there are times when they doubt it was worth it. I wish you well regardless of your decision.

Ron Trusler is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Chemical Dependency Counselor. He may be reached at 806-293-2636.

Craft show set in Shamrock

Christmas in October will be the focus of a craft show Oct. 3-4 in Shamrock.

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Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth Senior Citizens Center enjoyed dinner at the center Sunday evening with 35 of our 41 members attending.

After the meal, a meeting was held to review the yearly audit, discuss a few fundraisers and the upcoming November bus trip to Branson, Mo. Everyone then enjoyed playing Bingo with prizes being brought by members.

There were several hilarious prizes, including a "rubber chicken" won by Florene Brockman. Chicken feet and solo games followed.

A great number of family members and friends attended the marriage of Sammy Albracht and Tara Johnson on Saturday at Holy Family Church with Msgr. Joseph Tash, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo, presiding. Co-celebrants were Father Jerry Stein and Father Robert Bush.

A reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The Julius Birkenfeld and Jim Hoelting families spent a few days in a cabin up in the mountains close to Angel Fire, N.M. It rained a lot but they still enjoyed lots of good fishing, hiking, bear hunting and of course shopping in Red River.

Spending a week in Honolulu and Hawaii with Philip and Denia Durbin were Doug, Dorothy, Jack and Kayla Ware of Pampa, Annette Hoelting of Farmers Branch and Joan and Lena Durbin of Nazareth.

They toured the Dole Pineapple Plantation, Macadamia Nuts, Pearl Harbor, the USS Arizona Memorial, Punchbowl National Cemetery, Sea Life Park, Mark Twain Square, Volcano Crater, Volcano Museum and Paradise Cove.

They spent time on lots of beaches, bogie boarding, making sand castles, snorkeling, swimming and hiking up to waterfalls.

They lunched on huge sandwiches made of sweet dough bread, avocado and grilled pineapple burgers, Cajun Mama's Pizzas, Tyeland food, roasted pig and shark meat at the

luau. It was a wonderful, educational vacation.

The Dan Gerber family and Joel Gerber family accompanied Harold Gerber to his home on Lake Ivie Friday afternoon for one last fling on the lake this summer. They reported that the heat was still bad, but they still enjoyed boating, skiing, tubing, relaxing and lots of good food. It was a great weekend.

Congratulations to Leonard and Rosemary Wilhelm who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 6, and to Alvin and Matilda Anderle, who will celebrate their 50th anniversary today (Thursday).

Prayers are asked for Joe Venhaus, a patient in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He had a triple by-pass surgery Monday and for Meredith Braddock, who is a patient at Children's Hospital in Dallas.

Pei Jensen and his parents from Denmark spent five days with the Joe Drerup family in Nazareth. Pei was Wade and Julie Drerup's foreign exchange student several years ago in Plainview.

Joe and Imogene took them to see the bull riding in Amarillo, several feed lots and the Cadillac Ranch. They also toured Palo Duro Canyon, enjoyed the TEXAS production and went shopping several times.

Here in Nazareth they visited with Lucille Drerup and just couldn't believe her collection of quilts. They also thought Holy Family Church was beautiful and marveled that many people went to church every week.

Congratulations to Joyce Birkenfeld and Lynn Nelson, who were married Sunday evening at Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

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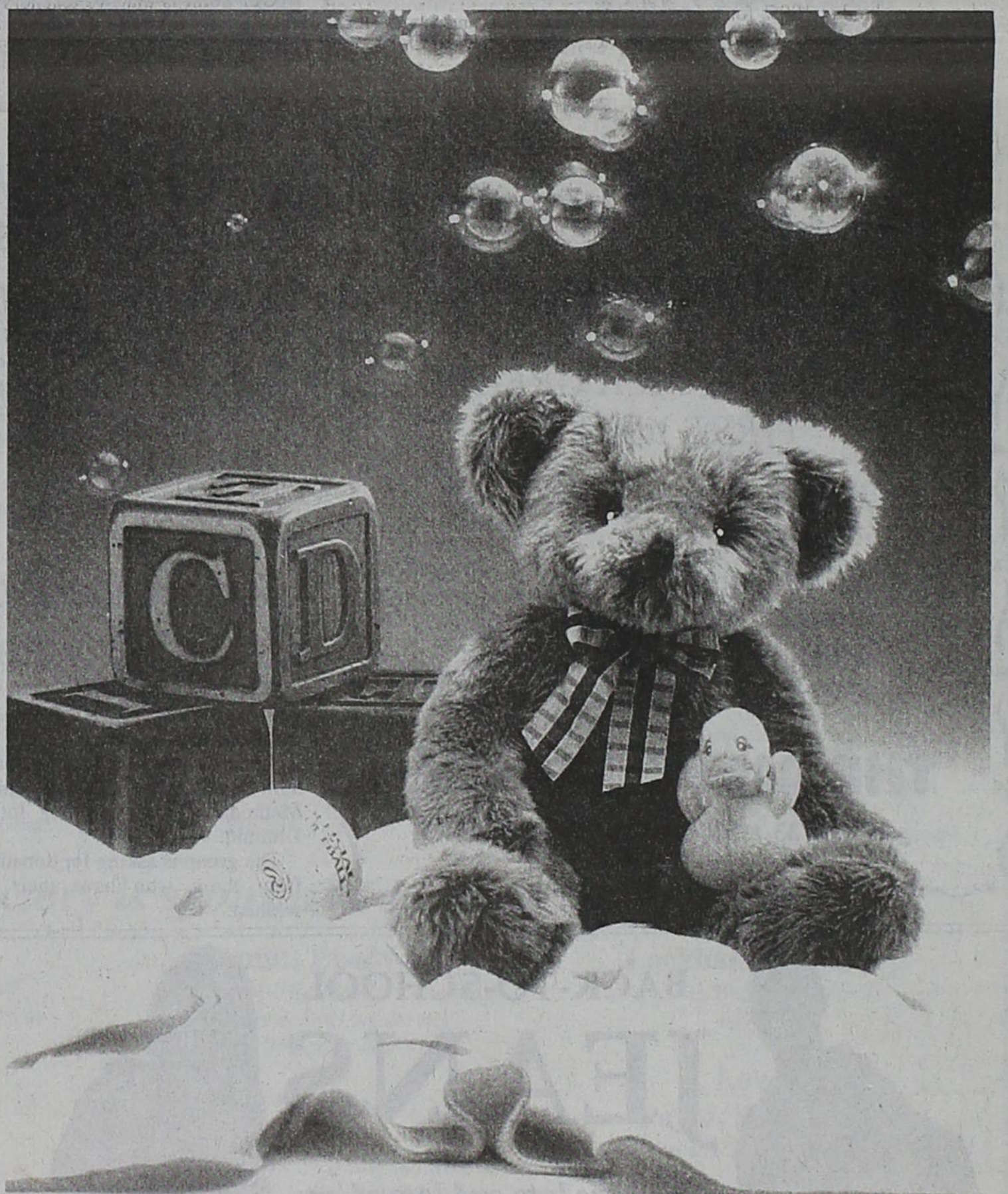
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People



Stacy McDaniel earns 'white coat'

Stacy B. McDaniel of Dimmitt was among the 122 students receiving his "white coat" during Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine's White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2002.

The ceremony was held Sunday at the University Center Allen Theater at Texas Tech University.

The White Coat Ceremony is designed to honor students for their acceptance into medical school as well as to clarify the responsibilities of the profession.

Sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, the new medical students are cloaked with their white coats that serve as symbols of their

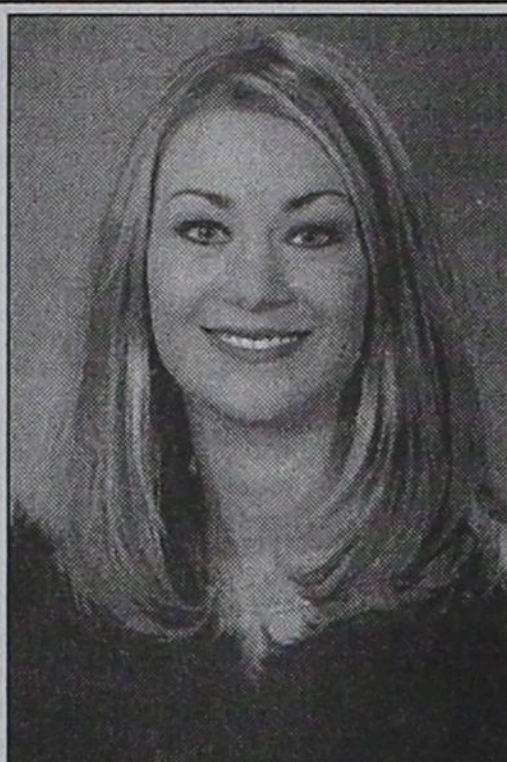
chosen profession.

The Gold Foundation also provides gold lapel pins featuring the symbol of the foundation: a heart-shaped stethoscope that represents the humanism in medicine.

Students were also presented with name tags and a copy of the book, *On Doctoring*.

These gifts were from the School of Medicine Alumni Association and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

McDaniel is the son of Stanley and Rita McDaniel of Dimmitt and the grandson of Lloyd McDaniel of Boise City, Okla., and John L. and Margaret Womack of Dimmitt.



Tanya Wethington

Wethington wins scholarship

Tanya Wethington has been awarded a \$500 nursing scholarship from the Past President's Parley Scholarship Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of Texas.

The Auxiliary scholarship will be sent directly to the Texas college or university which she will attend this fall.

Wethington is sponsored by the Nazareth American Legion Auxiliary Post 528.

She is a 1998 graduate of Nazareth High School.

Jace Weaver earns All-American honor

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has named Jace Weaver as an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students, who excel in the academic disciplines. All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade-point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars also are eligible for other awards given by

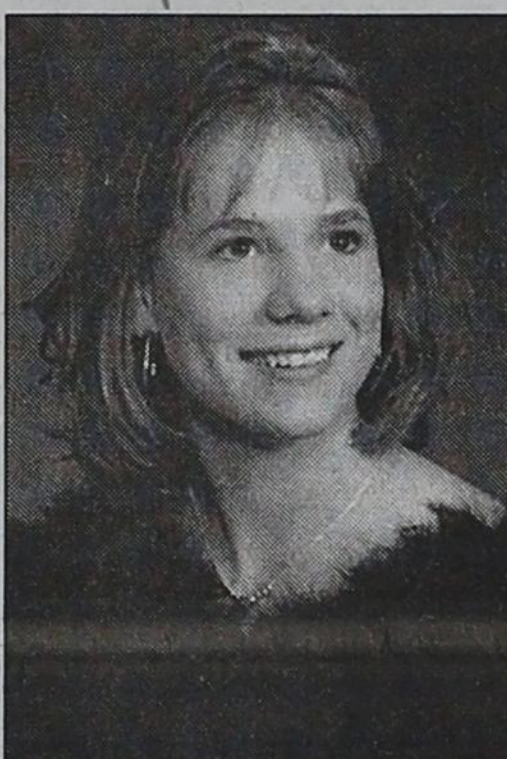
USAA.

Weaver, who attends Dimmitt Middle School, was nominated for the national award by Kathy Lust.

His picture and biography will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Weaver is the son of Eddie and Virginia Weaver of Dimmitt. His grandparents are Gary Weaver of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartlett of Abernathy.

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Lynsey Hoelting

Legion Auxiliary scholarship given to Lynsey Hoelting

The Education Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary in Texas has awarded a \$500 scholarship to Lynsey Hoelting of Nazareth.

Hoelting is a 1998 graduate of Nazareth High School.

Her scholarship will be sent directly to the Texas college or university she plans to attend.

Student Council plans car wash

The Dimmitt Student Council will wash cars Saturday as a fundraiser for upcoming projects.

The car wash will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church parking lot in Dimmitt.

The group is asking for donations from those who have their car washed.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hutson establish home in Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Arthur Hutson are at home in Lubbock after their July 11 wedding.

The bride is the former Kristen Emily Perini, daughter of Col. Michael and Suzanna Perini of Yokota Air Force Base in Japan, and the late Susan Perini. The groom is the son of David and Karen Hutson of Dimmitt.

The couple exchanged vows in a double-ring ceremony at the First Christian Church in Dimmitt with Shawn Thomas of Plainview, an employee of Wayland Baptist University, officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal-length Empire-style gown with fitted bodice and a chapel-length train. The dress of satin was overlaid with Venice lace, which also formed the short sleeves. Satin trim adorned the rounded neckline and the hem of the sleeves. The back of the dress was graced by three satin bows spaced above the train. Her pouf veil of elbow-length illusion, borrowed from a friend, was made of three tiers and was anchored by a floral-motif headpiece. Her cascade bouquet was made of silk flowers, including blue roses, blue and white daisies, white orchids, and green ferns, accented with tulle and lace.

To complete her ensemble she wore a matching necklace and earring set that was a gift from her uncle. In her shoes, she wore coins minted in the years in which she and the groom were born. She also wore the traditional blue garter.

Serving the bride as honor attendant was Shana Moreland of Lubbock. She wore a pale blue two-piece suit. Bridesmaids were Katherine Nelson of Lubbock, Laurie Plenge of San Marcos, and Christina Velasquez of Dimmitt. Their suits were pale green. The tailored suits were styled with straight, slitted skirts and fitted jackets with short sleeves. They each carried a single blue rose accented with blue and green ribbons.

Brady Nelson of Dimmitt served the groom as best man. Groomsmen were Shawn Nelson of Lubbock, Jeff Hutson of Plainview, brother of the groom, and Michael Ellison of Dimmitt.

The groom was attired in black jeans and a green vest, topped by a long black tuxedo jacket that had been specially made for his uncle by his aunt, Debbie Cosby of Plainview. His vest and those of his attendants also were all made by his aunt. The attendants wore black jeans with white shirts and black pinstriped vests. Their attire was completed with boutonnieres fashioned from a single blue and white daisy with greenery.

Ushers were David L. Hutson of Plainview, brother of the groom, and Jeffery and Matthew Perini of Walla Walla, Wash., brothers of the bride.

The front of the church was decorated with a lattice work entwined with fresh English ivy and miniature white lights. Bows marked the pews, a spray of fresh ivy adorned the entry to the auditorium, and swags of fresh ivy added to the decor. The unity candle sat on a small stand at the right of the platform.

Pianist was Ruby Teaschner. Shana Moreland and Sean Rich sang *I Will Be Here*, and Rich played the guitar.



MRS. CHRIS ARTHUR HUTSON
 ... She's the former Kristen Emily Perini

At the guest registry was the bride's cousin, Jessica of Walla Walla, Wash.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall following the ceremony. The bride's table was decorated with a lace table cloth, which had been a wedding gift to the groom's parents from the groom's grandparents. The wedding cake was made in three heart-shaped double tiers decorated with blue daisies and graced with a top piece of two kissing doves. Punch, nuts and mints also were served. Servers were Brandi Morgan of Dimmitt and Cassidy Wilhelm of Lubbock.

The groom's cake was a chocolate confection topped with strawberries

glazed with chocolate. Refreshments included a fruit bowl and coffee. Servers were Christy and April Morgan of Muleshoe.

For her going away outfit, the bride selected an ankle-length dress with a green floral print on a pale ivory background. The sleeveless dress had a matching scarf.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Winston Churchill High school in San Antonio. She is majoring in business computer science at American Commercial College in Lubbock.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is employed by West Communication in Lubbock.

Joyce Birkenfeld is feted with shower

Joyce Birkenfeld, bride-elect of Lynn Nelson, was honored with a bridal shower July 26 at the home of Anne Acker in Nazareth.

The serving table was covered with a linen cloth with embroidered flowers made by the bride-to-be's late grandmother, Dorothy Lange. Hunter green candles surrounded by silk floral candle rings served as the centerpiece.

Guests were served miniature cheesecakes, fresh fruit, mints, nuts and punch by Jenna Acker and Lacey Acker, nieces of the honoree.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner.

County CPS Board to meet

The Castro County Child Protective Services Board will meet today (Thursday) at 9 a.m. and any interested persons are invited to attend.

The meeting will be held at the First United Bank in Dimmitt, 201 N. Broadway, in the downstairs kitchen room.

The board usually meets the second Thursday of each month to oversee the care of the foster children from the county.

Those who would be interested in becoming a member of the board are encouraged to attend.

Blair to give sermon to Presbyterians

Renise Blair will deliver the sermon Sunday afternoon at 3 at the Presbyterian Church in Dimmitt.

The inspiring service of worship will feature Blair's sermon and special music. She will be supplying the sermon for five weeks since the regular, Connie Nieto of Plainview, is recovering from a hip replacement.

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Johnson weds Albracht in double-ring ceremony

Tara Jo Johnson, daughter of Joe and Jeanette Johnson of Nazareth, and Sammy Jude Albracht, son of Billy and Mary Ruth Albracht of Bushland, exchanged vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony Saturday afternoon in Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth, with Monsignor Joseph Tash officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a formal white gown of Italian delustered satin and Battenburg lace, featuring a snugly fitted bodice with a square neckline and short, scalloped sleeves. The bodice and sleeves were heavily adorned with the lace, highlighted with beading. The bouffant skirt featured pyramids of lace, which also graced the grand cathedral train. The train was detailed with flowing cut-out streamers of the Battenburg lace.

She carried a cascading bouquet of fresh white flowers and greenery. Her veil was anchored with a beaded headpiece.

Candles, bows and flowers decorated the middle aisle of the pews. Bouquets of multi-colored flowers adorned the front and side altars, and the candelabra were entwined with wild smilax.

Mary Lynn Olvera served as pianist, Pam Landis was violinist, and Gary Gerber was guitarist. All vocalists were relatives of the groom, and included Jackie Curl, Troy Skarke and Lisa Stark, soloists; and Mary Cabe, Peggy and Robert Isbell, Richard Rosner, Roxanne Schenk, and Shirley Skarke.

Serving as maid of honor was Trina Johnson of Nazareth, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sarah Bixenman of Amarillo, cousin of the bride, Joli Johnson of Happy, sister-in-law of the bride, Ameé Cabe of Amarillo, cousin of the groom, and Schylar Fort of Canyon, a friend of the bride.

The attendants wore ankle-length dresses of midnight navy with navy beadwork around the waist and short sleeves. They carried hand-held bouquets of multi-colored flowers and yellow trim.

Lee Gabel of Canyon, a friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsman were Chip Albracht of Bushland, brother of the groom, Trey Johnson of Happy, brother of the bride, Matt Albracht of California, brother of the groom, and Jake Head of Hereford, a friend of the groom.

Candlelighters were Jacob Albracht of Bushland, brother of the



MRS. SAMMY JUDE ALBRACHT
... nee Tara Jo Johnson.

groom, and Ashley Albracht of Amarillo, cousin of the groom.

Shay Johnson of Nazareth, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer. Flower girls were Taryn Schenk and Sarah Skarke, both of Umbarger, and cousins of the groom.

Serving as ushers were Nick Albracht of Bushland, brother of the groom, Trent Johnson of Amarillo and Troy Johnson of Nazareth, brothers of the bride, and Joe Richards of Canyon, friend of the groom.

At the guest registry were Krystal Johnson, sister-in-law of the bride, Lynette Kleman, cousin of the bride, and Corrie Gabel, a friend of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and dance were held at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The couple were expected to be at home in Amarillo Wednesday after their wedding trip.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of

Nazareth High School. She is a senior at West Texas A&M University, where she is majoring in elementary education. She is employed at West TX Western Store.

A 1994 graduate of Tascosa High School, the groom also is a senior at WTAMU, where he is majoring in animal science. He is employed by his father in the family ranching business.

Who's New!

OUT OF TOWN

Jeff and Suzan Headrick are the parents of a baby boy, John David, who was born May 10 at Camp Lejeune, N.C. John David weighed in at 6 lbs., 15-3/4 ozs., and was 20 inches long. He has a big sister, Katy. Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Darlene Collins of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Vera Headrick of Sweetwater. Maternal great-grandmothers are Katy Collins and Gwen Gilmore of Dimmitt.

Bridal shower fetes Sherlin

A bridal shower honoring Barbara Jean Sherlin, bride-elect of Robert Moss, was held Saturday morning in the home of Norma Conard.

A white linen tablecloth featuring blue embroidered flowers covered the serving table. A crystal candelabra with blue candles and ivy entwined and extending out on the table to each side served as the centerpiece. A blue crystal punch bowl and cups and gold forks completed the table decor.

Refreshments included zucchini bread, fruit, nuts and peach tea.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a bath ensemble.

Book earns scholarship

Scott Book has received a four-year Air Force Health Profession Scholarship to attend Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport, La.

Book is a former Air Force B-52 Electronic Warfare Officer and a 1988 graduate of Angelo State University. He graduated from Nazareth High School in 1984.



JOSHUA FLORES, son of Johnny and Rosie Flores of Dimmitt, recently participated in an American Modeling and Talent Convention in Orlando, Fla. Flores was one of 20 chosen to represent Models West of Amarillo. While at the convention, Flores participated in various activities including modeling, runway and photo, sit-com and commercials. Courtesy Photo

Astronauts Club to begin meeting

The Don Harrington Discovery Center's Young Astronauts Club, which began in 1995, is gearing up for another year.

This group, which is geared for children grades 3-5, will meet at the Discovery Center twice each month and will participate in aerospace and astronomy activities, crafts and planetarium shows.

The annual fee for joining the club is \$20 for Discovery Center members

and \$30 for non-members. The meetings will be held on the following days at 4:00-5:30 p.m. or from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Discovery Center: September 8 and 22; October 13 and 27; November 10 and 24; December 8 and 22; January 12 and 26; February 9 and 23; March 9 and 23; April 13 and 27; and May 11 and 25.

For information, contact Aaron Guzman at 355-9548, extension 13.

Moss tours with group

Karon Moss, former Dimmitt teacher who now lives in Tahoka, recently toured three European countries with "Sing Women West Texas," a Baptist group of area singers who rehearse in Lubbock.

The focal point of the trip was a one-week convention at the International Baptist Church in Interlaken, Switzerland. Rev. Frank Pollard, former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, gave the sermon one evening. Moss had the opportunity to visit with him.

On June 26, the Baptist women's choir went to Frankfurt, Germany. Rev. Kevin Wood, former pastor of

the Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt, coincidentally made the intercontinental flight with them. He is now a missionary and departed for Romania from Frankfurt.

The choir presented programs in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. They also toured the "Sound of Music" area in Salzburg and the World War II concentration camp, Dachau, near Munich.

They returned home July 9.

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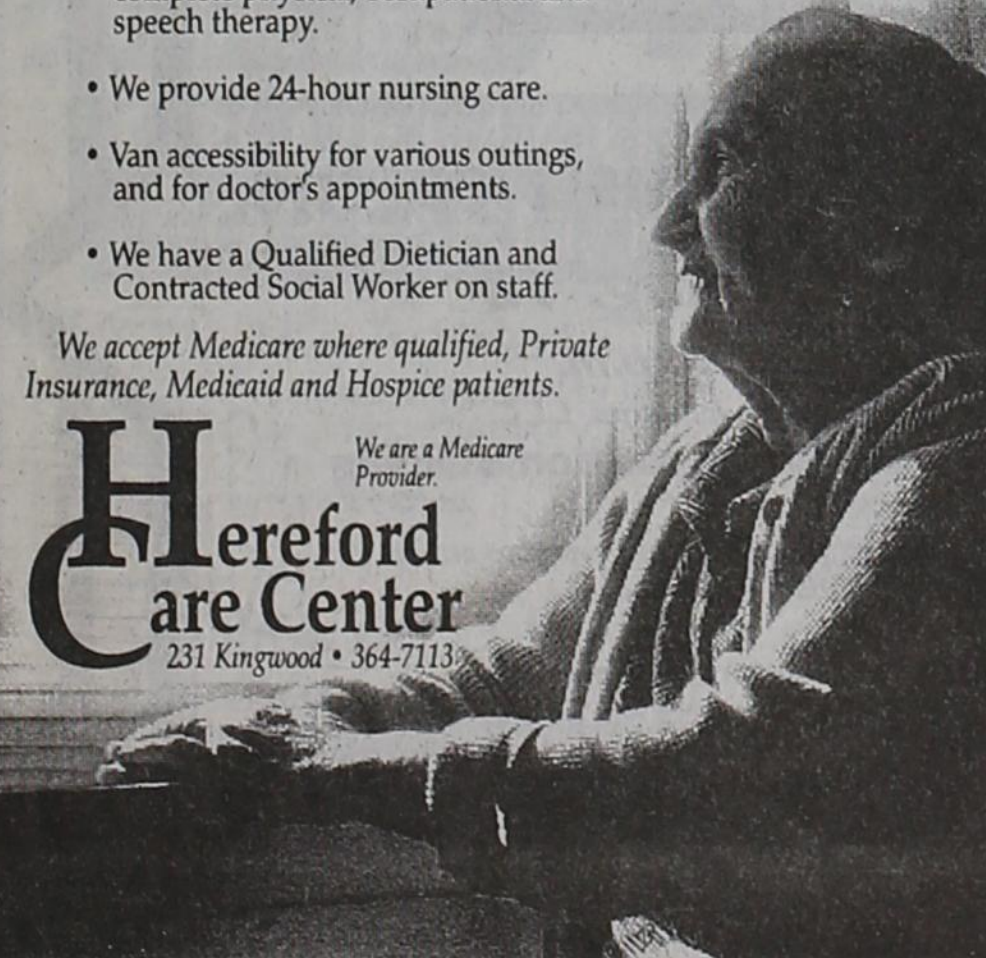
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Test hay, forage during drought

With drought-related woes piling up, ranchers and others with livestock need to be sure not to add to them by letting their livestock consume nitrate-laden forage or hay, according to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory reports.

"The good news is we've not seen nitrate levels as high as in the drought of 1996," said Dr. John Reagor, head of diagnostic toxicology at the laboratory's College Station facility. "Maybe that's because it's still early, or maybe it's because climatic conditions this year allowed more nitrogen to be used up in plant growth."

But that doesn't mean livestock owners can afford to let forage or hay go untested, Reagor said.

Although only one case of nitrate poisoning has been confirmed in the state so far this summer—four cows which died after consuming sudan hybrid sorghum—drought conditions appear to be worsening and the ailment can strike quickly.

"Typically, an animal will die within a few hours, but it can take as little as 30 minutes," Reagor said. "It will stagger, breath hard, and die, and the owner doesn't know until the animal is found dead."

Probably the most hazardous hay is that made of sudan hybrid sorghum contaminated with pigweed, also known as careless weed, Reagor said. Reagor said livestock owners should have samples of their hay or forage tested at his laboratory (409-845-3414) or at the Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory at Texas A&M University's soil and crop sciences department (409-845-4816).

"Generally, if it's grown under drought conditions, it needs to be checked before being fed to stock," Reagor said.

The best way to get a test done is to use a hay probe. Most county Extension agents have hay probes, Reagor said.

If forage is to be tested, livestock

owners should collect a representative sample of plant stalks from the pasture. Good samples will include plant stalks from both high and low spots and from larger and smaller plants in the pasture.

County agents can also give more information on collecting good samples, Reagor said.

There are ways that forage or hay with high nitrate content can be fed to livestock with proper management. A good rule of thumb is to feed an animal a pound of grain per day for every tenth of a percentage point above 1% nitrate content in the hay or forage, he said.

The grain will allow the animal to help build up the proper bacteria content in its rumen to counteract the nitrate, he said.

Producers should be aware, however, that selling hay containing hazardous levels of nitrate is illegal in Texas, said Dr. Konrad Eugster, director of the TVMDL.

Reagor said he expects the toxicology lab to be handling about 400 tests a week before long if the drought continues.

DISD sets substitute inservice

Those interested in serving as substitute teachers for the Dimmitt schools for the first semester must attend a substitute inservice training session.

A session will be held Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. at the DISD administration building at 608 W. Halsell.

Those attending need to bring at least two forms of identification, such as a driver's license and Social Security card.

Those who attended the Aug. 6 session do not need to attend again.



CORN SMUT CREATING PROBLEMS FOR FARMERS IN AREA ... Fungus seems to be more common this year

Photo by Monica Ortiz

Smut fungus is showing up in area corn this year

Usually the fungus called common smut is only a minor threat in corn, but this year the organism is showing up more often and is causing more damage.

Corn under stress due to drought conditions can be fertile ground for infection, according to Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Bean thinks other factors are helping to compound the problem, particularly this year.

"Smut lives through the winter in the soil, and on corn residue," Bean said.

The spores may remain viable for several years. It can infect plants from emergence through silking.

"Anytime the corn plant is under stress, it's subject to infection," Bean said. "The fungus will appear most often following a hail storm or when the corn has been damaged from blowing sand or mechanical injury."

Bean said there are other promoters of infection including high soil nitrogen content, manure application, heat and the big one this

year—drought stress.

"Infection across the Panhandle seems to be particularly high this season. Some farmers are reporting 80% of the ears in a field may be affected. This is extremely unusual," Bean said. "We don't yet understand if the upturn is due to drought stress or merely exacerbated because some corn varieties may be less tolerant of infection than others. We'll be attempting those identifications this season."

No one seems to know why the smut infection is so severe, Bean said, but the heat and dry weather has had an effect.

"At least that's the assumption," Bean said. "What we do know is that there are plenty of spores present to infect corn every year. We just don't see it to this degree."

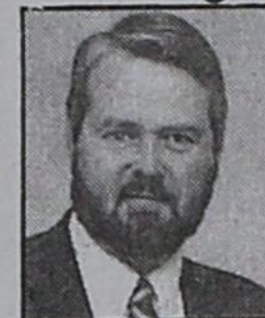
According to Bean, there are no effective control measures other than planting tolerant varieties.

"Turning under corn residue may help, and of course controlled burning can be an option. Since the spores can move with the air currents, corn residue in surrounding fields would also need to be destroyed," Bean said.

In some cases where infection is particularly severe, producers may want to consider harvesting the crop for silage rather than grain.

Minding Your Own Business

Passing the work or passing the buck?



Don Taylor

By DON TAYLOR

Ask 10 small business owners if they delegate work effectively, and nine would say yes. Eight of them would be wrong.

I've watched a good many successful entrepreneurs in the past 30 years. Most of these highly competent and very self-confident men and women have difficulty handing off work to others. Because they are talented and have faith in their own abilities, empowering others just doesn't come naturally to them.

However, effective delegation is an important skill to master. The benefits are critical to growth and peace of mind.

Most small business owners feel that they are constantly overloaded with work. They spend long hours in their business, often take work home and seldom really relax. Some important tasks are pushed aside, planning goes on the back burner and deadlines come and go with work still unfinished. Does that sound a little familiar? Read on friends, there may be some hope after all.

Multiplying your efforts

One of the most important benefits of delegating is that it frees up more of your time. Once you've handed some of the workload to others, you can use that extra time for planning, analyzing or doing other critical tasks.

Another significant advantage is that your associates will enjoy their work more as well. Everyone needs to feel needed. We want to believe that our work is meaningful and that we are an important part of the team. Delegation reinforces our worth and allows us to build skills and gain knowledge. I should point out at this juncture that I'm not talking about "the building is on fire, this is a crisis" delegation. No one likes or needs to deal with someone else's problems.

Delegation can also improve communication between you and your employees. When you hand off work, give careful instructions and encourage feedback. This will help open lines of communication.

How to make the handoff

◆ **Pick the right person.** Associates have different talents, skills and interests. Consider these factors carefully to ensure that the task in question is appropriate for the person selected.

◆ **Pick the right work.** Some tasks are more effectively delegated than others. Don't just sluff off work that you dislike. Pass along work that someone else can do well, and then jump on your least favorite task and get it done. The rest of the day will be a breeze.

◆ **Pick the right time.** The right time to increase your responsibility is when your associate is feeling comfortable with his or her work. If an employee is already swamped, don't add to the pile. Wait for a more opportune time.

◆ **Give good instructions.** Many tasks are botched or done poorly simply because directions for doing the work were unclear or incomplete. Be thorough, concise and clear. Question your associates to see if they have really grasped the concept.

◆ **Spell out the desired results.** What do you wish to accomplish? When should the work be done? What are the desired outcomes of this work or task?

◆ **Encourage communication.** I've never worked for or with anyone who liked surprises. Good communication helps both parties in the process grow and feel comfortable. Feedback is especially essential in the early stages of handing off responsibilities.

◆ **Remember you've delegated, not divorced.** Delegating is not a final step. You are still responsible for overall performance and results. You may wish to closely monitor some of the work you are delegating. Your objective is to catch small mistakes before they become big problems.

Remember the words of Homer. He said, "No man is able of himself to do all things." So pass the work, help others grow and keep more bucks.

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

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Castro County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 10 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 20, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Courtroom in the Courthouse in Dimmitt, Texas.

FOR the proposal: Irene Miller, Newlon Rowland, W.A. Baldrige and Dan Schmucker

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT: Larry Gonzales

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Home value	\$30,800	\$31,900
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$3,000	\$3,000
Average taxable value	\$27,800	\$28,900
Tax rate	.489	.519 (proposed)
Tax	\$135.94	\$149.99 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$14.05 or 10 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.03 per \$100 of taxable value or 6 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

TUNE IN!

AGRICULTURAL NEWS	6 to 7 a.m. and 12:15 to 12:50 p.m., M-F
MORNING SHOW	7 to 8 a.m. daily Weather forecast, local news, birthdays, anniversaries, American Folk Song, school lunch menus, Great American Farmer, Good Neighbor
SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL TALENT	8 a.m. daily
MARKET REPORTS	40 past the hour, starting at 9:40 a.m., M-F

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Thornberry named to conference committee

US Rep. Mac Thornberry has been appointed to the Conference Committee for the 1999 Defense Authorization Act.

The Conference Committee is comprised of a select group of members from the House National Security Committee and the Senate Committee on Armed Services. The purpose of the committee is to resolve differences in the 1999 Defense Authorization Act, two versions of which were passed by the House and Senate earlier this year. The final version that is ultimately agreed to by members of the Conference Committee will be voted on by both houses of congress and, if approved, sent to the President for his signature.

NOTICE!

Sixty-Fourth Annual Stockholders Meeting of Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Provided by AgriFarm Industries, L.L.C.

In the Castro County Exposition Building

All stockholders and their families are invited to attend the dinner and business meeting.

Two Board of Directors Members and two Associate Board Members will be elected.

Thirsty crops are susceptible to disease, pests

By **JOHNNA PATTERSON**
County Extension Agent-IPM
 Hopefully, nobody fainted this past week when we finally received a few showers across the county. No major accumulations were received, but at least a little precipitation fell.
 Sorghum fields range from knee

high to heading. Currently, moderate corn earworm feeding in the whorl as well as skeletonizing on the upper leaf surface has been reported in program fields.
 The corn is in the hard dough to dent stage. Southwestern corn borer egg counts were up considerably this

week, but mortality seems to be high. Mite numbers continue to be high and beneficial insect numbers remain high as well.

The cotton looks great. The crop continues to bloom and bolls are really being set. Worms have not been a problem as of yet, but a few more were reported in fields this week than last. The showers received this week will be helpful in bringing about high yields if wells can hold up and the good Lord gives us some more rain.

Insects and diseases

Corn

Western and southern corn rootworm adult infestations ranged from 7% to 55% west of Dimmitt, 19% to 67% south of Dimmitt, up to 7.5% in the Flag and Earth areas, and up to 6.7% in the Springlake area.

Trap counts averaged 12 and 37.5 in trapping locations this week.

Southwestern corn borer moth numbers nearly doubled over last week, but egg lay declined somewhat in many program fields.

The percent of eggs hatched was well over 50% by Tuesday in some fields and some showed up to 90% plus white egg lay by Thursday.

Small larvae and egg infestations are as follows: up to 5% west of Dimmitt, 1.7% to 8.3% south of Dimmitt, 7% to 20% in the Hart area, 2.5% to 22.5% in the Springlake area and 2.5% to 96.7% around Flag and Earth.

Although threshold levels were reached in many fields, producers are opting not to spray. Several European corn borer egg masses were reported in program fields this week.

Spider mites have held relatively steady this week at high numbers. Leaf damage continues to increase in fields that were not sprayed. Minute

pirate bugs and lady beetle adults and larvae as well as predaceous thrips and mites are still present in many fields.

Corn smut has really exploded in the past two weeks. There is hardly a field that doesn't have at least some loss due to smut. I have been told that this is one of the worst years for smut.

Cotton

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program fields continue to bloom and bolls are readily being set. No threshold levels of cotton aphids or fleahoppers were reported this week.

Boll worm egg counts started increasing toward the end of the weeks. Eggs and small larvae were found close to corn fields. Levels remain below threshold.

Boll weevil feeding and egg laying punctures found in Lamb County fields this week ranged up to 13% and 14 adult weevils were found.

No feeding or egg laying punctures were found in Castro County, but one red weevil was found. Grubs continue to be found in squares, but some mortality has been evident due to the heat.

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station boll weevil grid trap catches show three weevils were caught in Lamb County traps while none were caught in Castro County.

Plant mapping survey

The 1998 AgriPartners Bloom Stage Plant Map Survey Report was completed this week by Dr. Randy Boman of Lubbock, assistant professor and Extension cotton agronomist.

Cotton fields in the 20-county area of District 2 were mapped and the data analyzed. The following is some of the data reported for District 2, which includes Castro County.

Based on data taken from 194 irrigated fields, plant populations are

considered normal for the region, averaging about four plants per foot or about 52,000 plants per acre (in 40-inch rows). Plants averaged about 15.2 inches in height with 13.6 total nodes.

This resulted in a height-to-node ratio (or average internode length) of 1.11 inches.

The average length of the top five internodes (or distance between mainstem nodes) was one inch, which indicated that most recent mainstem vegetative growth was not excessive.

The average mainstem node location of the first fruiting branch was node six, which was considered normal compared with crops grown over the last two years.

Average number of first position squares (the first potential fruiting site developing on a fruiting branch) per plant was 5.8. First position boll set averaged about 1.5 bolls per plant.

Many counties reported 76% to nearly 100% first-position square retention with a corresponding high retention of early-season bolls. Many fields across the High Plains have outstanding early-season fruit retention and thus, good yield potential.

The main yield-limiting factors will likely be plant leaf area and the amount of water available as the fruit

load increases.

Crop moisture requirement increases as fruiting progresses, reaching a maximum at peak bloom. Although square retention remains high, many plants are small and with corresponding low leaf area they may not be able to sustain the fruit load through maturity.

Corn borer traps

The majority of moths trapped this week were west of Dimmitt, where 1,700 were counted. This a major increase over last week at this location.

Second generation flight and egg lay took off with a bang at the end of the week in many program fields.

Beet armyworm traps

Beet armyworm trap catches remained high this week. A few larvae were found in the field, but numbers are still low enough that treatment is not needed yet. No egg masses were reported from fields this week, but I suspect that there are some out there with a high number of moths flying. Producers should keep their eyes open.

Corn earworm traps

The trap north of Sunnyside caught the majority of moths this week with 611. All others, except one had less than 200 per trap.

Farm Service Agency Update

By **TRISH ELLIOTT**

County FSA Executive Director
 In conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), we conducted a sign-up and batching period for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) through May 29.

We have been informed that we will have a second funding period that will close on Friday.

Disapproved applications from the previous sign up will be considered during this period.

EQIP is the program that replaced the ACP and other conservation programs in 1997. EQIP is designed to assist eligible producers to improve farming and/or livestock operations while concentrating on environmental concerns as well. Applications will be ranked by NRCS using an EBI scoring process similar to the scoring process used for the CRP sign-ups.

EQIP contract periods are from five to 10 years. Producers have the option of selecting the level of cost-share assistance on their application up to 75%. If you are interested in this program, remember to sign up by Friday.

Castro County was approved for emergency grazing of CRP acreage on July 9, and all producers in the county were notified.

On July 30 we were notified that because of the severe weather conditions and circumstances involved, that the grazing period has been extended through Nov. 30.

CRP producers must agree to not rent or lease the grazing privilege for an amount greater than the applicable payment reduction.

On July 31 we were approved for emergency haying of CRP. Producers who elect to take advantage of this may hay CRP land through Aug. 31.

The CRP annual payment reduction is calculated at 25% of the annual rate per acre used.

The haying option is limited to 50% of each field or contiguous field per contract.

CRP hay is prohibited from being sold. A producer may lease the CRP acreage for haying, but the hay itself cannot be sold.

Hay must be removed from the CRP acreage by Oct. 1.

Call or stop by the FSA office in Dimmitt for more detailed explanations or if you are interested in either grazing or haying your CRP acreage.

Castro County was declared eligible for disaster emergency loans on July 23.

Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30% of their production due to the physical and production losses are eligible for FSA emergency loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility.

For more information, call the FSA office.

For CRP sign ups 15 and 16, partial withdrawals of CRP acreage may

only be approved if:

* The producer loses control or transfers all or part of the land.

* All producers on the contract agree to termination in writing and the contract has been in effect for two years or the approved cover is established on the acreage, whichever is later.

Acreage that is released from CRP may not be enrolled into the PFC program and is not eligible to be re-enrolled into the CRP program in any future sign ups.

Producers are reminded that weed control is a must for CRP acreage and AMTA program acres (PFC).

Regulations state that all program participants must maintain vegetative cover and control the infestation of weeds which could spread to nearby land. Non-control of weeds could result in a costly maintenance default penalty.

We continue to process wheat loans and wheat deficiency payments (commonly called POP payments).

Loans and loan deficiency payments are available to producers who have produced contract commodities on a farm which is enrolled in the farm program, has acreage certified, has beneficial interest in the commodity, has control of the commodity, has risk of loss, holds title to the commodity or has CAT level insurance or a signed waiver on file.

If you request a loan deficiency payment on the commodity, the grain is not eligible for the loan.

The market has bounced around quite a bit, and it would be to your advantage to keep track of it. Keep in mind that you must still own the crop to be eligible for a loan deficiency payment.

We post the loan deficiency payment rate daily, and also fax it to the county elevators each morning.

Call us any time to obtain these rates.

There is no requirement that you sell the grain at the same time you receive the loan deficiency payment. You can hold it until the price reaches a level you would be willing to sell.

This program is available for all crops eligible for a loan.

The county loan rates are \$2.63 per bushel for wheat, \$2.24 per bushel for corn, \$3.49 per hundredweight for sorghum, \$4.78 per bushel for soybeans and \$1.92¢ per pound for cotton.

Producers are reminded that all payments coming out of this office will be made by direct deposit (electronic funds transfer) beginning Jan. 1, 1999.

Producers must sign the request (SF-1199A) and provide us with a voided check so bank routing and account numbers can be determined.

Producers should bring a voided blank check the next time they visit the FSA office.

Loan deficiency payments must be made by direct deposit.

Classic Cable plans to upgrade services

Classic Cable will spend \$79 million over the next few years to upgrade and increase the bandwidth of its cable television plant. These upgrades include rebuild to a 550 MHz bandwidth capacity, the deployment of digital compression services such as Headend in the Sky (HITS), a digital compression, the deployment of addressable technology and the activation of the return path for two-way data transmission.

The company also plans to offer enhanced programming, multiplexed premium services, pay-per-view movies, digital music, on-screen navigators, high-speed data services, Internet access, near-video-on-demand and other interactive services.

Classic will initiate satellite service via digital broadcast satellite dishes in selected markets. Under agreements worked with DBS, the company would provide a satellite dish to customers and enable them to subscribe to a digital overlay tier in addition to their existing service. The digital overlay tier will provide for services such as pay-per-view, on-screen programming navigators, multiplexed premium channels such as HBO2 and HBO3, Showtime 2 and Showtime Extreme, etc., digital music and multiple tiers of specialty niche basic programming channels. Classic customers would not be made to make up-front investments for equipment.

The DBS equipment would be the property of Classic Cable and therefore be serviced by Classic technicians and supported by Classic's 24 hour, 7 days a week call center. Initial test markets are scheduled to be

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Sports



THE DIMMITT PRAIRIE BANDITS played in several AAU basketball tournaments in Texas and other states this summer and did well. The group competed in the 17-and-under division at the Great American Shoot-Out in Minneapolis, Minn., and finished third. The team placed fifth in a tournament in San Antonio and captured the consolation title at one in Denton. They also played in two tournaments in Kansas. The team includes (standing, from left) Derek Buckley, Jerry Thomas, Coach David Schaeffer, Coach Stanley Schaeffer, Coach Jerry Matthews, B.J. Hill and Keevin Sanders; and (kneeling, from left) Daniel Flores, Sammy Prieto, Wesley Wright, Daniel Proffitt and Taylor Matthews. All team members are students at Dimmitt High School. Three are seniors, four are juniors and two are sophomores. *Courtesy Photo*

Nominations sought for parade marshal

The Castro County Fair Association and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce are seeking nominations for grand marshal of the Castro County Harvest Days Fair Parade, which will be held in Dimmitt on Saturday, Sept. 12.

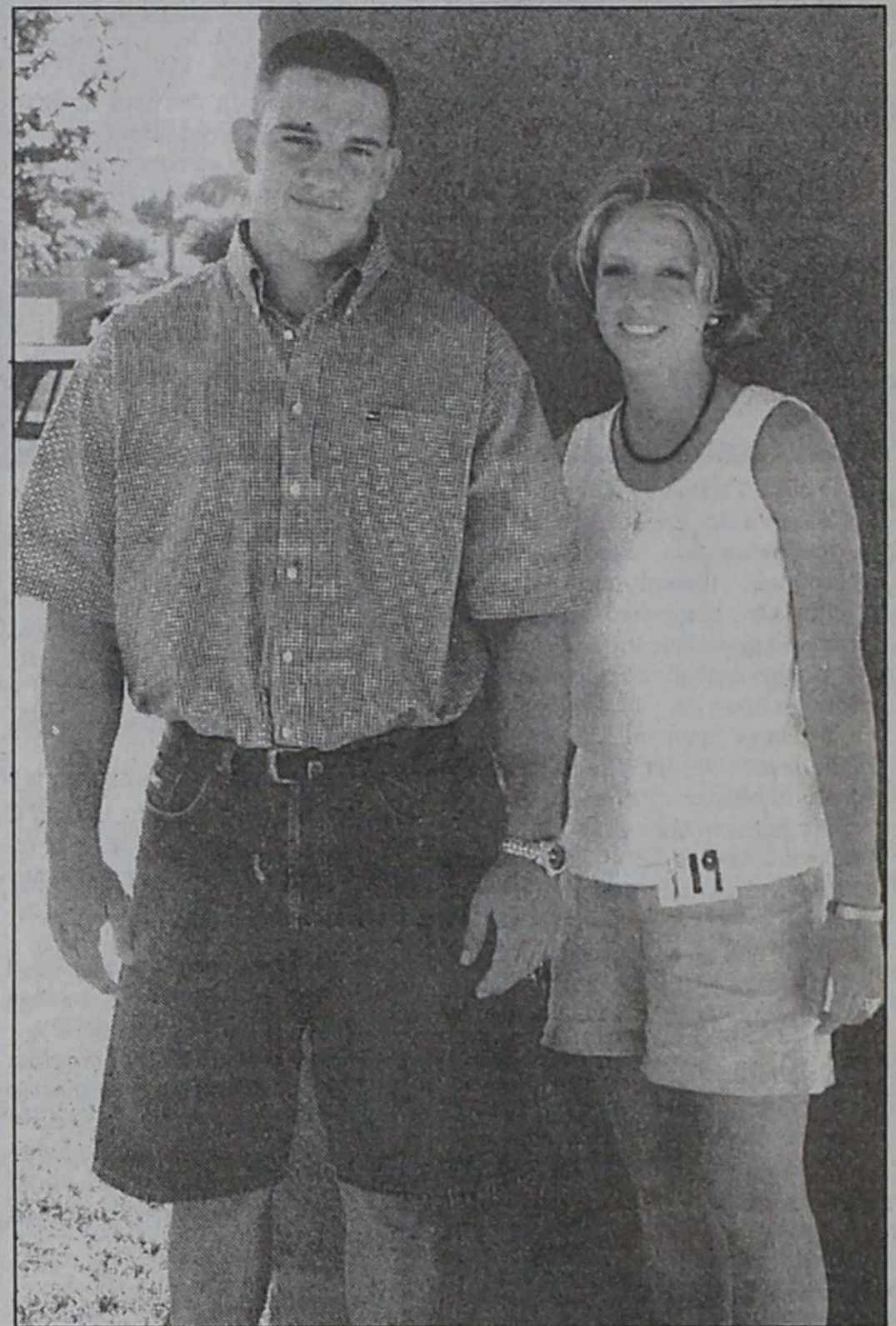
Nominations will be accepted through Monday, Aug. 31, at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 115 W. Bedford Street.

Nominees should be residents of Castro County who have made meaningful contributions to our county over an extended period of time. Nominations will be considered for individuals or couples, and may be made by individuals or groups in Castro County.

While detailed nominations are not essential, listing the nominee's accomplishments will be helpful to the selection committee.

The grand marshal(s) will be acknowledged and will ride in the Sept. 12 parade, which is being organized by the Dimmitt Lions Club and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

"This is an excellent time for you or your organization to recognize the people you feel are deserving of this honor," said Bill Sava, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. "Send us a letter or postcard, or drop your nomination off at the Chamber office."



CHARLEY SANDERS OF DIMMITT (left) played in the Greenbelt Bowl Classic, an all-star football game held recently in Childress. Sanders played for the North team which won, 32-0. He had one reception, 1-1/2 sacks and six tackles. Sanders selected Heidi Weaver of Dimmitt (right) to be his representative in the queen's pageant. Both are 1998 graduates of Dimmitt High School. Sanders plans to attend Southwest Texas University while Weaver will attend Abilene Christian University this fall. *Courtesy Photo*

YMCA 'Fall Brawl' coming Labor Day

Area residents are invited to participate in Amarillo YMCA's "Fall Brawl," which adds team competition to the race categories this year. It kicks off Sept. 5 at 9 a.m. in front of the Amarillo Garden Center, 1400 Streit, in the Harrington Regional Medical Center.

Age divisions, for men and women, are 15-29 years, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over. A team is composed of one runner and one biker. Awards will be given in each division.

The Duathlon will begin with a two mile run, followed by a 10 mile loop bicycle ride and end with another two mile run. Bike helmets must be worn, said Nan Sanders, race coordinator.

Deadline for pre-registration is Aug. 26. Individual entry fee is \$15 and team entry fee is \$25. All pre-registrants will receive a T-shirt. Entry forms are available at the YMCA, 816 S. Van Buren, Amarillo, TX., 79101, or by calling Sanders at 806-374-4651.

Benefit golf tourney set

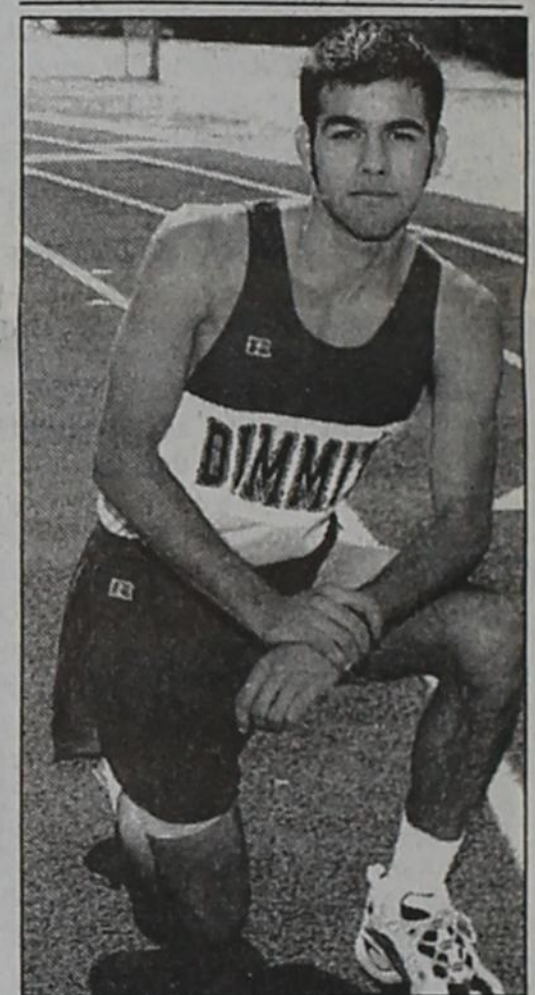
A special golf tournament to benefit B.J. Klein of Nazareth will be held Sunday at the five-hole golf course at the yellow house under the water tower in Nazareth.

Entry fee is \$5 for those 16 and under and \$7.50 for those 17 and over. The double-elimination 16-and-under tournament is slated to begin at 1 p.m., with the older group scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Participants will be allowed to use the 7, 8 and 9 irons or wedge and putter. Clubs will be available for those who need them.

All proceeds will help Klein fund his running and competition in Special Olympics and other events.

For more information, call 945-2237.



Ivan Flores

Flores wins 10K event

Ivan Flores, 16-year-old son of Rito and Carmen Flores of Dimmitt, finished first in his age division at the Gregg Black Memorial 10-kilometer Run, held Saturday in Hereford.

Flores finished fifth overall in the race with a time of 40.24 minutes. He is a junior at Dimmitt High School and runs for the school's cross country and track teams.

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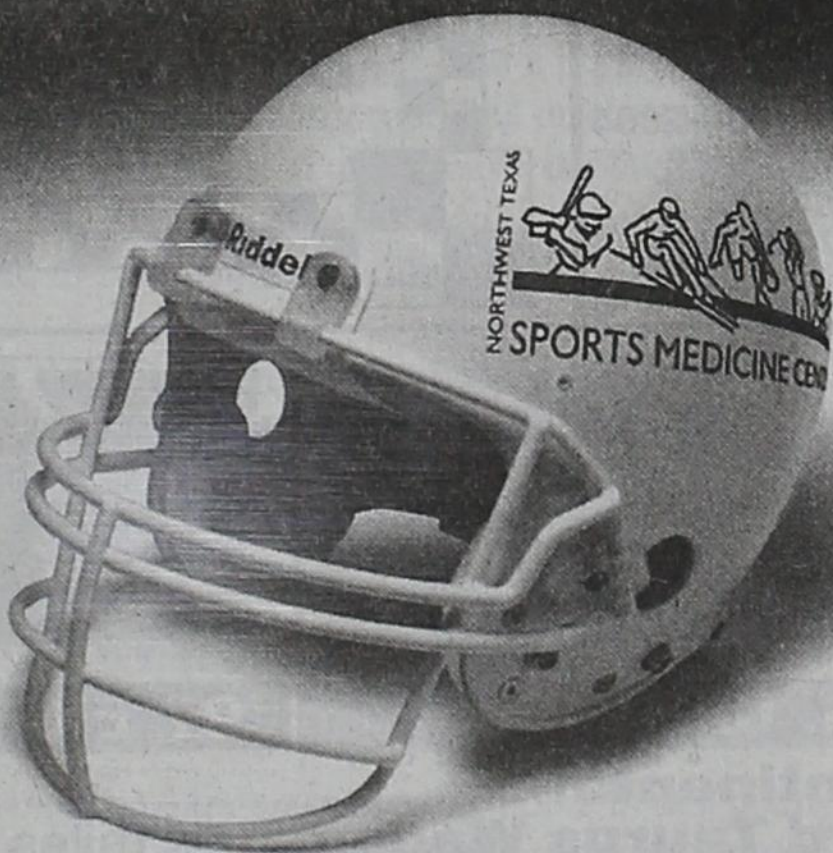
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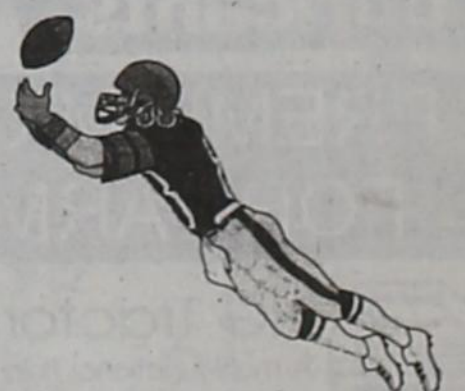


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TPWD seeking cooperators for wetland projects in area

Cost-share opportunities remain available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. (TPWD) for private landowners interested in enhancing playa lakes for wildlife.

According to Jim Ray, Migratory Bird/Wetlands Biologist for the High Plains and Rolling Plains, TPWD has cost-shared wetland projects with landowners since the creation of the Playa Lakes Joint Venture in 1988.

Ray said the major partner of the Playa Lakes Joint Venture is the private landowner.

"Since 1988 more than 95 projects have been accomplished in Texas by the Playa Lakes Joint Venture partnership," said Ray. "Most of these are on private land."

Projects typically involve the establishment or management of native grassland surrounding playa lakes, and fencing to allow the landowner to manage the site carefully as a separate pasture.

"We generally strive for at least a two-to-one or three-to-one ratio of upland cover to wetland ratio. This is important to slow down the excessive accumulation of sediment in playa basins, which is severely impacting the natural function of playas and their value to wildlife," said Ray. "Other types of projects could involve the management of

playa lakes for waterfowl utilizing irrigation tailwater or other water sources. Generally, we will not cost-share projects involving dirt work within playa basins."

According to Ray, cost-sharing of up to 100% is available through the Playa Lakes Joint Venture for such projects; however, projects score higher in the Playa Lakes Joint Venture ranking process if at least 50% of a project's funds are already secured.

"Match sources can include monies from the landowner and those provided through programs of the United States Dept. of Agriculture, including the Conservation Reserve program (CRP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), as well as TPWD's Landowner Incentives Program, the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Wildlife Program. We can work with the landowner and other agencies to secure these partnerships," said Ray.

"The Playa Lakes Joint Venture is a habitat initiative under the prestigious North American Waterfowl Management Plan, which is an international effort of federal

and state agencies, and private interests dedicated to the enhancement of waterfowl and wetland habitats in Canada, Mexico and the United States," said Ray.

"The Playa Lakes Joint Ventures partnership has pulled together the expertise and resources of many partners including private landowners, the state wildlife agencies of Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Texas Tech University and several corporations including the Phillips Petroleum Company and Cooper Natural Resources."

The Playa Lakes Region encompasses southeastern Colorado,


western Kansas, eastern New Mexico, western Oklahoma and the High Plains and Rolling Plains of northwest Texas.

"The Playa lakes Region is considered a major wetland region in North America," said Ray. "More than 24,000 playa lakes dot the landscape and provide habitat for wildlife. The region is a major migrational and/or wintering area for waterfowl, shorebirds, sandhill cranes and neotropical migratory birds. Recent studies by the TPWD and Texas Tech University also confirm the area's importance as nesting habitat for several species of ducks and shorebirds."

For more information on cost-share opportunities regarding playa lakes and other wetlands, contact Ray at (806) 655-3782.

Dear Parents:

We hope you have had a great summer, and we are looking forward to a super school year! Dimmitt Classroom Teachers' Association would like to invite you to meet and get acquainted with your child's teachers. We value your involvement in your child's education.





Dimmitt Classroom Teachers' Association

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SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

1. Look both ways before crossing the street.
2. Cross only in the crosswalk, and always follow the instructions of the crossing guard.
3. Never go anywhere with a stranger, even if the person says he or she knows your parents.
4. Remain in your seat while the school bus is in motion.
5. Don't pet or approach unfamiliar animals — they may carry disease!
6. Always wear your helmet when biking or skating.
7. Never chase a ball into the street.
8. Let your parents know if you're going somewhere after school.
9. Stick to a populated, familiar route when walking home from school or play.
10. Run and tell your parents or teacher if someone is bothering you.

SAFE DRIVING TIPS

1. Slow down as you enter a school zone.
2. Look in all directions as you approach an intersection.
3. Heed the directions of school crossing guards.
4. Make sure that your brakes are in good working order.
5. Never attempt to pass a school bus.
6. Always make sure your child is buckled up in the back seat.
7. Be ready to stop when near a playground or park.
8. Watch out for children on bicycles or skates.
9. Be cautious of children being dropped off by bus or car.
10. Take extra care to watch out for children when backing up.

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HHS to offer college classes

Government and economics classes will be offered in the Distance Learning Lab at Hart High School for juniors and seniors this fall.

An Amarillo College professor will be the instructor and students will attend the class every day from 8 to 9 a.m.

Government classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday

while economics classes will be offered Tuesday and Thursday. Attending these classes will enable Hart students to gain six hours of college credit by mid-term. Second semester course offerings will be decided at a later date.

Amarillo College personnel will give the Quick TASP test Tuesday for students who are not exempt from taking the TASP.

A picture identification and Social Security number must be shown before a student can take the test. Cost of the test will be \$29, payable by money order to NES. Registration will be held on the Hart campus after the testing is completed.

For more information, contact Dr. Martin Early at (806) 938-2143.

Schools announce policy for free, reduced-price meals

The Dimmitt and Nazareth Independent School Districts have announced their policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Each school and/or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

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

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

To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school.

Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. The information households provide on

the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the year.

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

Households who do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application.

If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "None." The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Charles Ketchum, director of Food Services at Dimmitt ISD and Don Wood, Nazareth High School Principal, will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss

the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis.

Parents who wish to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Les Miller, DISD Superintendent, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt 79027, telephone (806) 647-3101; or N. Dean Johnson, NISD Superintendent, P.O. Box 189, Nazareth 79063, telephone (806) 945-2231.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size.

Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

The operation of child feeding programs is administered by the US Dept. of Agriculture and no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250.



THE SUNNYSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT received this truck from the Forest Service and was able to restore it and will use it in its fire fighting efforts,

according to Kevin Riley, a volunteer with the department.

Photo by Monica Ortiz



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Aug. 13-21.

DIMMITT

Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Fruit Loops cereal, apple juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cheese toast, peaches and milk.
 MONDAY: Waffles with syrup, grape juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, orange wedges and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie cereal, fresh banana and milk.
 FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, pineapple juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Italian spaghetti, savory green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread and milk.
 FRIDAY: Hamburger on a bun, French fries, hamburger salad and milk.
 MONDAY: Teriyaki steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexican corn, orange wedges, white hot rolls and milk.
 TUESDAY: Southern fried chicken, whole new potatoes, fruit fantasy, hot wheat rolls and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Pigs in a blanket, seasoned blackeyed peas, tossed salad, white hot rolls and milk.
 THURSDAY: Bean chalupas, Spanish rice, gelatin and milk.
 FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, chicken taco or barbecued hot link on a bun; savory green beans, Chinese-style vegetables or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; garlic bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate or lowfat milk.
 FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger on a bun, ravioli with meat sauce or chicken salad sandwich; French fries, mixed vegetables or peas; tossed salad, hamburger salad or fresh watermelon; cornmeal yeast rolls, crackers or assorted muffins; and chocolate or lowfat milk.

HART

Breakfast
 MONDAY: Variety of cereal, fruit juice, graham crackers, breakfast fajitas and milk.
 TUESDAY: Variety of cereal, fruit juice, cinnamon rolls, graham crackers and fresh fruit.
 WEDNESDAY: Variety of cereal, fruit juice, graham crackers, breakfast pizza and milk.
 THURSDAY: Waffles, sausage, variety of cereal, fruit juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, wiener wrap in a biscuit, variety of cereal, graham crackers and fruit juice.

Elementary Lunch

MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or barbecued ribs on a bun; lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, potato puffs, fresh fruit, sugar cookie and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, stromboli or burrito; lettuce, tomato and pickles, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets with gravy; rolls, mashed potatoes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler and milk.
 THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito and spaghetti and meat sauce; Texas toast, corn, salad, ginger cookies, gelatin dessert and milk.
 FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or hot dog on bun; chili, pinto beans, fresh fruit, corn chips, gelatin dessert and milk.

High School Lunch

MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or barbecued ribs on a bun; lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, potato puffs, fresh fruit, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
 TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, stromboli or burrito; lettuce, tomato and pickles, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets with gravy; rolls, mashed potatoes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
 THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito and spaghetti and meat sauce; Texas toast, corn, salad, ginger cookies, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or hot dog on bun; chili, pinto beans, fresh fruit, corn chips, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Breakfast tacos, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Waffles, sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Breakfast tacos, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: *Pizza or hamburger and French fries, salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: *Nachos with roll or corn dogs, salad, pork and beans, pears, applesauce and milk or juice.
 MONDAY: *Soft tacos or pizza, lettuce, green beans, pineapple, apple crisp and milk or juice.
 TUESDAY: *Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, corn, fruit cocktail, cookies and milk or juice.
 WEDNESDAY: *Spaghetti with roll or pizza, salad, peas, peaches, pears and milk or juice.
 THURSDAY: *Corn dog or chicken strips with bread, salad, rice, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: *Chicken fried steak with roll or pizza, salad, potatoes and gravy, pineapple, Jell-O and milk or juice.

* Items designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students.

National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs 1998-99 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Family Size	Yearly		Monthly		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price
1	\$10,465	\$14,893	\$873	\$1,242	\$202	\$287
2	\$14,105	\$20,073	\$1,176	\$1,673	\$272	\$387
3	\$17,745	\$25,253	\$1,479	\$2,105	\$342	\$486
4	\$21,385	\$30,433	\$1,783	\$2,537	\$412	\$586
5	\$25,025	\$35,613	\$2,086	\$2,968	\$482	\$685
6	\$28,665	\$40,793	\$2,389	\$3,400	\$552	\$785
7	\$32,305	\$45,973	\$2,693	\$3,832	\$622	\$885
8	\$35,945	\$51,153	\$2,996	\$4,263	\$692	\$984
9	\$39,585	\$56,333	\$3,300	\$4,695	\$762	\$1,084
10	\$43,225	\$61,513	\$3,604	\$5,127	\$832	\$1,184
11	\$46,865	\$66,693	\$3,908	\$5,559	\$902	\$1,284
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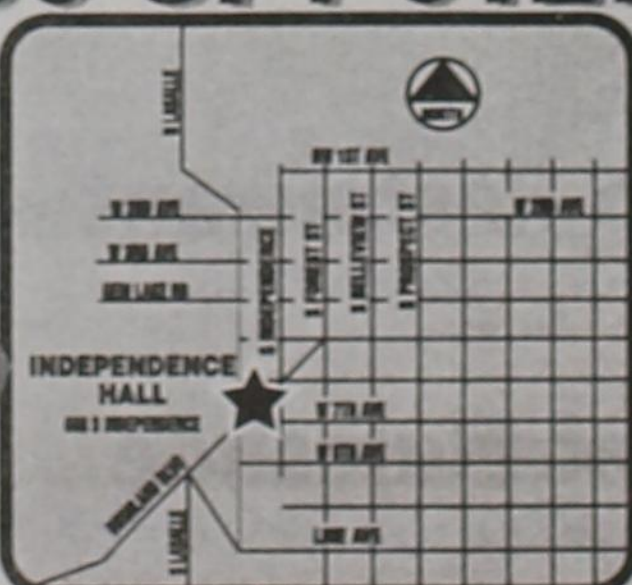
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Clarification

Dimmitt Independent School District Board President Steve Buckley has issued a statement saying that he does not recall stating that teachers have been "demanding" a pay raise, as was quoted in the Aug. 6 issue of the News in a story about the Aug. 3 school board meeting.

Buckley said he felt his statement was misunderstood. He said he stated that teachers have been "asking" for a raise, rather than "demanding." "There's a big difference," Buckley said.

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Joe Sloan saw "Private Ryan" the same night as I did. He said he found himself putting faces from another war onto the bodies he saw onscreen. Joe was a Marine captain in Vietnam. "I lost two men," he said. "After I got home, I went to see their parents."

It was tough. "And one of my men had both legs blown off. "I was crying halfway through the movie. "I kinda wish I hadn't seen it." Elmer Berryhill has heard the precautions, and has no intention of going to see "Private Ryan."

He served in the Army in Korea. "I saw enough bodies loaded onto trucks over there that I just don't want to see anything like that again," he said. The VA has set up hotlines for veterans who experience flashback reactions because of the movie. Spielberg has said he won't let his own children see the movie, and suggests that no child under 14 be allowed to see it.

before I did. I asked her if she had felt offended by the graphic violence. "You know, the main feeling I had after the movie was just a feeling of extreme gratitude," she said, "that these men would go through that... for me, although I wasn't even born yet. They really went through hell, but they did what they had to do. I think those men really defined our nation."

It's that kind of cinema experience. If you see it, you won't leave unmoved or untouched. And I guarantee you—you won't exit laughing.

More about

DISD sets hearing . . .

(Continued from Page 1) ing Dimmitt more of a chance to meet the standard. He said that 80% of students must pass all sections of the TAAS tests, attendance must be above 94%, and the drop-out rate must be within an acceptable limit. In addition, 80% of each designated student subgroup also must pass all sections of the TAAS. Miller said the percentages were very near 80% in most student

groups. He said the district showed considerable improvement over last year's scores, and credited the teachers with making the gains possible. School board president Steve Buckley also expressed appreciation for the efforts of the teachers, and school board member John Nino said he appreciated the teachers and the administrators "for bringing us a long ways" in improving the district's standings. In other business, the board: —Approved the list of teacher appraisers and set an appraisal calendar according to state rules. —Approved the list of substitute teachers who have completed inservice training. —Adopted the list of approved vendors for the coming school year.

DWI arrests high in county

According to local Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Ron Mann, Castro County leads DPS District 5B-8 in the number of DWI arrests for 1998. Trooper Mann said he and Trooper Brian Smith have made a total of over 60 arrests. The district is comprised of the three counties of Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer. "Sunday night always seems the busiest," Mann said about the arrest rate for the county, "from about 10 p.m. until 1 or 2 a.m." Mann noted that additional DWI

arrests are made by Castro County Sheriff's deputies and Dimmitt City Police. He said contributing to the rate is the existence of two nightclubs in Dimmitt and the fact that Castro County has one "wet" precinct. Deaf Smith County is "wet," and Parmer is "dry." Mann noted that he and Smith have been assigned separate patrol vehicles so that they can have wider coverage of the county, rather than riding together, as in some DPS stations.



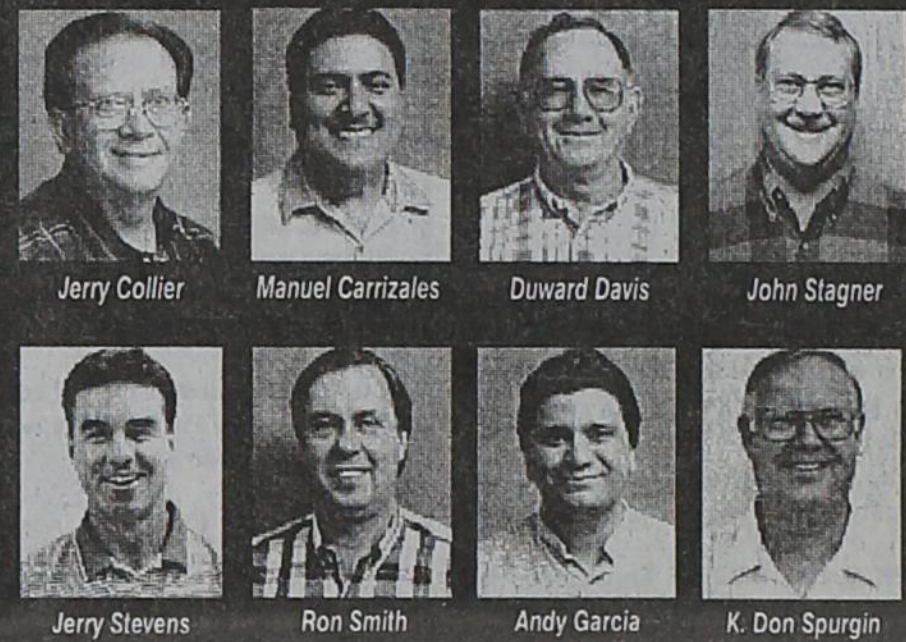
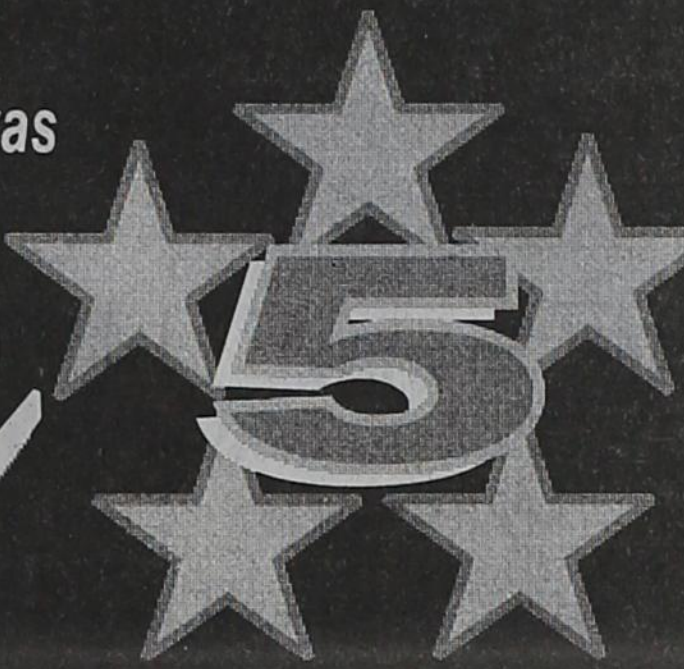
PICKING UP POTATOES— Kristen Weaver and Shawna Thomas of Lake Ridge United Methodist Church of Lubbock are filling potato sacks along with about 98 other gleaners in the "Castro County Potato Bounty" held Friday and Saturday. About 65 volunteers attended a campout Friday night on the Robert Duke farm south of Dimmitt and enjoyed a hamburger cookout hosted by Dimmitt's Methodist Men. The Methodist Women hosted the lunch on Saturday after the gleaners were done. An estimated 20,000 lbs. of potatoes were gleaned, with some delivered to area food banks and to different agencies in Dimmitt, Hereford, Farwell, Lamesa and Abernathy. Some of the gleaners were from those towns, as well as Clyde, Lazbuddie and Lubbock. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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1991 Oldsmobile Cutlass Coupe black, #6157GA	\$7,995	\$6,282
1994 Ford Mustang Convertible red, #6432PA	\$11,995	\$10,759
1996 Pontiac Grand Am white, #6207GA	\$8,995	\$8,524
1997 Pontiac Grand Prix green, #305GM	\$17,995	\$16,982
1997 Oldsmobile Cutlass Coupe red, #280GM	\$14,995	\$13,452
1997 Oldsmobile Achieva maroon, #307GM	\$11,995	\$10,476
1997 Oldsmobile 88 LS white, #308GM	\$16,995	\$15,869
1998 Buick Park Avenue white, #309GM	\$28,500	\$26,974
1997 Buick Park Avenue beige, #310GM	\$24,500	\$22,957
1997 Buick Skylark blue, #311GM	\$11,995	\$10,477
1994 Ford Mustang teal, #6275GB	\$9,995	\$8,309
1996 Mercury Mystique beige, #292GMA	\$9,995	\$8,718
1992 Oldsmobile 98 Regency silver, #6138BA	\$7,995	\$6,848
1997 Chevrolet Cavalier Coupe aqua, #314GM	\$11,995	\$10,465
1997 Oldsmobile Cutlass white, #303GM	\$13,995	\$12,983
1996 Mercury Cougar green, #6300BA	\$14,995	\$13,995
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1995 Chevrolet Tahoe blue, #6215TA	\$23,750	\$21,911
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1998 Chevrolet Blazer red, #291GM	\$22,995	\$21,758
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1997 Chevrolet Suburban maroon, #6467TA	\$26,995	\$25,433
1995 Chevrolet Suburban white/gold, 65L	\$18,995	
1994 Jeep Cherokee gold, #6311TA	\$10,995	\$9,725
1985 Chevrolet Suburban brown, #6304TA	\$4,995	\$3,606
1996 Chevrolet Suburban green, #6511TA	\$26,995	\$25,672
1995 Chevrolet Suburban white, #6527TA	\$20,995	\$19,526
1993 Chevrolet Blazer red/silver, 304GMA	\$8,995	\$7,887

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	WAS	SALE PRICE
1986 Ford F-150 brown, #6386TA	\$4,995	\$3,956
1988 Chevrolet Crew Cab red, #6173TB	\$8,995	\$7,637
1995 Chevrolet Silverado maroon, silver, #6478TA	\$16,500	\$15,383
1997 Chevrolet Silverado maroon/gold #6482GA	\$23,995	\$21,956
1989 Ford F-250 white, 313XA	\$5,995	\$4,834
1998 Chevrolet Silverado white/gold	\$23,995	\$22,784

Vans

1990 Ford Aerostar maroon, #6399BB	\$5,995	\$4,403
1990 Ford Aerostar maroon, #6429TA	\$5,995	\$4,125
1990 Dodge Grand Caravan gray, #6456TA	\$5,500	\$4,219
1993 Chrysler Town & Country white, #6493	\$9,995	\$7,780
1997 Pontiac Transport red, #312GM	\$18,995	\$17,723
1997 Pontiac Transport beige, #313GM	\$18,995	\$17,962
1994 Plymouth Grand Voyager blue, #6545TA	\$7,995	\$6,843

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	WAS	SALE PRICE
1991 Mercury Capri Conversion red, #5851TB	\$5,995	\$3,991
1991 Buick Century maroon, #273GMA	\$5,500	\$4,638
1986 Cadillac Sedan DeVille white, #6236TD	\$2,995	\$1,983
1994 Geo Metro dark red, #5909CA	\$4,995	\$3,620
1989 Dodge Spirit blue, #243GMA	\$2,995	\$1,973
1987 Pontiac Firenza maroon, #6504TA	\$995	\$640
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1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass silver, #6365TA	\$4,995	\$4,532
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1—Real Estate Homes & Land

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OVER 2,100 SQ.FT.! Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, all kitchen appliances, two living areas, fireplace, great condition and super location. Priced to sell. \$78,000.

3.6 ACRES in country. Three bedrooms, two baths, 2000 sq. ft. brick with cellar. Must see, \$68,000.

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READY FOR YOU! Extra nice three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, brick. \$40,000.

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CORNER LOT in good location. Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, one car garage. Priced right, \$55,000.

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FARMS
OVER 2400 ACRES, 23 wells, seven sprinklers. Five miles southwest of Dimmitt. Extremely clean well producing farm. \$825 per acre.

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1—Real Estate Homes & Land

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TWO BEDROOMS, one bath, very clean, newly replaced roof. \$23,000.

PINE STREET, three bedrooms, two baths, two-car garage, large backyard patio, great condition. \$69,500.

THREE BEDROOMS, one bath, one-car garage, corner lot, wood fence, storage building. \$42,500.

THREE BEDROOMS, one bath, laundry room, carport. \$30,000.

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1—Real Estate Homes & Land

J-Cross Investments

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TWO BEDROOMS, one bath, corner lot, excellent shape. \$27,000.

COUNTRY LIVING on 1.6 acres. Three bedrooms, two baths, den, formal living room, basement, oversized two car garage, carport and storage shed. New refrigerated air and heat. Apricot, pecan and apple trees; horse or calf pens. Price includes new roof and other miscellaneous repairs as needed. \$70,000.

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6—For Sale, Misc.

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7—Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7. No early birds! Furniture, antiques, household items, baby items. 703 Lee. 7-19-1tc

10—Agricultural Services

CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING. Call David Schulte at 945-2342, home; or 647-7740, mobile. 10-48-52tp

CUSTOM FARMING: No-till drill, mini-till tillage equipment. Kenneth or Ashley Heard, 806-945-2270 or 806-627-4623. 10-4-ftc

ROUND BALE HAULING: Donald Shelton, 647-3558, 647-7568, mobile. 10-31-ftc

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11—Feed, Seed & Grain

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13—Livestock, Pets

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W.C.O.
1998 OLDS AURORA SEDAN, leather, moon roof, loaded. Must see. Low miles. Trade-ins welcome. Financing available. Call Leon, 1-800-957-2438. 14-19-1tc

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14—Automobiles

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1994 VW JETTA II, sun roof, five-speed, loaded. Low miles, must see. Trade-ins welcome. Financing available. Call John. 1-800-957-2438. 14-19-11c

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1994 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE, 4-door, white, loaded, \$7,450. Trade-ins welcome. Financing available. Call John. 1-800-957-2438. 14-19-11c

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1995 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4, leather, loaded. Trade-ins welcome. Financing available. Call John. 1-800-957-2438. 14-19-11c

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1993 GMC 1/2 EXTENDED CAB, loaded, nice, low miles. Trade-ins welcome. Financing available. Call Juan. 1-800-957-2438. 14-19-11c

18—Services

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19—Students Wanting Work

LAWN MOWING done reasonable. Call Buddy, 647-5561. 19-17-17c

20—Help Wanted

ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE person needed. Experience required. Apply in person at DeBruce Grain, Inc., North Highway 385, Dimmitt, (806) 647-2802. 20-17-17c

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20—Help Wanted

\$4,000/MONTH. We have producers within our system who average this much. We would like to have someone in the Dimmitt area. If you have successful agricultural sales experience or an agricultural background with a strong desire to succeed, fax your resume to (806) 647-3334. 20-15-11c

DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL District is currently taking applications for a school nurse (LVN). All interested applicants will need to have their applications turned in to Dimmitt ISD's Administration Building by 3 p.m., on Aug. 14, 1998. Please contact George Rasor, Middle School Principal, for more information. 20-18-21c

AVON, home-based business, flexible hours, no inventory required. Ind/sales/rep. MLM option. 888-748-1759. 20-18-41p

CASTRO COUNTY DISTRICT Attorney is now accepting applications for a DA investigator. Must be TCLEOSE certified. Applicants can pick up applications at the Castro County Treasurer's office at 100 E. Bedford, Suite 204. No phone calls will be accepted. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. This county is an E.O.E. 20-18-21c

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED. Apply at The Pancake House, 313 N. Broadway, Dimmitt. 20-18-21c

CROSSING GUARD needed for Richardson Elementary School. Contact Clint Seward at 647-4131 for information. 20-18-11c

GENERAL LABORER needed. Apply in person at DeBruce Grain, Inc., North Highway 385, Dimmitt, (806) 647-2802. 20-17-17c

21—Wanted, Misc.

WANTED: Small section land, 1/2 acre to acre. Water and electricity available. Good road access. Call 945-2237, ask for Brad. 18-21c

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594. 22-18-41c

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Sally Farmer would like to express our appreciation to all who ministered to us during our loss.
A special thanks to our church family, friends and neighbors for their love, prayers and support.
Thank you for the food, visits, cards, phone calls, memorials and the beautiful flowers.
May God bless each.
DAVEINE & JOE WALL
T.C. & FRANCES FARMER
RAY & MANUELLA FARMER
24-19-11c

I never know how much of what I say is true. —Bette Midler

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Pre-School Screening:
The Castro County Comprehensive Education SSA offers a Pre-School program for children 3, 4 and 5 who have problems in the areas of communication skills, concept skills, concept development, gross or fine motor skills. Programming for children with vision or hearing disabilities is available from birth.
Any child from birth through 21 suspected of having a disability should be referred to the Castro County Comprehensive Education SSA office for individual assessment as soon as possible. Parents or other interested individuals are urged to contact the office at 608 W. Halsell, or phone (806) 647-3103 to schedule an appointment.

Prueba Pre-Escolar:
La Educacion Comprensiva SSA del Condado de Castro ofrecera un programa Pre-Escolar para niños de 3, 4 y 5 años de edad, que tengan problemas en las areas de desarrollo conceptual, y incapacidades de su sistema de abilidad. Habra programas para niños que tengan incapacidades visuales o auditivas desde el nacimiento.
Si usted sospecha que algun niño recién nacido hasta la edad de 21 años tienen discapacidades, es muy importante que este niño sea recomendado a la oficina de Educacion Comprensiva del Condado de Castro lo mas pronto posible para que las pruebas necesarias sean terminadas. Se les urge a los padres de familia y demas personas interesadas que se comuniquen con la oficina de Educacion Comprensiva que esta localizada por la calle W. Halsell 608 o llame al numero de telefono 806-647-3103 para que haga una cita individual para su hijo o hija. 25-18-21c

LEGAL NOTICE
The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Private Club Permit Renewal to be located at 208 SE 4th, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Gerry's First Place
John Douglas Damron, President
Wayne Niel Christian, Vice President
Kellie Jo Bradley, Secretary
15-16-21c

Too Late To Classify

GARAGE SALE: Saturday only, 8-7. 704 SW 5th. Lots of children's clothes. 7-19-11c

APARTMENT BUILDING in Hart for sale, 811 Avenue A. Six three-bedroom apartments, needs work. Make offer. 938-2411. 1-19-11c

The longest boundary in the world is that between Canada and the U.S., which extends for 3,987 miles.

Without a shepherd, sheep are not a flock. —Russian proverb

Chamber makes plans for Follies

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is searching for talent. It's also searching for volunteers with a sense of humor and/or a strong back.
Anyone interested in helping with the production of *Follies '98* will be welcomed with open arms, according to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.
The Chamber is reviving the *Follies* and this year's production is being planned for Aug. 29 and 30 at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.
"We need actors, singers, dancers and wannabes, both adults and children," said Sava. "We're searching for talent, but we can work around talent, a sense of humor's more important."
Those willing to help with the production, whether as a performer or technical aid, should call Sava at the Chamber office, 647-2524.
The performances are slated for 7 p.m. on Aug. 29 and 2 p.m. on Aug. 30.

College Courses Available to High School Juniors, Seniors

Government and Economics will be offered in our Distance Learning Lab for qualifying juniors and seniors this fall. An Amarillo College professor will provide instruction.
Class time will be from 8 to 9 a.m. daily—Government on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Economics on Tuesday and Thursday—enabling students to gain six hours of college credit by mid-term. (Second semester course offerings will be decided at a later date.)
On Tuesday, Aug. 18, Amarillo College personnel will give the Quick TASP on our campus for students who are not TASP-exempt. The cost will be \$29.00, payable by money order made out to NES. Course registration will take place on our campus after the testing is completed.
If you are interested in more information, please contact Dr. Earley's office at 938-2143.

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Obituaries

Dr. Norma Battles

Dr. Norma Battles Coffee, 55, of Dallas, and formerly of Dimmitt, was buried Aug. 7 in White Deer Cemetery in White Deer. Memorial services were held Aug. 4 at Northaven United Methodist Church.

Dr. Battles died Aug. 1 in Dallas. She was born Sept. 14, 1942, to Roy and Inez Battles. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1960 and from Texas Tech University in 1964. She received her doctorate of medicine in 1968 from the University of Texas Health Science Center/Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. She continued her education with post doctoral fellowships in pediatric renal, metabolic and endocrine diseases and rheumatic diseases at Southwestern.

Dr. Battles worked as an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics from 1974 to 1982 and was director of pediatrics at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, and was appointed Director of Fellowship in Care of multiple handicapped children in 1981. She served as a guest faculty member from 1980 to 1986 at the Baylor Dental School Dept. of Periodontics, and served on numerous hospital committees throughout the Dallas Metroplex.

In 1982, she began a private practice of pediatrics and pediatric rheumatology.

"She served the precious children who suffered from such terrible diseases until her death," a family spokesperson said.

Dr. Battles was a member of the following societies: Diplomat, American Board of Pediatrics; Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics; and Member, Rheumatology Section, American Medical Association. She also has had numerous articles published in a variety of medical journals and periodicals.

She is survived by her spouse, Don R. Coffee of Dallas; a daughter, Leslie A. Coffee of Los Angeles, Calif.; her mother, Inez Battles of Dimmitt; a sister, Dolores B. Earls of Dallas; and three brothers, Roy A. Battles of Colleyville, Danny Battles of Mansfield and Rickey Battles of Ridgecrest, Calif.

Floy Lee Driver

Services for Floy Lee Driver, 66, of Hereford, former Dimmitt businessman, were held last Thursday at the Central Church of Christ in Hereford with Tom Bailey officiating. Burial followed at the Memphis City Cemetery in Memphis.

Mr. Driver died Tuesday after a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 29, 1932, at Lesley. He married Betty Hulsey and the couple lived in Hereford for more than 40 years.

Mr. Driver owned and operated Floy Driver Wholesale Oil Company in Dimmitt for many years and was involved in farming and ranching near Hereford. He was a member of

the Central Church of Christ in Hereford.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Dr. Larry Driver of Houston; a daughter, Lacy Mueggenborg of Hereford; a brother, Lester Driver of Levelland; three sisters, Edith Houdashell of Arm, Betty Ann Hudgins of Burns Flat, Okla., and Brenda Graham of Claude; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Gabino Melendez

Gabino Melendez, 75, of Dimmitt, died Monday at Dimmitt.

Mass of Christian burial was read Tuesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Deacon Jose Velo officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Melendez was born Feb. 18, 1923, in Mexico. He married Maria Aguirre in 1944 in Pichague, Chihuahua, Mexico. He was a farmer and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, a son, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Maria Luna of Dimmitt; eight sons, Celso Melendez, Geraro Melendez, Cris Melendez, Monserat Melendez, Francisco Melendez, Gonzalo Melendez, Jose Luis Melendez and Jose Alfredo Melendez; a brother, Monserat Melendez; a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Drivers cautioned about RES parking

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said his officers will be handing out parking tickets to vehicles that are improperly parked at Richardson Elementary School this year, with possible fines not to exceed \$500.

He said that signs will be posted at the east and west sides of the campus, warning that no vehicles are to be left parked, unattended in the roadway between the signs.

He said while unloading or picking up children vehicles may stop, but they must be attended.

If left unattended, a vehicle must be properly parked along a curb or in a marked parking space.

Aleman said it has been a problem with vehicles blocking in vehicles in the teacher parking area and other parking spaces.

He said drivers may consider themselves warned, and added that the rule will be enforced.

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A TRI-STATE TRIBUTE—Hugh and Vicky Harris of the Big Texan Opry were part of the Tri-State Fair Bus Tour entourage that stopped in Dimmitt Tuesday morning. The bus tour was part of a promotional tour the Tri-State Fair Committee implemented this year to promote the 75th anniversary of the fair. Tickets to the fair shows were offered and information about the fair was presented.

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County awards contracts for lawn and elevator work

Castro County Commissioners agreed to hire Abel Vargas to maintain the courthouse grounds for the coming year, and will pay him \$5,000 for the year-round service.

Vargas will care for the lawn, flower beds, trees and shrubs at the courthouse, mowing and trimming as needed. He will be responsible for watering the flower beds and applying fertilizer and weed killer to the lawn.

Vargas had submitted a bid of \$3,500 for the summer months and \$5,500 for year-round service.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige negotiated a \$500 discount on the year-round service and commissioners agreed to the amount.

Vargas will be paid monthly and he will begin working this week.

Commissioners had only budgeted \$4,000 for lawn maintenance, but the rest of the money can be taken from

building maintenance.

Jim McGinnis of Home Elevator Company in Amarillo, talked to commissioners about repairs and improvements needed on the courthouse elevator, and commissioners decided to hire him to see to the needed repairs.

A recent inspection of the elevator revealed several things that needed work to bring the elevator into compliance with the law.

McGinnis, who has been in the elevator business for 50 years, said he could handle all of the work.

"I don't see anything (on the inspection report) that should be really expensive. You should be able to do it for \$2,000 to \$3,000," McGinnis said.

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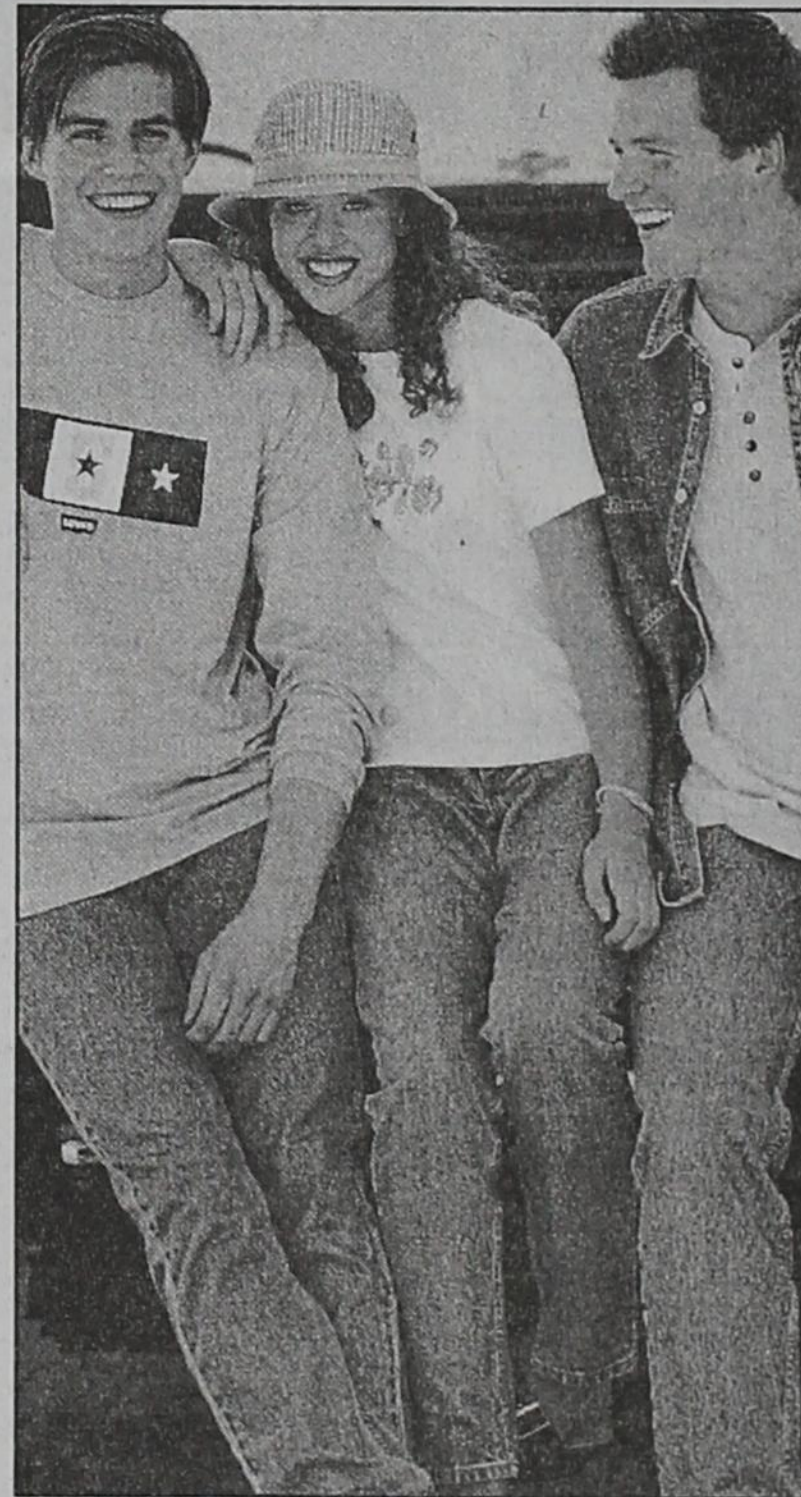
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