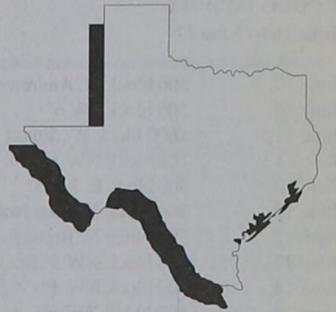


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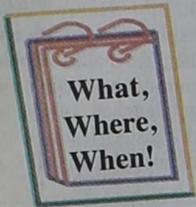
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\$1 bag sale at Rose Garden

Monday, June 23, is the date this month that the Rose Garden is having its \$1 bag sale.

"People can come in and get one of these paper bags and fill it up and it only costs them \$1," said volunteer Gloria Hernandez.

The sale will be during regular store hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proceeds from this, as well as all Rose Garden sales, goes to help Hospice pay for medicines for the terminal patients it serves.

AIDS testing set in Tulia

Free HIV testing will be provided from 1 to 6 p.m., Thursday, June 26, in Tulia at Planned Parenthood, 200 N. Austin St.

In addition to the free testing for the disease, there will be prevention information, condom distribution, outreach programs and STD testing referrals.

Breast Cancer screening set

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Castro County Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, in Dimmitt on July 3.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Open forum attracts crowd

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

About 100 patrons of the DISD showed up Monday night, some to voice concerns, others to offer compliments, most just to listen.

The board of trustees had called the public forum after last week's board meeting, when parents complained about a number of issues they saw as adversely affecting the district, including discipline and transfers out of the district.

School board president

David Schaeffer asked the audience to be honest in their comments, but he asked for ideas to correct any situations that were critiqued.

First up was Jim Bradford, who was also at last week's meeting. "I want to know why these people are moving out of the district," he said. "I hear 'discipline.' They think they'll get better discipline under the Nazareth schools."

Earlier this year a group of parents presented the board

with a petition that more than 600 people had signed. Bradford said the board's lack of action was disheartening, but that Monday's meeting gave him hope. "I'd rather stay here and be part of the solution," he said. "We just need a little tweaking here and there."

Bryan Reinart said his children have had some of the best teachers, but he worries about what he hears about the high school.

"We've visited with these parents who have kids in

high school," he said. "We hear the grooming and dress codes aren't being enforced uniformly. We hear things about the drug policy not being enforced."

"If hall monitors are needed for the high school, it would be worth the expense. We need to stick to disciplinary policies and the discipline must be uniform."

Gloria Hernandez said she was disappointed that most Hispanic parents weren't present, and said

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Lotectex

Is it time for some changes on the DISD school board? It seems a lot of Dimmitt parents think so. A group of about 125 citizens attended a community meeting Monday evening at the High School auditorium. Most of the speakers were unhappy about transfers and discipline. But, did the board hear them? I certainly hope so. The frustration was evident on both sides. These problems will not be easily addressed and I certainly am not bringing any solutions to the table with this column ... just one suggestion ... RUN!

I believe our school board members are all good people who really care and I feel we are fortunate that David Schaeffer is the president. But, the community said or hinted that we need some changes. For the most part, change is good. And I think it is time for some of the concerned citizens to step forward and run for election next time a chair comes up for reelection.

If you have an employee that is not meeting your expectations, you would fire him/her and do the work yourself until you found a replacement. Jim Bradford made the very astute observation that the school district is a business and should be run as such. He is right!

If you don't like the job the board is doing, FIRE THEM ... but some of you need to be ready to step in!

I heard some very intelligent people step to the microphone Monday evening, and I know there are those of their number that would do a great job on the board.

If you really believe a change of the board is what we need, step up and take a seat.



GEARING UP FOR CLEAUP: Volunteers Gloria Hernandez, Linda Martinez and Peggy Broadstreet survey the debris in a Dimmitt alley.

City-wide Cleanup Day set for Saturday

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

The city and concerned residents will be out in force Saturday to rid Dimmitt of debris.

Peggy Broadstreet, who is heading the program for the city said the effort centers on trying to get everybody's trash picked up.

"The main thing is because it's for the health and sanitation of this city," she said. "People must be aware that they are responsible for all the junk that they throw out in the alley and that they're the ones responsible for getting

it out to the sanitary land fill, which will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, free." The only items that the landfill won't accept are tires and roofing materials.

Branches, appliances, old furniture will be accepted.

The following is the letter sent out to all Dimmitt residents:

Call these Numbers 647-4492 or 647-5549 by June 19th if you have furniture, appliances or other metal items to be discarded.

They will be picked up between 1 and 4 p.m. Items MUST be in alley!

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Local woman is improving in bout with hantavirus

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

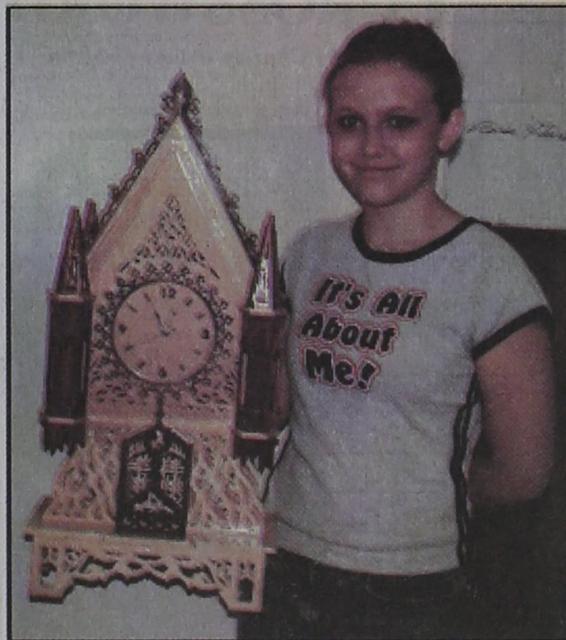
Pedro Gonzales and his family got good news Monday, when doctors at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo told them that Juliana Gonzales' condition had improved, Mr. Gonzales said.

"The doctors told my son that the critical part is over," Gonzales said Monday afternoon. "If she continues to do as well as she has, they'll take her off the respirator in two days."

Gonzales said doctors had told him that the test for hantavirus on his wife was positive.

She was first hospitalized

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DONATED FOR ACS: The Heidelberg clock, made by Jinna Wright and her brother Cliff, will be raffled off at the Relay for Life on Friday. The pair spent about 125 hours producing the masterpiece. Tickets are on sale at businesses in town. It was donated in memory of Laurie Sides Hill and in honor of Danice Wright.

Relay for Life kicks off Friday

Castro County's "Relay for Life," is set for Friday at Bobcat Stadium in Dimmitt. And whether you're a walker or a watcher, there's sure to be lots of activities draw your attention.

In addition, there will be food and entertainment during the relay, the signature fund-raising event of the American Cancer Society.

Following the invocation and the singing of the National Anthem at 6 p.m., the Survivors' Lap will kick off the relay, with local cancer survivors making their way around the track in a march of defiance and celebration of life.

Cancer survivors are asked to report to the hospitality tent at the stadium at 5 p.m., to have their photos made and to receive a T-shirt. Survivors will have their group photo made in the home stands of the stadium. There is no charge for survivors to participate and all cancer survivors are invited, although only a limited number of T-shirts will be available.

Following the Survivors' Lap, the relay teams will begin walking, with at least one person from each team remaining on the track at all times. Team members will switch off every 10-to-15 minutes.

Those who are not walking will be able to indulge in *Continued on Page 7*

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Police Report

June 10 to June 17

- June 10 500 block W. Andrews Burglary of a habitation
June 10 500 block SW 6th Criminal mischief
June 11 1600 block W. Sunset Criminal mischief
June 11 100 block NW 10th St. Warrant/felony
June 12 900 block E. Jones Suspect assaulted victim
June 12 300 block N. Broadway Evading arrest
June 12 300 block N. Broadway Minor in possession
June 13 600 block NW 5th St. Graffiti
June 14 300 block NW 3rd Burglary of a habitation
June 14 100 block NW 8th Criminal mischief
June 14 800 block W Etter St. Criminal mischief
June 14 100 block NW 8th St. Criminal mischief
June 14 900 block W. Etter St. Criminal mischief
June 15 500 block S. Broadway Criminal mischief
June 16 700 block W. Stinson Suspect assaulted victim while eating at school cafeteria

- June 15 warrant for assault causing bodily injury
A 36-year-old Dimmitt male was arrested on three outstanding warrants
June 16 A 20-year-old Hart male was arrested on a warrant for evading arrest

The following incident reports were made by sheriff's deputies:
* June 15, theft report, 202 Ave. F, Hart, air conditioner
* June 15, theft report, 202 Ave. D., Hart, red riding lawn mower worth \$1,000
* May 31, Nazareth, burglary of habitation; 12-gauge Mossberg, two 30-06 Remingtons and two other firearms, valued at \$2,000
* May 29, Hereford, domestic disturbance
* May 28, Coronado Acres, Hereford, burglary of habitation, clothes, TV, VCR, hand tools and power tools; portable sewing machine, valued at \$1,050
* May 13, outside of Hart, theft, Fairbanks-Morris brand truck, scale/slide out type/stamp; weight/weight up to 80,000 pounds, valued at \$1,000
* May 8, southeast of Dimmitt, heavy construction exhaust pipe valued at \$500.

Sheriff's Report

June 9-16

- June 9 A 17-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief
June 9 A 21-year-old Portales man was arrested on a warrant for disorderly conduct and no safety belt
June 11 A 21-year-old Bovina male was arrested for driving while license suspended
June 11 A 28-year-old Dimmitt male was arrested on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument
June 14 A 17-year-old Dimmitt female was arrested on a

COURT ACTION

242nd District Court
District Judge Ed Self issued a judgement revoking a community supervision sentence for Joe R. Tapia. Now, Tapia has been sentenced to five years in TDCJ and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine. His original offense was possession of a controlled substance, over one gram and under four grams.

Hantavirus

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last week in Dimmitt and then transferred to Amarillo by ambulance, Gonzales said.

"She'd been complaining about flu-like symptoms," he said. "We don't know where she got it. She'd been on the other side of Olton last week on a day when the wind was real bad out of the north.

"It was after that she started complaining and seeing doctors."

Dr. James Alexander, the zoonosis control veterinarian for the Texas Department of Health in Canyon said his

office is investigating several reports of infections, but has yet to certify one this year. That doesn't mean, he said, that conditions aren't right for contracting the deadly disease.

"This time of year often is a time when people begin to clean up after the winter; especially after lots of rain," he said.

"The grass grows tall, people get out to clean up. When they do there's a chance to encounter a place where rodents have been, and hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) comes from rodents, the deer mouse and the white-footed mouse are the predominant reservoirs."

Although the chance of catching HPS is probably not too great, he said, people should take precautions.

"In an enclosed space if a person comes across a rodent nest or droppings, they should, No. 1: air out the space that they're preparing to clean.

"Next, if the surfaces that are going to be cleaned can be

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OBITUARIES

DAVID OMAR SANCHEZ

Services for David Omar Sanchez, 26, of Dimmitt, were at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Juan Carlos Barragan officiating. Burial was at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Mr. Sanchez died June 14, 2003, in a one-car accident in Deaf Smith County.

He was born Jan. 21, 1977, in Littlefield.

He grew up in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996. He had worked at Dimmitt Feed Yards and was currently employed by Dimmitt Ready Mix. Survivors include his wife, Jessica Martinez of Dimmitt; a son, Jace Ethan Sanchez of Dimmitt; his mother, Helen Barbara Crespino of San Angelo; his father, Reynaldo Sanchez of Dimmitt; a brother, Adam Ray Sanchez of Mesquite; and a sister, Isabel Christina Sanchez of Amarillo.

To the Editor:

We, the officers and members of the VFW Post 8056, Dimmitt, Texas, would like to express our appreciation to Judge Bill Sava for his dedication to our organization on Memorial Day, 2003.

Judge Bill Sava attended our Memorial Breakfast and during the ceremony reminded each and everyone of us of our freedom and how we should appreciate the ones who gave their lives for us. People like Judge Sava are few and far between in this country.

All our veterans would like to give a big salute to him. Thank you Judge Sava.

Bill Klein
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sprayed with a bleach solution, they should be with one part bleach and nine parts of water. Let it sit for 30 minutes and then spray it again and do the cleaning while its damp so there's less dust."

Before you start cleaning, however, Alexander advises you to have rubber gloves, eye protection, such as goggles that will keep dust out of their eyes and an N-95 mask, which used to be called a hepa filter.

Outside, where there's less chance of the virus being concentrated, it's not as critical, but if you run across a large amount of contamination or if it's extremely dusty, the precautions are a good idea, he said.

In the early years of the disease, it was a death sentence, Alexander said. But now, "if the cases we're investigating turn out to be truly hantavirus, then the people were fortunate," he said.

"Last year we had four people in the Panhandle region die from hantavirus."

The disease has had a 50 percent fatality rate this region, so far, he said, noting that there have been 12 confirmed cases of hantavirus, with six deaths since 1993.

Alexander said if you're cleaning and can't use bleach, commercial products work almost as well, but use the same method of spraying twice and then cleaning while the surface is still wet the second time.

"Depending on what it is you're cleaning and how dirty it is, sometimes it might be in your best interests to discard that item, if possible," he said.

"But even then, you need to wear the protective gear as you're carrying it out."

However, fear of hantavirus shouldn't stop the cleanup, he said.

"We have thousands of people cleaning up every year, so it's not a highly prevalent syndrome, but when it does happen, it can be very scary."

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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson 647-4579

Holding to tradition there have been some very beautiful weddings among Dimmitt folks this June. The Tori Baker and Matt Clayton wedding was one of them. Their reception was lovely with white garden tents and white table and chair set and even the front porch was lavishly decorated with tulle and flowers.

Typical of West Texas weather the wind almost stole the show. But, even the heavy gusts of wind could not over ride the food and festivities.

We ate at the table with Jim, father of the bride's brother Scott, his wife Pam and children from Atlanta, Ga. Jim's sister Barbara from Birmingham, Ala., also made the long trip to be here for the wedding.

Sandy, mother of the bride, was surrounded with her Bruegel family. Fred and Bobbie's children Wendy Launius and KaKa Barton of Austin and Jon Bruegel were there. Carl and Gail Bruegel's Teresa and her husband Andy and son Perry of Fort Worth joined the gala occasion.

Mike and Donna Bruegel of Amarillo and Michael of Ft. Worth completed the family of the late Fred Sr. and Juanita Bruegel group.

Other out of towners were Sherry and Ken Kelly and Matt Hamilton of Ft. Worth, Summer McLean Alexander of Canyon, Jim and Betty Carter and Jennifer, Katy and Sam from San Antonio, Mike Carter from Gallatin, Tennessee, Lee Ann and Chip Collins of Brooks, Georgia, and Reagan Fletcher of Ennis, Texas.

Deanne Clark who was here to play with the combo at the wedding and I shopped the huge garage sale. We didn't buy much, but everyone was having fun visiting with everyone, eating the good food on the square. Some were hauling their treasures away in trailers and car trunks.

We met two women from Anton, Charlene Heath from San Angelo, Temple and Doris Hill of Hereford were shopping with Patrice Hill and her children. Saw Nancy Cranford, the niece of Phoebe Claborn was here from Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Richard and Michelle Shumacher Newman and children

Thomas and Sydnee and Justin and Jennifer Newman of Lubbock brought their man's treasures" all the way to Dimmitt and had almost sold out when we were by Coleen and Don Newman's house.

Thomas and Sydnee stayed with their grandparents, Karen and Max. They attended Vacation Bible School with the First Baptist Church and "Pops" Max worked in VBS everyday, Jason Stone's mother, June Stone, flew in from Katy, Texas and Belinda Rhodes had their grandsons Lance and Brent from Odessa for VBS and Belinda and Howard taught the four year olds.

Wade and Walter Maynard brought their grandchildren Brian and Cody, all the way from Smithville, Texas for VBS. Brian and Cody are the children of Wyette and Karen. Their other grandparents are Raul and Karen Casas.

The highlight was Parent's Night with a hamburger cook out and Steve Winger the Juggler for Jesus. Even with a broken arm he kept the audience spellbound. He was amazing!

Don and Colleen Newman drove to Memphis, Tennessee to visit with Betty Reasons who has been a friend since 1958. They then drove on to Cooksville, Tennessee to see Betty's daughter Terri and her husband who have five year old triplets that Don and Colleen had never seen.

From Cooksville they drove to North Carolina. Colleen especially enjoyed the beautiful azaleas and dogwood along the way. At the outer banks they visited old family friends from Maryland. They were amazed at the amount of construction that had been completed in Kill Devil Hill and Nags Head since they'd been there about ten years ago.

From there they drove through Dunn, North Carolina and visited another couple who had been friends of theirs in Maryland. Their next stop was Savannah to their daughter Beverly and her husband Darrell and their family.

They attended the graduation of Beverly and Darrell's daughter Dondi. She will be teaching math in high school at Richmond Hill, Georgia. Their grandson Daryn and his

fiancee Jessica came from Thomasville, Georgia for the graduation and family gathering. Daryn and Jessica plan to be married October 11, 2003.

On their way home the Newman's stopped in Denton and visited Don's brother Joe and his wife Jo Ann Newman. These are Cheryl Upshaw's parents.

There were several socials to honor Maxine Tidwell before she left Dimmitt for Frisco, Texas. Geneva Malone entertained with a lovely luncheon and several friends, Pat Bagley and Cindy Addams took her to Amarillo for lunch and a picture show. Her Sunshine Sunday School Class brought lots of goodies and reminisced during the regular Sunday School hour in her honor. They even sang "Jingle Bells" to keep from crying. It didn't work.

Ronda Tidwell Wise was here for Maxine's garage sale. All of Maxine's grandchildren Holly and Chad Davis, Heather and Rusty Holmes, Haley and Hannah were there to help.

While Bessie Strickland was recuperating from surgery she flew down to Austin where Butch and Pam, Bessie's son and daughter-in-law, met her. They drove to Independence where Butch is pastor of the Independence Baptist Church. This is the oldest continual Baptist Church in Texas.

While she was there the church was having an Elder Statesman Presentation honoring Herbert Reynolds. Dr. Reynold's career as a Baptist statesman focuses on his role in Christian higher education. He is currently President Emeritus of Baylor University. Retiring president in 1995 he served as Chancellor until May of 2000.

There were Baptist dignitaries from all over Texas who were there including Dr. Winifred Moore former pastor of First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Bessie's family took her out to eat, sight seeing and royally entertained her, but the highlight was getting to play with Chase who is her 7- month-old great-grandson. Pam and Butch are buying a new house near Brenham and plan to move in it soon.

Hispanic

with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

Belle Lumbrera got her first piggy bank from her grandfather and her gift to him on Father's Day was a big smile.

Here is a poem for those of us who no longer have a dad and for those of you that still do. It's called, "My Hero" by Debbie Hinton Young.

"As I ponder the love that I saw in his eyes,

"A Godly love, given without compromise.

"I recall many times that he stood by my side,

"And prodded me on with great vigor and pride.

"His voice ever confident, firm and yet fair,

"Always speaking with patience, tenderness and care.

"The power and might of his hand was so sure,

"I knew there was nothing we couldn't endure.

"It's true, a few others provide insight,

"Yet, he laid the foundation that kept me upright.

"He's the grandest of men to have lived on this earth,

"Although he's not royal by stature or birth.

"He's a man of great dignity, honor and strength.

"His merits were noble, and of admirable length.

"He's far greater than all other men that I know,

"He was my Dad, mentor, my friend and hero."

Nano and Stella Mendez just returned from Edinburg. She was telling me how much it's grown and the city has really cleaned up and a lot of building is going on there.

I hope that everyone had a great Father's Day. Call me if you have news at 647-4266 or e-mail me at middleace1966@yahoo.com

The Castro County 4-H Horse Show was held June 14 at the Drerup Arena in Nazareth. Horse riders were from Nazareth, Dimmitt, Hart, Bovina, Lazbuddie, Hereford and Canyon.

We were glad to see that Lane Birkenfeld and Alisha Womack were not hurt seriously. After an ambulance ride to the emergency room and exam they were

sent home with bumps and bruises.

We wish to thank the Nazareth EMTs and fire department and Dimmitt

Ambulance for their quick response and care given to these two children.

These were two separate accidents.

Also, thanks go to Joe and Kim Drerup for the use of their arena. The winner of the saddle was Susie McCoy from Happy.

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with Vergie Gerber 945-2669

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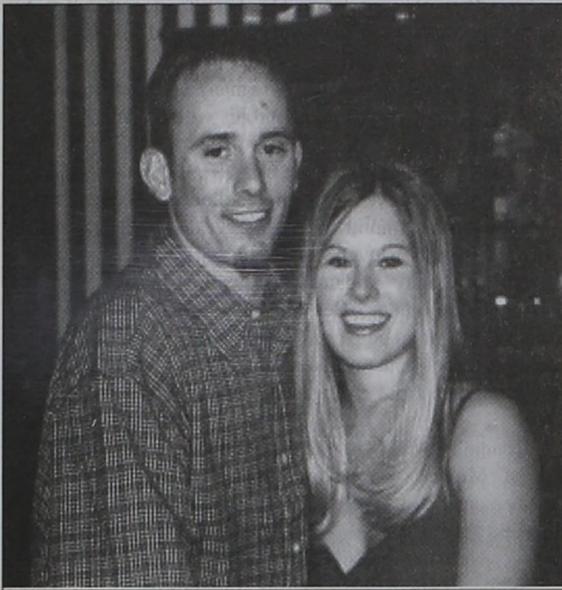
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Roberson-Newton

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberson of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Allison Roberson to Dagon Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Luig of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Newton.

The wedding is set for Aug. 16, 2003, at La Tiendas in Amarillo.

The bride elect is a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is a senior education major at West Texas A&M University. She is presently employed at Colter Chiropractic.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School and works at West Texas Peterbilt.

The couple will make their home in Amarillo.

Welch gardens part of tour

The garden of Frank and Judy Welch is one of six that will be featured as part of Hereford Day Care's first Garden Gate Tour, from 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday, June 22, weather permitting.

The Welch home is north of Dimmitt, off U.S. Highway 385 and on FM 2397. A \$10 donation is asked for each ticket and is tax deductible. Tickets can be bought on tour day at Lone Star Home and Garden or in advance at either Hereford Day Care Center of the nursery. All tickets will be entered in a drawing for six separate prizes that include a choice of \$50 value lawn mower or multi-trunk planted tree



Mrs. Matthew Dean Clayton Baker-Clayton

Tori Jennifer Caleb Baker of Amarillo and Matthew Dean Clayton of Amarillo were married Saturday, June 7, at First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson of Amarillo officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Paul Baker of Dimmitt. Grandparents are Alberta Baker of Birmingham, Ala., and the late Jean and Thomas Baker and the late Juanita and Fred Bruegel Sr.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clayton of Springlake. Grandparents are the late Myrtle and Bill Clayton and the late Ethel and Orville Drake.

Matron of honor was Jamie Mendoza, sister of the bride. Attendants were Jill Millican, Mandy Gfeller, Rochelle Tubbs and Traci Sheffield.

Best man was Keith Clayton, brother of the

groom. Attendants were Van Neilsen, Shawn Wheat, Alex Tubbs and Jess Weatherly.

Flower girl was Breanna Mendoza, niece of the bride. The Bible bearer was Reagan Mendoza, niece of the bride. Ring bearer was Schuler Underwood, cousin of the bride. Candlelighters were Luke Templeton and J.T. Templeton, nephews of the groom. Ushers were Dan Brooks of Lamesa, college friend of the bride and Michael Bruegel of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride. The registrars were Morgan James and Sarah Templeton, nieces of the groom.

Julie Ellis-Fretter of Amarillo was the vocalist, who sang, "In This Very Room," "Ava Maria" and "The Lord's Prayer." She was accompanied by Deanne Clark/Sowder, pianist; Robert Haraden, cellist; Amy Bröwning-Clark, flutist.

The bride wore a satin, strapless A-line gown, which featured an inverted split front overskirt. An elegant embroidery pattern was echoed on the bodice and bottom near the hem and highlighted with scattered Swarovski crystals. The pattern flowed down the length of the chapel and cathedral trains. Her veils were accented with a crystal tiara.

The bridesmaids' dresses were apple red and they carried bouquets of vivid spring flowers to complement their dresses.

The church was decorated with an elegant mixed spring flower arrangement, featuring bright colors of roses, calla lilies, Gerber daisies, stargazer lilies, astamaris and iris. Antique silver candlebras dressed in ecru tulle and bows topped the piano and organ. The stained glass windows were filled with tulle, candles and accented bows.

The reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker. The outside reception area was decorated with two white gazebo tents, white tables and chairs with spring bouquets as centerpieces and oil lanterns randomly decorated the outside. The arches of the home were decorated with ecru tulle, spring flowers and ivy to welcome the guests. The menu for the evening was fajitas with all the condiments and fresh fruit. The guests enjoyed dancing to the music of the "Copperhead" band of Amarillo.

The bride's table, in the dining room, was covered with an antique white, cutwork tablecloth, rose bowls with candles and tulle. The bride's cake was a four-tier, multi-flavored cake decorated with sugar-paste orchids and red roses. The punch was served from her great-grandmother's cut-crystal antique punch bowl and the traditional bride and groom's cup was used for the first toast of the newlyweds.

The groom's table was in the sunroom and was covered with an antique tablecloth, decorated with a large arrangement of multi-colored flowers to capture the colors of the wedding. The cake was a chocolate basketweave with chocolate-dipped strawberries decorating the top of the cake. The bride and groom's cakes were a special gift from Mr. and Mrs. Lyndall Brooks of Lamesa.

The bride is a graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from Amarillo College with an associate degree of applied science. She is employed with the Northwest Texas Health Care Systems of Amarillo.

The groom is a graduate of Springlake High School. He is a licensed paramedic and is a service manager of the Hot Springs Spa.

The couple planned a honeymoon cruise to the Western Caribbean. They will make their home in Amarillo.

Welch graduates from Graceland

LAMONI, IOWA - Lindsay E. Welch of Dimmitt, who graduated magna cum laude, has received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education at Graceland University. More than 500 students received their degrees this spring.

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Should weather become a factor-tour will be moved to the following Sunday, June 29th.

Tickets may be purchased the day of the tour at Lone Star Home and Garden, 1802 W. Park Ave. Advance tickets may be purchased at Hereford Day Care or Lone Star starting Monday, June 9th. Each ticket will cost a donation (tax deductible) of \$10.00. An individual may purchase additional tickets-increasing their donation and their chances to win prizes. All proceeds will go to Hereford Day Care Center to supplement loss of state funding. Special thanks to Lone Star for donation of all prizes.

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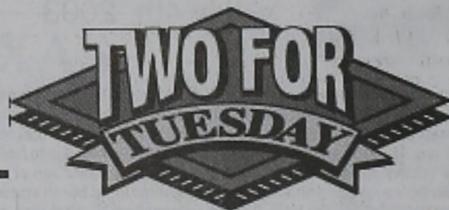


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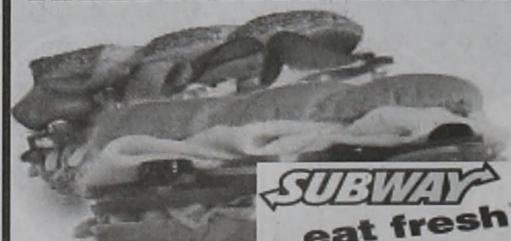
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Standing before the Judge

I remember a friend of mine that I had attended school with as a kid getting into some trouble with the law. He would make phone calls to me from jail asking me for help. After this went on for some time he was due to appear in court and he requested that I stand up for him that day in the courtroom. In other words, he wanted me to stand up in court and explain to the judge how he had changed his ways. I remember the emptiness that I felt in my stomach that morning as I approached the judge to speak in defense of my friend. At that point in my life, I was certainly no veteran of public speaking. I did have some experience in that field, but you

wouldn't have noticed it that morning. I don't think that I've ever been so nervous in my life than when I looked that judge in the eye and began to speak.

I've thought about that day many times and have realized just how silly it was to be so nervous and intimidated as I stood before that judge. Even though he was a judge and, therefore, deserves respect, he was and still is just a man like me. Although as a judge he does possess authority, he doesn't have near as much authority as the Lord Jesus Christ. "Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Mt. 28:18) The truth of the matter is that we will all

The rendering of too many unexplained injunctions

By Jim Davidson

If you are old enough to remember when people made lard by boiling hog fat, then you know this process is called rendering. The lard was the by-product of rendering as the hog fat was changed to a liquid state, the impurities strained out and then allowed to get cold. What this process produced was called lard. In fact, the dictionary definition of lard is "the semisolid fat of a hog after rendering."

The reason I have shared this is because I wanted to get you to start thinking along the lines of rendering and the by-product that comes from this process. As this relates to a human being there is a very important concept that may make a difference in your life. I know it has mine. This is what happens to a human being, especially a very young child, when the rendering takes place as the result of too many unexplained injunctions. It's going to take a little while to explain this so I hope you will be patient.

One of the most brilliant people who ever lived was Dr. Maria Montessori, an Italian physician who passed away back in 1952. She was the first woman to receive a medical degree in Italy but her life's work for which she is most noted was the upbringing and education of very young children. You no doubt are familiar with the Montessori Schools which are located throughout

the world. Dr. Montessori believed that a child's education should begin at birth, not in the traditional sense, but that parents and guardians should prepare a proper learning environment. She worked with hundreds of emotionally disturbed children and most could read by age three and a half and were excellent readers who could speak 3 or 4 languages by the age of five.

If you are not familiar with her work you may ask, "how could they do that?" The answer is through THE ABSORBENT MIND. Her book by the same title is the best on this subject that I have ever read. Space limitations will not permit me to go into more detail but this is a book that every parent, especially expectant parents, should read. Unless you are an educator or child psychologists this book will give you insights that could make a tremendous difference in your life and the life of your children. I know one thing for sure, I use to think that the Montessori Schools were only for the affluent, but that's not the case at all.

Now let me return to what I was saying about the rendering of too many unexplained injunctions. When a baby is born he begins the process of learning through THE ABSORBENT MIND. Please think about this simple example. When a baby is born and up until about 10 months most things are positive in his life.



Chuck Ball

stand before the one true judge someday. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." (II Cor. 5:10) I wonder how nerve-wracking it will be to stand before God waiting for His approval or disapproval. In all honesty, for the Christian, I don't believe this will at all be a nervous time because the Christian will simply hear from the judge, "Well done my good and faithful servant." We will all stand before God someday. Are you ready or does just the thought of it make you a nervous wreck?



Father's Day Celebration

Richard Rivera was joined by his daughter-in-law Teresa Rivera and her foster children, Noah and Tessa Zuniga, at Dimmitt Nursing and Rehab for an early Father's Day celebration last Friday.

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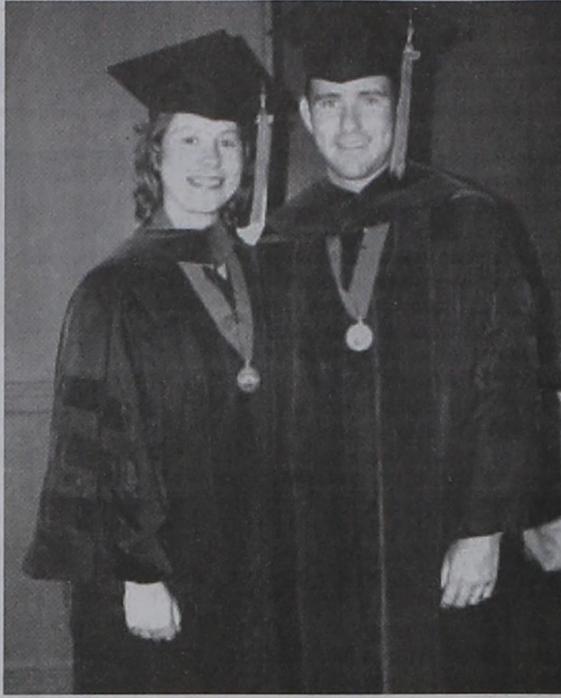
Hardwick will tour with group

Jaci Hardwick, formerly of Dimmitt, daughter of Jim and Tresa Hardwick and sister of Joshua Hardwick, and a 2003 graduate, will be touring this summer with a special music group from Dallas Christian College called "SALTeens," which stands for "Singing and Living Truth." Her family moved from Dimmitt two years ago when her dad was called to serve as minister of First Christian Church of Orangefield.

Jaci was a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society and Bobbie basketball manager while living in Dimmitt. This is her second summer to travel with the group, which is composed of 80-90 high school young people from



Jaci Hardwick all over the USA that share the gospel in music and skits. Last year's tour took the group to Chicago and back to Dallas. This year, they'll tour through Texas and Oklahoma. At 7 p.m., Thursday, June 26, the SALTeens will be in concert at the Washington Avenue Christian Church in Amarillo. Also, on Friday, June 27, they will be in concert at Raintree Christian Church in Amarillo at 7 p.m. The concerts are open to the public.



Vanessa & Barry Hill

Hills graduate from medical school

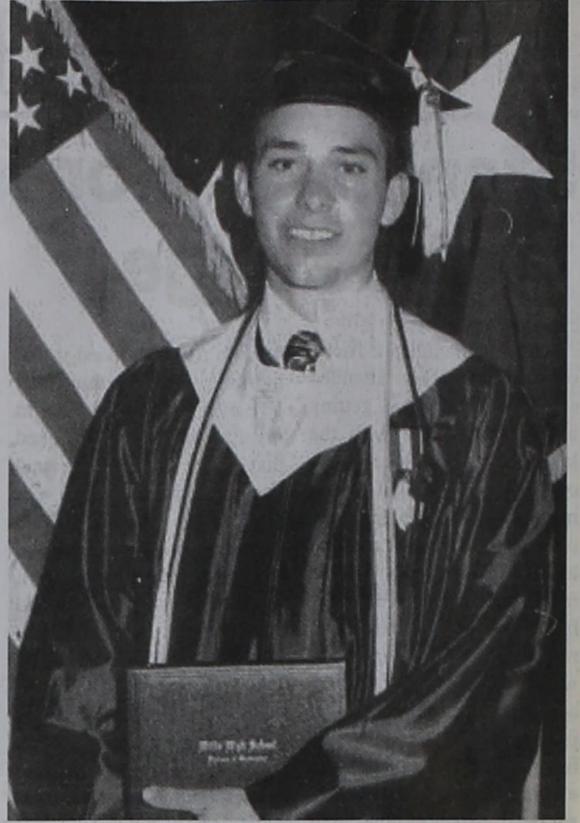
Barry and Vanessa Hill, son and daughter-in-law of W.J. and Sara Hill, received their medical doctor degrees from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Both had earned a bachelor of science and a master of science degree before they entered medical school. They met at Texas Tech while working as teaching assistants in the microbiology labs for undergraduates.

Barry was a finalist for the Gold-Headed Cane Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a graduating medical student. Each year, the graduating class of the School of Medicine

composes a list of candidates and from that list, students pick one person to receive the award that recognizes the ultimate in patient care. Simply being nominated for the award is a high honor to any graduating medical student, because it is an award that recognizes extraordinary dedication to the health and welfare of patients. As a finalist, Barry and the other four nominees entered the graduating ceremonies at the head of the line of graduates and received their degrees and hoods before the remainder of the degree candidates.

Vanessa graduated Summa Cum Laude in the Honors Program. During medical school and as part of the Honors Program, she authored an honors thesis, "Chemokines: Mediators of Inflammatory Process in the Lung in Response to Environmental Insults."

Barry and Vanessa and their 9-month-old son Cole have moved to San Antonio, where they will do their internships and residencies at the University of Texas Health Science Center. Barry's residency will be in anesthesiology and Vanessa's residency will be in pediatrics.



Jordan Robertson

Robertson awarded numerous scholarships

Jordan Robertson, 17, had an extremely busy - and successful - senior year at Willis ISD High School, earning accolades in academics, sports and citizenship. On Thursday, May 15, Robertson was awarded a total of \$236,000 in scholarships at the Willis ISD Senior Award night.

He is the grandson of Ray and Joanis Robertson of Dimmitt.

They include a full four-year scholarship for Naval ROTC to Texas A&M; a full four-year ride for the Air Force ROTC to any qualified university; Texas A&M Corp of Cadets scholarship; Oklahoma State University scholarship; and scholarships from the Lake Conroe Rotary Club and Willis High School Interact Club. Robertson was also nominated by Rep. Jim Turner to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Active in sports his entire high school career, Robertson was captain of his high school cross-country and swim teams; a member of the state qualifier cross-

country team; and a regional qualifier for both swim and track events. In addition, he was a National Honor Society member, elected as a senior class officer and was chosen as the Willis High School "Teenager of the Year."

He is the son of Guylene Robertson, who is the Assistant Superintendent, Special Programs, for the Cleveland Independent School District and Terry Robertson, who owns and manages Back Yard Adventures of East Texas. His sister, Joanis is a sophomore at Conroe High Academy of Science and Health Professionals, pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine. He is also the grandson of the late Jordan and Wilma Rogers of Dumont.

He has chosen the four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship, and will begin classes in the electrical engineering school at Texas A&M University in August.

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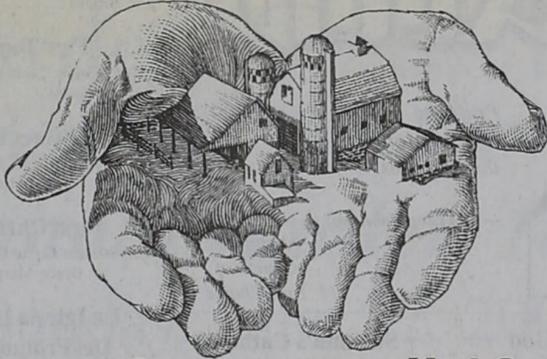
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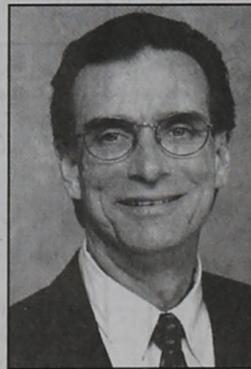
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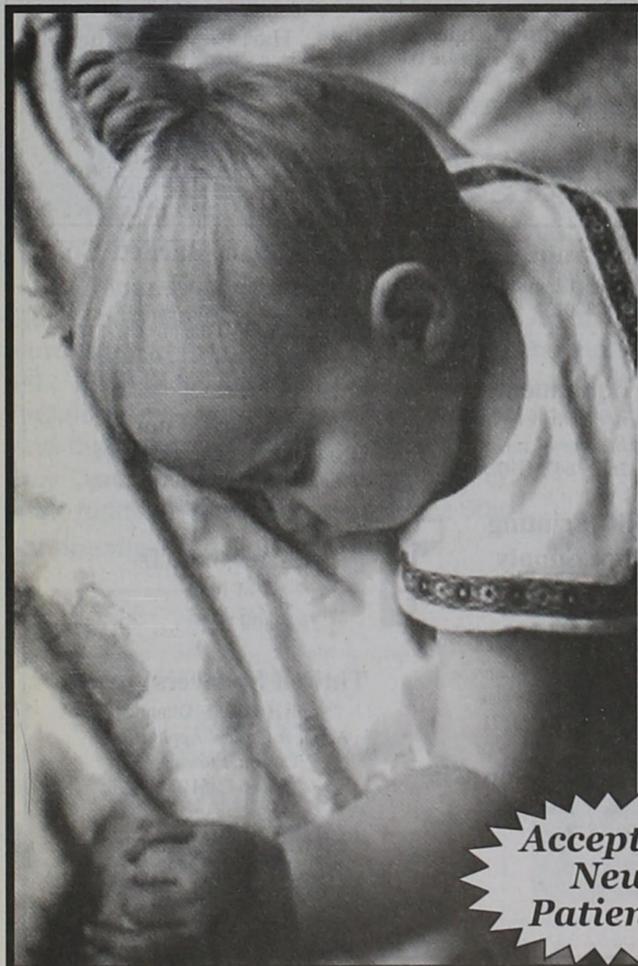
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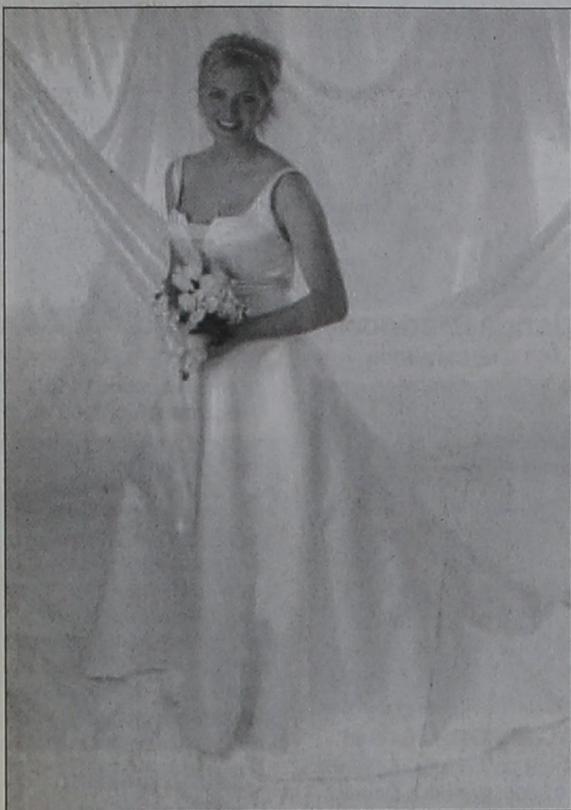
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**Mrs. Kody Levi Lunsford
Summers-Lunsford**

Carol Sue Summers and Kody Levi Lunsford were married Saturday, May 17, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes officiating. The bride is the daughter of Charles and Sue Summers of Dimmitt. Grandparents of the bride are Melvin and Juanita Summers and Houston and Doris Lust, of Dimmitt, all of whom attended the wedding. Parents of the groom are Joe and Billie Lunsford of Miami. Grandparents of the groom are Red and Mary Snider of Higgins, who attended the wedding.

Maid of honor was Misty Pritchard of Lubbock; matron of honor was Michelle Summers of Lubbock, sister-in-law of the bride.

Groom's attendants were Jodi Lunsford, sister of the groom and Nancy Gill, cousin of the bride.

Flower girl was Kaitlyn Summers and the ring bearer was Chase Summers, cousin of the bride. Elaine Hazel sang "I Will Be Here" and "How Beautiful."

The bride wore a princess-style gown of ivory satin with a bodice featuring an envelope-style neckline accented with light mocha satin. Crystals and beads accented the bodice and were echoed down the back of the chapel-length train. The bride carried her maternal great-grandmother's handkerchief for something old; her dress was something new; a diamond bracelet of her grandmother, Doris, was something borrowed; and a blue garter was something blue. The bride

Relay

Continued from Page 1

refreshments or participate in games and activities, which starts at 7 p.m.

Several local musicians will perform throughout the evening, providing a wide variety of musical styles and selections.

Tortilla-sausage rollups and drinks will be sponsored by First United Bank from 7 to 9 p.m. Proceeds from this will benefit the ACS.

In addition, participants and observers are invited to bring along their own snacks, bottled water or soft drinks. Containers will be available to dispose of trash.

Luminary sales will continue up until the time of the Luminary Ceremony, but organizers have said it would be helpful to have as many sales in advance as possible.

For a donation of \$5, a luminary may be dedicated to a cancer survivor or to a loved one who did not survive the fight. The luminarias will be lighted during the special ceremony at 9:30 p.m., and the names of all who have one dedicated to them will be read out loud.

Those wanting to purchase a luminary may contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce of 647-2524.

At 10:15 p.m., there will be a raffle drawing for the Heidelberg clock made by Jim, Cliff and Jinna Wright and donated by them in memory of Laurie Sides and in honor of Danice Wright. Raffle tickets of one for \$2

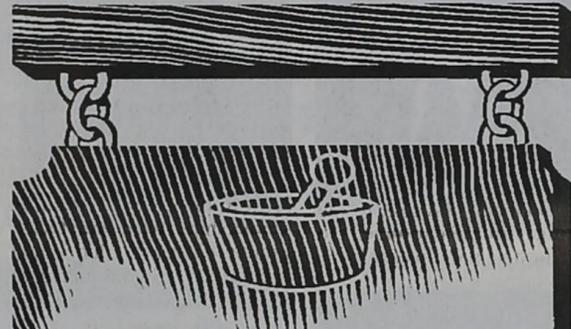
chose a bouquet of mango Calla lilies, wrapped in matching ribbon.

The wedding reception and dinner were held at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is an education major at Texas Tech.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Miami High School and is pursuing a landscape architect major at Texas Tech.

The couple live in Lubbock.



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Alexis Miranda Davila was born at 8:57 a.m., June 12, 2004, in Amarillo to Lydia Lunda and Armando Davila Jr.

She has two brothers, Carlos Munoz and Jared Davila and two sisters, Marisa Davila and April Munoz.

Maternal grandparent is Guadalupe Luna of Dimmitt.

Paternal grandparents are Tina Garcia of Amarillo and Armando Davila of Sudan.

Paternal great-grandparents are Petra Garcia of Earth and Emillia Gonzalez Davila of Sudan.

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Liberty Theatre closes

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

After starting out with high hopes and spending a great deal of money, Jackie and Brent Shroyer have closed the Liberty Theatre.

"We just overextended ourselves," Brent Shroyer said. "We spent a fortune on the theater - renovated it and buying new equipment and basically weren't getting anything back."

The last show was June 8. The Shroyers are returning to Colorado, he said, noting that the single-screen concept may be outmoded.

"Part of it was trying to get something going with a single screen theater," he said. "Seems like everybody goes to the multiplexes now where you have choices in movies."

"Attendance here was terrible. I guess people weren't in the habit of going to the movies here. It just didn't cause them to stay in town."

"I'm sure there are people going out of town to watch movies."

Before the move, the Shroyers hoped to sell the equipment they bought, like the new wide-screen for the theater and new sound equipment.

"That was the biggest single expense," Shroyer said. He said he'd bought five total audio stage speakers, two sub-woofers and four stereo amplifiers by QSC, all of which cost thousands of dollars.

Although the theater venture didn't pan out, Shroyer said, "I've got nothing against Dimmitt. It just didn't work."

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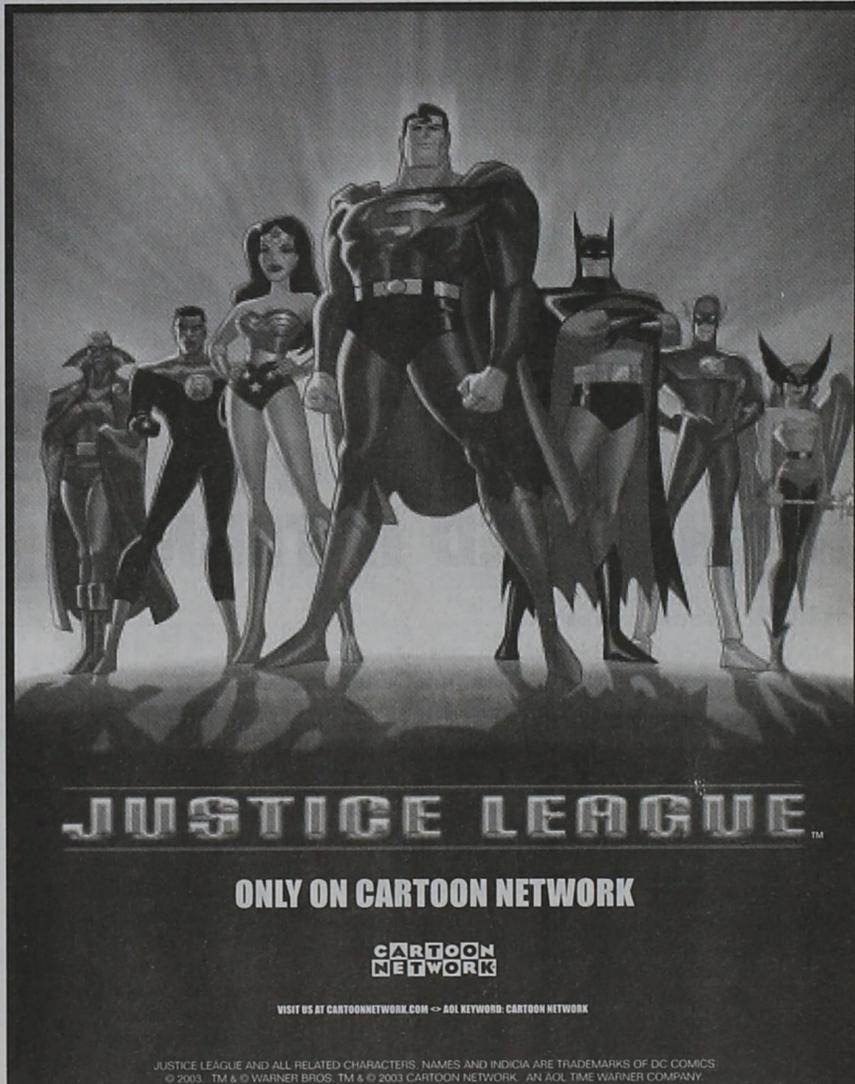
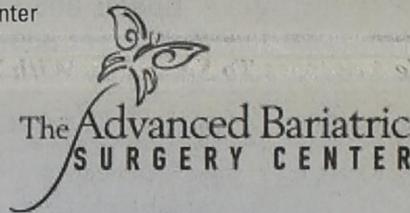
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Nazareth Scholarship Winners 2003



Adam Acker

Gerald Jay Scholarship, \$100; WTAMU Division of Agriculture, \$1,500; Buyers Club, \$250; Dimmitt Lions Club, \$500; Cargill, \$500; Houston Livestock Show, \$1,000; DeBruce Grain Scholarship, \$1,000 (\$250 semester/2 years)



Nicole Acker

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, \$2,000; State Catholic Daughters Scholarship, \$750; UTA Freshman Achievement Scholar, \$500; Jack D. Weinberger Memorial Scholarship, \$400/year; Farm Bureau, \$100; Catholic Daughters, \$150; Lions Club Members Scholarship, \$250



Craig Birkenfeld

Texas Valedictorian Scholarship; SPC Valedictorian; Gerald Jay, honorable mention, \$50; Amarillo Globe News Hall of Honor Scholarship, \$1,000; Swisher Electric \$500; Sybil B. Harrington, \$14,000; Band Booster, \$150; Amarillo Texas A&M Club Scholarship, \$1,000



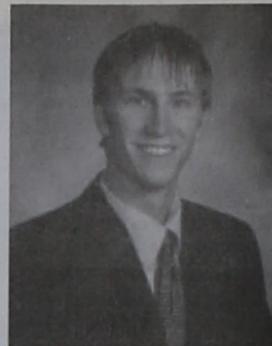
Karen Birkenfeld

UTA Freshman Honors, \$1,500; Catholic Daughters, \$150



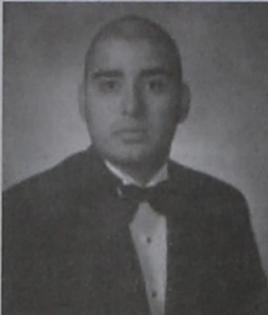
Jenna Braddock

Lions Club, \$150



Tyler Ehly

Home & School, \$150
Booster Club, \$150



Rey Bermea

Gerald Jay, honorable mention, \$50



Carson Gerber

Amarillo Area Foundation, \$1,000; Bennie & Donald Vittrup, \$500; Texas Public Education Grant, \$2,350; HTGFU Scholarship, \$250; Mesa Petroleum Scholarship, \$500; K of C, \$300



Erica Gerber

Gerald Jay Scholarship, \$150; K of C, \$300



Chase Foster

Home & School, \$150



Koty Huseman

Gerald Jay Scholarship, \$250; K of C, \$300; Band Boosters, \$150



Reece Hales

Home & School, \$150



Evan Huseman

Naz Buyers Club, \$250



Justin Kleman

Shane Kleman Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Catholic Life Ins., \$150



Kristi Ramaekers

Salutatorian; Residence Hall Scholarship, \$500; Mesa Petroleum Scholarship for Academic Excellence, \$500; Lions Club Member Scholarship, \$250



Eric Schilling

Home & School, \$150; Booster Club, \$150; John Scott Farris Memorial Scholarship



Chase Schulte

Hochheim, \$250; Booster Club, \$150



Teri Ramaekers

K of C, \$300; NISD Scholarship, \$100; Amarillo Foundation, \$375



Ross Schulte

Lorelea Acker Memorial Scholarship, \$700; Gerald Jay Scholarship, \$250; Buyers Club, \$250



Meriel Smallwood

Home & School, \$150



Megan Schulte

Lorelea Acker Memorial Scholarship, \$700



Shelby Wilhelm

Lions Club Francis Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship, \$250; American Legion Auxiliary, \$150



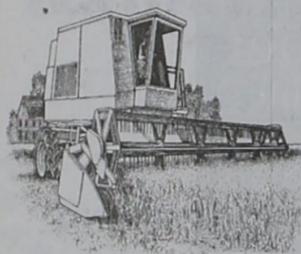
Rose Wilhelm

Christian Mothers, \$200; American Legion Auxiliary, \$150



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Cotton futures go higher

After seven days of losses, New York cotton futures jumped higher seven consecutive days this week. In fact, the cotton market galloped to a six-week high on Wednesday as a bullish supply/demand report from USDA sparked fund buying. The advance continued on Thursday as active turnover was influenced by a four-week high in exports and news of further crop losses in Texas.

USDA's supply/demand data for the 2002-03 crop took many analysts and traders by surprise when estimated export figures were increased to 11.40 million bales from May's 11.0 million. Domestic use was lowered to 7.4 million bales from the previous month's 7.5 million, and projected ending stocks fell to 5.9 million from May's figure of 6.2 million bales, USDA reported. Many

market watchers had anticipated USDA would make changes to mill use and exports. However, many of them expected the two would cancel each other.

U.S. production for both crop years was left unchanged with 17.21 million bales projected for 2002-03 and 17.20 million anticipated in 2003-04. In addition, world ending stocks were lowered to

36.34 million bales, adding fuel to the market.

In other news, USDA's weekly export report showed export shipments of 301,900 bales in the week ended June 5, a 32 percent increase from the previous week and 9 percent more than the four-week average. The number was impressive to market observers as it was the largest shipment in five weeks and the fifth time this season that shipments broke through the 300,000-bale mark. Major destinations included China, Turkey and Mexico.

Net export sales of upland cotton reached 150,400 bales for the week. The figure was 17 percent higher

than the previous week, but 12 percent below the previous four-week average. Turkey and China were the top two buyers of U.S. cotton with Taiwan following as a distant third.

"The export numbers were all that the bulls could ask for," an analyst commented. "Racking up sales of 150,000 bales at this point in the year is almost unheard of."

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cotton producers bounced to 6,012 bales in the five-day trading week ended June 12. The previous week, just 82 bales changed hands. Prices received by producers selling their cotton

online ranged from 47.03 and 48.66 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, weather-related losses continue to mount in West Texas, and the time has passed for many growers to reasonably replant fields that have been destroyed. Moreover, isolated areas have yet to be planted. Regional analysts now estimate between 500,000 and 700,000 acres already have been destroyed on the High Plains by strong storms over the past couple of weeks. Producers had intended to plant approximately 3.5 million acres on the Texas High Plains this season which is down from the 3.6 million planted last year.

Nazareth Scholarship Winners

2002-2003

- Adam Acker- Gerald Jay Scholarship - \$100
- WTAMU Division of Agriculture - \$1500
- Buyers Club - \$250
- Dimmitt Lions Club - \$500
- DeBruce Grain Scholarship - \$1,000 (\$250 per Sem/2 years)
- Cargill - \$500
- Houston Livestock Show - \$1,000
- Nicole Acker- Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative - \$2,000
- State Catholic Daughter Scholarship - \$750
- UTA Freshman Achievement Scholar - \$500
- Jack B. Weinberger Mem Scholarship - \$400/year
- Lions Club Members Scholarship - \$250
- Farm Bureau - \$100
- Catholic Daughters - \$150
- Ray Bernea- Gerald Jay-Honorable Mention - \$50.00
- Craig Birkenfeld- Texas Valedictorian Scholarship - SPC Valedictorian
- Gerald Jay - Honorable Mention - \$50
- Amarillo Globe News Hall of Honor Scholarship - \$1,000
- Swisher Electric - \$500
- Sybil B. Harrington - \$14,000
- Amarillo TX A&M Club Scholarship - \$1,000
- Band Booster - \$150
- Karen Birkenfeld - UTA Freshman Honors - \$1500
- Catholic Daughters - \$150
- Jenna Braddock - Lions Club - \$150

- Tyler Ehly - Home & School - \$150
- Booster Club - \$150
- Chase Foster- Home & School - \$150

- Carson Gerber- Amarillo Area Foundation - \$1,000
- Bennie and Donald Vittrup - \$500
- Texas Public Education Grant - \$2,350
- Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union Scholarship - \$250
- Mesa Petroleum Scholarship - \$500

- Erica Gerber - Gerald Jay Scholarship - \$150
- K of C - \$300

- Reece Hales - Home & School - \$150

- Evan Huseman- Naz Buyers Club - \$250

- Koty Huseman - Gerald Jay Scholarship - \$250
- K of C - \$300
- Band Boosters - \$150

- Justin Kleman - Shane Kleman Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- Catholic Life Ins. - \$150

- Kristi Ramaekers - Residence Hall Scholarship - \$500
- Mesa Petroleum Scholarship for Academic Excellence - \$500
- Lions Club Member Scholarship - \$250

- Teri Ramaekers - K of C - \$300
- NISD Scholarship - \$100
- Amarillo Foundation - \$375

- Eric Schilling- Home & School - \$150
- Booster Club - \$150
- John Scott Farris Memorial Scholarship

- Chase Schulte - Hocheim - \$250
- Booster Club - \$150

- Megan Schulte - Lorelea Acker Memorial Scholarship - \$700

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- Gerald Jay Scholarship - \$250
- Buyers Club - \$250

- Meriel Smallwood - Home & School - \$150

- Levi Valdez - Hocheim Ins - \$250

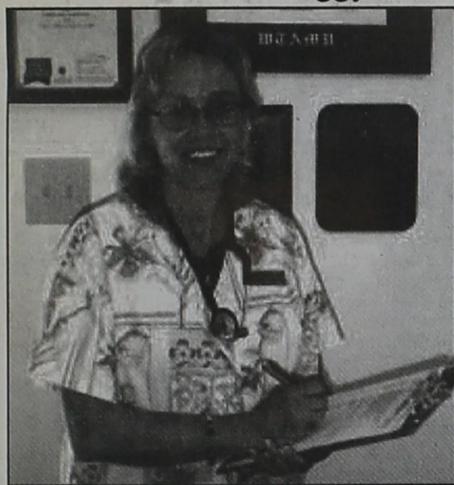
- Rose Wilhelm - Christian Mothers - \$200
- American Legion Auxiliary - \$150

- Shelby Wilhelm - Lions Club Francis Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship - \$250
- American Legion Auxiliary - \$150



Castro County News

Announcing the arrival of.....
Peggy Birkenfeld!



Peggy Birkenfeld has now joined the staff at the Olton Clinic as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Peggy comes to Olton with 26 years of healthcare experience. She lives in Nazareth and will drive daily to Olton daily striving to serve your medical needs. She graduated in 1977 from WTSU in Canyon with her BSN and from WTAMU in 1999 with her FNP and MSN. She has received National Certification and Advanced Cardiac Life-support. She comes to Olton, after 3 1/2 years at the Abernathy Medical Clinic, highly recommended by Dr. Kit Linton.

"I'm excited about working in a rural clinic that is close to my home. My goal is to provide cost effective, quality patient care, focussing on the family."
-Peggy Birkenfeld

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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, Good Neighbor

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL TALENT.....8:00 a.m. daily

MARKET REPORTS.....40 past the hour,

KDHN 1470

June Computer Classes

Complete a Network application at Rhodes Memorial Library and sign up for classes. There is no charge for classes through August. A small charge will be made for materials. Classes will be limited. Sign up early. This opportunity for technology learning is made available by a TIF grant, the City of Dimmitt, and DISD. Don't miss out! Classes will be held in the Dimmitt City Hall (CH) "Technology Center" and the Senior Citizens Center (SrC) "Learning Center."

Reminder: You must complete the application forms & receive a password BEFORE you can take a class or use the Network computers.

- Intro to Computers**
Very, very basic
Learn to use the mouse and keyboard, turn on and shut down the computer.
- Beginning Computers**
For someone who already knows how to use the mouse, keyboard, turn on and shut down properly. Learn more about windows, terminology, personalize your computer.
- Rosetta Stone**
Must already know how to use the mouse and keyboard, be able to work with windows-minimize, etc.
- Digital Camera**
Learn about the digital camera and how to use it.
- Microsoft Word**
Must already be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn to create documents, learn more about options in Word.
- Microsoft Excel**
Must already be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn to create brochures, cards, signs, etc.
- Microsoft Publisher**
Must already be able to use the basics. Learn to create a slide show presentation.
- Genealogy**
Learn about Genealogy and how to use the computer to help you. Advanced Computers (Two part course)
- Part I**
Hands on assembly/disassembly of actual working computer BIOS, what it means and what it does.
- Part II**
Identifying and installing device drivers. Operating System Installation
- Create a Website**
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard, windows, and be comfortable using the computer and the Internet. Learn how to design and create your own website.
- Internet**
Must already be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn about the Internet, how to use the Internet, helpful hints, etc.
- Computer "Potpourri"**
Must already be able to use the basics. Learn how to: use a scanner, load software, use a fax machine, use a printer, burn a CD and about a web cam.
- GED**
Must already be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. This class gives information about the GED test, gives you resources on the Internet to use to prepare for the GED and shows you how to get into programs on the computer to help prepare for the GED.
- Quilt Design**
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CH 7-9 Rosetta Stone F. Freire					

We salute these individuals who have given many hours in planning and implementing the community network. Without them, it would not have been possible. Many have worked for almost a year, now. THANKS!

Stella Devers	Les Miller
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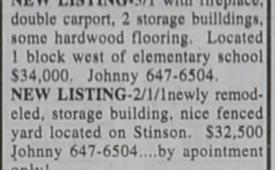
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**Velia Jaquez & Donald Martinez
Jaquez-Martinez**

Velia Jaquez and Donald Martinez have announced their engagement. She is the daughter of Carmen and Benjamin Jaquez of Levelland. He is the son of Margarita and the late Jose Carlos Martinez of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to wed June 28 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect graduated in 1997 from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in education. She is a teacher at Humphrey's Highland Elementary School.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1990, then attended the Gatesville Criminal Justice Academy in 2000. He is a correctional officer at the Clements Unit in Amarillo.



Frances & Fuzzy Watson (above, now; right, then)

Watsons to celebrate 50th

Frances and Fuzzy Watson will celebrate their 50th anniversary from 2 to 5 p.m. on June 21, at the First Baptist Church in Springlake.

They were married June 13, 1953 in Springlake.

The couple knew each other from childhood, growing into teenagers and through the years into adults.

They attended school together for 12 years and married shortly after graduation.

The Watson's have two sons, Marty who lives in Austin and Monty who lives and farms in Springlake.

Wilhelm serving internship in D.C.

Karen Wilhelm, a 2000 graduate of Nazareth High School and an agricultural economics major at Texas A&M University, recently began a summer internship in Washington, D.C. She will spend the semester as an integral part of U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm's legislative team.

Wilhelm is one of 10 students selected for a congressional internship through the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy Congressional Internship Program at Texas A&M.

Her duties include monitoring legislation, attending committee hearings and briefings, preparing reports and researching and responding to constituent requests.

She is the daughter of Tim and Monica Wilhelm of Tulia.



YOUR EYES

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Many people with astigmatism can achieve excellent vision with today's specially designed toric contact lenses. Astigmatism is caused by an irregularly-shaped cornea that results in blurred vision. Toric lenses are made from the same materials as regular contacts, and so are available in both soft and hard varieties.



Toric lenses have two powers, one for astigmatism and the other for either nearsightedness or farsightedness. They are also weighted to keep the contact lens relatively stable on the eye when you blink, look up, down or from side to side.

People with astigmatism once had limited contact lens selection. With new contacts technology, patients have many different design options based upon the shape of the eye and the amount of blurriness. An eye-care specialist will evaluate your vision to determine the best toric lens design, size, curvature and water content. Lenses will then be ordered for you. After instruction on proper care and handling, you can begin wearing them.

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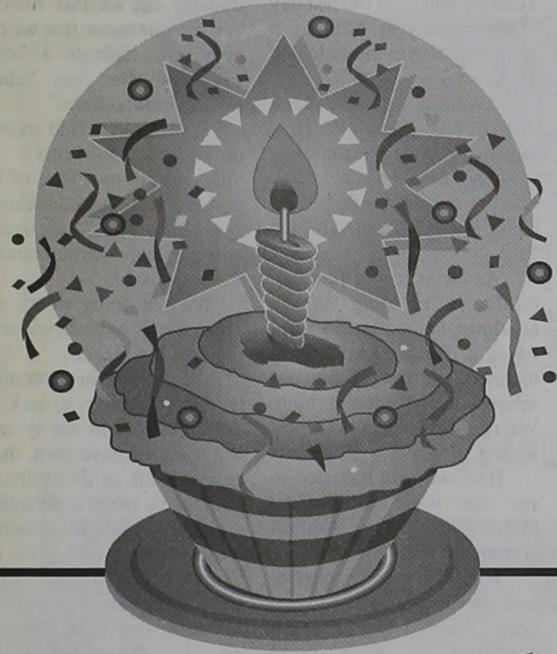
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CUCKOO-CLOCK DRAWING:

Shelby and Amy Schilling drew the lucky ticket for the TSA Clock giveaway, which required a \$100 donation. The winner of the drawing was Diane Townsend of Dimmitt. This was part of an effort to raise money to support for the TSA students.



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Cleanup

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The City landfill will be open for the convenience of the citizens of Dimmitt beginning at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

During these hours, you may dispose of tree limbs and other items at no charge.

(Tires and roofing materials are not included)

Please be aware that property owners or occupants are responsible for eliminating weeds, grass, tree limbs and other nuisances, which may be growing, lying or otherwise located on the property, sidewalks or alley.

After July 15, the City of Dimmitt, by authority of Ordinance No. 386, will issue non-compliant property owners or occupants a notice to eliminate such nuisances and if the elimination does not occur within 10 days, a citation will be issued.

Be advised that all trash (including grass clippings and weeds) must be placed in the dumpsters. Old tires, roofing materials, cement and heavy metal items cannot be placed in dumpsters.

You are responsible for the disposal of these items.

A copy of Ordinance No. 386, or any other city ordinance, is available at the City Hall, located at 200 E. Jones.

Broadstreet said those numbers may be called today and Friday and that city employees, as well as volunteers will be

happy to give residents a hand.

"If they need help, they need to have the refuse in the alleys ready for pick up," she said. "They need to call one of the two numbers to have the material picked up.

"The furniture and appliances can't go in the dumpsters. But tree limbs, grass clippings, just about anything except heavy metal and cement can go in the dumpsters." City employees will be collecting it with the help of community service workers.

"I do want to encourage the citizens of Dimmitt that have ways and means of taking these nuisances to the dump to do it themselves," she said. "After July 15, the city will be issuing non-compliance notices and citations to people who have messy yards, alleys and porches."

Not only are these places unsightly, they "are breeding places for all kinds of insects and animals. Mice, snakes, mosquitoes. We've got to get rid of that stuff," she said, noting that residents should take all the precautions listed in the story on the hantavirus.

Citations can lead to fines and if the sites don't get cleaned up, the fines can continue, she said. "A lien can be put against their property," Broadstreet said. "It's ridiculous that people aren't following the rules here. It's not only an ordinance of the city of Dimmitt, it also comes from the Texas Department of Health."

Coping with mold - a fungus among us

They are everywhere - in the air, on your clothes, walls, carpet - waiting for the right convergence of moisture and food. Where water from a leak in a roof, a seeping pipe or some other source meets sheetrock, wood, carpets or some other tasty morsel, they grow and spread. Then these lowly mold spores become a headache - or, for some, a more serious health threat. "Mold is a fungus, and it has a useful function in nature because it breaks down organic material," said Claren Kotrla, chief of the bureau of environmental health at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Unfortunately, the destructive properties that make it so useful outdoors can

become a health hazard when molds are active inside a home or building."

He said one of the reasons mold has become a problem recently is because modern homes and buildings are designed to be energy efficient. "As a result of greater insulation in buildings, we no longer have the natural ventilation and air circulation that tend to keep mold growth in check," Kotrla said. However, good construction techniques that prevent water intrusion can reduce the potential for mold exposure.

Because mold spores and the building materials they feed on are ever present, the best way to prevent mold growth is to control moisture.

should check periodically for possible water leaks. In addition, Kotrla offered some steps for controlling mold in and around the home:

Clean bathrooms often with bleach and keep surfaces dry. Repair water leaks promptly and properly.

Ensure that the home has adequate ventilation, including exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathrooms.

Do not carpet bathrooms, basements, kitchens or other areas prone to collect moisture.

Homeowners can deal with minor mold problems by wiping down the affected area with bleach and removing and replacing moldy materials.

Murphy will no longer practice at Dimmitt Clinic

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

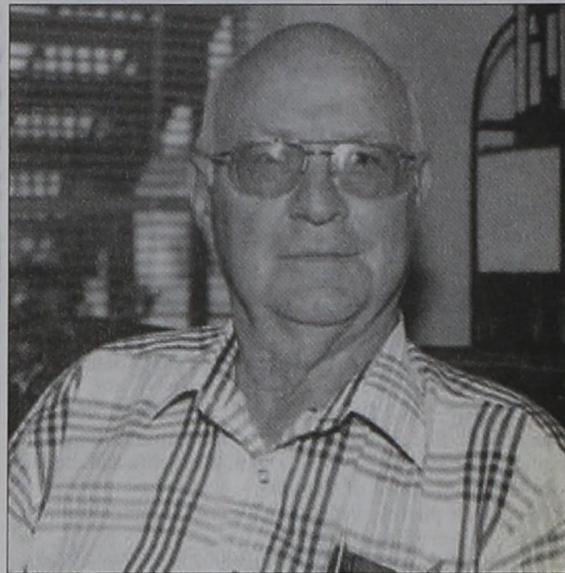
Dr. B.D. Murphy is a Dimmitt native - born and bred. He's delivered more than 2,000 children. But recently he surprised his patients with the news that he'll no longer be practicing at the hospital or clinic because of increased medical malpractice insurance costs.

However, he will continue to see his regular patients, he said, if they sign a malpractice waiver.

"I won't particularly like working out of my home or making house visits better than having an office practice, but I've been forced into it by the insurance costs," he said. "I really like private office practice, but the insurers pretty well told me that the only way to get the insurance was to be full-time and then it would have been thousands of dollars."

Murphy, who began practicing medicine in Littlefield in July 1960 and then moved to Dimmitt in February, 1965, likes to travel with his wife and so he couldn't be considered full-time.

However, he said he'll still attend his nursing home



Dr. B.D. Murphy

patients, but with his other patients he won't be able to file insurance for them.

He plans to start his home practice July 1.

He was at the clinic this week, but after that all patients will be seen at his home, their home or the nursing home.

For more information call 647-5256 or 647-4215.

Murphy graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1951

as valedictorian and attended Abilene Christian College and Southwestern Medical School in Fort Worth.

He made it clear that his changing status is due strictly to the high demands of malpractice insurance, which nationwide is driving more doctors in the same direction.

"I love Dimmitt and for several years, I pretty well supported the hospital," he said.

Forum

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that some had complained to her about a lack of respect when they go to the school to discuss their children.

"If the children's parents aren't getting respect here, what are the kids getting?" she said. "I've seen parents crying coming out of the office.

"I hate to use the word 'discrimination' but it's here. I thought it would get better and it has, but not enough. I know that's not a word you want to hear.

"We all want the same education for our kids. Our community is changing. We need to change. Everyone needs respect. As soon as a parent comes into an office and they see what he's wearing, he's marked down. If he doesn't speak English, he's marked down in the office. The parents are intimidated."

Dione Steffens said she hopes the administration realizes "there is a serious problem here." She said she had talked with a number of board members with varying responses. "There are others

on the board who have had no interest or concern for what I've said," she said, noting that there are only certain, specific reasons that the state allows transfers out of the district. Nazareth ISD Superintendent Marshall Harrison said Tuesday that as of the last day of the school year, NISD is in compliance with the state and TEA.

"Nobody in our school district has gone over and talked to anyone about coming to school here," he said. "We accept transfers contingent on being in compliance with the TEA.

"As far as losing funding, NISD isn't going to do anything that jeopardizes our funding. But we aren't going to break the law or put our school in a financial bind. We're going to do what's best for the NISD."

Harrison said he hated to see the issue of student transfers split the Dimmitt community.

Which is what Schaeffer said the board was trying to keep from happening by adopting a more open atmosphere to discuss

problems faced by parents, teachers and administrators.

"We're here tonight as a board to open communication in a visible way," he said. "We want to change the perception about the school and school board.

"It kills us when students transfer out of this district. We can guarantee that we can give you students a better education than any school district around here."

He promised to find ways to correct problems or misconceptions. "One of the problems in the educational system is our hands are tied on how we can communicate," Schaeffer said.

"We are going to try and push these boundaries over the next few years.

"In discipline, the perception is that we have a lack of discipline within our system. From what I have seen, there is not a lack of discipline. If you have a specific discipline problem, go talk to a teacher. If that doesn't work, go to the principal, then the superintendent.

"And if that fails, there are ways to come before the board."

Wasting tailwater is wasting energy

Most agricultural producers on the Texas High Plains wouldn't dream of throwing their money away in a roadside ditch. Figuratively, they are doing just that when they allow irrigation tailwater to escape from their farms. In addition to wasting water, they are wasting energy.

Even though tailwater waste occurs less often than in the past, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock encourages agricultural producers to be aware of the problem and work to prevent it.

High Plains Water District rules and state law define tailwater waste as "ground water pumped for irrigation that escapes off the property and into any river, creek, natural watercourse, depression, lake, reservoir, drain, sewer, highway, road or ditch, or onto land other than the owner of the well."

As long as water stays on property where it was originally pumped, the landowner is not in violation of Texas state law or the rules of the water district.

Water sprayed onto county roads from the end gun of a center pivot or side row irrigation system is also considered tailwater waste. Landowners and operators may be liable for any accidents caused as a result of this water waste.

"With increased use of center pivot and drip

irrigation systems, tailwater waste is much less than it was 50 years ago. Some problems still occur when producers irrigate the corners of a field with the end gun of a center pivot irrigation system or with gated pipe," said Arnold Husky, Water Use Division Director. Farmers can prevent irrigation water from running off the property by building strong borders at the end of their fields.

In the 2002 irrigation season, field technicians investigated a total of 63 tailwater complaints within the water district's 15-county service area. "Farmers within the water district realize the importance of stopping irrigation tailwater waste," Husky said. "They improved their irrigation practices to slow tailwater. Also, they don't hesitate to notify us when they see water waste."

Husky said most tailwater reports are received through telephone calls to the water district office or through the water district website, although district field technicians often find tailwater incidents during their daily work. If tailwater is reported, water district field technicians investigate the complaint, take pictures and document the violation. The landowner is then notified by letter and asked to correct the problem. If the violation habitually continues, the water district has the authority to go to district court and seek and injunction against the landowner.

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is when you must take your first distribution. Got it? Wait, there is more! If this is the first year for your mandatory distribution, then you have a choice of taking it this calendar year or waiting as late as April 1 of 2004. If you wait to take this year's distribution next year then you will need to take the 2004 distribution next year in addition to this year's (this April 1 option applies only to the first distribution year). Savvy Advice: It's best to take the 2003 distribution this year and the 2004 distribution next year. It only makes sense to wait and double up next year if your income will substantially fall next year and the tax savings will be worth it. You should consult with your tax advisor about this option. How much do I have to withdraw??? Good question!!! The formula for figuring this out starts by taking the Dec. 31 value of your IRA and dividing it by a factor from Uncle Sam's Life Expectancy Table or the Minimum Distribution Incidental Benefit Table. Here's a basic example: Let's say that your Traditional IRA account was worth \$100,000 on Dec. 31, 2001 and your life expectancy is 10 years. You should have withdrawn \$10,000 from your Traditional IRA account in 2002. (The \$100,000 IRA divided by your 10-year life expectancy equals \$10,000.) Your minimum withdrawal will change

every year, as your account balance and your life expectancy change. Consult with your IRA custodian for a detailed breakdown. Savvy Exception: If your spouse is 10 years younger, the actual joint life expectancy can be used, which will make the minimum distribution smaller. Also note that you aren't required to make withdrawals from your Roth IRA. If you have more than one IRA or IRA's at different custodians each one should figure the minimum amount and you can take your choice of which one or one's you withdraw from. You don't have to take a little from each IRA. The government only cares that you take out the correct amount, and you can take it anytime during the year. S a v v y Securities: If you own securities in your IRA, most custodians at brokerage firms will allow you to take out shares equal to the amount of the minimum distribution instead of selling the security and taking out cash. If you have your custodian withhold taxes from the distribution, then cash must be taken for that portion, but if you elect no tax withholding, then you can move your whole distribution in securities. This is called a "like kind" distribution. Call your IRA custodian and ask them for the details. S a v v y Resources: Internal Revenue Service (IRS): Read IRS Publication 590: Individual Retirement Arrangements.

You can order the publication by calling 1-800-829-3676 or you can read it online at www.irs.gov. AARP Financial Planing Page: Savvy resource page on retirement income www.aarp.org/financial. Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070 or visit www.savvysenior.org.

Renewable energy deadline is June 27

TEMPLE - USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel today announced that the deadline for applying for grants under the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements program has been extended from the original date of June 6, 2003 to June 27, 2003.

The deadline was extended to allow additional time for applications to be developed and submitted for the \$23 million in grant funds. The notice extending the deadline for applications will appear in the *Federal Register* on Monday, May 19, 2003. Also included in the *Federal Register* notice will be information clarifying financial and other requirements for the grants along with information on how to access useful resources to assist in the applicant's preparation of the application. Such resources include the Department of Energy and the Agriculture Market Resource Center, funded by USDA Rural Development in July of 2001. Resource information will be also be available on USDA Rural Development website at www.rurdev.usda.gov The grant program is available to eligible rural small businesses, farmers, and ranchers to develop renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements to their operations. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legal residents and have demonstrated financial need.

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Q. I recently moved out of an apartment. The landlord says that the carpeting was damaged and had to be replaced. He kept our \$300 security deposit and has sent us a bill for an additional \$150. If they kept my security deposit, how do I owe any additional money? What can happen if I don't pay?

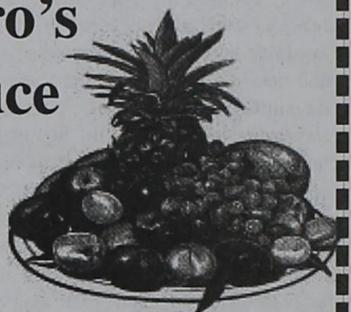
A. A security deposit is an amount of money a landlord asks for at the time the lease is signed to cover any possible damage to the apartment or the failure to pay rent. In most cases the landlord will ask for a deposit equal to one month's rent, but it may be more or less. For example, a tenant with a good record may be required to pay a lower deposit, while a tenant who has had problems in the past may have to pay more.

In the event that the tenant moves out of the apartment owing the landlord money, the security deposit will be applied to the amount owed. If the apartment needs repairs, or the rent was not paid in full, the deposit will be applied to those amounts. The deposit, however, is not a cap on liability. If the amount the tenant owes the landlord is greater than the amount of the deposit, the landlord may apply the deposit to the amount owed, and then request the additional amount from the tenant. If you do not pay the additional amount, the landlord has the same rights as any other creditor and may even file suit to collect.

Finally, I should point out that the law requires the landlord to provide a tenant with a written statement of damages to the apartment within 30 days of the tenant moving out and leaving a forwarding address. Not doing so could result in the forfeit of any right to damages.

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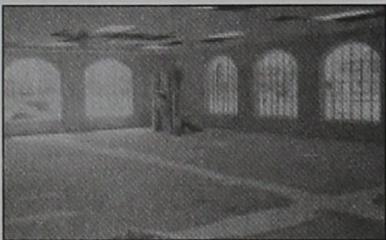
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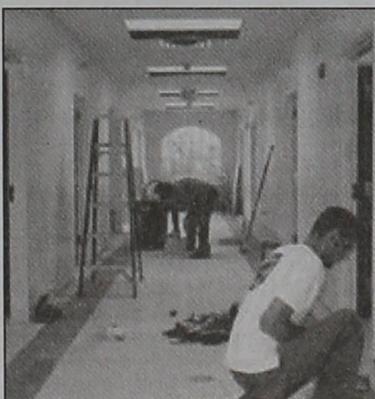
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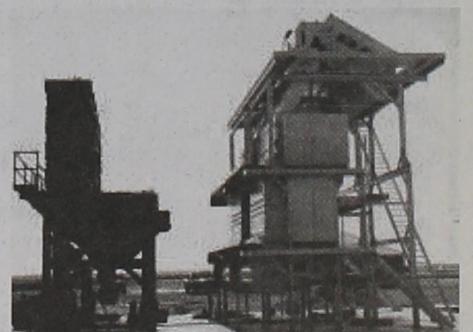
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WATER WORKS CAMP was held June 2-5 in Nazareth.

Water Works Camp teaches students essential for living

We know that water has been the foundation of life since creation began. But last week at a Water Works Camp in Nazareth for elementary students (Grades 3rd-7th) sponsored by the Home Mercantile, Inc., 34 kids learned some other important information that will affect their lives now and in the future. In this new century, dwindling fresh water supplies and ever-increasing demands will be major challenges. Just as important will be curbing our seemingly insatiable American thirst for about 70 gallons of clean water per person each day. Currently we have in the Texas portion of the Ogallala Aquifer about half that amount of water that existed at the beginning of the 20th century. "Sustaining our precious water resources will be a major preoccupation and responsibility for each person in this room," teachers and presenters repeatedly told the campers gathered each day.

Besides hearing a very serious and urgent message, kids at the Water Works Camp had a lot of fun. Each day they learned something fascinating about how our water cycle "works" right here in our High Plains region and in our community. The first day of the camp was Playa Lakes Day, and the students heard a presentation about what playa lakes are, how they formed, and how they benefit wildlife and contribute to Ogallala Aquifer recharge. The presenter was Bill Johnson, a wetlands biologist working with Texas Parks and Wildlife in Canyon. After the presentation, the students toured a playa lake and gathered samples of interesting plants and found objects, which were analyzed and identified the next day. On the second day, Middle Tule Draw Day, the students heard from historian Michael Harter of Amarillo about the geology and history of the main draws that run west to east across the Caprock country. Afterwards, the campers toured a two beautiful sites on the Middle Tule Draw northeast of Nazareth, and took photos and notes about interesting things they observed: plants, birds, old items lying around in the pastures, etc.

The third day of the camp was Ogallala Aquifer Day.

Kids who came that day witnessed an informative power point presentation especially designed for 5th grade students by Bart Wyatt, Director of Education for the Panhandle Groundwater District in White Deer. Mr Wyatt also showed students how

the Ogallala works with a large-scale model of the aquifer. Meanwhile, Herman Birkenfeld demonstrated to groups of students the art of "witching" a well. Later, the campers went with Allen Dobmeier and Dale Birkenfeld to tour a working windmill and a solar-powered water pump, both on the Middle Tule Draw. The final day of the Water camp included a trip to Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge near Umbarger. Refuge manager Lynn Nymeyer gave students a driving tour that highlighted many facets of the water cycle and its relation to wildlife and landscape vegetation, things the students had heard about earlier in the camp. Even though it was a little muddy, the group saw several deer and many birds on a delightfully cool day.

To demonstrate all the things learned during the four days, the campers worked in six groups to make murals. They used photos they had taken plus objects they had found as well as information from the guest presenters. It is amazing how much our kids can learn in a short time when they are having fun!

It took many hours of volunteerism and service to offer this camp at no financial cost to the students. The Home Mercantile Board of Directors wishes to thank the Water Works Camp teachers: Beverly Schulte, Carolyn Wilhelm, and Darryl Birkenfeld. A heartfelt thanks to our guest speakers and local men who helped, plus the mothers who assisted in the classroom: Judy Acker, Eileen Womack, Judy Kleman. Thanks to these same people plus Dianne Wilhelm, Marybeth Gerber, and Father Jerry Stein for driving the kids to outdoor sites during the four days.

Finally thanks to Mark Rogers, Paul Irlbeck, Lonnie Robb, and Heather & Alan Birkenfeld for letting us visit their pastures and farms.

This camp was an attempt to fulfill the mission of the Home Mercantile Inc., which is to be a community resource for education, service, and creative arts. We look forward to finding some opportunities during the coming year to gather these kids on a Saturday morning or a Sunday afternoon, for follow-up outings and a few more chances to learn about water and how it works in our local landscape and community.

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