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By Don Nelson

Bobby and Amy Feaster and their children were honored with a "sendoff" Sunday evening at the First United Methodist Church.

It was an emotional affair for many people—the Feasters, their church family, Amy's students, Bobby's players, and a lot of parents.

During their eight years here, the Feasters have been pillars in our church, and they've been positive influences on a lot of youngsters whom they taught and coached.

Ever since Bobby started the DHS baseball program eight years ago, I've appreciated his unbounded enthusiasm for his players and for the

Bobby and Amy have made many, many friends here, and they'll really be missed.

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Well, it was dark anyway

A trucker pulling out for an early-morning run hit a powerpole guy wire in the pre-dawn darkness Wednesday, cutting off the electricity in 25 West Dimmitt homes.

That's how Bob Murdock of Southwestern Public Service Co., who repaired the damage thinks it happened.

The mishap occurred at 3:38 a.m. Wednesday at the corner of Estes and Bailes Streets, just north of the west water tower. "Someone hit a guy wire, and

that knocked some primary wires together and blew out two lateral fuses," Murdock said. "It was probably a big truck pulling out; there are several that park around there."

The loud popping of the shorting wires sent the neighborhood dogs into an uproar and led someone to report a possible gunshot to the sheriff's office.

The outage affected Estes Street, the west side of West 12th, and part of West Bedford. After locating the problem spot, Murdock restored power at 4:10 a.m.

Football starts practice Aug. 5

Football players in the county will be starting practices Wednesday (Aug. 5), and pads will be donned as of Aug. 10, according to the UIL schedule.

First scrimmages of the season will be held Aug. 21.

Dimmitt

Players need to report to the fieldhouse at 9 a.m. Aug. 5, with a second practice set that day at 3:30 p.m. for freshmen and at 6:30 p.m. for upperclassmen. Subsequent practices will be held in the afternoons, with times to be announced later.

Dimmitt's first scrimmage will be against Lockney, there. The second one will be against Abernathy, Aug. 28, also away.

Hart

The season will kick off with a "Midnight Madness" at midnight, Aug. 4. The session won't start until one minute past midnight, which would make it Aug. 5.

"We will issue equipment and do some work in the weight room," said Head Football Coach Bryan Welps.

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Weather Service reporting station.



HAVE SOME BALLOONS—Maegan Farris (right) decorates Kathleen Diaz's cheek with colorful balloons at the booth operated by the junior high cheerleaders during the Hart Days celebration Saturday.

Photo by Don Nelson

Hospital board

There's good news on property tax base

The hospital district can raise the same amount of money with a 33.9¢ tax rate as it raised this fiscal year with a 35¢ rate, Jerry Heller told the hospital board last Thursday night.

Heller, chief of the county appraisal district, said that the tax base will be about \$7.5 million higher during the coming year-mostly because of a Cerestar plant expansion that has been under tax abatement.

"33.9¢ is the rate that will raise the same amount of money for you," Heller told the hospital district trustees. "Your effective rate is 34.3¢, but the effective rate doesn't mean anything anymore."

(The appraisal district's public notice of property tax rates for Castro County, the hospital district, the Dimmitt and Nazareth ISDs and the cities of Dimmitt and Nazareth, may be found on Page 9 of this issue.)

Under the state tax laws, the board would have to raise the hospital district's property tax rate to 37¢ per \$100 valuation before property own-

ers could petition for a rollback election, Heller said.

rate for the coming fiscal year at its August meeting.

county-wide tax base through the

"In 1979 we lost cattle (as a taxable property)," he said. "In 1980 we lost farm machinery. In 1982 we had the agricultural use of land factored (lowering the farm land tax base). And those are some of the main kinds of property that we have herei"

These reductions in the tax baseall of which were approved by the state's voters-were among the factors that led the hospital district to raise its tax rate from 10.25¢ to 35¢ in 1987.

At the time, the 35¢ rate was seen as an emergency rate that would be temporary, but no hospital board since then has felt it advisable to

Drought losses estimated in millions Castro County included in disaster declaration

Castro County and all other counties in Texas have been declared disaster areas because of the drought which has plagued the area for the past several months, causing millions of dollars in losses to farmers, ranchers and others.

The disaster declaration will provide relief to farmers whose crops are dying under the relentless heat and drought conditions, according to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

Farmers can immediately begin the application process for low-interest loans from the US Dept. Of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency

(USDA-FSA). But Perry said most FSA offices in Texas aren't equipped to handle the number of requests expected, so he's asking for emergency teams to be moved into local FSA offices to handle the increase of disaster loan applications from Texas farmers.

"Any delay in processing these applications could be devastating to farmers struggling to make it through their second major drought in three years," said Perry.

The drought has already been devastating to the area's farmers and ranchers, but they aren't the only ones getting burned by this summer's

Recalculating incoming crop and livestock loss figures that change

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City, Cerestar join to solve water crisis On a side note, Sheffy reported amount, 39 million gallons went to

The City of Dimmitt had a water emergency Thursday night. Two booster engines that pump the water up into the east water tower burned out at the same time and disrupted water service for about half an hour.

City Manager Don Sheffy told the city council about the situation Monday night at a called meeting.

Sheffy said city workers called Cerestar and asked them to temporarily cut down their water use, and also asked if they had any motors on hand that would work in place of the burned out equipment. Sheffy said one was located at Cerestar and city workers found a spare that could be put into service.

Two city workers worked on the motors until early morning, with utility foreman Juan Almanza staying until 4 a.m. and reporting back to work at 8 a.m.

"We really appreciate the dedication of our employees and we appreciate Cerestar for being a good neighbor," Sheffy said.

Another motor had gone out just before morning, and a crew of five from Cerestar came over Friday The hospital board will set the tax morning with another replacement motor, and helped five city employees work on the booster station until Heller traced the changes in the about 10:30 a.m. The two wells that pump into the storage tank on the east side of town were left on manual to restore the water supply, but the storage tank started running over before the wells were shut off.

"We didn't lose a whole lot of water," Sheffy said.

that water usage in the city is averag- Cerestar. ing 3.5 million gallons a day. He said 105,600,000 gallons of water were personnel issue in an executive sessold during May with about the same sion, but no vote was taken on the amounts in June and July. Of that matter in open session.

Council members considered a



MISS HART 1998-Valerie Key was crowned last Thursday night as a part of the Hart Days activities. She also was named Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants. First runner-up was Geneva Finch and Nicky Courtesy Photo Burress was second runner-up.

Schools announce fall registration schedules

Area students are looking at the rity number of the parent or guardian end of summer already, with school registration dates set next week, and classes scheduled to start as early as Aug. 13.

Dimmitt

Registration for students in the Dimmitt schools will be held next Thursday, and classes will start Aug.

For Richardson Elementary, registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration is for students starting kindergarten or who are transferring from another school. Those who attended Richardson last year do not need to register.

Those who do register need to bring a birth certificate, Social Security card and shot records. Also, lunch tickets may be purchased.

At Dimmitt Middle School, students who will be entering fourth grade need to register from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; fifth grade, from 9:30 to 10:30; and sixth grade from 10:30 to

The building will be closed during lunch, then seventh graders will register from 1 to 2 p.m. and eighth graders from 2 to 3 p.m.

All students who will be attending must come and register. Students need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian or have the Social Secuavailable. Students also need to have their own Social Security card with Students who are new to Dimmitt

will need to bring records from the last school attended, along with shot records and a Social Security card. Lunch tickets will be available for

purchase, and students will be required to pay any fines owed from last year before registering for this

At Dimmitt High School, students will have their pictures taken during their registration time. The school dress code will be enforced.

Juniors will register from 8:30 to 9:30, seniors from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., sophomores from 10:45 to 12 noon, and freshmen from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Hart

Hart will start classes Aug. 17. Registration will be Aug. 14.

For the high school, seniors will register at 8:30 a.m., juniors at 9:30, sophomores at 10:30, and freshmen at 1 p.m. Eighth graders will register at 2 and seventh graders at 3 p.m.

School pictures will be taken for students in grades 7-11 after registration. Senior picture day will be Sept. 8.

Elementary students who are not preregistered may register Aug. 10-14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nazareth

Nazareth schools will start Aug. 13. Registration for students in grades six through 12 is set for Aug.

Seniors will register at 8:30 a.m., with juniors at 10 a.m., sophomores at 11:30 a.m., freshmen at 1:30 p.m., eighth grade at 2:30 p.m., and sixth and seventh grade at 3:30 p.m.

While students are filling out their class schedules, individuals will be asked to step out into the science lab for pictures. Senior pictures also will

Parents are asked to select the option they want for ordering school pictures and send a check with the student.

Students are reminded to dress appropriately and boys must be clean-shaven and have their hair cut (Continued on Page 11)

DISD approves 3% salary hike

Monday night to give all employees of the district an increase of at least 3% over what they made last year.

The proposed budget being considered by the school district would have a \$287,289 deficit with the 3% pay raise option in place.

"Now we have to figure out where the money will come from," said Les have to be covered by a tax increase. Miller, DISD Superintendent.

Board members declined to propose a tax rate. Board member Debbie Annen asked for a more detailed breakdown on how each penny of possible tax increase would affect the fund balance. Board members will have a called meeting Monday at noon at the administration building to propose the tax rate.

Making up the deficit by taking money out of the district's fund balance would use up 8.2% of the total fund balance. Not all of the fund balance is available for spending, since the district tries to keep a three-

The Dimmitt school board voted month operating reserve on hand and some of the funds are committed to current projects, such as the re-roofing and air conditioning for the middle school cafeteria.

If half of the deficit is taken out of the fund balance, it would take 4.2% of the money.

The other half of the deficit would It would take an increase of 3-1/2 cents per \$100 valuation to cover that amount, according to DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill. That would bring the tax rate to \$1.245, up from the \$1.21 set last year.

In other business, after an executive session, board members voted to hire Robert Horton of Amarillo as the CHOICE teacher at the Alternative Campus, Melissa Clark of Amarillo for special education at Dimmitt Middle School, and Jennifer Pelham of Springlake-Earth for special education at Richardson Elementary



CURB MAKING MACHINE-Workers are constructing curbs, preparing several sections of city streets for paving. Some city streets will also receive

seal coating. Doing the work is Lipham Construction, Inc. of Hereford. The project is expected to be finished by Sept. 5. Photo by Monica Ortiz

County agrees to allow non-county patients admittance to Welch Place

At their Monday meeting, the Castro County Commissioners approved a contract that can be signed with neighboring counties to provide for admission of patients to the Welch Home Place.

County Judge Irene Miller told the commissioners that in some cases patients of the geriatric psychiatric unit have to be committed for treatment, since they are not capable of making decisions on their own. A court must rule in those instances on the need for commitment.

county, Miller would be authorized to make such rulings if a contract is signed between Castro County and the county in which the patient lives. However, the contract would state that the home county would be responsible for the cost of commitment procedures, including a court-appointed attorney for the patient if needed.

ers accepted a bid for window maintenance, painting and repair at the courthouse. A bid from Don Bell of Dimmitt for \$8,000 was accepted if Bell meets the bid requirements and shows proof of liability insurance coverage. If he does not meet the requirements, the commissioners voted to accept the bid of \$7,800 from Moore Painting of Midland.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Bay

Baldridge said he felt more comfortable accepting a local bid.

Miller told the commissioners she had received an inspection report from the state on the elevator located in the courthouse. The report cited several deficiencies and requested that the county remedy the problems or set up a schedule for starting the

Miller said that Dover Elevator, who installed the elevator, submitted an estimate for fixing four of the items on the list. It would cost For patients from out of the \$4,722.02 for car door restriction, and installation of emergency lighting, a two-way phone system, and a pit ladder.

The commissioners tabled further action until they can find out more about what is needed and how soon.

Only one bid was received for performance of the lawn maintenance at the courthouse. Abel Vargas of A&A Tree Trimming bid \$3,500 for work during the summer months In other business, the commission- or \$5,500 for year-round maintenance, including tree and shrub trimming, lawn mowing, and edging. The commissioners tabled the decision until they can contact Vargas and see what exactly is included in his bid.

> Bill Sava, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on plans for Harvest Days. He told the commissioners that the Chamber will hold the street dance on the street just north of the Expo

building this year, instead of having it east of the courthouse. He said he would like to have the restrooms and concession area of the Expo available for use by the dancers, but the dance would be held outside. The commissioners voted to allow use of the building in that way without charging the fee for a dance. Sava said he will look into hiring security personnel for the event, in addition to city and county officers that might patrol the area.

In other business, the commission-

-Approved bonds for Glen Snitker, W.H. Cox Jr., and Tana M.

-Gave permission for replacement of a natural gas line in the vicinity of Walnut and Fourth Streets in Summerfield, as requested by Baldridge.

—Granted a request for installation of a new water line by Truman Touchstone to an existing pump, passing under County Road 510, as requested by Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales.

—Approved the proposed Republican Party election judges and alternates: Lula Mae Haynes for Voting Precinct 101, Sharon Sadler for 105, Bill Dannevik for 201, Robert Duke for 206, V.C. Hopson for 301, Marguerite Cole for 307, Dr. B.D. Murphy for 401, and Irene Wilhelm for 408.

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Letter

'Their own agenda or their own laws?'

Dear Editor:

The other weekend while working traffic control at the Suds and Sounds concert at Nazareth (little was needed, traffic was well-behaved this year), I heard several very disconcerting statements about what the hired security (off-duty, out-ofcounty sheriff's deputies) and several Highway Patrol were doing.

After being told by the person in charge of inside traffic and security not to bother anyone about their drinking and to write no public intoxication tickets (after all, this comcome down and have a drink and listen to music), one of the officers said, "Hey, we have our own agenda."

One of the Highway Patrol told this same person, "We have a pot going (gambling in state property-the patrol cars) to see who writes the most tickets."

This is reminiscent of Nazi Germany and the goon squads who went looking for ways to reinterpret a law just to find a way to harrass or arrest

Especially when a variety of the

munity had invited these people to officers (law?) threaten to write public intoxication tickets in the parking lot unless they (the offenders) left; thereby forcing them out on the highway with the possibility of a driving while intoxicated (DWI) charge (collusion?). And this, after everyone had been told they could stay as long as needed to be able to drive home safely (entrapment!).

> Of course, there is a solution. Cancel the hired security persons' paychecks and hire better quality next time.

> > STEPHEN W. ANDERLE

Police Calls

Assault/bodily injury/family member were the charges listed against a Dimmitt man, 24, who was jailed July 21.

Charges of assault/family violence were listed against a 22-year-old Hart man who was jailed July 22. He reportedly pushed his wife into the on a parole warrant. wall several times.

A Dimmitt woman, 20, was jailed twice during the past week. On July 22 she was charged with disorderly conduct in connection with a fight in the 400 block of Southwest Third. Friday morning she was jailed for assault/bodily injury. Another Dimmitt woman, 23, was jailed for disorderly conduct in connection with the fight July 22.

Also on July 22, a Dimmitt man, 59, was jailed on a municipal warrant on charges of Class C assault.

On Tuesday, deputies received a report of possible child abuse and neglect. Investigation is continuing.

Alcohol-related offenses during the past week included:

-Last Thursday, a 28-year-old Andrews man for public intoxication.

jailed for DWI, first offense; a Hart man, 24, for DWI, first offense; and a Bovina man, 30, for DWI, first offense, and unlawful carrying of a

with license suspended; and a 19year-old Kansas man for public intoxication and possession of mari-

Jailed on warrants were:

-A Dimmitt man, 37, on July 21

-Last Thursday, a Hart man, 18, on a warrant for DWI, first offense: and a Hart man, 21, on a warrant for violation of parole.

Deputies received a report of criminal mischief early July 20 after a fight had been reported in Hart. The back window of a 1983 Buick belonging to Ramiro Ruiz of Plainview was broken out with an unknown object, possibly a rock. The damage was estimated at \$300.

July 22, deputies had a report of veterinary drugs missing or stolen from the inventory room at Sunnyside Feedyard. Entry to the building apparently was forced.

Gary Hufhines told deputies last Thursday that someone took some tools and antiques from a vacant house and old vehicle located northeast of Dimmitt.

Tuesday, a person living north of -Sunday, a Hart man, 21, was Nazareth told deputies that some family members had come to his residence and attempted to remove property located near his residence.

July 22, an employee of Bud Hill Feedlots reported to deputies that a -Early Monday, a Dimmitt man, vacant house northeast of the feedlot 31, DWI, first offense, and driving had been burglarized. Doors and plumbing fixtures had been removed. Last Thursday, police had a report of disorderly conduct. A suspect was playing loud music in a vehicle in the 400 block of Southwest Fifth.

On July 20, a 1988 Ford pickup driven by Jaime Alonzo Castillo, 19, of Dimmitt, backed into a Chevrolet Corsica driven by Elena Sifuentez Rodriquez, 36, of Dimmitt. The pickup had no damage while the car had moderate damage. No injuries were reported. The accident happened at 12:40 a.m. in the 400 block of Northwest Sixth.

July 22, a 1993 Grand Prix driven by Stacey Teniete Villanueva, 17, of Dimmitt, made a left turn in front of a 1990 Ford pickup driven by Rodrigo Jackson, 28, of Dimmitt, and the pickup struck the car. Villanueva got a ticket for failure to yield right of way turning left. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported. The accident happened around 7:22 p.m. in the 400 block of West Bedford.

Last Thursday at 5:09 p.m., Masedonio Martinez, 48, of Dimmitt was driving a 1992 Oldsmobile when the car lost power as he was turning in at a driveway in the 1000 block of West Stinson. Unable to turn the steering wheel fast enough, the driver was unable to avoid a collision with a tree at the location. Damage to the car was rated light, and Martinez was listed with possible injury.

<u>Letter</u>

Feasters say 'thanks' to community

Dear Editor:

Our family wanted to thank the community for seven wonderful years as members of Dimmitt. The friends we have made here are lifelong. We are leaving Dimmitt much, much richer than when we arrived. There have been so many highs and very few lows. From Lannie Crow offering to loan us the deposit money on a house to Wanda Murdock welcoming us to Dimmitt with freshly picked vegetables out of her garden.

We started with the very first baseball game and teaching the kids how to put on their leggings properly to watching Zack Matthews sign a Division I scholarship. We wanted to say thanks to our fellow teachers who supported us and taught us how to be better, caring teachers.

We were able to experience the pain of Halley Bradley ripping up her kneee to seeing her receive a gold medal in Austin to watching her

We wanted to say thanks to the First United Methodist Church for giving us a spiritual foundation to carry us through the tough times.

great man prematurely to seeing his granddaughter star on the basketball floor. We wanted to say thanks to to say thanks. Carolyn Harman for putting our minds at ease, taking care of Luke

get married only a short time ago. and Grant. We also want to say thanks to the Wright family for simply taking us under their wing and just caring.

The memories are crystal clear and We suffered the agony of losing a will always remain in a very special place in our hearts, and for those wonderful memories we just wanted

AMY, BOBBY, GRANT & LUKE FEASTER

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More about

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Our loss is Ralls's gain.

Leroy Maxwell let me use his woodworking shop on a recent Saturday afternoon to build a couple of little side tables for the porch.

(As Herman Acker told me many years ago, having the right equipment makes all the difference.)

We had to wrap it up before I was finished. Leroy had a wedding to go to, and I had a fund-raising dinner. "We could finish up Monday

evening if you'd like," he said. "I can finish it up at home," I said. Then, out of curiosity, I asked him, "Do you not work in your shop on

Sunday afternoons?" "The kids come over on Sundays,"

Oh, yeah. Some people have kids close enough to come over on

Our kids are in Houston, Atlanta and Wisconsin. That's okay, of course. We stay in

close touch, and distance has its advantages, too. Still, it must be nice to see your

kids every Sunday.

A panhandler approached a guy on the street corner.

"Mister, would you give me a

dollar for a sandwich?" he asked. "I dunno," the guy said. "Let me see the sandwich."

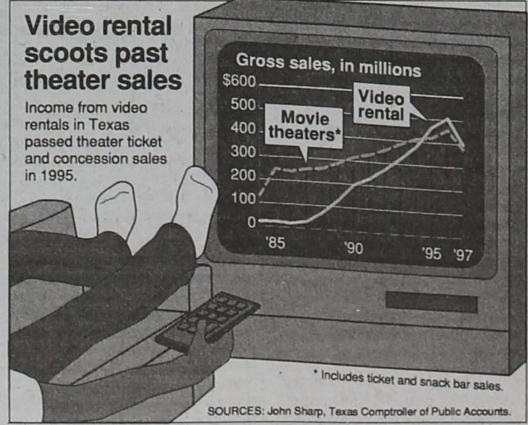
the street corner.

A panhandler approached a guy on a dollar," the guy said.

dollars for a sandwich?" he asked. "Hey, a sandwich doesn't cost but

"Yeah, I know," the panhandler "Mister, would you give me two said, "but I'm keeping a woman."

Keeping an eye on Texas Gross sales, in millions



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On the Go

Edna Reinart went on a tauck tour to the Canadian Rockies in the Alberta Province.

The group left Lubbock at 6 a.m. and arrived at Calgary, Canada at noon. They immediately boarded tauck coach #137 and headed to their destination-Kananaskis-where they would spend the first night.

They crossed the last few miles of Canadian prairie into mountains topped with snow and low hanging clouds. It was raining during the afternoon and evening.

The Kananaskis Lodge was surrounded by stately pines. Edna ate Alberta beef for dinner. In Texas, cattle are corn-fed; but in Canada, cattle are wheat-fed and she said there was not much difference in the meat.

The travel hostess joined them on Tuesday when they would be going to Jasper for two nights.

"I must say, we had the most competent and knowledgeable driver and tour guide. When anyone saw an animal, he would back up to the location to give all of us a chance to see it and take pictures. She was an interesting narrator," said Edna.

Edna also said they saw a mountain goat, bears, mountain sheep, elks, eagles, a coyote and a one was alongside the road eating Dwight D. Eisenhower by Canadian moose. It is a rare treat to see a bear up in a tree, she said. The pictures they stopped to admire him. . had to be taken from the inside of the babying and are very protective of their young. The driver said if a bear came out, no one could make it back into the coach.

She said they are a beautiful animal, a tan color with a white tail and pretty velvety antlers. The antlers are mountains look like castles, Edna shed and renewed each year. This said. One mountain was named after

County 4-H'ers

Rachel Wall of the Hart 4-H Club the event.

and Susan Book of the Dimmitt/

Chamber makes

plans for Follies

The Dimmitt Chamber of Com-

merce is searching for talent. It's also

searching for volunteers with a sense

Anyone interested in helping with

the production of Follies '98 will be

welcomed with open arms, according

to Chamber of Commerce Executive

The Chamber is reviving the Fol-

lies and this year's production is

being planned for Aug. 29 and 30 at

the Dimmitt High School Audito-

and wannabes, both adults and chil-

dren," said Sava. "We're searching

for talent, but we can work around

talent, a sense of humor's more im-

the Chamber office, 647-2524.

Those willing to help with the production, whether as a performer or technical aid, should call Sava at

The performances are slated for 7

p.m. on Aug. 29 and 2 p.m. on Aug.

"We need actors, singers, dancers

of humor and/or a strong back.

Director Bill Sava.

portant."

attend Congress

Bethel 4-H Club, along with approxi- held every two years, in which 4-H

mately 400 other 4-H members from members actually take on the role of

across the state of Texas, recently congressmen, press corp members,

participated in the Texas 4-H Con- lobbyists, and even the governor.

gress. They traveled with 33 other 4- Held in the Capital Building in Aus-

Hers from across the panhandle to tin, this event taught 4-H members

become a law.



P-U-L-L!—Shuler Underwood, 4, gives everything he's got as the load gets heavier during the Hart Days

Tractor Pull for kids Saturday afternoon. The Hart winners will advance to the district contest.

Photo by Don Nelson

"Tuesday morning we were on our coach, because the bears were way to Jasper. At Canmore, we passed by a grassy area. It was once an airstrip built by Hollywood celebrates and other entertainers so they could get as close as possible to They really got a look at an elk. Banff for their performances," Edna

Fog lifting up makes the

Texas 4-H Congress is an event

the steps a bill must go through to

Each 4-H member who applied to

make the trip to Austin was required

to write a bill and send it in with

their application. Bills were then

consolidated and an agenda for each

legislative committee was then put

together. The bills were then debated

in committee and, if approved by that

committee, were then debated on the

A highlight of the event was when

several 4-Hers from across our area

were able to meet and speak with

Speaker of the House Pete Laney.

Laney also addressed the whole

group upon the closing of the ses-

sions. Other 4-H members were able

to meet Governor Bush and several

gress, County Extension Agent and

Congress Chaperone Rebel Royall

stated "this was the very best 4-H

activity that I have participated in."

When asked about Texas 4-H Con-

House and Senate floors.

other Texas Legislators.

dandelions and did not look up when Prime Minister King. A patch of green on the side of the mountain was named Eisenhower's Green

> In 1979, the mountain was officially reinstated to its original name because both Canadians and Americans resented the replacing of such an appropriate and long standing name. Today it is back to being Castle Mountain.

> They stopped to see the natural bridge caused by an avalanche. Two huge rocks fused together to form a bridge, with water underneath and rocks on the sides. Officials expect it to come apart someday as the water weakens it.

> An avalanche actually clears the land so that people can see strips of green between rows of trees.

One can see overpasses at intervals. They were built for bears and wolves to keep them from getting run over. They drove under several passes but never saw an animal on them.

At this point they entered the Canadian Rockies.

"The Canadian Rockies are awesome, spectacular, majestic. There are not enough words to describe them. The scenery is breathtaking. Each mountain and lake we went by was more beautiful than the one before. Everyone took a lot of pictures," said Edna.

They spent two nights in Jasper Park Lodge. It is a unique place in that the buildings are structured of logs. The first unit was built in 1922-1923, the largest single story log structure in the world. It was destroyed by fire in 1952 but was rebuilt and added to throughout the years until today there are 441 rooms and suites, built to accommodate 850

to 900 guests. Today it has a swimming pool and health club including saunas, steam baths, whirlpool and a universal gym. New stables have been constructed and the golf course, one of the best in North America, was opened in 1925. There was plenty to do for everyone.

While in Jasper, Edna rode the tramway up to a mountain top. She

enjoyed the scenery. On the landing, one could buy soft drinks, cards and souvenirs. A platform was built so people could walk on it to take pictures. Edna said her children could not believe she had the nerve to take this ride.

On Thursday, they were on their way to Chateau Lake Louise. Their first stop were the Athabasca Falls. They rode the Sno Coach to the Columbia Icefield, walked on the surface of the Athabasca Glacier and drank the glacier water. Ice within the glacier moves at different speeds, similar to flows within a river. Ice layers at the bottom of the glacier are under intense pressure and become plastic; Upper layers are more brittle, cracking open into crevasses. As the glacier flows downhill, it carries a lot of rock and debris with it. The crevasses resemble snow drifts as in a blizzard but are much larger and solid ice.

The guide told them that glaciers wash down the calcinated rock known as rock dust. The rock changes the color of each lake into blue or green waters. All the way up the glacier, the road was solid ice and the Sno Coach went at a very slow

"Going back down, it appeared that the coach ahead of us was not moving," Edna said.

Thursday evening they arrived at Chateau Lake Louise, the place that everyone was anxious to see. Lake Louise is at the foot of Victoria Glacier and is framed by snowbound peaks. Some went walking or shopping. Others relaxed until time for dinner.

The next morning everyone was free to do what they wanted because the coach was not leaving for Banff until 1:20 p.m. A photographer, compliments of the Tauck Tour, had them congregate in front of Lake Louise to have a picture taken.

"This was an enjoyable trip because there were only thirty in the group and I came home knowing all their names. We were given the picture the night before we left Canada," said Edna.

On their way to Banff, they

stopped at Moraine Lake, nestled in the Valley of the Ten Peaks Mountains. Huge rocks came down from the side of the mountains. Some think the glacier formed them; others think they just slid off the mountain. It is a new area of two years that has not been developed, yet. The most striking picture was the water rushing through the rocks and on through a tunnel formed by the rocks.

As they were nearing Banff, Edna took a picture of the Banff Spring Hotel. It, along with the Chateau Lake Louise, are the most prestigious hotels in Canada. They had lakeview rooms at the Lake Louise and valley-view rooms at the Banff Spring Hotel. They spent two nights in Banff, the pride of the Canadian Rockies. For the entire time they golf, swimming, shopping or sight to Dave and Ann," said Edna.

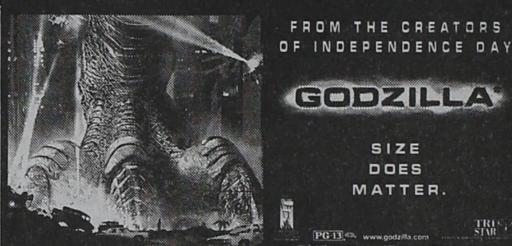
seeing. Edna went shopping and took a tour of the hotel and learned about its history.

The farewell dinner was in the oak dining room. All the places they visited had spacious dining rooms and the food was excellent wherever they dined.

On Sunday, the group headed home. Edna said she was glad to see Dave and the bus.

"We passed by Calaway Park right before we got to Calgary. We don't see mountains anymore. We saw the ski jump built for the Olympics and many homes on top of hills. I saw a Red Carpet Inn, Red Lobster, Safeway and Firestone stores, evidence that we will soon be in the states. Dave turned off John Laurie Boulevard, east to the Calgary were free to sleep late, enjoy a day of Airport. We will be saying good-bye





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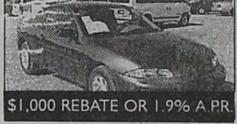
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Corn growers seeking options to salvage drought-stricken crop

look for ways to salvage what's left of their corn in the aftermath of the current drought.

To help farmers consider their options, specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are offering timely information on drought-stressed grain crops and nitrate management.

"In times like these, there are no easy answers," said Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist in Amarillo. According to Bean, some farmers with irrigated operations are beginning to abandon some of their corn acres in order to concentrate their available water on less acres.

"The portion of the crop that is deprived of water will wither under the heat and produce very little grain," said Bean.

"One of the options some farmers are thinking about is feeding the abandoned corn to livestock; however, they need to approach this alternative with care and planning, said Dr. F.T. "Ted McCollum of Amarillo, Extension beef cattle

specialist. McCollum is cautioning producers about the high concentration of nitrates in corn at this stage in the plant's growth. Corn doesn't even have to be drought-stressed to be high in nitrates when it is at the tasseling and silking stage of development.

Nitrate and aflatoxin poisoning are two problems encountered with attempts to use drought-damaged corn. Under drought conditions, the uptake of nitrates may exceed the

Armadillos are always born in fours. Four babies of the same sex hatch from a single egg.

Small knives are called penknives because they were once used to make quills into writing pens.

Area corn producers are starting to rate of the plant to convert the avoid spoilage. protein. The demand for nitrates increases as grain fill begins.

Plants which often accumulate nitrates under drought conditions include field crops, weeds and vegetables, especially corn, forage sorghums and grain sorghum, according to Bean.

Bean said producers should test plants to determine if nitrate is at a level in potential forage that may pose a risk to livestock.

"It's called the diphenylamine drop test. This test kit is now available through local county Extension offices in the Panhandle,' Bean said.

This test is used only for an initial screening and only shows if high concentrations of nitrates are present, not the level of nitrates. More in depth analyses are performed by trained toxicologists in facilities such as the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

McCollum said producers should moisture content of the forage. start considering a plan to either harvest the corn as greenchop or silage as soon as possible. If the corn is to be grazed, there will be fewer this process. problems with nitrates because the concentration.

to the stalks since nitrates are higher in the lower portion of the stalk,"

because the entire plant will be will be diluted out by the leaf material. Some nitrate problems can "Anything less than 30% dry

than 10% protein and between 58% and 64% TDN. This compares well with forage sorghum hay," said McCollum.

Both specialists agree that it may be possible to hay the corn, but there will probably be some difficulty

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"Green chop is another alternative, and a good option if the producer has equipment available day in and day out to chop feed, but not so good if the forage cannot be harvested on a daily basis," said McCollum.

"Given the nutritive value, green chop would be a good feed for dry cows and growing cattle that are not expected to gain rapidly," he added.

A small quantity of protein supplement may be required for lactating cows, young calves and other growing cattle where rapid gain is expected.

Silage can be another alternative for putting up the forage rapidly, storing it for future use and reducing nitrate problems.

"There are two main concerns with

this option," said Bean. In failed corn, there is a lack of grain (carbohydrates) necessary for adequate fermentation to make good silage. The second concern is

Ensiling will reduce the nitrate levels by about 50%. So a relatively toxic forage can become useful after

"If this option is chosen, then a leaf material has a lower farmer might consider adding some cracked corn to the forage as it is "Do not let the cattle graze down ensiled. This will provide carbohydrates for the fermentation process," said Bean.

In a mature corn plant, about 45% Greenchop and silage may be safe of the dry matter is grain, so adding about 30% corn on a dry basis to harvested and the nitrate in the stalk silage would produce a good

be reduced by raising the cutter bar matter can lead to poor fermentation and leaving more residue in the field. and bleeding of the silage. It may be The nutritional value of immature necessary to wilt the corn forage corn forage will contain a little less prior to ensiling to bring the moisture

"Right now, most corn in the Panhandle has reached the tasseling growth," Bean said.

The forage yield will probably be about 30% to 35% of the expected drying the forage enough to bale and yield for full-season silage.

Clint Formby was a

Texas Tech student

Aug. 4, 1948. Fifty

years later, he is still

broadcasting as the

"Old Philosopher,"

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CLIFF WRIGHT AND MARY BRADLEY ... Represented Dimmitt FFA at state convention

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Minding Your Own Business The world's best business school

By DON TAYLOR

Whatever is good to know is difficult to learn.—Greek Proverb

Travel around the country and ask folks about good business schools. You'll get about as many answers as folks you ask. You will hear names such as Stanford, Harvard, Wharton, North Western, The University of Michigan and the University of Texas. Of course, there are dozens of other worthy mentions.

However, not one of these prestigious schools gets my nod as the world's best business school. You see, if

you graduate from one of the top business schools, you're going to know just The cities of Springlake and Earth about the same thing as everyone else who graduates there. This is good, but (S-E) will hold a city-wide garage only the beginning. In the real world of business you soon find that a great sale Saturday, Aug. 8, at 8 a.m. education still leaves you with huge gaps of ignorance.

content down to 65% or 70%," said on any list. It isn't accredited, doesn't require a high GMAT or GRE score, Springlake Store. isn't free, but doesn't charge tuition. There are many dropouts, but no graduates. Those who stay enrolled will attend classes the rest of their lives.

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Don Taylor

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Look. Jonathan Swift said, "A stander-by may sometimes, perhaps, see at (806) 986-4385. more of the game than he who plays it." Train yourself to be curious. Wonder why things are the way they are, then look for answers. Look at magazines, books, machines, competitors, problems and people. You can learn a lot just by looking around.

Ask. While you're looking, you're going to see a lot of things you know more. nothing about. Ask why. Ask how. When you meet people who have specific areas of expertise, ask about it.

Listen. Doug Larson said, "Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening, when you'd have preferred to talk." Becoming a good listener takes a lot of wor1. It is hard work to keep still. You don't learn much by sharing what you already know with others. Hold your thoughts, stay tuned in and don't make snap judgements. Ask follow-up questions to ensure you got the whole story.

Stop. Sometimes to profit from looking, asking and listening you have to stop first. Often when you're busy working you won't have time to look, ask or listen. Take a time-out. Get away for a while. Stand still in a new place and take a good look around.

 Analyze. Take the elements you've seen, heard and asked about apart in your mind. See how various elements fit together. If you are analyzing a competitor's customer service, watch how your competitor treats customers. Consider how he or she trains employees. Look at how all the elements flow together to ensure customer satisfaction.

 Adapt. Good ideas abound. The problem with good ideas is seeing just how they can fit into your business plans. Part of the technique of analyzing is to identify elements of others' ideas that you can adapt for your own use. Look for ways that you can modify an idea to create something new. Many of today's best innovations are only new adaptations of old ideas and prod-

 Repeat. You can take as many courses again as you choose. No limit. No fees and penalties for too many hours. Keep learning. What a great school. One can only wonder why the enrollment is so low.

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.

Dimmitt FFA members attend state convention

Mary Bradley and Cliff Wright, members of the Dimmitt FFA, were among those attending the 70th annual Texas FFA Convention, held recently in Fort Worth.

The two were accompanied on the trip by Dimmitt FFA Advisor Jerry Mathis and sponsor, Danice Wright. Theme for this year's convention

was "Ignite Your Ambition." Gov. George W. Bush gave the

opening speech.

The Texas FFA convention is an annual event that features award recognition, motivational speakers, scholarship presentations, a state FFA presidential election and entertainment. Students also serve as voting delegates and help decide what policy changes will affect FFA in the coming year.

Brandon Hill of the Arlington-Martin Chapter and the Area V Association was elected as president of the Texas FFA for the 1998-99 year. Brice Redwine of the Lazbuddie chapter and Area I Association was selected as vice president.

The National Anthem was performed by Ricochet, then the group played for a dance after the sixth session of the convention.

city-wide

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Several other activities have been planned in conjunction with the event, including a kids' pet show, homemade ice cream taste-off and

The pet show is open to children 12 and under with pets. Each entry will be charged a \$3 fee. The show will be at 1 p.m. at the Earth City Park and animals must be "well behaved and leashed." Trophies and prizes will be awarded. For more information about the show, contact Mayfield.

The ice cream taste-off will be held that day and entrants will be charged \$5. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three tasters. For

more information, call Mayfield. Other activities planned in Earth include a Class of 1999 Volleyball Tournament at Earth City Park, and a chamber of commerce hamburger supper at 6 p.m. at the park.

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KPAN to observe 50th anniversary

KPAN AM/FM Radio in Hereford will celebrate 50 years of service to the area with an open house and reception from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the KPAN studios, 218 E. Fifth St., Hereford.

Journalists Marshall Formby of Plainview and John Blake of Brownwood established the station in 1948. Formby moved to Hereford to manage the station and supervise construction of the first studios, which were renovated Army barracks set up on Highway 60 about two miles west of Hereford.

Formby's wife, Sharleen, suggested the new station's "KPAN" call letters to represent the Panhandle.

Formby's nephew, Clint Formby, commenced the first regular broadcast at 6:15 a.m. on Aug. 4, 1948. A Texas Tech student, Clint Formby assisted in the station's summer construction, then served as an announcer until he returned to fall classes.

Marshall Formby, also a Texas Tech alumnus, became KPAN's sole owner. in 1950 and sold half interest in the station to his nephew in 1956.

After graduating from Tech in 1949, Clint Formby helped build and operate new stations in Tulia, Snyder and Colorado City. He returned to Hereford in 1951 as KPAN general manager. His son, Chip, currently fills the position, sharing KPAN AM/FM ownership with his father.

The station's studios were virtually destroyed by fire in 1961. A smaller transmitter building was constructed at the site and new studios and offices were built at the present Fifth Street location.

In 1965, KPAN became one of the first area stations to build a companion FM station.

The Texas Association of Broadcasters (TAB) twice named KPAN the state's Outstanding Radio Station and the Outstanding Radio Station in Support of Education. KPAN received more TAB awards in a 10-year period than any Texas radio or television station.

It also was one of the first West Texas stations to inaugurate daily Spanish programming and music.

KPAN's promotion of "Good News Day" received nationwide wire coverage and newspaper publicity. It is the only station to be featured on the cover of Texas Highways, and was featured in the Dallas Morning News, AP releases and national publications.

It is one of two Texas stations retained by same-family ownership for the past 50 years.

Clint Formby was named TAB's 1979 Broadcaster of the Year, and formerly chaired the National Association of Broadcasters and served as national president of the Associated Press Broadcasters and of the Broadcast Education Association.

Currently president of KPAN, Clint Formby is known as The Old Philosopher and boasts the longest-running consecutive broadcast by an individual in the US. The first airing of his "Day by Day Philosopher" program was Oct. 11, 1955, and it continues being broadcast six days a week, totaling 14,434 programs as of July 24.

Clint Formby will return as the morning announcer Tuesday to again open the station for an encore production of KPAN's first morning show. Tune in at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday to hear his live broadcast, including 1940s music, a report of the day's Trading Post and Formby's "Day by Day Philosopher."

A special presentation is planned for Clint Formby during the open house

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Empty pesticide containers will be

collection sites.

Bennett is a graduate of Hart High School and plans to attend West Texas A&M University. She was named a recipient of a Senator Grady and Andrine Hazelwood Scholarship for \$1,000

A foundation spokesperson said the omission was regretted.



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A'Division of the Castro County Hospital District

Farm Bureau board meets

On July 20, the Castro County Farm Bureau Board of directors met at K-Bob's for the monthly board meeting.

Marilyn Neal, county home extension agent, spoke to the group on safety programs her office has implemented for the 4-H groups. Castro County Farm Bureau contributed \$300 toward these programs.

State director of the Texas Farm Bureau, Delmas McCormick, was in attendance along with district field representative Chuck Senter. They discussed with the board about the

will be held in Lubbock in November. District 2, of which Castro County is a part, will host the convention and plans are beginning for each county in the district to help.

McCormick told the board that he was announcing his candidacy for a third term with the state board of directors of the Texas Farm Bureau. McCormick is currently secretary of the board.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Teresa Robertson, this year's Castro County Farm Bureau queen who will be participating in the district state Farm Bureau convention, which queen contest on Aug. 6 in Idalou.

NCE income increases during second quarter

(NYSE: NCE) has reported a net income of \$56.6 million, or 50¢ per share, on revenues of \$859.6 million for the second quarter that ended June 30.

Net income for the same period in 1997 was \$34 million, or 33¢ per share, on revenues of \$776.7 million.

NCE was created with the merger of Public Service Co. of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service on August 1, 1997.

The increase in second quarter earnings, as compared with the same period in 1997, is primarily attributable to strong retail and wholesale electric sales. Customer growth and hotter than normal weather contributed to the increased sales during the current period, with a significant increase in the irrigation load in Texas and New Mexico.

Non-recurring items impacted the company's quarterly earnings in both 1998 and 1997.

In the second quarter of 1998, Yorkshire Electricity recognized an impairment of its investment in a U.K telecommunications Yorkshire Electricity is the U.K.

New Century Energies, Inc., AEP. This investment impairment, in conjunction with the recognition of certain non-recurring positive tax adjustments at Yorkshire Electricity, negatively impacted earnings by approximately 15¢ per share.

Earnings for the second quarter of 1997 were reduced by approximately 17¢ per share due to the recognition of merger costs and the write-off of a subsidiary investment in a waste-toenergy project.

For the six months ending June 30, New Century Energies reported net income of \$142.7 million, or \$1.28 per share, on revenues of \$1.80 billion. For the same period in 1997, net income was \$112.2 million, or \$1.08 per share, on revenues of \$1.67 billion.

Net income for the 12 months ending June 30—excluding a one-time extraordinary charge of \$110.6 million-was \$292 million, or \$2.74 per share, on revenues of \$3.5 billion. This compared with net income of \$249.9 million, or \$2.42 per share, on revenues of \$3.2 billion for the same 12-month period a year ago. The extraordinary item-recognized in the company's third quarter of 1997—was the previously disclosed one-time United Kingdom's windfall tax on





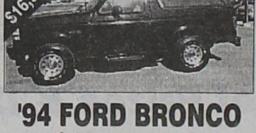












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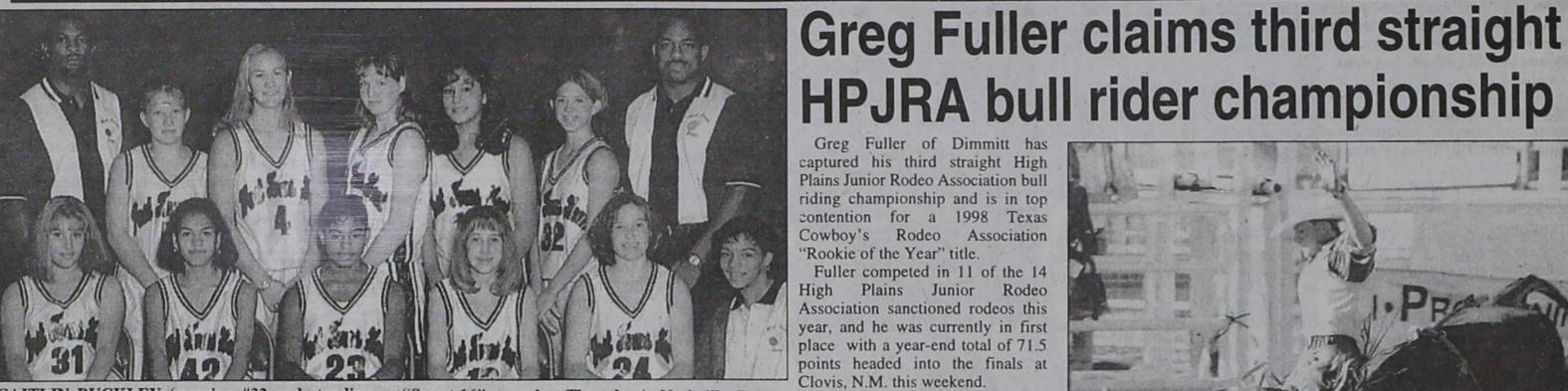












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"Rookie of the Year" title.

Fuller competed in 11 of the 14 High Plains Junior Rodeo Association sanctioned rodeos this year, and he was currently in first place with a year-end total of 71.5 points headed into the finals at Clovis, N.M. this weekend.

In the first go-round at Clovis on July 21, Fuller completed a 76-point ride on a bull called #69 Staying Alive from South Plains Rodeo Company.

He later marked a 69-point ride in the second go-round last Thursday evening, giving him a total of 100.5 points for the year.

That put Fuller in first place for both the Finals Top Average and the Year-End Top Average.

A short go was held Saturday night and Greg scored an 80-point ride on a bull called #00 Thumper. This bull had previously been ridden only one time in a three-year career, and that ride was completed by Fuller in 1997.

Greg's winning bull ride at the 54th annual KKYN-TCRA Bar-None Rodeo held in Plainview July 16-18 earned him recognition on the front page of the July 20 Plainview Daily Herald.

Fuller rode one of the Maverick Rodeo Company's top bulls, Billy the Kid, on July 16, and that ride held up through two other nights and



GREG FULLER OF DIMMITT captured the bull riding championship in Big Spring and was second in Lamesa recently, and those finishes, along with others through the season, enabled him to claim his third straight High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Champion Bull Rider title. Fuller is in contention for the 1998 Texas Cowboy's Rodeo Association "Rookie of the Year" title. Photo by Debbie Dockerey

earned Fuller first-place money in the bull riding event.

Fuller competes at various rodeos about four days a week and his main

focus now is on TCRA events. He will be returning to college at Texas Tech University this fall, where he'll ride with the Texas Tech Rodeo Team.

McDaniel wins saddle at state 4-H horse show



RUSTY McDANIEL shows off the Texas State Champion Stock Horseman Saddle which he won this weekend at the State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene. McDaniel placed in several events and accumulated enough points to win the Champion Stock Horseman Award. McDaniel was one of three county 4-H'ers who qualified for the state show. The other two were Chris Reynolds and China Foster.

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Rusty McDaniel of Dimmitt earned enough points at the State 4-H Horse Show to win the Champion Stock Horseman Award, and he received the Texas State Champion Stock Horseman Saddle for his

McDaniel was one of three 4-H'ers from Castro County who attended the state show, held July 19-25 in Abilene.

At state, McDaniel and his horse, Blue Otoe, placed fourth in Reining, fifth in the Working Cow Horse competition, seventh in Cutting and seventh in Team Penning.

Other 4-H'ers attending the state show were Chris Reynolds and China

Reynolds and his horse, Dee's Lucky Star, earned eighth-place honors in the Yearling Gelding Futurity class. Reynolds was also a finalist in the Hunter Showmanship competition with his other horse, Supreme Prescription. Reynolds competed in the Gelding Halter, Showmanship, Western Pleasure and Western Horsemanship events.

Foster and her horse, Ima Side Kick, competed in the Halter Mare Division, Showmanship and Western Pleasure events.

Roping set in Hereford

Roping competition will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Circle A

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The Spicer Gripp Memorial Arena, located eight miles west of world-class ropers competing in Hereford on FM 1058.

This year's event will feature

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three events.

The open calf roping will be held Saturday at 10 a.m.

The invitational team roping will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday. The top 20 team ropers in the world, including 10 world champions, are expected to compete at the event.

The invitational steer roping will start around 1 p.m. on Sunday. The Hereford VFW has planned a

special introductory program for calf ropers at the Hereford VFW Hall Friday. An introduction of team ropers and steer ropers, along with a meal, has been planned Saturday at 8

A special match roping between two Hereford residents, Roady Wilson and Monty Lewis, will be held at intermission of the steer roping competition.

Admission to the ropings will be \$5. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

Proceeds from the event will go to the scholarship program at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and to a fund to build an outdoor special events center for Hereford.



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Congratulations to Greg and Christina Hoelting, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last Sunday morning with an "open house" at the Legion Hall. The event was hosted by their children; Dennis and Hoelting, Marvin and Carol Hanneman and Anna Hoelting of San Antonio; and Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker of Nazareth. Over 200 friends and relatives attended the reception.

After the reception, the Hoeltings enjoyed the day at the home of Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker with lots of visiting, games and food. During the evening, many of Greg and Christina's nieces and nephews and their families joined them for a singing party. It was a wonderful day and the memories will be with us forever. We were especially blessed to have Sister Norbert (Greg's sister) here to celebrate with us.

Debbie Russell of Granger flew home for the 60th anniversary of her grandparents over the weekend. On Friday, her mom, Mary Lou Schmucker, her sister and sister-inlaw treated her to a night on the town in Lubbock to celebrate her 30th birthday. Everyone had a great time.

The Nazareth Home and School Association hosted a Farewell reception Sunday evening in the school cafeteria for the seven teachers leaving our school system-Mr. Joey Waldo, Mrs. Kelly Ray, Mrs. Lisa Gunstream, Mrs. Tammy McLain,

Watch for traffic accidents on rural county roads

The largest increase in traffic failures in Texas is on rural county roads. A study conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute in 25 rural Texas communities found that 78%

that number plunges to 48%. "People don't seem to realize the risk to be as great if they are not on a major freeway or in congested traffic," says Castro County Farm Bureau Pres-

of Texans buckle up. In rural counties

ident Chris Cogburn. While driving 70 miles an hour on an interstate highway may be relatively safe, traveling 70 down a narrow farm-to-market road is another matter.

"The number one thing for everyone to remember is to wear his or her seatbelt. And the best practice is for children to ride in the back seat," said Cogburn. The local Farm Bureau leader also said that slow moving agricultural implements can be a hazard for careless or speeding drivers.

Texas law says children to age four must be restrained, and those under age two must be in a child safety seat. Also it is illegal for children under age 12 to ride in the open bed of a pickup truck if the truck is going over 35 miles an hour, or if it is traveling on a public road.

Mr. Colby Waldrop, Mrs. Lavern Van Pool and Mr. Steven Sanders.

Cyril and Mitzie Brockman are the proud grandparents of two new grandsons. Lance and Jennifer Judy Hoelting, Leroy and Colette Brockman of Enid, Okla., are the new parents of Matthew Erin, born Hoelting, all of Denver; Charlie July 9. He has one brother and one sister. His grandparents are Joe and Vickie Wilbanks of Moore, Okla., and Cyril and Mitzie Brockman.

> Pierce and Pat Brockman of Garland, TX., are the new parents of Joseph Gregory, born July 17. He has two brothers and two sisters. His grandmother is Patricia Mass of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Cyril and Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth.

May Hochstein recently attended the marriage of her granddaughter, Sarah, daughter of Susan Walker, to Brian Kirkell, son of Victor and Beth Slotnick, in Philadelphia. Sarah and Brian both graduated from the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York, in May of 1998.

May reports the trip was quite an adventure. She was met at the airport by Susie, Sarah and Brian had just been joined by George and Mimi Hochstein and their three children, Jeremy, Bayli and Signe, when a terrific storm hit.

"We were dodging falling limbs and trees and actually saw a tree fall and flatten a limo," she said. "Our plane was scrapped for the day, as Brian's parents lost all power at their house and the streets were blocked with debris, so the evening was spent by everyone at the hotel. It was okay as we were all together and the hotel had power. Michael and Alice (Hochstein) Hawren of North Carolina, also met us at the hotel."

The next day the Slotnicks still had no power but the planned party went on outside as if nothing had happened. Later, the entire household moved to the hotel to prepare for the wedding the next day. The wedding was held in the Main Line Reform Temple just outside of Philadelphia. It followed the Jewish tradition. The bride and groom were escorted by parents and grandparents to stand under the Chuppa-a tent-like structure symbolizing the house to which the groom will take his bride. The Ketaebah, a marriage contract that protects the rights of the woman, was read, vows exchanged, the blessings sung over a glass of wine and then the glass was smashed by the groom. Bayli and Signe Hochstein were flower girls.

A reception and dance was then held in the Circular Lounge of the Temple. The Slotnicks were wonderful hosts.

The Hochstein families also did some sight seeing. They visited the Liberty Bell, Franklin's Court, Betsy Ross' house, the U.S. Mint, a National Park Center and many more historical places.

A group of 16 parishners from St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church of Amarillo came to Nazareth on Thursday. They gathered in Holy Family Church and the day began with Deacon Jerome Brockman leading them

to pray the rosary. They were then given a tour of the church and discussed its history. Everyone agreed it was a pleasure to visit the church as it still had the appearance of a church, saying don't ever change

As they walked through Holy Family Cemetery, an older lady said she knew a nurse who had a great grandmother buried here. She wrote down the inscription from one of the older Spanish graves.

They then toured the Convent and enjoyed knowing that it was now being used as Holy Family Inn. They agreed it was a very inviting place for people to spend the night.

seum, Anna (Steiert) Baumhart, formerly of Nazareth, admired us having her mother's prayer room set up as her mother had it.

The group, led by Lucille Drerup, all enjoyed lunch together at "Chubby Buns."

Kent and Teresa Birkenfeld invite everyone to come by their home and visit with Andre, the foreign exchange student they hosted several years ago. He will be visiting the Birkenfelds and others until August

Sandee Hoelting and Karen Gerber took Monty and Jake Hoelting, Cliff Gerber, Brady Schulte, Tyson and Dustin Schulte, and Jamie and Mark Birkenfeld to Wichita Falls to watch the Cowboys workout on Thursday. As they toured the Nazareth Mu- They all came back with autographs and stories of their favorite players. The group spent Wednesday night in Henrietta with Kevin and Tracie Scholl.

Thrasher and Mays snatch Dandies and Darlins title

Chip Thrasher and Jo Beth Mays of Dimmitt trimmed four strokes off their total in the second round of the Dandies and Darlins Tournament and that was good enough to boost the team to a first-place finish in the Championship Flight Sunday at Country Club of Dimmitt.

Thrasher and Mays were behind after Saturday's opening round when they finished with 69, but Sunday's second round of 65 gave them the title by a stroke, 134-135.

Three teams tied for second with 135, including Mitzi and Nikki Watts of Wellington, Mozelle Lilley and Jim Glenn of Dimmitt and Brett and Tiffi West of Hereford.

Cliff Cook and Carla Luna of the second flight, Charles and Sherri Langen of Dalhart and Tad and Cindy Cornett of Dimmitt tied for top honors with 149. Third Flight winners were David Ramirez and Mary Lou Lopez of Plainview with 149. The Fourth Flight championship was claimed by Richard and Shirley Schacher of Dimmitt, who finished with 161.

Here are complete results from the annual tournament.

> **Dandies & Darlins** Tournament

at Country Club of Dimmitt Championship Flight: 1. Chip

Thrasher and Jo Beth Mays of Dimmitt, 69-65-134; 2. (Tie) Mitzi and Nikki Watts of Wellington, 67-

68-135, Mozelle Lilley and Jim Glenn of Dimmitt, 67-68-135 and Brett and Tiffi West of Hereford, 68-67-135.

First Flight: 1. Cliff Cook and Carla Luna of Dimmitt, 71-70—141; 2. (Tie) Jerry and Kay Strawn of Panhandle, 71-71—142; 3. Larry Luna and Betty McClure of Dimmitt, 72-70-142.

Second Flight: 1. (Tie) Charles and Sherri Langen of Dalhart, 75-74-149, and Tad and Cindy Cornett of Dimmitt, 76-73-149; 3. Audrey Shottenkirk and Tony Fisher of Dimmitt, 74-76—150.

Third Flight: 1. David Ramirez and Mary Lou Lopez of Plainview, 79-70-149; 2. Bobby and Kim Dimmitt captured the gold in the McPherson of Wellington, 80-First Flight, finishing with 141. In 73—153; 3. (Tie) Don and Shirley Cornett of Dimmitt, 80-74-154 and Dean and Wanda Nazworth of

Fourth Flight: 1. Richard and Shirley Schacher of Dimmitt, 83-78—161; 2. Jay Nelson and Connie Hagi of Dimmitt, 82-81-163; 3. Don and Pat McGowin of Amarillo,

Dimmitt Invitational Aug. 22 and 23.

The tournament will be a two-man scramble on Saturday, Aug. 22, and low ball on Sunday, Aug. 23.

On Sept. 19-20, Country Club of Dimmitt will host the Senior Dandies and Darlins Tournament, a couples' scramble.

Clarendon, 81-73—154.

86-80-166.

The Country Club of Dimmitt will host the 1998 Country Club of



HART DAYS HONORED PIONEERS IN PARADE . . . Loyd and Augusta Farris, in back seat

MesoNet system to aid communities

South Plains communities suffer- help area farmers in the planting, ing through the state's current irrigating and harvesting of crops. drought conditions may be better prepared to handle future droughts due to a weather tracking system Texas Tech University researchers are developing.

The system, known as the West Texas MesoNet, will be a network of 28 weather tracking and monitoring stations located in every county across the South Plains region, including Castro County. The organizers of the project hope it will be functioning by the first of 1999.

The monitoring stations will provide information on increased soil temperature and mositure that will

"We can help farmers better use available water both in good times and bad," said Tim Doggett, PhD. assistant professor of geosciences at Tech. "If we can conserve water during the good times that will lessen the effects during the drought period like we're having now."

The MesoNet system also will help weather forecasters predict severe thunderstorms.

MesoNet also will have an effect on utility companies by helping them determine power consumption needs of the region by pinpointing hotter or colder areas.

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property lax Fund	Balance
Castro County General	\$425,000
Castro County Precincts	\$290,000
Hospital District	\$1,256,615
Dimmitt ISD	\$3,193,950
Nazareth ISD	\$450,000
City of Dimmitt	_
City of Nazareth	\$37,797

Schedule C

Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(for cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated

that it will receive the following amounts in additional sales and use tax revenues.

\$133,666 Castro County City of Dimmitt \$97,175 \$4,381 City of Nazareth

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

Notice prepared by Jerry Heller Chief Appraiser Prepared on July 24, 1998

1998 Property Tax Rates in Castro County

Dr. Morris Webb

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300 W. Bedford, Dimmitt

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Castro County, Castro County Hospital District, Dimmitt ISD and City, Nazareth ISD and City. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both

years. This year's rollback rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

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23-15-3tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have contributed to the Carpet Fund of the Senior Citizens Center through donations, garage sale, bridge tournament, fabric purchases, etc. To finish carpeting the building, we needed \$4,000. To date, we only need \$750 more. We know with all your help, WE WILL

MAKE IT! Thanks again.

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25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Castro County in the following cases on the 1st day of July, 1998, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11 a.m. on the 4th day of August, 1998, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-wit:

Cause No. A7020-TX-1295 CASTRO All of the West Half (W/2) of Lots Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), Block One (1), Clifton Heights Addition to the Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 2nd day of July, 1998, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, together with interest at 10 per cent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of CITY OF DIMMITT, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CASTRO COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT ISD AND CASTRO COUNTY

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 2nd day of July, 1998

CD FITZGEARLD, Sheriff Castro County, Texas

BY JERRY W. JANSA, DEPUTY 25-14-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners court is now accepting bids for the construction of a six-person minimum security living area on the second floor of the Castro County Jail. Construction must conform to the rules of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Bid specifications can be picked up from the Sheriff Monday-Friday 8-5 p.m. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, TX 79027, on or before August 7,

Bids will be opened August 10, 1998, at

10:00 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive

C.D. FITZGERALD Castro County Sheriff 25-16-2tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Board, Dimmitt, Texas, will receive sealed bids

A: Secure long term residential detention and bootcamp services.

B: Secure short term detention services in a bootcamp setting.

C: Electronic monitoring services. Until 5:00 p.m., August 21, 1998. The bids will be presented to the Castro County Commissioner's Court at it's regular meeting scheduled to be held at the Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt,

1998. At this time the sealed bids will be opened and awarded. Requirements may be obtained from Dena Berry, Director of Juvenile Probation, Swisher County Courthouse, Tulia, Texas,

Texas, 79027, at 10:00 a.m., August 24,

The Castro/Swisher Juvenile Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all formalities for the best interest of the Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation Department.

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Sustainable ag event set in Nazareth

A two-day "summer classroom" featuring creative agricultural practices and techniques, education workshops for the family and a celebration of rural arts, themes and experiences will be held in Hereford and Nazareth Friday and Saturday.

Sponsored by the Promised Land Network, the sixth annual "Sustaining Agriculture Weekend" is designed for farmers, ranchers, urban gardeners, rural women, ag service professionals, community leaders, educators and more. Some activities are included for children, as well.

In addition, ag producers and rural residents can earn up to six Texas Dept. of Agriculture recertification credits by attending some of the workshop sessions offered during the two days. To receive these credits, producers must pick up and complete a form available from the registration desk at the Hereford Community Center on Friday or at the Nazareth Community Hall on Saturday.

The weekend starts in Hereford on Friday with an introduction and welcome at the Hereford Community Center at 2 p.m. Lydia Villanueva will give an overview of PLN's El Hormiguero Project.

Friday

At the Friday afternoon session, participants can earn one hour of general credit by attending the 2:20 p.m. presentation by Dr. Steve Stevenson, "Building Sustainability from the Ground Up." Stevenson is a rural sociologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

At 3:10 p.m., there will be a panel session with workshop presenters, followed by individual workshop sessions.

An additional hour of general credit can be earned by attending either "Growing Great Gardens -Bio-intensively," with Mike Everett, a member of ATTRA technical support staff; or "Tierra Blanca Watershed: Where Do We Go from Here?", led byBill Stocker, a biology teacher from Canyon.

Additional workshops offered are: "Showing a Profit: Marketing for Small-Scale Farmers," with Forest Corville of Shallowater, an Extension specialist; "Build Without a Mortgage-Straw Bale Construction," with Ronnie Peek of Slaton, a furniture builder; "Small Livestock Options for Youth and Adults," led by Heifer Project International and local County Extension Agents; and "Rural Women: Farmers, Homemakers and More," with Villanueva and Nancy Roe of Stephenville, Extension specialist.

After a break at 3:30 p.m., the workshop sessions will continue through 6:30 p.m.

At 7 p.m., a fiesta will be hosted by El Hormiguero Community Organization, with food, visiting and local music.

Saturday

On Saturday, the day long event moves to the Nazareth Community Hall. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The fee is \$10 per person or \$5 for those under 12. The cost includes lunch and refreshments.

Following the opening prayer, introductions and event overview at 8 a.m., sessions held during the day will focus on medium-sized and large scale farming and ranching through tours.



TEJANO BAND-Algo Simple of Hereford will be featured at a concert and dance at the conclusion of the Sixth Annual Sustaining Agriculture Weekend Saturday in Nazareth. The group features tejano and country hits, along with several of their own original compositions. Cover charge for the rural fair activities starting at 5:15 p.m. is \$5 per person. That will include a hamburger dinner, refreshments, and music. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Also included in the activities will be a benefit auction that will benefit the Promised Land Network. Courtesy Photo

Participants can earn two hours of credits by attending one of three concurrent outdoor workshops from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.:

-"Meeting the Challenges of Dryland Agriculture," presented by Dr. Clay Robinson of West Texas A&M University. This group will tour several field sites (narrow-row cotton under a center pivot, dryland summer forage, and summer fallow wheat stubble) to disucss what cropping rotations and tillage options can contribute most to soil mosisture storage, rentention and utilization.

- "Post CRP Management: Grazing and Establishing New Species of Grass," presented by J.R. Bell, Natural Resources Conservation Service of Amarillo.

-And a repeat of "Growing Great Gardens-Bio-intensively," which also will earn participants two hours of Integrated Pest Managment cred-

Other workshops at 8:30 will in-

-"Involving Youth in Small Livestock Projects," led by Benny Martinez, Castro County Extension Agent, and Heifer Project International. About 20 youth between Dimmitt and Hereford have taken up pastured goats and poultry projects and will be exhibiting their animals in an alternate Bi-County Livestock Show Sept. 12 in Dimmitt. This project teaches husbandry and entrepreneurial skills.

-"Learning the Lay of the Land, Middle Tule Draw Tour" by Mike Harter of Amarillo, historian, and Geoff Cunfer of Austin, graduate student. This tour will examine the draw's grassland while discussing its history, dydrology, habitats and hopes for the future.

At 10:50 a.m., one hour of general credit can be obtained by attending "Caring for Nature through Classroom Teaching," presented by Dr. Dick Richardson of the University of Texas in Austin and Bill Stocker of Canyon High School.

Other sessions include "Knowing our Place on the Llano Estacado" with Harter and Cunfer; "Passing on the Family Farm: Key Issues" with Stevenson; "Using Futures Options as a Marketing Tool," presented by Monte Winders of Financial Feedom

& Futures of Amarillo and David Huseman of Amarillo of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association; and "Secrets of Great Barbecue—Skills for Outdoor Grilling" by Tomas Villanueva of Hereford.

Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. The menu will include mesquitegrilled beef and chicken cuts, leg of lamb with Llano Estacado wine jelly marinade, and locally grown potatoes and vegetables.

The keynote address will be given day's activities. by Stevenson at 12:45 p.m.

Another hour of general credit is available by attending the 2:45 p.m. workshop, "Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO): Legislative, Environmental and Social Issues," led by PLN staff, members of the Texas Legislature and livestock industry representatives.

More about Football

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Regular practices will be held at 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with running and conditioning exercises. Players will wear shorts and helmets.

The first scrimmage will be against Lubbock Christian, there. Aug. 28 they will scrimmage Memphis, at home.

Nazareth Practices will be held at 7:30 a.m.

and 6 p.m. at the fieldhouse.

The first scrimmage will be against Anton, there.

More about Schools

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to the proper length. Girls are cautioned about wearing shirts or blouses that are too short at the waistline. Sleeveless blouses are allowed as long as the shoulder is covered.

Long t-shirts must be tucked in and shorts must meet the approved length of no more than three inches above the knee.

Additional workshops at that hour will feature talks on "Rural Schools: Centers for Community Sustainability" by Tim Walters of Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C.; "Passing on the Family Farm: Communicating and Planning" by Richard and Peggy Sechrist of Fredericksburg; and "Rural Women: Who Are We?" by Roe.

At 4 p.m., a group of local people will perform an historical dramatization, "A Llano Estacado Reunion." Those featured will be Mike Harter, portraying Father Joseph Reisdorff; Keith Birkenfeld, portraying T.P. McCormick; Faye Spencer as Wilhemina Their; Tony Martinez as Casimero Romero; and David Olvera as Agapito Sandoval.

Rural Fair

A Rural Fair will begin at 5:15 p.m., with a cover charge of \$5 person, which will include a hamburger dinner, an auction and a dance. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

The hamburger dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 5:15 p.m., and music will be presented by selected local musicians.

The Promised Land Network will have a benefit auction at 6:30 p.m., followed by more music from local musicians.

The Tejano band "Algo Simple" of Hereford will give a concert and dance from 9 to 11 p.m. They perform tejano and country hits, along with their own original composi-

Music and dancing will end the

Children's Activities

Children's activities will include an educational tour on Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. for \$5 per child. Another educational tour will be offered Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the farm of Bob and Theresa Birkenfeld. The cost will be \$5 per child.

Also, on Saturday at 6:30 a.m., 5to 8-mile bike tours will be offered on county dirt roads.

Permission release forms will need to be completed and signed for each participant in these activities.

'98 drought may be a disaster

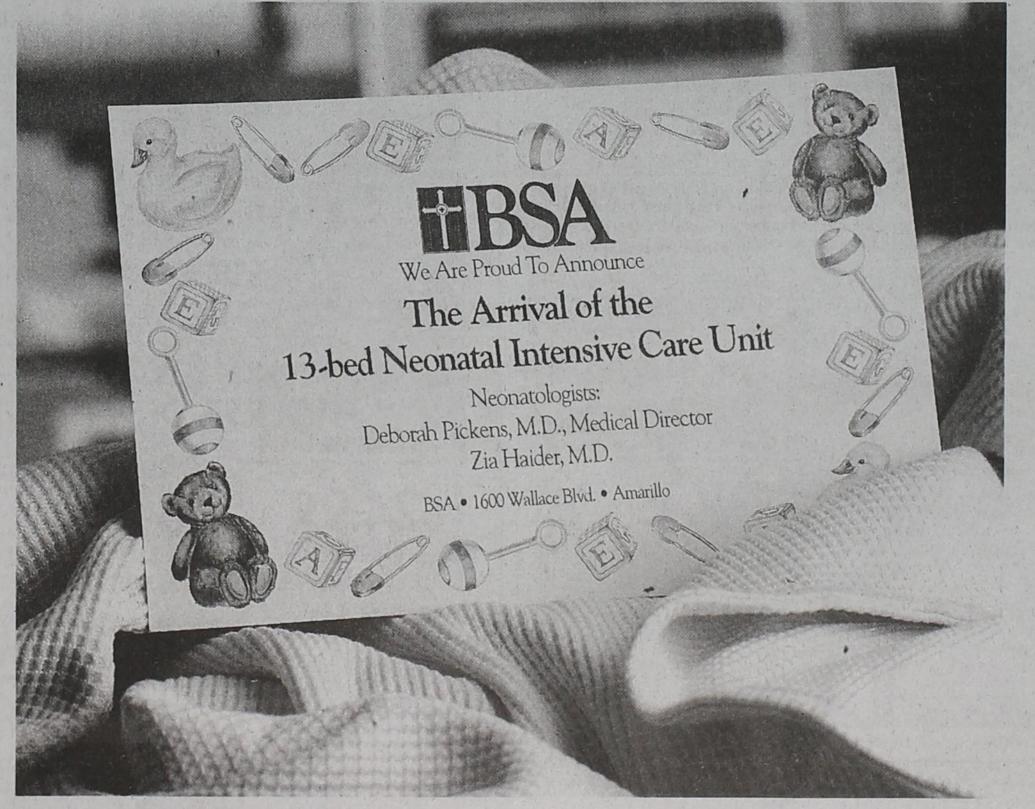
Texans have had their fair share of droughts over the years, but the droughts of 1998 could become the worst disaster ever for Texas agriculture, according to Chris Cogburn, president of the Castro County Farm

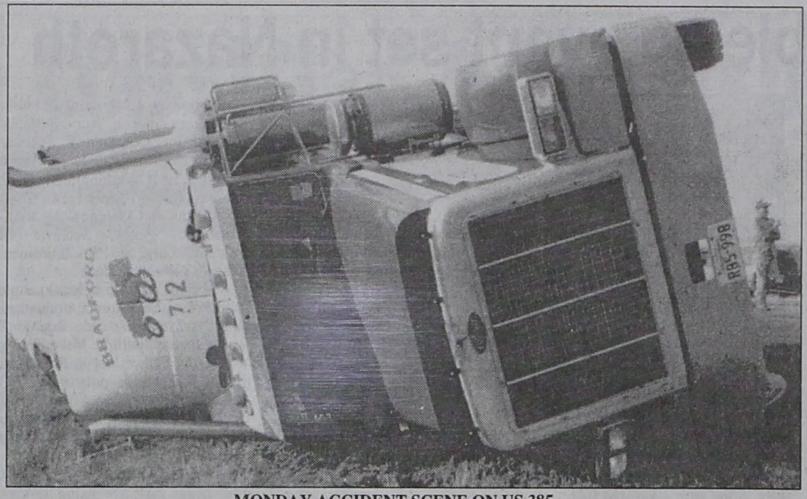
"Texas Agricultural Extension Services economists say the current drought is projected to cause \$1.5 billion in losses for farmers and ranchers," said Cogburn. "This in turn will squeeze \$4.6 billion out of the Texas economy over the next 18 months."

This year's drought could be worse than the 1996 drought if the rains do not come soon.

"The 1996 drought was one of the state's worst natural disasters on record," said Cogburn. "Producers were handed losses of \$1.9 billion and about \$5 billion was slashed from the Texas economy."

"TBF President Bob Stallman has written letters to the Texas Congressional delegation and has been in Washington in attempts to secure assistance. "





MONDAY ACCIDENT SCENE ON US 385

... Loaded cattle truck overturns while attempting to make curve 10 miles north of Dimmitt

Cattle truck overturns on wet road Monday

farmers Sunday evening, it also delivered trouble to a truck driver making his trip to Cactus Monday morn-

Curtis Bruegel, the driver of a Bradford Cattle Truck, overturned on a curve along US Highway 385 going north to Hereford. Bruegel had minor cuts and scratches.

"The road was wet on the edge and I couldn't get back over," Bruegel said.

The truck turned on its right side, and 36 cattle were trapped inside the trailer.

A Highway Patrol Officer and the sheriff's department directed traffic while several local cowboys, farmers, ranchers and volunteer firemen helped free the cattle from the battered holding car.

Several cattle were locked inside by a door wedged tightly shut. A chain was attached to the door and a truck pulled it free. The frightened cattle hurried outside, slipping in the mud and dung. They were herded into a nearby pasture.

Other cattle were stopped by a

Just as the rain delivered relief to small gate tall enough to prevent them from stepping over. Two members of the Fire Department used an electric saw to cut through the metal, and then the truck pulled it loose. of the pavement. The cattle rushed out, several falling and one charging the volunteers.

Bruegel was ticketed for failure to control speed. The truck had moderate damage and the trailer had heavy damage.

Ramiro Gauna earns degree

Ramiro Gauna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Gauna, has been awarded an associate of applied science degree in office administrataion/legal administrative assisting from ESS-The College for Business-in Dallas.

Gauna graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996. He is employed as an administrative assistant at Dallas-Minnesota Investments, LLC, in Dallas.

DMS sets football equipment issue date

next Thursday for Dimmitt Middle School football players at the middle

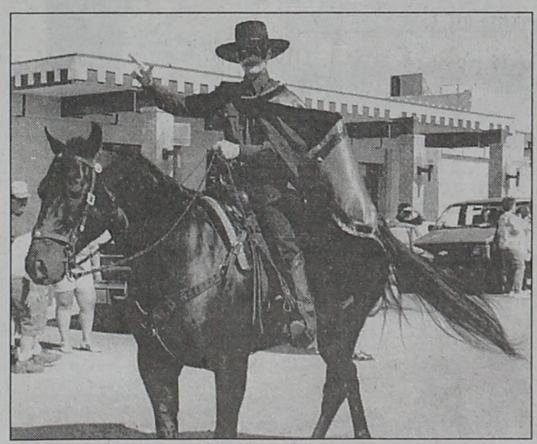
school fieldhouse.

Football equipment will be issued there from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and seventh graders from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Seventh grade players are reminded to have a physical before the Eighth grade players need to be start of the season.



FIRST-PLACE ANTIQUE TRACTOR in the Hart Days Parade Saturday was this 1941 International Harvester W4 owned by Bob Hill and driven by Chad Cole. Hill also had the second-place winner, a 1949 I-H W6, and Al Irons had the third-place winner, a John Deere Model M. Photo by Don Nelson



THE MASK OF DUSTIN-Texas Tech's 1998 Masked Rider, Dustin Abney, gives the guns-up sign from his coal-black mount, "Phantom Raider," during the Hart Days Parade Saturday. Photo by Don Nelson

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almost daily is keeping the phones humming and the calculators hot, according to James D. Sartwelle III, risk management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo.

"Unless the rains start coming, it will stay that way too," Sartwelle

The damage that has been done to date will cause an estimated \$137.5 million in direct losses to producers, Sartwelle said. In turn, losses in the Panhandle are projected to reach \$462.5 million. These figures include producer loss and resulting losses for industries associated with harvesting, transporting, processing marketing of agricultural and food products.

"The area's corn crop is being hit hardest by the drought," Sartwelle

Damage done to irrigated corn crops has reached the 20% mark, while dryland corn crops received unlimited losses. The total direct loss to producers is an estimated \$79 million.

For other crops, direct losses are projected at \$24.2 million for sorghum, \$28.8 million for cotton, \$2.5 million for soybeans and \$3 million for peanuts.

DPS Trooper Ron Mann said

Bruegel told him he had been reach-

ing for something as he entered a

curve and the truck went off the edge

decided to wear his seat belt, which

probably saved him from greater

injury.

Because of the fog, Bruegel had

Lack of moisture has affected range and pasture conditions to the point many cattle producers are faced with procuring additional pasture for their stock, supplemental feeding or herd reductions.

According to recent USDA crop

pasture and rangeland received a

poor to very poor rating. "To date, widespread supplemental feeding or liquidation has yet to occur, so the costs of these activities

condition reports, 68% of the area's aren't included in the loss estimates for the region," Sartwelle said.

> "In the absence of timely rains in the very near future, area cattle producers face tough decisions



GIRLS 'N DOLLS-Kembra and Kelcy Albracht pass in review with dolls that were made to look like them during the Hart Days Doll Parade which preceded the main parade Saturday morning. The girls are the daughters of Steve and Sheryl Albracht. Photo by Don Nelson

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