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## Hail mutilates 130,000 acres of corn, cotton

Insurance agents and adjusters are snowed under as they work through the mountain of claims being filed by property owners in Castro County after a series of recent thunderstorms pounded portions of the area.

Crops were destroyed, windows were broken out of automobiles and homes, roofs were pounded and winds destroyed sprinkler systems, landscaping, fences and more during storms from mid-May through June.

The first major storm that swept through the area on May 25 dropped quarter- to golf ball-size hail in downtown Dimmitt, pounding vehicles and breaking windshields on vehicles parked around the center of the city.

Another powerful storm that struck on June 2 included big hail, a lot of wind and possible small tornadoes, and that increased the work load at local insurance agencies.

Then on Friday night, a third system carrying up to golf ball-size hail pounded a strip across the southern part of the county from Sunnyside across to Hart. That storm annihilated many young crops including corn and cotton.

The storms have passed—at least for now, and property owners are now faced with the task of assessing the damage and seeing to repairs.

Homeowners and automobile owners whose property was pounded by

the recent hails are filing insurance claims and repairs are underway.

But things aren't as easy for the farmers who could only watch as the ice stones destroyed part of their livelihood.

Approximately 130,000 acres of crops in Castro County have been affected by hail and wind damage because of the storm, according to the Castro County Farm Service Agency Office.

The bulk of the damage appears to be located in the center of the county. Other spots receiving extensive damage include west of Dimmitt and along a narrow strip across the southern part of the county, including the Hart and Sunnyside areas.

Most of the corn in these areas has been affected, but farmers are hoping the young plants will be able to recover. Cotton suffered the worst damage, and most of the fields in the path of the storms have been a total loss.

Producers are planning to replace their lost cotton acres with sorghum, haygrazer or another forage crop, or soybeans.

The storm which passed across the southern part of the county Friday broke windows on homes and cracked many windshields as well as damaging crops.

"Adjusters have totaled a lot of roofs around here and a lot of the vehi-

cles have had as much as \$3,000 to \$4,000 in damage," said Pecos Gast with Town and Country Insurance in Dimmitt.

Gast said most of the claims they have received have been for roofs and vehicles, but they have had some reports of crop damage and a couple of sprinklers were destroyed.

"Since mid-May we've had a lot of roof damage," said Ewell Kelley with Snider Insurance Agency in Dimmitt. "We've been handling a lot of claims and we're trying to keep up. What we've looked at hasn't been good. Some of the cotton out there has been totally wiped out. We had a big hail that ran along Highway 86 from Tam Anne to east of Nazareth. That storm destroyed some cotton that was just coming up. An area south of Nazareth was hit, too, but not as bad. Then Sunnyside got hit hard Friday night."

The damage has been severe, but not all areas suffered from the hail and wind/tornadoes.

"It seems like it's (damage) been pretty scattered," Gast said. "The storm that went through on May 25 got stuff in town. Then the one on June 2 damaged spots to the south and east, and some to the west and north, but it was spotty. Hart and Sunnyside caught it Friday night."

## Coaches quitting; parents are upset

Resignations by four high school coaches and rumors that more are planning to leave sparked an hour-long, closed-door session of parents, board members and administrators at Monday night's Dimmitt School Board meeting.

More than 20 persons—most of them parents of high school athletes—signed in, and eight spoke before the board one at a time while the others waited outside.

Board Chairman Paul Garcia ordered that portion of the meeting closed under the provisions of the state's Open Meetings Act because it involved discussion of personnel.

Focus of the parents' march was Athletic Director Bruce Dollar.

One parent who addressed the board told the *News* that he asked that Dollar either be reassigned or removed as athletic director, and that he thought most of the other parents voiced the same request.

Supt. Les Miller said the board took no action on the issue Monday night. However, he said, "In handling any personnel question, if there's a problem area we're going to address it. We have to remember, though, that employees have rights, too."

Miller confirmed that four high school coaches have resigned. They are:

—Chris Edwards, head girls' basketball and track coach, who has accepted a similar position at Brownfield after having guided the Bobbies to the regional basketball finals in his first season as a head coach.

—Monty Gothard, power lifting coach and football assistant, who produced a state champion power lifter this year.

—Cory Lynch, head tennis coach and assistant in basketball and football, who took players to the regional tennis tourney this year.

—Donovan Ferguson, freshman and junior high girls' coach, who has accepted the head girls' coaching job at Texline.

The wives of some of those coaches also teach in the local school system.

The board accepted Edwards' and Ferguson's resignations after an executive session Monday night, along with the resignation of Ferguson's wife, Ann, a seventh grade reading teacher.

The board also accepted the resignations of:

—Sharon Riggs, paraprofessional at Richardson Elementary, who has been commuting from Muleshoe this year.

—Virginia Weaver, fifth grade language arts teacher, who is moving to Canyon.

—Frances Davis, high school math teacher, who is moving to Lubbock.

At the same time, the board voted to hire two new coaches, a new band director and a high school math teacher.

The board hired Tim Gilliland of Canyon to succeed Edwards as head girls' basketball coach. Gilliland has been an assistant coach under Joe Lombard at Canyon the last five years.

Miller said that Edwards submitted his resignation shortly after last month's board meeting, giving the school district time to advertise for applicants. He said there were "six or eight applications" for the girls' coaching job.

The board also hired Greg Ragland of Vega as an assistant high school coach and social studies teacher.

Hired as the new band director was Harold Hinsley, a native Texan who has been a band director and school administrator in Illinois but "wants to come back to Texas," Miller said.

The board also hired Hinsley's wife, Martha, a high school math teacher.

—Donovan Ferguson, freshman



DRIFTING AWAY on a lazy summer day is Gabriel Mireles, who was caught floating across the water at a local swimming pool recently.

Hundreds of youngsters will try to beat the heat this summer by taking a dip in the city pool or at the Country Club in Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Boll weevils are moving into county

Boll weevils are beginning to make their way into Castro County and traps have been placed in 43 spots across Castro and Lamb counties to monitor the situation.

According to Castro County Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Agent Johnna Patterson, the percent of active traps catching weevils increased from 2.33% to 20% in Castro County over the past two weeks; but decreased from 87.5% to 46.51% in Lamb County.

"The heavy rainfall and high winds are probably affecting trap catches," Patterson said. "Also, once cotton begins to square, weevils are more attracted to it than to traps."

Fields in this area that had late season weevils last year have a higher probability of having early season weevils in 1999, according to Patterson.

Although early season weevil

populations haven't been high in the past, there is a potential for more weevils this season, she said.

"Trap catches just south of this area are very high and our traps are revealing higher numbers this season," Patterson said. "If you are running traps around your fields or if you have found weevils already, you should be keeping a close eye on your fields as squaring should start in the next couple of weeks."

"Weevils can survive for about two weeks without squaring cotton, and if the pests are emerging now, there will be squares appearing soon," she said.

As soon as cotton begins to square, growers should check the squares which are about one-third developed (about the size of a pencil eraser) for feeding and oviposition punctures.

"Fields that border or are adjacent to good overwintering habitat should be watched closely," Patterson said. "Overwintered weevils will enter the fields from these areas first. Spot or border sprays may be beneficial if weevils are found or if your traps are catching numbers that trigger an application. This trap trigger is determined by the pheromone trap index system."

Treatment is generally not necessary if only one weevil is found in a trap per week. If weevil numbers average more than one but fewer than two per week in a trap, treatment may or may not be justified. Fields shouldn't be treated unless field inspection at the one-third grown square stage indicates presence of weevils or unless the number of weevils caught per trap

for the week previous to pinhead square stage exceeds 10.

Treatment is justified if more than two weevils are found in a trap per week.

Traps should be placed around field margins about three weeks prior to squaring. Four to five traps should be used for fields up to 100 acres in size. More should be used for larger fields. Placing traps along the edges adjacent to overwintering habitat should also be considered.

Traps should be monitored weekly and the average number of weevils per trap determined for each field. Captured weevils shortly before and during early squaring provide a measure of the size of the overwintered population and is the best measurement of potential infestation.

## Plainview Exchange will be added to Dimmitt 'local calling'

The Public Utility Commission of Texas has approved Expanded Local Calling Service from the Dimmitt Exchange to the Plainview Exchange.

Dimmitt telephone customers filed a petition on Oct. 2, asking that Plainview be added to their local calling service.

The expansion included a vote, with all customers receiving ballots in the mail. More than 82% of those returning ballots favored expanding local calling to include the Plainview Exchange.

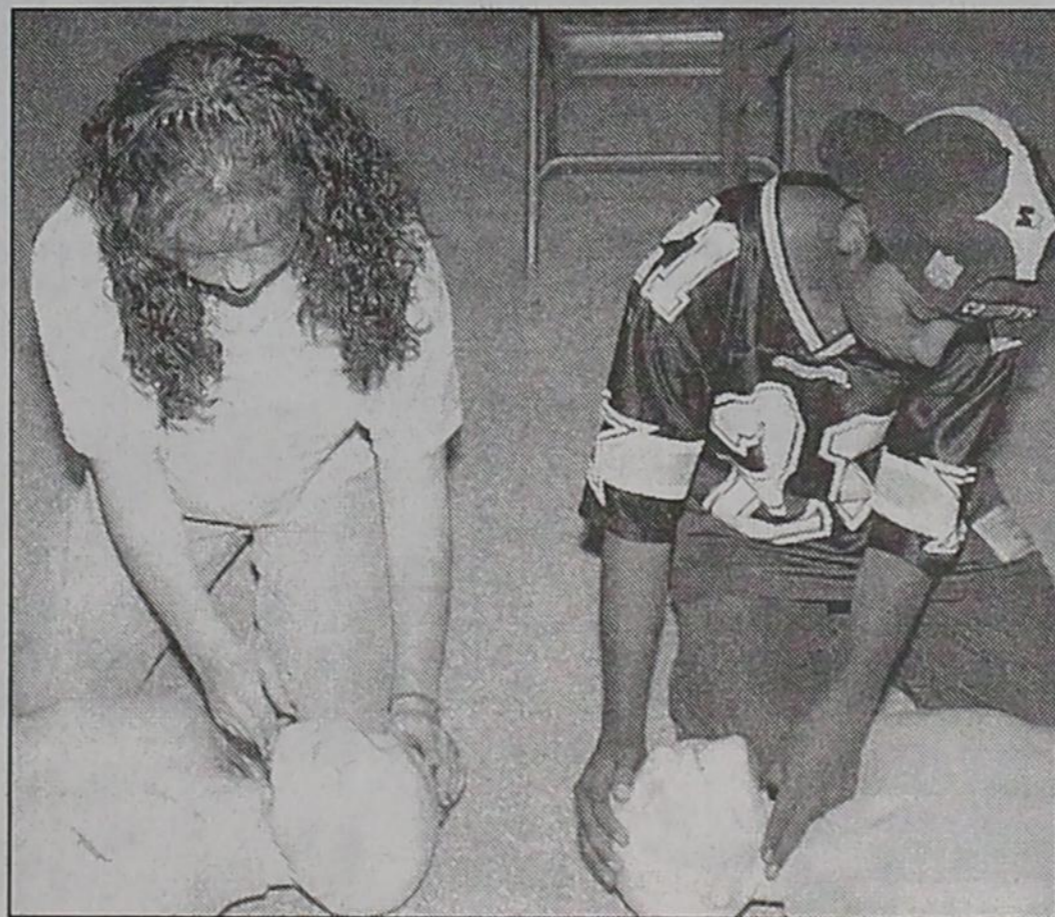
The Dimmitt Exchange and the Plainview Exchange are served by separate Local Access and Transport Areas (LATA), and by different telephone companies. Dimmitt is in the Amarillo LATA and is served by GTE/Contel of Texas, Inc., while Plainview is in the Lubbock

LATA and is served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Inc.

Before the request could be approved, the LATA boundary had to be modified and after determining a need for the service, the Public Utility Commission has ordered Southwestern Bell to file a request for a limited modification of the LATA boundary.

According to a report filed by the Public Utility Commission, "a community of interest exists between the Dimmitt Exchange and the petitioned exchange of Plainview."

"The Plainview Exchange is the location of employment, higher education, Social Security Office and Farmers Home Administration district office for the subscribers in the petitioning exchange of Dimmitt," the report stated.



QUICK, CALL 911!!—Melanie Wall, 15, and Matthew Ruiz, 13, both of Dimmitt, attempt to revive "people" during Summer Quest, a Catholic Family Services' youth program that teaches skills for life, such as CPR.

Photo by Monica Ortiz

# 'Dam stays open,' commissioners say

A resolution to keep a dam on Running Water Draw open constantly passed Monday morning during the Castro County Commissioners' meeting.

The dam is in Precinct 1 near Hart and located 1/2 mile east of Bruce Bridges' Feedyard. The draw, which flows west to east, is one of several built by the federal government from Clovis to Plainview for flood control along the draw. Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland posed the question whether the county had control of the valve.

District Attorney Jerry Matthews said the dam was turned over to the commissioners' court legally and it was up to the commissioners to decide whether to keep the valve open.

"The problem is between the people above the dam and below the dam," said Rowland.

Sometimes the dam overflows and floods the land below it, according to Rowland.

"Since the dam was built by the US government and built before the land was divided up, the control belongs to the commissioners," said Matthews.

"Personally, in my mind, it should be left open," Rowland added.

The commissioners decided that the cost for caliche used to fill in

washed-out county roads in Precinct 1 must be paid for by the residents and that the county will only help "smooth them down." The maintenance after will be the responsibility of the residents.

Also on the agenda, matching funds amounting to \$2,514 were approved for Jerry Matthews and Crime Victims' spending.

It is in the state mandate that every county have a crime victim liaison, he said. The number of volunteers for Crime Victims is down from seven to four. Crime Victim volunteers hold meetings two times a week.

The court examined and approved insurance claims for county properties. Bids are being accepted to re-coat the roofs of the courthouse, the expo building, the appraisal office and to re-roof Rhoads Memorial Library.

Justice of the Peace Tana Young asked the commissioners to allow her to paint her offices. She said she would paint them herself if the commissioners agreed to purchase the paint. The court approved her proposal.



**LION OF THE YEAR**—Dwayne Acker (left), Dimmitt Lions Club's Boss Lion, congratulations Don Nelson, who was selected as Lion of the Year for 1998-99 by his club. Nelson was honored during a special banquet on June 8 at The Pancake House. Nelson has been a member of the Dimmitt Lions Club for 33 years. He was Boss Lion in 1973-74. He is longtime Song Leader of the club and is currently serving as chairman of the Eyeglass Committee.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Letter

# 'Today, I learned a lesson in manners'

Dear Editor:

Today, I learned a lesson in manners. My thanks to the young lady at the concession stand at the baseball park for enlightenment brought to me and to my children and to any other children that may have been present at the time to benefit from such.

It happened after the T-ball game in which my 7-year-old took part. As is the case after a game, my child headed for the concession stand for a snack. We all know that at such times, the stand attendants are at their busiest and it was then that I was taught my lesson in manners.

My daughter, being impatient and after all being 7 years old, had the temerity to ask for what she wanted while the young lady was busy attending someone else and, in my view, maybe visiting with friends who were also waiting for service at the time.

She promptly instructed my daughter that she should wait her turn until she was done with business at hand.

All very well and good, I thought. But then it happens that she turns to attend some other people that are not even at the counter and me, being my daughter's father, had the audacity to inquire as to when my daughter should expect service.

Again, the young lady rose to the occasion and let me know that when my daughter was NICE about asking and when she should wait her turn, then she would be waited on.

Good for her, I thought. This lady does know how to deal with the public.

I can very well tell you that I was humbled that a lady of so tender years should be so wise in the dealings of such commerce that I was left speechless.

In time, my daughter got her snack and as we turned to go, the lady, maybe feeling that we needed further enlightenment, turned to her

Cigarette butts take a long time—about 25 years—to decompose because of the plastic in the filter. Cigarettes are the most common type of litter, so remember to keep your butts in the car and Don't Mess with Texas.

audience which by now had attracted the attention of all the children present as well as some adults and pronounced me as "what a JERK."

After all, was she not trying to teach my girl some manners?

I am sure that now, at least some children have the knowledge on how to deal with their elders when those elders are not behaving properly.

Again, my thanks to the young lady and if anyone should have the time when at the ballpark, do drop in by the concession stand and give this person a pat on the back for a job well done.

LUIS ACEVEDO

# CCHD personnel give tips for National Safety Month

Safety is as much a matter of attitude as it is of following a set of rules, according to Donna Charanza, RN, director of the Emergency Room at Plains Memorial Hospital.

"Most of the accidents that come through here have been caused because someone wasn't using common sense," she said. "Whether you are at home, at work, at school, or at a recreational area, paying attention to your surroundings and making sound decisions is the most important thing you can do for safety."

At home, parents of toddlers need to be extra cautious about dangers. "Parents should survey their house for potential trouble spots," she said. "Electric plugs should be covered; dangerous cleaning chemicals should be stored out of reach; firearms should be unloaded and locked up or removed from the home."

Parents also should make sure that older children understand what to do in case of a fire in the home, or if a tornado is on the way.

"Practicing fire drills in the house is one of the smartest things you can do," Charanza said. "Make sure your children know how to escape from their bedrooms. Having them practice a few times might very well save their lives."

Safety at work is also a matter of thinking ahead, according to Joe Sloan, CEO, Castro County Hospital District.

"If your work site has safety drills for fires, storms, or other disasters, pay attention and take those drills seriously," he said. "Experts have worked hard to make sure that the best procedures have been established for your safety."

Sloan also said that many accidents at work are caused by impaired workers.

"Shielding a co-worker who is using drugs or alcohol on the job may be hazardous to your health," he said. "Impaired workers are a danger to everyone in the group. It's in your best interest to let your employer know if someone is coming to work after using drugs or alcohol."

School safety is on everyone's minds these days, Charanza said.

"Talk to your children about routine precautions to take," she said. "Explain to them that reporting kids with firearms at school or fellow students who make violent threats against others is important to protect themselves and their friends."

Charanza emphasized that paying attention to your surroundings, thinking ahead, and making common sense decisions helps keep everyone safer.

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## Letter

# Who's in charge?

Dear Editor:

I have one word to describe the action taken by Les Miller and his school board Monday night: "Gutless."

Perhaps Mr. Miller and Mr. Garcia should sit down and decide who's in charge.

ALBERT ACEVEDO

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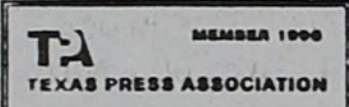
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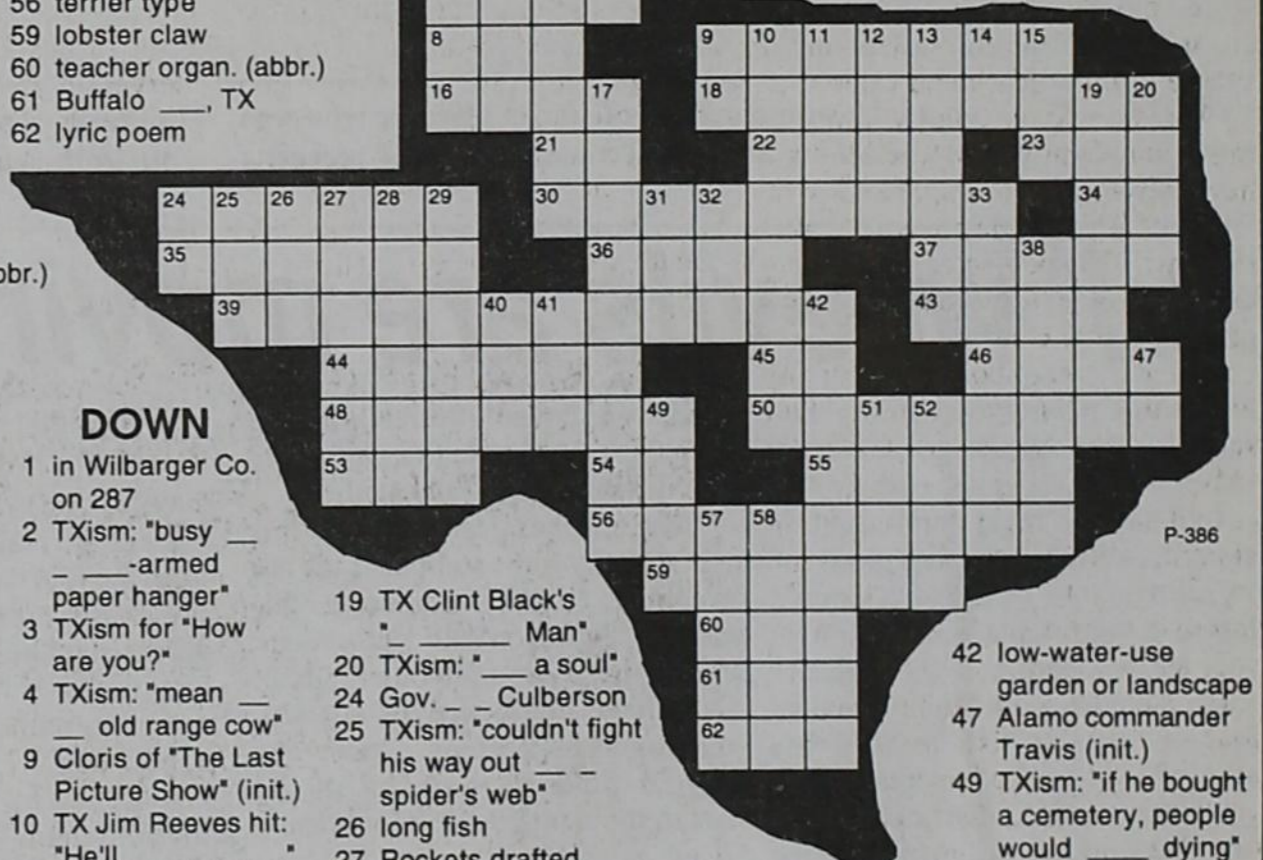
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- Cloris of "The Last Picture Show" (init.)
- TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll \_\_\_\_\_"
- the first man
- TXism: "tee ninety"
- start the golf match (2 wds.)
- Cowboy Emmitt (init.)
- the man who fired 39-across (init.)
- TXism: "that \_\_\_\_\_ fancy"
- Fort Worth millionaire
- TX Gilley's "A Head-ache Tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_ ache Tonight"
- Texans chose Hoover over this Alfred in '28 (init.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vernon, TX
- barbed-wire king Ellwood
- terrier type
- lobster claw
- teacher organ. (abbr.)
- Buffalo \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- lyric poem
- TX Clint Black's "\_\_\_\_\_ Man"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a soul"
- Gov. \_\_\_\_\_ Culberson
- TXism: "couldn't fight his way out \_\_\_\_\_ spider's web"
- long fish
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- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ (equipped) loop roper" (poor cowboy)
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- TXism: "a buckler \_\_\_\_\_ a snorter" (mean)
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- Alamo commander Travis (init.)
- TXism: "if he bought a cemetery, people would \_\_\_\_\_ dying" (unlucky)
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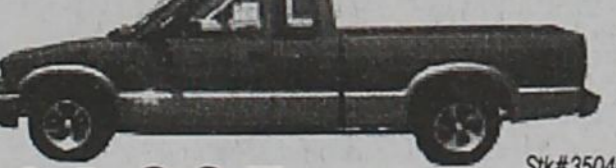
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NEW IN DIMMITT—Chuck Ball is the new minister at the Fourth & Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt. He and his wife, Kristy, have two children, Dylan, 2, and Faith, 6 months. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Chuck Ball is new at Church of Christ

By LINDA MAXWELL  
"I already told the congregation I want to stay here a long, long time," said Chuck Ball, the new minister at the Fourth & Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt. He has been preaching here since March and began full time on May 23.

"I want everyone to know I don't think of this as just a stepping stone to something else," Ball said. "I love to preach and I want to stay here. I want the Church of Christ to make a positive impact in the community for the Lord—to serve the Lord by serving the people."

Ball, 27, and his wife, Kristy, 24, have two children, a son, Dylan, 2, and a daughter, Faith, 6 months. They moved here from Lubbock, where Ball had been a student at Sunset International Bible Institute. He received a certificate from there after two years of study. He also has a bachelor of arts degree in Bible and ministry and a master of arts in homiletics and preaching, both from the Theological University of America. Ball said he and his wife both were born, raised, and graduated from high school in Little Rock, Ark., and they were married there.

He said Dimmitt has been a nice change from the big-town atmosphere in Little Rock and Lubbock.

"We wanted a smaller town to raise our family," Ball said. "We have always been impressed with Dimmitt. The people are what makes the town. The people are really special, and you can get to know everyone. It's a real nice community."

"What's great about this community is that a lot revolves around the schools, and that's great for the kids," Ball said.

Ball said his wife grew up in the church, while he became converted to Christianity when he was 21, through the influence of his future wife and a friend.

He said he worked for three or four years at various jobs after they married, and worked as a volunteer youth minister in his home congregation. He said he was encouraged to do some preaching on the side.

"My love for it (preaching) and the encouragement I received helped me decide it is what the Lord wanted me to do," Ball said. "I believe I was called to it. The Lord put it on my

heart and that is what I want to do." Ball said he also has some interest in missions and would like to make some short term mission trips. He said he also wants to encourage the local congregation to get involved in missions as well.

"I hope we can afford to send some to the mission field," Ball said. "We need to get people involved and help them understand that the Bible is the answer to everything. Maybe we can influence the world."

Ball said his favorite activities include being around people, meeting new people, visiting and playing golf. He said his wife enjoys walking for exercise and shopping.

## Ag singles set meeting

Texas Singles in Agriculture will hold a series of activities in the Amarillo/Palo Duro area June 25-27. Events will include dancing, tours, attendance at the show "TEXAS," and a cowboy breakfast.

All singles in agriculture are invited to join in for friendships, fellowship and fun. For more information, call 806-628-6234.

Singles in Agriculture is a non-profit organization offering educational, recreational, and social opportunities for singles who have an agricultural background, ag-related occupation or are actively farming or ranching.

Monty Moore and Kristin Brockman got married Saturday in the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Karen Moore and Tracy Moore Anderson came down from Sunray for the wedding. Karen is Don Moore's aunt.

Other relatives present were Olan Moore of Lubbock, Katy Jo and Cory Moore of Sunray and Steven Moore (son of former Dimmitt residents Gary and Judy Moore of Sunray). Steven's wife, Kelli, and

two children, Rhett and Lauren, were in the wedding. They have another baby on the way.

Karen Moore and the granddaughters met Leigh and Aubrie Durbin and Martha Jo Hyman at the Sirloin Stockade for lunch. We even had time for a second cup of coffee before the wedding.

Have you discovered the radio station KNNK in Hereford? They are celebrating their first

anniversary. Tune in to it sometime. It is a Christian music station.

The Friday night group who eat together met Pat Watson of Muleshoe, who is Kim Sides Watson's mother-in-law. Pat had come to bring Emma home from a visit. The Watsons and the Sideses share three granddaughters.

Alex, Tonya and Serge Lynski have been accepted as citizens of Canada and will be going sometime this summer. They have been an asset to our town and we all will miss them dearly when they leave.

My dad, Roy Baccus, came up from Seminole on Monday. His friend, W.T. Allen, drove him up so he could spend some time with us.

We met Curtis, Leigh and Aubrie

Durbin at The Pancake House for lunch. We all had a nice visit and it was great to meet Mr. Allen. The family really appreciates him for driving daddy around.

At the wedding, Don and Lavon Reeves were glad to see everyone. They have four grandchildren and said to tell all hello. They are living in Lubbock.

Mary Lou Schmucker told me that her daughter, Melinda Schmucker, is getting married, but assured us she will still play her last year of basketball.

Jimmie Schulte's grandson is engaged to be married. B.J., Lou's middle son, is taking the plunge.

There was quite a large crowd, but we did see Carolyn and Dean Wiseman.

## At Nazareth German Festival/Suds and Sounds

# Country star Gary Allan headlines outdoor show

County music recording artist Gary Allan will be the featured attraction at the annual Suds and Sounds outdoor concert, slated for July 10 in Nazareth as part of the German Festival.

Allan performed before a packed

ground at Suds and Sounds a year ago, and organizers asked him to return for another engagement.

"Everybody liked him and enjoyed his show so much last year we decided to ask him back," said Dwayne Kleman, one of the organizers of this year's show. "He really seemed to have a good time as well. He and his band enjoyed our sausage dinner and had a good time."

The annual outdoor concert will be held at the Nazareth Community Center (ballpark) and the artists will appear on the "Silver Bullet Stage" donated by Great Western Distributors of Amarillo beginning at 6 p.m.

Three local bands will open the concert on July 10 and Allan will close the show late that evening.

Amarillo bands Insufficient Funds and Prairie Dogs, along with Southern Sky, will be the three opening acts.

Tickets for the outdoor concert are \$15 and may be purchased at the gate on July 10.

Gates will open at 4:30 p.m. on July 10 and those attending may bring their own lawn chairs, coolers, beverages, etc., although no glass containers will be allowed.

A 3,000-square-foot wooden dance floor will be constructed at the site.

A concession stand will be open throughout the concert, featuring German sausage sandwiches and more.

## German Fest features meal, music and more


Nazareth residents are gearing up for their annual German Festival, which will be held July 10, and the traditional German sausage dinner, outdoor concert and arts and crafts show are on tap.

The German sausage dinner, complete with potatoes, sauerkraut, bread, drinks, desserts and more will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Entertainment will be provided during the meal.

That afternoon, the action will move to the Nazareth Community Center for the annual Suds and Sounds benefit outdoor concert. Three area bands will perform beginning at 6 p.m., then headline act Gary Allan, a country music star who has attracted a huge following, will close out the show later in the evening.

During the concert, sausage sandwiches and other foods will be served in the concession stand.

The day's activities are sponsored by the Nazareth Community Hall Committee and the Nazareth Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will benefit the Nazareth Community Hall and the KC's various charities.



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# People



## June rebates down slightly

Sales tax rebates issued to the cities of Hart and Nazareth and Castro County were down slightly during June while Dimmitt's stipend reflected a small increase.

Castro County received a rebate of \$9,367.76 for June, and that was 1.64% lower than the 1998 rebate of \$9,524.47. The June rebate brings the county's yearly total to \$65,198.75, and that's 7.31% higher than the rebates of \$60,755.14 paid to the county through June 1998.

The City of Dimmitt earned a rebate of \$22,365.94 from its 1.5% sales tax, and that is 3.96% higher than the June 1998 rebate of \$21,512.59. So far this year Dimmitt has earned \$149,456.30 in rebates. That is an increase of 7.88% over the 1998 total of \$138,535.51.

Hart's June rebate of \$1,034.57 is down 7.36% from \$1,116.77. But for the year, Hart is ahead in payments by 11.71% with its total of \$8,631.49 through June.

Nazareth's rebate was also down for the month, but remains on the plus side for the year. The June payment of \$775.60 is 6.42% lower than \$828.84 recorded a year ago. Yearly comparisons are \$7,176.55 for this year and \$6,707.97 in 1998 for a positive change of 6.98%.



Tanya Furr and Brian Merritt

## Furr and Merritt to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Furr of Winona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tanya, to Brian Merritt, son of Brock and Susan Merritt of Flint, formerly of Dimmitt.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on July 24 at the Frankston United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a degree in finance. She is employed with Southside Bank of Tyler.

The prospective groom is an assistant branch manager with Southside Bank of Tyler. He is the grandson of Glenn Merritt of Dimmitt and the late Mona Merritt.

## Double-ring ceremony unites Brockman and Moore Saturday

Kristin Marie Brockman and Monty McCray Moore exchanged wedding vows Saturday in a formal, double-ring ceremony Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Officiating at the nuptial service was the bride's great-uncle, Deacon Al Maurer of Nazareth. He was assisted by Father Jerry Stein, pastor of Holy Family Church.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph and Sharon Brockman of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Don and Paralyn Moore of Canyon, formerly of Dimmitt.

Vine-covered candelabra decorated the church's sanctuary along with ferns on white columns and the side altars. Stands holding white hurricane lamps with votive candles and accented with white netting bows lined the center aisle of the church.

Music was provided by Melinda Schmucker and Courtney Hoelting, friends of the bride; Nicole Schulte, cousin of the bride; Gaven Moore, Matt Moore and Steve Moore, cousins of the groom; and Debbie Ferguson, friend of the groom.

Prelude music included *From This Moment On; Sun, Moon and Stars; I Will Be Here, Spirit of God; and To Make You Feel My Love*. The couple's grandparents were seated and candles were lit by Patti Kern of Nazareth, godmother of the bride; and Chris Wethington of Amarillo, friend of the couple, as *Angel* was performed. As the couple's parents were seated, musicians performed *Holy Ground*. The processional was *Jesu, Joy of Desiring, I Will Whisper Your Name* was performed when the couple lit the unity candle. The recessional was *Pachelbel-Canon in D*.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white matte satin designed and sewn by her mother. Covered piping edged the neckline and the square back featured self-fabric rose accents. Beaded and sequined lace accented the lower bodice front, around the bottom of the bodice and the skirt edge. The short chiffon sleeves were edged with a satin band and covered buttons detailed the long train.

Her tulle veil with pearl beads was attached to a beaded and sequined headband.

She carried a bouquet of multi-colored spring flowers.

Maid of honor was Lori Moore of Canyon, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mandi Moore of Canyon, sister of the groom; Kandal Derrick of Canyon, friend of the bride; and Missy Kleman, Lesley



MRS. MONTY McCRAY MOORE  
... nee Kristin Marie Brockman

Brockman and Kimberly Brockman, all of Nazareth, and Jennifer Sperry of Canyon, sisters of the bride.

The bridal attendants' gowns were made of eggplant purple fabric. The satin-backed, crepe high waisted, semi-fitted long dresses featured contrasting waistline sashes and back rose detail. Each attendant carried a smaller version of the bridal bouquet.

Best man was Max Moore of Lubbock, brother of the groom. Groomsmen included Mark Rogers of Dimmitt, Casey Summers of Lubbock and Richard Newman of Hobbs, N.M., friends of the groom; Matt Moore of Sunray, cousin of the groom; and Mitchell Brockman of Nazareth, brother of the bride.

Kirkland Sperry and Cole Kleman, nephews of the bride, were ring bearers.

Flower girls were Caitlin Huseman, cousin of the bride; and Lauren Moore, cousin of the groom.

Ushers included Mark Kleman and Craig Sperry, the bride's brothers-in-law; and Mark Kreigshauser and Cody Cleavinger, friends of the groom.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Nazareth Community Hall.

An ivy-covered trellis and ficus trees with tiny white lights was placed behind the bride's table, which held the wedding cake.

The layers of the cake were placed on several acrylic towers filled with flowered vines.

The groom's table was decorated with some of the toy tractors he collected during his childhood. Pictures of a tractor, cotton bolls and the West Texas A&M University seal served as the top piece for the groom's cake.

Another table held childhood pictures of the couple as well as the bride's wedding portrait.

Ivy topiaries, potted plants and Kim Anderson glowing art candles decorated the banquet tables.

The couple left for their honeymoon in a white limousine. They are enjoying a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, and plan to make their new home in Kress upon their return.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner Friday evening.

The tables were decorated with miniature straw bales, gingham-covered geraniums and toy tractors from the groom's childhood.

Some of the groom's cousins provided music for entertainment during the rehearsal dinner.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated in May from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies. She is employed by Kress Independent School District.

The groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1992. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1997 with a degree in agri-business. He is presently engaged in farming in the Kress and Hart areas.

## Rhodes makes A&M honor roll

Gregory Allen Rhodes of Dimmitt has been named to the dean's honor roll at Texas A&M University for the spring 1999 semester.

Rhodes is majoring in animal science at Texas A&M.

The dean's honor roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio out of a possible 4.0 scale during the most recent grading period.

## Leslie Nelson gets bachelor's degree

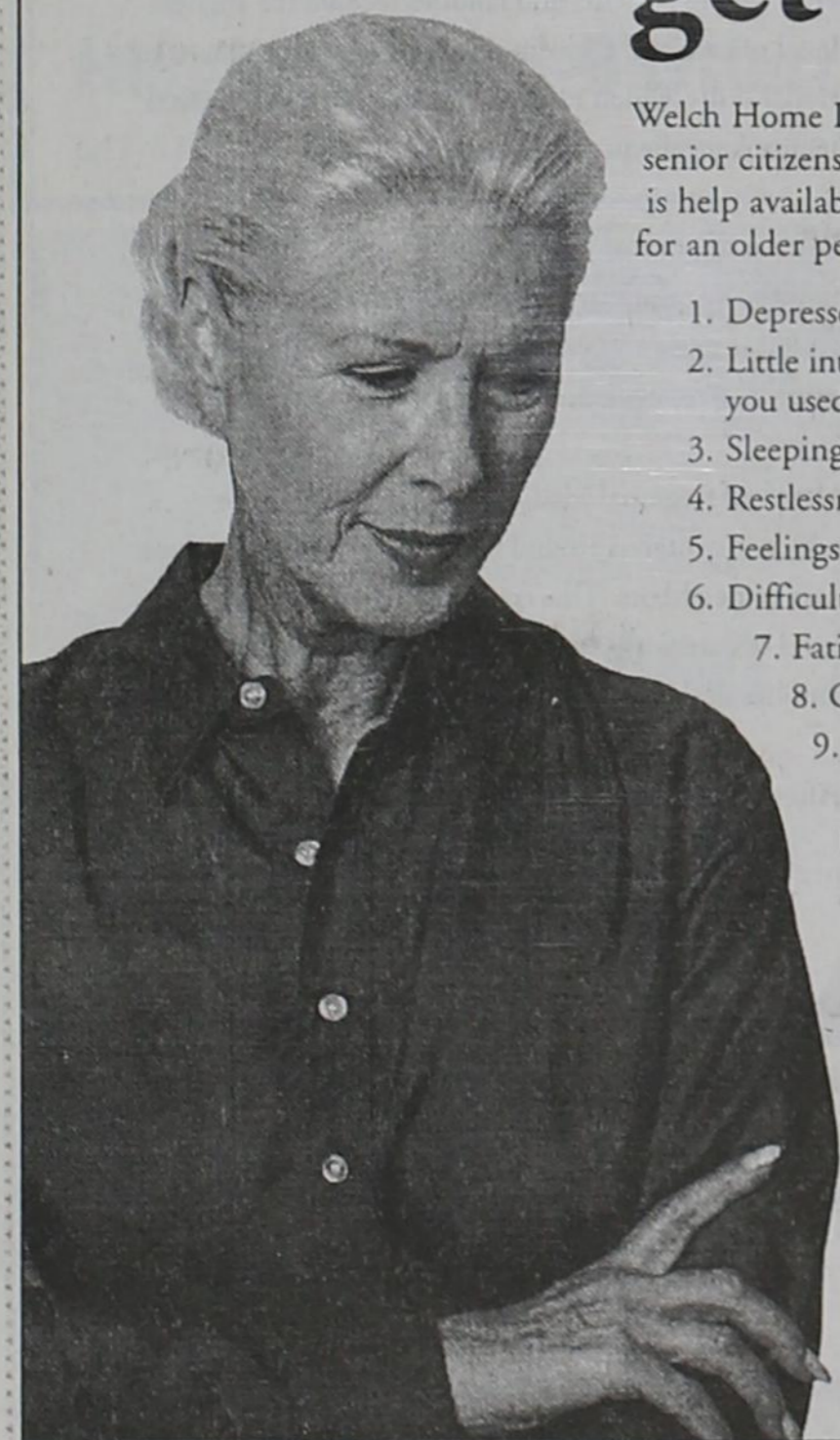
Leslie Lynn Nelson recently graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural development.

Diplomas were awarded to 4,304 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies.

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The cost for both days (includes three meals) is \$20 and for one day will be \$10. Friday evening will begin with dinner at 6 p.m., and Saturday will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. We pray you will come join us for this special time of "Growing in Godliness." For more information call Lynn Cameron at 668-4606.

Nancy James will also be speaking Sunday morning, June 20, at 10:45 a.m.

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## Local students experience how government operates

Several high school students from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth earned hands-on experience in how government works by attending Texas Boys' State and Texas Bluebonnet Girls' State this month.

Texas Boys' State was held June 5-11 at the University of Texas in Austin, and local boys attending were Van Jeter and James Jackson, both of Dimmitt; Clay Hoelting and Stanton Wethington, both of Nazareth; and Chris George and Marcus Flores, both of Hart.

Six girls from Castro County are currently enjoying their Texas Bluebonnet Girls' State experience at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin. They left Tuesday and will return home on June 24.

County girls representing their respective schools are Ironica Traylor and Julie Merritt, both of Dimmitt; Melanie Book and Jill Schulte, both of Nazareth; and Rachel Wall and Lindsey Montemayor, both of Hart.

During the Texas Boys' State and Texas Girls' State camps, participants reside in assigned "cities" and "counties" and they elect their own governing officials, pass legislation, enforce and adopt laws and more. Elections are

conducted just as they are in real life, and the winning candidates are sworn into office. In addition to electing governing bodies at the local levels, residents also elect rulers for their "state."

## Wright earns science award

Jake Wright of Dimmitt has been named a United States Achievement Academy national award winner in science.

Wright attends Dimmitt Middle School and he was nominated for the national award by Rose Ball, a science teacher at the school.

Wright's picture and biography will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook, which is published nationally.

Wright is the son of David and Sue Stephens of Dimmitt and Scott Wright of Paducah. He is the grandson of Tommy Wright and Mack and Alice Wright of Levelland, Lester Martin of Slaughter, La., Earline Martin of Picayune, Ms., and Leedia Stephens of Dimmitt.



Helen and Elmer Berryhill

## Berryhills celebrate golden anniversary

Elmer and Helen Berryhill of Dimmitt recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a dinner at Desperadoes and by attending TEXAS, the outdoor musical drama at Palo Duro Canyon.

Hosts for the family gathering were the couple's children, daughter-in-law and granddaughter including Rebecca Berryhill, Randy and Rose Berryhill and Crystal Berryhill.

The Berryhills were married June 2, 1949, in Pueblo, Colo. They lived in Dodd City, Huntsville and

Quitaque before moving to Dimmitt. Among those attending the celebration from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Jared Eillard and granddaughter from Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones of Eagleville, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Turner of Mesquite, Judy Flores and her daughter Bethany from Altadena, Calif., Barbara Jones and her son Joshua from Altadena, Grace Jones from Altadena, and Linda Wigman and Donna Dinan, both of Austin.

## Arts and crafts show set during German Festival

Exhibitors are invited to display their arts and crafts during a special show in Nazareth on July 10 and those wishing to reserve booth space have until July 3 to do so.

The annual art show, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club, will be held in conjunction with Nazareth's German Festival, and the show will be open to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

Those interested in reserving a booth should contact Lucille Drerup at PO Box 3, Nazareth 79063; or Rose Mary Wilhelm at HCR 2, Box 13, Nazareth 79063.

Booths will be assigned on a first-come basis, and no booth will be reserved until money is received.

Cost to reserve an 8' x 10' booth is \$20 and checks should be made payable to the Nazareth Art Club. Included in each booth will be a table and two chairs. When reserving booth space, exhibitors are asked to specify their preference of a wall or center booth and whether or not they will need the table. Organizers also ask that exhibitors provide a brief

description of what they will have in their booth.

The cafeteria will be open at 7:30 a.m. on July 10 so exhibitors may set up their displays.

## Ramaekers girls perform with piano ensemble

Kristi Ramaekers and Heidi Ramaekers, both of Nazareth, performed as part of a piano ensemble at the Texas Music Teachers Association state convention at the Adams Mark Hotel in San Antonio on June 14.

The group performed "Fun With Fives."

To be eligible to perform with the ensemble, students must be members of the student affiliate of Amarillo Music Teachers Association and they must pass a state music theory test and audition.

The Ramaekers sisters are the daughters of Henry and Linda Ramaekers.



## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the morning supplemental snack and lunch menus for the Dimmitt summer feeding program for June 17-25.

### DIMMITT

#### Morning Supplemental Snack

THURSDAY: Pimiento cheese sandwich, fresh apples, hay stack finger salad, milk.

FRIDAY: Veggie strips with peanut butter and pecans, orange wedges, graham crackers and milk.

MONDAY: Cheese toast, watermelon, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Fresh fruit snack, hot oatmeal, cowboy cookies and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fresh banana, pineapple juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Peanut butter cake, peaches, grape juice and milk.

### Lunch

THURSDAY: Cheese enchilada with sauce, arroz Mexicano, tossed salad, ranch dressing, milk.

FRIDAY: Ham and cheese sandwich, Frito corn chips, fresh fruit snack and milk.

MONDAY: Cheesburger, French fries, hamburger salad and milk.

TUESDAY: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fruited gelatin, haystack finger salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, mashed

potatoes and gravy, savory peas, white hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Beef taco, Mexipinto beans, taco condiment salad and milk.

FRIDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, coleslaw, Frito corn chips and milk.

## VBS set June 26

Vacation Bible School will be held Saturday June 26 at the Church of Christ located at 4th and Bedford.

Classes are for grades kindergarten through sixth. The theme is "The Life of Moses." VBS will start at 9 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Call or come by the church office to register.

Following VBS is a cookout at the City Park. The whole community is invited to attend.

## Rice makes MSU honor roll

Brandi Pat Rice of Dimmitt has been named to the Midwestern State University spring semester honor roll.

To make the University Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and no grade lower than a "C."

The 12-hour course requirement does not include courses in physical education, developmental courses in English or math, freshman seminar or marching band. In addition, the student cannot have a semester grade of I, WF, or NC.



## Who's New

### PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a boy for Robert Lopez Jr., and Priscilla Saucedo of Dimmitt. Their son, Mark Xavier Lopez, was born at 12:35 p.m. on June 7 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 9 lbs., 9.6 ozs., and was 22 inches long. He has a big brother, Ricardo Miguel Alvidrez, who is 2-1/2. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Diana Lopez of Eagle Pass. Maternal grandparents are Ricardo and Anadella Saucedo of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Larry and Paula Jackson and Conrado and Alicia Lopez.

Monica Quiroz is the mother of a baby girl, Brianna Mari Quiroz, who was born at 3:57 p.m. on June 6. Brianna Mari entered the world weighing 5 lbs., 8 ozs., and she was 18-1/2 inches long. Her grandparents are Jacinto and Xochitl Quiroz of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Naty Estrada and Alberto Salinas.

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# ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



## Patterson offers update on county crops

By **JOHNNA PATTERSON**  
Castro/Lamb IPM Agent

Rainfall over the past few weeks has added much-needed moisture to area fields, but extensive hail and high winds have destroyed many crops.

Moisture accumulation since the

last part of April has been well over 10 inches across most of Castro and Lamb counties.

Planting was delayed for some producers, but replant is underway. Some producers have gone back with cotton, but many are going with sorghum, soybeans or

something else.

### Scouting

The 1999 season will be the beginning of a new Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Survey Field Scouting Program. This program is designed to broaden scouting efforts over Castro and Lamb counties.

Gins and elevators are cooperating in an effort to scout area fields scattered over the two counties in the hope that we can gain insect, weed and disease information and distribute it to a larger number of producers.

By covering a broader area of the counties and building a better database of pest populations and distributions, the program envisions a better informed producer.

Field scouting will not be conducted on a producer-by-producer basis as before. Complete farms will not be scouted in the IPM program. The information will be over general areas instead of from a few producers' farms.

Each gin and elevator participating in the program will have a certain number of fields that will be scouted. Each field will be from different producers and no producer from any single gin or elevator will have more than one field in the program.

The Extension Agent for Integrated Pest Management will "circuit ride" or visit gins and elevators regularly for CEU (Continuing Education Unit) turnrow meetings, individual producer visits and field visits.

The idea is to increase accessibility to the agent by producers on a regular schedule.

Producers with questions will be able to contact the agent closer to home.

The CEU meetings will be local as well, so producers won't have to travel long distances to attend and they won't have to be away from the farm for long periods of time.

The new program also will provide more direct contact with

private consultants to transfer pest population information on a large county wide basis. As producers, consultants and the IPM agent get into the "workings" of the program, I believe that the transfer of information and utility of the program will show great benefits.

All scouting reports for each gin and elevator will be posted at the respective gin or elevator for producers to see and compare with their fields as well as to alert producers of movement and population densities in their areas.

Four scouts have been hired to scout approximately 70 fields that will be in the program. They are Shane Bishop and Justin Campbell of Amherst, Jessica Kern of Nazareth and Amy Matthews of Dimmitt. Matthews is a return scout from last season and she will be the scout supervisor.

The program will include trap monitoring for boll worms, southwestern corn borers, European corn borers, beet armyworms and boll weevils. Trap catches will be reported.

Newsletters will be available at gins and elevators and if producers would like to receive one in the mail, they should send a \$10 subscription fee to the Extension office.

The newsletter also will be available on the Web at the following address:

<http://lubbock.tamu.edu>

For information on where IPM fields are located in your area as well as around the county, visit your gin or elevator within the next couple of weeks. Maps and locations of fields will be posted gins and elevators.

### Insects and disease

Thrip are beginning to move into area cotton fields and economic levels may be reached in fields that haven't been treated. At-plant systemic insecticides are close to playing out as well, so anticipate heavy thrip migration, especially where weed and small grain hosts are maturing adjacent to fields.

Thrip prefer to feed in the terminal on leaf buds and tiny squares. Thrip feeding can also be noted by silvery looking scars on the underside of leaves. Feeding causes leaves to pucker or crinkle and sometimes curl upward.

Heavy infestations of thrip feeding in the terminal can cause extensive branching, stunted plants,

reduced stands and delayed fruiting and maturity.

Producers should be concerned about thrip up to about the sixth true leaf stage. Threshold levels used in our area generally coincide with the number of true leaves—one thrip per plant from emergence to one true leaf; two thrip per plant with two true leaves, etc.

Corn is growing very rapidly. High soil moisture and warm temperatures are enabling plants to grow. With the exception of fields that had hail damage, most corn is

between the third and sixth leaf stage.

Insect damage is very light at this time, but earworm feeding in the whorl can be found. Southwestern corn borers will soon be out and moths will be laying eggs. Remember, the eggs are laid in groups of two to five. They are creamy white in color and three red bands will appear after 24 hours. The eggs are flat and will overlap and look like fish scales.

Trap counts will be available soon for moth flight activity around Castro and Lamb counties.



NEW BOSS LION for the Dimmitt Lions Club is Brenda Miller (left), who accepts the gavel from outgoing Boss Lion Dwayne Acker on June 8 during installation ceremonies at the Lions Club's annual banquet. Miller and other officers for the coming year were installed by Dennis Hill of Hart, who is zone chairman.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Cotton Talks

The answer is still "I don't know." The question, however, seems to change a little every day. This week the question is how much cotton has survived recent rains and hail storms and how much has been replanted.

Here is what we know at this time. The Texas High Plains intended to plant as many as 3.8 million acres of cotton according to industry estimates, over 200,000 more acres than were initially planted in 1998.

So far damage has been recorded on as many as 400,000 acres, but in all honesty, no one can see more than 15 to 20% of that total being diverted to alternate crops. Favorable conditions have kept producers on the cotton bandwagon and the area probably still has cotton planted on between 3.6 and 3.7 million acres.

Factors affecting the replanting decisions made by producers include excellent subsoil moisture. Also, on at least 150,000 acres planted to transgenic Paymaster varieties, the ability to receive replant seed at no additional cost made the decision easier.

Plains Cotton Growers worked closely with officials at Monsanto to encourage the development of the replant and crop destruct programs Paymaster Cottonseed offered in 1999.

The effort paid off and gave producers a cost-effective way to stick with cotton following crop losses in late May and early June.

Overall prospects for the 1999 crop remain bright as the majority of the crop is in good to excellent shape. Some areas are still recovering, but hopefully they will

be able to grow through their current problems and make it to harvest without further damage or hardship.

1998 was a tough year for cotton on the Texas High Plains.

Drought reduced production to 2.58 million bales from almost 2.1 million harvested acres. Abandonment totaled a stunning 1,511,500 acres. Almost 42% of all planted acres in the region were abandoned due to extreme drought conditions that affected producers throughout the growing season.

Yield per harvested acre figures were outstanding in most of the area that ended up harvesting a crop.

Overall, the High Plains averaged 593 pounds per acre, well above the long-term average yield per harvested acre, but no doubt skewed by the virtual lack of non-irrigated cotton in 1998.

Calculating an average yield per planted acre, the High Plains averaged only 344 pounds per acre of production.

Castro County producers planted 68,100 acres of cotton last year and 63,400 acres were harvested. The average yield per harvested acre in the county was 865 pounds, and total yields were tabbed at 114,300 bales.

## FCE makes plans for fair

The Family Community Educators group from Castro County met recently at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt and those attending say the meeting was a "huge success."

Eleven members of the group were present for the meeting and they made plans for the club's upcoming trip, the Harvest Days fair in September and for a "Basket of Bears" Beanie Babie raffle.

"We are all excited and are planning to have a good fair this year," said a spokesperson for the group.

Those attending the meeting were Ann Henderson, Patsy Entekin, Claudine Langford, Ferne Jones, Dolores Griffith, Sue Tischler, Edith Graef, Mary Edna Hendrix, Irene Blanton, Diane Hatla and Oneida Hutto.

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# Farmers should evaluate corn damage before replanting with alternate crops

Recent storms that moved across Castro County and other areas of the Texas Panhandle dropped large hail, damaging many young crops and forcing producers to consider replanting with alternate crops.

Farmers with hail-damaged corn should evaluate the damage carefully before deciding whether to replant those acres to an alternate crop, according to a Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist.

"Hail damage on corn less than six to eight inches tall can be insignificant if the plants are firmly anchored and good growing conditions prevail after the damage occurs," said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

"Most corn plants at the six-leaf stage or younger that are broken over, partially shredded or missing most of their above ground growth can recover and produce comparable yields if their growing point hasn't been damaged," Trostle said. "Their growing point is still below the soil surface at that stage of growth. Their chances for recovery are quite good unless more damage occurs. These plants will start to push up new, light-green leaves almost immediately. Young plants that lose their entire top, however, may lose 9 to 15% of their yield potential."

The best way to gauge a young corn crop's recovery potential is to inspect the growing point on several plants a few days after the injury occurs. Split the stems of young plants lengthwise and check the condition of the growing point, Trostle said. Plants with undamaged growing points will sprout new, light-green leaves as soon as three to four days after the damage occurs. If the growing point is black or brown, the plant is severely damaged and will probably die.

June 1 was the latest date for planting full-season corn hybrids on the Southern High Plains to achieve near maximum yield potential. Replanting damaged corn acres back to shorter season corn isn't a good idea after June 15 because of reduced yield potential, he said.

Farmers with older, taller hail damaged corn shouldn't give up the

crop unless the damage is severe. Industry research suggests, for example, that 12-leaf corn (late June on the High Plains) can lose up to 50% of its leaves and only suffer 10% yield loss if the growing point isn't damaged.

Traditionally, corn producers may want to consider replanting corn or switching to another crop with a later planting date if the plant population of the surviving crop is less than 24,000 plants per acre. Corn's yield potential begins to decline at populations below 24,000 plants per acre, he said. Yield potential declines sharply when plant populations drop below 13,000 plants per acre, even though most hybrids will compensate somewhat by producing longer, fatter ears. Late weed control can also be a problem, because the thinner canopy doesn't shade out weeds as well, Trostle said.

Farmers should use the density of surviving plants to help them decide whether to keep the crop or replant to an alternate crop.

"The best way to gauge plant density is to inspect several rows at different sites in the field. Count the plants in a given length of row and multiply by 1,000—then average your population counts to get an estimate for the entire field," Trostle said. "Producers who planted on 40-inch rows should count plants in a 13-foot stretch of row. Use a 17.5 row-foot count on 30-inch rows and a 26.2 row-foot count on 20-inch rows."

Farmers with Internet access can learn more about assessing hail and freeze damage to field corn and grain sorghum at: <http://agpublications.tamu.edu/pub/seoil/#CORN>

Producers should check the label of any herbicides they've already applied before making a replant decision. The chemistry of a product already applied may limit a farmer's replanting options, he said. Even so, there is still time to plant grain sorghum, sunflowers or soybeans as a replacement crop.

"The milo planting window is pretty wide. Farmers in the Plainview to Lubbock area could plant a short-season grain sorghum hybrid as late as July 12, while

those further south toward Lamesa could still plant as late as July 15," Trostle said. "In general, farmers in the Lubbock area could plant a medium- to full-season grain sorghum hybrid until June 20. They could plant a medium-maturity hybrid as late as June 25 to July 4."

"Grain sorghum would be a good choice for dryland farmers because we currently have good soil moisture and because early to mid-June is a good time to plant dryland milo. Seed companies can provide more exact recommended planting dates for available hybrids. Another thing to remember is that late-planted sorghum is more prone to insect infestations—it will require some insecticide applications."

Sunflowers are another option to consider. Farmers can plant shorter-season sunflowers as late as mid-July. Lining up a market outlet or production contract beforehand is always a good strategy when considering sunflowers, the agronomist said.

"Contracts for oilseed sunflowers are still available for this year, but I would check with Cargill, Northern Sun in Goodland, Kan., and other buyers just to be sure," he noted. "Some buyers, such as Red River Commodities in Lubbock, only offer contracts on confectionary sunflowers."

Farmers should also consider soybeans as a swing crop, said Brent Bean, Extension agronomist based in Amarillo. Irrigated soybeans are a less thirsty crop than corn and can yield well even under limited irrigation; however, the recommended planting date of June 5 for dryland soybeans is already past.

Farmers can plant soybeans as late as July 10 and still make a crop, but late planting usually retards stalk growth and can make it hard to harvest the lower seed pods, he said. Planting late soybeans on narrow rows at a higher seeding rate will encourage higher pod-set on the plants.

Bean recommended a seeding rate of 150,000 seeds per acre when using a drill. He recommended planting an early to medium-maturity group IV soybean before June 20, and switching to an early group IV or late-maturity group III variety for later planting.



ANTIQUA FARM EQUIPMENT buffs enjoyed a field day Saturday at Paul Armstrong's annual antique tractor and equipment show at his farm southwest of Hart. A Friday night storm that pelted the area with heavy rain and hail hindered travel and shortened the usual crowd, but visitors and exhibitors

still came from as far away as San Angelo, Albuquerque and Loveland, Colo. Here, beyond a row of portable and stationary antique motors, visitors gather around displays in the Armstrong farm yard to visit. Armstrong has restored a huge collection of antique farm machinery. Photo by Don Nelson

## Sales are off in '98's last quarter

Gross sales in Castro County for the fourth quarter of 1998 were down 26.1% compared with sales during the fourth quarter of 1997.

Castro County merchants reported a total of \$31,877,848 in sales for all industries during the fourth quarter of 1998, and that total was down considerably from the \$43,130,948 in sales reported for the same period in 1997.

The number of reporting outlets also dropped, from 286 in 1997 to 273 in 1998.

Of the \$31,877,848, \$35,351 was for use tax purchases and \$5,152,759 was subject to the state sales and use tax.

In the retail trade division, Castro County sales also fell for the period, from \$20,550,614 in 1997 to \$17,275,884, a decrease of 15.9%.

There were 148 retail merchants operating during the period, compared with 159 in 1997.

Use tax purchases in the retail trade division totaled \$17,920; while \$3,980,028 was subject to the state sales and use tax.

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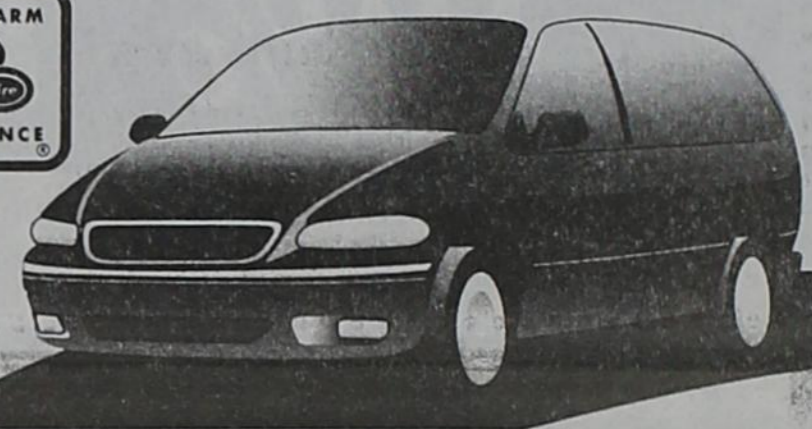
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# Constructed wetlands may be NPS solution for producers

Increasing environmental concerns and regulations have many producers seeking alternative ways to treat and control nonpoint source (NPS) pollution, but one new solution may not be so costly.

NPS pollution, any pollution not originating from sources that can be traced to any single point such as a pipe, has recently been placed in the spotlight by growing environmental concerns over water quality issues.

For most producers, taking land out of production is usually not a viable option; however, researchers near Stephenville are looking at ways of using lands in naturally flooded production areas to help treat and control NPS pollution through the use of constructed wetlands.

Funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board through the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 319(h) program, the project will be monitoring the effectiveness of constructed wetlands as well as the effects of the wetlands on the surrounding environment.

Ann Kenimer, PhD, assistant professor of agricultural engineering at Texas A&M University in College Station, said the project's main goal is to demonstrate the usefulness of constructed wetlands as a small agricultural best management practice (BMP). Kenimer went on to say that although other effective BMPs do exist, they are not always feasible for various reasons.

"Our goal is to provide another viable option for controlling or treating NPS pollution," Kenimer said. "Producers need a suite of options to choose from. Nobody can point to one BMP that is best for everyone."

Kenimer's project looks at taking land conducive to flooding out of production to construct a pond or

series of ponds to treat NPS pollution. The ponds, which could be created using the naturally occurring habitat, are used to filter nutrient and fertilizer runoff before they pose a threat to nearby watersheds. The process could also be applicable to nonproductive lands.

Aquatic plants such as cattail, sedge and bull rush are used as filtering agents while also providing a protection for native plant and animal species. Kenimer said aquatic plants filter wastewater through the uptake of nutrients. They also provide a substrate for biofilm algal growth, which also take

in nutrients and form a physical obstruction for solid waste.

Kenimer said that in addition to the constructed wetlands being economically feasible, they are virtually maintenance free.

"Over the course of time, the ecosystem of the wetlands will balance out," he said.

Headquartered in Temple, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board coordinates the activities of Texas' 216 soil and water conservation districts and is the state's primary agency for dealing with and abating agricultural and silvicultural forms of nonpoint source (NPS) pollution.

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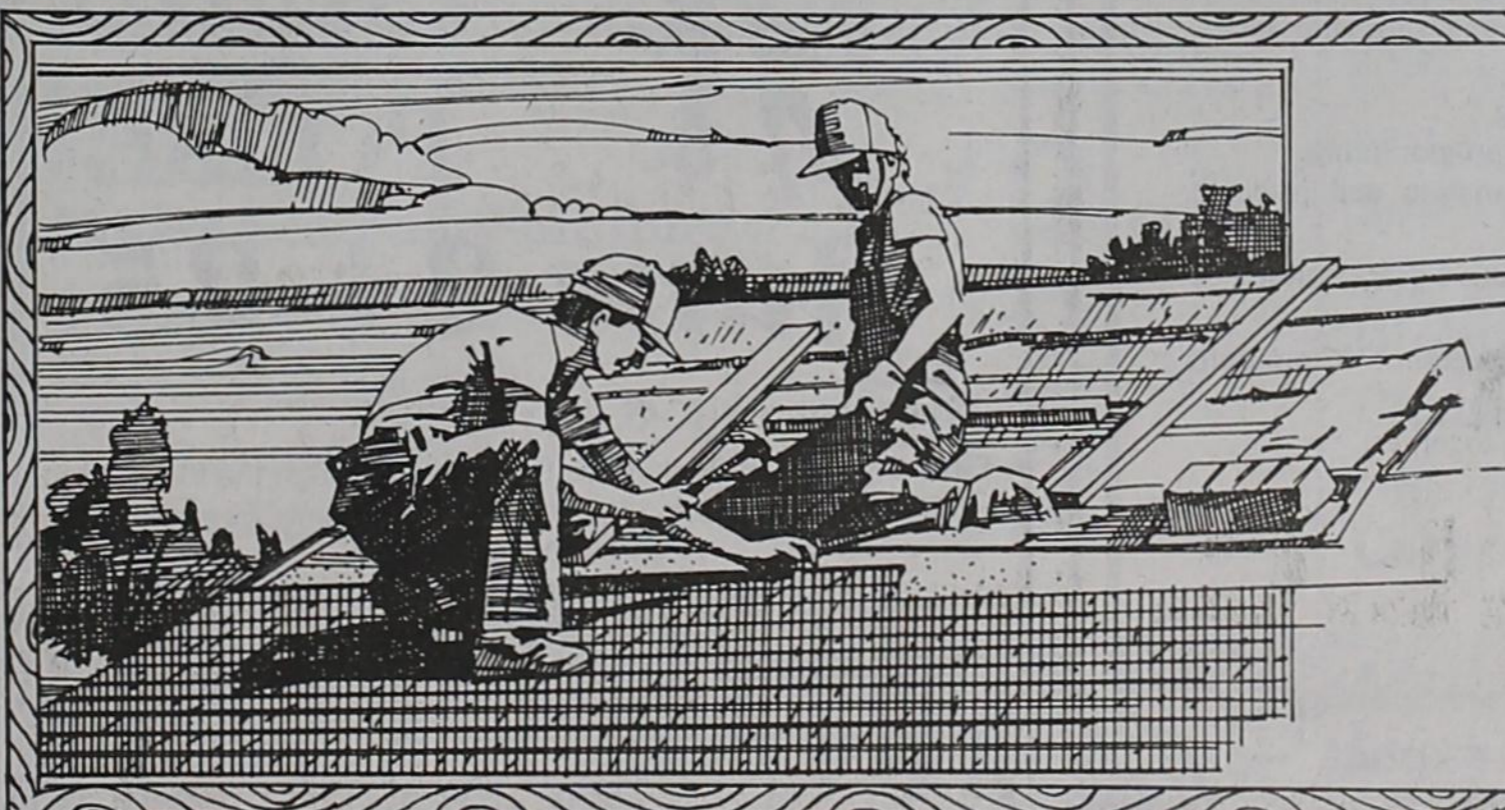


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# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth Lions Club hosted an appreciation supper for their wives and the land owners and their spouses who permitted pheasant hunters to hunt on their land last year. The supper was held Sunday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Trish Elliott of Dimmitt entertained the guests with a variety of well-known songs.

A big thank you to the Lions Club, which also invited the Nazareth Senior Citizens to enjoy the appreciation supper and entertainment.

Charley and Beverly Hill and Virgie Gerber spent a very enjoyable weekend in Henrietta with Kevin, Traci, Anni and Ethan Scholl and with Kevin's two daughters, Lindsie and Lauren Scholl of Wichita Falls.

On Saturday afternoon, all helped Anni celebrate her third birthday at Chucky Cheese, Anni's favorite pizza place in Wichita Falls.

Pam Bogle of Center, Colo., and Dorothy Pohlmeier enjoyed several days with Lisa Pohlmeier of Dallas and Bob and Linda Kendrick of Desoto. They shopped till they dropped, spent a day at the Canton Mall and enjoyed other fun things. It was a great time.

Cecil and Norita Hoelting recently traveled to Westminster, Colo., to attend the graduation of Craig Hoelting from Standley Lake High School. He is the youngest son of Marvin and Carol Hoelting. He will be attending Texas A&M University this fall.

They also enjoyed visiting Linda and John Smith in Aurora, Colo.

While in Colorado they attended the funeral of Norita's cousin, Lucille Kellar, of Westminster. They were able to visit with many cousins that came from Nebraska for the funeral.

Father Harold Heiman celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the priesthood on June 5 at the parish in Ratcliff, Ark., located just north of Subiaco, Ark. The mass was said at St. Anthony's Church. After mass, the parishioners served a delicious meal.

and is on the historical marker history list in Arkansas because of its age and the fact that it's still being used.

Father Harold's address is 405 N. Subiaco Ave., Subiaco, Ark., 72865, if you would like to send him congratulations.

Father Harold is staying there in the infirmary since he is still recuperating from surgery and a recent heart problem.

Attending the anniversary celebration were Fritz and Julene Gerber and her two sisters, Jo Anne Bowan of Plainview and Iona Taylor of Lubbock. They stopped in Oklahoma City, Okla., to visit with Jo Anne's daughter, Shelly Dutton and her family in their new home in the Apple Valley Addition of northeast Oklahoma City.

They toured the bombing site and saw all of the memorials being built. They also ate at a restaurant in the Bricktown Addition. These are old warehouses that are being turned into great eating places and scenic tours.

They stopped in Tahlequah, Okla., to pick up another sister, Etta Mae Sellers, and visited with her husband, Bill, who is recuperating from aorta reconstruction surgery. He is doing quite well, considering what he went through.

Denny and Dolores Heiman and Deanna Huseman also attended the anniversary mass. They drove to Paul's Valley, Okla., and spent the night with Rodney Heiman and his family. Then they all went to Subiaco.

Others attending were Father Harold's first cousins from Nebraska (they were all descendants of Henry Heiman's five children); Kevin Bowen and sons, Brady and Hayden of Colleyville, Tenn.; and Shelly Dutton and her sons, Charlie and Bowen.

A gathering of "first cousins" was held Sunday at the home of Rose Birkenfeld. After lunch and much visiting, they toured the cemetery and the Nazareth Museum.

Those attending were Sister Rose Marie Birkenfeld, who has been elected Prioress of the Benedictine Order of Nuns in Columbine, Mo.; Alice O'Brien of Elkhart, Kan.; Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld, Leslie Birkenfeld, Rita Woetovech, Julia Birkenfeld, Dora Pohlmeier and Stephanie Dobmeier, all of Nazareth; and Bertha Bauer of Canyon.

A wedding reception honoring Stephen and Amy Gerber of Portland, Ore., was held in Woodward, Okla., hosted by Stephen's parents, Norbert and Helen Gerber.

Those attending from Nazareth were Mary Gerber, Dorothy McQuilliams, Fritz and Julene Gerber, Vincent and Toby Gerber, Rusty and Lydia Schacher, Coby and Kyla Schacher, Lynsey Hoelting, Ronnie and Regina Hoelting, Marty and Tisha Gerber, Sandee Hoelting and Donna Charanza. Also, many first cousins from Amarillo, Dumas, Pampa, Wichita Falls and Levelland were able to attend.

Keith, Karleen, Mandy, Brett and Kyle Hoelting recently enjoyed a fun trip to Disney World. They stayed at a beautiful southern style

*The first American flags weren't all alike. Each maker had a different idea of how the stars and stripes should look.*

resort. They enjoyed breakfast with Mickey, Pluto, Chip and Dale. They had a great time at Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Downtown Disney and the water parks.

Harold Gerber hosted his annual Memorial Day weekend at O.H. Ivie Lake with 48 people of all ages, one dog, travel trailers, pop-ups, tents and boats.

We brought some rain with us, so Mesquite Acres was glad to have us. I'm sure they were happy to have their little village back to normal, too.

Everyone got to visit with the Hoffmans and of course Harold's neighbors and his surrogate mom and dad, J.R. and Melba.

They enjoyed lots of lake time, great food and tunes. And, oh yes, Karen can still handle Larry Ramaekers!

Carroll, Carson and Lindsie Gerber enjoyed this past weekend with Harold at his home at O.H. Ivie Lake.



**DIMMITT CHAMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BILL SAVA** entertained members of the Dimmitt Lions Club and their guests on June 8 during the club's annual installation banquet at The Pancake House. Sava sang several songs—some from the past and some from the present. During the banquet, new officers for the coming year were installed and Don Nelson was named Lion of the Year. *Photo by Don Nelson*

## DMS names honor students

Dimmitt Middle School has released its honor rolls for the fourth nine weeks of school and for the 1998-99 school year.

Students who made straight As throughout the school year include:

**Fourth Grade:** Anna Brockman, Chelsea Buckley, Randi Cates, Autumn Crow, Celena Gregory, Samantha Howell, Joshua Norman, Rye Patton, Brandy Smith and Michael Waggoner.

**Fifth Grade:** Kathy Amador, Garrett Behrends, Billy Dollar, Darcy Fisher, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, Rodrigo Jackson, Ashlee Nino, Laura Rasor, Brittany Williams and Hayli Wise.

**Sixth Grade:** Kayla Acker, Corrie Black, Shelley Burk, Carlos Cruz, Holly Gilliam, Nyssa Martinez, Kristin McClure, Maribel Montiel, Layne Penney, Alejandra Velasquez and Salud Zepeda.

**Seventh Grade:** Erica Abrego, Sheena Ehly, Stephanie Hazel, Todd Jansa, Angelica Lara, Amy Laurent, Tyler Myatt and Matthew Sanders.

**Eighth Grade:** Jaclyn Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Juan Diaz, Isabel Garcia, Ashley Irons, Karina Jaime, Valerie Martinez, Jill Merritt, Melissa Rueda and Lauren Waggoner.

Students who made the A-B honor roll for the school year are:

**Fourth Grade:** Jerry Acevedo, Karla Agüero, Kim Back, Wesley Chavers, Jose Chavez, Arica Cisneros, Kirsti Edwards, Jaime Esqueda, Maria Flores, Cassandra Garcia, Beau Gonzales, Anna Gonzalez, Rafael Gonzalez, Joslyn Harmonson, Brittany Heard, Natasha Jordan, Jessie Lara, Justin Lively, Nancy Martinez, Scott Martinez, Zane Matthews, Seth McLain, Thelma Medrano, Lorena Mendoza, Judith Meraz, Bryce Parker, Gerardo Reyes, Candis Rodriguez, Gladys Ruiz, Julian Saenz, Micaela Salinas, Clarissa Sanchez, Dana Sandoval, Kashondra Sherman, Caleb Snitker, Edgar Vasquez, Maria Zambrano and Daniela Zepeda.

**Fifth Grade:** Marisa Allison, Vanessa Caballero, Monica Dozal, Mandi Ebeling, Faviola Favela, Sandra Favela, Jonathon Flores, Jennifer Fuentes, Haley Heard, Aaron Herrera, Clarissa Herrera, Casey Maurer, Pedro Mirelez, Shauna Nutt, Nicholas Ortiz, Dakota Pitcock, Kendra Puente, Kristy Reyes, Desiree Sanchez, Sergio Saucedo, Tucker Self, Zihon Smothermon, David Stephens, Nancy Vargas, Pedro Velez, Tyler Waggoner and Morgan Wright.

**Sixth Grade:** Liliana Aguilar, Vicente Alvarez, Raynee Bradley, Jorge De La Torre, Marissa Demster, Brandon Gutierrez, Lesley Hinojosa, Megan Lemons, Ryan Miller, Callen Mixson, Viktorya Navarro, Jeremy Norman, Chrystina Ramos, Kelly Reyes, Charley Saenz, Stuart Sheffy, Ashten Sims and Felisha Starling.

**Seventh Grade:** Adriana Arcos, Cynthia Barrera, Christina Campos, Caleb Dickerson, Nicky Gauna, Lizbeth Gonzalez, Jared Griffith, Casey Hargrove, Alicia Heard, Shayla Kenworthy, Tabitha Laurent, James Lindsey, Ethan Martin, Kendra Martinez, Rey Medrano, Erika Mendoza, Justina Navarro, Shae Odom, Oneida Ortega, Jake Porsch, Joel Puente, Marcela Salinas, Kami Sanders, Shantell Self, Sarah Silva, Elizabeth Stephens, Adam Wright, Brandon Wright and Anthony Zambrano.

**Eighth Grade:** Joe Birdwell, Elizabeth Cartwright, Katrina Casas, Priscilla Dones, Amelia Esqueda, Maribel Garcia, Tracy Garcia, Efrén Gomez, Gina Gonzales, Jaci Hardwick, M'Issa Hufhines, Natalie Jimenez, Lupe Maldonado, Amy Melendez, Jami Middleton, Mayra Quiroz, Ricardo Ramirez, Ramey Rice, Priscilla Rodriguez, Leticia Rodriguez, Roxie Saenz, Abraham Salinas, Heather Snitker, Jenna Steinle, Cynthia Velasquez, Hector Velasquez, Casey Villanueva and Coby Williams.

Those honored for making the A honor roll during the fourth nine-week grading period include:

**Fourth Grade:** Chelsey Buckley, Randi Cates, Autumn Crow, Samantha Howell, Joshua Norman, Rye Patton, Brandy Smith, Michael Waggoner and Daniela Zepeda.

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**Seventh Grade:** Erica Abrego, Caleb Dickerson, Stephanie Hazel, Todd Jansa, Tyler Myatt and Matthew Sanders.

**Eighth Grade:** Caitlin Buckley, Juan Diaz, Isabel Garcia, Ashley Irons, Karina Jaime, Jill Merritt, Melissa Rueda and Lauren Waggoner.

Lauren Waggoner. DMS students qualifying for the A-B honor roll during the most recent grading period were:

**Fourth Grade:** Jerry Acevedo, Kim Back, Anna Brockman, Wesley Chavers, Arica Cisneros, Kirsti Edwards, Jaime Esqueda, Beau Gonzales, Celena Gregory, Joslyn Harmonson, Natasha Jordan, Jessie Lara, Scott Martinez, Thelma Medrano, Judith Meraz, Bryce Parker, Gladys Ruiz, Kayla Saenz, Micaela Salinas, Clarissa Sanchez, Kashondra Sherman, Edith Velasquez and Kyle Whalley.

**Fifth Grade:** Marisa Allison, Garrett Behrends, Vanessa Caballero, Faviola Favela, Sandra Favela, Jennifer Fuentes, Nicolas Garza, Haley Heard, Clarissa Herrera, Nicholas Ortiz, Kendra Puente, Laura Rasor, Sergio Saucedo, Tucker Self, David Stephens, Bianca Torres and Pedro Velez.

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## Food safety class slated

Marilyn Neal, County Extension Agent, home economics, will conduct a food safety class today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. for anyone who will be doing any group cooking.

The class is offered free of charge, but advance registration would help the planners know how many participants to expect.

Clubs and groups that hold fund raising meals or food booths should encourage club members to attend one of these classes. Attendance at a class is required for groups having a food booth at the annual Harvest Days activities in Dimmitt.

For more information, contact Neal at the Extension office, 647-4115.

## Breast cancer screening slated in July

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic July 1 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

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

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

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# DHS expands Lone Star Image System

The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) is installing its fraud prevention system, known as the Lone Star Image System, in all DHS offices in the state. The Lone Star Image System uses finger image technology to prevent individuals from receiving duplicate benefits.

Under this program, all adults applying for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Stamps will supply finger images. As part of a phased statewide implementation, the Lone Star Image System was installed in the San Antonio region in July 1998 and in the Houston region in August 1998. These two regions represent approximately 1/3 of the total TANF and Food Stamp caseload in the state. The system is scheduled to be installed in all DHS offices by August 1999.

"Finger imaging is an effective tool in deterring fraud in assistance programs," DHS Commissioner Eric M. Bost said. "Our goal is to reduce fraud while preserving the integrity of these important programs."

"As stewards of taxpayers' funds, it is our responsibility to ensure that dollars go only to the truly needy," Bost said.

Statewide implementation follows a successful pilot project conducted in 10 DHS offices in Bexar and Guadalupe counties in the San Antonio area in October 1996.

DHS officials say the full extent of welfare fraud involving duplicate benefits is difficult to assess, but DHS is confident that finger imaging will prevent a substantial portion of formerly undetected fraud. The deterrent effect of the Lone Star Image System is assessed by determining how many individuals apply for TANF and/or Food Stamps, but refuse to provide finger images and do not give any explanation for the re-

fusal. Evaluation of the pilot data found a significant number of applicants withdrawing their requests for benefits when asked to provide finger images.

"The Lone Star Image System emphasizes fraud deterrence, not detection," Bost said. "With the Lone Star Image System in place, individuals are discouraged from even attempting to commit fraud in the first place."

The 74th legislature passed a well-

fare reform bill, known as HB 1863, that required the Texas DHS to test the use of imaging technology to deter fraud and prevent duplicate participation in the Food Stamp and TANF programs. DHS' pilot program began in 10 offices in the San Antonio area in October 1996.

LSIS is scheduled to be fully implemented by Fall 1999. As of March 1999, more than 271,000 clients and household members were enrolled in the LSIS database. Texas

was the first state to include food stamp recipients in its imaging program.

DHS requires finger imaging of all adults and minor heads of household receiving food stamp benefits and all adults and minor parents receiving TANF.

A survey of 271 food stamp and TANF recipients in the Houston area indicated that 89% think finger imaging is a good idea and 85% think finger imaging will help make people

more honest when applying for benefits.

The finger image system will be implemented in this area June 21. For additional information for this area, contact Tammie Cervantez at (806) 356-3151 or by pager at 1-800-299-4099 ext. 1233.

For more information about Lone Star Image System, contact Michael Mahoney, Public Information Officer, at (512) 231-5806 or e-mail [michael.mahoney@dhs.state.tx.us](mailto:michael.mahoney@dhs.state.tx.us).

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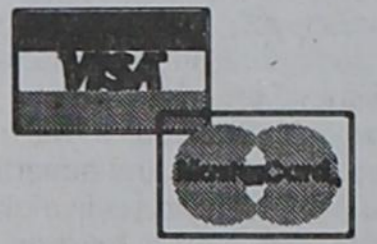
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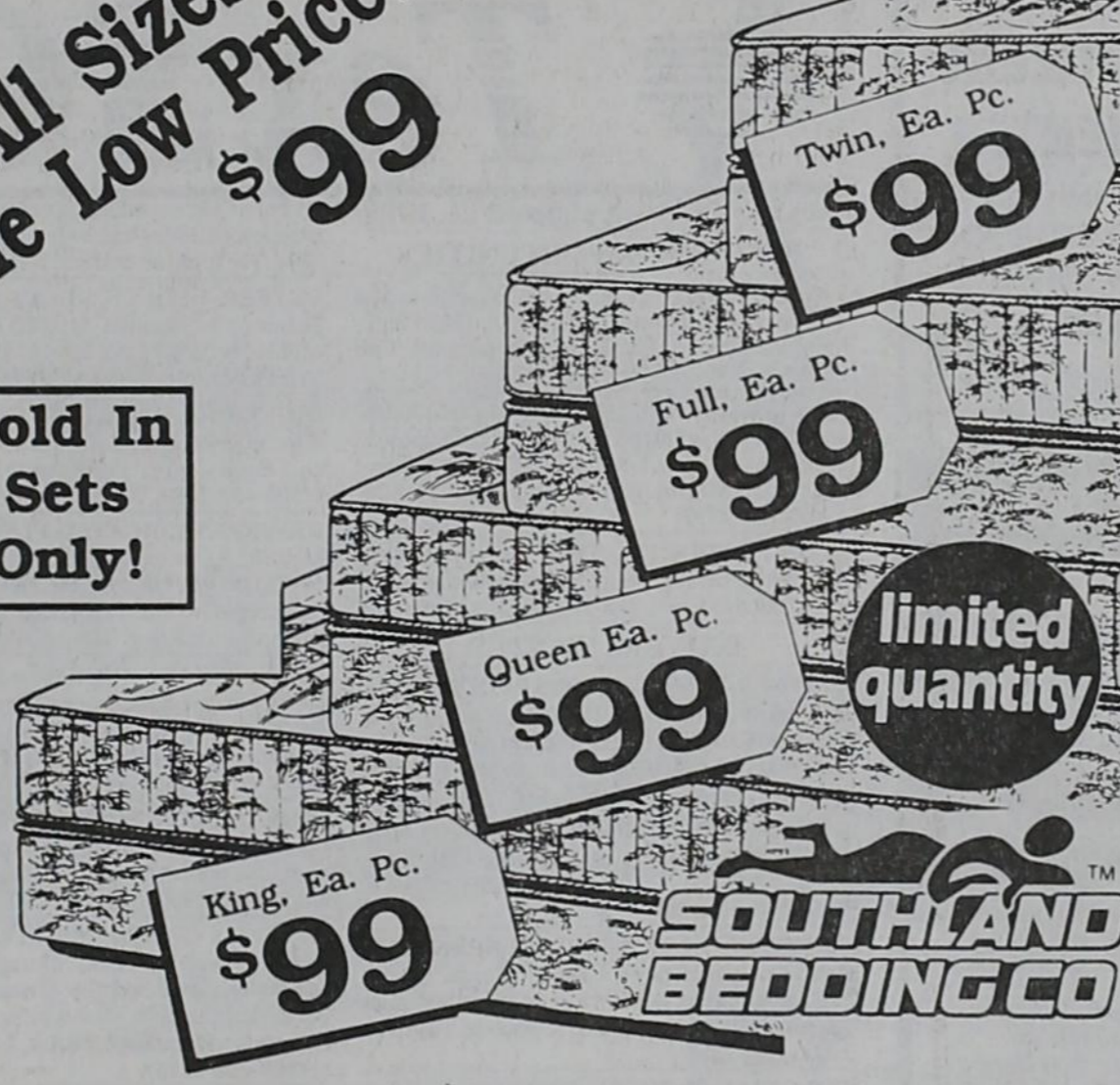
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# Police Calls

Friday night's heavy storm in the southeast part of the county was blamed for a one-vehicle rollover on State 194 near Hart.

Emory Paul Gilley, 18, of Plainview, told Dept. of Public Safety officers that he was going east toward Plainview in the heavy rain when the pickup he was driving—a 1997 Ford F-150 owned by his employer, Kip Pritchard of Plainview—hydroplaned on the pavement.

DPS officers said that when Gilley

lost control, the pickup went into the south ditch, rolled once and came to rest in a field.

The accident happened at 7 p.m. Friday, 5.4 miles southeast of Hart. Gilley was cited for traveling at an unsafe speed for the conditions.

Two truckers had a surprise "hello" last Thursday morning at the intersection of County Roads 503 and 606, near the northwest corner of the county.

DPS officers reported that the accident involved a 1990 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Frank Peralta, 18, of Dimmitt, and a 1990 Kenworth truck driven by Cruz Moreno of Hereford.

Officers said that when the accident occurred, Peralta was southbound on CR 503 and Moreno was accelerating from turning right onto CR 503 from CR 606 and was northbound.

Peralta reportedly lost control of his pickup and skidded into the northbound lane and into the left front of Moreno's truck.

Damage was estimated as heavy to the front of the pickup and light to the left front of the truck.

Peralta was cited for having no driver's license and for failure to control speed.

A burglary, a theft and an assault were reported in Dimmitt during the past week.

Geraldine Coleman, 402 NE Seventh St., reported to police Saturday morning that a videocassette recorder and an AM/FM radio-cassette unit had been stolen from her residence.

She valued the stolen items at \$240.

A night clerk at the Town & Country convenience store on North Broadway reported to police Saturday night that an unknown customer had pumped \$10.86 worth of gasoline, then had driven away without paying for it.

The incident occurred at 9:38 p.m., officers reported.

A 16-year-old girl complained to police Monday afternoon that a suspect had pushed her and had struck her on the head.

The incident reportedly occurred at the Azteca Complex, and is still under investigation.

der investigation.

City police arrested and jailed seven persons during the week on warrants for traffic violations, marijuana possession, theft by check, minor possessing alcohol, and driving with a suspended license.

Also jailed during the week by city, county and state officers were:

—A 37-year-old Dimmitt man on a charge of DWI, third offense; he is still in jail.

—An 18-year-old Amarillo man on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; he was released on bail the next day.

An 18-year-old Dimmitt man on a Randall County warrant charging assault—family violence.

—Four men, ranging in age from 32 to 42, jailed last Thursday on charges of criminal mischief. One also was charged with making a terroristic threat.

—A 49-year-old local man and a 28-year-old Missouri woman on charges of Class B possession of marijuana (both) and possession of a controlled substance (her only). Both are still in the county jail.

—A 44-year-old Amarillo man on a warrant of theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000; he is still in jail.

Dimmitt City Manager Don Sheffy reported to the Sheriff's Dept. last Thursday that one or more persons had stolen the gearhead from a water well on farm property owned by the City of Dimmitt.

The well is located about four miles south of Dimmitt, on the west side of US 385. Sheffy said that the gearhead, valued at approximately \$3,000, was taken sometime between the last part of April and the first part of May.



**JUST LOOK AT THOSE EYES**—This male mix belongs to Animal Control Officer Ty Lively, at least for now. Anyone interested in adopting this dog or a female Rottweiler must pay their fines and get them rabies shots. Come by the dog pound or call 647-4545.

Photo by Monica Ortiz

## Tips for giving second chances



By **RON TRUSLER**  
Executive Director  
Central Plains Center

There are some instances where it is not possible or advisable to give a person a second chance. However, in many instances, giving someone a second chance is worth consideration. Second chances are not always easy to give or get. They are serious and worth more than a flippant attitude as if nothing ever happened to start with. If you are in a position to give someone another chance, give the following statements serious consideration.

1. **Deal with any grudges you have.** When there has been some type of failure on another person's part, someone is likely to have disappointment and hurt, which can produce grudges. It is best to get those cleared up or they will sneak up and sabotage second chance efforts.

2. **Examine your responsibility in the past incident where the failure occurred.** Did you communicate your expectations clearly? Did you give someone some responsibility they were not prepared to handle properly? If you determine you had some part in the first failure, make sure that is taken care of this time. If not, failure is likely to occur again.

3. **Determine boundaries or**

**guidelines for the second chance.** Second chances may not always involve the same area where the first failure occurred. That area may be off limits for now. For example, someone has stolen some money from you. At first, you may have felt they could not be trusted at all, in any thing. But now, you have worked through the hard feelings and you are willing to try again. You may not want to give them responsibilities dealing with money, at least for now. You may need to give them a chance in another area, to prove they are trustworthy. If that works out, money responsibilities could come later.

4. **Clearly communicate the boundaries or guidelines to the other person.** I believe it is important to talk through the disappointment, the lack of trust and what is expected in the future. Make the guidelines or expectations clear and simple.

I am sure that any of us can look back and be grateful for the second chances we have been given. Probably, some of us have had multiple chances.

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### 22—Notices

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### 24—Card of Thanks

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MILTON & SANDRA BAGWELL & FAMILY  
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24-11-1tc

### CARD OF THANKS

It may have been only a handshake or a touch on the shoulder. It may have been a flower, card or a memorial. It may have been a call or a container of food. It may have been a memory of Paul shared with us, his family. Whatever your kindness or expression of sympathy may have been upon our recent loss, it is deeply appreciated. Thank you so much.  
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### 25—Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids to re-coat the roofs of the courthouse, appraisal office, expo building and re-roof the library.  
Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 1999. Bids will be opened on Monday, June 28, 1999, at 10 a.m.  
Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.  
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# DISD Board dismantles athletic complex proposal

The Dimmitt School Board Monday night approved two phases of a plan to renovate high-school athletic facilities, but balked at the major phases of the \$800,000+ master plan that would require new structures.

The board okayed the building of a 10-ft.-high outfield fence and wind screen at the baseball field at a bid amount of \$21,698, and a \$50,570 resurfacing job on the Bobcat Stadium track, including the addition of an inside curb on the quarter-mile oval.

But neither the board members nor those in the audience seemed impressed with proposals to replace the high school tennis courts, build a new multi-purpose facility with a weight room and other features, and add one or more girls' locker rooms to the existing field house.

When bids were opened last month, the lowest bid on the master plan was \$833,678, considerably higher than the original engineers' estimate.

Engineering consultant Joe Grimes told the board that the low bidder, Reynosa Construction of Amarillo, had pared the bid down to \$805,000 on the entire complex via cuts and alterations.

But board member Greg Odom noted that the proposed cost of the girls' locker room, \$152,000, was about \$100 per square foot, "which is

awfully high for a floor, some lockers and showers."

Athletic Director Bruce Dollar agreed that a \$300,000 cost for girls' locker rooms and a weight room was "outrageous," and teachers Beth Buckley and Lori Wilhite noted that the high school gym has a girls' dressing room that isn't being used for the purpose.

And board member Avery Thrasher questioned the wisdom of spending \$120,000 on new tennis courts when the present ones could be patched at a cost of about \$20,000 every three years.

Dollar said the baseball field is about 50 ft. shorter than regulation down the baselines and 75 ft. too short in center field. The field abuts the Country Club golf course and can't be enlarged.

Board Chairman Paul Garcia also noted that River Road High School had set a new state record for home runs in one game on the local field last season because of the short outfield fence and a high wind.

The board adopted a motion by Thrasher to accept a modified bid of \$28,698 to add the fence and wind screen to the baseball field, and to look for ways to help defray the cost, such as a city grant or fence advertising.

After hearing that the track had already outlived its life expectancy

by three to five years, the board adopted a motion by Barbara Bain to accept VibraWorld's bid to resurface the track and add an inside curb to it.

The board decided to get a condition report on the tennis courts before making a final decision on whether to resurface or rebuild them.

In other action items, the board: —Voted to reappoint the First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, as the official school district depository for the coming biennium.

—Approved bids on student insurance coverage, cafeteria foods and fuels.

—Approved renewal of the contract with the Region XVI Educational Service Center for the various services it provides.

—Approved Cornell & Co. to conduct the school district audit again this year.

—Gave the go-ahead on an application for an \$80,000 technology grant for the middle school.

—Accepted resignations and hired several new teachers and coaches. (See separate story.)

The school board will hold a called meeting at 12 noon Monday in the high school library to consider hirings and resignations.



**METHODISTS MARK MILEPOST** — Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church observed the 50th anniversary of its church building Sunday morning with a special morning service and a rededication ceremony. Here, Bishop Alfred L. Norris (left) of Albuquerque and Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, lead the rededication ceremony at the the sanctuary entrance following a covered-dish lunch in Lamar Fellowship Hall. The newly remodeled church parlor and nursery also were rededicated. Two former ministers, Rev. Jim T. Pickens and Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, were on hand for the services, as was District Supt. Henry Salley of Plainview. The original part of the church was completed in the summer of 1949.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Obituaries

### Inez Lee

Inez Lee, 88, of Dimmitt, died Saturday at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo after an illness.

Services were held Monday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Hereford's Rest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Lee was born Feb. 2, 1911, in Coryell County. She married Carl Lee on Feb. 23, 1929, in Littlefield. He died in 1972.

She moved to Dimmitt in 1972 from Summerfield. She was a Baptist and a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne Lee of Hurst and Jack Lee of Shamrock; three daughters, Dorothy Sargent of Hereford and Charlene Howell and Carolyn Moke, both of Dimmitt; a brother, Bob Clark of Friona; four sisters, Robbie Stephan of Hereford, Jessie Claunch of Everman, Jean Baize of Friona and Jewel Cheatham of Lincoln, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 1201 Western Circle, Dimmitt 79027; or BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo 79176-0001.

### Steve Monk

Funeral services for Steve Monk, 52, of Graham, son of Mary Zella Monk and sister of Linda Koch, both of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Graham. Burial followed in Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of McMillan-Satterwhite Funeral Home.

Mr. Monk died Monday in Abilene.

He was born Jan. 17, 1948, in Plainview. He married Gaye Smith in 1967 in Lubbock.

He graduated from North Texas State University. He earned his master's degree at Texas Tech University. He served as a faculty adviser to *The University Daily* and was editor of the *Graham Leader*. He also worked at Graham Magnetics, Inc., for several years and was an independent publisher. He had been serving as pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Breckenridge. He was a US Air Force veteran, having served in Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jason Monk and Byron Monk, both of Forth Worth; his mother, Mary Zella Monk of Dimmitt; a brother, Larry Monk of Tahoka; and a sister, Linda Koch of Dimmitt.

The family requests memorials be to Walk to Emmaus, PO Box 125, Graham 76450.

### Travis F. Walters

Funeral services for Travis F. Walters, 62, were held Friday morning in the Olton Cemetery with Rev. Wendell Horn, pastor of the First United Methodist Church at Floydada, officiating.

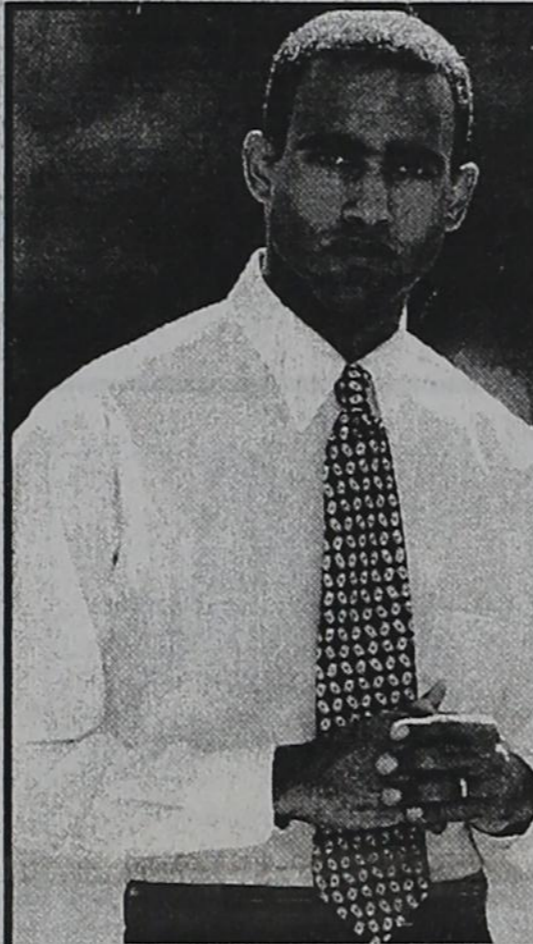
Arrangements were made by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Walters died June 8 in Lubbock.

He was born in Bronte and raised in the Spade and Hart area. He moved to Olton in 1956 where he farmed.

He married Janice Stueart in 1955 at Littlefield.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Jim Walters of Happy, Sam Walters of Olton and Marty Walters of Halfway; a sister, Dot Earl; and 10 grandchildren.



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