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Nutt resigns Chamber post

Shelly Nutt, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, announced her resignation Friday at noon at a meeting of the Chamber Board of Directors.

Her resignation will be effective as of Aug. 1. She has held the position since October of 1995.

"I have really liked working with everyone and getting to know everyone, but now I would like more time with my family and a little more regular hours," Nutt said.

She is taking a position as secretary of the Texas Corn Producers Board office in Dimmitt.

Applicants are being sought for the job of executive director, and resumes are due by 5 p.m. July 7. Resumes may be brought by the Chamber office or mailed to 115 W. Bedford, Dimmitt, 79027.

Thornberry to visit Dimmitt Wednesday

Mac Thornberry will be in Dimmitt Wednesday to host a town meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall, 200 East Jones.

Thornberry, the U.S. representative from the 13th District, will talk about a variety of things such as tax relief, tax reform and what Congress might do in 1997.

He will also talk about any subjects brought up in questions from the audience.

If anyone cannot attend the town meeting but has a thought or opinion that they would like to express, they can write Thornberry at 724 Polk, Suite 400, Amarillo, 79101, or call him at (806) 371-8844.



DAWN GOOLSBY shows the century plant that's now blooming at her home at 602 Pine St. The flower stalk is approximately 25 ft. tall. The century plant, or American aloe, usually flowers only once, between the ages of 10 and 25 years (this one is 13 years old, Goolsby said). The century plant will die after flowering, but has put out several "suckers," or rhizomes, to replace itself. Photo by Don Nelson

Pets should be vaccinated

A rabid skunk confirmed at Easter has heightened awareness of the fatal disease.

Doctor W.J. Hill, veterinarian at Dimmitt Veterinarian Clinic, warns that all pets over three months old should be vaccinated every year for rabies.

The disease is caused by a virus, and all warm-blooded animals are susceptible. Rabies is usually spread when an infected animal bites another animal or person.

The bitten animal or person will not become infected, however, unless the saliva of the sick animal contains the rabies virus at the time of the bite.

The bat, skunk and fox are the most commonly infected wild animals. Dogs and cats are the most commonly infected domestic animals.

Because the signs of rabies vary, diagnosis is very difficult while the animal is alive. The only positive diagnosis is by laboratory examination of certain tissues.

Early in the disease, affected animals may show a slight change in behavior or temperament. As the disease progresses, the animal becomes restless and excitable, and may have a tendency to roam or eat unusual objects.

The animal then may have trouble swallowing and may begin to drool excessively. Frequently the animal

becomes vicious. Convulsions may occur and are usually fatal.

Some animals do not die in convulsions, but instead suffer paralysis of the lower jaw. Shortly after this, the paralysis spreads over the body and death occurs. This is called dumb rabies.

If a suspected rabid animal bites a person, the animal should be quarantined for 10 days. If the animal develops signs of rabies or dies, tissues must be sent to a laboratory for examination.

Since rabies is such a threat to people and other animals, affected animals are not treated. Euthanasia is mandatory.

Doctor Hill also warns that wild animals should not be kept as pets, nor vaccinated for rabies, since there is no approved rabies vaccine available for wild animals.

July Jubilee set for July 3

The annual July Jubilee Celebration is set for Thursday, July 3 at 11 a.m. at the Centennial Plaza on the Courthouse square.

The Retail Merchants Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has plenty of food and activities lined up to delight the young and old.

First United Bank will serve 50 cent hot dogs and soft drinks and the Fair Association will serve homemade ice cream.

The Holy Warriors Christian rock band will perform from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The kid's games will begin at 1 p.m., with a variety of prizes going to the winners.

The event is held annually to celebrate Independence Day and is open to the public.

Crowd pleads for retention of assistant county agent post

About 15 people attended the Monday meeting of the Castro County Commissioners Court to show support for maintaining the assistant county extension agent position here.

Extension Service District Supervisor Dr. Bob Robinson told the commissioners that if the position is left unfunded in the coming year's budget it will be eliminated from the county. He said it generally costs a county \$35,000 to reinstate a position once it has been eliminated. However, he added that even if the position is funded in the budget, the county would not have to hire someone to fill it. He said it could be left vacant and the county's portion of the unpaid salary could be banked.

Mary Alice Lane, local 4-H parent leader, presented petitions with around 250 signatures and said several others were still circulating. The petitions requested that the position be maintained. Several present spoke favorably about the 4-H program and asked that it not be harmed by elimination of the assistant's position. Generally, the assistant county agent

supervises the 4-H program.

Lane said the lack of an assistant agent for most of this year has been limiting to the 4-H program. She said County Extension Agents Rebel Royall and Marilyn Neal do not have enough time to work with the 4-Hers because they are busy with all of their other duties.

"The kids have suffered and I don't see that there will be any improvement in the situation unless you hire an assistant," Lane said. "And the active season for 4-H is coming up."

County Judge Irene Miller told Robinson she appreciated his input, but said the commissioners have to "look at the whole picture."

"This is not the only department being cut, and we're not through cutting," Miller said, adding that, "We are looking at a tax increase."

The county must pay \$170,000 remaining on the judgment in the election lawsuit to cover plaintiff's attorney fees, in addition to over \$76,000 to the attorneys that represented the county.

"Please don't make our kids pay for the lawsuit," Lane said. "Some-

times you have to make cuts that hurt, but don't make the kids be number one on the list for cutting."

Miller said the problem of making cuts is complicated by the fact that the various departments already have made requests that would require an additional \$239,096.53 over last year's budget, including the lawsuit expenses.

The commissioners expressed appreciation for all who turned out to voice their concerns. No action was taken.

In other business, the commissioners approved payment of the \$76,238.53 to the law firm of Sidley and Austin that represented the county in the appeals process of the election lawsuit. The commissioners asked Miller to investigate payment options on that amount.

Bids for supplying new tables and chairs for the Expo Building were reviewed. The commissioners voted to purchase 72 new tables, 36" by 72", at the price of \$65 each; and

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DISD

Student handbooks approved

At a called meeting of the Dimmitt School Board Monday night, the student handbooks for five campuses were approved, and, following an executive session, approval was given for hiring three new teachers.

Brenda Porsch will teach Head Start and Kyla Lynch will teach second grade, both at Richardson Elementary School; and Vincent Fitzgerald was hired as a junior high boys' coach and to teach health at Dimmitt Middle School.

Votes for approval of the handbooks were unanimous in favor, except for the Dimmitt High School student handbook. The vote on that one was 4 to 2 in favor. Voting for were Debbie Annen, Chevo Lumbrera, Paul Garcia, and Steve Buckley. Against were Earl Behrends and John Nino. Avery Thrasher was absent.

Behrends voted against in protest of the policy that allows students to run 10 miles to make up for an in-

fraction of the rules concerning alcohol or substance abuse. He suggested requiring 10 hours of community service, rather than giving students the choice of running or performing community service.

Nino voted against approval because of inclusion of a new policy that will allow students to graduate a year early. He said some parents might wish to keep a student in high school for one more year, but the new policy would allow students who have completed the 22 credits of the core curriculum to go ahead and graduate if they have parental approval, or without parental approval if the student is 18.

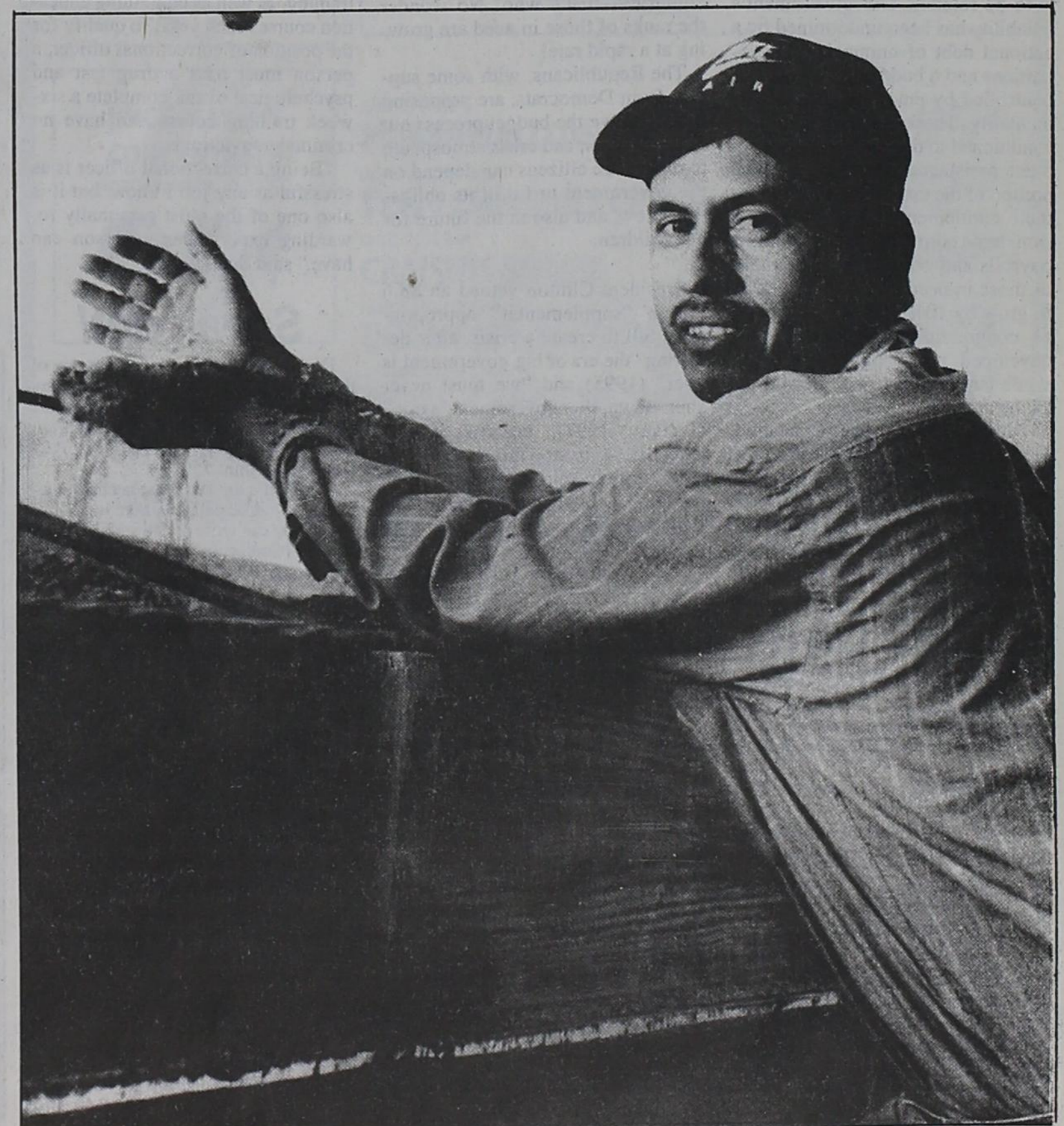
DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill said that students who are involved in extra-curricular activities, such as band, choir or athletics, will find it difficult to fulfill the early graduation requirements. Also, he said the school hopes to offer more dual credit courses where a student may

earn college credit while in high school, thus encouraging students to remain in high school for four years. Currently courses are available that would give a student 12 college credits. Stockstill said they hope to increase that to 15.

DISD Supt. Les Miller said the early graduation policy is a state law, and provisions are included for special scholarships for students who take advantage of it. However, Annen pointed out that early graduates cannot qualify for valedictorian or salutatorian of the class they graduate with.

Dress code provisions for all campuses were discussed. The board agreed to include wording in all student handbooks prohibiting "bagging" or "sagging" clothing. Dimmitt Middle School Principal George Rasor said that type of clothing is often associated with gang affiliation and should be discouraged. Wording

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FIRST WHEAT—Gustaf Ornelas, driver for Joe M. Scott & Son farms, delivered the county's first reported load of wheat at 7:25 p.m. last Wednesday to Dimmitt Agri Industries' South Elevator. The wheat was from the Givens Estate near the city lake east of Dimmitt. It was TAM 105 variety planted

around Sept. 10, had been semi-irrigated, and had been stressed during the growing season, manager Benny Scott reported. The moisture content was 13.4% and the test weight was low (50.3 lbs. per bushel). Harvest crews are still trying to get a good start on the late crop.

Photo by Don Nelson

Weather		
	High	Low
Thursday	90	57
Friday	98	62
Saturday	98	59
Sunday	93	57
Monday	79	60
Tuesday	92	62
Wednesday	98	60
June Moisture	3.77	
1997 Moisture	11.02	

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

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By Don Nelson

Mark Darlene Collins' words: Dimmitt is going to become the quilting capital of North Texas.

We're going to build it and they're going to come because, by golly, Dimmitt's First Lady—the person who gives orders to the mayor—wills it to be so.

Quilters love quilt shows. So do the country's—and the world's—marketers of Americana, who are hungry to buy and sell this unique form of American art.

Two of the nation's biggest quilt shows are at Houston and at Paducah, Ky. Several of our local quilters have been to both of these shows. They have seen the promised land, and they have wondered: Why does Mecca have to be so far away?

There's a market for a huge regional quilt show in North Texas.

Darlene and her fellow block-stitchers here plan to fill that void.

Working with fellow quilters in Canyon, Lubbock, Amarillo and Clovis, they have formed the Ogalalla Quilter's Society to plan and coordinate the festival. They're signing up members and sending out a quarterly newsletter.

The first Ogalalla Quilt Festival (or whatever they decide to call it) will be held here in March, 1998. The Expo Building, Senior Citizens Center and Rhoads Memorial Library meeting room have been reserved.

In addition to the big quilt show at the Expo Building, there will be quilting seminars, classes, lectures, demonstrations, lessons, vendors, entertainment and food.

"Quilting is big business," Darlene told the Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee last Thursday. "The average quilter spends \$2,000 a year on supplies, and original quilts sell for up to \$10,000."

"Dimmitt is right in the apex of the High Plains quilting clubs. We have been in contact with quilters, and we know we can hang 400 quilts here."

"We've got the best folks in the world, we've got merchants who we know will cooperate with us, and we can make Dimmitt the Mecca for quilters in this whole region."

"There's no reason in the world why we can't have one of the friendliest, most profitable quilt shows anywhere right here."

Why Dimmitt? Why not Amarillo, Lubbock or Clovis instead?

Two big pluses for Dimmitt are low cost and convenient access.

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Op-Ed

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CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

USER-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

Over the past 10 years the number of environmental regulations on our books has increased dramatically. Few states (and not even the federal government) have the resources to enforce those laws thoroughly and even-handedly. In fact, so difficult has this task become that a survey of corporate attorneys found 70 percent don't believe compliance with the laws is even achievable.

So two years ago the State of Texas adopted a radical new strategy for enforcing its environmental laws: let the vast majority of responsible businesses audit their own operations and concentrate enforcement efforts on the really bad offenders.

The key to making this system work is that the Texas law assumes most businesses are acting in good faith, want to comply with the law and shouldn't be penalized for taking steps on their own initiative to see that they do.

Case in point: A Houston-based manufacturer wanted to conduct an audit of its own compliance efforts, but was reluctant to do so for fear that if it found violations the information could result in legal proceedings and fines. Because it is a small company with fewer than 50 employees, committing resources to an audit was difficult — until the threat that the information gathered could be used

against the company was removed by state law. Once the Texas law was enacted, the firm examined its own operations, determined it had miscalculated its emissions and corrected the problem. This is a win/win situation for cleaner air — and for the company trying to comply with the law.

I have introduced legislation on the federal level to expand this voluntary system nationwide. Unfortunately, companies in states without this law don't perform voluntary self-audits because the data gathered can be used by government regulators, prosecutors or advocacy groups to sue them. Under those circumstances, documentation serves as a roadmap for lawsuits, even if a problem has been corrected and no harm occurred.

It just makes sense to pass legislation that encourages businesses to comply with the law rather than raise the ante in the adversarial climate that has grown up around our complex compliance system.

Twenty-one states, including Texas, have enacted laws similar to the Environmental Protection Partnership Act that I have introduced. These states understand that to truly protect the environment, everyone must participate.

We now have cleaner air and water in America than we've had in 30 years. To consolidate and build on these gains we need to prevent pollution rather than to react only after problems occur. All too often our approach to environmental challenges has been arbitrary and penalty-driven, rather than incentive-oriented.

But this doesn't mean companies that pollute will go scot free. My bill in no way protects willful violators and those that do not promptly address violations. All of us want a cleaner environment, all of us want pure water and clear skies.

The law will allow us to engage every business voluntarily in working toward those goals. This will free the EPA to target enforcement dollars on the real offenders — those who deliberately and intentionally pollute. 6.20.97

RULES FOR CALCULATING PENSIONS ARE SO COMPLEX, EMPLOYERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE MADE THOUSANDS OF MISTAKES IN FIGURING RETIREMENT BENEFITS... ONLY ONE MISTAKE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY AVOIDED...

GOOD LORD... I PAID EVERYBODY TOO MUCH...

BEN SARGENT
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Farmers facing new marketing challenges

American farmers, faced each year with the complex challenges of producing their crops, are confronted this year with a new challenge of marketing and risk management, according to an agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The passage by Congress of the 1996 Farm Bill ushered in a new era for farmers," said Dr. Jackie Smith, economist and management specialist with the Extension Service in Lubbock. "It sets the stage for a new environment for economic decision-making by the farmer."

"The producer that survives in this new economic environment must have superior skills in risk management," he said.

The new federal program is billed as one that lets farmers plant for the market, but its new planting flexibility is likely to bring an increased level of volatility, according to Smith.

"As farmers in the US and abroad react to volatile prices, we could see great swings in acres planted to different crops," Smith said. "The marketing and risk management skills of US producers must improve if they are to successfully compete in the dynamically changing worldwide agricultural industry of the next century."

The task of raising the skills of farmers is formidable, requiring intensive educational programming, the economist said.

The formation of marketing clubs is one way already being used by the Extension Service and producers in Texas and several other states to improve the growers' marketing skills.

"Generally a group of 15 to 25 producers organize with the assistance of the Extension Service," Smith said. "They meet once or twice a month to learn about risk management techniques. Clubs, as a group, often trade commodity

options to gain experience at a limited risk."

The usual life of such a club is one to three years, depending upon members' interest, the economist said.

"This method of education has some tremendous advantages over traditional short-duration educational workshops," he said. "The learning process isn't so rushed, allowing producers more time to absorb new information. The longer time over which education takes place allows more hands-on practice and observation of actual market dynamics and the benefits and costs of various marketing and risk management alternatives."

Smith said the success and growth of marketing clubs in Texas has been hindered somewhat by lack of local leadership, financial and personnel restraints of Extension support, and inadequate marketing knowledge by club leaders.

To address these problems, the Extension Service last year introduced its Master Marketer Program to help train club leaders. In the pilot Master Marketer Program in January 1996, 60 producers in the Texas Panhandle went through 64 hours of marketing education in Amarillo.

Top instructors from universities and businesses across the US, as well as Extension Service faculty, led courses including production risk management, crop insurance and commodity marketing.

The graduates of the program, from 28 counties, were asked to work with their county Extension agents to establish and lead marketing clubs in their home counties. More than 20 new clubs were formed.

This January and February, the second group of Master Marketers were trained in four two-day sessions in Lubbock. Sixty-three participants from 30 counties completed the 64-

hour instruction in marketing education.

"The 1997 Master Marketer program focused on intensive training of at least one producer from each county," Smith said. "These were persons with an expressed interest in marketing and demonstrated leadership abilities. The training was designed to move them well beyond their current level of marketing expertise."

It was conducted by some of the nation's leading experts in the field. Support in presenting the training was provided by the Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association, Texas Corn Growers Board, Chicago Board of Trade and Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, as well as a number of Texas area lenders, cooperatives and other agribusinesses.

"As a result, these highly-trained producers are now prepared to serve as volunteers to work with their county Extension agents in starting and leading marketing clubs in their own counties," Smith said. "The end result is an expansion in the number of trained volunteer educators offering valuable learning opportunities for producers in a cost-effective framework."

Producers interested in organizing new marketing clubs should contact their local county Extension agent.

Prison for college grads?

When recent college graduates go job hunting, they may not think about going to prison, but corrections and criminal justice are two of the nation's fastest growing career fields in Texas and many other states.

With Texas's state prison system continuing to expand, the state already hires more than 30,000 of the 300,000-plus correctional officers now working in the nation's prisons. Thousands more work in local and federal facilities.

Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, is himself a correctional officer who came up through the ranks from prison guard to the top job.

"A college graduate with the right stuff can have a challenging and

satisfying career in corrections," Scott said. He graduated from Navarro Junior College and Sam Houston State University with a degree in business administration before beginning his 23-year rise-to-the-top career with TDCJ.

Scott said that working in a penitentiary environment "takes a courageous person who can cope with the dangers of the job and mental balance the dual mission of protecting society and making a positive difference in the lives of the offenders."

"Our correctional officers face danger every day from the convicted felons they supervise. Many of the 135,000 inmates in our system are prone to violence and may in some cases direct their hostilities toward staff," Scott said.

In 1995 alone, 6,788 prison staffers were assaulted by inmates in US facilities; two were killed. Texas prison officials reported 918 staff assaults during 1996.

"However, correctional officers also are in the unique position to redirect some lives for the better," Scott said. "They serve as role models for offenders and often can help them change their lives."

Compensation and job requirements vary greatly from state to state. For example, in New York, where most correctional officers have bachelor's degrees, wardens can command six-figure salaries. In Idaho, on the other hand, an 18-year-old correctional officer with no training begins at \$8.72 per hour.

In Texas, correctional officers start at about \$22,000, with a number of opportunities to move up through the ranks and pay scale. Texas wardens make about \$60,000, depending on their experience and the unit they oversee.

Correctional officers in Texas go through six weeks of professional training, as well as continuing education courses each year. To qualify for the position of correctional officer, a person must pass a drug test and psychological exam, complete a six-week training course and have no criminal convictions.

"Being a correctional officer is as stressful as any job I know, but it is also one of the most personally rewarding experiences a person can have," said Scott.

Letter

'Government should be reliable'

Dear Editor:

Among the most important things a government can do for its citizens is to be reliable. Our government's reliability has been undermined by a national debt of unimaginable proportions and a budget process that is controlled by emotions and a crisis mentality. Those who need, and are conditioned to depend upon, government assistance, pay only a small portion of the tax required to support their entitlement. The bulk comes from large corporations through their payrolls and other taxes. The ranks of those in need had been projected to grow by 10% per year, according to congressional Democrats who developed the budgeting process, while large corporations moved out of the area.

Texaco, American Cyanamid, Ford and GM are corporations I was involved with that no longer have payrolls in Castro County. Those and others have expanded to Mexico and the Far East, thus reducing the taxes they pay in the US. Who will make

up the difference? The middle class taxpayer, small businesses that can't take advantage of low wages in other countries—that's who! No wonder the ranks of those in need are growing at a rapid rate!

The Republicans, with some support from Democrats, are proposing bills to move the budget process out of the emotion and crisis atmosphere to make sure citizens can depend on the government to fulfill its obligations now, and also in the future for our children.

President Clinton vetoed an \$8.6 billion "supplemental" appropriations bill to create a crisis, after declaring "the era of big government is over" (1995) and "we must never shut down the government again" (January 1997), because it had amendments to stop this foolishness. Bill Clinton, our President, is a pervert—a classic pervert. May God save our children. And where's the beef?

WILLIAM P. DANNEVIK

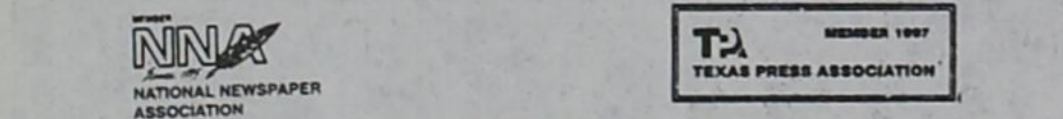
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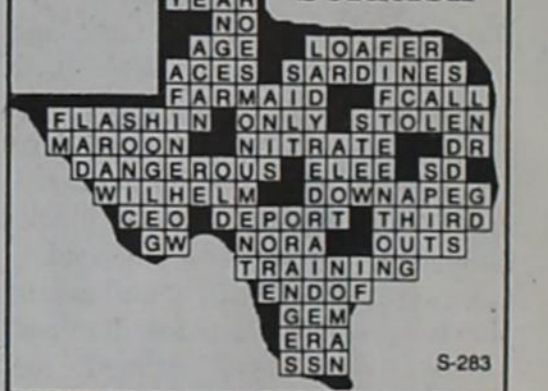
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- wager at a TX dog track (2 wds.)
- TXism: "keeps his ___ polished" (good)
- Jackson Co. seat
- Bentsen State Park groove-billed birds
- investment real estate (2 wds.)
- TXism: "got ___ left feet" (bad dancer)
- Sam Houston's post-baptismal statement: "Lord have ___ fish"
- TXism: "guilty ___ sin"
- ex-Ranger Petralli
- good TX chili requires a proper blend of ___
- TXism for "guys"
- Garza Co. seat
- breeding horse
- this Dallasite Stills sang with Crosby, Nash & Young (init.)
- TXism: "short as ___ memory"
- TXism: "I don't want to hear a ___ out of you" (shut up)
- some Texans use it for long distance
- Duval Co. seat
- TXism: "___ shed" (bar)
- TXism: "your barn ___ is open" (unzippered fly)
- UNT mascot
- Sam Houston State mascots: Bear ___
- film: "___ for Texas"
- film: "The Texas Chainsaw ___"
- Island
- Astro position between 2nd and 3rd (abbr.)
- book loaner
- SW Houston suburb
- TX Weddington won the case of ___ v. Wade
- TXism: "brains ___ box" (computer)
- newspaper classifieds
- TX singer Stuckey

DOWN

- TXism: "got ___ ___ Texas" (kind)
- Houston-made film: "The ___ Bears"
- climatological phenomenon that brings heavy rains to south TX (2 wds.)
- TXism: "___ like a bat without radar" (poor eyesight)
- slippery Gulf fish this "Easy Rider" actor bought custom boots from TX bootmaker Charlie Dunn
- this determines who wins on Friday night (2 wds.)
- polite response (2 wds.)
- TXism: "Sunday ___ meetin' clothes"
- la la
- TX Perot's old co. Houston's last wife Margaret cars with 2 riders can use a Dallas HOV ___
- TX Carolyn Jones was Morticia on "The ___ Family" calls a beeper
- grieve for the dead
- TX Robert Howard created character Conan the ___
- TXism for "gadget"
- Amarillo TV station
- TXism: "turn about is ___ play"
- Texans Dexter, Freeman, Neiman and Del Greco
- ___ and con
- "it's either ___ or a famine"

Last Puzzle Solution



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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Major and Cindy Ballen and daughter, Heather, are in Dimmitt visiting Cindy's mother, Babe Scoggins. Major works for the Burlington Northern-Sante Fe Railroad, and they have been living in Chicago and are moving to Fort Worth. Larry Scoggins is Cindy's brother and he lives in Midland, but his business brings him to Dimmitt often.

Thanks to the men who mowed the grass at the museum. There were eight riding mowers and George Sides brought his tractor and shredder. Others working were Houston Lust, Dagwood Wood, Raphard Smithson, Bill Birdwell, Clifford Beavers, Bill Brisco and his grandson, Schan Yates from Colorado, and Elmer Berryhill.

W.H. Forrester from Clovis came to the museum with his cousin Ferne Jones, her grandson, Casey Jones, and his friend Todd Jansa.

Loranel Hamilton was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club, and she served a delicious strawberry dessert. Bill Thornton won high score and Alma Kenmore won second high score. Others playing were Dude McLauren, Virginia Crider, Louise Mears, Susie Reeves, Dugan Butler,

Edith Graef, Helen Braafladt, Cleo Forson and Elizabeth Huckabay.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock went to Amarillo, and they accompanied the "Kids, Etc." group to the zoo at Wonderland Park. Later they went to the ball park to watch their granddaughter, Alyson Smith, and other five-year olds play t-ball. Alyson came to Dimmitt with her grandparents to stay while her mother, Debbie Smith, went to San Antonio for a Merrill-Lynch business meeting.

My daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford, was at the airport in Amarillo waiting for David and Sue Vaughan to fly in from Dallas, and she said "I never see anyone I know at the airport." Well, she turned around and there was Debbie Smith coming in from San Antonio!!

Bobby and Wanda Murdock went to Portales, N.M. Sunday afternoon to help their granddaughter, Katie, from Clovis celebrate her belated birthday. They served the birthday cake, which was decorated as 101 Dalmations, and ice cream. Of course there were also presents. Others enjoying this special occasion were Brad and Rhonda Murdock, Holly, Tasha and James.

Mary Lynn and David and Sue spent the weekend with me helping me with my spring cleaning. Decimae Dennis from Midland went to church with us on Sunday morning. Decimae's nieces, Chauncey and Cailee Gilbreath, and nephew Dennis Underwood visited with Decimae at church. Mary Lynn and David and Sue enjoyed visiting with former classmates, including Glenn Odum and Sandra Nelson, Bennie and Vee Gallehon, Dana Beck, Patty Catoe, who was in Dimmitt visiting her mother, Rae Catoe, and other friends they have known through the years.

David and Sue also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughan, his sister, Shari Wilkerson, and her daughter, Megan.

Decimae and her brother and wife, Edgar and Leta Dennis, went to Amarillo to see their aunt, Mary Pyatt, and then on to Tulia and Plainview to visit friends. They went to Earth one day to watch Dennis Underwood enter in a horse show where he won an award.

The new pastor at First Baptist Church is Bro. Howard Rhodes. He and his wife, Belinda, are coming from Lamesa. They have three children, Amber Peacock who lives in

Stanardsville, Virg.; Jeffrey Rhodes, who is attending Wayland Baptist College in Plainview; and Gregory Rhodes, who is in college at College Station. The Rhodes spent 12 years in Ethiopia, Malawi and Kenya, Africa as foreign missionaries. Bro. Rhodes sermon on Sunday morning was "All We Really Need to Know..." Cindy Ellis brought the children's message.

I enjoyed visiting with the Church of Christ pastor, Bro. Harry Riggs, who gave me a report on their Vacation Bible School. He reported a high attendance of 125, and on the last day, Friday at noon, they met at the park for a hamburger cookout with a super turnout of 300 people including children, teachers and parents. Bro. Riggs said that this was the first Vacation Bible School his church has had since he has been here for four years.

Bill, Jacque and Barbara Sava hosted the following relatives here for the Hunter-Sava wedding: Julie and Brady Franz of Eek River, Minn.; Helen Marston of Tulsa, Okla.; Mark Marston of Houston; John and Laurie Vourazeris of Albuquerque, N.M.; Peter, Tammy, Jacob,

Cal and Dean de'Zuack of Albuquerque; Greg and Becky Sava of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Bill, Debra, Christopher and Allie Bridenbaugh of Amarillo, Jennifer Sava of Canyon; A.M. and Betty Choate, Paul, Bobby and Casey Nichols and Chris Goodwin, all of Texhoma.

Mike Mohajerin, Barbara's great nephew, came from Amarillo. Mike, 27, went to Iran at age 4 with his father to visit grandparents. Their visa was cancelled while there. Only last year through efforts of the state department was he allowed to return to the U.S. since he is a U.S. citizen. He is now living in Amarillo and came for the weekend to see all his cousins. He is so happy to be home.

Brenda Crouse, who receives the News as a gift from her parents Jerome and Mary Birkenfeld of Nazareth, sent a letter to me in response to the camels I had talked about a couple of weeks ago. She said that her husband, Justin, is an oil field driller and has worked at the areas where the camels roam. They didn't

know anything about them either until she read an article by Good Ol' Joe Brown of the Wichita Falls Time Record News. The camels are owned by A.B. Hudson of Maple Hill, Kan., who owns a number of ranches in Kansas, Missouri and Texas. Each ranch has camels grazing in a new attempt at brush control. There are nine head at the old Howard Ranch near Henrietta and 32 spread between the Clear Lake and Triangle ranches and along Texas 25 leading into Electra.

The camels make the owner a lot more money than the cattle, according to the managers of the ranches. When sold at exotic-animal markets, they fetch between \$2,500 and \$5,500. As far as brush control goes? Well, the camels would just rather eat weeds than grass.

Rachel Seale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Seale of Lindale and granddaughter of Mattie Seale of Dimmitt, will compete in the Miss Texas Pageant Monday night. The event will be televised.

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Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Eldon Upchurch, brother of Judy Loudder, passed away Friday in Victoria, Texas. Judy was with her daddy in the nursing home when the message came and helped him adjust to the message. Judy left Saturday morning for Victoria to be with the family. He had cancer for a long time. The funeral was Monday morning in Victoria. Doug and Lyle Loudder and Luke Loudder and Dara Green and Brandy flew down early Monday morning for the funeral services and burial. Luke spent the weekend with Lyle, Rosie and Lindzy.

Rosie kept Melissa and Will for Kelley. He has been working some this week and feeling better with no treatments.

Jerry and Carolyn Smith of Van, Texas came Thursday and visited with their cousins, James and Joan Norrell until Saturday. The Norrell kids, Kathy and Collin of Dallas, and Becky and Chuck and their kids of Levelland visited Saturday with James and Joan.

Laura and Kristen Sadler and a friend, Tracy Janae, vacationed at Hubbard Creek Lake Wednesday through Sunday. Mathew had gone to Dallas with a youth group from their church. They went to Six Flags on Saturday.

Gale and Verna Sadler also went to the SBC in Dallas last week and visited with their daughter, Cindy and Bob Clatt and children while there. They were not home Sunday, so they may be planning to spend this week with them also.

Rev. Bennie Wright and Joyce brought their youngest daughter's sons home with them for the convention. They are Christopher and Benjamin. They were in the Sunday morning service with them. They plan to spend the week with them.

Dr. Myles Sadler of Lubbock spent

Sunday with Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler and brought them to church. Embree Roy told me he was a good cook also.

The Castro County Historical Commission met again Thursday afternoon in Rhoades Memorial Library to continue their work on the plans for the marker dedication on July 4. Those present were Clara Vick, Becky Stovall, Norman Nelson, Martha Jo Hyman, Emma Jean King and Teeny Bowden.

Ten one-hundredths inch of rain was received Monday evening. It was 90 degrees on Saturday afternoon, the first day of summer.

Leslie Loudder, who has been living with Sandy and Larry Odum in San Angelo has been sick. They took him to Veterans Hospital in Big Springs where they found the problem to be his esophagus. They gave him medicine to solve the problem, but either he wasn't able to take the medicine or it didn't work. They have stretched the esophagus so his food will go down better, but he is going down pretty bad and is real weak.

Angelia and Adom Freeman of Plainview spent Saturday night with their grandparents, Hershel and Retha Wilson. Thursday they took her mother Mrs. Epperson to the doctor in Lubbock. Angelia Wilson went to Abilene for a supper Sunday with other youth of Springlake Baptist Church.

Robert and Frances Duke went to Lubbock Saturday to help Larry Duke celebrate his birthday. Sandra Duke of Canyon came too so they celebrated her birthday too, one week early. Robert and Frances went to Lubbock Monday to attend a planning meeting at South Plains Food Bank. It is a cooperative effort involving the Gleaning Program.

Ashlee and Alyssa Duke came home with them to spend most of the week.

David and Gay Sadler and Ezell and Verba Sadler went to Hobbs Saturday to help Shanna Roye celebrate her birthday and visit with her parents, Melody and Walter Roye and the kids. They also visited with friends, J.C. and Donna Turner. She has had cancer a long time. David and Gay also spent the day Saturday with their family. Verba and Ezell picked up a used van and came home Saturday evening. Their dear friend, Cleo Widner of Melrose, N.M., died early Sunday morning. His wife died not too long ago. He was ill when she died.

Rita Emmons of Dallas sent me an article about her dad, Bus Holcomb. I thought several of you might be interested in it. The Booneville Riding Club are dedicating their June 20, 1997 Friday night rodeo to Bus, who was instrumental in shaping the Booneville rodeo and the lives of many young people.

Dale Young, former Quadrille caller said he remembered when the Booneville Quadrille had disbanded. One night he was sitting at his house when Bus and Finley Eaton drove up. They wanted to get the Quadrille going again. Before they left that night, they had another Quadrille cranked up and ready to start.

"Bus always helped at the rodeos. Everybody liked Bus," said Eaton, a friend. "When we built the first arena, Bus furnished the posts and helped set them."

"He was always trying to help someone. He furnished horses for anyone who didn't have a horse and wanted to ride," said Ron Harris, neighbor and friend.

His wife Sadie, said that he loved kids and would do whatever it took to keep them off the street.

Other people in Booneville said that Gus was willing to help his fellow man, and giving of himself was something he worked at tirelessly.

They said he was a person who was a friend to everyone, a person you could depend on.

He and Sadie moved from Sunnyside and Dimmitt to Booneville Jan. 1, 1967. Bus was at a horse sale at Dimmitt one day and met a man who mentioned he had a piece of property for sale in Booneville. They visited for a while and Bus purchased the property. He and Sadie lived there almost 20 years before his death.

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Muleshoe plans annual production

The Muleshoe Production Company is planning the third annual presentation of "Keepers of the Legend" for Aug. 8-11 at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Performances will begin each evening at 8:30, and tickets are priced at \$10 for adults, \$8 if purchased in advance, \$5 for children 12 and under, and lap children are admitted free. A season pass may be purchased for \$25.

Groups may call for special discounts and accommodations. Those wishing to purchase tickets in advance or needing more information may call 806-272-4405 or 272-5612 or 272-5476 or 272-3770.

"Keepers of the Legend" is a fictional account based on early 20th Century Bailey County and its settlers, presented through song, dance and dramatic performances by local and area actors and musicians. Cowboys, Indians, live animals and a moving locomotive provide entertainment and laughter for all ages. Over 1,500 people annually have attended the previous two productions of "Keepers of the Legend."

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Local youth attend JCDA convention

Six Nazareth girls attended the 17th Biennial State Convention of the Junior Catholic Daughter of the Americas, held Friday through Sunday in Lubbock, and several had a part in the activities.

Nicole Acker, Susan Kern, Kimberly Brockman, Vanessa Wilhelm, Jessica McGilvray and Angela Fortenberry attended, along with sponsors Carolyn Wilhelm and Christine Acker.

The Nazareth CDA/JCDA court was a co-host of the convention, along with the Lubbock and Slaton courts. Nicole Acker drew the official convention T-shirt logo, McGilvray served as timekeeper during the reports given by the individual courts attending, and Vanessa Wilhelm served as acolyte at Saturday's mass.

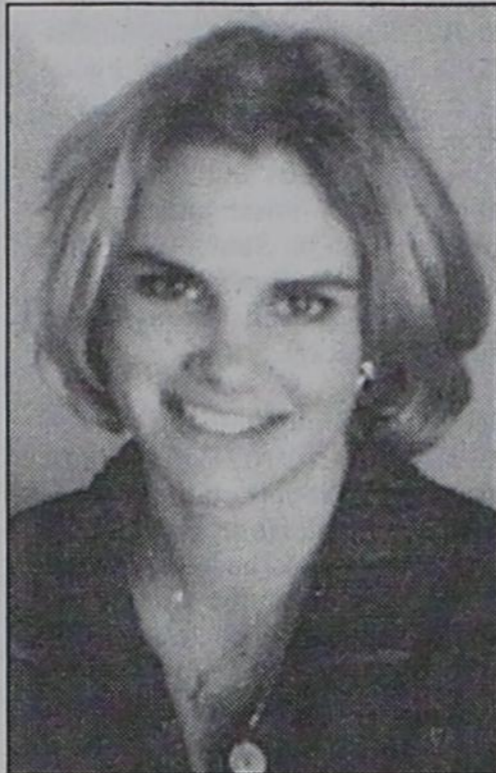
The Nazareth court members were

among five courts leading a multicultural rosary, and spent many hours learning to pray the "Our Father," "Hail Mary" and "Glory Be" in German. Other languages involved in the rosary were Czech (led by LaGrange), Spanish (led by Victoria), Latin (led by Irving), and sign language (led by Slaton).

There were 358 JCDA members attending from 24 courts around the state. Some of the activities included a Jamaica carnival Friday night, a fiesta dance, banner and scrapbook competitions, an awards banquet, a "girls only" caucus night, and the election of state officers.

The JCDA's program of involvement is based on learning and spreading the message of Christ, service through living the Gospel, and community through Christian unity.

The Nazareth JCDA members said they are committed to "Stepping Up to the Challenge."



Tawnee Matthews

Matthews awarded \$1,000 scholarship

Tawnee Matthews, a recent graduate of Dimmitt High School, has been awarded the 4-H Foundation Scholarship for \$1,000.

Matthews, the daughter of Jerry and Sherri Matthews, has been a member of Flagg 4-H for nine years. During that time she has been honored with the Gold Star and I Dare You Awards, been State Council Representative, President of the Castro County Council and Flagg 4-H President.

Some of her projects include fitness/leadership, beef, public speaking and health and recreation.

She plans to attend Texas A&M and study Natural Resource Conservation in an attempt to be an environmental attorney.

Spring wins first place at IHSA show

Kimberly Spring of Dimmitt, a West Texas A&M University senior, won first place in individual advanced western horsemanship at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championship Horse Show May 1-4 at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass.

Spring, an equine business and industry major, beat 14 other individuals in her category to win a saddle, a silver platter, and cash.

"Kim has outstanding skill and ability. She showed extremely well," said Rebekah Bachman, instructor of animal science in the WTAMU equine industry program and coach of the Horseman's Association equestrian team.

The WTAMU equestrian team took second place in both hunt seat and western competition at the IHSA regional competition this year, but did not advance to the national contest.

Felts and Stidham are united in formal wedding ceremony

Jennifer Jill Felts and Dennis Lee Stidham exchanged wedding vows Saturday evening in a formal, double-ring ceremony in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Bill Felts, grandfather of the bride, and Robert Griffith of Austin officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Debbie Felts and Gary Felts, both of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Tom and Deanna Stidham of Fritch.

The church was decorated with candelabras adorned with white tulle and ivy, columns holding Boston ferns, and pew bows of white tulle.

Organist Deanne Clark accompanied soloists Melissa Hall, who sang Parents Prayer; Stacy Adams, who sang The Lord's Prayer; and Misty Dudley, who sang Only God Could Love You More.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant sheath gown of white satin and Battenberg lace. The bodice, encrusted with sequins and pearls, featured a vee neckline, long sleeves and a basque waistline. Cut-outs of Battenberg lace decorated the gown and the semi-cathedral-length detachable train, which was trimmed with lace and pearls. To complete her attire, the bride chose a porcelain wreath highlighted with silk illusion veiling. Her bouquet included casablanca lilies, roses, stephanotis, ivy and ribbons.

Serving as matron of honor was Lisa Newcomb of Amarillo, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tiffani Belcher, Cassie Jones and Cara Crowley, all of Amarillo and friends of the bride; and Leslie Ballard of Lubbock, the bride's cousin.

They wore empire-style floor-length dresses of navy crepe, fashioned with a scoop neckline and long sashes of navy organza tied in back in a large bow. Navy shoes and matching Austrian crystal necklaces and earrings completed their outfits. Each carried a bouquet of casablanca lilies.

Tom Stidham of Fritch, father of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Daryl Goin, Bobby Ray, Aaron Mesneak, all of Lubbock, and Gary Laramore of Canyon, all friends of the groom.

Ring bearer was Jarrod Johnson of Paris, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Chelsea Buckley of Dimmitt, friend of the bride, and Laiken Matlock of Plainview, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were Zak Felts of Dimmitt, brother of the bride, and T.J. Stidham of Fritch, brother of the groom.

A wedding celebration was held at



MRS. DENNIS LEE STIDHAM
... nee Jennifer Jill Felts.

the Hereford Country Club following the ceremony and reception at the church.

At the reception, tables were covered with white Battenberg lace cloths and accented with silver and crystal appointments. The wedding cake was made of four tapering tiers on clear stands, with each tier iced in white basket-weave and decorated with fresh white flowers and ivy.

The groom's cake was chocolate with dark chocolate piping surrounded with strawberries.

Following a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will be at home in Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and obtained her bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies from West Texas A&M University. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and the Student Foundation. She teaches for the Canyon Independent School District.

The groom obtained his bachelor of science degree in wildlife biology from WTAMU and is employed by Builders Square in Amarillo.

Baca feted with shower

A bridal shower was held in the home of Doris Swinborn June 14 in honor of Julia Baca, bride of Ty Baca.

Mrs. Swinborn presented guests to Julia, Roberta McDonald, mother of the bride, and Jan Baca, mother of the groom.

The serving table was covered with a white Battenberg lace cloth with a fruit basket centering the table. Table appointments were peruter and silver.

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Mints, nuts, cinnamon rolls, chocolate dipped strawberries and a fruit punch were served by Ellie Rogers and Carla Petty, friends of the couple.

Out-of-town guests were Lillee Barrett and Marka Kress, friends of the bride; Sally Dennison and Mae of Plainview, also friends; Katie McDonald of Pampa; Patsy Hilbers of Idalou; Polly Heath of Cotton Center; Elizabeth McDonald of Quitaque, grandmother of the bride; Kay Nall of Cotton Center, grandmother of the bride; Zula Culwell and Kara of Tullia; Donna and Laura Meiwes; Michelle Baca of Clovis, sister-in-law of couple; and Nadine Behrends of Hereford, friend of the couple.

The hostess gift was bed linens. 40 hostesses assisted Swinborn with duties.



Plains Memorial Hospital

Maria Elena and Martin Hernandez announce the birth of a daughter, Iraiz Bianca, born June 16. She weighed 7 lbs., 1.2 ozs., and was 20 1/2 inches long. She has two brothers, Martin Jr., 5 years old, and Juan Jesus, 4 years old. Paternal grandparents are Juana and Matilde Vasquez of Oklahoma City, Okla., and maternal grandparents are Atanacia and Manuel Hernandez of Mexico.

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Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

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

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Volunteers Needed

The Central Plains Center for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse is looking for one (1) volunteer from Castro and Parmer counties to serve on the Public Responsibility Committee (PRC). The PRC is an independent, impartial third-party mechanism whose functions include the following: protecting, preserving, promoting and advocating for the health, safety, welfare and legal and human rights of individuals.

If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please submit your name, address and phone number to Mr. Ron Trusler, Executive Director, at 2700 Yonkers, Plainview, Texas 79072.

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Stacy Walker bride-elect of Ty Annen Saturday, June 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of Ronda Wise 1608 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt
Selections at Seale Florist, Coleman Pharmacy, Running M Bath Shop and Lockhart Pharmacy

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Susan Bungert bride-elect of Jeff Lindsey Saturday, June 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of Sally Bradford 1620 Butler Blvd., Dimmitt
Selections at Seale Florist, Village Shop, Lockhart Pharmacy and Coleman Pharmacy.

You are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Madison McDaniel infant daughter of Todd and Dawn McDaniel on Saturday, June 28, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of Wanda Nelson 1-1/2 miles east of Dimmitt on Highway 194
Selections at Tots and Teens



Trey Johnson and Joli Pearson

August wedding slated

Bill and Terri Pearson of Happy announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joli, to Trey Johnson, son of Joe and Jeanette Johnson of Nazareth.

The couple plan to wed on Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Happy. They will reside in Canyon after the wedding.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Happy High School and is a junior at West Texas A&M University, where she is majoring in elementary education. She is employed at West Texas Western Store.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Nazareth High School and obtained his bachelor of science in ag business and economics from WTAMU in December. He is employed by Excel in Friona as a fab floor supervisor.

Names are added for memorial marker

Five more names have been added to the list of those from Castro County who were killed while on active duty in the armed services. They will be included on a memorial marker that will be placed on the courthouse square.

A dedication ceremony for the marker is planned for July 4 at 11 a.m. at the gazebo on the courthouse square, hosted by the Castro County Historical Commission. The public is invited.

An honor guard from Canon Air Force Base at Clovis, N.M., will be one of the highlights of the program.

Those listed on the marker include veterans from World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Conflict, as well as others.

A short biography of each person listed will be read, and family members of the honorees have been invited to attend the ceremony. Also participating will be representatives of the local VFW and American Legion groups and auxiliaries.

The welcome will be presented by Norman Nelson of the Castro County Historical Commission. Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins will act as master of ceremonies. The honor guard will perform the presentation of colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation will be led by Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of

Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church. The unveiling of the marker will be done by County Judge Irene Miller, with Bill Sava assisting in recognition of any family members present. Robert Hawkins and Sava will read the names and biographies of each honoree. Also, recognition will be given to all veterans present.

The honor guard will perform a 21-gun salute, followed by the playing of "Taps." The benediction will be led by Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church.

The marker, which will stand 4' by 2'6", will list the names alphabetically, and is inscribed: "In memory of those who gave their lives in service of their country, during World Wars I & II, Korea and Vietnam."

Those listed are: Carl Turner Adams, Cyrus Andrews Jr., Joe Bailes, Brodie Bronell Bills, Stanley Bryan Byrnes, Quannah Conner, Raymond Theodore Dirks, Gene Easley, James David Erwin, Greer H. Estes, Roy Ferguson, Billy Graef, Frank C. Herrera, Lonzo O. McDonald Jr., Vance Harwood Murphy, Roy Nelson, Emilio Nino Jr., Raymond Randolph, Russel E. Slough, Patrick L. Stagner, John Ray Stephens, Robert Daniel Truelock, George E. Wall, Arthur Holland Webb, and Edward Worm.

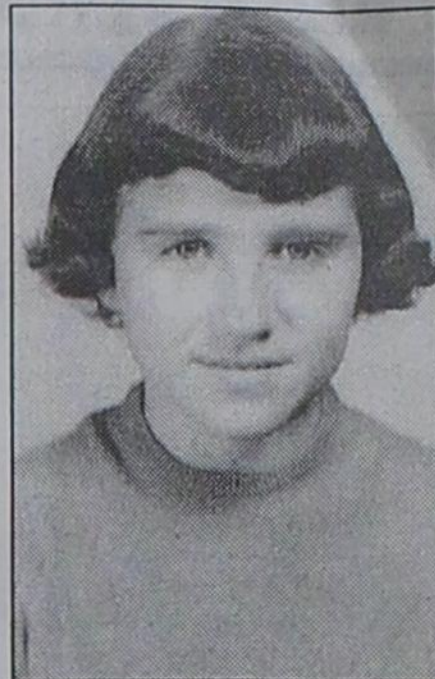
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WTAMU lists grads and honor students

West Texas A&M University recently announced its spring graduates and the spring honor lists.

Those from Castro County who received a degree at commencement ceremonies May 10 included:

Dimmitt: Amy E. Beck, bachelor of science with undeclared major, magna cum laude; Shawn D. Christian, bachelor of science majoring in plant science and minor in pest management; Joan A. Craig, bachelor of fine arts in studio art; Holly Edwards, bachelor of science with undeclared major; Kyla R. Lynch, bachelor of science, undeclared major, summa cum laude; and Jennifer J. Sava, bachelor of science, majoring in geography and history.

Nazareth: Amy J. Huseman, bachelor of science, majoring in kinesiology and earth science.

Students named to the spring honor lists included those on the President's List, with a grade point average of 3.85 or better, and those

on the Dean's List, with a GPA of at least 3.25.

Students from Castro County who were listed included:

President's List
Joyce A. Bills of Dimmitt, a junior mathematics major; Joan A. Craig of Dimmitt, a post bachelor non-grad student in studio art; and Jeremiah J. Wethington of Nazareth, a junior in pre-vet medicine.

Dean's List
Dimmitt: Gardenia J. Durbin, sophomore, pre-physical therapy; Melissa L. Jurado, senior, social work; Jeanette E. Martin, junior, accounting; Mechell R. Mays, senior, kinesiology; Justin C. Roberts, junior, graphic design; Carrie Sheffy, junior, English; and Kimberly A. Spring, senior, equine industry.

Nazareth: Jaimye S. Bingham, sophomore, nursing; Kristin M. Brockman, junior, reading; and Nicky D. Johnson, junior, kinesiology.

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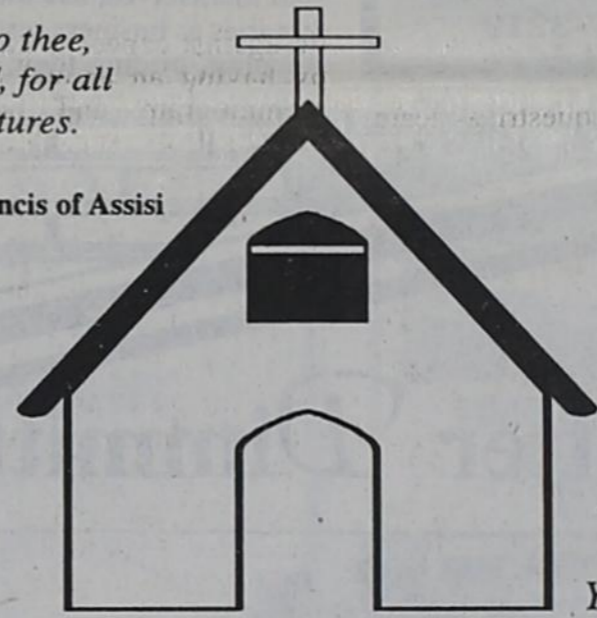
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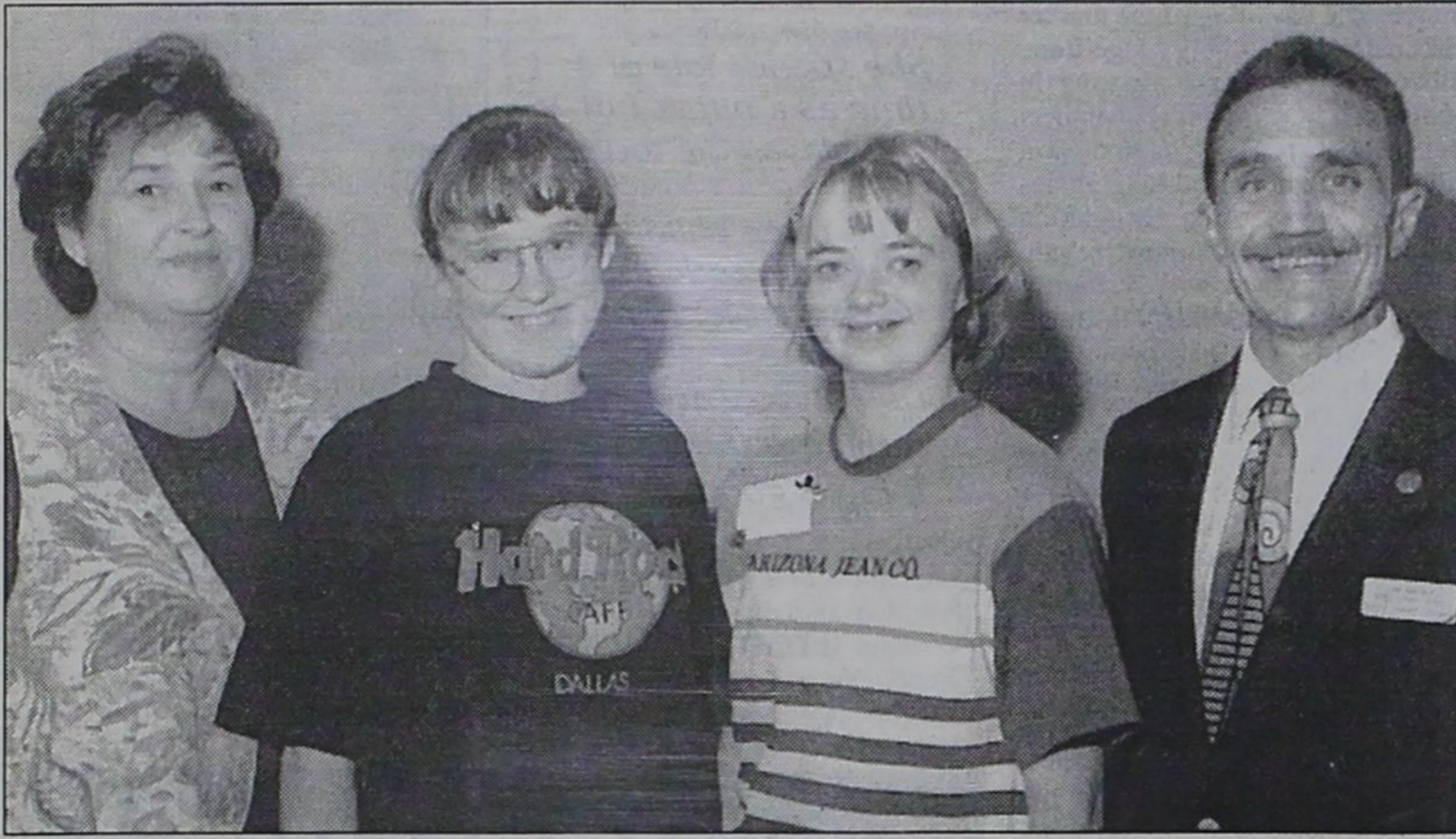
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Promised Land Network schedules tour in Nazareth

Nazareth will play host to the National Catholic Rural Life Conference regional conference and the Fifth Annual Ag Sustainability Tour and Rural Fair in one weekend, July 18-19.

The conference is entitled, "Creating Communities of Healing and Creativity in the Southwest," and will be held July 18 at the Nazareth Community Hall. It is one of four to be conducted around the nation this summer.

The purpose of the gatherings is to "strengthen local leadership and resources in order to develop sustainable local and regional communities," according to NCRLC officials.

Activities will center on spiritual reflection, supporting the rural family and sharing information on regional and national resources for rural areas.

Featured speakers include Walt Grazer, manager of the U.S. Catholic Conference Environmental Justice Program in Washington, D.C.; Bishops John Yanta and Leroy

Matthiesen, both of the Amarillo diocese and a number of regional and local presenters.

An evening concert is also planned with western lyricist Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock, and folk singer Ann Zimmerman of Lawrence, Kans.

Promised Land Network (PLN) members will serve as hosts for the events.

On the following day, July 19, the PLN will host its Fifth Annual Ag Sustainability Tour and Rural Fair.

Outdoor tours on biological pest control for large-scale farms, implementing planned grazing, value-added small farming and bio-intensive gardening will be conducted in English and Spanish during the morning session.

A children's tour will also be offered during the morning session.

The afternoon session will feature an auction, historical dramatizations of early settlers in the Nazareth community and a panel discussion with local educators on the topic: "Making Rural Schools Centers of Sustainability."

At 5 p.m., a Rural Fair will get underway with an outdoor Farmer's Market, live music, free hamburgers and homemade refreshments.

At 7:30 p.m. a medley of five speakers will give three-minute answers to the question, "What does sustainability mean?" The evening

will conclude with a concert and dance featuring performances by Zimmerman, cowboy poet/singer, Buck Ramsey of Amarillo; and Tejano band, Algo Simple of Hereford.

The NCRLC conference is \$20 per person. Both concerts, as well as registration for Saturday's tours are \$5 per person.

All proceeds from the gatherings will go to assist St. Francis Church, a rural Catholic community 12 miles east of Amarillo, who lost their church building to a fire in April.

For brochures, registration, lodging arrangements and additional information, contact Lydia Villanueva at the PLN office, (806) 364-4445. Registration is required by July 14.

Seminars to address fall sign-up for CRP

Producers and landowners can learn more about the fall sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program at one of two area meetings.

The seminars are being arranged by Congressman Larry Combest, who represents the 19th District of Texas and is the Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee overseeing CRP.

The seminars are free and open to the public, and will feature USDA officials answering people's questions about the next CRP sign-up.

The first seminar will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce in Dumas, located on 524 South Porter.

The second will be next Thursday, July 3, at 10 a.m. at the Texas A&M Experiment Station located near Lubbock, ½ mile east of I-27 on FM 1294, on the north side of the highway.

One of the main goals of the seminars is to give people the opportunity to talk to USDA officials first-hand about the next sign-up, and what they can do to best prepare to apply for enrollment in CRP.

NAZARETH STUDENTS MEAN BUSINESS—Melanie Book (second from left) and Susan Book (third from left) of Nazareth got a first-hand look at how to start their own business this past week at South Plains College. Also pictured are Marilyn Neal (left), Castro County Extension Agent, and Jim Walker (right), associate dean at SPC.

Courtesy Photo

Nazareth students attend business camp

Susan and Melanie Book of Nazareth were among a group of teenagers who go down to business last week at South Plains College thanks to the first-ever Entrepreneurs of the Future Camp 1997.

Nineteen high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from towns throughout the South Plains attended the two-and-a-half day camp, which was co-sponsored by SPC and a number of state organizations. Students stayed in college housing.

The camp focused on the nuts and bolts of starting a business and featured experts in a variety of business-related fields.

Teens learned about the importance of developing a business plan and promoting their business at trade shows, how to market their product and themselves, use the Internet and libraries as business resources, record keeping, pricing their product, pro-

motion and marketing and tips on creating a successful craft business.

Guest speakers included Anna Ricker, a lawyer who has a successful craft business with her husband; Howard Wright, who teaches entrepreneurial education at Lubbock's Estacado High School; Pam Brown, assistant professor and extension specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Phil Price, who owns a Lubbock advertising agency and Brenda Becknell, owner of Robert Spence School of Modeling.

When the teens return home, they will be paired in the months to come with mentors who have been successful in their own business ventures.

"We hope we'll have some success stories of these teens to talk about next year," said Jim Walker, associate dean of technical and continuing education.

Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

The monthly meeting is open to all interested persons.

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Building a Better Dimmitt



From left: Bryan Portwood, Mario Moreno, Dwayne Acker, Leroy Maxwell & Betty Batterman

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. started doing business in Dimmitt in 1936, dealing in lumber and hardware. The local operation has only had five managers during that time. The company likes to emphasize having good, quality merchandise and good service, according to Jim Porter of Lubbock, president of the company.

Dwayne Acker of Nazareth has worked at the Dimmitt store for 11½ years, and was named the manager in October of 1995. Other employees include Leroy Maxwell, assistant manager (since October of 1996); Betty Batterman, bookkeeper (10 years); Mario Moreno, sales and delivery (since May); and Bryan Portwood, summer employee for sales and delivery.

The Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. carries a full line of Jones-Blair paint, Hardware Wholesalers Inc. hardware, Champion air conditioners, heaters by Dearborn and Williamsburg, sales and installation of flooring from companies including Tarquette and Mannington, sales and installation of a wide variety of nationally-known name brand carpeting, Eureka vacuum cleaners, power tools from DeWalt, Black & Decker, Skil, Milwaukee, Makita, and Senco, and lawn mowers by MTD and Toro. A large selection of lawn and garden chemicals and tools, as well as landscaping accessories (including those by Ricobini), also are included in the items they carry or can order.

"A lot of people don't know that we install carpet and flooring," Acker said. He said the store also can put customers in touch with local contractors for special projects, such as remodeling or home repairs. Higginbotham's also can special order windows and doors, rebuilds window screens and screen doors, and sells replacement glass for doors and windows, too. They also supply roofing materials and tools, and offer delivery of many of the items they sell.

The store has the HOST carpet cleaning system for rental, and the company is considering expanding into the area of tool and equipment rentals, too, according to Porter.

"Through our warehouse, we can offer 65,000 different items, and through our drop shipment vendors, we can offer just about anything from many brand names that someone wants to order," Porter said.

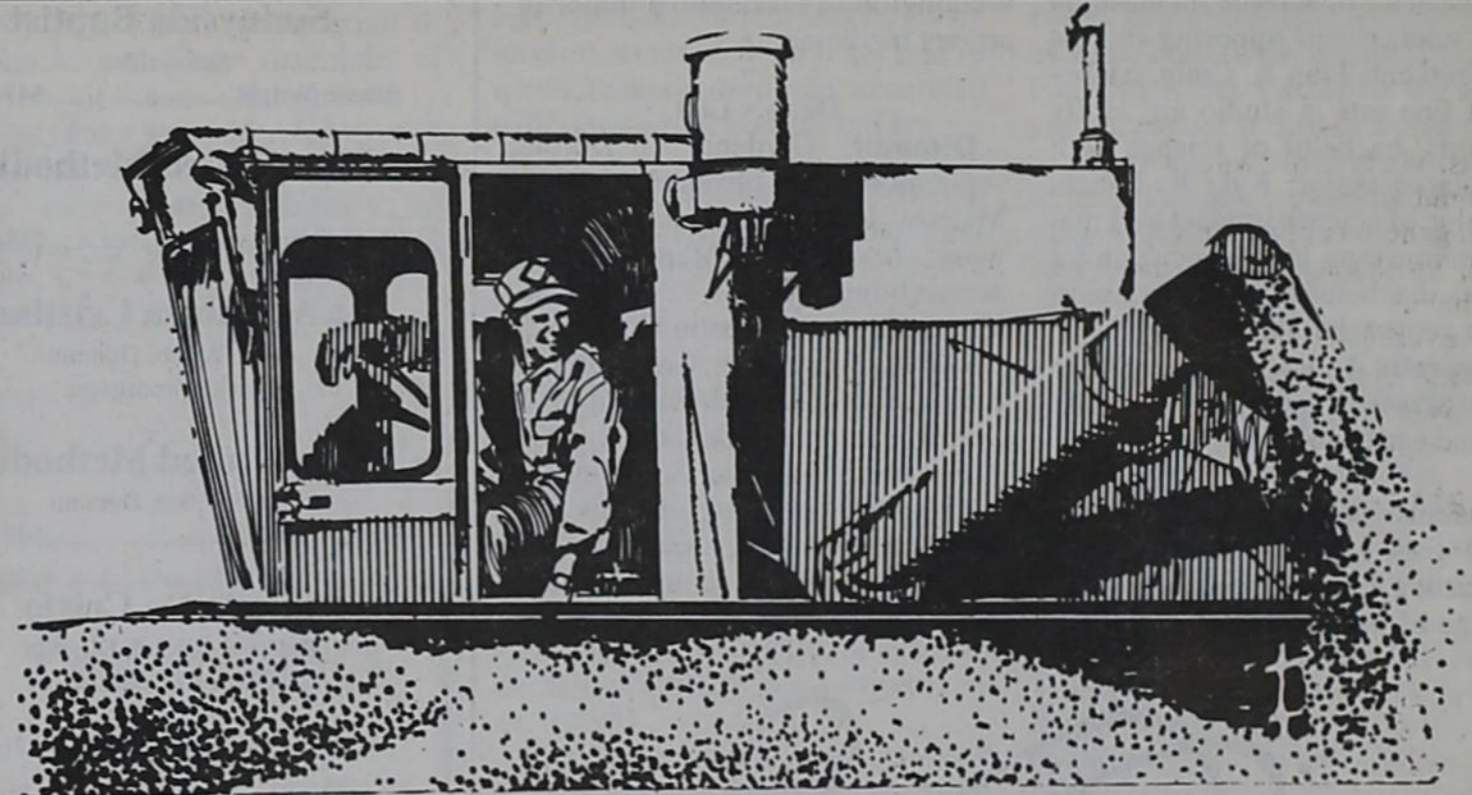
"We are proud of our extensive line of Jones-Blair paint and products. They stand behind their products with a 'no-quibble guarantee', and many of their products carry five to 10-year warranties," Porter said. "We will soon have a color computer in this store for mixing custom colors for our customers."

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Severe weather calls for tips on alternative crops

By **REBEL ROYALL**
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General Crop Situation

Some crops in the area took a beating from the severe weather that passed through Castro County this weekend. Most of the damage seems to be south and west of the Flag area and around Dodd. The cotton we've looked at is heavily damaged. Most of the corn, however, is not severely damaged at the growth point. Refer to the pieces in this article about how to assess hail damage and alternative crops for this time of year.

We finally are having some warmer weather across both counties. However, we are still extremely wet (as if you didn't know this). Soil temperatures were slightly lower this week with the ten day average being 64°F at the 2" level and 69°F at the 6" mark (Dimmitt P.E.T. data).

Cotton is at the 2-4 leaf pre-square stage across most of the county, while corn is between the early whorl

(2-6 leaf stage) and mid-whorl (8-10 leaf stage).

Corn
Again, hail damage around Castro County has ranged from light to heavy. Southwestern corn borer moths caught in traps this past week range from 24 to 96 moths per trap, so they are definitely on the increase. Scouts have been picking up eggs and larvae. Whorl feeding has been low. Keep close tabs on fields adjacent to or near unplowed or late plowed corn stubble (i.e. minimal tilled wheat in corn stubble).

Corn earworm feeding in the whorl and larvae is evident in many fields. We have found banks grass mites occasionally, but their numbers are relatively low. Grasshoppers along margins of fields have been showing up. Ten or more nymphs per square yard in crop margins warrant control measures. Suggested insecticides include Sevin®, Diazinon®, and Malathion®.

Assessing Hail Damage to Corn
When corn is damaged early in the growing season, growers are faced with the decision of whether or not to

replant the field. The growing point is the key to recovery. To determine if the growing point is healthy, split the stalk down the center with a knife and inspect the growing point.

If the plant leaves have become twisted and tied up in the whorl, these plants may or may not recover, depending on the severity of twisting. If the leaves are twisted to the point that the whorl has fallen over, the chances of recovery are slim. Recovery from the whorl will appear within 3 to 10 days after the damage occurs, depending on temperature and soil moisture.

The stalk tissue near the growing point region should remain firm and yellowish-white. Injury occurring close to the growing point may alter normal hormonal activity and cause deformed regrowth.

Determining yield loss due to defoliation is to establish the stage of plant growth at the time of the hail storm. This is done by establishing the number of leaves exposed. Counting leaves starts with the lower most leaf (which has a rounded tip) and continues up to the uppermost leaf that is 40-50% exposed from the whorl and whose tip points below a horizontal line. The following table is used to estimate percent corn yield loss due to defoliation occurring at various stages of growth.

One of the most important and most difficult steps in making a replant decision is estimating the surviving plant population in the field. Collect stand counts from several locations in the field. The row length necessary to obtain 1/1000 acre is 17 feet, 5 inches for 30 inch rows and 13 feet, 1 inch for 40 inch rows. (Data based on the Bushland Extension and Research Station.)

Adequate yields can be achieved with plant populations as low as 20,000 plants/acre. According to Dr. Brent Bean, 24,000 plants/acre is sufficient to achieve a reasonable corn yield.

Before making any replant decision, add up the costs associated, such as rodweeding (\$5.00), corn seed (\$28.00), insecticide (\$35.00) and herbicide (\$7.50). Additional yield needed to cover replanting cost based on \$4.00/cwt is 1887 lbs/ac.

In other words, the existing yield potential must be reduced by at least this amount to justify replanting. This also assumes that corn planted

this late has the same yield potential as earlier planted corn. (Information from Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist, Bushland.)

Cotton
Cotton in areas throughout Castro and Lamb counties has really been "beaten" up this past week from either hail or sand blasting. This has really delayed cotton development. Signs of seedling disease has been observed in fields throughout both counties.

Thrip infestations are ranging from 1 to an average of 3-4 per leaf in program fields. Heavy thrips injury can result in delayed fruits and reduced yields. According to Dr. Leser, to determine the need for thrips treatment, inspect fields with plants of five or fewer true leaves and count thrips to arrive at an average number of thrips per plant. Economic threshold of one thrips for each true leaf (i.e. 0-1 true leaf = 1 thrips, 3 leaves = 3 thrips, etc.)

Once cotton reaches the five leaf stage, thrips damage rarely occurs. Depending on the insecticidal product used at planting and rates used, the residual activity for thrips control may be gone. Insecticides used for thrips control are Orthene®, Bidrin® and Dimethoate®. Because we have picked up a few cotton aphid colonies be cautious in using organophosphates for thrips control.

Alternatives for Failed Cotton

Untimely rains, hail and wind storms have caused some cotton producers to consider replanting to an alternative crop, according to Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center.

Bean said growers might consider one of several crop alternatives following cotton, such as sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers or dry beans.

"Producers who are thinking about sorghum may have some difficulty in locating seed due to the unusually short seed supply this year," he said.

Hybrid selection for late planted sorghum is an important consideration.

"Sorghum planting may range from late April to early July depending on the maturity class of the hybrid," Bean noted.

In general, a medium-to-full

season hybrid should not be planted after June 15. The cutoff date for a medium maturity hybrid could be planted up to July 10, depending upon the hybrid and how far south in the Panhandle or South Plains the field is located.

"Before planting any hybrid, be sure to check with the seed company for the recommended planting date for that particular hybrid," Bean advises.

He said a list of major sorghum hybrids and their maturity class is available at local county extension offices along with recent variety trial

data. Producers who plant late sorghum should be aware that midge infestations and other insects may be a problem, and be prepared to apply insecticides if needed, the specialist cautioned.

Cotton herbicide carryover is often a potential problem in planting sorghum. Treflan, Prowl, Caparol, Cotoran, Karmex and Staple soil residues can all injure sorghum.

"This is especially true on sandy soils, where residues could be relatively deep in the soil due to the recent rains," he added.

The agronomist suggested the

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Minding Your Own Business

By **DON TAYLOR**



Remember who you are... and what you stand for

One of our family's good friends was Rev. Grover Senf. Before his death, he shared the following story in a Sunday morning sermon. I don't remember the entire sermon, but the story made a lasting impression.

Brother Grover and his lovely wife Marnie felt that their children should be exemplary young people since they were "preacher's kids." When they would leave

the house Brother Grover would always say, "Remember who you are and what you stand for."

The parting reminder became an ever present routine. As the children left for school each morning the parting words from dad were always "Remember who you are and what you stand for."

One morning two children left for school without the usual reminder from dad. The Senf's youngest daughter, Susan, was about 4-years-old at the time. When she realized the omission, she immediately jumped up from the table, dashed to the front door and at the top of her little voice shouted after the departing siblings, "Remember what your name is and do your stuff."

We laugh every time we think of the story. I share it not just to amuse you, but also to highlight the importance of remembering who we are and what we stand for.

Character and reputation

An age-old question asked by man since the beginning of time is "Who am I?" There may be a second, accompanying question, "What am I here for?"

I can't answer these questions for you nor can you answer them for me. However, we all should do a little soul searching from time to time. It would be wise for us to ask ourselves who we really are and exactly what do we stand for.

Our character determines who we are. There is an adage that explains how we build character. It says, "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character." Our character then, is the result of our actions and habits. We become what we do.

If our actions are courteous, patient, loving, forgiving, helpful, thoughtful, kind, generous, tolerant, diligent, ambitious, cheerful, consistent, honest and wise, our character will be the same. Who we are then is the sum of our actions and habits.

Proverbs 22:1 says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches..." Our character is a reflection on our good name. Our name—who we are—is more important than how rich we are. I'd rather be poor and respected than wealthy and scorned. Of course, rich and respected is a nice combination.

What you stand for

One of the big problems of today is folks who don't stand for anything. They simply float along with the current public opinion. It takes courage to stand for something important, though unpopular.

It is like standing in the middle of a field with the roar of the crowd on one side and the whisper of your conscience on the other. A person of character will always hear his or her conscience and act appropriately.

The Bible and the Declaration of Independence both provide guidelines of what we should stand for. Read and follow the Ten Commandments in the Book of Exodus. Remember, the Declaration of Independence tells us that all men are created equal, that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

When I die I'd rather you remember me as a person of character and integrity than one of success. When I leave this earth I want to feel good about who I was and what I stood for. Don't you?

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

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BORDEN	31,800	5,500	515	5,900
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CASTRO	59,200	52,000	928	100,500
COCHRAN	147,100	67,700	502	70,800
CROSBY	207,400	195,000	521	211,500
DAWSON	277,000	112,500	461	108,100
DEAF SMITH	7,600	6,800	685	9,700
DICKENS	30,700	20,000	391	16,300
FLOYD	173,400	145,300	614	185,800
GAINES	287,600	205,100	602	257,400
GARZA	39,700	27,700	442	25,500
HALE	217,400	175,700	788	288,300
HOCKLEY	252,700	201,900	538	226,300
HOWARD	108,300	24,200	182	9,200
LAMB	188,600	149,800	721	225,100
LUBBOCK	276,000	258,100	545	293,000
LYNN	270,600	199,700	473	196,700
MARTIN	131,800	37,300	348	26,900
MIDLAND	35,500	18,400	386	14,800
MOTLEY	33,900	29,400	302	18,500
PARMER	64,200	57,500	936	112,100
SWISHER	67,500	59,000	680	83,600
TERRY	264,000	251,300	630	329,800
YOAKUM	135,000	119,900	637	159,200
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Eddie Bryan, President

Rains have returned to the Texas High Plains during the past couple of months and producers are working hard to take advantage of the situation.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) the situation for most growers is considerably better than it has been at this time for the past several years. Adequate moisture levels mean sprinklers don't have to run and dryland crops are getting off to a good start.

Unfortunately there is always some bad news to temper any situation and this year it is the fact that rainfall and associated hail and blowing sand could have caused as much as 200,000 acres of cotton to be lost across the area.

Compared to the more than 900,000 acres lost in 1996, primarily to excessively dry conditions across much of the dryland area, the current picture doesn't look as bleak as it first appears.

With time about exhausted for producers to plant back to cotton, many of these acres, and any additional losses, will likely be diverted to alternative crops.

Overall prospects are bright so long as producers are able to cope effectively through the remainder of the growing season. Insect pressure and the constant threat of hail with passing thunderstorms will be the most significant problems to avoid.

Final figures have been released for the 1996 High Plains crop and the area has established a new record for yield per harvested acre. The weighted average for the High Plains came in at 591.4 lbs. per acre.

Overall the 25-county region produced 3,076,900 bales of cotton on 2,497,400 harvested acres. The down-side to the 1996 crop was the loss of 960,000 acres of mostly dryland production.

Castro planted 59,200 acres and harvested 52,000 with a yield per acre of 928 lbs, the second highest in the High Plains area. Production reached 100,500 bales.

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LION OF THE YEAR—Chaun Gunstream (right), outgoing Boss Lion, congratulates Don Newman as the "Lion of the Year" during the Dimmitt Lions Club's annual installation banquet last week at the Pancake House. Newman, who was chosen by a vote of his fellow members, also received a commemorative plaque for his service as the club's

secretary-treasurer during the last year. Seated next to Newman is his wife, Colleen, and at far left is Doug Setliff, who was installed as the new Boss Lion. Joe Sloan conducted the installation ceremony. Club members enjoyed a steak dinner and a musical program by Jerry Frazier and Johnny Vick.

Photo by Dan Nelson

More about

Alternate crops...

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problem of soil residues can often be avoided in heavier textured soils with a buster planter set to displace the top four to five inches of soil to establish a herbicide-free seed zone. If Dual herbicide has been applied, safened seed can be planted directly into the treated soil with little risk of sorghum injury.

According to Bean, some cotton producers have used the new herbicide Staple, however sorghum is very sensitive to even small amounts of Staple residue. It is not recommended that sorghum be planted in fields treated with Staple.

Soybeans may be a good replacement crop for cotton in irrigated areas, the agronomist said.

Soybeans require about 80% of the water amount needed to grow corn for top yields. The optimum planting date for soybeans is prior to June 1.

"However, soybeans can be planted as late as July 10 and make a crop," Bean said.

Since soybeans are sensitive to day length, late planting usually results in short stalk growth and may lead to poor harvest of the lower seed pods. Add only one alternative crop. By planting on narrow rows and increasing the seeding rate, the soybean plant can be encouraged to set pods higher off the ground.

Group IV soybeans usually work best for our area even when planted late, he said. Herbicide residues of Treflan, Prowl or Dual will have no effect on soybeans, said Bean. If Caporal, Cotoran or Karmex has been used, at least three or four inches of soil will need to be removed before establishing a seed furrow.

Another alternative crop Bean suggested is sunflowers. Planted as late as mid-July they can still make a good yield.

"This may be an especially good alternative for the dryland farmer," he said.

If one summer irrigation can be made, it should be applied from budding until two weeks when stress on the sunflower plant should be avoided.

"Land treated with Treflan or Prowl shouldn't pose a problem for sunflowers," he said. However—like soybeans—if Karmex, Cotoran, Staple or Caparol has been used, three to four inches of soil will need to be removed before planting. Sunflowers are also more tolerant to Staple than soybeans, although injury may still occur.

Several positive bills passed for agriculture

On June 2, the Texas Legislature wrapped up its 75th session which was overall, very positive for agricultural producers and landowners, says Austin attorney Ed Small.

Following is a summary of important legislation that passed.

Water conservation

The legislature passed the state's first water conservation and drought management plan.

Small, who worked with lawmakers on the water bill, says agriculture is well positioned. Weather modification and water conservation, including brush control, can be promoted under the plan.

Horse inspection

Lawmakers also passed a bill to help prevent horse theft. Under the legislation, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will inspect all horses before they are slaughtered in Texas, allowing inspectors to catch stolen horses before they are killed.

TSCRA will receive a \$3 fee for each horse slaughtered to cover inspection costs.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will receive \$2 per horse to cover the costs of educating horse owners on theft prevention.

Property taxes

Although property tax breaks were not as high as Gov. Bush and many landowners had hoped for, the legislature did take a big first step toward decreasing property taxes.

By carving \$1 billion out of the state budget, lawmakers were able to increase homestead exemptions by \$10,000. This will result in about a \$140 tax cut for most property owners.

Poaching

Under a popular anti-poaching measure, hunting licenses will automatically be suspended for hunters caught poaching.

Fencing

Landowners rights to maintain high fences was clarified.

Fire ant control

Fire ant research was funded at \$2.5 million. TSCRA Director Bob McCan of Victoria was a leader on the state fire ant committee and was instrumental in gaining support for fire ant research and control projects.

Landowner rights

Several bills will allow landowners to voluntarily deal with environmental problems on their properties without the risk of repercussions.

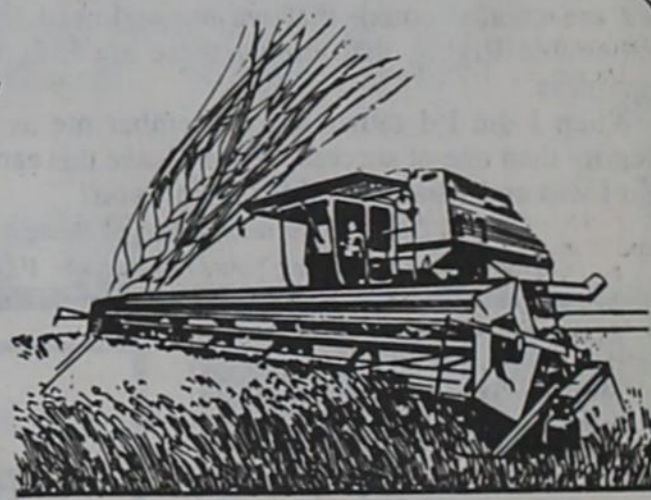
Baptist St. Anthony's Health System is happy to announce the transfer of the Hardee Family Medicine Clinic to the Medical Center of Dimmitt, effective June 30, 1997.

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Sixth, seventh and eighth grades announce year-end award winners

Dimmitt Middle School sixth, seventh and eighth grades have announced award winners for the past school year.

Sixth Grade
Mrs. Atchley's Class: Outstanding English Students—Valerie Martinez and Jaci Bishop.
UIL Ready Writing—Caitlin Buckley, Joel Birdwell and Melissa Rueda.
Mrs. Seward's Class: Outstanding Science Student—Jill Merritt.
Hardest Worker—Priscilla Rodriguez.
Most Improved—Oscar Juarez.
UIL Dictionary Skills—Elizabeth Cartwright (sixth place), Jenna Steidle and Rodriguez.

Mrs. Taylors' Class: UIL Listening—Chris Back, Annette Zambrano, Harold Casas and Ramey Rice (second place).
Mrs. Betancourt's Class: Outstanding Math Student—Cynthia Velasquez.
Mrs. Sims' Class: Outstanding Exploratory Students—Tracy Garcia and Joel Birdwell.

Hardest Workers—Guadalupe Maldonado, Abraham Salinas, Holly Lane and April Torres.
Rita Welch Courage Award—Keenan Doss.
Outstanding DARE Essay—Amber Bell; **Honorable Mention DARE Essay**—Casey Jones.

UIL Spelling—Jaci Hardwick, Jody Stovall and Olivia Ontiveros.
Soil Conservation Posters—First place, Melissa Rueda; Second place, Valerie Martinez; Third place, Jill Merritt.
Mrs. Wynn's Class: Outstanding Sixth Grade Student—Ashley Irons.

Most Improved Sixth Grade Students—Melissa McRoe and Abel Espinosa.
Outstanding Reading Students—Casey Jones and Jill Merritt.
UIL Oral Reading, Boys—L.J. Soler (sixth place), Jones, Lee Brown and Joel Birdwell.
UIL Oral Reading, Girls—Carrie Meeks, Amber Bell, Caitlin Buckley (fifth place) and Jill Merritt.

Mrs. Fortenberry's Class: Outstanding Social Studies Student—Caitlin Buckley, Jaci Hardwick and Ramey Rice.
UIL Maps, Graphs and Charts—Cesar Ruiz, Jill Merritt (third place), Ashley Irons (fifth place), and Buckley (second place).
Mr. Ortiz's Class: Highest Average—Guadalupe Maldonado.

Hardest Worker—Amelia Esqueda.
Mrs. Myatt's Class: Outstanding Math Students—Isabel Garcia and Colby Williams.
Most Improved—Bianca Williams and Annette Zambrano.
Hardest Worker—Jenna Steidle.
UIL Number Sense—Ashley Irons, Jaci Hardwick and Colby Williams.

UIL Math—Jaci Bishop (sixth place), Natalie Jimenez, Gina Gonzalez and Isabel Garcia.
Country Spelling Bee—Bishop and Priscilla Rodriguez.

Mrs. Carlisle's Class: Outstanding Musician, Woodwinds—Jill Merritt.
Outstanding Musician, Brass—L.J. Soler.
Outstanding Percussionist—Robert Casas.
Outstanding Section, Saxophones—Merritt, Natalie Jimenez, Melissa Rueda and Alonso Lopez.

Outstanding Section, Trumpets—Soler, Ruben Casas, Ricky Ramirez, Ruben Espinoza, April Torres, Casey Jones, Rosa Rivera, Raymond Lopez and Steve Martinez.
Most Improved Musician, Woodwinds—Alonso Lopez.
Most Improved Musician, Brass—April Torres.

Seventh Grade
Mrs. Richards' Class: Outstanding English Students—Kelsey Welch, Tanner Self, Cliff Wright, Jaci Weaver and Brent Josselet.
UIL Ready Writing—Sally Stahl, Welch (sixth place) and Wright (second place).
Mrs. Lemons' Class: Outstanding Students—Albert Campos and T.J. Reyna.

Outstanding Pre-algebra Students—Tanner Self and Jose Garcia.
Hardest Worker—Matt Zambrano.
UIL Number Sense—Sally Stahl, Self, Ryan Hays and Lyndee Behrends.
UIL Math—Cliff Wright, Jeremy Bishop (third place), and Gabriel Garcia (fifth place).
Mrs. Ball's Class: Highest Average—Thomas Brockman, Jose Garcia and Ryan Hays.

Hardest Worker—Garcia.
UIL Science Team—Garcia, Jace Weaver, Chris Reynolds and Zach McClure.
Coach Howell's Class: Outstanding Cross Country Runner—Veronica Rodriguez.
Outstanding Basketball—Sharla Kenworthy.

Outstanding Track Runner—Angela Cartwright.
Fighting Heart Cross Country—Kelsey Welch.
Most Improved Basketball—Sally Stahl.
Fighting Heart Basketball—Alexis Proffitt and Bianca Saucedo.

Fighting Heart Track—Dana Gonzalez.
Best Field Events—Michelle Pedroza.
Most Improved Track—Lyndee Behrends.
New School Track Record—Kenworthy.
Mrs. Kirby's Class: Highest Average—Kelsey Welch and Albert Campos.

UIL Oral Reading—Charley Nutt, Lyndee Behrends, Rae Odom and Raul Casas.
Most AR Points—Behrends, Patricia Cruz and Welch.
Mr. Durham's Class: Highest Average, Texas History—Kelsey Welch.

Most Improved—Michael Dominguez.
UIL Charts, Maps and Graphs—Jason Riggs, Amber Allison, Zachery McClure and Veronica Gonzalez.

Mr. Price's Class: Outstanding Health Student, First Semester—Cliff Wright. **Second Semester**—Jeremy Bishop and Thomas Brockman.

Most Improved—Adrian Gonzalez.
Football MVP, Offense—Anthony Oliviero. **Defense**—Albert Campos.
Football Fighting Heart—Mathew Wright.
Basketball MVP—Brent Josselet.
Basketball Most Improved—Jake Laurent.
Basketball Fighting Heart—Raul Casas.
Track MVP, Field Events—Josselet. **Running Events**—Laurent.

Track Fighting Heart—Tanner Self.
Mrs. Miller's Class: Student Senate—Jose Garcia and Jace Weaver.
Mr. Penney's Class: Most Outstanding—Jason Harris.

Mr. Browder's Class: Outstanding I.A. Student—Benny Pompa.
Outstanding Achievement at TSA Contest—Cliff Wright.
Mr. Stardley's Class: Best CM Student—Matt Zambrano.

UIL Dictionary—Jessica Dominguez, Eric Martinez, Miguel Malto and Tina Rodriguez.
Mrs. York's Class: Comp. Lit. Top Student, First Semester—Ryan Hays. **Second Semester**—Jace Weaver.

Hardest Worker—Jason Riggs.
UIL Spelling—Lyndee Behrends (second place), Tara Delamar (fourth place), Omar Torres (sixth place) and Stacey Casas.
Mrs. Settiff's Class: Outstanding Foods Student—Tara Delamar, April Hill and Melissa Maldonado.

Outstanding LMS Students—Sandra Reyes and Matt Zambrano.
Cheerleaders, 1996-97—Dana Gonzalez and Georgia Mireles.

Mrs. Carlisle's Class: Outstanding Musician—Lyndee Behrends.
Outstanding Section, Saxophones—Alexis Proffitt, Kelsey Welch, Rae Odom, Monica Fernandez and Saul Medrano.
Most Improved Musician—Raul Casas.

Mr. Ortiz's Class: Highest Average—Maria Arriaga.
Hardest Worker—Victor Delgado.

Eighth Grade
Mr. Quiroz's Class: Top Students—Stephanie Casas and Lori Schulte.
Hardest Worker—Cherie Norman.

Mrs. Lust's Class: Outstanding Science Student—Lori Schulte.
Sunshine Award—Stephanie Casas.
UIL Science—Casas, Rachel Harman, Marcus Larra and Alex Ontiveros.

Mrs. Buckley's Class: Outstanding Algebra Student—Stephanie Casas, Lori Schulte, Jade Vick and Mary Bradley.
Outstanding Pre-algebra Students—Carmen Pineda, Jeremy Furr and Derrick Reyes.

UIL Calculator—Paul Craig.
Mrs. Schroeder's Class: Highest Average, Reading—Lori Schulte and Josh Hardwick.
Hardest Worker—Mary Bradley.

Outstanding Effort—Mark Castillo.
Outstanding Attitude—Adriana Gil.
Highest points in AR Program—Casandra Casas.

UIL Spelling—Stephanie Casas (second place), Rachel Harman (third place) and Leiticia Sanchez.
Mrs. Blackburn's Class: Outstanding English Student—Mary Bradley.

Academic Achievement—Manuel Soto.
UIL Ready Writing—Lori Schulte, Josh Hardwick, Cherie Norman and Heather Black (sixth place).
Coach Farris' Class: Outstanding Health Student—Bobby Hill.

Outstanding Athlete—Casandra Casas.
Outstanding Runner in Cross Country—Cherie Norman.
Fighting Heart, Cross Country—Rachel Fabela.

Outstanding Offensive Basketball Player—Kylie Webb. **Defensive Player**—Casas.
Most Improved, Basketball—Tamara Robertson.
Fighting Heart, Basketball—Ruby Rodriguez.

Outstanding Runner—Crystal Garcia.
Outstanding in Field Events—Casas.
Fighting Heart, Track—Mary Bradley.
Coach Bell's Class: Offensive MVP—Clint Swain. **Defensive MVP**—Daniel Proffitt.

Best Lineman—Tanner Griffith.
Fighting Heart, Football—Wesley Harkins.
Basketball MVP—Proffitt.
Most Improved, Basketball—Cory Lane.
Fighting Heart, Basketball—Julian Velo.
MVP Runner—Ben Ruiz. **MVP Field Events**—Emanuel Jaramillo.

Fighting Heart, Track—B.J. Hill.
Mr. Strange's Class: Outstanding Female, Choir—Lupe Fierro. **Outstanding Male, Choir**—David Garcia.
Mrs. Hill's Class: Completion of Alphabetic Phonics—Stevan Porras.

Mr. Ortiz's Class: Hardest Worker—Liduvina Rodriguez.
Mrs. Carlisle's Class: Outstanding Musician—Rachal Harman.
Most Improved Musician—Debbie Peralez.

Mr. Price's Class: Outstanding Student, First Semester—Lori Schulte. **Second Semester**—Josh Hardwick, Heather Black and Rachal Harman.
Best All-around Girl, Health—Cherie Norman. **Best All-around Boy, Health**—Jeremy Furr.

Citizenship—Jonathan Stevens and Kylie Webb.
Mrs. Miller's Class: Outstanding History Student—Lori Schulte.

Most Improved History Student—Stevan Porras.
Student Senate—Gina Arredondo, Stephanie Casas and Lori Schulte.
UIL Maps, Graphs and Charts—B.J. Hill (fourth place), Josh Hardwick (fifth place), Lori Schulte and Paul Craig.

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100 new folding chairs at the price of \$9.65 each, for a total bid of \$5,645 from TableWorks, Inc., of Dallas. Hoover Bros., Inc., of Dallas submitted a bid of \$9,194.76. Expo supervisor Howard Smithson said he preferred the 6-foot tables instead of the 8-foot tables, because they would be easier to handle and would not be as likely to be damaged in set up and handling.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said there is sufficient money in the budget for the Expo Building to cover the purchase.

In another matter concerning the Expo Building, Miller asked Howard Smithson about the \$35 cleaning fee he has been charging people who rent the building. She said the additional fee was not authorized by the commissioners and was not spelled out in the Expo rules.

The commissioners voted to authorize Smithson to ask for the \$200 building deposit in two separate checks—one for \$165 and one for \$35. If the building passes inspection after use, the \$165 would be returned, but the \$35 would be used to pay a cleaning person to sterilize the kitchen and bathroom areas. Smithson said users of the building would still be required to clean up, sweep, and empty trash before their deposit would be returned.

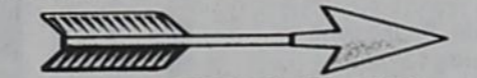
In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved renewal of the lease for the Dept. of Human Services for their office space in the east portion of the building they share with the Appraisal District office. The contract is for \$600 per month.

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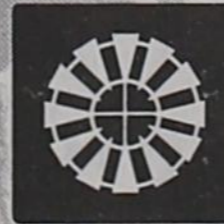
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GETTING MEASURED—Rudy DeLeon of the Dimmitt Police Dept. measures Matthew Ortiz, 5, for a new bicycle helmet, while Matthew's father, Gus Ortiz, watches. Thirteen youngsters turned out for

the bicycle safety course and rodeo sponsored by the Police Dept. on Saturday. The helmets were donated through the "Safe Riders" program of the Texas Dept. of Health.
 Photo by Linda Maxwell

Asleep at the Wheel to headline Suds 'n Sounds

Asleep at the Wheel will headline the annual Suds 'n Sounds dance July 12 at the Community Center (the ballpark east of town on Highway 86).

The gates open at 4 p.m., but the first band, Insufficient Funds, will not start playing until 6 p.m. Following Insufficient Funds will be Southern Sky and Rowdy Ace, and then Asleep at the Wheel will wrap up the concert.

The dance features a 2,400 sq. ft. dance floor, and a concession stand will feature German sausage sandwiches and more.

Proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Charities and the Nazareth Community Hall.
 The 25th Annual Nazareth German Festival will kick off the day-long celebration.

The Nazareth Art club will once again be sponsoring the Arts and Crafts Show in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The booths are 8'x10', with one table and two chairs. The cost of a booth is \$20.

The last day to make reservations for a booth is July 5. A request for a booth should include where the table is needed, either on the wall or as a center booth, information to what will be sold in the booth and the money to reserve one.

Requests should be sent to either Lucille Drerup, Box 3, Nazareth, TX

79063, or Rose Mary Wilhelm, HC 2 Box 13, Nazareth, TX 79063. Checks should be made to the Nazareth Art club.

The school cafeteria will be open 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 12 for booths to set up.

For more information contact Drerup at (806) 945-2562, or Wilhelm at (806) 945-2583.

In addition to the Arts and Crafts

Show, the German Festival will feature a German sausage meal from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Tickets for the meal are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Also included in the festivities will be an adult and children's raffle, children's barrel ride, children's tractor pull and more.

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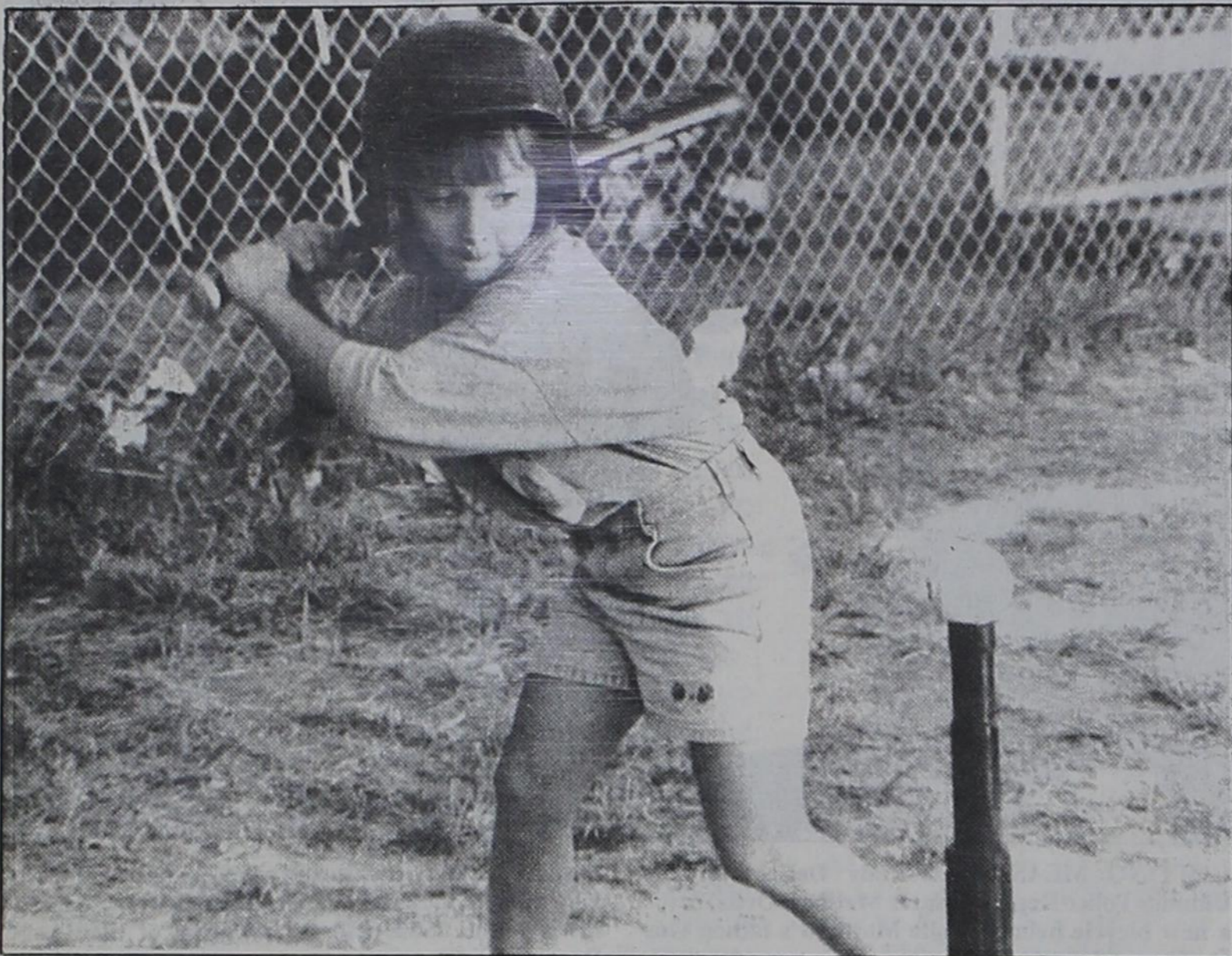
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Sports



KEEPING HER EYE ON THE BALL is Devonee Birdwell in T-ball action Tuesday night at Beverly Durham Memorial Park in Dimmitt. Regular season

play for the Kids, Inc., T-ball league is scheduled to conclude Friday. Birdwell is on the Padres team, and her hit helped the team to a 37-28 victory over the Cubs.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Makeever to leave Naz for Graham

Nazareth boys basketball coach Mark Makeever is leaving the Swifts to become the head basketball coach at Graham High School.

He will also coach boys and girls cross country at the 4A school located about 60 miles south of Wichita Falls.

"It's never an easy decision to leave Nazareth where we've been for the past eight years," he said, "but I felt that this was the right opportunity for me and my family. There are few jobs in Texas where I would have left Nazareth for and this was one of them."

In fact, Makeever was not looking around for job opportunities. It was Graham who called him about the job.

"I didn't even know the job was open," he said. "They were the aggressors."

He said that it was a combination of things that led him to ultimately make the decision.

"I talked to other coaches about Graham and I never heard a negative comment," Makeever said. "I heard that it was a good place to raise a family and that the school was high academically also."

"It opens more doors, from 5A to 1A, in a basketball standpoint, but this was also a business and family decision."

As far as what the future holds at Graham, Makeever said that they have had some good teams in the past.

"Last year they went something like 28-5 and won their district. Their junior varsity team was 23-2, and that's a good sign. Obviously you don't want to expect a state championship right away. I would think our goal for this first year would be to make the playoffs."

"It will take some time to get everything adjusted by their standpoint. They have had the same coach for 16 years. I just want to build enthusiasm in the program."

He achieved his goal with Nazareth in the eight years he had

been there. He took the Swifts to the state tournament three times in four years, and came back with two runner-up trophies.

"Coaches pray for things to happen that I've been lucky enough to experience," he said.

As far as leaving the town of Nazareth, Coach Makeever had some parting words.

"I would first of all like to thank the players who've played under me. They are a big part of the success Nazareth has had and will continue to have. I would next like to thank the community. I can only hope I get the following in Graham like I have here in Nazareth."

"I thank the media for all the coverage they have provided, and I also would like to show appreciation for the school, faculty, administration and school board for giving me the opportunity to have all these memories."

"Nazareth will always be in my heart. I will look for them every time I pick up the sports page, and always keep an ear open to see how they are doing."

"I guess you could say once a Swift, always a Swift."

Dimmitt Darlin's complete tourney

The Dimmitt Darlin's held their annual tournament over the past weekend at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

Winners of the different flights are as follows:

Championship Flight: Sherri Thomas and Becky Addison of Lamesa, first place with a 138; Jana Jenkins and Sabra Srader of Lubbock tied for second with Debbie Copeland and Joanna Davis of Houston with a 140.

First Flight: Charlotte Harris and Barbara Lumley of Clovis, first with a 151; Kathy Corder and Christine Newman of Lubbock, second place with a score of 154; and Anne Marcom and Debra Cox of Lubbock tied for third place with Donna Malcolm and Gerry Payne of Tulia with a 158.

Second Flight: Chris Alexander and Rhea Scott of Hereford, first place with a 162; Mozelle Lilley and Jerry Lou Cook of Dimmitt and Marsha Sanders and Carolyn Baker of Plainview tied for second with a score of 164.

Third Flight: Cherri Henderson and Denise Armstrong of Houston, first with a score of 169; Betty Cross and Bonnie Wright of Clovis, second place with a 170; and Sheryle Brown and Amy Jepson of Dimmitt tied for third with Betty Hodge and Pat Mason of Clovis with a score of 173.

Fourth Flight: Diane Parker and Marsha Coates of Lubbock, first place with a 183; Paula Stiles and Diane York of Dimmitt took second with a score of 186; and third place went to Jetta Matthews and Jan Meares of Lubbock with a score of 187.

SPC signs Joey Flores

South Plains College track coach James Morris announced Tuesday that Joey Flores of Dimmitt has signed a national letter of intent to compete for the Texan track team.

Flores, a 5' 10", 150-pound middle distance specialist was a four-time state qualifier in the 800-meter run.

The 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School was the state champion in the 800 as a freshman. Flores placed sixth in the 800 at the UIL state meet as a senior and also ran a leg on the Bobcats' 1,600-meter relay team which finished seventh.

Flores owns personal best clockings of 1:55.5 in the 800 and 48.4 in the 400-meter run. He also had been contacted by West Texas A&M University, Wayland Baptist University, Abilene Christian University and Texas Tech University, before deciding in favor of South Plains.

"He has good leg turnover," Morris said. "He also has a lot of experience. He comes from a highly competitive and tradition-laden track program. He should come in for us and be a top candidate for the 800 and the 1,500-meter run, as well as a contender for spots on our 1,600-meter relay team and our national champion 3,200-meter relay team."

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Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The 25th Annual German Festival is set for Saturday, July 12 in conjunction with the K.C.'s Suds and Sounds. Bring your family, neighbors and friends for an enjoyable time. The day begins with the popular Arts and Crafts Show, sponsored by the Art Club, in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A German sausage meal will be served in the Community Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adult and Children's Raffles and numerous other forms of entertainment will keep everyone busy. Gates for the outdoor concert at the Community Center will open at 4 p.m. and will feature a good concession stand.

Proceeds from the day will benefit the Community Hall, the Nazareth Museum, the Community Center and the K.C.'s state-wide program for the hearing impaired.

Vacating in Durango and Purgatory, Colo., recently were Evelyn Backus and her family, Mike and Camille Albus and girls, Ashley and Andrea of Hobbs, N.M.; Dan and Gail Sims, Lauren and Landon of Wheeler; and Gary and Penny Albus and son, Trey of Lubbock. All had a great time in spite of the weather—rain, hail and snow. On Tuesday, it snowed enough for the grandchildren to have a snowball fight! Another day, the family enjoyed water rafting for four hours with a water temperature of 37 degrees! There was numerous other sight-seeing adventures that everyone enjoyed even though it was cold!

The Nazareth Community Center's Annual Softball Tourney will begin Friday evening at 7 p.m. The concession stand will feature the famous "CC Burgers." Proceeds will be used for improvements at the ballpark.

Driving safety urged over Fourth of July

Mention the words "Fourth of July" and many activities come to mind that are traditionally associated with this holiday. Picnics, fireworks, flags, and hot weather are just a few.

There is one more item that also is associated with not only this holiday but all others as well: traffic accidents. Yet, most people seldom give a second thought about traffic safety and therein lies the problem.

"Many people still believe they're immune from tragedy on our highways," said Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Wayne Beighle, public information officer for the DPS. "It's a fact, people will be killed and injured on Texas roads during this holiday period and you can bet none of them expected to be involved in a crash. The sad part is that most of these crashes could have been prevented by the drivers involved."

According to Beighle, the DPS wants Texas motorists to be aware of the increased hazards present on our highways during holiday periods. When asked to give the primary factor in holiday vehicle crashes, Beighle said, "Alcohol impaired drivers continue to be a tremendous problem on our roads. Statistics indicate that close to 50% of all traffic fatalities are alcohol related."

Anyone that drinks can be a problem once they are on the highway. Many of these drivers may appear to be driving fairly well until they get into a tight situation requiring fast thinking and reactions. But a brain depressed by alcohol cannot think fast enough to keep them out of trouble.

Beighle concluded by adding the following tips for holiday travel: "Observe all laws, stay alert to all traffic around you, and use safety belts."

Give your safety some thought this holiday period, and have a safe Fourth of July.

The tournament concludes on Sunday.

A bridal shower honoring Nicole Kleman, bride-elect of Heath Schulte, was held at the home of Jimmie Schulte Saturday morning. Eighteen hostesses helped with the shower. Chicken puffs, fresh fruit and miniature muffins were served with coffee and fruit punch. A large crowd of family and friends attended and Nicole received many beautiful gifts.

Jimmie Schulte, Norma Schacher, Nellie Wilhelm and Evelyn Rossi drove to McKinney last week where they joined Esther Braddock for a week's vacation. They had lunch with their aunt, Sister Jane Francis Brockman at Fort Smith, Ark., then drove on to Eureka Springs and on to Branson, Mo., where they enjoyed several shows. From there they drove to Paducah, Kent., where they thoroughly enjoyed riding a cruise ship. It was then on to Nashville, where they attended the Grand Ole Opry and also spent some time with Jimmie's daughter and family. They returned home from their most won-

derful trip very tired.

A joint birthday party was really enjoyed Friday evening at the country home of Dan and Karen Gerber. The party honored Harold Gerber and Mary Beth Gerber on their big 40th and Virgie Gerber on her 75th. It turned out to be a great gathering of family, friends and classmates. A cookout and all the trimmings were enjoyed by everyone! Gene and Susie Gerber of Odessa and Rick, Jessica and Nick Gerber of Austin were out of town guests.

Patsy Huseman asks for prayers for her mother, Anna Evers, who had surgery in Plainview at Methodist Hospital. We hope she recovers quickly.

Charlie and Beverly Hill and Virgie Gerber enjoyed a trip to Wichita Falls last weekend to celebrate Anne Scholl's first birthday at the home of her parents, Kevin and Traci Scholl. On Monday we drove to Denton to the Outlet Mall and did some shopping. A very good weekend after driving through torrents of rain from Estelline to Wichita Falls.



Katrine Brockman

Reception scheduled

A reception is set for Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Nazareth Senior Citizens Center to honor Katrine Brockman on her 80th birthday.

The party is being hosted by her children, Naomi McGrath of Kansas City, Kan., Monica Mote of Tulsa, Joyce Brockman of New Fairfield, Conn., Virgil Brockman of Dimmitt, and Ralph Brockman, Art Brockman and Dale Brockman, all of Nazareth.

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1—Real Estate Homes & Land

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330 ACRES west of Dimmitt, 12 tower Valley nozzled at 650 with 60" spacings, two wells. \$550/acre.

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1—Real Estate Homes & Land

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8—Household Goods

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22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-2577. 22-9-4tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
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24—Card of Thanks

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CARD OF THANKS

I found that there was one name left off of the list of sponsors for the Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament, and I want to publicly thank this person. He's not one of Kenneth's golfing buddies and he didn't make a splash on the basketball court, which makes him even more significant—Lance Loudder, thank you for the help and support—as a friend. LIBBY CLEVELAND 24-12-11c

25—Legal Notices

County Tax Assessor/Collector is now taking applications for the position of Deputy Tax Collector. Applications may be picked up in the Castro County Treasurer's office, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Applicants must have computer experience and typing skills. Applications will be accepted until July 1, 1997. Castro County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. IRENE MILLER CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE 25-11-21c

LEGAL NOTICE

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting proposals for instructional supplies, office supplies, testing materials/supplies, athletic equipment/supplies, shop equipment/supplies, furniture, library books, art supplies, magazines and periodicals, transportation supplies and miscellaneous maintenance supplies for the 1997-98 school year. Proposals must be received no later than 3 p.m. on July 31, 1997, at the DISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive formalities. Proposed specifications may be obtained at Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-11-21c

LEGAL NOTICE

Dimmitt Independent School District is currently accepting requests for proposals for the purchase of classroom carpet. Proposals must be submitted to Johnny W. Hill, Business Manager, at Dimmitt Administration Building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, and are due no later than 3 p.m. on July 10, 1997. All questions should be directed to Johnny W. Hill at (806) 647-3101 or (806) 647-5433 (fax). Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. 25-11-21c

22—Notices

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Notice

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Dept. of Public Safety invite you to attend a town meeting on speed limit issues in Texas. The meeting for the Lubbock District is scheduled for **Thursday, July 24, at 7 p.m. in the South Plains Association for Government's (SPAG) building, 1323 58th St., Lubbock, Texas.**

The meeting is one of 25 held statewide to solicit public comment on specific locations where problems may exist regarding speed limit issues and the procedures used to set speed limits.

Citizens who want to comment on the speed limits in Texas should plan to attend this meeting.

For more information concerning this meeting, call (806) 748-4337. Written comments should be submitted in advance to the District Engineer at the Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 771, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

More about

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"When you go to Paducah for their quilt show, you fly to Nashville and drive three hours to get to Paducah," Darlene said.

"And when you fly to Houston for their show, it takes a lot of time and hassle to get anywhere from either of their airports.

"People flying in for our show can get here from Lubbock or Amarillo a lot quicker than that.

"If such a show as we're planning were held in a larger city, you'd have to spend \$2,000 for a meeting hall."

"There's no reason in the world why we can't have one of the friendliest, most profitable quilt shows anywhere right here," Darlene said.

"With every one of those 400 quilts that we can get here (and the Expo Building has the space to hang 500 if necessary), a body will come with it, plus a spouse and maybe a mom and pop.

"All these people will have to have food, transportation, and maybe a place to stay.

"We'll need people willing to offer spare bedrooms. We'll need food vendors because the restaurants may not be able to feed them all.

"One city rents empty buildings for its show. They hang quilts in store windows. That draws traffic around town, and it helps a lot of quilters sell their quilts if they want to.

"We're working to get the Japanese buyers here. They show up at the big shows, and they'll pay \$10,000 for the right quilt, just like that.

"And quilters are a good crowd to have in town. Quilters don't write hot checks."

Another big plus for Dimmitt is the enthusiasm of our local quilters for this festival.

If you know some of these women—Darlene Collins, Doris Lust, Cenci Hardee, Joyce Davis, Yvonna Hays, Tara Wales, Jan Duke, Tommie Sue Nisbett, Claudene Langford, Ina Cleavinger, Laverne Bernethy, Karen Alair, Annie McCurry, Kathy Mustain, Cassa McCormick, Geneva Schaeffer, Connie Wilhelm, Tresa Hardwick, Bonnie Davis, Linda Shannon, Jackie McLeroy and others—you know they're a sharp bunch of cookies.

They know how to plan, organize and construct beautiful quilts...

They know how to plan and organize a quilting bee and get all the people and pieces in place...

And I have no doubt that they can pull off this big show.

They'll need cooperation from all of us.

If we get into the spirit of this thing, it could be an exciting and rewarding experience.

Police Calls

A midnight swim landed two Dimmitt men, both 18, in jail Sunday. The two, along with a 15-year-old female juvenile, were apprehended at the city pool after hours. The men were charged with criminal trespass, a Class B misdemeanor, and one was charged with consumption of alcohol near a school. Two beers also were taken into evidence.

A 13-year-old juvenile female was assaulted by another juvenile in a fight Monday night at the Azteca Complex in Dimmitt.

Kay Lynn Ortiz reported to police at 12:30 a.m. Monday that someone entered her home in the 700 block of West Etter and took a 19-inch Zenith color television and remote control and damaged a window screen on the east side of the house. The items were valued at a total of \$210. No estimate was given on the damage.

Avery Thrasher of Thrasher Auto Sales told police Monday morning that someone broke out a window on a 1987 gray Chevrolet car on his lot and removed a radio/cassette player valued at \$200. Damage to the window was estimated at \$125.

Ray Sandoval Jr. told deputies June 17 that someone had broken the glass on a combine belonging to Ben Scott Sr. Apparently, the damage had been done with a BB gun. The combine had been parked near Northwest Sixth and Youts Streets. No estimate was given on the damage.

A Dimmitt man was jailed at 1:38 a.m. Sunday on charges of DWI, first offense, and possession of a controlled substance, which was less than one gram of methamphetamine.

After being stopped for traffic offenses, a 70-year-old Dimmitt man was charged with DWI, first offense, Friday night in the 500 block of West Halsell.

A 21-year-old man was arrested early Friday on charges of public intoxication by Hart Police Chief Wayne Johnson.

Someone took a Motorola pager, valued at \$110, from the personal effects of a 14-year-old male while he was at the city pool last Thursday afternoon.

Erestello Carlos Lueras of Muleshoe, manager of the Allsup's in Dimmitt, told police that someone drove off without paying for \$12-worth of gasoline Friday afternoon.

A 23-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested Saturday afternoon on a warrant out of Deaf Smith County on charges of theft by check.

Sunday afternoon, a Dimmitt woman, 27, was jailed for violation of probation stemming from theft by check charges.

A Dimmitt man, 29, was jailed Monday afternoon on a warrant charging him with possession of marijuana.

Friday at 2:55 p.m., a 1992 Dodge pickup driven by Don Nelson, 63, of Dimmitt, backed out of a parking space at First United Bank and struck the left back quarter of a 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by Attie Talbert Alexander, 56, of Dimmitt. Alexander also had been backing out. Nelson said he did not notice her vehicle when he began backing. No injuries were reported. Damage to both vehicles was rated light.

Sunday afternoon, a hit and run driver caused light damage to a 1994 GMC pickup belonging to Juan Almanza of Dimmitt. The vehicle was parked in the 300 block of Southwest Fourth.

More about Student handbooks . . .

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also is included to forbid any items of clothing or style of dressing that is associated with gang affiliation.

The DMS handbook included changes in requirements for cheerleaders, due to the new program allowing all who are qualified to be cheerleaders. The grade requirement of no grade average below a 75 was retained in the policy. Razor said 23 students completed an audition and qualified for cheerleader and have paid the \$250 cost for uniforms, etc. However, one had to move away, so there will be 22 DMS cheerleaders next school year.

Behrends asked Razor to talk to the campus improvement committee and see what they would think about raising the grade requirement for participation in all extra-curricular activities, particularly sports. Razor said that would make it more difficult for Dimmitt to compete with area schools that would be maintaining a lower grade requirement and would have a larger number of students able to participate. However, he did say he would discuss it with the campus committee.

Curriculum Director Doricell Davis presented proposed student handbooks for the Choice School (Alternative School Campus) and for the Corrective Action Program School (for disciplinary problems). She said this is the first year the two campuses will have a handbook. Last year was the first year the local school system had administered the alternative

school. Prior to that it had been contracted out.

The Corrective Action Program School (CAPS) will have many areas spelled out that were not addressed last year, Davis said. She said some of the policies may not prove to be sufficient, but it is still "more than what we had last year." She told the board that adjustments may be made throughout the school year as they see how things work out.

She said parents of students placed in CAPS will be required to attend a teacher conference before a student may begin being counted officially present, and if enough absences accrue, truancy charges could be filed against the parents.

Miller said he and other administrators plan to visit with local law enforcement personnel and court judges to enlist their aid in enforcing the CAPS rules for the benefit of the students.

DHS Assistant Principal Lyman Schroeder said the school will not go to the authorities for "everything that comes up, but in some instances it will be needed."

He said in instances of fighting where citations are written up on those involved, the main parental concern is not the student's suspension from school, but rather, "How much will the fine cost?"

In other action, the board voted to sell miscellaneous surplus items to Tony Rodriguez of Dimmitt for \$1,300.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Dimmitt Independent School District is currently accepting requests for proposals on roofing repairs at the Dimmitt Middle School, 805 West Jones, Dimmitt, Texas. Proposals must be submitted to Johnny W. Hill, Business Manager, at Dimmitt Administration Building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, and are due no later than 3 p.m. on July 10, 1997. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. 25-11-2c

What's cooking?
In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the summer menus for Dimmitt for June 26-July 4. Morning snacks will be served from 9-10 a.m.

DIMMITT Summer Feeding Snacks
THURSDAY: Peaches and 1% lowfat milk.
FRIDAY: Fresh bananas, graham crackers, peanut butter and 1% lowfat milk.
MONDAY: Pizza supreme and 1% lowfat milk.
TUESDAY: Assorted muffins and 1% lowfat milk.
WEDNESDAY: Apple smiles and 1% lowfat milk.
THURSDAY: School Holiday!
FRIDAY: School Holiday!

Summer Feeding Lunch
THURSDAY: Beef/bean burrito with chili, Mexican corn, tossed salad with dressing and 1% lowfat milk.
FRIDAY: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, french fries, haystack finger salad and 1% lowfat milk.
MONDAY: Pepperoni pizza, savory green beans, tossed salad with dressing and 1% lowfat milk.
TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, french fries, hamburger salad and 1% lowfat milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with cheese, pork and beans, potato salad and 1% lowfat milk.
THURSDAY: School Holiday!
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PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
OF PROPOSED
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SPECIAL ELECTION
AUGUST 9, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase the school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are the principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-over tax freeze to another homestead. Specifically, the Legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the residence homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would also allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons cur-

rently receiving the 65-and-over tax freeze. Specifically, for a homestead affected by this limitation in 1996 or in an earlier tax year, the Legislature must provide for a reduction in the school property tax limitation in the 1997 tax year and subsequent tax years in an amount equal to \$10,000 multiplied by the 1997 school property tax rate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes subject to the limitation."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 9 de agosto de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 a por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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Obituaries

Howard Coody

Howard K. Coody, 79, of Beeville died June 18 at his residence.

Services were held Saturday at Galloway & Sons Chapel in Beeville with Rev. Tim Stowe officiating.

He was born Sept. 20, 1917, at Wayne, Okla. He married Dessie Brooks on Sept. 6, 1939, in Maysville, Okla. He was a baptist and a farmer.

He was preceded in death by a son, Johnny, and a daughter, Linda Gay Coody.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Dwan of Hereford, Earl Ray of Beeville and Charles of Victoria; three daughters, Lillie Gillard of Beeville, Donna Kay McIntosh of Dumas and Mary Lynn Garrity of Hart; two half brothers, Leslie Anders of Missouri and Shelby Coody of California; 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Clyde Renfro

Clyde Renfro of Amarillo, a former Dimmitt resident, died June 6.

Graveside services were held June 9 at West Park Cemetery in Hereford. Officiating was Dr. Gil Lain, pastor of Paramount Baptist Church. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

He was born in Swisher County and was a longtime resident of Castro County before moving to Amarillo in 1982. He was involved in agribusiness.

He served on the board of the Dimmitt Wheat Growers and the Sugar Board. He was active in many groups within the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt for over 25 years. He was a member of Paramount Baptist Church.

He owned and operated the first airport in Hereford.

He married Betty Blankenship in Hereford.

Survivors include his wife; a son, O.C. Renfro of Amarillo; a sister, Mrs. Edwin Mauk of Lubbock; and one brother, Lee Renfro of Austin, Nev.

The family requests memorials be to Paramount Baptist Church, 3801 S. Western, Amarillo, 79109 or to First Baptist Church, 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt, 79027.

John F. Kittrell

John Frederick Kittrell of Sherman, former Hart and Dimmitt resident and brother of Jerry Kittrell of Hart, died last Thursday evening at the Wilson N. Jones Regional Health System in Sherman of an apparent heart attack. He was 51.

A memorial service was held Saturday evening at Sherman Bible Church, conducted by Dr. Phil Sell of the church and Dr. John Reed of Garland, pastor emeritus.

Graveside services at Friendship Cemetery preceded the memorial service. Last rites were directed by Waldo Funeral Home of Sherman.

Mr. Kittrell was born Aug. 12, 1945, in Littlefield, the son of O. C. and Vasca Cates Kittrell. He graduated from Hart High School in 1963 and attended South Plains College.

He married Melva Dennis on June 4, 1965, in Levelland. After graduating from SPC, he opened Kittrell Electronics in Dimmitt in partnership with his brother, Jerry.

He was active in civic work here, serving as a director of the Dimmitt Jaycees and as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Dimmitt.

He sold his share of Kittrell Electronics to his brother in 1971 and joined Bob Goss Ford. He remained in automotive sales the rest of his life.

He and his family moved from Dimmitt to Arlington in 1972. They also lived in Ennis before moving to Sherman in 1975.

He was a member of Sherman Bible Church and was active in a disciple group at the time of his death. He was a past president of the Sherman School Board and had been active in Sherman Little League sports. He also was an enthusiastic golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Melva; two sons, Kam of Austin and Deke of Richmond; his mother, Vasca Byrd of Littlefield; a brother, Jerry, of Hart; two sisters, Joyce Roberson of Littlefield and Peggy Davis of Anton; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Sherman Bible Church or to the Grayson County Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Ralph Lambright

Services for Ralph L. Lambright, 84, of Dimmitt were Monday in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Ivey Chapel with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Homes.

Lambright died Sunday at Plains Memorial Hospital.

He was born Jan. 2, 1913, in Fayetteville, Ark. He served in the U.S. Army, Troop H, 5th Cavalry, during World War II. He married Velma Reynolds on Sept. 18, 1947, in Floydada. He moved to Dimmitt from Olton in 1955. He was a member of First Baptist Church, American Legion, Dimmitt VFW, Castro County Museum board of directors and Castro County Senior Citizens.

He was a retired farmer. He was named Dimmitt's Citizen of the Year for 1982 by the Chamber of Commerce.

He was preceded in death by a son, Melvin Barton, in 1997; and a grandson in 1985.

Survivors include his wife; a sister, Nell Bridges of California; two brothers, Eldon of Tecumseh, Okla., and Robert of Washington; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Donald Creacy, Dalford Whitsett, Johnny Reynolds, Al Gibbs, Randall Small and Bay Baldrige.

The family suggests memorials to Castro County Senior Citizens, 218 W. Jones, Dimmitt 79027.

Mark Roberson

Services for Mark Roberson, 40, of Olton, and a former resident of Hart, were Monday in Main Street Church of Christ with Rick Harper, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Olton Cemetery under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Roberson died Friday, June 20, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born Sept. 20, 1956, in Lubbock. He married Diane Davis on July 16, 1982, in Hart. He graduated from Olton High School in 1975, and he was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was co-owner of Roberson Golf Cars for several years in Olton. Survivors include his wife; and his parents, Richard and Jolene Roberson of Olton.

The family suggests memorials to the Olton Ambulance Association in care of Olton Banking Center, P.O. Box 665, Olton 79064, or to Runningwater Draw Care Center, P.O. Box 409, Olton 79064.

A mother is not wise because she knows more, but because she understands more.

A mother tries to teach her children right from wrong. She should also help them learn a sense of direction.

HARDEE FAMILY MEDICINE CLINIC WILL CLOSE EFFECTIVE JUNE 27, 1997

Dr. Hardee will be seeing patients at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones, as of Monday, June 30.

After July 1, patient medical records will be located at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

Peralez is new coach at Deer Creek-Lamont

Arnold Peralez Jr., a 1987 graduate of Dimmitt High School, has been named the girls basketball coach at Deer Creek-Lamont High School in Deer Creek-Lamont, Okla.

Peralez moves to Deer Creek-Lamont from Felt where he was the boys and girls basketball coach.

He guided the girls to a 15-12 record and a district title, the school's first in 13 years. There were only six players on the team.

The boys team finished with a 3-21 record.

Richard Dally, Deer Creek-Lamont superintendent, was well-acquainted with Peralez when Peralez was a highly-respected basketball official.

"Every time we had a big game or were playing a big rival, I wanted him (Peralez) on the floor because I knew he would do a good job," Dally said. "I feel fortunate to get him. He's a real hard worker and will do a



Arnold Peralez

good job for us."

Peralez graduated from Panhandle State University in 1996 and was an assistant coach there from 1988-1991.

He is the son of Arnold Sr. and Dalia Peralez of Dimmitt.

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