

# The Castro County News

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By Don Nelson

If you want to know, I've been sort of numb the last few days.

There is always so much to do when a parent dies—even if you think you've already taken care of most of it—that you simply have to keep your wits about you and get it done.

Anyway, I couldn't grieve over Dad's death. I had spent a year and a half grieving over the way he was having to live. He couldn't feed or bathe himself, couldn't get up and go to the bathroom, and it was very difficult for him to communicate.

He was totally dependent on others—a situation he never wanted. His death was a release.

Thank God he was cared for by people who loved him, people whose dedication to their jobs and their patients transcends pay levels or time charts.

We learned all over again, of course, how great it is to live in a small town, a small county, among people who have always been, or who have become, lifetime friends.

For days we were surrounded by friends, love, duties, food, flowers—God, the food and flowers!—to where there was little time to let down.

But when the last of our kids left Sunday morning, the house suddenly was awfully big and awfully empty.

That's when we couldn't stand it. That's when the numbness set in.

It still wasn't like Mom's death 20 years ago, which occurred in a matter of hours, overnight, without warning, and left us all stunned and shocked.

We had long since braced ourselves for Dad's death, knowing it was just a matter of time.

But now I find myself forgetting that last year and a half, and missing him as he once was—when we worked together and raised kids together and kidded and joked and argued and worried together, when there was no quicker-witted guy in town.

I don't know how long this process is going to take. I think the numbness is liable to last a while, and go away slowly. I doubt if there's a formula that works for everybody.

I can't bring myself to eulogize my Dad in print. I just have this feeling that to do so would be to take unfair advantage of my professional rights.

Every person is important, and worthy of a eulogy—your Dad as well as mine.

As the Middle Ages English poet

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## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	71	50	.73
Friday	69	48	tr.
Saturday	73	51	.01
Sunday	75	55	
Monday	88	58	
Tuesday	92	56	
Wednesday	89	56	

May Moisture	7.28
1999 Moisture	12.31

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



**HOORAY FOR AMERICA!** Two members of the American Legion Color Guard of Hart raise the flag to honor Memorial Day. The flag and the memorial service were located at the Hart Cemetery on Monday.

Photo by Monica Ortiz

## Rodeo, Wild West Show is set for three-day run

Riders, ropers and rodeo fans are expected to come from throughout the Panhandle-Plains and eastern New Mexico for the 23rd annual Nazareth Country Rodeo and Wild West Show this weekend.

Billed as "The Wildest Rodeo in the Texas Panhandle," the three-day show will feature performances Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Rodeo events will include bareback and saddle bronc riding, bull riding, bulldogging, calf roping, barrel racing, team roping, single steer roping and girls' break-away roping.

The always-popular Wild West contests will include a wild horse race and wild cow milking—both team events—and a kids' calf scramble.

Books closed Tuesday on all events.

The rodeo will be staged at the Marvin Schulte Arena, five miles east of Nazareth on Highway 86.

The rodeo is sanctioned by the Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association. Stock will be furnished by the Maverick Rodeo Company of Tulia.

Daily admission prices are \$5 for high school students and adults, and

\$2 for youngsters 12 to high-school age. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free.

A rodeo dance will be staged Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Live music will be provided by the Janet Denton Band of Friona.

## Farewell party set for Royall

Rebel Royall, County Extension Agent, Agriculture, for Castro County, has resigned his position here and will be moving to Aspermont. A farewell party in his honor is planned for Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the basement meeting room in the courthouse.

The party is being hosted by the 4-H Parent-leaders Association, and everyone is invited to attend and take the opportunity to visit with Royall. He will start his duties in Aspermont on June 14. He came to Castro County in May of 1997.

## Hospital to go for up-front payment

At their meeting last Thursday, the Castro County Hospital District trustees authorized implementation of a new collections system in an effort to collect more from self-pay parties who use the hospital facilities.

Ron Walton, CCHD chief financial officer, told the board that a very low percentage of emergency room, outpatient and inpatient charges is being collected from self-pay patients (those without insurance or who have not met co-payments or deductibles). He said that the percentage paid is much better at the clinic ever since a discharge person was installed who asks for payment at the time a patient leaves.

Walton said that from November through April only 3.85% of the \$399,119.72 in charges due has been collected from self-pay patients at the hospital.

Dr. Leon Joplin said that about 20 to 30% of people seen in the emergency room are not real emergencies. Many just wait until the clinic closes and then go to the emergency room "because they know no one will ask for money." He added that some wait until after working hours out of fear of losing their jobs if they miss work time.

It was mentioned that Dimmitt is getting more cases from Hereford, because the hospital there has gotten more strict about seeking payment and has made non-emergencies wait longer for service.

Walton proposed a plan to enhance up-front collections on all self-pay admissions.

First of all, he suggested hiring two part-time employees to cover

emergency room admissions. These registrars would attempt to collect up-front charges in full at the time of admission, offering a 25% discount for prompt payment.

If the payment in full cannot be made, the registrar will attempt to collect a deposit (a portion of the charges) with the remaining balance set up on a financial agreement with a limited payout time.

If no payment can be made, the registrar will have the patient and/or guarantor sign a financial agreement setting up payments over a limited time. Also patients will be screened for an alternative source of payment, such as eligibility for Medicaid, etc.

Collections of co-insurance, co-payments and deductibles will be attempted at the time of service. A list will be maintained of common insurance carriers in the area and the benefits available.

Walton recommended that all financial arrangements made with a payout of less than six months would be maintained in-house and be worked by the registrars during their duty hours. If the payout is more than six months, the account will be forwarded to the "early out agency" after all charges have been posted.

When a patient receives treatment at CCHD, he or she will receive an itemized statement thanking them for choosing CCHD and outlining the charges incurred.

Patients who have not made payment arrangements at the time of service will be sent a letter seven days after the itemized statement is sent. This letter will offer a 25% discount if the account is paid within 30 days from the date of the notice.

The letter also will state that if the account goes beyond 60 days from the date of discharge without payment, the account will be forwarded to an outside source for billing.

If the account reaches 60 days from the date of discharge without a payment, the account will be forwarded to an "early out agency" for statements and phone calls. The early out agency will work the account for 60 days. If no payment or satisfactory arrangements can be made within that time, the account will be returned to CCHD, which will forward.

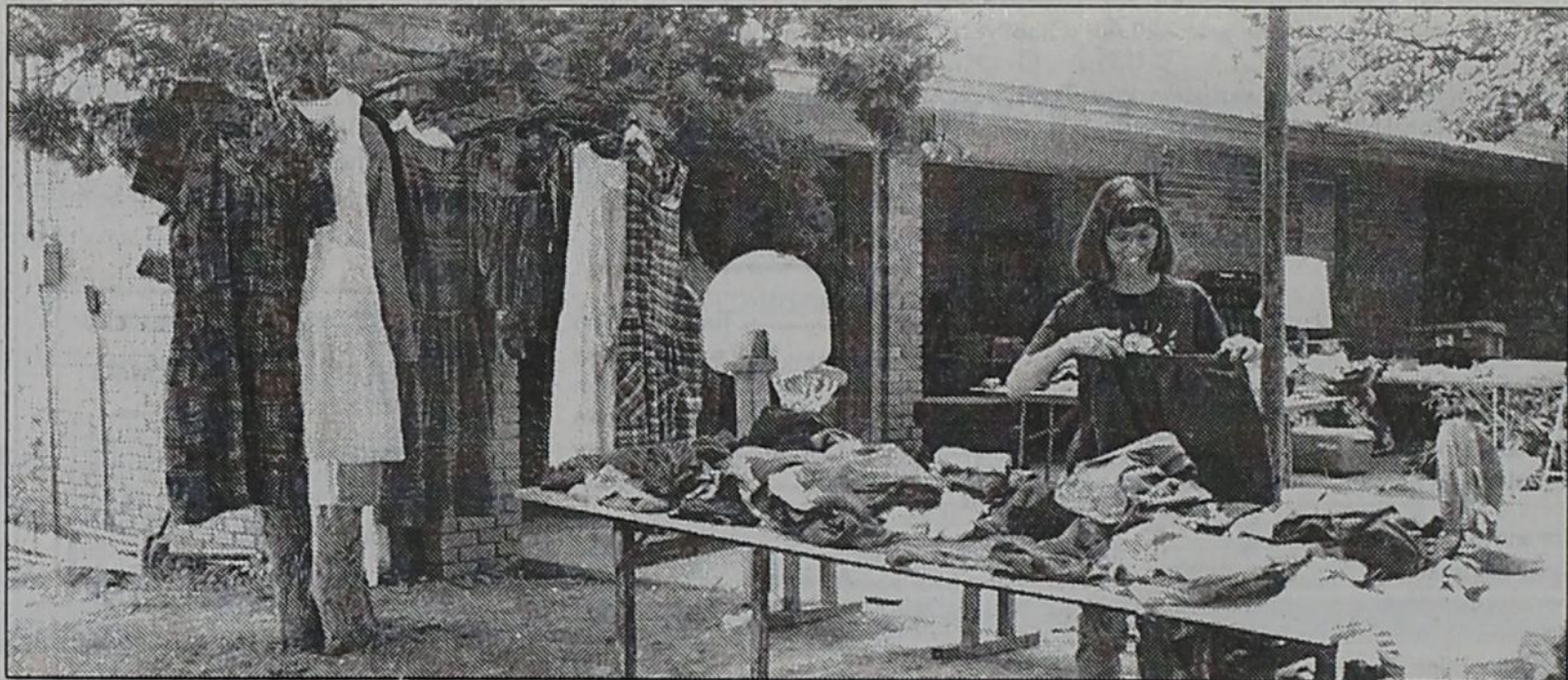
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## Crime Line offers reward in burglary

The Castro County Crime Line is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the May 24 or 25 burglary at Hart High School.

Hart Police Chief Jay Livingston reported that the school was broken into and more than \$11,000 in damage was done to school property. Also, items were taken, including two 35mm cameras used by the annual staff and money from vending machines.

Anyone having information about the incident may call the Crime Line number, 647-4711, or the Sheriff's Office at 647-3311. Callers may remain anonymous and rewards can be paid through a drop system.



**DON'T GET CAUGHT SHORT** and miss out on all the bargains that will be available at the 68-plus garage sales being offered by over 125 families and groups in Dimmitt on Saturday during the 12th annual City-Wide Garage Sale Day. Here, one of the shoppers from last year looks over the selection of

items available at one of the sales. "The selection will be just as good or even better this year," said Dimmitt Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava. "We anticipate a good turnout of bargain hunters."

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Saturday is 12<sup>th</sup> annual Dimmitt Garage Sale Day

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Dimmitt City-Wide Garage Sale Day is set for Saturday, starting around 8 a.m. Hundreds of bargain hunters from

throughout the area are expected to visit the more than 68 sales put on by over 125 families.

Also, local businesses are having sidewalk sales and other specials during the day, and four booths will be set up on the courthouse square in the parking area. Booths will include health and wellness products, a three-family garage sale, food items, T-shirts and clothing items, and the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club selling hamburgers, chips and a drink for \$4.

The Chamber prints a directory listing each sale, the name of the seller, the address and a list of three main items or categories of items which will be offered for sale at each location. The back side of the directory includes a city map.

The directories will be distributed starting at 8 a.m. at the intersection of Broadway and Bedford. They also will be available from The Pancake House, Tots and Teens, Dimmitt Market, Thriftway Supermarket, Merle Norman and Village Shop.

Dimmitt Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava said, "Last year, over 1,000 directories were distributed by the Chamber of Commerce."

The Chamber advertises the sale over an 80-mile radius from

Dimmitt, and has sent information to 16 newspapers and 21 television and radio stations.

At the many garage sales around town, items for sale will include everything from vehicles to a four-wheeler and bicycles, marble floor tiles, printer's trays, and Beanie Babies. Also, a complete shop of automotive tools and an estate sale are included in the sale listings.

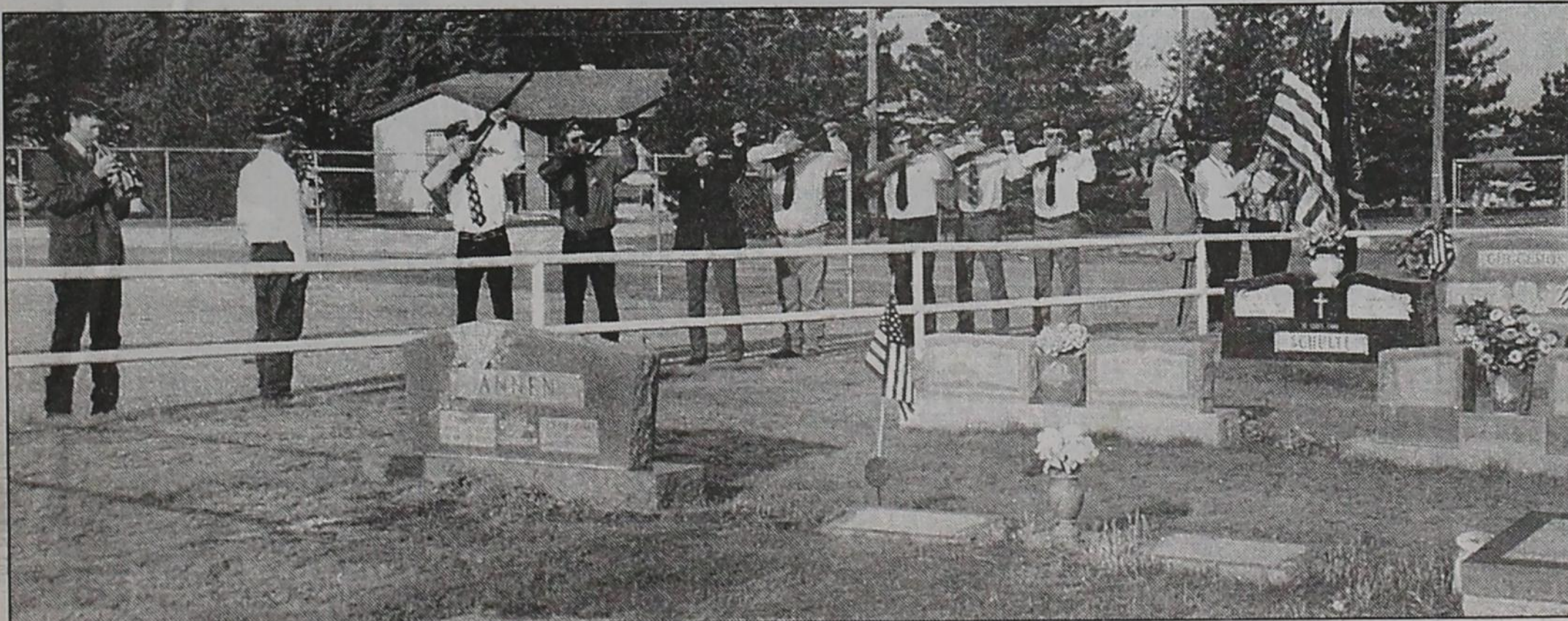
Sava said that the Salvation Army will be in town Saturday to pick up sale left-overs. They will be at the courthouse square at a time to be specified on the sales directories.

"We urge our bargain hunters to drive with caution and don't try to read the map and drive at the same time," Sava said. "Also, we ask local citizens to try to park off the streets to make navigation easier for our visitors."

## Radio Day

The Dimmitt Lions Club will sponsor its annual Radio Day on Saturday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in conjunction with the city-wide ga-

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**TWENTY-ONE GUN SALUTE**—Members of the American Legion Post in Nazareth perform a traditional Memorial Day ceremony Monday morning at the Holy Family Cemetery. A crowd gathered for prayer and

honoring veterans buried there. Also, the Nazareth school brass ensemble played a selection of patriotic tunes.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# DMS names award winners

Dimmitt Middle School teachers honored students with awards earned for top achievement during the course of the 1998-1999 school year. Also honored were the top athletes.

## FOURTH GRADE

**Mrs. Bain's Class:** English Awards-Joshua Norman and C.J. Gregory.  
Reading Awards-Wesley Chavers and Samantha Howell.  
Spelling Awards-Anna Brockman and Scott Martinez.  
Hardest Worker-Kashondra Sherman.  
Most Improved-Monica Mireles.  
Outstanding Student-Norman and Brockman.  
U.I.L. Ready Writing-Randi Cates, Jose Chavez, Gregory, and Tucker Waggoner.  
**Mrs. Damron's Class:**  
Outstanding English Student-Cates.  
Outstanding Reading Student-Waggoner.  
Outstanding Spelling Student-Chelsea Buckley.  
Most Improved English Student-Carmen Peña.  
Most Improved Reading Student-Mary Sanchez.  
Most Improved Spelling Student-Thelma Medrano.  
Hardest Worker-Joslyn Harmonson.  
U.I.L. Spelling-Buckley, Harmonson, and Brandy Smith  
**Mrs. Irons' Class-Outstanding Students-**Micaela Salinas and Rafael Gonzalez.  
Most Improved-Joshua Cano.  
Hardest Worker-Zane Matthews.  
Math Awards-Norman and Salinas.  
Science Awards-Gregory and Dana Sandoval.  
Social Studies Awards-Kirsti Edwards and Gladys Ruiz.  
U.I.L. Art Contest-Brockman, Chavez, and Edwards.  
**Mrs. Shaw's Class:** Outstanding Students-Caleb Snitker and Kim Back.  
Most Improved-Yvette Arce and Timberly Jenkins.  
English Awards-Eric Saenz and Jessie Lara.  
Reading Awards-Judith Meraz and Johnny Ramirez.  
Spelling Awards-Back and Autumn Crow.  
Castro County Spelling Bee-Cates (first place), Back (second place), and Crow (alternate).  
**Mrs. Spring's Class-Outstanding Math Student-**Daniela Zepeda.  
Outstanding Science Student-Rye Patton.  
Outstanding Social Studies Student-Smith.  
Most Improved Math-Kyle Whatley.  
Most Improved Science-Arica Cisneros.  
Most Improved Social Studies-Rudy

Corrales.  
Citizenship Awards-Medrano and Wesley Nutt.  
U.I.L. Number Sense-Buckley, Cates (first place), Natasha Jordan, and Jorge Olmos.  
**Mrs. Wood's Class-Outstanding Students-**Jessie Lara and Clarissa Sanchez.  
Most Improved-Monica Diaz and Sasha Garza.  
Hardest Workers-Tabatha Green and Candis Rodriguez.  
Math Awards-Jordan and Bryce Parker.  
Science Awards-Crow and Beau Gonzales.  
Social Studies Awards-Meraz and Snitker.  
U.I.L. Oral Reading-Back, Cates, Crow, and Sanchez (alternate).  
**FIFTH GRADE**  
**Mrs. Goolsby's Class:** Highest Science Average (Tie)-Billy Dollar and Hayli Wise.  
Second Highest Science Average (Tie)-Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, and Garrett Behrends.  
U.I.L. Creative Writing-Kathy Amador, Daniel Jackson (sixth place), and Casey Maurer.  
**Mrs. Harris' Class:** Academic Achievement in Language Arts-Dollar and Ross Hunter.  
U.I.L. Oral Reading-Mandi Ebeling, Jonathan Flores, Brittany Williams, and Wise.  
**Mrs. Hazel's Class:** Top Music Students-Isaac Aguilar, Cindy Alvarado, Jorge Ceniceros, Dollar, Luis Dominguez, Fabiola Favala, Sandra Favala, Apalonia Flores, Nicholas Garza, Aaron Herrera, Clarissa Herrera, Erica Lopes, Elizabeth Marruto, Norma Moran, Anthony Navarro, Sergio Ontiveros, Nicholas Ortiz, Jessica Perez, Marca Quintana, Alma Reyes, Guy Sanchez, Sandy Salinas, Ashley Sears, Victoria Tarango, Nancy Vargas, Camille Vasquez, Bridgette Velasquez, Chris Velasquez, and Esther Velasquez.  
**Mrs. M. Hunter's Class:** U.I.L. Art Contest-Amador (fourth place), Daniel Jackson, and Sean Hunter.  
**Mrs. S. Hunter's Class:** Outstanding Language Arts Students-Amador and Wise.  
U.I.L. Spelling-Dollar (fifth place), Ross Hunter, Ashlee Nino, and Kendra Puente.  
**Mrs. Ramos' Class:** Highest Math Average-Dollar.  
Second High Math Average (Tie)-Ross Hunter and Ryan Hunter.  
U.I.L. Number Sense-Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, and Gabriel Mirelas.  
**Mrs. Schacher's Class:** Academic Achievement Award for Social Studies-Dollar and Ross Hunter.  
Citizenship Awards-Amador, Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Jackson, Nino, Ontiveros, and Casey Maurer.  
**Mrs. Weaver's Class:** Outstanding

Language Arts Students-Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, and Williams.  
U.I.L. Dictionary Skills-Yvette Ellis, Kristy Reyes, and Mirelas.  
**SIXTH GRADE**  
**Mr. Acevedo's Class:** Most Improved Bilingual-Yesenia Ruiz.  
**Mrs. Atchley's Class:** Outstanding Touch Typist-Raul Melendez.  
Outstanding Exploratory Student-Corrie Black.  
Most Improved Exploratory-Deillah Barnes.  
U.I.L. Spelling-Liliana Aguilar, Maribel Montiel (sixth place), Layne Penney (fourth place), and Alejandra Velasquez (third place).  
Outstanding Students-Holly Gilliam and Elias Zepeda.  
Hope Award-Lesley Hinojosa.  
**Mrs. Fortenberry's Class:** Most Improved Social Studies Student-Estrella Garcia.  
Current Events' Star-Aguilar and Brandon Gutierrez.  
Outstanding Social Studies Students-Nyssa Martinez and Penney.  
Castro County Spelling Bee-Martinez (second place) and Montiel (alternate).  
U.I.L. Maps, Charts, & Graphs-Cody Clayton.  
**Mrs. Hazel's Class:** Top 15 in Music Memory-Aguilar, Black, Carla Carpio, Marisol Fuentes, Meggie Lemons, Martinez, Callen Mixson, Brenda Ramirez, Christina Ramos, Nayelli Reyes, Jose Rodriguez, Albert Ruiz, Joe Ruiz, Alejandra Velasquez, and Yadire Villalba.  
**Mrs. Myatt's Class:** Outstanding Students-Mixson and Penney.  
Hardest Workers-Raul Ceniceros and Ramos.  
Most Improved-Andy Dias and Elizabeth Hernandez.  
U.I.L. Math-Jaime Cavazos, Kristen McClure, Montiel, and Penney.  
**Mrs. Ramos' Class:** U.I.L. Number Sense-Cavazos, Matthew Larra, Penney, and Kelly Reyes.  
**Mrs. Roberts' Class:** Outstanding E.S.L. Students-Hernandez and Edith Velasquez.  
**Mrs. Seward's Class:** Outstanding Science Students-Martinez and Chuck Cruz.  
Most Improved-Albert Ruiz.  
U.I.L. Dictionary Skills-Martinez (fourth place), Mixson (fifth place), Charley Saenz, and Stuart Sheffy.

**Mrs. Sims' Class:** Outstanding English Students-Felisha Starling, Shelly Paxton and Alejandra Velasquez.  
Worker Hardest-Ryan Miller.  
U.I.L. Ready Writing-Aguilar (fifth place) and Gilliam.  
**Mrs. Waggoner's Class:** Highest Reading Level-Alejandra Velasquez.  
Highest Average-Martinez.  
Most Improved-Brenda Ramirez.  
Most Effort-Jesus Alvaredo.  
U.I.L.-Rayne Bradley, Miller, and Ramos.  
**SEVENTH GRADE**  
**Mrs. Ball:** Highest Average-Erica Abrego.  
Hardest Workers-Ethan Martin and Marcela Salinas.  
U.I.L. Science-Abrego, Sheena Ehly, Amy Laurent, and Jhirven Starling.  
**Mr. Bell:** Hardest Workers-Delia Arredondo, Casey Hargrove, and Jake Porsch.  
**Mr. Durham:** Highest Academic Achievement-Ehly, Todd Jansa, and Matthew Sanders.  
Hardest Workers-Michael Guzman.  
U.I.L. Maps, Charts, & Graphs-Rey Medrano, Jorge Martinez, and Elizabeth Stephens.  
**Mrs. Ferguson:** Top Reading Students-Jansa, Martin, Salinas, and Stephens.  
U.I.L. Oral Reading-Adriana Arcos, Caleb Dickerson, Shae Odom, and Sarah Silva.  
**Mrs. P. Hill:** U.I.L. Listening Skills-Dickerson, Lizbeth Gonzales, and Justina Navarro.  
**Mrs. M. Hunter:** U.I.L. Impromptu Speaking-Abrego (sixth place).  
**Mrs. Myatt:** U.I.L. Math-Tyler Myatt, Porsch, and Sanders.  
**Mr. Penney:** Highest Average-Martin.  
Hardest Worker-Jose Gil.  
**Mrs. Richards:** Outstanding English Student-Silva.  
U.I.L. Ready Writing-Dickerson, Ehly, and Silva.  
**Mrs. Taylor:** Outstanding Foods-Jessica Chancy.  
Outstanding LMS-Gonzales.  
**Mrs. York:** Highest Average-Jansa.  
**Mrs. Wilhite:** Outstanding Pre-Algebra

Students-Abrego and Ehly.  
Outstanding Math 87 Student-Stephanie Hazel.  
Outstanding Math 76 Student-Vanessa Barrios.  
Hardest Math 87 Worker-Erika Mendoza.  
Hardest Math 76 Workers-Alex Castillo and Jake Wright.  
U.I.L. Number Sense-Myatt, Porsch, and Sanders.  
**Coach Conkin's Class:**  
**Basketball**  
MVP-Shayla Kenworthy.  
Most Improved-Tabitha Laurent.  
Fighting Heart-Heather Hargrove and Ashlynn Otto.  
**Cross Country**  
MVP-Vanessa Gonzalez.  
**Track**  
MVP-Kami Sanders.  
Fighting Heart-Alicia Heard.  
**Coach Smith's Class:**  
**Basketball**  
MVP-Matthew Sanders.  
Most Improved-Tyler Myatt.  
**EIGHTH GRADE**  
**Mr. Bell:** Hardest Workers-Efren Gomez, Hector Velasquez, Emilio Porras, and Brandon Furr.  
**Mrs. Buckley:** Outstanding Algebra Student-Ashley Irons.  
Outstanding Pre-Algebra Students-Juan Diaz and Carrie Meeks.  
U.I.L. Calculator-Caitlin Buckley and Irons.  
**Mrs. Lust:** Outstanding Student-Jill Merritt.  
Sunshine Award-Cynthia Velasquez.  
U.I.L. Science-Jack Bishop, Buckley, Irons, and Lauren Waggoner.  
**Mrs. Miller:** Outstanding History Students-Diaz and Isabel Garcia.  
Hardest Worker-Kennon Doss.  
U.I.L. Maps, Charts, & Graphs-Buckley (second place), Ramey Rice, Melissa Rueda, and Colby Williams.  
**Mrs. Myatt:** U.I.L. Math-Bishop, Irons, and Waggoner.  
**Mr. Ortiz:** Outstanding E.S.L. Students-Velasquez and Amelia Esqueda.  
**Mr. Penney:** Outstanding Students-Abel Espinosa, Freddy Flores, Brandon Furr, Crystal Lopez, Ricky Ramirez, and Colby

Williams.  
**Mr. Quiroz:** Highest Averages-Esqueda, Garcia, Karina Jaime, and Velasquez.  
Hardest Workers-Buckley and Irons.  
**Mrs. Rhodes:** Outstanding English Student-Freddy Flores.  
U.I.L. Ready Writing-Bishop (fifth place), Buckley (sixth place), Heather Snitker, and Waggoner.  
**Mrs. Schroeder:** Outstanding Student-Abraham Salinas.  
Highest Average-Buckley and Merritt.  
Most Improved-Jesus Pzano and Gina Martinez.  
Outstanding Attitude-Priscilla Doñes.  
U.I.L. Spelling-Gina Gonsalez and M'Lissa Huthines.  
**Mr. Stradley:** U.I.L. Dictionary Skills-Ambler Bell.  
**Mrs. Taylor:** Outstanding L.M.S.-Virginia Martinez.  
Outstanding Food Production-Snitker.  
U.I.L. Listening Skills-Rice.  
**Mrs. Wilhite:** U.I.L. Number Sense-Bishop, Irons, and Waggoner.  
**Coach Conkin's Class:**  
**Basketball**  
MVP-Caitlin Buckley.  
Most Improved-Jami Middleton.  
Fighting Heart-Ashley Irons and Jill Merritt.  
**Cross Country**  
MVP-Priscilla Rodriguez.  
**Track**  
MVP-Jenna Steinhilber.  
Fighting Heart-Irons, Merritt, and Rodriguez.  
**Coach Fitzgerald's Class:**  
**Basketball**  
MVP-Matthew Gauna.  
Most Improved-Patrick Hunter.  
**Track**  
MVP-Daniel Prieto.  
Most Improved-L.J. Soler.  
**Coach Smith's Class:**  
**Football**  
MVP-Lee Brown.  
Most Improved-Gauna.  
Fighting Heart-Stephen Paz.  
Duke Talent Search  
Erica Abrego, Caleb Dickerson, Jared Griffith, Todd Jansa, Tyler Myatt, Shae Odom, Jake Porsch, and Matthew Sanders.

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rage sale.  
Members of the club will be traveling around Dimmitt, visiting various sales and will provide on-the-spot interviews and sales updates throughout the morning on 1470 KDHN Radio of Dimmitt.  
They will take charge of the station's programming, broadcasting from the gazebo in downtown Dimmitt. They will also air commercials for the businesses who are helping sponsor the special event.  
Proceeds from the event will benefit the projects of the club.

**Last Puzzle Solution**

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- singer McEntire
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- U.S. Rep. of Fort Worth Geren
- TX Keyes of "Gone With the Wind" (init.)
- between Buchanan and Inks lakes
- TX Rayburn was in Congress 48
- east of McCulloch Co.
- Madre separates Padre Island from the mainland
- Fort Worth's Casa Manana
- buildings for the Mavericks & Spurs
- TX Margo Jones: "Dallas \_\_\_"
- nat. assn. for TX universities (abbr.)
- TX Steve Martin's "\_\_\_ of Faith"
- State Park near Port Arthur
- TXism: "\_\_\_ as the front end of a John Deere"
- this "lcky" was on KTV's "Slam Bang Theater"
- Travis Tritt's "\_\_\_ Change"
- TX great baseball Speaker
- Guadalupe raft: \_\_\_ tube
- TX Pilgrim's Pride "\_\_\_ fat, yellow chicken"
- TX singer Fender
- unrestrained party
- Palestine FM radio
- "all in \_\_\_ work"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ heartbeat"
- Galveston
- east of Winkler Co.
- TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_ holler"
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- Tow, TX's "\_\_\_ Harvest Celebration"
- LBJ's mother
- TXism: "blind as \_\_\_"
- TXism: "as long as ducks go \_\_\_ footed" (forever)
- TX Ross Perot's old co.: Electronic Systems
- Civil War president
- TX actress/singer Ella \_\_\_ Morse
- "Meskin Band" Little Joe \_\_\_ Familia
- worm getters
- ex-Cowboy FB Tommie
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- the Matthews who wrote "Interwoven"
- TX-born Shaquille Rashaun \_\_\_
- reverse coloring
- TX actor Cassidy & TX pitcher Lyons
- pig's pad
- former U.S. Senator Yarborough (init.)
- TXism: "smart \_\_\_ full of owls"
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## On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Jill Smith of Athens, Ga., has been in Dimmitt the past few days to visit her parents, Robert and Norma Smith, during her break between spring and summer semesters. While she was here, her sister, Judith Smith Polansky of Austin, made a surprise visit. Jill is a faculty member at the University of Georgia at Athens, where she teaches in the Statistics Dept.

Carrie Sheffy and Ben Scott were honored with a bridal shower May 22 in the home of Kay Gfeller. I visited with Emma Jean King and Sue Boozier while we worked in the kitchen. Kay's home is very pretty and homey.

Dwight Joiner was host to the Thursday Bridge Club. Susie Reeve won high score, and Merle Arthur was second.

Tornado sirens went off Tuesday night and caught us by surprise. Sherry Kenworthy stopped for me on the way to the home of Layne and Sue Rita Myatt. Eloise McMasters, Tami Griffith and sons, J.H. and Earlene Myatt and others joined us.

Ben Deusterhauf and Lena Durbin of Lubbock met Leigh, Aubrie and Margie Durbin at Ruby Tequila's for lunch on Wednesday in Amarillo.

cousin, Jennie Bell Cooper and her husband, Bill. They are retired and are enjoying their house at the lake. They have llamas, goats, a donkey, hens and roosters, and the usual cats and dogs. Aubrie surely did enjoy the animals.

Jim and Sandy Baker hosted a dinner party for Michelle and Arthur Bailey, former Dimmitt residents. Michelle and Arthur were in town for graduation. They now live in Springfield, Mass.

Merle Arthur, mother of Gwen Bryant, went to Gruver for a couple of days to get ready for a garage sale. Merle attends First Baptist Church here, and plays with the Thursday Bridge Club. She was missed at both places.

Kay Kellar and the tennis group went to Ruidoso, N.M., for the holidays. I'll give you more details next week.

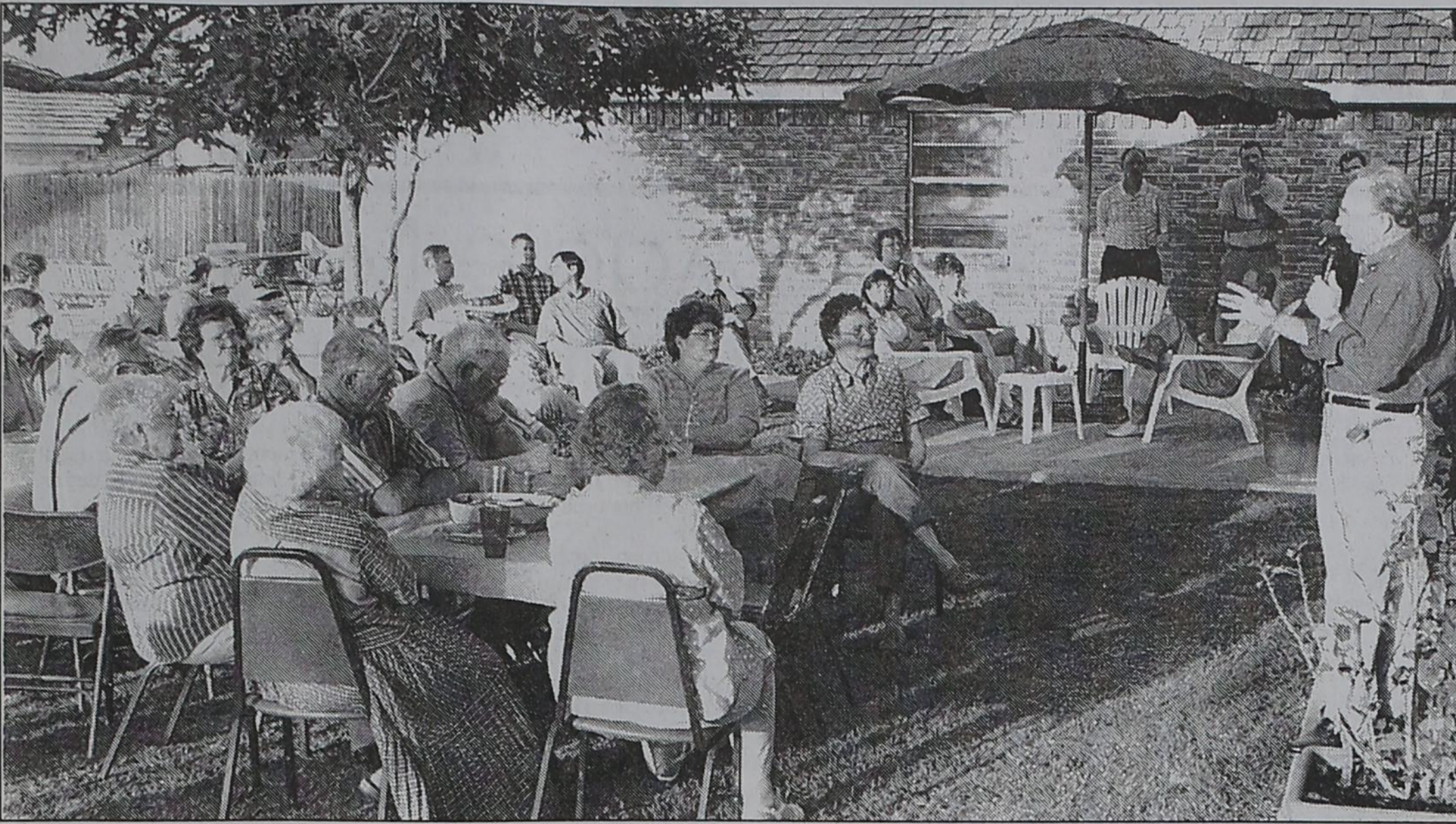
Jean Morris, Kay Kellar, Jo and I went to Amarillo to Gold's Gym recently. After exercising, we went to Marie Callender's. We saw Cory and Sidney Joiner there.

## Summer school parent meeting slated at RES

A parent meeting has been set for today (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria.

Parents of students who will be attending summer school are urged to attend. The summer school session is for students in grades K-8 who failed to promote to the next grade level.

Information at the meeting will include dates and times of the sessions and what will be expected of the students in order to be promoted to the next grade level.



DR. RUSSELL LONG, UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, SPEAKS TO WEST TEXAS A&M ALUMS AND BACKERS ... During backyard gathering at home of Ray and Barbara Bain recently

## WTAMU alums enjoy backyard party

West Texas A&M University's Alumni Association provided the food and university administrators and coaches served up the enthusiasm at a recent backyard party for local WTAMU alums and friends at the home of Ray and Barbara Bain, 1802 Butler Dr.

Among those on hand to meet local supporters of the university were the university president and his wife, the athletic director, head football coach, men's basketball coach, rodeo coach and alumni director.

More than 50 persons enjoyed fajitas with all the trimmings, along

with a large array of desserts.

University President Russell Long noted that several of the local alums at the backyard gathering represented three or four generations of their families who have attended or taught at WTAMU through the years.

Today, Dr. Long said, the university boasts one of the top three ranked college radio stations in the nation, a state-of-the-art computer science center and "one of the best music schools anywhere," as well as other attributes.

Also, he noted, a new 6,000-seat activities center should be completed in two to four years.

Helping to keep WTAMU in the national spotlight, he said, is the fact that every team sport at the university was nationally ranked during the past school year.

"And our rodeo team is headed to the national collegiate finals," Dr. Long said.

Athletic Director Ed Harris characterized the university as "a great

team with a great guy calling out instructions, and great coaches and players carrying out the program."

Harris said that Buffalo football and basketball games will be carried by KGNC Radio in Amarillo this fall and winter, as they were in the 1980s.

Explaining that all coaches also are classroom instructors, Harris said, "Academics are the steak and potatoes of the university; athletics are the salt and pepper."

Men's Basketball Coach Rick Cooper said he felt a special kinship with Dimmitt because several of his fellow coaches in the region are former Dimmitt players.

He reported that he has signed nine players on scholarship for next year, and said, "I'm excited about our squad and our upcoming year" in men's basketball.

Head Football Coach Stan McGarvey singled out Shirley Wise in the audience and noted that her late husband, Frank, was a record-setting punter for the Buffs.

"I'm real proud to be associated with the WTA&M football program," McGarvey said, and he vowed, "We're going to win the national championship."

Rodeo Coach Kelvin Sharp reported that WTAMU now has 43 students in its program and that eight members of the team will compete in the national collegiate finals.

He paid tribute to "Johnny (Trotter) and the folks at Bar G (Feed Yard)" for their support of the rodeo program, which is trying to build up the scholarship fund for rodeo athletes.

Alumni Association Director Keith Brown urged the formation of an alumni chapter here to "mobilize the troops," and told of the services which his office provides to alums.

The administrators and coaches singled out several individuals and families in the audience for their faithful support of the university through the years, and said that local residents are some of the WTAMU's main backers.



Stacy Davis

## Davis receives master's degree

Stacy Wilson Davis, a former Dimmitt resident, was one of the 166 students who graduated from College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. on May 14.

Davis, a 1988 graduate of Dimmitt High School, received her master of science in education degree in counseling. She obtained her bachelor of science in education degree in 1993 from West Texas A&M University.

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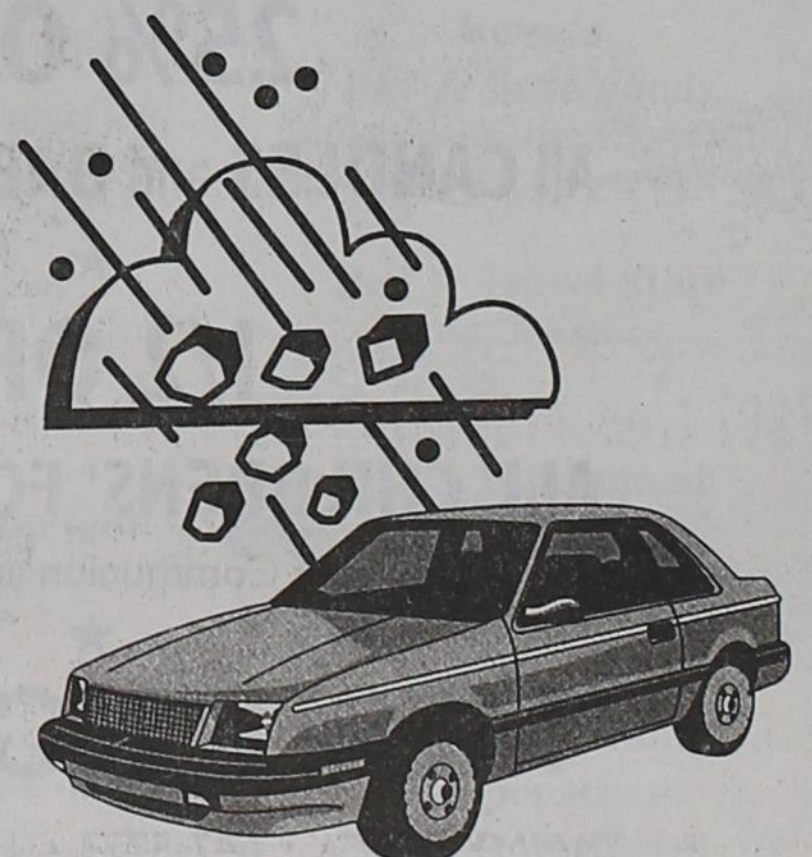
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*In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools*

Here are the morning supplemental snack and lunch menus for the Dimmitt summer feeding program for June 7-10.

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 TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, hay stack finger salad, apple juice, milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Assorted muffins, fruit cocktail, pineapple juice, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Sausage and biscuit, fresh bananas, orange juice, milk.

**Lunch**  
 MONDAY: Hot dog on bun with chili, pork and beans, corn chips, milk.  
 TUESDAY: Sloppy Jane on roll, French fries, cole slaw, milk.  
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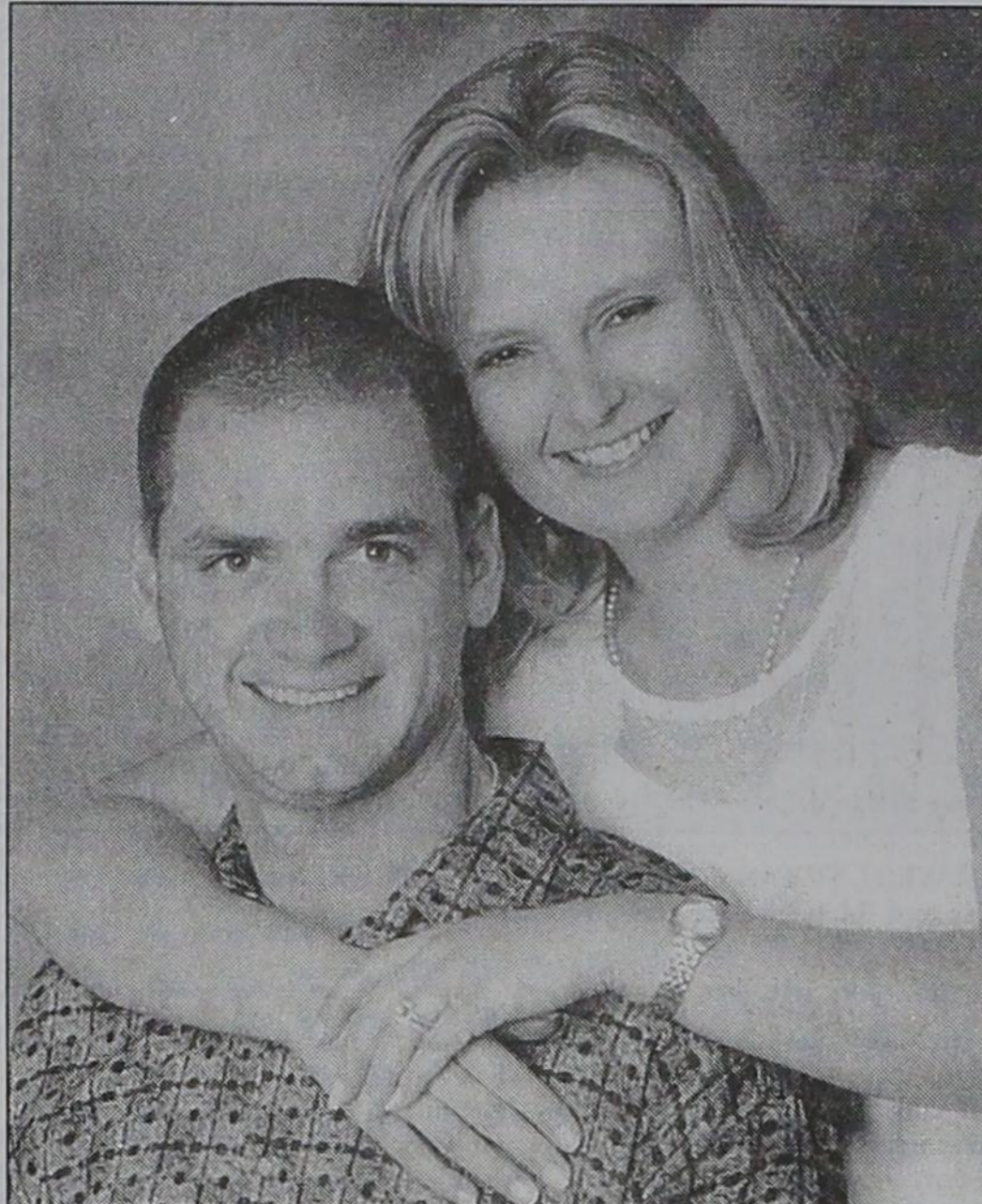
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MR. AND MRS. SHAWN KEITH POTTER  
 ... She's the former Amanda Joyce Odom.

## Mr. , Mrs. Shawn Potter establish Lubbock home

Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Keith Potter are at home in Lubbock after their May 21 wedding in Lubbock.

The bride is the former Amanda Joyce Odom, daughter of Jesse and Pam Odom of Dimmitt. She is the granddaughter of Mozelle Odom of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kersten of Wellington.

The groom is the son of Walt and Suzette Driscoll of Lubbock.

The couple were united in an in-

formal, private ceremony in Lubbock.

A 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School, the bride received her bachelor's degree in biology from Texas Tech University on May 15, and plans to teach in the Lubbock area.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Monterey High School in Lubbock and is employed by the City of Lubbock Fire Dept. He also is a partner in Custom Built Rain Gutters.

## Shower fetes Carrie Sheffy

A bridal shower honoring Carrie Sheffy was held May 22 in the country home of Kay Gfeller, west of Dimmitt.

Crystal and silver appointments were used to serve the guests mini cinnamon rolls, fresh mixed fruit and spiced tea or coffee. The serving table was covered with a white Battenburg lace cloth and adorned with a large crystal vase of Chicago peace roses accented with white Dutch iris.

The 36 hostesses presented the honoree with an upright vacuum cleaner complete with attachments.

Out of town guests included Juliane Vessels of Dallas, Estelle Davis of Hereford, Jo Ell Newman and Quinell Warren of Amarillo, Virginia and Rachel Malone and Beth Wallace of Tulia, Ellen Wallace and Chandler of Clovis, N.M.,

Tommie Bills of Earth, and Linda West, Janelle Dillehay, and Brooke Barnes and Lauren of Canyon.

Special guests from Dimmitt included grandmothers Polly Bell and Lois Scott.

## Air race will visit Hereford

The annual Marion Jayne Air Race will come through Hereford on Monday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The race starts in Gallup, N.M., and finishes in Bloomington, Ind., on June 10. There will be 35 planes taking part in the race for a \$25,000 top prize.

Time on the ground does not count in the race, so pilots can refuel at their leisure and spend the night in Hereford if they choose. Also, the planes are equalized with handicaps so that the race becomes a test of pilot skills.

The race is named for famed air race pilot Marion Jayne, who holds the world record for the most air race victories and is a nominee for the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

For more information about the race, call 806-258-7281.

## Aggie Moms honor students

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms met for an ice cream social May 23 at the home of Terri Johnson in Hereford, and honored several area students.

The group honored two \$500-scholarship recipients—Bryenne Bryant, daughter of Beverly and John David Bryant of Hereford, and Carey Lyles, son of Evelyn and Charles Lyles. Scholarship committee chairperson Diane Townsend of Dimmitt made a presentation to Bryant. Lyles was absent.

Group president Rita McDaniel presented a Texas A&M senior class seal paperweight to Moriah Olson, daughter of Ginger and Steve Olson of Hereford. Other local students who are seniors at A&M also will receive paperweights, including Brooke Bryant, daughter of the Bryants, and Coby Fangman, son of Karen and Donnie Fangman of Hereford.

Local students present at the meeting who will be attending Texas A&M for the 1999-2000 academic year included Christina Fierro of Coronado Acres, and a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School; and Amy Perrin and Meredith McGowan of Hereford. Their mothers were

invited to join the Aggie Moms.

Club members told about family members who have received degrees or other "Aggie brags."

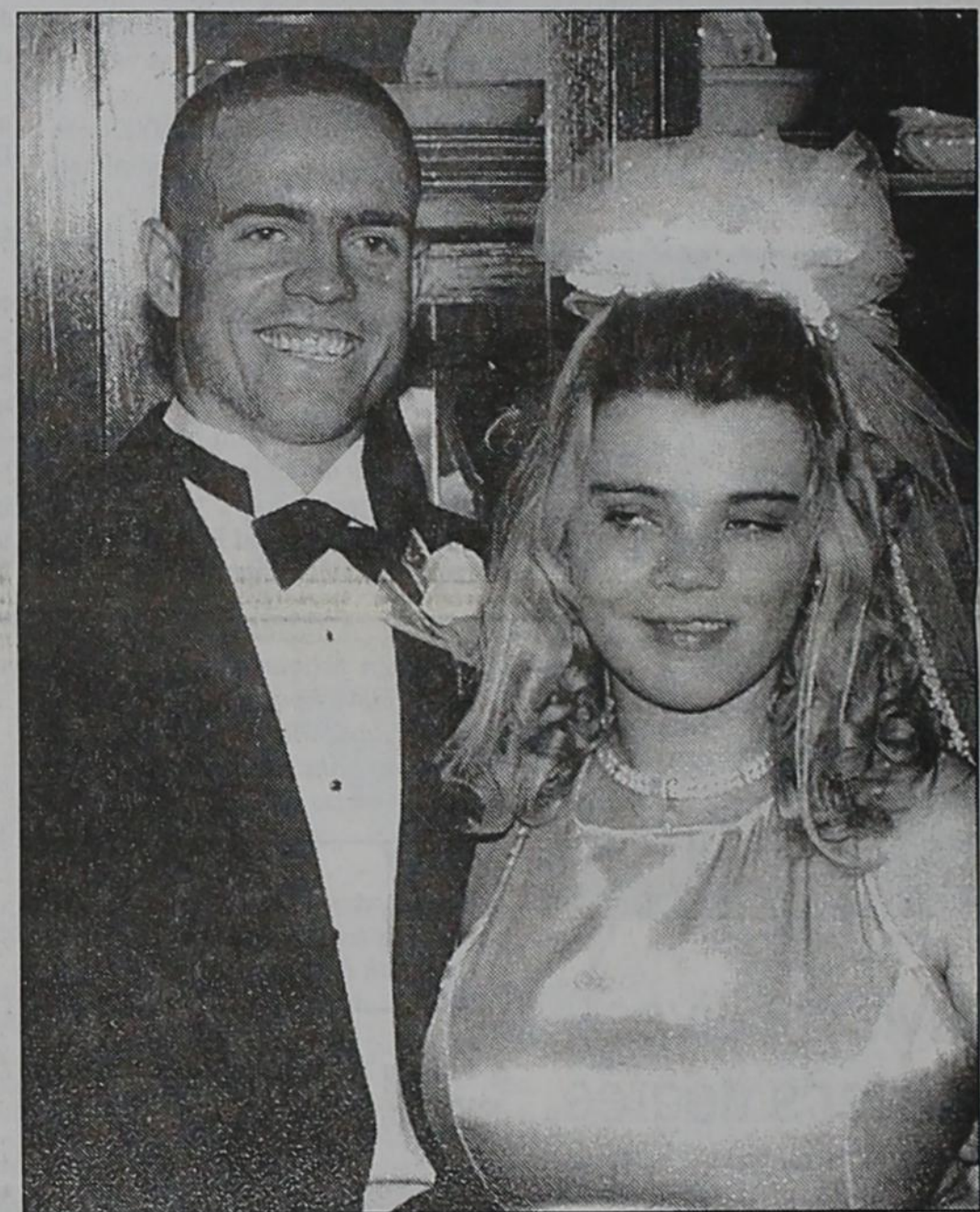
Attending from Dimmitt were McDaniel, and Townsend and her husband, Carter Townsend. From Coronado Acres was Santos Fierro.

The club was formed to support area Texas A&M students. Any Texas A&M mother interested in joining may contact McDaniel at 647-5522 or Evelyn Lyles at 364-8245 or Virginia Artho at 364-5429.

## Brockman listed at OU

Scott Francis Brockman of Nazareth has been listed on the honor roll for the spring semester at the University of Oklahoma Norman campus.

Students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled full time in at least 12 credit hours to be included on the honor roll.



MR. AND MRS. RICKY HERRING  
 ... She's the former Shana Walls.

## Mr. and Mrs. Herring at home in Plainview

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Herring are at home in Plainview following their May 16 wedding in Plainview.

The bride is the former Shana Walls, daughter of Pam Walls and the late Terry Walls of Plainview and the step-daughter of Vincent Brockman of Plainview.

The groom is the son of Richard and Pat Herring of Nazareth.

Rusty Gray, pastor of Tulia Christian Fellowship, officiated at the nuptial ceremony, which was held in the home of Lynn Fread of Plainview, the bride's aunt.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Leon Walls.

Serving as maid of honor was Ashley Daniels, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was the bride's daughter, Michaela Walls, 2. Guests were registered by the groom's sister, Tanya Herring. The groom's father served as best man.

The home was decorated with antiques and features a winding staircase that was decorated in spring flowers by the bride's aunt. The couple exchanged vows on the porch that encircles the whole house.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Nazareth High School and is employed at the Wal Mart Distribution Center in Plainview.

## Bingham receives nursing scholarship

Jaimye Bingham, a junior in the Division of Nursing at West Texas A&M University, has been awarded a scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Bingham, of Nazareth, received a \$1,200 Harrington Nursing Scholarship.

She was among 18 students who were honored with scholarships in the Division of Nursing.

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**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE**—Dawn Goolsby (left) is given a service award medallion by Paul Garcia, president of the Dimmitt school board, at the annual staff appreciation dinner held May 25. Goolsby is a fifth grade science teacher in Dimmitt Middle School. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Dimmitt school staff honored

The Dimmitt Independent School District staff appreciation dinner was held May 25. Teachers were given awards for years of service, and bonuses were given for perfect attendance.

Service medallions were given in five year increments. Paul Garcia, president of the School Board, handed out the awards.

Among the honorees was Dawn Goolsby, who received a medallion for 35 years of service, the highest level award given. Following her was Syd Lynn, who has been involved with the school for 30 years.

Other honorees included:

25 years—Ruth Cochran, Charles Cotter, and Gloria Hernandez.

20 years—Danna Beck, Gladys Fortenberry, Connie Merritt, George Rasor, Glenda Sims, Cathy Thames, and Sandy Vargas.

15 years—Lupe Acevedo, Sue

Atchley, Yvonne Huffines, Margarita Murrillo, Karen Roberson, and Elaine Steinle.

10 years—Virginia Nelson and Rufina Rodriguez.

5 years—Cinnamon Bradley, Ann Heck, Jennifer Howell, Charles Ketchum, Larry Leivas, Luis Luna, Kathy Lust, and Cory Lynch.

Those with perfect attendance are: Departmental: Charles Ketchum, food service; Roxie Louder, book-keeper (administration); Joe Mendez, technology director; Ramona Pompa, cafeteria; Diane Townsend, special education; and E.L. Washington, transportation.

Dimmitt High School: Cynthia Byers, English; Gumercindo Correa, custodian; Charles Cotter, industrial arts; Lanny Crow, coach; Cory Lynch, coach; Gus Ortiz, coach; Jennifer Smith, coach; and Rhenea Webb, computer lab.

Dimmitt Middle School: Billy Don Bell, industrial arts; Victor Cardona, custodian; Ruth Cochran, librarian; Vincent Fitzgerald, coach; Gladys Fortenberry, social studies; Elaine Hazel, music; Olivia Herrera, secretary; Jesus Quiroz, Spanish; Maria Reyes, special education aide; Guadalupe Silva, custodian; Sandy Vargas, custodian; and Winston Waggoner, reading.

Richardson Elementary School: Pat Keith, first grade; Tomasa Leal, teacher's aide; Edith Lewter, kitchen manager; Robyn Martin, special education; Mary Emma Matthews, teacher's aide; and Cathy Thames, second grade.

## Springlake sets parade, celebration

The Springlake community has scheduled its annual Independence Day parade and celebration for July 3.

To enter something in the parade, call the Springlake City Hall at 806-986-4211 and leave a message. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The parade will form up at 5:30 p.m. near the community building on South US 385 and will end up at the city park on West Hwy. 70.

A cake auction will begin right after the parade at the park and entertainment will be provided for the kids. Hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream will be served on a donation basis, followed by gospel singing and a community choir.

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be sponsored by the Senior Class. For more information, contact Susan Templeton at 806-965-2462 or 806-965-2338, or Connie Lewis at 806-257-3882 or 806-257-2048.

A fireworks display will begin at dark.

The "Citizen of the Year" award will be presented during the celebration. Nominations are now being accepted from among citizens of Springlake and the surrounding community.

Call the city hall to make a nomination or mail to City Hall, P.O. Box 249, 79082. The deadline for nominations is June 15.

## Urbina listed

Alejandro Urbina Jr. of Lubbock, the son of Alejandro and Maria Urbina of Hart, has been included on the President's List at Texas Tech University, where he is classified as a sophomore.

Urbina had a 4.0 grade point average to earn the honor. He is majoring in business.



Larry Buchanan

## Buchanan returns for show

Larry Buchanan and his band will perform in concert Saturday at the Carlile Theater in Dimmitt.

Tickets for the show are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Advance tickets can be obtained by calling 647-2091 or toll-free, 1-877-522-6302.

Buchanan's show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and it will feature a tribute to the legends of country music such as Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Lefty Frizzell, Eddy Arnold and others.

Buchanan is well-known throughout the Southwest and has performed at the Carlile Theater before. He will be backed by professional musicians

and will perform traditional country music.

The show will include a lot of humor. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the show.

According to a local spokesperson, Buchanan was well-received at a show he did for the local schools.

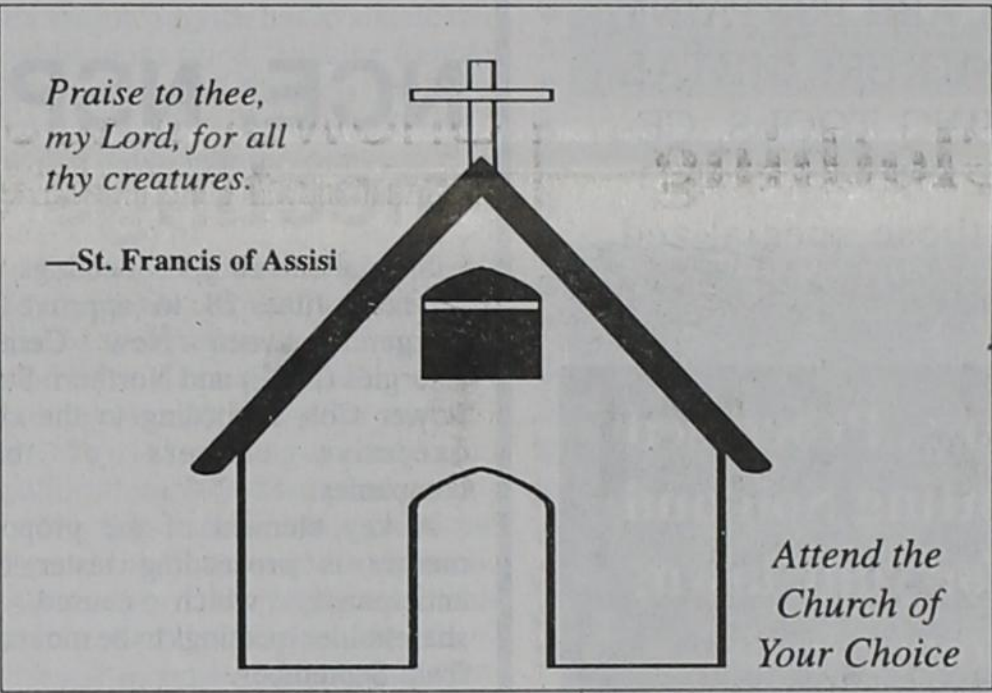
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**IN APPRECIATION**—Syd Lynn (left) is honored for her 30 years of service with the Dimmitt Independent School District at the annual staff appreciation dinner May 25. Presenting her with a medallion is DISD school board president Paul Garcia. Lynn teaches the Head Start class in Richardson Elementary School. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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## 'Balance' may be problem in corn

Farmers who may have used the herbicide "Balance" during spring planting of corn crops should be aware of a potential problem associated with this product, according to the Texas Corn Producers Board.

In a producer advisory sent to corn farmers throughout the region, the TCPB noted that a number of farmers in the High Plains have reported damaged and lost crops, apparently related to the use of the herbicide, which is manufactured by Rhone-Poulenc.

"We are working with Rhone-Poulenc to identify any problems with the product and to mitigate any losses

to corn farmers," said TCPB executive director Jerry Don Glover. "It is our hope that the losses are minimal."

Farmers who believe they've been adversely affected by the use of the herbicide "Balance" should contact the TCPB at 1-800-647-CORN. A centralized database is being established by TCPB to assist in identifying any problems associated with the use of "Balance," according to Glover.

When contacting TCPB, farmers should note the type of damage their crops have experienced and the number of acres, Glover said.

## Exemption issued for Tilt on sorghum

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced that the Texas Dept. of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption to use Tilt fungicide (propiconazole) to control ergot on grain sorghum. The specific exemption allows the use of Tilt until Dec. 31, 1999.

The specific exemption for Tilt, manufactured by Novartis, applies to all grain sorghum-producing counties in Texas. All applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label for Tilt fungicide, as well as restrictions within the EPA approval notice, must be followed.

Other restrictions include:  
 ♦ Tilt may be applied at the rate of 4 fluid ounces (0.113 lb. a.i.) per acre in a minimum of 15 gallons of water per acre when ground applica-

tion equipment is used, or in a minimum of 10 gallons of water per acre when aerial application equipment is used.

♦ Applications should be made only by certified applicators.

♦ Tilt should not be applied within 21 days prior to harvest.

♦ Tilt applications must not exceed more than 12 fluid ounces (0.339 lb. a.i.) per acre per season to control sorghum ergot.

♦ Crops intended for food, grazing or any component of animal feed or bedding should not be planted within 105 days of Tilt application, unless the crop appears on the product label.

♦ Tilt may be used on a maximum of 270,000 acres of grain sorghum in Texas.

For more information, contact your county Texas Agricultural Extension Office or TDA at (512) 463-7407.

## NCE, NSP shareholder meetings set June 28

Special shareholder meetings will be held June 28 to approve the merger between New Century Energies (NCE) and Northern States Power Co., according to the chief executive officers of both companies.

A key element of the proposed merger is proceeding faster than anticipated, which caused the shareholder meetings to be moved up from September.

Bill D. Helton, chairman and CEO of NCE, said his company's meeting will be held in Denver at 10 a.m. at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities. NSP's meeting will be at 8 a.m. at the company's offices in Minneapolis, Minn., according to

James J. Howard, president, chairman and CEO of NSP.

A joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the merger will be mailed to shareholders of both companies.

Helton said both companies believe the merger "will provide low-cost, quality service for our customers and ensure continued growth—in both regulated and non-regulated businesses—for our shareholders."

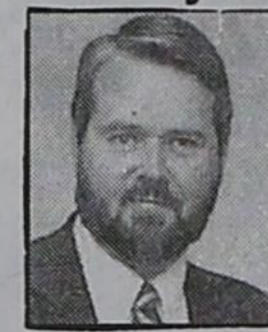
The proposed merger requires shareholder approval as well as approval or regulatory review by various state and federal agencies.

NCE's operating companies include Southwestern Public Service Co.

### Minding Your Own Business

## Are you dedicated or addicted?

By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

I am not often surprised by the questions my clients ask. However, a few weeks ago I was caught with no ready answer when a client asked, "Do you think I could be addicted to my business?"

Frankly, the thought of being addicted to one's work had never crossed my mind. Later, after some reflection, I realized that there might very well be a fine line between being a dedicated worker and becoming addicted to your work.

Workers who are dedicated to their work are usually referred to as committed, diligent or conscientious. Employers, associates and workers usually consider these traits positive.

On the other hand, the word addicted means to give in to a practice or habit, or having a habitual inclination toward any activity or behavior. You've heard the term "workaholic" used to describe those who have little focus other than their work. An addiction to work is usually considered negative. Therefore, let's look at some areas where going beyond dedication may not be good.

### Some danger signals

♦ **When was your last vacation?** If it has been more than 12 months since you were able to leave your job or business for even a few days of relaxation, you may be crossing the line.

♦ **Were you able to relax on your last vacation?** Did you really relax, or did you just move your office or business to a remote location? Did you spend your time on the phone checking on things at work? Did you constantly find yourself thinking of things that you meant to get done before you left? Did you have to check your e-mail every day? If you aren't able to relax away from work you may be on the verge of becoming work-obsessed.

♦ **Do you have trouble sleeping at night?** Do you have trouble getting to sleep because of work-related thoughts? Do you often wake up in the middle of the night remembering something that you neglected to do at work? Insomnia is a stress-related symptom of overwork.

♦ **Do the activities, accomplishments or failures of family members surprise you?** Do you ever find yourself asking, "When did this happen?" or, "I didn't know Johnny had a problem with math," or, "Soccer practice? Who is playing soccer?" if you're behind the curve on family matters, you may be in the addiction zone.

♦ **Do you find yourself "out of sorts" with everyone?** Are little things at work making you angry? Are you snapping or shouting at those around you? Does it seem no one does anything right anymore? Does it carry over to home, also? These may be work obsession danger signals.

♦ **When was the last time you visited with a neighbor?** If you leave home early and return late, you may never see your neighbors. If you're always at work on the weekends you may not even recognize your neighbor. Remember, there should be more to life than work even if you're a dedicated worker.

♦ **How many meals do you eat with your family?** If you leave early and often don't return until late, you may be putting a strain on your relationships. Your family may be growing closer to your neighbors than they are to you.

♦ **Are you often slowed down by nagging physical ailments or feeling depressed?** Headaches, sleepless nights, digestive problems, high blood pressure and mild depression are common symptoms of both stress and addiction.

After you've considered these questions, ask your spouse or a close friend to answer these same questions for you. If his or her answers contradict yours, don't be surprised. Remember, a classic symptom of addiction is denial.

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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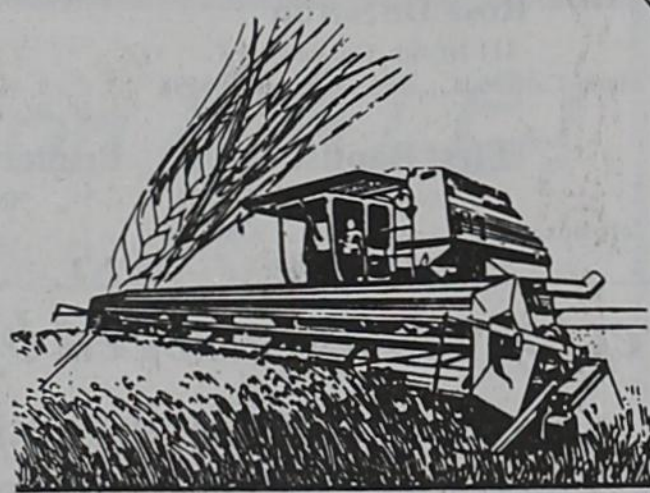
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## TAES receives HPUWCD grant

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock has received a \$10,000 grant from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

The grant will allow for evaluation of drought-tolerant corn varieties, determining which hybrids have the best potential for water conservation, and finding the best crop rotation to maximize profit for High Plains producers.

"Corn is a key crop for the Texas Panhandle, but corn hybrids currently used by High Plains producers have high water demands," said A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Water District manager. "Corn hybrids that require less water from irrigation and/or precipitation need to be evaluated for potential use within the region."

Under the project proposal, TAES researchers plan to grow drought-tolerant corn hybrids under various irrigation methods/scheduling to determine the best way to water them using an amount of water comparable to that used during cotton production.

"Drip irrigation, furrow irrigation, and a LEPA center pivot sprinkler are going to be used at a 12-acre site on the Helms Farm near Halfway. Only drip and furrow irrigation will be evaluated this year, since the LEPA system is not yet operational," Wyatt said.

Drip tape and irrigation controls have been donated and installed for use with this project. Additional funding has been provided by the Texas Corn Producers Board.

According to the researchers, the drip portion of the field will be irrigated at three-day intervals to provide 50% of the crop's potential evapotranspiration (PET) water losses, 75% of the PET, and 100% of the PET. Each furrow irrigation will apply 2.5 inches of irrigation water on a 10-day schedule. A weather station at Halfway will determine PET, and rain will be measured at the project site to assist researchers in making irrigation scheduling decisions.

"It is the Water District's hope that drought-tolerant corn germ plasm can be adapted for use on the Texas High Plains," said Wyatt. "Also, we hope this research determines the economic and agronomic feasibility of growing drought-tolerant corn in the region."

A progress report on this water conservation research is expected to be submitted to the district's board of directors early next year.



**CHOICE GRADUATE**—Tina Frazier (left) is a graduate of the CHOICE Program of Dimmitt High School. Here, she is awarded her diploma by Dimmitt School Board President Paul Garcia in ceremonies last Thursday afternoon. The program offers students an alternative way to earn final credits needed for graduation or to catch up to grade level. Frazier said her future plans include working for a while and then attending college.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Feed supplements not always cost effective

By TIM W. McALAVY

Feeding supplements to steers and heifers grazing wheat pasture isn't always a cost-effective way to boost gain-per-head, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service beef cattle specialist.

"Supplements for wheat pasture cattle have their place, but supplemental feeding isn't always economical," said Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist based in Amarillo. "Pencil out your supplement cost and then compare it to the market value of the additional weight gains it may produce."

"As a general rule of thumb, each pound of added weight gain is only worth about 50 cents because of price rollback in the market place. Aside from costs-returns, you also need to consider what those cattle really need in a good pasture supplement."

Most cattle grazing wheat pasture have relatively low supplemental mineral requirements. Cattle raisers should feed a mineral supplement calcium. Magnesium is of less concern for stocker cattle, but it is a good idea to feed supplements containing magnesium to mature cows

in order to prevent grass tetany, the specialist said.

"If adding weight gain is your goal, and the cost-returns are right, your supplement should contain an ionophore such as Rumensin or Bovatec," McCollum said. "Aside from promoting weight gain, experience has shown that Rumensin also helps prevent bloat. Bovatec is a good additive, too, but the cattle will need to ingest at or near the recommended dosage for it to readily enhance gain."

"Just remember that feeds containing ionophores are not cleared for use in self feeders. You have to limit daily intake in some way."

Energy and protein are two other key ingredients to consider, he said.

"Grain is a good source of energy, but low-quality roughage is not. Feeding low-quality roughage won't increase gains, but it can help prevent bloat," he said. "A wheat forage-only diet will produce better gains than a wheat forage-roughage diet. Wheat forage plus grain can be even better."

"Grain-based supplements that contain Rumensin or Bovatec are most economical when fed at relatively low rates—somewhere around two pounds per day per head, or less."

Feeding silage as a supplement is another option.

"You can stretch the available forage and perhaps use a higher stocking rate by feeding silage," he said. "It's also a good, nutritious feed that can help you maintain or boost gains during forage-deficit periods."

Feeding times can be just as important as supplement ingredients, the specialist said.

"Don't feed your supplement when the cattle are hungriest (early morning), or when they have already filled up on forage (afternoon)," McCollum said. "Wheat should be their main course meal. Feed your supplement as a dessert—after the cattle have finished their morning grazing."

(NOTE: Brand names appearing in this article are used for product identification. No endorsement is intended, nor is criticism of similar products not mentioned.)

The first "piggy" banks had nothing to do with the pig. They were containers made of a common clay called pygg.

## EPA denies request for use of propazine on sorghum

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has denied a request by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) for the use of propazine to control weeds in sorghum, either through a Section 18 specific exemption or a Section 24 © special local needs exemption.

After allowing the use of propazine for five years, EPA denied a request for a Section 18 in 1998 basing its denial on the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, which requires analysis of a pesticide's safety for aggregate exposure to residues. The law also requires EPA to use the standard of "a reasonable certainty of no harm" when evaluating exposure to pesticide residues.

Representatives from TDA wrote and phoned EPA officials to respond to all questions regarding the "reasonable certainty of no harm" standard. In a March 12 letter to TDA, the federal agency once again denied a request for a Section 18 or Section 24 (c).

TDA continues to work with EPA as it makes policy concerning how the Food Quality Protection Act affects pesticide use.

# TUNE IN!

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## KDHN 1470

# Cotton Talks

By SHAWN WADE

Weather in West Texas can be as unpredictable as a rattlesnake and, as producers across the area were reminded over the past five days, just as painful.

Storms, storms and more storms swept across the area beginning May 23, and the result has been five-day rainfall totals ranging from 1 to over 7 inches. Adding to the destruction were storms May 25 that brought hail, as big as softballs in some instances, which destroyed an unknown number of recently established cotton fields.

Totalling the damage will take several days. In the meantime, rain-slicked fields that cannot be protected are now vulnerable to high winds that could cause further damage to surviving crops from blowing dust and sand.

"Things change in a hurry on the Texas High Plains," said Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Last Week we needed just a little bit more moisture to get the last of our dryland acres planted and this week we are looking at the total devastation of hundreds of thousands of acres, mostly in established irrigated production areas, from repeated washing rains and hailstorms."

The timing of the destruction is presenting producers with difficult decisions. In areas that received the heaviest rainfall and suffered the most damage, producers could conceivably be kept out of the field until after the Federal Crop Insurance (FCI)-established final planting dates for cotton.

In that situation producers will have to decide whether to accept the insurance settlement on the cotton crop they lost and replant a secondary crop or attempt to replant cotton three to four weeks later than normal knowing that the replanted acreage's yield potential has been cut by as much as 50%.

Making the replant decision is never easy, unless the field is totally wiped out. The trickiest decisions are made on acreage that has sustained only partial damage.

To help producers make these assessments, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has available two publications titled "Making Replant Decisions" and "Effects of Stand Loss and Skips on Cotton Yield," which delve into the details to consider when assessing what that next step should be.

The publications are available from county Extension offices or can be accessed on the Internet at: soil-testing.tamu.edu/publications/800792-skips\_ne.pdf or soil-testing.tamu.edu/publications/800824-replant.pdf

The files can be downloaded and then viewed and printed with Adobe Acrobat or the freely available Adobe Acrobat Reader software.

After months of delays and com-

munication problems, the final phase of the 1998 Disaster Assistance Package passed by Congress last fall is set for delivery. For producers, the announcement is welcome news indeed.

USDA officials announced Thursday that information would be transferred to County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices on June 1. Producer payments will most likely start being sent out a couple of days later.

Producers with qualifying single or multi-year losses will receive payments totaling 84.9% of the amount of assistance they qualified for. This is markedly better than the projected 50% or lower payment

rate talked about during the sign-up period.

Over all, some \$2 billion in aid will go out to 266,000 producers the week of June 1 under this phase of the program.

Exactly why the payment rate was set as high as it was is still unknown. The 84.9% payment factor caught almost everyone off guard and provided a pleasant ending note to the overly long effort to get the emergency aid program delivered.

Timing of the payments for High Plains producers couldn't be much better as many producers are in the process of assessing damage from a week-long session of heavy rain and hail.

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# Sports



## Summer baseball program sets dates

Sign ups for the Junior Babe Ruth and Senior Babe Ruth baseball programs are underway, and a photo date for all Kids, Inc. baseball league participants has been slated.

The deadline to sign up for the Junior Babe Ruth league is Friday. Sign up forms are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.

The Junior Babe Ruth league is for players who just finished eighth or ninth grade and who are no older than 15.

There is a sign-up fee, which must be paid at the time of sign-up.

If any are interested in playing in the Senior Babe Ruth league, they

need to contact Randy Griffitt at 647-4114 and leave a message.

Those eligible for this league must be over age 15.

Local photographer Garner Ball will take individual and team photos of players in all leagues on June 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the baseball parks. This will be the only opportunity for these photos to be taken. Those wanting photos are asked to pay at the time the photos are ordered.

*A great lesson to learn is how to make a sound argument without making a lot of noise.*



GETTING IN SOME PRACTICE—The Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Country Club of Dimmitt. Shaking out the tournament banner

and getting in some putting practice are (from left) Max Newman, Don Cornett, Shelly Nutt (one of the organizers of the annual event), Brooke Parker, and Mike Cornett.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Schmucker wins award

Texas Tech junior point guard Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth received the W.W. "Windy" Nicklaus Memorial Award Thursday, May 27, at the Amarillo Chapter's Texas Tech Red Raider Club golf tournament.

The award goes to the top male and female Tech athlete from the Texas Panhandle. Nicklaus, a long-time Amarillo civic leader, was Tech's first football captain in 1925.

The 5-foot-9 Schmucker averaged 5.9 points per game and led the Lady Raiders with 188 assists as Tech won its second consecutive Big 12 Conference Championship. She was also an 81.8 percent free throw shooter.

## Cleveland Memorial Golf Tournament set Saturday, Sunday at Country Club

A two-man, low-ball golf tournament Saturday and Sunday at Country Club of Dimmitt will benefit the Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Entry fee is \$65 per person, and that includes a cart for both days and a steak supper for each player and a guest on Saturday evening. To enter the tournament, call the Country Club of Dimmitt at (806) 647-4502.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place finishes in each flight.

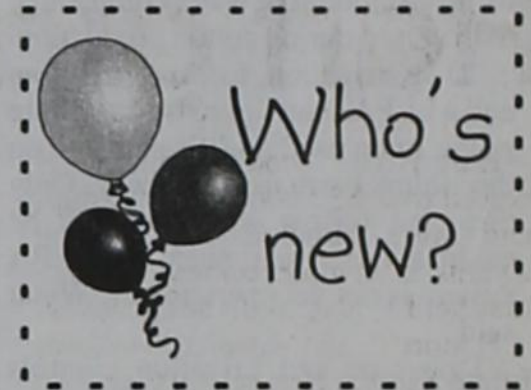
"Coach Cleveland was such an important part of this area for many,

many years," said Shelly Nutt, tournament director. "We want to issue a special invitation to Kenneth's former basketball players, fellow coaches and friends to participate in this worthwhile event. All golfers are welcome."

Even though the scholarship fund does not receive any of the entry fees from the tournament, funds are raised through sponsorships of various holes. A hole sponsorship is \$200 for holes 1, 9, 10 and 18 while other holes may be sponsored by \$100 each. Sponsorships are avail-

able on a first-come, first-serve basis and after all holes are sponsored, donations will be accepted to help offset tournament expenses such as the meal, putting green, driving range and more.

Those who would like to sponsor a hole should send a check payable to the Kenneth Cleveland Scholarship Fund and mail to First United Bank, PO Box 929, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. If you are a new sponsor or would like information on being a sponsor, call Nutt at (806) 647-4224.



### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Tyrell and Leslie Neal of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, KyShell Cheyenne Neal, born May 24 at 1:46 p.m. The infant weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces and was 22 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Marie Brown and Jerry Connor of Phoenix, Ariz. Maternal grandparents are the late Buelah Chavers and John Chavers, both of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Thelma Brown of Corsicana and Annie May of Phoenix.

It's a boy, Christopher Lee Reyes, for Luis Reyes and Christy Reyes of Dimmitt. The baby was born May 26 at 12:02 a.m., weighing 8 pounds and 1.8 ounces and measuring 22 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Arturo and Anna Reyes of Dimmitt, and maternal grandparents are Leo and Maria Reyes of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Sofia and Andres Navarro Sr. of Dimmitt and Hester Reyes of Dimmitt.

It's a boy, Haydin Blaiz Niño, for Crystal and Luis Niño of Dimmitt. The baby was born May 30 at 3:44 a.m. He weighed 5 pounds and 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Jesse and Elsa Garcia and John and Felis Niño, all of Dimmitt.

## Ag singles set meeting

Texas Singles in Agriculture will hold a series of activities in the Amarillo/Palo Duro area June 25-27.

Events will include dancing, tours, attendance at the show "TEXAS," and a cowboy breakfast.

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

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

## AC plans free jazz

Treat yourself to great jazz at 8 p.m. each Tuesday in June at the Amarillo College outdoor amphitheatre just outside the new Experimental Theatre.

Relax and bring along a blanket to enjoy the free music.



BOYS' MINOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS for the Dimmitt Kids, Inc. basketball program is the team sponsored by Roy's Plumbing. Shown are (front, from left) Caleb Snitker, Diego Salinas and Marcos Herrera; and (back, from left) George Rasor, assistant coach, Michael Rasor, Beau Gonzales, Rocky Navarro, Houston Sutton, and Eddie Sutton, coach.

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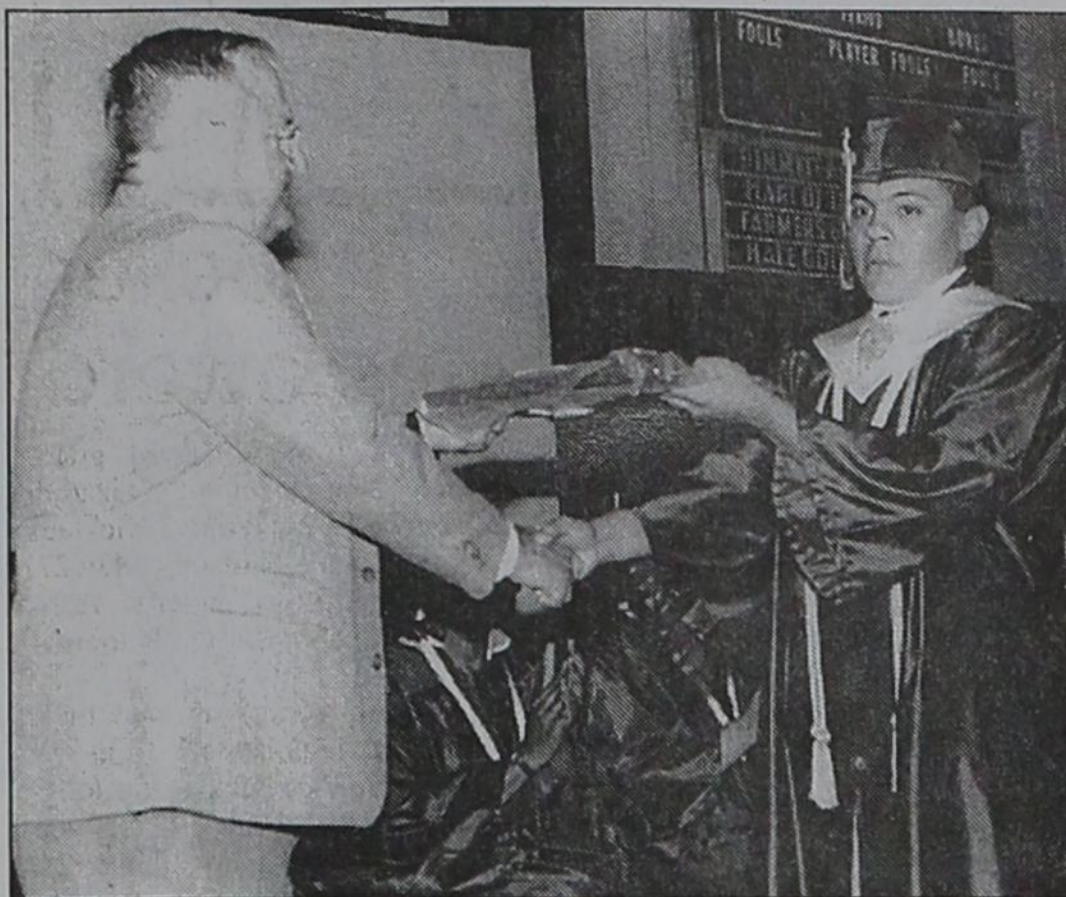
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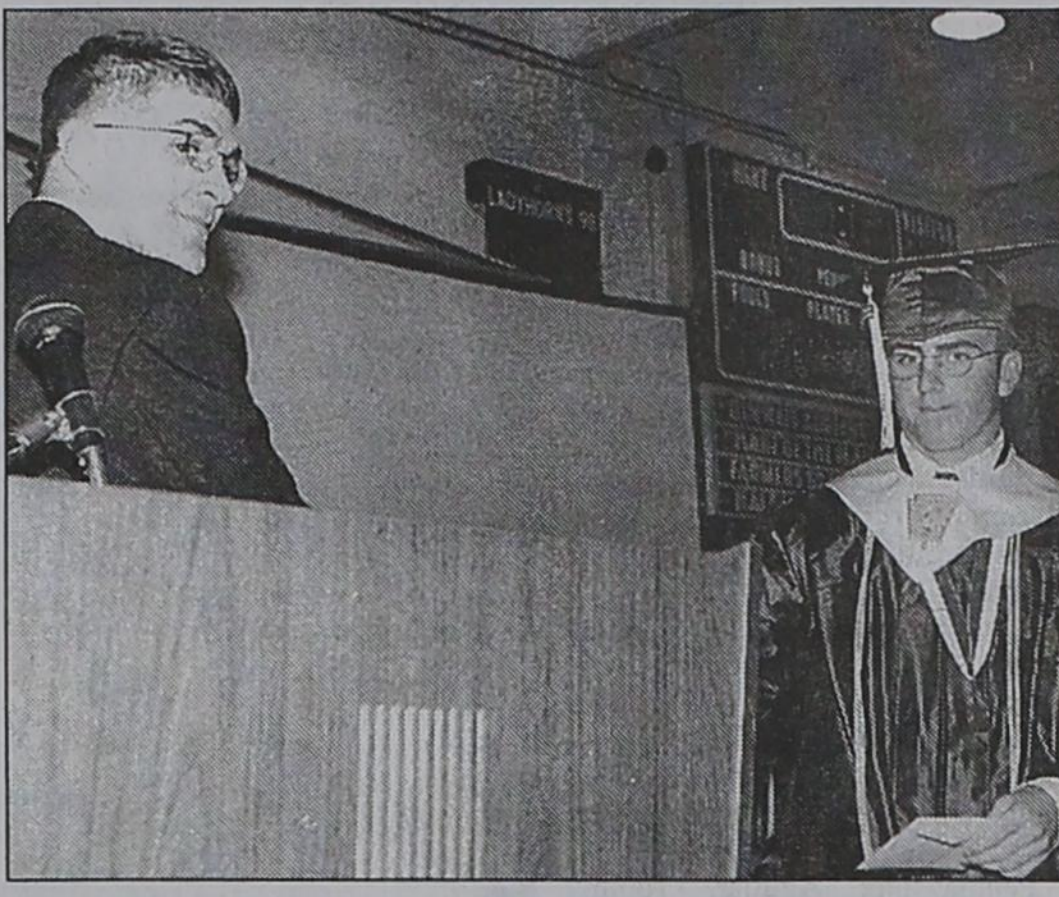
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**HART HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN** Efrain Salazar (right) is presented with an award by Hart High School Principal Digger Elam during Hart's graduation ceremonies. Salazar also received honor certificates, and scholarships from the Lions Club, the Castro County Texas Tech Exes Assoc., and Upward Bound.

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**JARED AVEN** (right) receives a \$500 scholarship from Hale County State Bank presented by Marty Gerber at Hart High School's graduation ceremonies Friday night. Aven also received a Francis Jones Methodist Church Scholarship and the Zealot Club Scholarship, in addition to the "I Dare You" Award.

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**HART HIGH SCHOOL SALUTATORIAN** Ysa Rodriguez (right) receives a WITH Association Scholarship presented by Aurelia Perez. Rodriguez also received a Hart Lions Club Scholarship and the Hart Lions Club Sweetheart Scholarship.

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# Hart graduates receive awards

Hart High School graduates received over \$32,000 in scholarships and were honored with several awards at commencement ceremonies held Friday night at the school.

Honored as Valedictorian was Efrain Salazar. Hart school counselor Cheryl Upshaw announced that Salazar also was the recipient of a State of Texas Honor Graduate Certificate and a Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Commended Scholar Certificate.

Ysa Rodriguez was recognized as the Salutatorian.

Richard Entrekain announced that

Valerie Key and T.R. George were the recipients of the American Legion Americanism Awards.

Patsy Entrekain announced the winners of Francis Jones Methodist Church Scholarships for \$100 each—Jared Aven and George.

Sally George announced a \$250 scholarship to Key from the Texas Association of Student Councils.

The Hale County State Bank Scholarship for \$500 was presented by Marty Gerber to Aven.

WITH Association Scholarships for \$250 each were announced by Aurelia Perez. They went to George

and Rodriguez. Shirley Barnes presented a \$300 scholarship on behalf of the Zealot Club to Aven.

Doyle K. Davis announced several scholarships from the Hart Lions Club. Rodriguez received the Lions Club Sweetheart Scholarship for \$200. She also received another \$500 scholarship, Zachary Smith received \$100, Key received \$200, Justin Hawkins received \$300, and Salazar received \$1,000.

The Shandi McLain Memorial Scholarship for \$150 went to Key, and the Wade Mills Memorial Schol-

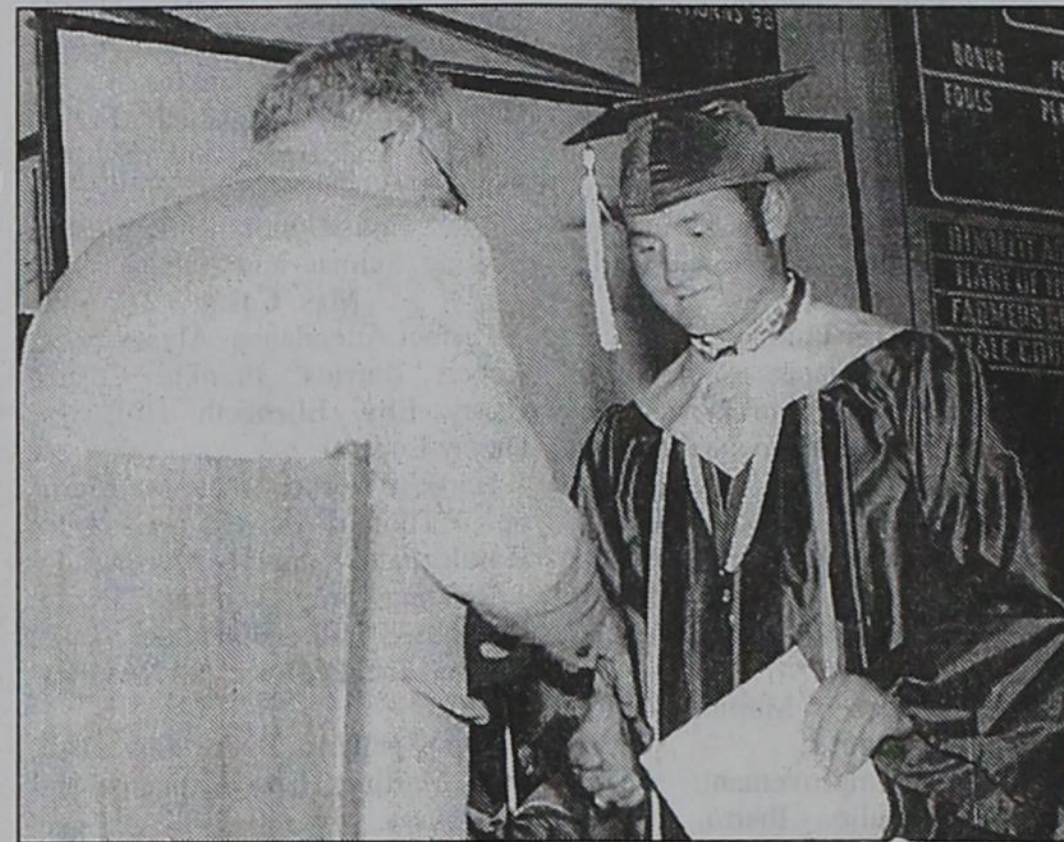
arship in the same amount was presented to Joshua Beanes.

The Castro County Texas Tech Exes Association presented a \$350 scholarship to Salazar.

Upshaw announced that the Career Colleges and Schools of Texas presented two \$1,000 scholarships to Ludi Montemayor and Lucas Anzaldua.

The Upward Bound program awarded scholarships for \$1,420 to Salazar and Angelica Holguin.

Certificates for the William Danforth "I Dare You" Awards went to Aven and Veronica Gonzales.



**T.R. GEORGE** (right) receives an American Legion Americanism Award presented by Richard Entrekain at the Hart graduation ceremonies Friday night. George also received a Francis Jones Methodist Church Scholarship and a WITH Association Scholarship.

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## Police Calls

Dennis Hill of Hart called deputies May 25 to report that a person trespassed on private property east of Hart on CR 625.

A report of a dog bite was taken at Plains Memorial Hospital on Saturday. Lonnie Davis of Hart was bitten by the family pet at his residence, but received only a minor injury. The dog was up to date on its shots, but is being held for observation.

Gloria Sanchez, an employee at Fast Stop, told police that a woman pumped \$7-worth of fuel last Thursday morning and left without paying.

A Dimmitt man, 24, was jailed May 26 on charges of assault with bodily injury/family member.

Jailed during the past week in incidents involving alcohol:

—May 25, a Hereford man, 50, for DWI, second offense.

—Saturday, a Plainview man, 37, for public intoxication; a Dimmitt man, 56, for DWI, first offense; and a 50-year-old Dimmitt man for public intoxication.

—Monday, an Amarillo man, 31, for DWI, second offense.

Jailed on warrants or for violation of probation:

—May 26, a Dimmitt man, 18, on a warrant from indictment for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/organized crime.

—Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 22, on a warrant on a motion to revoke probation; and a 38-year-old Amarillo man on a warrant for forgery and affidavit of surety to surrender.

—Friday, a 17-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/organized crime.

—Monday, a Dimmitt man, 31, on traffic warrants for no insurance and no driver's license.

# Fitzgerald issues appeal in fight against crime

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Fitzgerald today announced that Castro County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$20. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions are tax deductible.

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the Associate Membership drive has taken on greater importance than before," said Sheriff Fitzgerald. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work, and play."

Individuals not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: P.O. Box 4488, Austin, TX., 78765.

Meanwhile, residents wishing to become Associate Members can also sign up for the program by contacting the Sheriff's office.

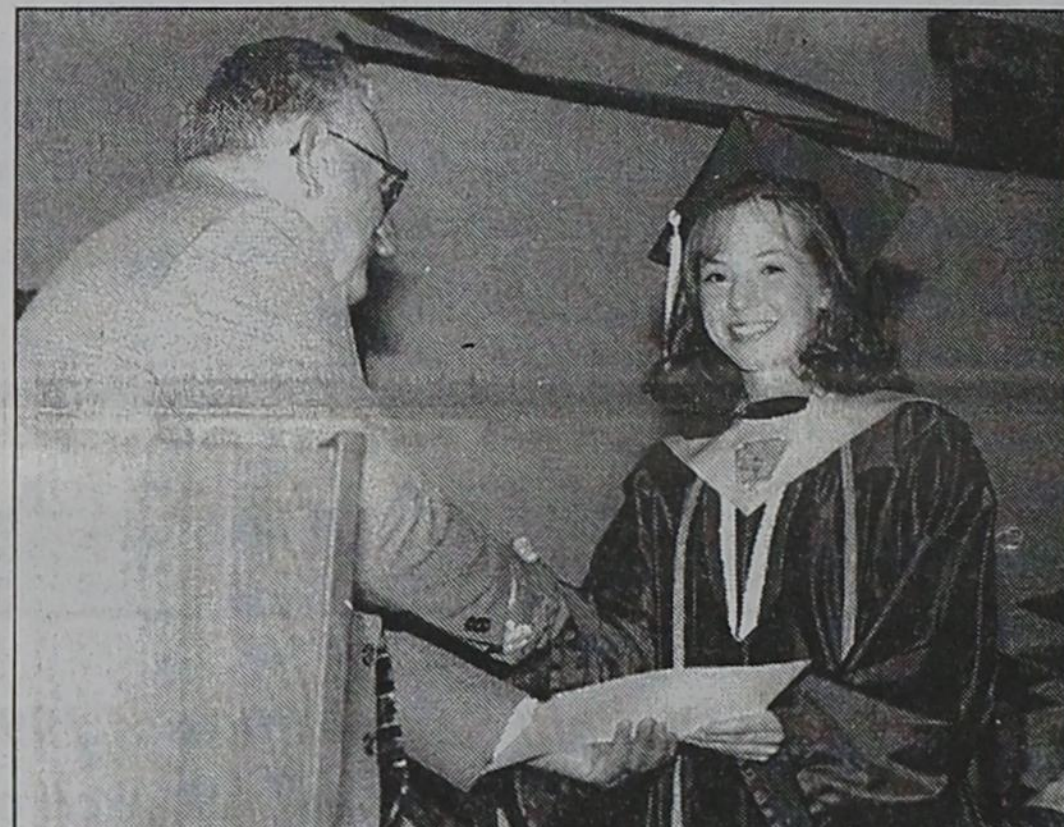
The Associate Membership Program was begun to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger

public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Fitzgerald. "I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as Executive Director.

Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses our name, please report it to the local Sheriff or District Attorney.



**AMERICAN LEGION AMERICANISM AWARD** winner Valerie Key (right) is presented with a certificate by Richard Entrekain at the Hart graduation ceremonies Friday night. Key also received scholarships from the Texas Association of Student Councils, the Hart Lions Club, and the Shandi McLain Memorial Scholarship.

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## Food safety class slated

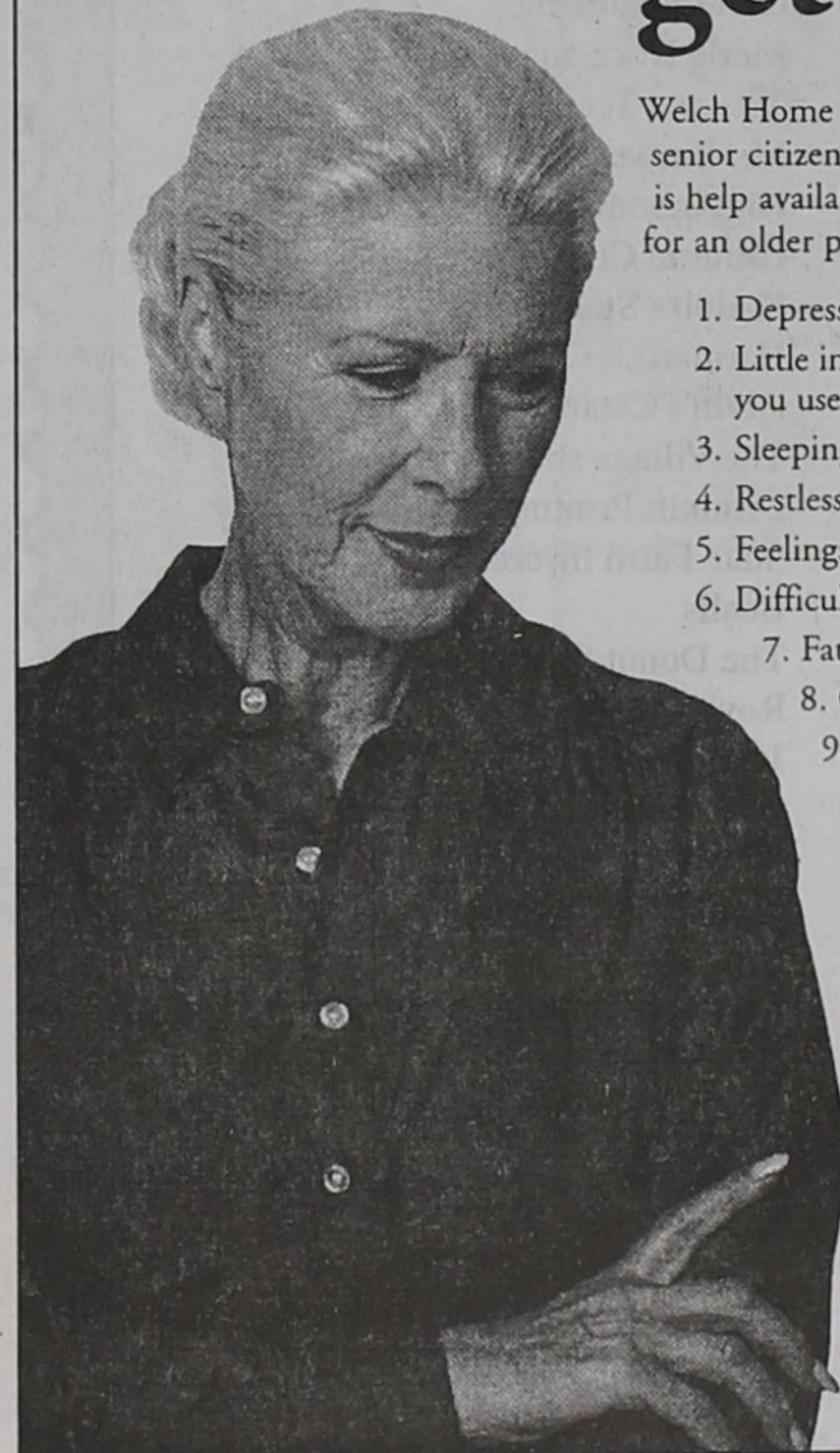
Marilyn Neal, County Extension Agent, home economics, will conduct a food safety class on June 17 at 6:30 p.m. for anyone who will be doing any group cooking.

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

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

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

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Welch Home Place wants you to know that even though senior citizens have a higher incidence of depression, there is help available. If you are a senior citizen or the caregiver for an older person, you should know the signs:

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9. Thoughts of death or suicide

Depression can be treated. Please call your doctor for additional information or contact Welch Home Place.

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# Second graders win awards

The Richardson Elementary second grade teachers announced their end of school awards recently. The honors included perfect attendance, hardest workers, reading improvement, top spellers, penmanship, and year end honor roll. The recipients are listed by class.

**Mrs. Lynch**  
 Perfect Attendance: Raquel Barrios, Cassandra Chavers, Damian Gauna, Sam Hazel, Joshua Hill, Kellie Martinez, P.J. Perez, Jazzalyn Sepeda, and Keshia Smith.  
 Hardest Worker: Jeffrey Addison.  
 Reading Improvement: Addison, Fernando Fernandez, Chase Hatla, Hazel, Hill, Martinez, Stephanie Mendoza, Anthony Puente, Isidro Rodriguez, Barrios, Laura Rodriguez, Shawn Ryan, Sepeda, Smith, and Hanna Wise.

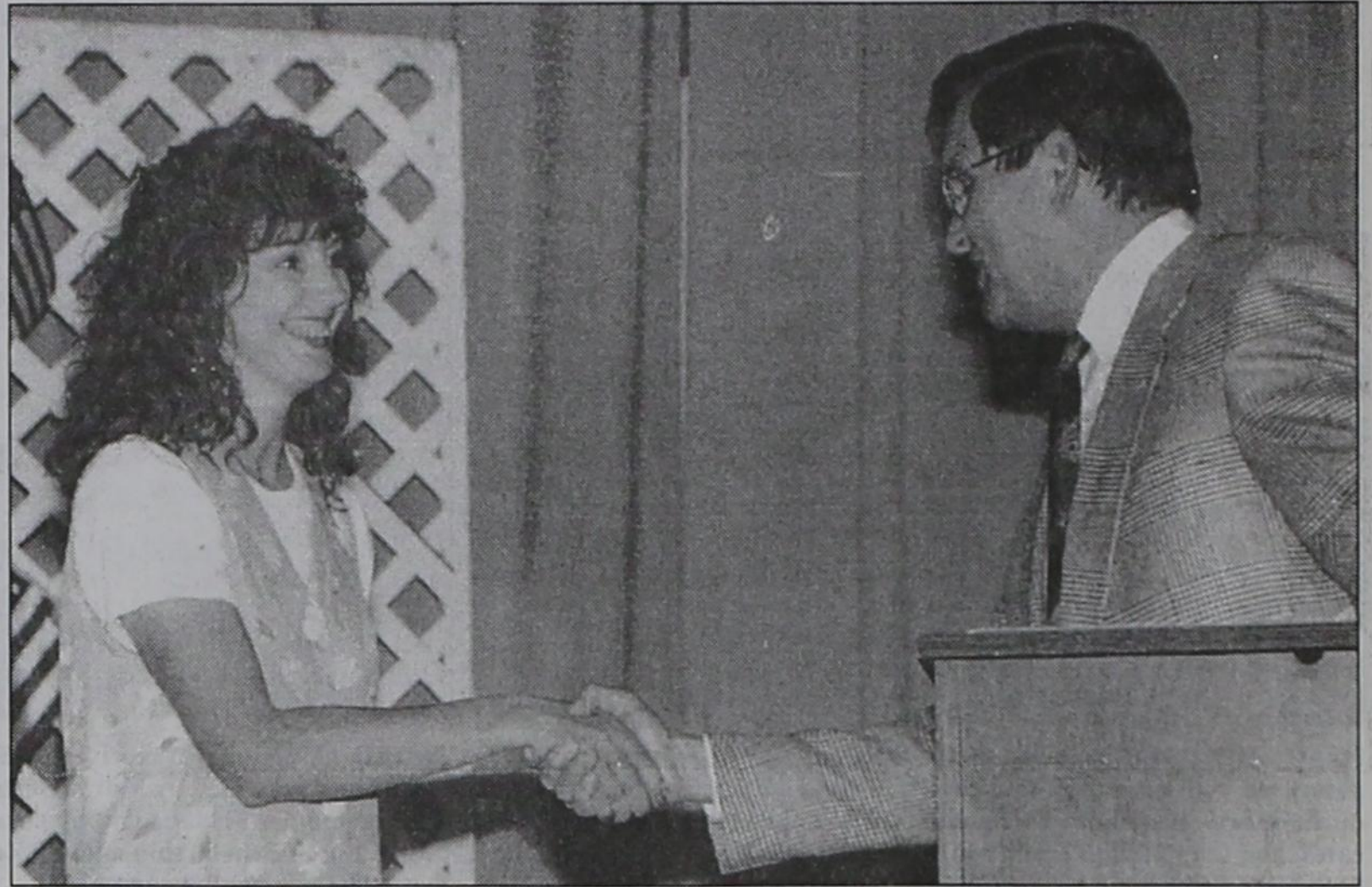
Top Spellers: Chavers, Gauna, Hatla, Hazel, Hill, Martinez, Mendoza, Perez, Puente, Laura Rodriguez, Ryan, Sepeda, Smith, and Wise.  
 Penmanship: Isidro Rodriguez, Hill, and Hatla.  
 Year End Honor Roll: Ryan, Wise, Smith, Laura Rodriguez, Puente, Perez, Martinez, Hill, Hazel, Hatla, and Sepeda.

**Miss Thames**  
 Perfect Attendance: Paul Acker, Anthony Fuentes, John David Gonzalez, Javier Ibarra, Michael Martin, Kathleen Martinez, Bailey Nutt, Devonee Ortiz, Brooke Parker, Stephanie Sanchez, and Viviana Quiroz.  
 Perfect Attendance for the Year: Acker and Parker.  
 Hardest Workers: Martinez and O' Bryan Dominguez.  
 Reading Improvement: Acker, Robert Arguijo, Ibarra, Jessica Leivas, Martin, Nutt, Ally Oliviero, Ortiz, Parker, Dominguez, and Quiroz.

Top Spellers: Acker, Anthony Fuentes, Gonzales, Ibarra, Martinez, Nutt, Oliviero, Ortiz, Parker, Sanchez, and Quiroz.  
 Penmanship: Acker, Arguijo, Anthony Fuentes, Jordan Fuentes, Leivas, Martin, Nutt, Ortiz, Parker, Sanchez, and Quiroz.  
 Year End Honor Roll: Acker, Nutt, Ortiz, and Parker.  
**Mrs. Mann**  
 Perfect Attendance: Stephanie Castro, Jake Ebeling, Noe Lopez, Erik Porras, Alyssa Saenz, Cornelio Salinas, and Ray Velez.  
 Perfect Attendance for Year: Noe Lopez and Saenz.  
 Hardest Workers: Ebeling and Saenz.  
 Reading Improvement: Castro, Lindsey Cates, Ebeling, Alex Lopez, Martin Lopez, Noe Puente, Salinas, and Velez.  
 Math Improvement: Holly Bryan and Jessica Dennis.  
 Top Spellers: Castro, Linda Calderon, Porras, Salinas, Ethan Wales, and Carolyn Jenkins.  
 Penmanship: Agustina Farias, Salinas, Calderon, and Tabatha Esquivel.  
 Year End Honor Roll: Castro, Ebeling, Salinas, and Wales.  
**Mrs. Casas**  
 Perfect Attendance: Alyssa Back, Robert Barrios, Frankie Castro, Casey Eby, Elizabeth Hill, and Danny Lopez.  
 Hardest Workers: Klarissa Martinez, Thomas Rivera, Casandra Rosalez, and Kimberly Martinez.  
 Reading Improvement: Dustin Venhaus, Hill, Jonathan Lule, Rivera, Joe Pedrosa and Matthew Sheffy.  
 Top Spellers: Back, Eby, Hill, Lule, Martinez, Isaac Sifuentez, and Venhaus.  
 Penmanship: Sifuentez and Andrew Larra.  
 Year End Honor Roll: Back, Eby, Hill, Lule, Martinez, and Venhaus.

**Mrs. Howell**  
 Perfect Attendance: Mayra Aguilar, Austin Heard, Yvonne Lopez, Stormy Nutt, Chance Schilling, Mark Sheffy, and Natividad Sias.  
 Perfect Attendance for Year: Heard and Schilling.  
 Hardest Workers: Aguilar, Jeremy Barrera, Brittany Flores, Lopez, Nutt, Schilling, Sheffy, and Nick Tijerina.  
 Reading Improvement: Aguilar, Sally Arce, Nutt, Schilling, and Sheffy.  
 Top Spellers: Aguilar, Flores, Heard, Anthony Jackson, Lopez, Nutt, Schilling, Mona Sifuentez, Isaac Trevino, and Sheffy.  
 Penmanship: Aguilar, Tommy Howell, Nutt, Schilling, and Tijerina.  
 Year End Honor Roll: Aguilar, Barrera, Flores, Heard, Jackson, Nutt, Schilling, and Trevino.

**Mr. Luna**  
 Perfect Attendance: Juana Arredondo, Fabiola Gomez, and Domingo Rodriguez.  
 Hardest Workers: Arredondo and Gomez.  
 Reading Improvement: Arredondo and Rodriguez.  
 Top Spellers: Gomez.  
 Penmanship: Arredondo, Gomez, and Rogelio Hernandez.  
 Year End Honor Roll: Gomez.



**HOORAY FOR EXCELLENCE**—Harold Scroggins (right) of the Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corp. presents checks in the amount of \$1,150 to Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary third grade teacher Elaine

Steinle on behalf of her Gifted/Talented students who entered the Hooray for Excellence in Education contest and won local, area and state prizes. The presentation was made last week at a school assembly.

# DMS accelerated reader winners are honored

Dimmitt Middle School released its accelerated reader point leaders. These are the students who tallied 100 points or more for AR. Altogether, DMS readers earned 32,471.1 points.

The top ten readers received Dimmitt Dollar awards. The top reader—Garrett Behrends—received \$75 in Dimmitt Dollars. Those receiving \$25 in Dimmitt Dollars were Lizbeth Gonzalez, Desiree Sanchez, Elias Zepeda, Kristy Reyes, Nyssa Martinez, Henry Ramirez, M'Lissa Hufhines, Haylie Wise, and Ross Hunter.

All readers receiving recognition are listed below by point level and grade level:

- 400 Point Club**
- 5th: Garrett Behrends.
- 300 Point Club**
- 5th: Behrends and Desiree Sanchez.
- 7th: Lizbeth Gonzalez
- 200 Point Club**
- 4th: Judith Meraz.

5th: Behrends, Vanessa Caballero, Fabian Diaz, Ross Hunter, Kristy Reyes, Desiree Sanchez, and Hayli Wise.

6th: Holly Gilliam, Nyssa Martinez, Henry Ramirez, Alejandra Velasquez, and Elias Zepeda.

7th: Gonzales.

8th: M'Lissa Hufhines, Priscilla Lopez, and Heather Snitker.

**100 Point Club**

4th: Autumn Crow, Meraz, and Clarissa Sanchez.

5th: Fernando Aguero, Kathy Amador, Behrends, Caballero, Greg Calderon, Melissa Campos, Diaz, Billy Dollar, Monica Dozal, Mandi Ebeling, Stephanie Enriquez, Taylor Ferguson, Darcy Fisher, Apolonia Flores, Jonathan Flores, Jennifer Fuentes, Josh Green, Haley Heard, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, Rodrigo Jackson, Sarah Lopez, Casey Maurer, Pedro Mireles, Samantha Neri, Ashlee Nino, Shauna Nutt, Jessica Ortega,

Nicholas Ortiz, Sabrena Patlan, Gerardo Peña, Dakota Pitcock, Kendra Puente, Maria Quintana, Jose Ramirez, Laura Rasor, Angelica Reyes, Kristy Reyes, Desiree Sanchez, Ivy Sanchez, Sergio Saucedo, Tucker Self, Juan Sifuentes, Brenda Silva, David Stephens, Zjhon Smothermon, Pedro Velez, Tyler Waggoner, Brittany Williams, Wise, and Morgan Wright.

6th: Raul Barrios, Corrie Black, Raynee Bradley, Shelley Burk, Jaime Cavazos, Jessica Delgado, Marissa Demster, Gilliam, Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Brenda Ramirez, Henry Ramirez, Nikita Ross, Velasquez, and Zepeda.

7th: Gonzalez and Stephanie Hazel.

8th: Amber Bell, Jaclyn Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Juan Diaz, Priscilla Doñes, Gina Gonzales, Hufhines, Ashley Irons, Natalie Jimenez, Lopez, Carri Meeks, Jill Merritt, Melissa Rueda, Snitker, and Jenna Steinle.

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1995 Cadillac Sedan DeVille	stk# 333GMA, b.lue.	\$15,995	\$12,780	1994 Plymouth Grand Voyager	stk# 6545TA, blue	\$7,695	\$6,985
1998 Chevrolet Malibu	stk# 338GM, maroon	\$15,995	\$12,990	1993 Ford Explorer	stk# 6798TA, wt. te.	\$11,995	\$9,445
1997 Dodge Intrepid	stk# 6747TA, slate	\$14,995	\$11,880	1996 Ford Windstar Van	stk# 327GMA, blue	\$14,495	\$11,440
1997 Chevrolet Malibu	stk# 334GMB, green	\$13,995	\$11,580	1994 Ford Aerostar Van	stk# 6791GB, gray	\$10,995	\$7,640
1997 Buick Park Ave	stk# 6797BA, red	\$19,995	\$16,775	1998 Chevrolet Ext. Cab Pk	stk# 6866TB, blue-green	\$20,995	\$18,940
1985 Lincoln Continental	stk# 315GMA, maroon	\$2,995	\$1,890	1995 Ford F150 4x4	stk# 6966TA, white	\$10,995	\$8,250
1998 Chevrolet Lumina	stk# 345GM, wt. te.	\$15,995	\$13,460	1998 Oldsmobile Bravada	stk# 350GM, red	\$23,995	\$21,450
1996 Pontiac Firebird	stk# 346GM, black	\$14,995	\$13,945	1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee	stk# 6617CA, 4dr, green	\$19,995	\$18,970
1998 Buick Park Ave.	stk# 347GM, pewter	\$24,995	\$21,440	1996 Dodge Ram Ext. Cab	stk# 7029TA, green	\$16,995	\$15,240
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# Obituaries

## Ivor Bagwell

Funeral services for Ivor Bagwell, 96, a pioneer Castro County farmer, were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Bagwell died May 29 in Lubbock.

He was born July 2, 1901, in Indian Territory, Okla. He was raised in Floydada and moved to Castro County in 1927.

He married Hazel Dunn on Nov. 19, 1933, in Hereford. She preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 1998.

Mr. Bagwell was a farmer in the Bethel community. He and his brother, George, were among the county's first aviators.

He had served on the Dimmitt School Board and on the board of Dimmitt Consumers, Inc. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

He is survived by a son, Milton Bagwell of Dimmitt; a daughter, Nelda Fallwell of Richardson; a sister, Mildred Gullion of Weatherford; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, 1201 Western Circle Dr., Dimmitt 79027.

## Lena Benton

Funeral services for Lena Klattenhoff Benton, 93, of Lubbock, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning at the First United Methodist Church of Lubbock's Bowman Chapel with Rev. William R. Fleming and Rev. Elizabeth Abraham officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park of Lubbock under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Benton died May 28 at her residence in Lubbock.

She was born Sept. 9, 1905, in Taylor. She married Marion B. Benton on Aug. 13, 1929, in Posey. He preceded her in death on July 17, 1977. She moved to Lubbock County in 1911 and graduated from Slaton High School. She attended Texas Tech University in 1926. Mrs. Benton moved to Dimmitt in 1929 and moved to Lubbock in 1948. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lubbock and the Lubbock Women's Club. She was a former president of Westerners Mother's Club.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Benton, on Feb. 3, 1993.

Survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Helen B. and Don Williams of Little Rock, Ark.,

and Ruth Ann and Mac Hill of Cleburne; a daughter-in-law, Martie Benton of Dimmitt; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock 79453, or to a favorite charity.

## Melba M. Howell

Funeral services for Melba M. Howell, 84, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Howell died May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

She was born Feb. 28, 1915, in Crowell, and married Henry Howell there on March 28, 1937. They moved to Dimmitt in 1938. Mrs. Howell was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Howell of Dimmitt; a son, Don Howell of Dimmitt; a daughter, Marilyn Gossett of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.; a sister, Winnifred Davis of Lubbock; three brothers, Carl Connell of Lubbock,

Melton Connell of Waco and Kenneth Connell of San Angelo; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, 1201 Western Circle Dr., Dimmitt 79027.

## Paul Johnson

Funeral services for Paul Johnson, 78, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning at Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt, with Rev. Sherman Martin, pastor of First Baptist Church of House, N.M.,

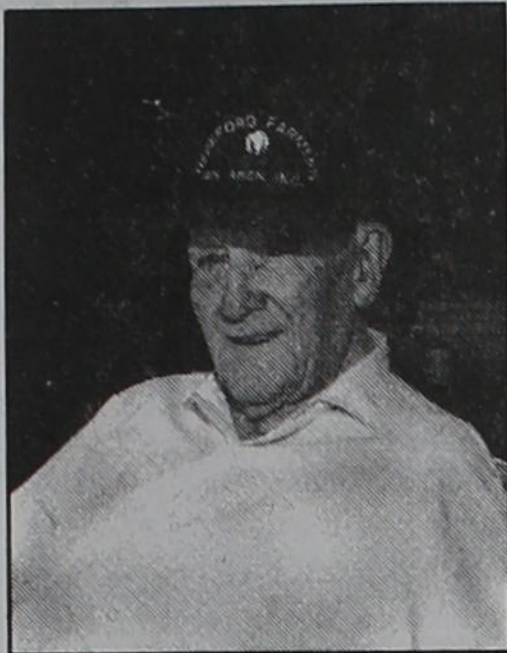
officiating.

Burial was in Hart Cemetery. Mr. Johnson died May 29 at 3 a.m. in Lubbock.

He was born Oct. 15, 1920, in Olton. He married Inez Haney on May 19, 1938, in Petersburg. He was a farmer/rancher.

He is survived by his wife, Inez, of Dimmitt; a daughter, Sandy Hill of Melrose, N.M.; a son, Joe Dee Johnson of Nazareth; a brother, Richard Johnson of Bartlesville, Okla.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Hart Cemetery Association or to a favorite charity.



## Owen Andrews

Owen Andrews, 91, pioneer resident of the Frio community, died Tuesday at his home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) in the Parkside Chapel Funeral Home in Hereford, with Rev. Larry Perkins officiating.

Burial will be in the West Park Cemetery.

Mr. Andrews was born in Montague County Sept. 7, 1908. He moved with his family to Comanche County, Okla., about 1910, to Wellington in 1917 and to the Frio community in northwest Castro County in 1927.

In 1930, Mr. Andrews and his family helped organize the Frio Baptist Church.

He married Georgia Sparkman on March 7, 1931, and they made their home six miles south of Hereford until 1962, when they moved to their present home four miles south of Hereford.

Mr. Andrews was one of the early irrigation farmers in the area. He drilled a 100-ft.-deep well in January 1935, and used a Johnson pump with 10-inch pipe to pump 1,200 gallons per minute. The well cost \$1,450, and the motor—a six-cylinder IHC—cost \$450 and burned natural gas.

It was at Mr. Andrews' insistence that Jacobson Bros. Welding shop in Hereford made the well casing from flat steel, a procedure they had never tried before but which would become an important part of their business.

Mr. Andrews shared equipment with his neighbors in the early days and they worked together to get each other's crops out.

He added potatoes to his crops in the early 1940s, and in 1947 grew his first cotton, a crop that he would continue producing for many years.

Mr. Andrews was preceded in death by a brother, Henry, in 1985, and by two sisters, Alma in 1990 and Mattie King in 1999.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia, of the home; three sons, Clark of Hereford, Glen of Carthage, Mo., and Joe of Egeland, N.D.; two daughters, Veradelle Bruns and Frances Zetzsche, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Ruby Sparkman of Hereford and Elsie Jones of Canyon; 19 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

## Camp Alpie reservations due June 15

Camp Alpie, an overnight summer camp for children with cancer and cancer survivors, is accepting reservations through June 15. The camp will be held August 1-6 at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center near Amarillo, Texas.

Children ages 7 through 14 who have cancer or have had cancer are welcome to attend Camp Alpie, and each camper may be accompanied by a sibling. Camp Alpie is free to campers, thanks to individual, business, and civic sponsors who underwrite expenses. Sponsoring a camper costs \$250.

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Because of laws governing the confidentiality of cancer patients, Camp Alpie cannot contact eligible campers without their permission. Parents of eligible campers are encouraged to contact Camp Alpie by writing to P.O. Box 3819, Amarillo, Texas, 79116-3819. Preregistration is encouraged prior to June 15.

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## 1—Real Estate Homes & Land

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**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath, garage, large utility, central heat/AC, 203 NW 12<sup>th</sup>. Days, 647-5605, Darla; evenings, 647-4280. 1-3-tfc

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**NEW LISTING:** Nice three bedroom, two bath brick home. Has wood privacy fence, covered patio, grill and two-car garage. Included is a storage building wired for electricity. \$54,000.

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**GREAT BUY** on three bedroom, one large bath. Central heat and air, fireplace, great backyard. \$35,000.

**GREAT LOCATION!** Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, fireplace, lots of storage, sprinklers. \$75,000.

**THREE LARGE BEDROOMS,** 1-3/4 baths, two-car garage, good storage, storm cellar, great neighborhood. \$68,500.

**NEW LISTING** in Springlake. Nice three bedroom, two bath, two-car garage brick with cellar. Good buy at \$62,000.

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**THREE BEDROOMS,** one bath, one-car garage, storage shed, nice patio. \$37,500.

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**20—Help Wanted**  
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**21—Wanted, Misc.**  
 WANTED: Lot for mobile home, double wide, utilities. Call 647-5163. 21-8-41c

**22—Notices**  
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-2577. 22-9-41c

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 In compliance with Section 10.03 of the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act, the Board of Directors of the Castro County Hospital District has adopted the following rules and procedures for the Castro County Hospital Indigent Health Care Program.

- Application for Indigent Health Care can be requested from Castro County Hospital District between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Assistance in completing the application will be provided, if needed. Contact the business office of Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, for assistance.
- Application forms must be completely filled out.
- Verification of income, termination of income, residence, household composition and resources is required, if questionable.
- Gross income cannot exceed the maximum income standards chart below.
- Liquid resource assets cannot exceed \$2,000 (\$3,000 if a household member is disabled). The first \$4,650 fair market value of each vehicle is exemption is counted against the \$2,000 resource limit. Personal property and homestead are exempt assets.
- Eligible persons must be a resident of Castro County Hospital District.
- Applicants must provide information and documentation requested or application will be denied.
- Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

FAMILY SIZE	INDIGENT AND NEEDY INCOME LIMITATION	INCOME LIMITATION
1		\$8,240
2		\$11,060
3		\$13,880
4		\$16,700
5		\$19,520
6		\$22,340
7		\$25,160
8		\$27,980
9		\$30,800
10		\$33,620
11		\$36,440
12		\$39,260
13		\$42,080
14		\$44,900
15		\$47,720
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**24—Card of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 Dear Friends,  
 I have always enjoyed sending cards. I had no idea if they helped. Now I know. I have enjoyed every one I have received. Thank you for sending them and for your prayers. They make all the difference in the world.

Thank you,  
 KATE BEECHER  
 24-9-11c

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 Your outpouring of kindness and concern upon the loss of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, B. M. Nelson, has been such a great comfort to our family that it's difficult to find the words to thank you adequately.

We are very grateful for the abundance of food, cards, floral tributes, memorials, expressions of concern and, of course, for your prayers.

He was such an integral part of our community for so many years, and meant so much to so many people of all ages, that we know our loss was your loss, too, and we appreciate your sharing your fond memories of him with us.

He could not do without his church family, and neither could we. The meal by the women of the church was great; the music by the choir and organist was beautiful; and the memorial service by Revs. Rusty Dickerson, Vernon O'Kelly and Connie Nelson was meaningful and comforting.

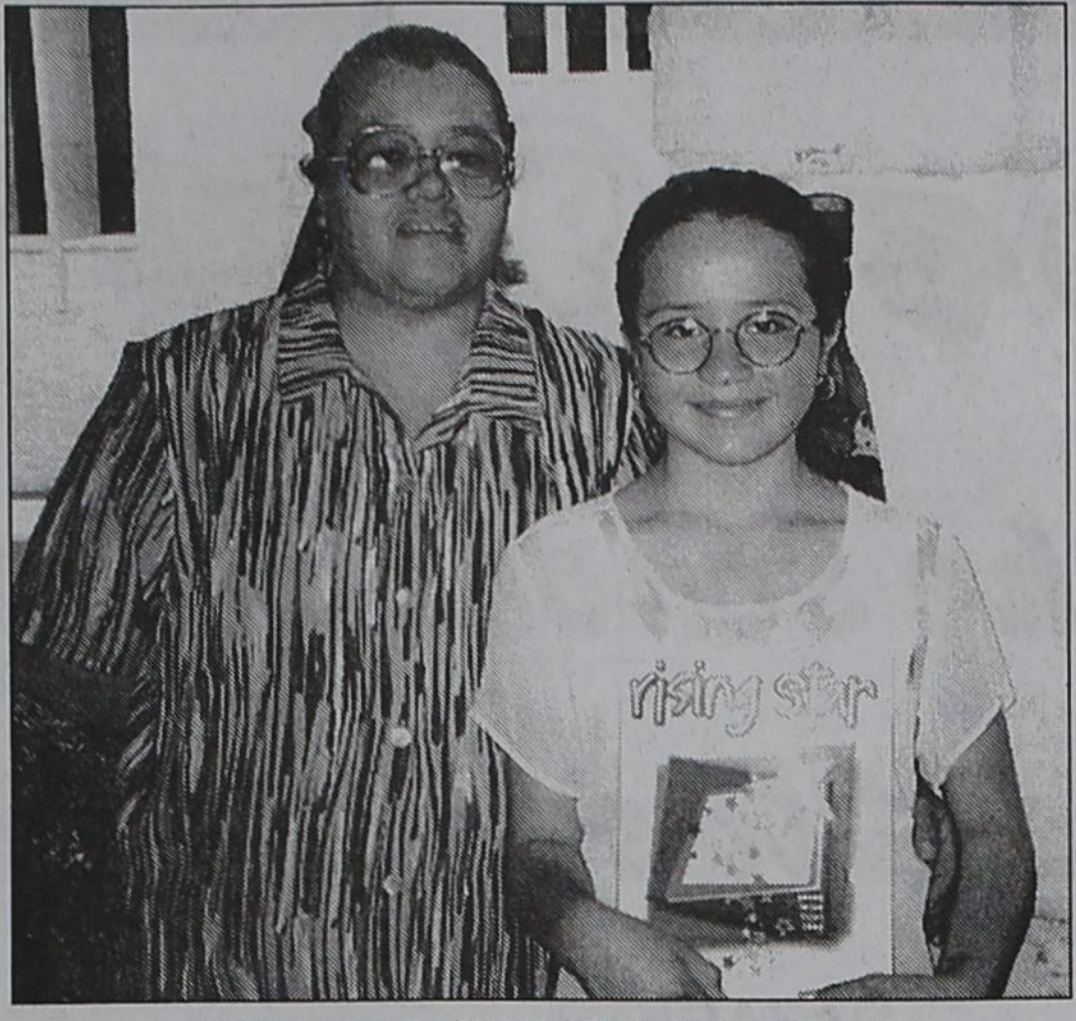
We want to express a special thanks to the staff of Plains Memorial Hospital and to Dr. Leon Joplin. The hospital was his home and you were his extended family during the last two years of his life, and the care you gave him was so complete and so loving that it far exceeded any professional obligations. We're convinced that no one in his condition ever received better or more conscientious care.

He loved this community and its people, and it was obvious upon his death that his love was returned in kind.

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**HONORED AT RISING STAR CONFERENCE**  
 ... Hart student Mirella Mendoza (right), with her mother, Mickey. Courtesy Photo

## Pupils honored at Rising Star Young Writers' Conference

Mirella Mendoza, a Hart Elementary School fourth grader, was one of 14 fourth graders from across the state of Texas who had a submission published in the 1999 issue of *Rising Star Young Texan Tales*.

Mendoza is the daughter of Mickey and Manuel Mendoza of Hart. Her submission was a poem.

Fifteen Hart Elementary students, including Mendoza, attended the rising Star Young Writers' Conference in April. They all were honored for creative writing and art at the Austin Riverbend Centre.

"The Rising Star program encourages creative work in Texas schools, and it has grown by leaps and bounds," said Naomi Elzinga, Rising Star executive director. She is a Waco teacher who initiated the program in 1992.

The first year of the state-wide effort, the program had 392 entries representing the best work from each participating school, according to Elzinga, and 92 of them were published in the first issue of *Rising Star Magazine*. The 1999 program had almost 1,600 entries, with 182 selected for publication.

The conference gave recognition to every child who made a submission, whether it was chosen for publication or not.

Sponsors of the nonprofit activity include 31 Texas newspapers, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Texas Education Agency, and Scholastics, Inc., which gives a book to every child at the conference.

## Cook-off winners named in Dimmitt

Don Howell of Dimmitt won first place in the CASI Chili division of the annual VFW Cook-off event, held Saturday and Sunday at the Dimmitt VFW Post.

After years of entering local chili cooking events, this was Howell's first local win, according to event organizer Ben Aleman.

Other first place winners included Ray Cones of Clovis, N.M., first in the brisket division; James Walker of Amarillo, first in ribs; and Mary Lewis of Clovis, first in chicken and in beans.

Other brisket winners were Joe Hampton of Canyon, second; and Kevin Coburn of Canyon, third.

In the ribs division, Cones took second and Coburn was third.

D. Cates of Clovis took second in the chicken competition, with Bob Ruthledge of Amarillo third.

Mrs. Kevin Coburn won second place honors in the beans division and Mrs. Joe Hampton was third.

In the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) Chili competition, second place went to Secario Ramos of Clovis. Other winners were: Penny Ruthledge of Amarillo, third; Kevin Coburn, fourth; Rich Barnhart of Amherst, fifth; Betty Walker of Amarillo, sixth; Doug Mot of Amherst, seventh; and Cliff, Ruth and Pam Blakely, all of Clovis, eighth, ninth and tenth, respectively.

Aleman said the event attracted 10 barbecue cooks and 16 chili cooks.

## More about Hospital board meeting...

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Walton suggested that the same process be followed on amounts not covered by third-party payors, with the date of discharge being counted as the date the third party made payment on covered amounts.

Board members voted to try the proposed plan for six months, with a review after three months to see how it is working out.

Walton said that the hospital district will have control over all letter and phone messages used by the early out agency so as to maintain a "non-threatening, non-aggressive" stance for the district. He said that early out agencies will charge 13 to 15% of what they are able to collect on behalf of the district, and the final collection agencies may ask as much as 25 to 30% of collections.

"We have to try something," board member Carolyn Sides said.

"We're going to get phone calls on this," board member Jerry Annen said.

former office building. The option will be exercised when the lease is up in a year.

Board members voted unanimously to grant a tax abatement to the new Fast Stop convenience store built recently in Dimmitt. It qualified for the abatement under the Enterprise Zone agreement. Last year the business paid \$182.22 in ad valorem taxes to the hospital district. With the improvements, the business is expected to pay between \$850 and \$1,017 this year. The abatement would be between \$212 and \$250.

Board members approved purchase of a GE Prospeed CAT Scan machine for the hospital at a cost of \$409,685.05. Hospital personnel recommended the GE machine, which was almost \$50,000 cheaper than the Tomoscan AV model bid by Phillips.

A dictation machine system from Voice Products, a Kansas company, will be purchased by the hospital, as approved by the board. The Voice

Power 2000 will cost approximately \$24,000. It is expected to take 180 hours of dictation in a digital system that can handle dictation from more than one source at a time.

Joplin said that taking dictation from more than one at a time will greatly help the backlog of patient records and billing.

The board authorized hospital administrator Joe Sloan to spend approximately \$10,000 on eight to 10 reconconditioned hospital beds. He said the hospital needs to have additional beds available so that the current situation of all private rooms at the hospital can be changed with some semi-private rooms when patient loads are heavier.

The board members voted unanimously to continue the former slate of officers for the current term. Henry Ramaekers will continue as president, with Annen as vice president and Sides as secretary.

The next meeting of the board will be held June 22.

In other business, following an executive session the board approved a four-year contract extension for Dr. Gary Hardee and approved exercising the purchase option in the lease contract for Hardee's

## More about 1:1

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John Donne wrote, "Any man's death diminishes me, for I am involved in mankind. Therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

We grieve for ourselves, for our own loss. A eulogy attempts to define that loss.

But ceremonial eulogies and printed obituaries—constrained as they are by the demands of deadlines and custom—are seldom adequate, or even accurate, in describing a man's life.

In his public life, Dad was vital to this community. Many made more money, but few did more good.

But the best eulogies to him that I've seen are in the realm of his private life: in the letters he kept from his grandchildren—the letters that told him how much they appreciated his advice, or his support, or his faith, or his financial help; the letters that confided some of their deepest feelings to him; the letters that simply told him what they were doing or thinking; the letters that let him know how much they loved him.

He was lucky enough to get his honorary bouquets while he was still living. His best eulogy was in his legacy.

Maybe that's what it's all about.

## TSCRA sets June 15-18 meeting at College Station

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's summer meeting will be June 13-15 at College Station and cattle producers are invited to attend.

With the theme of "A Look Under the Hide," the meeting will include TSCRA's Beef 401 Course, which will pack four hours of invaluable information into one comprehensive session, according to TSCRA President J. Mark McLaughlin.

"You don't have to be a TSCRA member to attend any of the meeting activities," McLaughlin said. "We especially want to invite former TAMU students to attend and see what's new on campus."

The Beef 401 Course will be presented by distinguished Texas A&M faculty members on June 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Kelbeg Center. Subjects will cover from live

steer to carcass, from carcass to boxed beef, from boxed beef to you, and how you can impact what's under the hide.

Producers also may attend the informative sessions during the committee meetings on Monday afternoon and the general session and directors' meeting on Tuesday, according to McLaughlin.

There is a registration fee and those planning to attend should make reservations. To reserve space or for more information, call 1-800-242-7820.

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**Derek Buckley**  
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**Ben Coleman**  
Methodist Church Scholarship

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**Rafael Enriquez**  
US Army Scholarship

**Christina Fierro**  
West Texas Rural Telephone Scholarship, Terry Foundation Scholarship, Academic Award, Top Ten

**Brenda Flores**  
American Legion Award, District I Texas Association of Student Councils Scholarship

**Valerie Gonzales**  
Farm Bureau Queen Scholarship, P.E.O. Scholarship, Dimmitt Lions Club Sweetheart Scholarship, ICC Holy Cross Scholarship, Eastern New Mexico Freshman Lone Star Scholarship, Academic Award, Top Ten

**Taryn Hays**  
Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Methodist Church Scholarship, University of North Texas Excel Scholarship, Academic Award, Top Ten

**Beau Hill**  
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**Stephanie Hinojosa**  
Masonic Lodge #879 Scholarship

**Shawna Kenworthy**  
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**Rusty McDaniel**  
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**Matthew Kern**  
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**Jessica McGilvray**  
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COMING  
next month

Cowboy Church  
Next month we will explore the area cowboy church happenings. Along with this, there will be many other ag-related features, news, events and more.

## Horses still hold place in today's busy society

Angie Grand Pre  
Assistant Editor

Horses have been an important part of daily ranch work for a long time and it looks like the tradition will continue.

Using a horse instead of riding a four-wheeler for ranch work has varied reasons, but the horse is a more popular choice.

"There are lots of reasons. Reasons that vary from people not letting go of the cowboy life to the big factor that horses do a better job than ATVs," said Bob Hartley of Elkins Ranch east of Canyon.

"It's a lifestyle that a person can't replace with any technology," Colin Lane of Umberger said. "Horses and cattle were raised together and they are adaptable to each other."

Butch Morgan, marketing director for Western Horseman magazine said, "Horses are still used on ranches, even though the bigger ranches are using helicopters to gather cattle. But at dude ranches, the horses earn their keep."

"Performance horses are taking over. People are wanting to have more fun with their horse and do other things," Morgan said.

In today's society horses are not only used for ranch work, but many other areas.

"A horse can be like a good friend," Laddie Cluck of Canyon said. "The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man."

Cluck also said that horseback riding is a good exercise.

He commented on the equitherapy programs and its positive impact on the handicapped. Equitherapy is a program in which horses are used to help disabled children and adults regain their confidence, balance and body use.

Horses are also used in many competitions and can be good pets.

"There will always be room for horses," Lane said.



ANGIE GRAND PRE

Bob Hartley, of Elkins Ranch, bridles one of the 16 horses used for trail rides, cattle drives and overnight pack trips at the family-ran business located near Palo Duro Canyon. For his business, Hartley looks for horses that are healthy, gentle and physically fit.



ANGIE GRAND PRE

Roping horses today are used both in ranch work and competitions like this AQHA benefit roping held at the fairgrounds in Amarillo.

## CALENDAR

January 22 - November 15  
Museum Exhibit

"Plowing the Plains," an exhibit about the agricultural history of the Southern Plains will be displayed in the Alexander Photo Gallery at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. 651-2244 for information.

June 7-11  
4-H Event

The Texas 4-H Roundup will be held at Texas A&M University. For information on Texas 4-H, call your local extension agent or information is available on the Internet at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

June 9  
Swine Field Day

The seminar "Large Scale Swine Operations," will be held at the North Plains Field Station in Etter. Contact Dr. John Sweeten at 359-5401 for information.

June 16  
Field Day

North Plains Field Day will be held in Etter. Call Thomas Marek at 359-5401 for information.

July 6-9  
FFA Event

The 71st Annual Texas FFA State Convention will be held in Amarillo. For information of this large event, call (512)463-9687.

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## Extension Service offers alternatives for recently weather damaged cotton

Pam Dillard  
special to the *Ag Reporter*

Rain and hail this week were a mixed blessing, say Texas Agricultural Extension Service personnel out helping farmers assess crop damage in fields with either mature wheat or very young cotton.

It's the young cotton that appears to be in jeopardy right now, according to Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center here. Some producers are already calling the specialist about replanting an alternative crop.

"With the weather cooperating, there might be just enough time to get in and get something else in the ground," explained Bean. The cut off date for cotton planting for insurance purposes was June 1 for many of the northern Panhandle counties that grow it.

Bean said one of several crop alternatives could follow cotton, such as sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, or dry beans.

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

In general, a medium-to-full season hybrid should not be planted after June 15. The cutoff date for a medium maturity hybrid would be June 20 through June 30, while short season hybrids 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.

"Sorghum may be a particularly good choice for dryland due to this year's excellent soil moisture. Early to mid-June is a good time to plant dryland sorghum," Bean said.

The agronomist advises producers to check with the seed company for the recommended planting date for a particular

hybrid. For those who plant late sorghum, midge infestations and other insects may be a problem. Plan ahead for insecticide applications, if needed.

Farmers who opt to plant sorghum after cotton should be concerned with herbicide carryover. 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 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 Staple, however sorghum is very sensitive to even small amounts of the compound's residue. It is not recommended that sorghum be planted in fields treated with Staple.

Farmers in irrigated areas might also consider soybeans, the agronomist said. This crop requires about 80 percent of the water amount needed to grow corn for top yields. However, a good soybean crop also can be grown under limited irrigation.

Dryland soybeans can be produced, but rainfall in late July and in August will be needed.

The optimum planting date is prior to June 5. Once soybeans are in the ground, yield potential is reduced about 0.5 bushel for every day past about the middle of June.

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

By planting on narrow rows and increasing the seeding rate, the soybean plant can be encouraged to set pods higher off the ground.

"Between the 10th and 20th, I would go to an early to medium maturing group IV soybeans. As you get closer to July 1, select an early group IV or late maturing group III soybean variety for planting," Bean advised.

Seeding rate for irrigated soybeans should be around 150,000 seed/acre if planted with a planter, and 190,000 seed/acre if a drill is used. Herbicide residues of Treflan, Prowl, or Dual will have no effect on soybean, the agronomist noted. If Caparol, Cotoran, or Karmex has been used, at least three or four inches of soil must be removed before establishing a seed furrow. The agronomist suggested if Staple has been applied, farmers should consider planting an STS soybean variety.

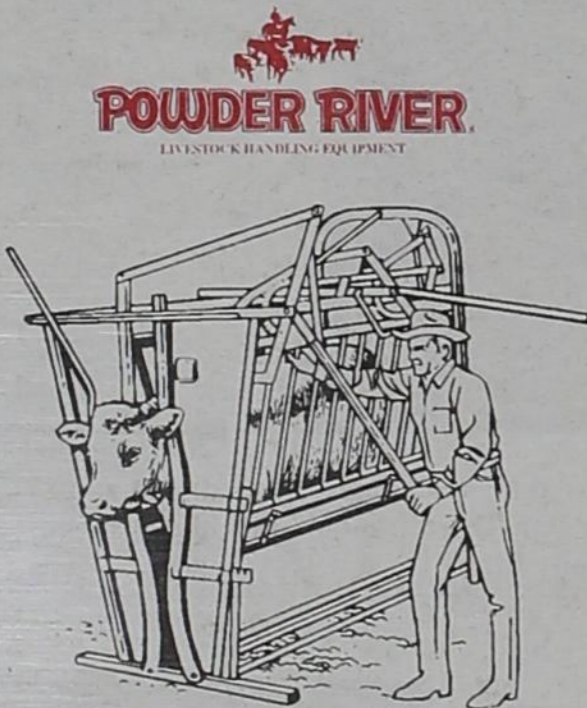
Another alternative crop is sunflowers. The crop can be planted as late as mid-July and still make a good yield. This may be an especially good alternative for the dryland farmer.

If one summer irrigation can be made, water from budding until two weeks after first flowering. This is the critical period when stress on the sunflower plant should be avoided.

"Fields 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 should be removed before planting. While sunflowers are also more tolerant to Staple than soybeans, some injury may still occur.

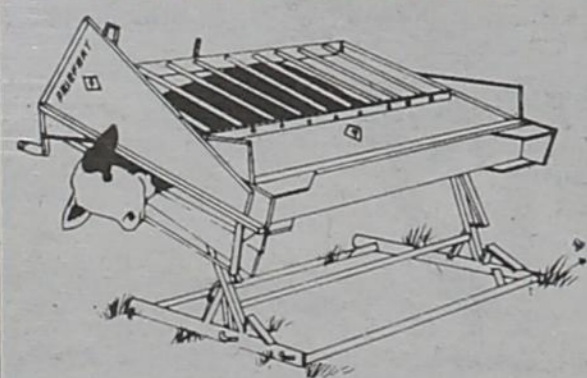


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# Farm Safety Camp held in Canyon

**Kim Johnson**  
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More than 700 fourth-graders from 10 area schools converged on the West Texas A&M University Horse Center in Canyon for a day camp that just could save their lives. The event was held May 13.

Children from Canyon, Amarillo, River Road and Happy participated in the second Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp. It was one of several in the region and many across the nation promoted by Progressive Farmer magazine.

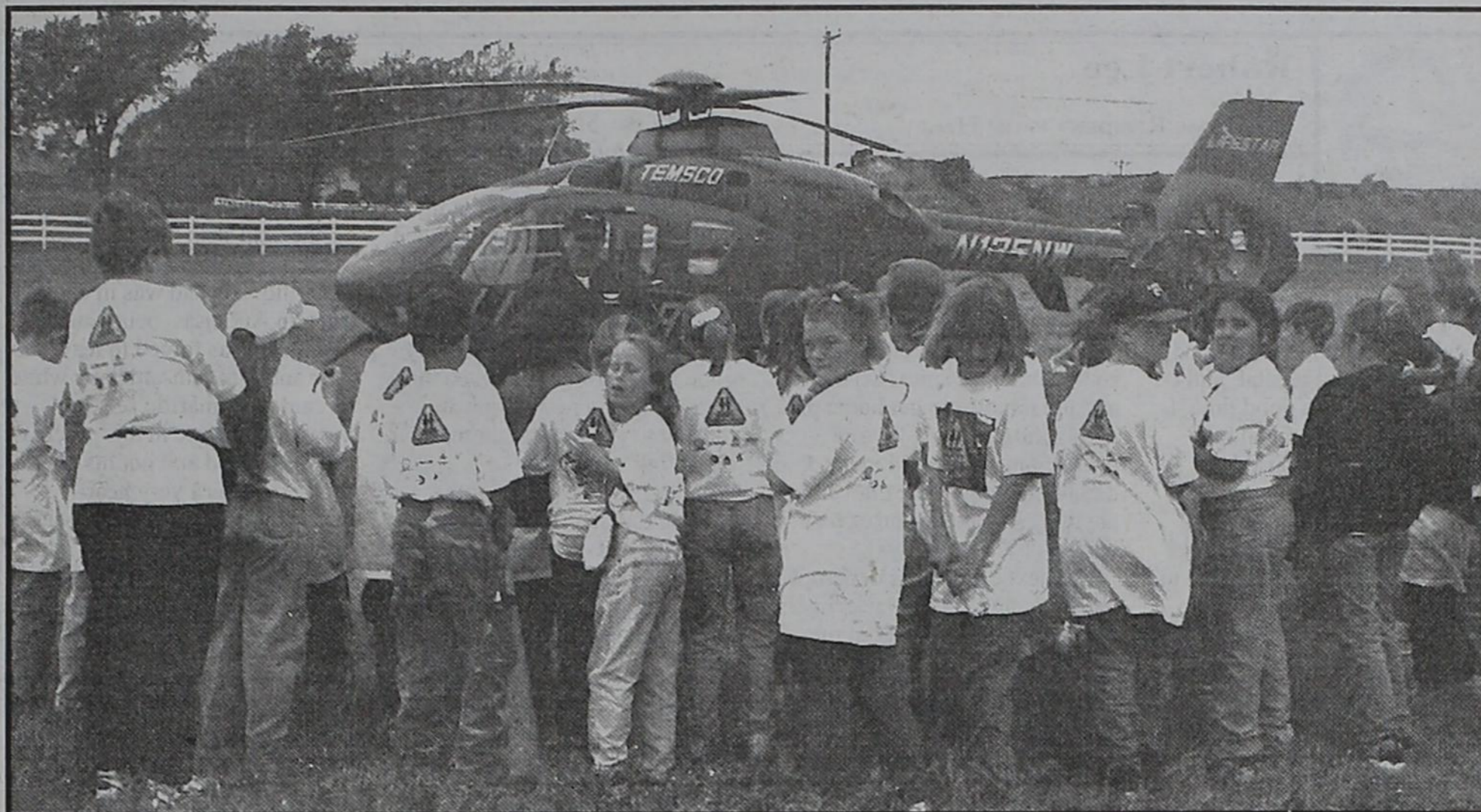
Lana Skarke, with the WTAMU Division of Nursing and co-coordinator of the event, said the purpose of the camp was to give children tips on safety that they can take home to their parents.

"Children are great agents for change," she said. "They learn new ways of doing things and can show their parents."

Fourth-graders were chosen, Skarke said, because they are reaching the age when they start working around farms and ranches.

"This is not just geared toward farm and ranch kids, though," Skarke said. "Many kids will visit farms and ranches in the area at some time, but much of the information in the sessions can be used by those in urban areas as well."

Guests taught sessions on ATV safety, sun safety, animal safety and much more. There were 14 different sessions, each lasting 12 minutes. The sessions involved animal handling, all-terrain vehicle/lawnmower safety, electrical safety, 911 calls, fire safety, tractor/power



KIM JOHNSON

Pilots of the Lifestar helicopter show fourth graders attending the Farm Safety Camp in Canyon an up-close view of the chopper.

take-off shaft safety, common suffocation issues, bleeding/pinching belts and gates, sun sense, pesticides, rattlesnake safety, gun safety, bicycle safety, seat-belt safety and hand washing.

Each student took a pretest before the camp. Then, they participated in the sessions throughout the day. At the end of the day, the students took a posttest to gauge how much they learned. Skarke said a posttest in September also is

planned to see how much the students retained and how they integrated that information into their homes.

The students also were given free goodie bags to take home with literature aimed at their parents.

Skarke said the event is important because, according to the Centers for Disease Control, agriculture is the third most dangerous profession even though its workforce is only two percent of the

population.

Main sponsors of the event were Progressive Farmer magazine, Potter-Randall 911, Randall County Extension, Potter County Extension, WTAMU Division of Nursing and the WTAMU Horse Center. Coordinators of the events were Skarke, Renee Wilson with Potter-Randall 911, Robert Devin with Randall County Extension and Kelly Hall from the Randall County Sheriff's Department.

Progressive Farmer sponsors events like these around the country, Skarke said, but the typical camps have about 150 to 200 students participating.

Skarke credited the success of last year's event as well as area schools for the large turnout this year.

"Once the schools come and see how it works they love it," she said. "The kids get hands-on training and have a good time."

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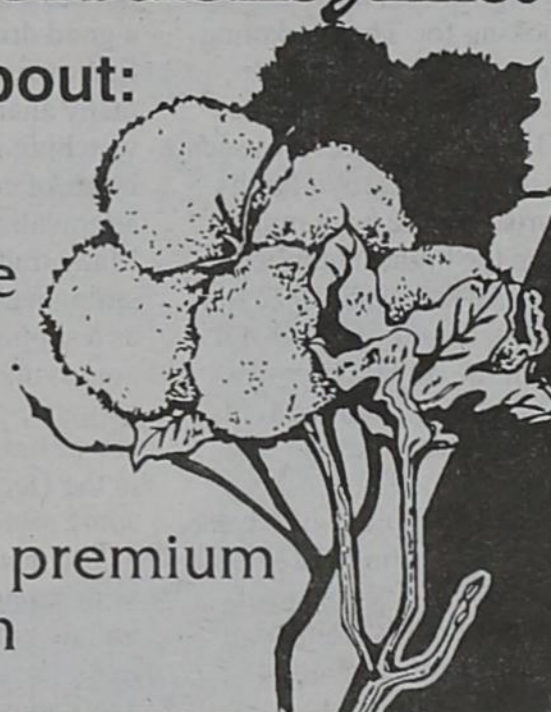
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# OPINION-ISSUES



**Robert Lee**

LONGTIME RESIDENT FROM HAPPY

## Happy Tales

I'm a firm believer that enjoying life and having a good time is 90 percent mental, and I have been having a good time. I recently made my annual bike ride to Canyon. I had ridden about six or seven miles around Happy in the morning. It was a beautiful day and needing to get a prescription filled, I decided to take advantage of the weather and ride to Canyon after lunch. Telling Momma to give me an hour and a half before she came in the pickup, I rode off. It was a very pleasant ride and in an hour and twenty minutes, I arrived in Canyon. Momma picked me up, and we took care of our business. Starting home and approaching the Goodnight Inn, I said, "Stop the pickup. I'm going to ride the bike back." Now, that wasn't the

brightest thing I ever did. The wind had increased out of the south, and it took me two hours and ten minutes to get home plus nearly killing me. If I was a drinking man, I would make a dandy drunk because I never do anything in moderation except work.

My next experience occurred while eating Cracker Jacks one night. I lost a filling about the size of a small boulder. Being able to save the filling, I decided to repair the damage and save a dental bill. As I have stated before, I'm frugal. Getting my super glue out and opening my mouth, I discovered that I was unable to do my own dental work.

When I opened my mouth wide enough to repair the damage, my

eyes would squish shut and I couldn't see. Since Momma absolutely refused to have anything to do with my "do it yourself" dental work, I put my filling in an envelope and headed for my dentist, thinking he could use a little glue and stick it back in. Do you think he would use it? Foot no. He threw that perfectly good filling away, reworked the cavity, put in a new filling and refused to give me credit for my old filling.

Next, I found myself at the church, rocking the secretary's red-headed, 1-year-old hunk of a baby boy.

I've developed quite an addition for this young man. I had forgotten how satisfying rocking a baby to sleep can be. Later in the day, the pastor and I visited a very gracious and sweet lady in her 90s at the hospital. I felt blessed to have been in contact with these two in the same day. One at each end of the human life-span.

Leaving the hospital, we pulled into a gas station.

We had barely opened the gas tank when this sad-looking fellow approached us and began telling a pitiful tale. According to him, he was a cowman in partnership with his dad. His truck had broken an axle west of Amarillo. His dad was in another truck in Arkansas, being out of touch. He was forced to leave his wife and 8-month-old baby while he came to Amarillo seeking help. Somewhere in this process, he was robbed and got his glasses broken. It was a very heart-wrenching story, delivered with a great deal of skill.

Interrupting his tale of woe, I asked, "Fellow, do you go out to Sam's? I've heard this story before."

His demeanor changed immediately as he angrily answered, "If you don't want to help me, just say so. I'm sorry I bothered you. Don't even care about my baby."

All the time he was talkin, he was walkin away, still playing his art.

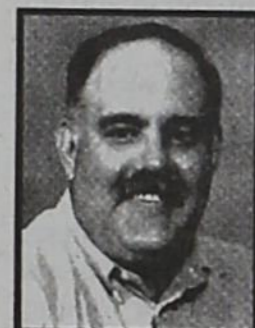
What he didn't know was he

had used this same story on a member of my family three or four years ago. He's been using the same con for years, and since he's still using it, it must work. My worry is that over the years, I've had so many cons and attempted cons pulled on me: I might refuse to help a deserving person that actually needed help.

On a more joyful note, let me share that on June 11, 1950, Momma and I got married. Over the past 49 years, she has been my loving and faithful companion, through good times and bad, always living up to the vows she took years ago.

If more women had Momma's values, there would be fewer divorces. She only smiles when I attempt to con her into thinking she's the envy of every woman in town and is fortunate to have me. It's hard to convince her of the above because a few local smart alecks send her sympathy cards on our anniversary.

I would be remiss if I didn't say, "Happy Anniversary Jody. Thanks for 49 wonderful years."



**Monte Winders**

FUTURES SPECIALIST

## Market News

### Cattle

The latest monthly Cattle on Feed report was released with the on feed number at 103 percent about what the guess was. The placement number was 106 percent and that was around 5 percent higher than most analysts were looking for. The marketing number at 104 percent was 1 percent higher than the guesses were. Overall the report was seen as bullish to the nearby month and bearish for the back months. These are the highest numbers that we have had since 1992 for the placement and on feed totals. Even with the bearish report, many analysts are looking for better prices in the cash market. We have had good boxed beef movement for a couple of weeks and many are waiting to see if the retailers will have any specials for the Father's Day holiday. Also many people feel good about the fact that most feedyards have been cleaning up their showlists. As the month of May closed out, we were seeing that most yards were having smaller showlists and could keep this trend up well into the summer. The cash price had been on a slight rise with most asking \$67.

Technically, the June live cattle have support at 6292 and 6255 with resistance at 6400 then 6505. The main trend is up with a 90 day cycle top on May 2 and a trend reversal price of 6060.

### Corn

When reading and talking to any farmer from the cornbelt, most still have last year's crop in the bin. And most are still trying to figure out what they are going to do. As this month comes to a close, we see that the corn planting nationwide has reached about 87 percent, lower than the 90 percent expected. The latest

ten day forecast for the cornbelt has dry weather so we should complete the plantings at the end of May. The funds have been aggressive sellers thinking that the planting are complete. Most analysts are already talking about the heat units that are needed and a good drink would be great the first of June. Another point that many analysts have been watching is the broad based CRB index of commodity prices aggravating the corn prices. Many traders are looking at the strong weekly export inspections as a support point. Chartwatchers are saying the intraday charts are seriously oversold. Some hedgers are waiting for any kind of rally in the December corn to hedge some more of their crops.

Technically we see July corn with support at 211.5 then 205 and resistance at 217.25. The main trend is down with a 90 and 180 day cycle bottom on May 26 and a trend reversal price at 225.

### Wheat

Looking at the spring wheat that is still in storage is much like the corn markets. Many farmers are wondering what to do with their spring wheat crops. Also the spring wheat plantings continue to lag with only 68 percent vs. 77 percent average for this date. Winter wheat condition ratings cropped to 71 percent good/excellent vs. 73 percent the previous week. Chartwise we have seen breaks to life-of-contract lows with support points only showing up on weekly charts. From the Washington scene we have key members of the House ag committee urging the USDA to retain the LDP programs without change. They want to discuss the issues before any major changes are made. They are also concerned regarding the likelihood of winners and

losers with any proposed changes at this late date. Not only are wheat farmers harvesting wheat and taking LDP payments already but they note that spring planting decisions were made with the current programs in mind.

Technically July KC wheat resistance at 286.25 then 294. The main trend is down with a 90 and 180 day cycle bottom for May 25 and a trend reversal price of 290.25.

### Cotton

One analyst was heard saying, "There's been no excitement in the cotton market." All we are seeing is ideal growing conditions everywhere and no news on export sales. Around the end of the month there were some concerns about dryness in Georgia and Alabama and some dryland fields in west Texas. The latest planting report had 69 percent of the crop done which is slightly behind the average of 73 percent complete. The squaring in south Texas is only 4 percent with an average of 5 percent at this time. The latest weekly sales are believed to be about 100,000 bales with many people watching Turkey for indications of any further sales. Analysts are also watching to see if the annualized mill use will remain steady at 10.37 milbales. Many are keeping an eye on the fact that the world and US price data for the current season shows a narrower spread between the weekly value of the A Index and the weekly value of the US quote. The decline in cotton futures since April has helped get the prices closer. Further declines could lead to the untriggering of the USDA step 3 import quotes. Due to the oversold conditions traders are watching the spread of buying July and selling new crop December as one indicator.

Technically July cotton has support at 5680 then 5580 with resistance at 5860. The main trend is down with a 90 and 180 day cycle bottom on May 25 and trend reversal price at 6066.

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## EPA regulations vary

"Our industry is dependent upon the land and water, and if we are to pass this on to future generations, it is crucial that both are kept in excellent condition. However, not only is it important to protect the environment, but in order to be successful as producers and as a country, we must maintain a strong livestock industry - so essential to the nation's economic stability, the viability of many rural communities and the sustainability of a healthful and high quality food supply for the American people." That's the message Ross Wilson took to Washington, D.C. recently. Wilson, vice president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, was testifying before the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee regarding the EPA/USDA Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations, part of the Administration's Clean Water

Action Plan. The reason Wilson was testifying about cattlemen's environmental stewardship efforts is because EPA wants to increase its regulatory authority over animal agriculture. The problem, Wilson told the Senators, is that EPA regulations are not consistent nationwide - some states have different environmental regulations than others.

"EPA must recognize that cattle producers in many states are doing an excellent job of protecting the environment before forcing new, unnecessary and burdensome regulations on the industry," Wilson said. "We recommend that EPA focus on the states that have not implemented the existing programs before implementing an entirely new strategy, which will duplicate what many states have been doing for years."

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# EIA test required at many horse events

## special to the Ag Reporter

It's that time of year again when horses and their riders begin anticipating trail rides, play days, roping contests, parades, rodeos, shows, exhibitions, and horse sales. It's also time to remind those riders that if their horses haven't been tested for equine infectious anemia (EIA) yet, they need to visit their veterinarian before arriving at any of those functions.

Equine infectious anemia, also called "swamp fever," is a viral disease that attacks a horse's immune system. This disease causes severe anemia by destroying the horse's red blood cells. The disease can cause a high fever of 104-106 degrees, weight loss, weakness, and swelling of the chest and legs. EIA can also cause the horse to go off feed and have small hemorrhages in its mouth and at the base of the tongue.

Sometimes, however, no visible symptoms are evident to alert the owner that the devastating, often-fatal disease is present in their horse. These horses pose the greatest danger of spreading EIA, since no one suspects the animal has a health problem and may continue to carry it to events or gatherings with other horses. Often the only visible signs of disease occur when the horse is found dead in a pasture.

EIA remains in the blood of infected horses for their lifetime. It is transmitted from those affected horses to others through contaminated surgical instruments, sy-

ringes, dental floats, bridle bits, and most especially by biting and sucking flies. Studies show as few as three horseflies can carry the virus from an infected equine to an uninfected equine. Once EIA has entered the bloodstream, incubation is from one to three weeks, but may take as long as three months before showing up in blood tests. Texas Animal Health Commission research indicates 95 percent of test-positive equine pose a threat of spreading infection.

No specific treatment or vaccine is available to control the disease.

Chris Finch, Tulia veterinarian, said, "It is no longer a question of whether or not to test before moving to another county, state or country; it is a necessary step to protect your horses. This is not a rare disease, but a serious one, and owners need to have their horses tested annually."

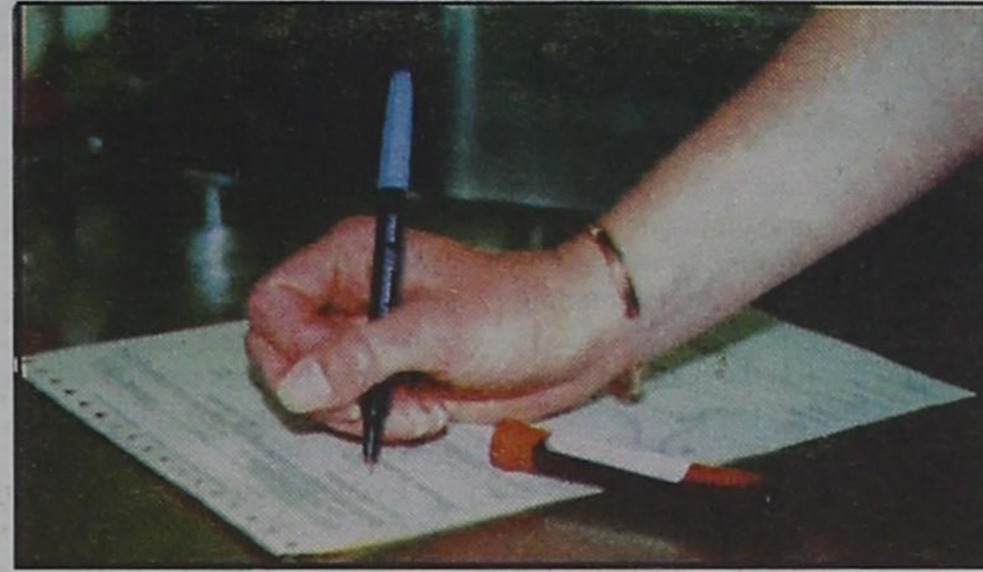
Texas has the highest occurrence of EIA of any state. To combat the risk of higher numbers of horses being infected, the TAHC is requiring all horses, mules, donkeys, ponies, zebras and any other equine in Texas be given the official Coggins blood test that will determine the presence or absence of this disease. Horses crossing state lines, being traded, or sold privately are required to be tested. Sellers of horses at official horse auctions are not required to have the animal tested, but TAHC strongly recommends the buyer test that equine before removing it from the premises or mixing it with

other horses.

Since the inception of required testing in 1997, infected horses have dropped from 750 to 424 in 1998, when about 180,000 were tested negative for the disease.

James Tucker, Tulia veterinarian, said, "It is foolish for someone to purchase an untested horse

and carry it back to their farm or ranch without knowing if that horse is free of EIA or not. It is not to the buyer's advantage to omit testing their horse."



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**Tommie Potter of Timber Creek Vet Clinic in Canyon completes a information form on a horse being coggins tested.**

and carry it back to their farm or ranch without knowing if that horse is free of EIA or not. It is not to the buyer's advantage to omit testing their horse."

The Coggins test is simple and highly accurate. Cost is \$18-20. Test results are available in three to four days. For horses needing test results sooner, a quicker, more expensive blood test can be done.

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atories are allowed to administer these tests. The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo is the closest approved laboratory. The Coggins test is simple, requiring only a small amount of blood taken from the horse. All official blood tests must be accompanied by a completed USDA form listing the description of the equine by age, breed, color, sex, animal's name, and all distinctive markings, such as color patterns, brands, tattoos, scars, or blemishes. The owner's name, address, the animal's home premise and county, along with the name and address of the authorized individual collecting the test sample, laboratory testing the blood and individual conducting the test must also be on the official USDA form.

Each individual horse must have its own information form filled out and Coggins test administered to qualify for clearance of the disease.

If the horse tests positive, it will be branded with a code predetermined by USDA for each state. The brand assigned to Texas is 74A. An USDA official administers this brand in the form of either a hot-iron brand or a freeze-marking brand. The brand must be not less than two inches high and shall be applied to the left shoulder or left side of the neck of the affected equine. The brand must be applied within ten days of the test completion unless the equine is destroyed.

It is not unusual for owners of such an animal to destroy it to prevent further infection on their premises. In fact, their veterinarian will generally insist on the destruction to prevent more loss of horses.

In addition to branding the reactor horse, that animal will be quarantined to the premises of its home, farm, ranch or stable until its natural death, disposition by euthanasia, slaughter, or disposition to a TAHC approved research facility. The quarantine restricts all other equine on those premises, plus any others that may have come within 200 yards of the horse.

All equine must have a negative EIA test within 12 months before entering Texas. The transporter of the equine must provide evidence of negative test results together with the date of the test and name of the laboratory conducting the test.

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In addition, Wilson expressed strong reservations about the data that EPA is using to draw its environmental conclusions about animal agriculture.

"The U.S. Geological Survey, in its 1993 scientific assessment of national water quality trends, stated that the National Water Quality Inventory is so severely flawed and scientifically invalid that it could not be used to summarize water quality conditions and trends. The Clean Water Action Plan makes enormous assumptions and accusations based on this very data," Wilson said.

EPA is basing its conclusions about the affect that animal agriculture has on the environment from stream data that represents only 19 percent of the rivers and streams in the United States and only 40 percent of the lakes. What's more, Wilson said, waters in many states have been determined to be impaired based purely on visual data with no scientific testing.

"Even with such a limited amount of data, it appears that the administration is able to determine the source of all the pollution and is ready to go down a regulatory path that will put numerous livestock producers out of business and cost hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars."

That cost and the reason the regulations will be so burdensome particularly for smaller producers are requirements that put the burden of proof (and the responsibility to pay for that proof) on animal-feeding operations that allow third-party producers to use their manure as an organic fertilizer. The regulations, in essence, would require a feedyard to ensure that a neighboring farmer is in compliance with EPA regulations.

If the farmer is not in compliance, the feedyard is liable. That, Wilson said, would be no different than holding the

manufacturer or distributor liable if a farmer misapplies commercial fertilizer.

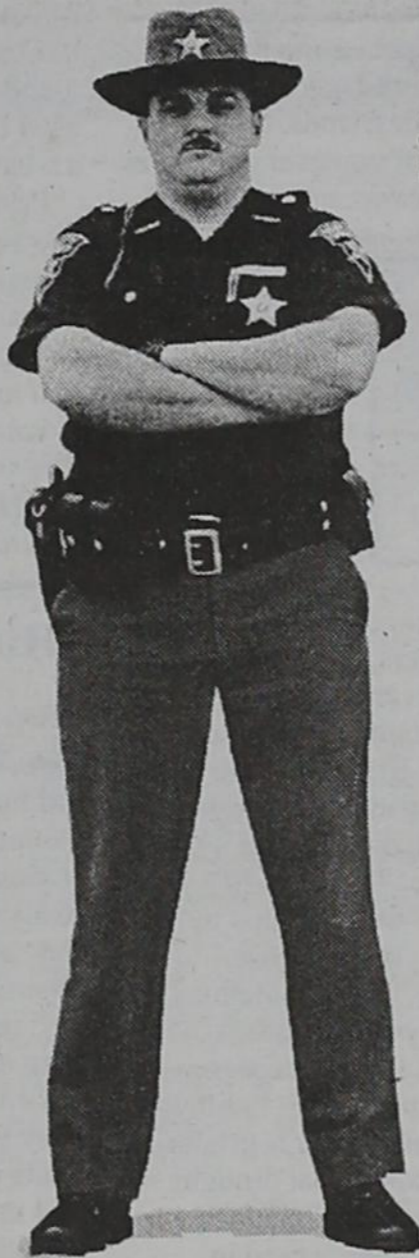
In addition, Wilson pointed out the unrealistic timeframe that EPA has proposed. "EPA would like to have CAFOs that are designated as priorities (15,000 to 20,000 individual operations) permitted by January of 2000. The models for these permits are to be finalized by August 1999, leaving three months to issue 20,000 permits."

Wilson said not only are the unrealistic timetables of concern to cattlemen, but also the lack of economic resources available for technical support. "To force AFOs and CAFOs to hire consulting engineers to meet unrealistic deadlines adds to the economic hardship that exists today in our industry. This proposal almost assures that only the largest operations will survive. It will force small- to medium-sized operations to expand or go out of business because of increased compliance costs and put much more pressure on larger operations to consolidate."

Wilson said cattlemen play a crucial role in protecting the environment. "Our livelihood depends on the quality of the land and water," he told the Senate committee.

"EPA has been regulating our industry for more than 25 years. EPA admits that the current regulations have not been fully implemented and in some states, the regulations have lagged behind others. However, EPA must recognize that many states are doing an excellent job and are going beyond what EPA requires under its regulations. With that in mind, we recommend that EPA focus on the states that have not implemented the existing programs before implementing an entirely new strategy which will place costly and unnecessary regulatory burdens on many producers."


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# Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

## Rebel Royall

CASTRO COUNTY

Summer is definitely on us. Several places have recorded temperatures in the 90s on the plains in the last few weeks. Cotton planting is officially over, unless Mother Nature decides to take out a few fields. For the most part, the plants are emerging around the county rather nicely. Corn also looks very good at the moment.

Fortunately, we have had moisture at the right times this planting season. When we had the large rain storm that set over us for three days at the first of May, most of the corn had not emerged or sprouted. Therefore the plants were not damaged and the corn emerged when we heated up. Although ground temperatures were quiet low when we started planting cotton, a few very hot days cured the problem. And since then we have had moisture on a timely basis. I hope this is the case all summer, because all of us in the agricultural community are well aware of how bad everyone needs a crop.

I write this month's column with mixed emotions. This will be the last column I write for the *Ag Reporter* unless they call on me to write a guest column in the future. I have decided to take another opportunity as a County Extension Agent. My family and I will be moving to Stonewall County, Aspermont. I will miss writing this column every month. I appreciate the staff at the



*Canyon News* and the other papers who publish this publication. It has given other agents and myself a platform to air

our views and to let you know what is going on in our counties. The *High Plains Ag Reporter* is a publication that I enjoy reading myself.

I will miss the people of the High Plains. The friends we have made in this region are near and dear to our hearts. The plains and its people have developed me into the kind of County Agent and more so, the kind of person, I am today.

This move will be tough on us in many ways. We will be leaving behind many friends, and my wife will be leaving many relatives. However, we will have a chance to live and work in the area in which I grew up. We will be close to my family and will get the opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the environment of the rolling plains.

I will stop my column with this last bit of Rebel philosophy given to me by my step-father, Jim Wilson, of Ira, Texas: A man is lucky if he makes one true friend in his life, who will stand up for him to the death, whether he is right or wrong. Through my career in Extension and in my many other experiences I feel that I am extremely lucky because I think I have several of these kinds of friends. God bless you all, and if you ever get lost in the rolling plains, come see us.

## Michael Clawson

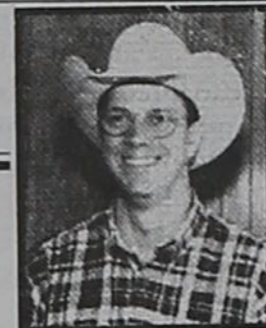
SWISHER COUNTY

We continue to get timely rain showers throughout Swisher County. What a drastic change from last year. At this time last year, we were in the middle of one of the longest dry spells in recent history. However, at the current pace, this year could be one of the wettest seasons on record. Just goes to show us that in the long run, everything averages out.

Even though the rain has been a welcomed sight to all, some strong thunderstorms have caused damage. A couple of weeks ago, a strong thunderstorm roared through the southeast corner of the county near Claytonville. High winds and hail caused damage to homes, barns, and numerous center pivots were turned over. The corn and cotton had not emerged, therefore, no damage was done to crops. We have to take the good with the bad, but lets hope that the bad is few and far between.

**WEATHER AND CROP UPDATE:** The weather and crop conditions can change quickly—in this case, overnight!! It appears that my hopes of the hail and damaging storms be few and far between fell on deaf ears. I originally wrote this article before all the strong storms rolled across the Texas High Plains; however, after the severe thunderstorms we had on May 25, I thought that I needed to add a weather update.

Prior to the 25, the rain showers had been heavy but contained very little damaging hail and wind. But all of that changed with the strong storm that moved across Swisher County on the night of the 25. The storm carried with it high winds and hail that caused severe, wide spread damage to



corn and cotton crops throughout the county.

The heaviest hit area in the county is the Southeast portion of Swisher County. The hail started from a line just East of Tulia to South of Kress with movement East to the county line, including the community of Claytonville. Early reports on the severity of the damage indicate heavy wide-spread damage to cotton and corn in the area. Early estimates project 100 percent loss to approximately 18,000 to 20,000 acres of cotton in Swisher County alone. Reports from other counties on the South Plains indicate extreme hail damage to cotton acres in Hale, Floyd, Hockley, Cochran, Lamb and Lynn Counties.

Being the first of June and with the wet conditions, cotton producers options are very limited when it comes to replanting cotton or following up with another crop. Maybe this will be our one and only damaging storm of the season. Lets keep our fingers crossed.

The corn crop got off to a sluggish start with wet, cool conditions. Over the past week, the warmer temperatures have jump started the corn and stands are looking pretty good. There have been reports of injury to corn caused by the new corn herbicide Balance. Balance contains the active ingredient isoxaflutole, the first product from a new class of chemistry with a new mode of action in the way it kills weeds. It is a broad spectrum, preemergence herbicide that controls broadleaf weeds and some annual grasses.

So far, the most severe injury has occurred in fields where the corn was planted early in cool,

wet soil. Injury symptoms included yellow, necrotic leaves, and stunted plants. With warmer soil temperatures and better overall growing conditions, fields with mild to moderate symptoms could recover with little effect on yield. However, we need to remember that Balance is a new product with new chemistry, so we will have to take a "wait and see" approach before we will know the true outcome.

Swisher County still has several acres of grain sorghum and hay grazer to plant. At least we have the moisture to assure getting these crops off to a good start also.

Wheat yields still look very promising. If damaging thunderstorms stay away, we will have fields yielding well over the average. Like I reported last month, the biggest problem we have with the wheat crop is the low price. Because of the poor wheat price, a lot of wheat has been swathed and baled for hay.

The month of May is relatively quiet in the area of 4-H. With end of school banquets, award assemblies, proms, and graduation, there is not a lot of time to plan 4-H activities. However, June is here and this signals the start of another busy time for 4-H members. Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station, District 4-H Leadership Camp in Levelland, 4-H Electric Camp at Camp Scott Able in New Mexico, District 4-H Horse Show in Lubbock, 4-H Record Books, and two Jackpot Steer Shows all fall in the month of June. As you can see, there will be a lot of 4-H activities to report on next time.

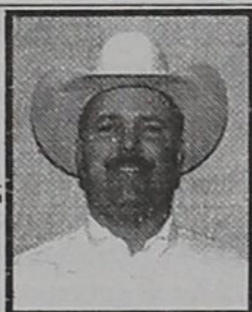
I will add that Swisher County will have 11 4-H members participating at Texas 4-H Roundup on June 7 - 11 at the Texas A&M Campus. Congratulations to these 4-H'ers and good luck at state. Until next month, keep the moisture coming and the skies friendly.

## J.D. Ragland

FLOYD COUNTY

Howdy folks, straight from downtown Pumpkin Capital USA in Floyd County America. Since we last visited, it has been cotton planting fast and furious in Floyd County. It is expected that within the next 10 days some 200,000 acres of cotton will have been planted in Floyd County. Since January, we have received right around 11 inches of total moisture, compared to only a little over 3 inches up to this point in '98. It couldn't have come at a better time. We received some really good rains just prior to planting, which filled our soil moisture profile. Then we got about 2 1/2 weeks of good field drying out and planting time in. Just what the doctor ordered. You know I think the good Lord knows that cotton prices won't be to good this year but is going to provide us with an excellent growing year. I just know it!

Most of the cotton has emerged throughout the county and looks real good. Wheat has responded well to the recent rains. Of our about 60,000 county wheat acres some 20 - 30,000 acres are expected to be harvested. Drying down time is taking place in our wheat fields, and I would anticipate that within



the next couple of weeks some will be harvesting. Corn through the county looks pretty good at this time. It soon

will need rain, but many corn field sprinklers will be running. Both peanuts and sunflowers have been planted and are off to a good start. Irrigation here will be under way as well. Sorghum will be planted within the next couple of weeks. Some 40 - 50,000 acres are expected to be planted this year in Floyd County. Hey, here's something new, any of you ever heard of Guar. Well a few producers over here will be planting it in Floyd County in June. Guar is primarily noted to be somewhat drought tolerant. The galactomannan gum produced by guar is used in paper, food processing, textiles and oil drilling industries. In addition, it produces excellent nitrogen to the soil and makes for good rotation back to cotton. The only processing plant in Texas is located in Vernon. Right now, we have a local elevator that will be hauling it and will be transporting to the Vernon plant. Sounds interesting, I don't know much about it, but we have a few producers trying it, and we'll all learn together. I'll keep ya posted

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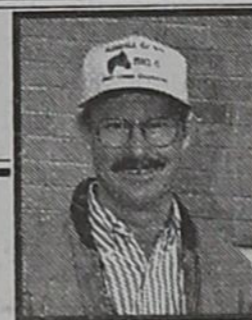
## Robert Devin

RANDALL COUNTY

Things are as busy in Randall County as I can ever remember. It seems like everything got ready at once. The rains delayed the haying of our wheat crop and about the time the fields began to dry, it was time to plant cotton, corn and milo. And if that was not enough, lots of folks were busy working calves and moving cattle to grass. But the corn is up, and the cotton can almost be rowed and the cattle are doing it all on the grass. The cool weather along with the rains have prolonged the growth of the winter grasses as well as their nutritional value.

It looks like we are going to have plenty of hay on hand. That is especially good news following last year's drought. Many producers had exhausted their supply. The quality may not be the best, but at least the stack lots will be full or partially filled.

Our wheat crop really looks good! So far we have dodged the bad weather, and it is hard to tell



the dryland from the irrigated fields. Some fields that were grazed off to the ground have come back and are

providing a second round of grazing. Now, if we could market the crop for somewhere near parity, things would really be good. Did you know that at \$2.60 per bushel wheat, the producer's return on a loaf of bread is \$.035? If wheat were \$5.00, the farmer's share would still be less than \$.07 per loaf.

There is nothing sweeter than the smell of a Russian Olive in bloom. The back yard at my place has been filled with the smell for the last week. It has come to be the signal the beginning of summer. And the return of the barn swallows confirm that indeed summer is here.

Our 4-Hers are busy with last minute school activities and preparing for State Roundup, which will be held the first full

week of June in College Station. Thanks to the Randall County Farm Bureau, the kids will be traveling by charter bus to Aggieldand.

Over seven hundred fourth-graders participated in the second Randall-Potter Progressive Farmer Safety Day Camp at the WTAMU Horse Center. The weather was plenty cool, but the camp was a great success thanks to countless volunteers and the support of local as well as national sponsors.

Over 500 water samples were submitted for the free screening provided by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service to Randall and Potter County residents during National Water Week. The results were sent by mail to those who submitted samples. The results reinforced the fact that our underground water supply is safe.

It also serves as a reminder as to the need to make sure we keep it that way.

Until next month, remember Baxter Black's advice and never stand behind a snort'en gate. See you next month.

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on the progress. O' and don't forget about the world's greatest Pumpkins. They'll be planted around the middle of June, and acres should be around 1,500.

It's time to brag on Floyd County 4-H'ers. Recently, we took 71 4-H'ers to District Roundup. We received 20 1st place wins, one second place, one fourth and took home the District Achievement Award. A total of 25 county senior 4-H'ers will be competing in state 4-H Roundup, June 7-11, at Texas A&M in College Station. We look forward to bringing home many blues. Wish us luck!

The Floyd County Old Settler's Day Celebration took place last May 22 in Floydada. Floyd County 4-H'ers were in charge of "Cow Pattie Bingo".

Well, better go. Remember, keep a smile and maintain a positive attitude and each day will be blessed with a whole lot of goodness for ya! Ya'll come to see us! Til next time, Howdy, cause I just hate to say goodbye!

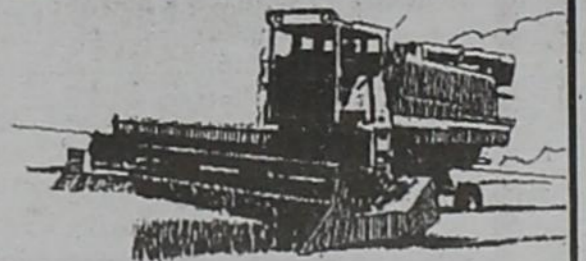
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