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North Gin has grand opening

Capacity has doubled with new facility

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

The culmination of about nine months of hard work paid off Friday as some 450-500

visitors toured North Gin.

Workers started tearing down the old gin in mid-February and now a new structure with state-of-the-art equipment stands in its place.

"We weren't getting the cotton ginned fast enough for our customers. Plus we were having to sacrifice some quality for speed and we didn't like

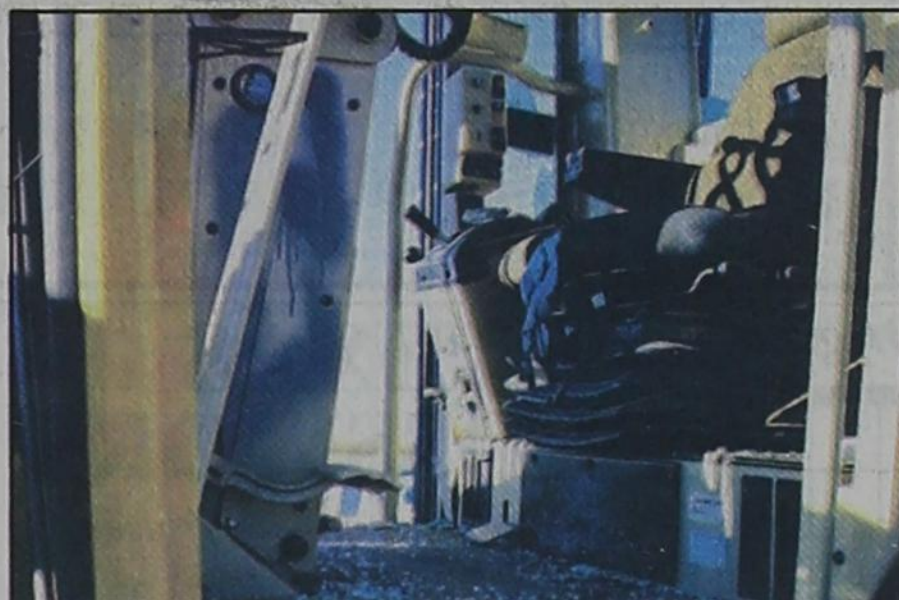
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READY TO GIN: Left to right: Jim Bradford, Mildred Bradford, Jack Bradford, Donald Wright, owners of North Gin, welcomed more than 450 guests at Friday's open house.



ABOVE THE COUNTY'S new motor grader sits by the side of Highway 385 as County Commissioner Newlon Rowland examines the damage. Inset: One of the tires that was shot out by vandals. Below, left to right, Rowland looks through the grader door, which had its glass smashed out and into the interior which the vandals tried to burn.



Vandals wreak havoc on road equipment

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

An almost-new county-owned motor grader was vandalized last Thursday night.

The grader was parked off Highway 385 near Five Point.

Commissioner of Precinct 1 Newlon Rowland was on the scene and said he was dismayed by what vandals did to the new grader, which cost the county more than \$150,000.

"I don't know how much it's going to cost to get it repaired," he said. "We'll just have to get the company to come get and evaluate the damage."

The tires were shot out, all the windows and lights were smashed, the interior was burned, the gas tank and radiator were both opened, but it's unknown what was put in them.

The sheriff's department is investigating both that incident and a similar one that occurred the same night to a piece of machinery belonging to the road crew working in that same area. The same kind of damage was done to that equipment, including rags being stuffed into the gas

tank and ignited.

County Judge Bill Sava and the commissioners are asking the public for help identifying the vandals. He pointed out that the vandalism to the county grader will cost every tax payer in Castro County.

"We would ask that anyone who observes apparent vandalism taking place, please call 911," Sava said. "We have a dispatcher on duty 24 hours a day to take calls and prevent things like that from happening. We are limited in the amount of personnel we have to cover the county. We feel just as bad about the vandalism that happens to private individuals as that happens to the county. It all stems from a lack of respect for property."

Sava said he is perplexed by the destruction wrought by the vandals. "It's a difficult thing for me to understand," he said. "One takes perfectly good property that serves a purpose and renders it useless, creates expense and hardship and there's no gain to anyone."

"Naturally we'll do what we can to better secure the equipment, though there are times the equipment has been left out in that manner simply because it was a distance from the precinct barns and would be used the next day."

Dimmitt men plead guilty in federal court

LUBBOCK - Two Dimmitt men pleaded guilty in federal court recently to one count each of money laundering.

Daniel L. Nelson and his son, Robert Nelson, applied for and received a \$705,000 loan from State National Bank of West Texas, according to reports.

The money was to be used for purchasing an medicating some 2,000 head of cattle, said a news release from the Justice Department.

The money had to be deposited to a Nelson Cattle account, according to court documents.

However, the release said, the two "deposited, withdrew, transferred and exchanged \$105,000 from the Nelson Cattle account ...

to other bank accounts from which the funds would not be used for their intended purpose."

Each man faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings, who heard the case, has ordered a presentencing report from the probation department.

After that report is completed, within 60 to 90 days, the pair will be sentenced.

However, in a plea agreement filed with the court, the men agreed to pay \$105,000 restitution to the bank and \$100,000 each to the Internal Revenue Service to pay for the cost of prosecution.

Nazareth priest removed after complaint made

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

Officials with the Diocese of Amarillo have confirmed that Father John Joseph Kodankandath has been removed from his post in the Nazareth parish and returned to India to rejoin his order.

"A complaint about inappropriate, unwelcome advances from Father John Joseph was made to Monsignor Harold Waldow, Vicar of Clergy for the diocese, by a woman in the parish," said Cathy Lexa, director of communications for the diocese. "He investigated the complaint and Father John Joseph was

removed from ministry at that point." Lexa said in any investigation, it is standard procedure to remove the person being investigated until the charges are substantiated or proven false.

"Monsignor Waldow went to Nazareth immediately and discussed it with father John Joseph," Lexa said. "Father John Joseph did accept full responsibility for his actions. It was decided he would return to his Carmelite Order in India." Lexa said he is still an ordained priest.

The complaint was made Monday, Oct. 13 and Father

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Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, October 26th

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Saturday	77	38	
Sunday	86	41	
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A new day dawns

BY SEN. KAY HUTCHISON
R-Texas

"It is like the soul coming back to the body." That was the sentiment expressed by Ibrahim Abdullah, a refugee returning to Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. His heartfelt words paint a vivid picture of the overwhelming change that has taken place in the lives of the Iraqi people in the last six months. It is hard for us as Americans to grasp just how dramatic that transformation has been. A brutal dictator who killed innocent men, women and children on a whim is gone. His band of thugs who intimidated, tortured and maimed has been scattered, captured or killed. And the Iraqi people are beginning to experience freedom and rebuild their lives after a generation of oppression.

Back To School

For young Iraqis who have never known life without Saddam Hussein, last month brought about the most visible change. In September, millions of Iraqi children returned to school, marking one of the greatest successes of Operation Iraqi Freedom. U.S. armed forces were integral in making that day possible. Our service men and women worked with

local partners to refurbish schools that had been destroyed under Saddam so Iraq's youth could experience the world of opportunity that education offers.

Under the former Iraqi regime, desks were in pieces, blackboards broken, windows shattered, doorways stood void of doors, and poor or non-existent lighting was commonplace. U.S. military personnel and engineers, and American and Iraqi contractors worked to repair schools. Walls were painted, electrical wiring and plumbing fixed, glass replaced, security bars installed in windows, and school supplies were issued.

But more important than the new facilities and equipment that now welcome the children each morning is the absence of Saddam Hussein. No longer do Iraqi children start their day with a pledge of loyalty to him. No longer does his picture stare down from the walls, or up from the pages of their textbooks — "even the math books" as one Iraqi teacher said. The horrors of life under a dictator are gone. As reported in the *National Review*, ".....there will be no mysterious disappearances from the classroom. No teachers and pupils will be found dead in school doorways Teenage schoolgirls will not be abducted and taken to one of the many harems maintained by Uday, Saddam's sadistic elder son....." Life in Iraq has been altered forever, immeasurably for the better.

A New Currency

In October, a new national currency began replacing the old Iraqi money called "dinar." While here in America the new U.S. \$20 bill being introduced hardly makes the evening news, the new Iraqi bills have international implications. Saddam Hussein's image has been erased from the money, and the Iraqi people can pay for their groceries without his gaze. The new currency also signals the beginning of a stabilized Iraqi economy. While outside investors avoided the country in the past, the new dinar will offer a measure of confidence to the market and bring economic opportunity to Iraqis and foreign investors alike.

Hope for the Future

Our military is performing heroic acts every day to ensure the Iraqi people are free and working toward a viable self-government. Step by step, normal life in Iraq is being established, as basic services are restored and hope is reborn. No words can quite convey the appropriate emotion better than those of the liberated people themselves. Raja Habib al-Khaza'i, the director of an Iraqi maternity hospital and a member of the Governing Council, said, "I helped deliver thousands of Iraqi babies, and now I am taking part in the birth of a new country and a new rule based on women's rights, humanity, unity and freedom." A new day has indeed dawned for Iraq.

Democrats: We support women and minorities, unless ...

BY ROBERT R. EBERLE
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GOPUSA

Democrats have long claimed to be the party of the "other" guy. They take great pride in telling women, minorities, or those of some "special" classification, that the only political party which adequately addresses their unique needs is the Democrat Party.

However, the "needs" of these groups are not what drive the Democrats to clamor for their attention. Rather, it is the fact that these groups have traditionally voted Democrat that earns them the attention of the Democrat Party elite.

Take a woman or a minority who happens to be a conservative, and the needs of that person are not quite as important as they used to be. In fact, that person now becomes persona nongrata to the Democrats.

A perfect example can be seen in the recent Bush nomination of California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown who happens to be both a woman and a minority, and guesswhat? She has drawn the scorn of the Democrats.

Janice Rogers Brown was born in Greenville, Alabama and received her undergraduate and law degrees in California. She has served as a California Deputy Attorney General as well as the Deputy Secretary and General Counsel for California's Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency.

In July, President Bush nominated Justice Brown to a position on the DC Court of Appeals, the same court to which Miguel Estrada was nominated.

The nomination was greeted with praise from conservatives and even from some of her colleagues on the opposite side.

The Congressional Black Caucus, comprised solely of Democrats, held a press

conference this past week in which members blasted this minority woman for being a "right wing extremist."

Apparently, not all women and minorities have a place in the Democrat family. Chairman Elijah Cummings (D-MD) said at the press conference that President Bush has purposely set out to "nominate individuals who are not qualified for these positions of trust and who are out of the mainstream of America." The Congressional Black Caucus also described Justice Brown as being "hostile to civil rights" and having a "disdain for legal precedent."

Caucus member Maxine Waters (D-CA) said Justice Brown was a "poster woman for the far right wing." Despite the efforts of Democrats and liberals to label Justice Brown as a right wing extremist, public support for Justice Brown would suggest otherwise. In the liberal-leaning state of California, Justice Brown received over 75 per cent of the vote in her last election for the California Supreme Court.

Justice Brown deserves the support of Republicans and Democrats alike. It is agonizing to think that this minority woman, who grew up in poverty in Alabama and attended schools during a time when segregation still existed in the South, does not have support from the political party which claims to be the champion of women and minorities. Justice Brown deserves to be confirmed, and it will take a strong will from Republicans in the Senate to see that she is.

Like Miguel Estrada, the nomination of Justice Brown will likely face a "filibuster" from Senate Democrats.

This cannot be allowed to stand. Senate Republicans must hold their ground and return sanity to the Senate.

On the other hand, Democrats should embrace a true success story and support the nomination of Justice Brown.

If the Democrats are truly the party of women and minorities, then Justice Brown should be their poster woman and not the object of their contempt.

WORD SALSA

by Tony Tallarico

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents, which appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Rodea estas palabras inglesas y sus equivalentes españoles, que aparecen en la cuadrícula horizontalmente, verticalmente, diagonalmente y hacia atrás.

HOW MANY?

ENGLISH

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ACROSS

- TX "Big Bopper" hit: "Chantilly"
- TXism: "bone ___" (study)
- Oldham Co. seat
- TX Mandrell (init.)
- payable now
- car crashes
- hair ringlet
- TXism: "___ them than Carter has liver pills"
- after WWII, "___ Field" became part of the Dallas Naval Air Station
- Mexican maize field
- Astro or Ranger hitter's woe? (2 wds.)
- phone type
- NE Fort Worth suburb
- actress Whelan of film "San Antonio"
- TXism: "ran like ___ out of a burning stump"
- western neighbor (abbr.)
- TXism: "he camps out in the amen corner"
- "no" votes in the TX legislature
- regional sports net. (abbr.)
- house that is built before and then assembled on site
- more handsome
- San Antonio street: "Ben ___"

- TX Janis hit: "Me and ___ McGee"
- Devine, TX was named after a TX jurist born n ___ Scotia
- TXism: "___ high time"
- TX "Babe": Mildred ___ Didrikson
- TXism: "___ the mark"

- materialize again
- TX flag should be flown with the white ___
- TXism: "___ your bill" (drink)
- nonTX snake
- pig's "casa"

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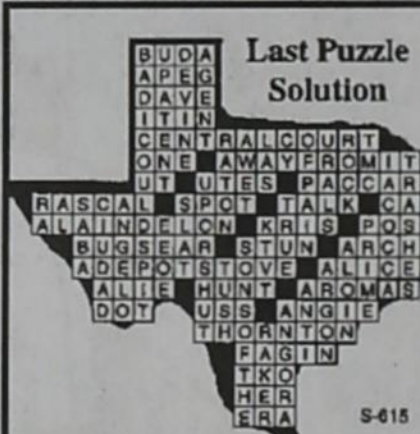
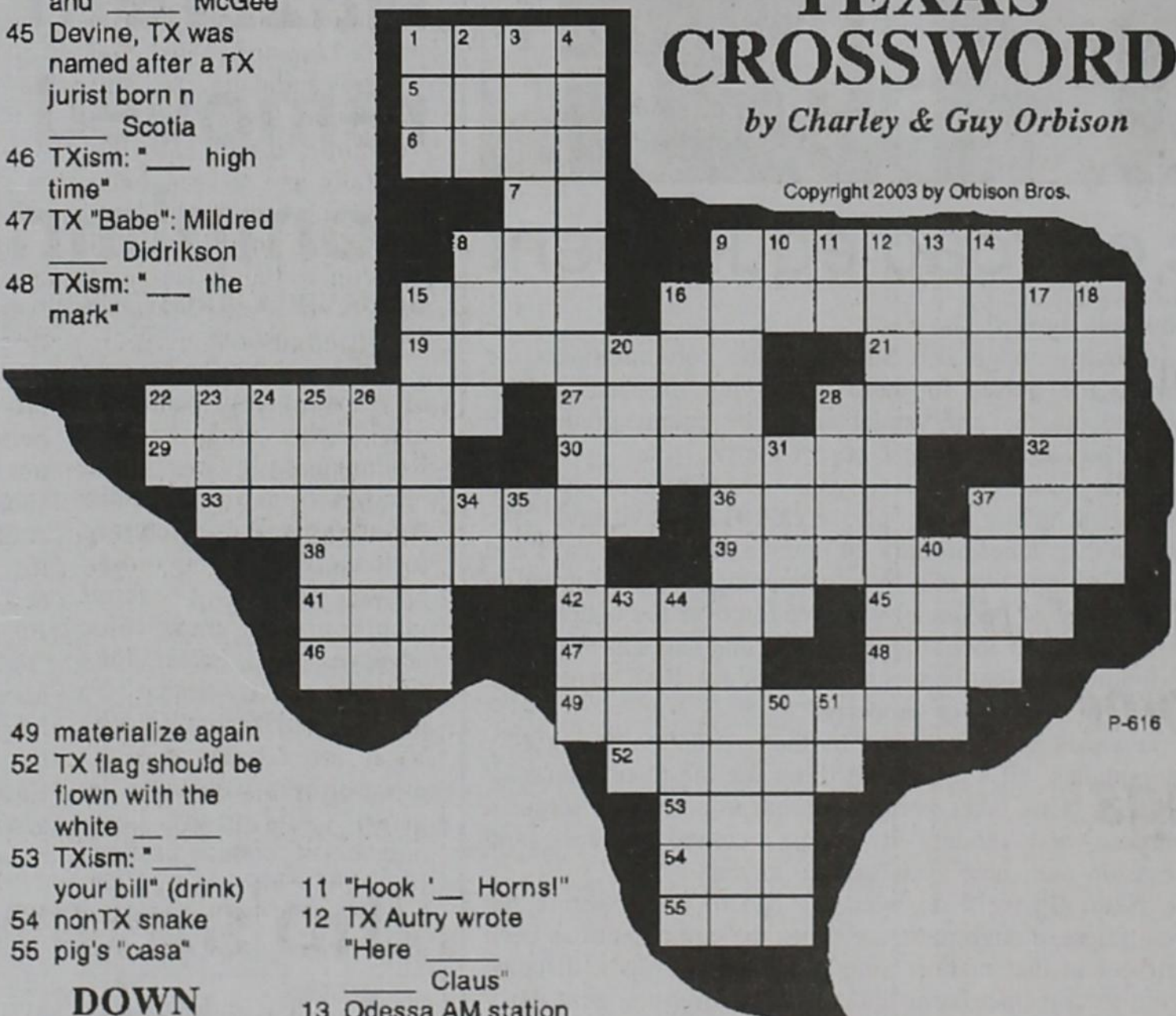
- bumper snicker: "Foat Wuth, I ___ Yew"
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"
- "True Grit" character "Rooster"
- TXism for "toothbrush"
- TX Kris & Rita Coolidge in 70s
- Plainview, TX University
- Skelton of "Texas Carnival" (init.)

- "Hook ___ Horns!"
- TX Autry wrote "Here ___ Claus"
- Odessa AM station
- TX King: "Buy land and never ___"
- remote controls: "channel ___"
- "TX Rose Festival" is ___ at Tyler
- Port of Galveston is 30 minutes steaming from this (2 wds.)
- TXism: "plow chaser"
- Levi's competitor
- Tim Curry's job in Tarrant Co. (abbr.)

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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Delores Heller and Tami Griffitt hosted a "kind of" surprise and "a sort of Big O" birthday party for June Sutton. Since June is a former DISD teacher, since many of her friends are teachers and since the teachers have lunch breaks starting at 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., the party was a come-and-go lunch affair. After enjoying Mexican food at the spacious new place on the square, the guests each enjoyed a birthday cookie. One cookie was gigantic and decorated with "Happy Birthday June!" on it.

Some of the guests were Connie Gilbreath, Sue Rita Myatt, Jackie Byrnes, Diane Sanders, Lori Wilhite, Tammy Cluck, Belinda Hill, Karen Newman, Karen Gerber and Tammy Jackson.

Some of the men who joined their wives and came by to eat and wish June a special day were Jack and Susie Bradford, Mickey and Carol Bishop, Jerry Heller, June's husband Eddie Sutton and her son Stuart Sutton. A very special guest was 9-month-old Raylee Bain, who was accompanied by her grandmother Barbara.

While one bunch was celebrating June's birthday, another group was enjoying a good meal and a program at the monthly Republican Organization for Women in an adjoining room. The speaker for the Republicans was Jim Campbell, a justice on the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo. His wife, Micky came with him. We know several of the same people. He asked about Randy Gressett and his family, who were on the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt staff a few years ago. Randy is now pastor of First Baptist Church in Monday.

Micky asked if we knew Janice Kay Mooney Davis. She was planning to play bridge with Janice on Thursday. This



JIM AND MICKYE CAMPBELL

is a small world - small town type thing that I like to hear about.

Judge Bill Sava had lunch with the R.O.W.s and, among other things, shared that he and his wife had been to see their son Greg, his wife Becky and their four children in Fredricksburg, Va. On the way to Virginia, they stopped in Memphis, Tenn. They drove by Graceland. They saw the Peabody Hotel, where the live ducks in the lobby are the main attraction and several tobacco plantations. They said the countryside was beautiful and almost in full fall color array.

Naz News

with Virgie Gerber,

A group of family members gathered at the Amarillo Airport last Wednesday evening to welcome Bryan Charanza home after a year in Germany and six months in Baghdad. Channels 4 and 7 were also there, to interview Bryan.

Everyone then gathered at the Big Texan to enjoy a meal. Bryan was also recognized there by Ed Montana and a big round of applause.

On Saturday evening, Bryan's mother Donna

hosted a fun party for him at the home of Dan and Karen Gerber. Dustin Ramaekers was also welcomed home. He is based in Arkansas in the Army.

Angela Acker, along with three members of Court Blessed Anne Marie Taigi No. 2167 of Amarillo, went to Sugar Land to attend the 100th anniversary celebration and retreat of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Bishop Aymond of Austin was in attendance for the special mass, along with several Court Chaplains

from surrounding parishes.

National Catholic Daughters Day was celebrated Sunday at noon at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth with a dinner, attended by Catholic Daughters members and their guest, Nancy Buchanan, who received her 25-year-membership in and Norma Schacker, who received her 50-year membership pin.

After the dinner, a program entitled "History of Dairy Farming" was held in the Home Mercantile. Guests

were John and Chester Elif from Tulia; Tony and Angela Acker; singer Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock and local dairy families.

Leo and Marian Durbin, Jeff Durbin from Tulia and Joan Durbin, recently attended Leo and Buddy Durbin's sister's 50th wedding anniversary in Russelville, Ark. On their way, Leo and Marian toured the "Blue Wave" Boat Manufacturing family-owned business, which is run by Leo's niece's family, Pam and Roger Parks. On their way home, Jeff and Joan tour their ranch, where Pam cares for their registered cattle.

Prayers are asked for Carolyn Bermea, Margaret Birkenfeld, Cyrilla Robb, Joe and Amy Schmucker, Alice Palazzini, Edith Huseman, Eric Hoelting, Judy Hoelting, Kenneth Lange, Anna Huseman, Deanna Huseman, Mildred Huseman, Floyd Birkenfeld, David Nobile, Tad Cornett, Mary Beth Haschke and those who are service in our Armed Forces.

North Gin

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that," said Jim Bradford, manager of the gin.

"Now we can gin very quickly and better grades."

Last year the old facility could gin 25 - 27 bales of cotton an hour.

"We should be able to gin 50 bales an hour pretty easily now," Bradford said. In a 10 to 12 hour shift, that's a lot of cotton - about 600 bales."

Whether or not the gin will run 24-hours with two shifts or just 12-hours with one shift depends on how this year's crop is harvested, he said.

"If it's all harvested at once, we'll put on another crew and be looking at ginning 1,200 bales a day," Bradford said.

He said it takes a 11 to 12 man crew per shift.

Calling the investment in the new gin "sizable," Bradford said.

"It means we're in for the long haul.

"This was a long-term investment," he said. "This gin will last 40 or 50 years with the equipment we have in it now."

Bradford said Tuesday he expects to start ginning cotton this week.

There were many interesting historical sites in Fredricksburg. They toured the Old Salem Church, enjoyed the museum, the grounds of the boyhood home of George Washington and to quote Bill: "It was all just wonderful!"

Steve and Karron Smith went to Austin to the state biennial election law seminar for county chairman. Geoffrey S. Conner, Texas Secretary of State, gave the welcome address. Karron said the leader went through an inch-thick book about how to run an election in a very short time. The leaders explained the "Help America Vote Act" of 2002. Karron said it was overwhelming to understand or remember.

She and Steve attended a Republican luncheon, where they heard speakers Justice Harriet O'Neill, Justice Paul Green and Justice Cheryl Johnson.

During the summer, Don and Carolyn Moke went to Las Vegas, Nev. - no not to gamble - but to see their son and daughter-in-law, Coby and Kendra.

Coby is a scientist at the Nevada Test Site. They moved out in February of 2003 and already like the desert atmosphere. Kendra gets to be a homemaker and will have their first child in January. Yes, Don and Carolyn are finally getting to be grandparents.

While in Las Vegas, Coby and Kendra took Don and Carolyn to Red Rock Canyon. Another day, they went up on Mount Charleston, a lovely place.

It was 106 degrees in Las Vegas and 68 degrees on Mount Charleston.

Coby drove them by the test site called Mercury. They visited the oasis out in the desert and saw Lake Mead, which is real low, but still a big lake. Hoover Dam was awesome, they said.

Lucile Dollar of Dimmitt celebrated her 80th birthday on Oct. 12, surrounded by her family. The celebration was at El Sombrero. Attending the festivities were her two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Kevin Rush of Lynden, Wa. And Brenda and Bill Allen of Anchorage, Alaska; her son and daughter-in-law, Monty and Alisa Dollar of Lubbock; granddaughter, Chandra Dieffenbach of Anchorage; a grandson and his wife, Brandon and Kelly Thompson of Amarillo; and two great-grandchildren, Stephanie and Christopher Thompson of Amarillo.

Hispanic Voice

with Marg Lou Lumberra, 647-4266

Denicia Barrios of Amarillo, 1 1993 Dimmitt ISD graduate, wants to know if anyone knows or has heard anyone say if their class is celebrating a 10-year reunion. If so, she would like info on it. You may contact her at (806) 681-8028 or e-mail her at dabarrios@cox.net.

Anyssa M. Jaramillo celebrated her first birthday with a HUGE party on the 18th.

She had a dinner, a clown show, a big Dora the Explorer cake, a pinata on a D.J. dance by Brodie Olsen of Amarillo. Anyssa is Brenda (Flores) and Emanuel Jaramillo's first child. They live in Amarillo.

Brenda is employed by Amarillo National Bank and Emanuel is employed by United Super Market and is attending Amarillo College to become a veterinarian. Brenda graduated from Dimmitt ISD in 1999 and Emanuel graduated from DISD in 2001.

Her parents are Lupe (Nino) and Jimmy Flores of Dimmitt; Emanuel's are Rolando and Shely Ontiveros of Dimmitt. Some out-of-town guests and family members attended the party: Bobby and Hortensia (Murillo) Nino and Tony and Rosa Martinez, all of Hereford; Freddy and Heather Martinez of Lubbock; Cindy (Martinez) Enriquez of Tulia; Mary Ann Lara and twins Symonie and Syrene of Dimmitt; Terry Flores and daughter Caitlyn; Susie (Flores) Garcia and children Jaime, Jessica and Justin; Marissa Flores; Janie and Sam Ramirez; Renee and Cesar Castillo; Ray and Josie Garcia; Luis and Crystal Nino, Joe Lara Jr. of Amarillo; Tammy Garcia and Jessie Arrellano; Jacob and Teresa Lara and son Kaleb of Amarillo; Tina and Richard Gonzales; Joey Martinez; Emilia Gauna; Emilio and Becky Nino; Joe Lee Flores of Amarillo; Emanuel's grandmothers from Denver, Ernestina Aguilar; an uncle, Rojelio Aguilar; an aunt, Alejandra Aguilar, all from Denver; a cousin from Abilene, Chastidy Aguilar, Domingo and Leta Rodriguez and Ricky and Marina Gonzales from Lubbock; Ray and Loretta Aleman and children, Monique and Andre; and their grandchildren, Dustin Reyes and Lexie Tijerina from Hereford. Many friends from Amarillo and Dimmitt attended and they all enjoyed each other's company and had a great time.

Prayers are asked for Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Maria Aleman, Rita Aleman, Richard and Maria Rivera, Marcelo Aguilar and Julia Aguilar.

Please call if you have news for me at 647-4266 or e-mail me at Middleace@Yahoo.com. Don't be shy.

Who's New

Joshua and Bethany Goen of Dimmitt are the parents of a new baby girl - Zimrie Faythe Goen, who was born at 8:36 a.m., Sept. 12, 2003, at BSA in Amarillo.

She weighed 5-pounds and 13-ounces and was 19.74 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Darrell and Judy Odom of Shallowater.

Fraternal grandparents are Brady and Jenny Goen, also of Shallowater.



ZIMRIE GOEN

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People



Nazareth native gains recognition

It's not everyday that you open "The Dallas Morning News" and see a familiar face.

However, that's just what Don and Betty Acker did recently. The familiar face - that of their son Vance, was profiled by the paper for his work in the field of nuclear medicine.

"We were real proud to read about him," Mrs. Acker said.

When Acker graduated from Nazareth High School,



VANCE ACKER

he joined the Army. After that, he attended Amarillo

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Mr. and Mrs. W.A. "Bay" Baldrige

Baldriges mark 50th anniversary

W.A. "Bay" and Bobbie Baldrige celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Oct. 24.

Bay married the former Bobbie Hughes at the First Baptist Church in Clovis, N.M. They previously lived in Lubbock and Levelland. They have lived in Dimmitt since 1967.

Bay is currently a County Commissioner and Bobbie is a homemaker. They were engaged in farming for many years in Lubbock County, Hockley County and Castro County.

Children of the couple and their spouses are Garry and Vicki Baldrige of Dimmitt and Sheril and Tim Conner of Pampa. Their grandchildren are Kevin Baldrige of Amarillo, Heather Hucks of Amarillo and Tyler and Hunter Hucks of Pampa.



Chris DeMoss and Stephanie Gerber

Gerber-DeMoss

Joel and Mary Beth Gerber of Nazareth have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Gerber of Canyon, to Chris DeMoss of Canyon. He is the son of Rodney and Vesta DeMoss of Canyon. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Nazareth High School and works as a dental assistant at the office of Dr. Folger Vallette in Canyon. The prospective groom is 1995 graduate of Canyon High School. He is enrolled at West Texas A&M University.

The wedding is set for Jan. 24, 2004, in Nazareth.

Military News

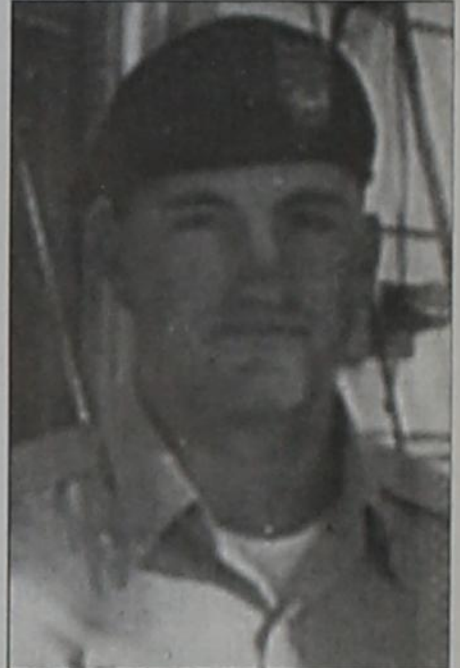
Charanza comes home on leave

Spc. Bryan Charanza of Nazareth has completed his two-year European assignment in Germany, including six months in Baghdad.

He is home on three-weeks leave.

After his leave, he will start his next assignment in Miami, Fla.

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CHURCH NEWS



WOMEN FROM THROUGHOUT Castro County came together Saturday night at the Expo Center for The Annual Fall Women's Encounter. The women met for fellowship and food and heard from several speakers.

Sundays are special days

BY DAVID FULTZ

It is the first day of the week when Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior rose from the grave and brought life and immortality to light (Mk 16:1-20). It is the day of Pentecost (also the first day of the week, when the church had its beginning after the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. Terms of pardon were given for the remission of sins (Acts 2:37-40), and 3,000 souls were added unto them on that day, those who were baptized, and they "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers." (Acts 2:41-42).

We know the early church continued to meet upon the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper and continue in the fellowship or to lay by in store (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-34, 1 Cor. 16:1-2). They also had the preaching or teaching of God's Word

(Acts 2:42; 20:47), as well as singing praises and teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs and in prayers (Eph. 5:19-21).

What a joy and privilege it is for us to come together upon the first day of each week in order to worship God!

No doubt it was this day that was referred to by John as the "Lord's Day" in Rev. 1:10, as he received the marvelous revelation of things to come to pass that we find in the book of Revelation. Today, one of the greatest blessings we have is to assemble together for worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24) upon the first day of the week as we prepare ourselves to be in the spirit through study and meditation upon matters divine. Jesus will be there. Where will I be? (Matt. 18:20). "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," said Jesus.

We are warned against forsaking the assembling together now; lest we be rejected in that final assembly with Him forever (Heb. 10:24-25).

David Fultz is pastor at Parkway Drive Church of Christ.

Hear
The First United
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Jesus is our substitute for sins

BY DORIS HUCKERT

1 Corinthians 5:21 "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Jesus is my substitute for my sin.

When we trust in Christ (born again or conversion) we make an exchange - our sin for His righteousness.

It doesn't matter how badly we messed up things yesterday. I can rest assured I can begin this day knowing I am righteous (right standing with God.)

Here are some of the benefits the word of God says righteousness will bring:

* Psalm 92:12 "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree."

* Psalm 146:8 "The Lord loveth the righteous."

* Proverbs 11:10 "When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth."

Proverbs 11:21 "The seed of the righteous shall be

delivered."

1 Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers."

* Psalm 5:12 "For thou, Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor will thou compass him as with a shield."

* Psalm 34:17 "The righteous cry and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles."

* Psalm 37:29 "The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell therein forever."

Don't let the devil rob you of one single blessing.

Run him off by shouting out loud, "I am the righteousness of God!" Through faith enjoy the privileges God has prepared for you?

The Rev. Doris Huckert is the chaplain at Dimmitt Nursing and Rehab and Hospice Chaplain for Castro County Hospital District.

"What have you heard about the Church of Christ?"



Leonard Gray

After growing up in Texas and having preached for 58 years, the speaker feels that he has heard many things said about the church of Christ which need to be clarified. This gospel meeting is an effort to do that.

Serving as a pilot in WWII, he seriously considered studying to be an aeronautical engineer, but had strong convictions that what this world needed was not so much better airplanes...as better people.

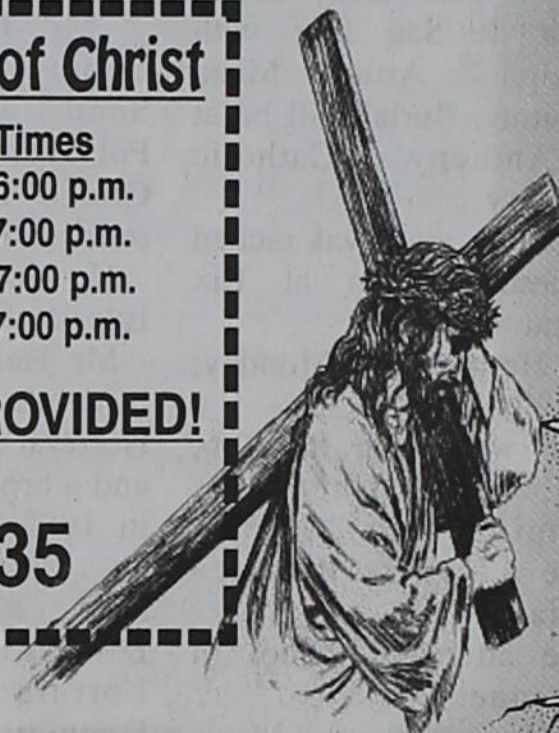
Presently, Gray is serving the church in Tipton, Oklahoma as associate minister and counselor with the Tipton Children's home.

4th and Bedford Church of Christ

Dates	Times
Sunday, November 2nd	6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 3rd	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 4th	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 5th	7:00 p.m.

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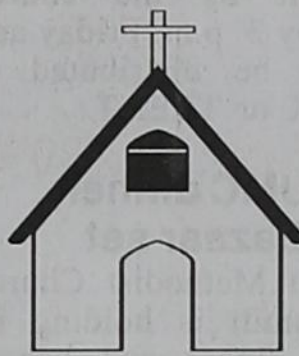
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Obituaries

AUDELL R. COVINGTON

Audell R. Covington, 91, of Las Vegas, Nev., departed this life Sept. 26, 2003. She was born Aug. 4, 1912, in Murray, Ky., living there for 18 years before moving to Tucson, Ariz., where she met the love of her life, Thomas Covington. He preceded her in death Oct. 5, 1963. She moved to Las Vegas in 1988, living with her daughter, Donna Palermo. Also surviving her were two other daughters, Betty Carpenter of Dimmitt and Claudia McCaskill of Las Vegas; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren, all of whom



Audelle R. Covington she adored. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Hubbs and Evelyn Moudy and one brother, James Rowland, all of Murray, Ky. Memorial services were held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, at Palm Mortuary and Cemetery in Las Vegas.

ROY J. HERRERA

Services for Roy J. Herrera, 76, of Dimmitt will be at 2 p.m. today at La Iglesia de San Jose with Monsignor Arturo Meza officiating. Burial will be at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery.

A prayer vigil was recited Wednesday night at Rix Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Herrera died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003.

He was born Sept. 6, 1927, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Adolfo Herrera and Rebecca Garcia.

He attended school in Cheyenne.

Mr. Herrera married Maria Casas on May 31, 1965 in El Paso.

He was a resident of

Hereford for 18 years, prior to moving to Dimmitt in July, 2003.

Mr. Herrera had been employed by Polvadera Sand and Gravel in Polvadera, N.M. and then Greigo Dragline prior to retiring in 1986.

He was a member of La Iglesia de San Jose.

Mr. Herrera was preceded in death by his son, Joy J. Herrera Jr. in May, 1990 and a brother, Isaac Herrera in 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Herrera of Dimmitt; a daughter, Lorraine Mendoza of Dimmitt; a sister, Beatrice Sanchez of Las Vegas, Nev.; and four grandchildren.

Nazareth priest

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John was removed that night, Lexa said.

In the bulletin at Holy Family Catholic Church, Father John wrote to parishioners: "I am grateful to all parishioners of Holy Family Parish for the cooperation given to me during the last three months. I take full responsibility for all actions that led to my dismissal from Nazareth and return to India. I will continue keeping you in my daily prayers. Please pray for me."

Lexa said that Waldow also met with members of Holy Family Church. "It's a tragic thing to happen to parishioners," she said, noting that some of the duties of the parish are being conducted by deacons, while visiting priests will be sent in to perform other sacramental duties.

"Bishop John Yanta will do his best to have a full-time priest in that parish within the next few months," Lexa said.



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Program set for Home Merc

The Home Mercantile will host an educational program on "The Impact of Playa Lakes" on Sunday evening, Oct. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. The program will be presented by Bill Johnson, a wetlands biologist working for Texas Parks & Wildlife in Canyon. Mr. Johnson gave a presentation to students at the Water Works Camp in Nazareth this past summer, and will give one to Dimmitt eighth graders in November. The Sunday evening program will be an opportunity for parents and adults to hear something of what the students have been learning.

Reception set for Elliott

After 38 years of dedicated service with the Farm Service Agency, Trish Elliott, CED in Castro County, has decided it's time to retire. You are invited to attend a retirement reception honoring Trish from 1 to 4 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Castro County Farm Service Agency Office 114 W. Belsher St. Ste A.

Trunk or Treat at First Baptist

The Preschool and Children's ministries of First Baptist Church will host a TRUNK or TREAT Party for all Pre-Kindergarten through sixth-grade children. TRUNK or TREAT will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31 in the back parking lot.

Parents wanting to hand out treats are asked to come by 5:15 p.m. and park their car in the back parking lot with the trunk facing the inside of the lot. Treats should be placed in their trunk and handed out as the children come by.

If you would like to contribute candy, please bring it by the church office by 3 p.m. Friday and it will be distributed at TRUNK or TREAT.

FUMC dinner, bazaar set

First Methodist Church of Dimmitt is holding its annual dinner and bazaar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the church. Take-outs are available by calling the church office, 647-4106, starting Monday, Nov. 3, through Tuesday morning. All plates are \$7. Proceeds go to support UMW missions.

Spaghetti supper set for Nov. 7

Kids Inc. is sponsoring a pre-game spaghetti supper from 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 7, at the Dimmitt High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 due at the door.

Community Calendar



GRANT RECIPIENT

VANESA MCCLURE, RIGHT, accepts the Delta Kappa Gamma Grant from Kelly Taylor, president. Vanesa is an education major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is employed by DISD as a computer lab instructor at Dimmitt Middle School. Vanesa married to Max McClure and is the mother of Kristin and Zack McClure. Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society for women educators. A grant is offered each year to a college student who has graduated from a Castro County high school and who has been accepted into the Department of Education at a college of university.

Please see any of the Kids, Inc. board members to get your tickets. Board members are Jon Riddle, Shirley Lindley, Rudy Bonilla, Carla Schilling, John Henderson, Melissa Carpenter, Ruben Martinez, Albert Acevedo, Nick Lara and Dione Steffens.

Halleluja Night in Hereford

Hallelujah Night is coming in Hereford Friday, Oct. 31. NEW TIME is 5 to 7 p.m., so you can still make the ballgame. This is a fun night with games, booths, cotton candy and prizes AND it's all free! It's our gift to you and your kids to keep them safe this year. A concession stand is available. This year there is a giant tee-pee along with Xtreme games. Hallelujah Night is a ministry to you from the Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 1410 La Plata.

Turkey Shoot scheduled

Hale County 4-H Shooting Sports is sponsoring a turkey shoot at the trap field, located one-quarter mile west of Excel on County Road 50 and one quarter mile south on turnrow.

The turkey shoot will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26. For more information, contact Pete Chambliss at 296-9277.

Nazareth marks Red Ribbon Week

The Nazareth Student Council will be sponsoring

Red Ribbon Week for the Nazareth school starting Monday, Oct. 27 through Friday, Oct. 31. To encourage the students to participate, we have designated a theme for each day of the week:

Monday: "Put a Lid on Drugs." Wear your favorite hat to school

Tuesday: "Sign Drugs Away." Wear a T-shirt and bring a marker and let your friends sign your shirt.

Wednesday: "Wear Red Day."

Thursday: "Grim Reaper Day." Throughout the day, random students will be taken from class by the "Grim Reaper."

Friday: "Scare Drugs Away." Wear your Halloween mask to school.

Need a fund-raiser or community service project?

DREAMS (PTO) will sponsor a Halloween/Fall Carnival from 5 to 9 p.m., Nov. 1, at the Expo Building.

Anyone interested in having a booth at the Carnival should call Sharon Kinser at 647-3491 or Mandy Gfeller at 647-4551. Cost for a booth is \$25.

Handweavers Guild meeting set

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 30, in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting lo-

cation, call Becky Martin at 358-2765.

Honor Society selling greenery

The Dimmitt High School chapter of National Honor Society is selling fresh-cut greenery for the Christmas holidays. The sales are from Oct. 20 to Oct. 31. The greenery will be delivered the first full week of December.

If you are interested, contact a Society member of Cinnamon Bradley at 647-3105.

Red Ribbon Week at DHS

Once again, Dimmitt High School is joining the national campaign against drugs by participating in Red Ribbon Week, from Oct. 27 to Oct. 31. The theme for this year's campaign is "Plant the Promise."

Student Council members will plant red tulip bulbs around businesses in Dimmitt to show their support for a drug-free world.

If you're interested in supporting Plant the Promise, contact Mrs. Gilbreath or Mrs. Bruton at Dimmitt High School or Sheena Ehly at 647-23253. During the week, students will also participate in dress-up days and pledge to remain drug-free.

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Dimmitt falls to Littlefield

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

After putting up a scrappy defense in the first half Friday night, Dimmitt was unable to keep Littlefield at bay during the third quarter, eventually losing 35-12 in district play.

After a scoreless first quarter on Friday, Littlefield scored in the second quarter, giving them 7-0 lead going into the locker room at the half. However, Littlefield scored 21 unanswered points in the third quarter, effectively putting the game out of reach.

"We played really well in the first half," said Dimmitt coach Glen Dunnam. "We had a rough third quarter and played a good fourth quarter. The third quarter ended up hurting us very bad. As a whole, our team played very well."

In the fourth quarter, Dimmitt's first score came on a 46-yard pass from Nicky Gauna to Tyler Myatt. The second score for the Bobcats came on a 45-yard

Gauna pass to Adam Wright. Both run attempts for 2-points failed, and the Bobcats trailed 28-12. Littlefield scored once more before the end of the game, leaving the score 35-12.

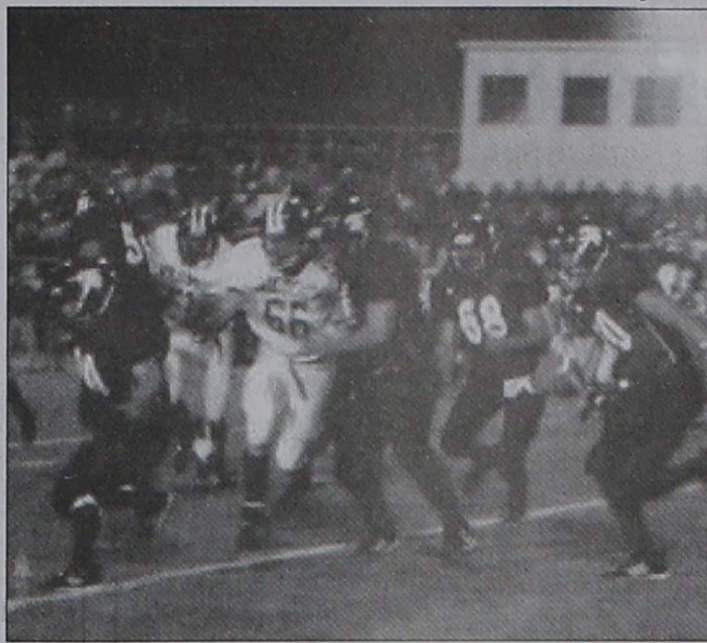
Gauna completed 10 of 24 passes for 147 yards. On defense, he had 25 tackles, Dunnam said.

"On offense, we didn't move the ball as consistently as we'd like," Dunnam said. "We couldn't get anything generated in the running game and had to rely on the pass. Until the fourth quarter, we didn't generate much offense."

"James Lindsey and our punt team kept us in good shape as far as field position goes. He had seven punts for 35 yards."

However, Dunnam said, the offense is going to have establish a running game in order to take the pressure off the pass if the Bobcats are going to succeed.

"Losing Matthew Sanders for the season created a big hole in our running game."



DIMMITT QUARTERBACK NICKY GAUNA, No. 10, carries the ball behind a line of Bobcat blockers in Friday's game.

Dunnam said the Bobcats defense played really well in the first half.

"The one thing we've been working on is having more than one person at the ball," he said.

"But in the third quarter, we had some breakdowns. We came back in the fourth quarter, despite having people down with injuries. We had some subs that stepped up and did a good job."

This week, the Bobcats take on Muleshoe.

"Defensively, they're a very physical team; they

show a bunch of formations," he said. "We'll have to play a good, solid defensive game. We have to run the ball to keep them honest. We'll have to have continued success throwing the ball. We're just going to have to be more balanced."

Dunnam said his players aren't too down after the loss to Littlefield.

"They're discouraged that they lost, especially after playing such a good first half, but I think they're ready to come back and work hard this week," he said.

2003 Bobcat Football Schedule

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Date	Team	Place	Time
Oct. 24	* Muleshoe	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Brownfield	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	* Lub. Cooper	Here	7:30 p.m.

JV and FRESHMEN

Oct. 23	* Muleshoe	Here	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	Here	5/6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	* Lub. Cooper #	There	5/6:30 p.m.

SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE

Oct. 23	* Muleshoe	There	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	There	5/6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	* Lub. Cooper	Here	5/6:30 p.m.

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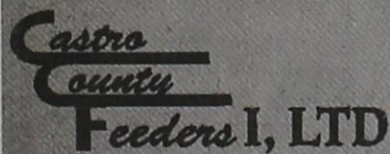
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High School - Student Council Meeting - 12:00
High School Pep Rally - 3:20
Football: 7th & 8th vs Muleshoe - There - 5:00 & 6:30

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service / Comp. Day
Football: Varsity vs Muleshoe - There - 7:30

SATURDAY, OCT. 25
High School - ACT Test - 8:00 - noon

MONDAY, OCT. 27

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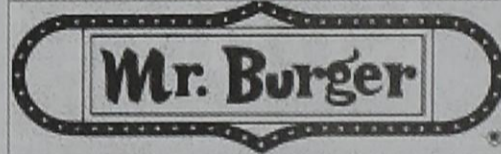
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Swifts ready for Bovina

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

After a week off, the Nazareth Swifts head to Bovina for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff Friday.

"We're trying to get back into the normal routine after a week off," said coach Ricky Peacock. "We're trying to make sure we have good execution and line up correctly on defense."

Although the Swifts are 1-0 in district play, Peacock warns that this will be another tough game.

"Bovina is pretty good," he said. "They've got

some good athletes in their backfield and some big linemen on defense.

"They're going to be a little bit more athletic than Farwell was."

Last week the Swifts handled Farwell 36-19. Part of that was the play of Tyson Schulte, who caught eight passes for 103 yards, two touchdowns and one two-point conversion. However, Schulte is out for the season, Peacock said, after suffering a knee injury. Surgery was scheduled for Wednesday, the coach said.

"That loss is going to put

pressure on our younger players to step up," Peacock said.

And, he said, the younger team members as a whole are responding.

"By this time of the year, the freshmen, sophomores are used to the game," he said. "We've gotten pretty good play out of some of our young kids we've had to call on in the last few weeks. We just hope they'll continue to play like they've been coached to do."

One of the keys to the team's success in recent weeks is that the defense has gelled.

"Early we took some lumps, but as of late we've come on and started playing better as a unit and that's shown in the last couple of games," Peacock said.

"That's been a big plus for us. I felt like we'd be alright offensively, but was a little worried about defense. Now that the guys have settled down and gotten comfortable with what they're supposed to do, it's all coming together."



GROUND WORK ON the new addition to the ag building started last week at Nazareth.

First phase of bond issue is under way

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

With the groundwork started on the addition to the ag building, the Nazareth schools are on the way to seeing new and improved structures and facilities, thanks to voters overwhelmingly approving a \$900,000 plus bond issue.

"The new part of the ag building will be 50 x 80 feet and will fit in with the old building," said Superintendent Marshall Harrison.

"Both buildings will be re-sided, so they'll look like just one structure."

The new part will double as a maintenance facility for the district and will have a bay for washing vehicles, a car lift for maintenance.

The classrooms and offices will be air-conditioned.

The bond issue called for it to cost \$210,000, but the figures have come in at \$180,000, Harrison said.

Asbestos abatement and renovation of the cafeteria is also under way.

"It's going to be extremely nice, since it will be a cafetorium," he said. "It will have central air conditioning, additional bathrooms, among other features." It will take 90 to 120 days to complete, he said.

The district is taking bids now for work on the main building, which will start when school is out.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS NAZARETH ISD

State Financial Accountability Rating

Nazareth ISD will hold
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At 8:00 p.m., November 12, 2003

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Oct. 24	Bovina*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Hart*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Springlake-Earth*	Away	7:30 p.m.
* denote district games			
JUNIOR HIGH			
Oct. 23	BOVINA	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 30	HART	Away	5 p.m.
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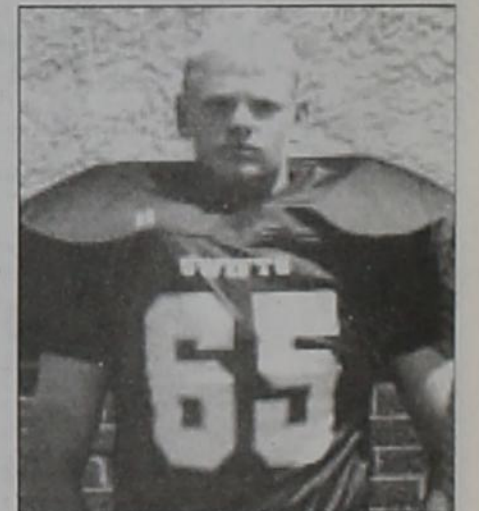
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Farwell corrals the Horns, 33-6

BY BOB LIBBY

Farwell drew first blood early in the game when Hugo Vazquez punched the ball in from four yards out giving the Steers a 7-0 lead after the PAT was good. Hart played solid defense the rest of the quarter as neither team was able to generate any consistent offense.

The second quarter was an replica of the first. Running back Matthew Edwards was able to score on a seven-yard run, but this time the PAT was no good, giving the Steers a 13-0 lead. Hart's defense stiffened up and the Horns trailed 13-0 going into the locker room at halftime.

Hart came out in the third

quarter and really played well both offensively and defensively. With the offensive line giving quarterback A.J. Carrasco some time to throw, a connection was made with Eran Castillo on a 39-yard touchdown pass and run for the Longhorns first score of the night. Roy Robledo's PAT was wide but now the Horns trailed just 13-6. This score built up some much-needed confidence for the Horns as they played hard on both sides of the ball. Farwell was unable to sustain any drives as Hart controlled the game much of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Carrasco was able to connect on some nice passes to

Castillo and Isaias Ponce but the Steers were able to keep Hart out of the end zone. The game was close until the final 5:06 when Matthew Edwards scored on a third-down play from one yard out. The PAT was good giving Farwell some breathing room and a 20-6 lead. On the ensuing possession Hart fumbled and with 4:51 left in the game, Farwell scored on a 28 yard Rowdy Mitchell run. On the next possession Hart fumbled again and Jose Cabello punched it in on another third-down play. The Steers scored three touchdowns in a span of 1:40 in the fourth quarter making the final score 33 to 6 in favor of Farwell.

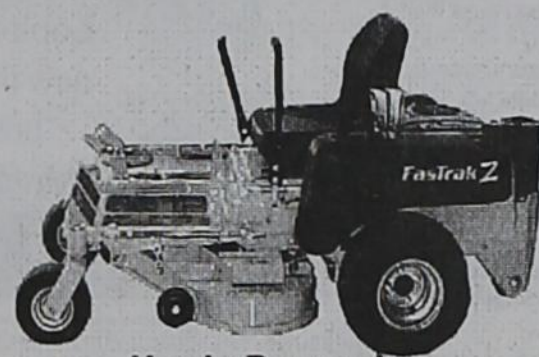


VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY District Runner-ups Front row, left to right: Coach Carl Irlbeck, Sammy Longoria, Marcus Reyna, Ben Montemayor, Eric Montemayor, Back row David Cisneros, David Diaz, Trent Barnes, Roy Robledo, Joey Martinez, Eric Menchaca.

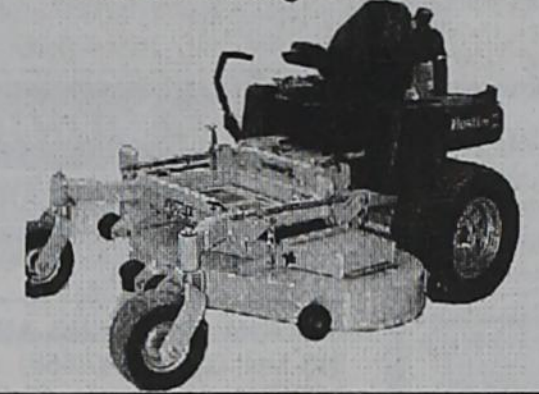


AT LEFT, DAVID Cisneros accepts team plaque and team medals at the district meet. Cisneros finished in second-place overall.

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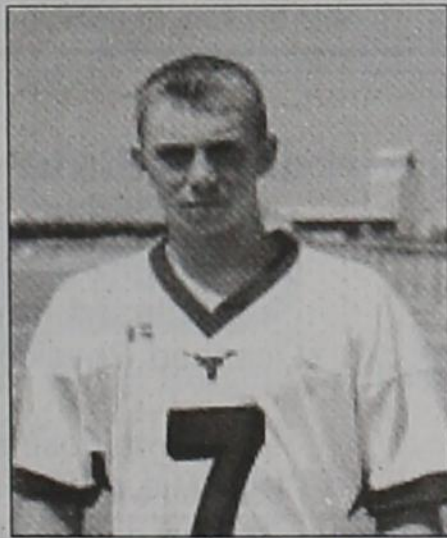
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Hart Longhorn 2003 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Oct. 24	* Springlake-Earth	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Nazareth	There	7:30 p.m.
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The law of chance

By Jim Davidson

How would you like to live in a world of chance? Many years ago someone wrote a children's book entitled, "The Chance World." It told of a world in which everything happened by chance. The sun may come up in the morning or it may not. But if it did come up, no one could predict if it would come up at 5 O'clock, at noon, or at midnight. If one planted a field of corn, it may come up as corn, it may come up as wheat, or it may come up as pickles, rose bushes or even apple trees. If one jumped into the air, he may come down or he may keep on going. One could not tell in advance what would happen.

So, again here is the same question: How would you like to live in a world of chance? Well, aren't we thankful we don't have to? We live in a world where there are absolutes. Each night on TV the weatherman tells us exactly

what time the sun is coming up the next morning. We may not be able to see it for the clouds, but we know it's there. Now, based on what I've just said, how many people do you suppose plan their lives and their futures on chance, circumstances or luck?

Here is some really GOOD NEWS and if you happen to be one of these people, I'm going to share some thoughts that I hope you will ponder. This could make a wonderful difference in your future. When it comes to our personal success, regardless of what our goals happen to be, there are some areas of knowledge we have to know and in a sense have this knowledge become second nature. That is, if we want to live closer to our true potential and maximize the talents and abilities that God has given us.

One of these areas of

knowledge has to do with "natural laws." Based on my personal observation, it's my belief that many people do not truly understand natural laws and how they work, at least not fully. Unfortunately, this lack of knowledge keeps these people at the bottom of the economic and social pyramid and believe me it does not have to be this way.

A natural law has been defined as "A series of events in nature that has been observed to occur with unvarying uniformity." In other words, if the circumstances are exactly the same in all respects, then the outcome or result will always be the same. For example, if you step or fall off a tall building you will always go down. You will never go up. It's the same with all other natural laws, they always work whether we understand or know about them or not. Here is the point I hope you won't

miss. If you operate or perform on the right side of all natural laws, they will always work for you. If you operate or perform on the wrong side, they will always work against you. It's complicated but yet very simple.

The misuse or misunderstanding of the natural "LAW OF CHANCE" keeps far too many people from achieving real financial success.

Here is the key to using this law to your advantage. When you take a chance with your hard earned money, make sure the odds are in your favor. This is not the case with the lottery, the casinos, sports gambling or the race track. The wise person understands that making an investment is far better than taking a gamble. (Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

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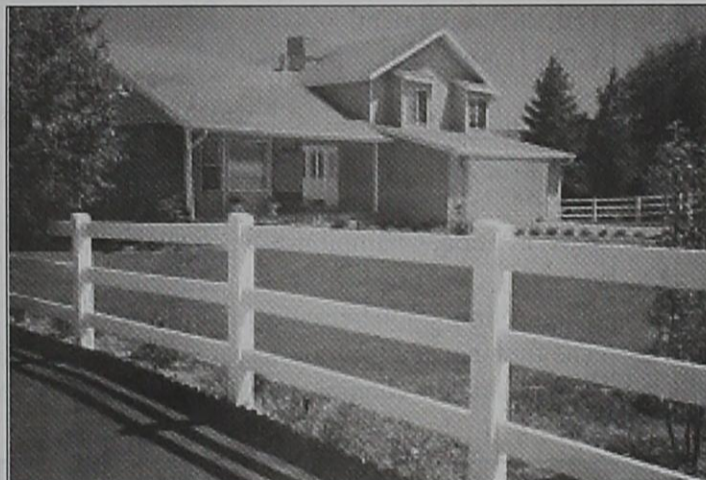
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Dimmitt area retired school personnel group meets

The October 14 meeting of the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association celebrated Sweet Treats and Rock and Roll with a trip down memory lane by driving to Clovis to tour the Norman Petty Recording Studio and Leslie's Candy Kitchen.

A Clovis native, Norman Petty had an ear for music from childhood and organized several musical groups, but his real interest was in improving the sound of music. The music of his Norman Petty Trio was enhanced by his self-taught engineering skill with recording equipment. The Trio's big hit record, Mood Indigo, helped to build his studio as we see it today. He

launched many famous singers who took the country by storm with hits produced in his small studio, including Buddy Holly's Peggy Sue, Oh Boy, Almost Paradise, That'll Be the Day, and Maybe Baby, Roy Orbison's Only the Lonely and Pretty Woman, the String-a-Long's Wheels, Leann Rimes' Blue, and many others.

Both Norman and his wife Vi are deceased now, but as dictated by their will, their estate is administered by long-time friends, retired minister Kenneth Broad and his wife. Kenneth was, at one time, interim minister at the First Christian Church in Dimmitt. Also making an appearance during our tour

was David Bigham who was a member of The Roses, a group that provided back-up singing for Buddy Holly on his tours and for many of the hits produced at the studio.

Next on the agenda was a visit to Leslie's Candy Kitchen where many people through out the country have discovered what local Clovis folks have known since 1949: the best Peanut Patties, Chicken Legs, Haystacks, peanut brittle, cinnamon suckers, Christmas specialties, and many other candies, come from a small candy shop on the windy Eastern Plains of New Mexico. The same secret recipes have been used for over fifty years and the work is still done by hand with very simple cooking pots and equipment. They were making peanut patties while we watched, but the night shift is making Christmas candies and peppermint poles. They sell retail from the shop but ship 98% of the products out wholesale. Our tour group purchased a good sampling of their products!

The group finished the day by enjoying dinner at Poor Boys.

Dimmitt seventh, eighth grade teams play Littlefield close

The Dimmitt seventh-grade football team lost a close one last week to Littlefield, 22-20.

"We had big performances out of our offensive line," said coach Kris Knippa. "They did a great job creating running room for John David Gonzales and Frank Castro. We also had a good performance offensively out of Colton Bradley, who scored a touchdown on trick play."

The eighth-grade matchup with Littlefield ended in a 20-20 tie.

"We had unbelievable play by the offensive line," Knippa said. "They totally dominated Littlefield's offensive front. Our running game was led by Marcus Glover, who scored one touchdown and led in rushing for the night."

"Defensively, we had big performances out of Robbie Lopez, Eric Odom and Houston Sutton."

This week the teams travel to Muleshoe with the seventh-grade game starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by the eighth-grade game.



DIMMITT FOOTBALL PLAYERS and cheerleaders went to Richardson Elementary recently to encourage students to read in the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program. Left to right, Caleb Dickerson, Jake Porsch, Adam Wright and Nicky Gauna encourage the students to get excited about reading.

Livestock assistance program signup extended

Signup for the LAP has been extended to Nov. 21, 2003. This program is intended to address the needs of producers who were not adequately covered by the Livestock Compensation Program. Producers cannot receive payments under both programs for the same loss. A producer's LAP payment will be reduced the amounts the producer received under

the 2002 Cattle Feed Program, Livestock Compensation Program I or II regardless of whether the LAP payment is for 2001 or 2002. Call (806) 647-2153 for an appointment to sign-up.

HARD WHITE WHEAT INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

USDA is encouraging the planting of hard white wheat.

In fact, the Farm Bill made available \$20 million for hard white wheat incentive payments for the 2003-2005 crops.

The production incentive payment rate is \$0.20 per bushel on production up to 60 bushels per acre.

An additional incentive payment of \$2 per acre is available to producers who plant certified seed.

However, planting certified seed is not a requirement for receiving the per bushel incentive payment.

To receive the per bushel payment, the hard white wheat must grade No. 2 or higher. In addition, it must be sold for domestic food use or export. Contact our office for more information.

2004 DCP SIGN UP

The DCP sign-up period for fiscal year 2004 is from Oct. 1, 2003, to June 1, 2004. The CCC-509 form, "Direct and Counter-cyclical Program Contract," includes base acres, payment acres,

payment yields, producer payment shares, advance direct and counter-cyclical payment selections and signatures of the producer and county office person.

The CCC-509 must be submitted by June 1, 2004.

All owners and operators who will share in the DCP payments on the farm must sign the CCC-509. Forms with signatures that are obtained after June 1, 2004, but before Sept. 30, 2004, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-file sign-up fee of \$100.

Farm producers must apply for DCP on an annual basis and can opt out of participating in DCP for any year if they so choose.

The following documents are required and applicable determinations must be made before the county committee can approve a producer's share on the CCC-509 for payment:

- * a farm-operating plan (CCC-502 and related forms)
- * an average adjusted gross income certification (CCC-526)
- * a certification of compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions (AD-1026). A certification of the acreage of all cropland on the farm (FSA-578) is needed before final payments can be issued.

Wildcats, Hawkeyes to play Saturday

The Dimmitt Wildcats will take on the Plainview Jayhawks at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Liberty Bowl, set to be played at Coronado Junior High School in Plainview.

Later, at 12:30 p.m., the Dimmitt Hawkeyes will play Crosbyton in the Independence Bowl at the same venue.

Soccer Schedule

Major Girls
Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m., Team 1 vs. Team 2
Oct. 28, tournament
Nov. 1, Noon, Championship games

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Now I have XP to deal with.

But looking back, with the exception of Windows Me, they've all been pretty decent operating systems. I still run 95 on a couple of machines and it works flawlessly.

However, the days of Windows 95 are quickly coming to an end.

If you are still running Windows 95, its time to upgrade.

Not because I say so, but because the industry is quickly forcing us that way. Most printers, scanners, cameras and other such devices no longer support



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95. Most of these devices require a USB connection and at least Windows 98 and in some cases 98SE (Second Edition).

So what's it going to upgrade your computer?

In most cases, if your computer is old enough that it has 95 on it, its probably best to just replace the entire computer.

If you want to upgrade though, your only option will probably upgrading to 98.

Chances are, installing either Windows 2000 or XP

would slow down your computer way too much. Even simply installing 98 will require some upgrading just to keep your performance at its current level.

If your PC is not at least a Pentium II, don't even think of putting 98 on it - Pentium I's simply were not designed to run 98.

So if your old computer is no longer "cutting the mustard", then you may have several options.

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Thursday: Breakfast - Waffles with syrup. Lunch - Nachos with ground beef, tuna and noodles, old-fashioned beef stew, Mexipinto beans, baked potatoes, sweet potatoes and apple, taco condiment salad, tossed salad, honeydew melon, orange gelatin surprise, cornbread.

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Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito. Lunch - Tator Tot casserole, sopapillas, chef salad, spice cake, fruit cocktail, corn, tossed salad.

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slice pizza, salad, corn, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies. Wednesday: Breakfast - Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Corn dog, burrito, steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, peaches, salad, white cake with strawberries. Thursday: Breakfast - Pancakes with syrup, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Burrito, chicken sandwich with chips, chicken fajitas, salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple.

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Cotton report

China remained the lightning rod for the cotton market this week, and the country's ongoing problems affecting its cotton production supported prices on the New York Cotton Exchange.

In fact, New York cotton prices galloped to a fresh five-year high at the beginning of Friday's trading session based on the continued deterioration of China's crop and news that the country was the primary buyer listed in USDA's latest export sales report.

"The Chinese bull has been the primary ingredient for higher New York futures prices as well as higher prices for physical cotton around the globe," one analyst explained. "Furthermore, 'China Watching' will remain the key for market activity in the coming month," he added.

USDA reported net upland cotton export sales in the week ended Oct. 9 reached a new marketing year high of 319,000 bales, much higher than pre-report trade expectations that ranged from 140,000 to 160,000 bales. Further market support came from the confirmation of market rumors of large sales to China as the country led the pack of buyers with purchases totaling 227,100 bales. Mexico and Turkey rounded out the list of the top three buyers of U.S. cotton with acquisitions of 24,200 and 20,300 bales, respectively. Export shipments of 96,300 bales for the same period equaled the week earlier but were 7 percent below the prior four-week average.

More news surfaced this week underscoring the concern in the market about Chinese cotton production. According to the country's Ministry of Agriculture, output in the Henan province, China's second largest cotton producing region, likely will fall 52 percent from the previous year. Additionally, heavy rain and cold temperatures were recorded in some key growing areas this week that could further damage crops there.

Adverse weather in Xinjiang and Henan has lead to talk of further reductions in China's cotton output. Some industry observers now are pegging the country's crop at under 23 million bales, significantly less than USDA's estimate of 25.5 million.

Moreover, China is said to be looking into importing more cotton. According to an Oct. 10 report on the China National Cotton

Exchange's website, the China Textile Industry Association (CTIA) has sent a report to the government asking for more tariff rate quotas (TRQ) for cotton in calendar year 2004.

In addition, the CTIA requested earlier allocations of such quotas to end-users to alleviate the acute shortage of cotton in China. The country's government should allocate the TRQ of

cotton to end-users in advance to ensure the supply of raw materials for exporters of cotton products, according to the report. The association also advised the government to increase the TRQ for cotton in calendar year 2004 to 9.2 million bales from the current 3.9 million bales to solve the supply woes for end-users and replenish industry cotton stocks.

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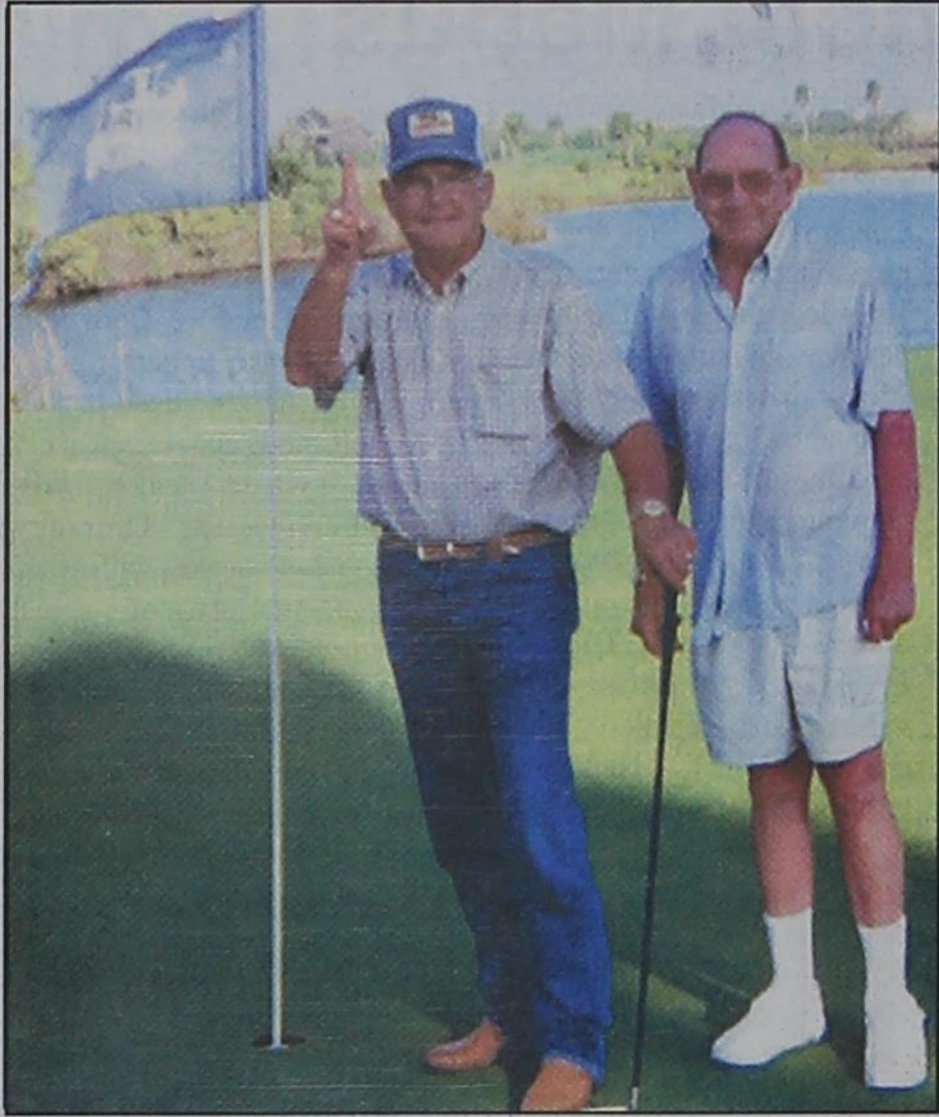
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HOLE IN ONE-Don Carpenter (left) of Dimmitt indicates his feat of a hole in one. Carpenter made his hole in one on the seventh hole at Sand Dollar Country Club in Galveston, Texas recently. With Carpenter is Ronnie Parker, formerly of Dimmitt but now living in Weatherford, Texas.

Court gives sheriff OK on commissary plan

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER
Managing Editor

The Castro County Commissioners on Monday held off on selecting a firm to collect past due fees and fines, deciding to let interested companies come before the court and make formal presentations.

Two companies have approached the court about the service, but commissioners said they want more details about what the companies will provide and what the county will be required to pay for those services.

In addition, commissioners told Sheriff C.D. Fitzgearld he could continue with plans to contract with a firm to supply jail inmates with commissary items.

Before any decision is made, however, commissioners asked that Fitzgearld have the proposed contract examined by an attorney to make sure of what requirements will be made of the county.

In other business, commissioners unanimously agreed to hire Davis, Kinard & Co. to do the county's 2003 audit for a maximum fee of \$13,500.

New plumbing ordinance is tabled again

Dimmitt City Council members on Monday tabled the proposed plumbing ordinance before its second reading.

Although the council agreed on new wording for the ordinance, the rate fee to be charged for permits and inspections has not been set.

The council is looking at what other towns charge. Currently, permits cost from \$20 and up,

depending on what is being done. However, the cost of getting an inspector to check the work is \$38.50, which the city pays.

The new plumbing ordinance would allow private individuals to do a range of plumbing work that in the past had to be done by licensed plumbers.

A change in the state law exempted cities with populations less than 5,000 from that requirement.

DCN signups under way

Classes for the Dimmitt Community Network for November include Microsoft Word (Nov. 4 & 11, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 fee or Nov. 6 and 13, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 fee); Microsoft Excel (Nov. 4 & 11, 6-7:30 p.m. and Nov. 6 & 13, 6-

7:30 p.m., \$10 fee); Beginning Computers (Nov. 8 & 15, 1-2:30 p.m., \$10 fee).

To sign up for classes, complete a Network application at Rhoads Memorial Library. Classes will be limited to six and will be held at the Dimmitt City Hall "Technology Center" and in the Senior Citizens Center "Learning Center."

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

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Acker

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College, where he was trained in nuclear medicine technology.

"It sounded really interesting," he told the paper. Acker, who is a certified nuclear medicine technologist at Baylor Medical Center in Waxahachie, said he enjoys the field because there's something different everyday.

Now, not only is Acker working in the program, he's training eight students. It's one of six training sites in the Baylor system.

The curriculum that he had to go through included clinical praticum, diagnostic nuclear procedures, ethics and law in radiology, nuclear physics, pathology, radiation biology, radiation protection, radionuclide therapy and radiopharmacy.

Acker told the paper the recruits come from various backgrounds, but are attracted because "it's rewarding work."

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