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By Don Nelson

By way of "exploring all the options" for clearing up our rural health clinics' financial woes, Steve Goode, the hospital district's chief executive officer, asked several metropolitan hospitals in the area if they could (1) conduct a review of the situation, (2) provide consulting services on operating the clinics, or (3) take over and run the clinics.

"Basically, the answer I received was 'Any of the above,'" he reported.

All the metro hospitals were willing to provide emergency accounting services, consultation and recommendations at no charge.

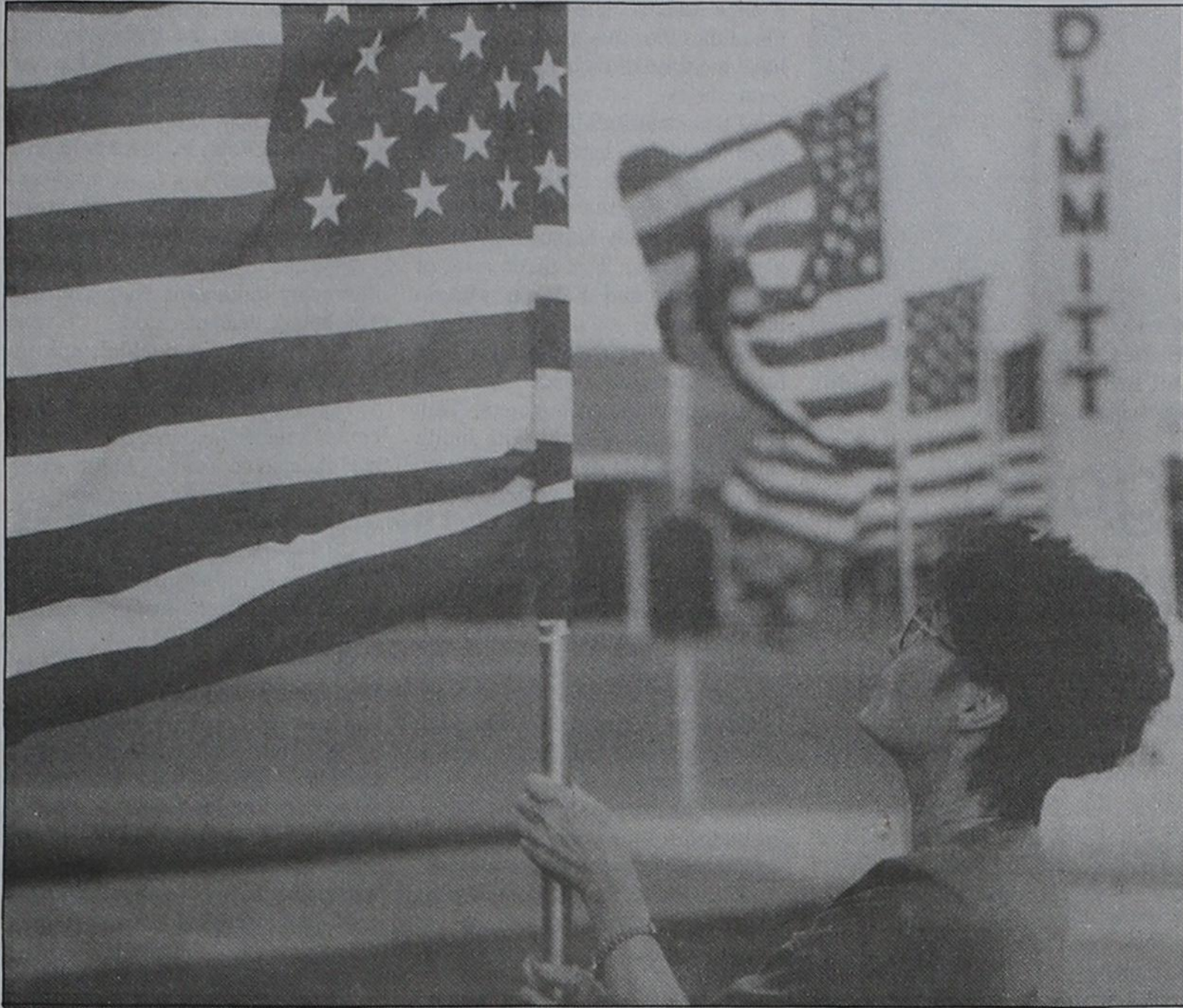
"Move very cautiously on that," Board Member Carolyn Sides warned.

"They seem to be very interested in working with us because, long-term, they want us to affiliate with them," Chief Financial Officer Arthur Bailey said.

Later in the meeting, Cindy Ellis, R.N., added her "amen" to Sides' warning.

"What they want to do is take us over," Ellis said. "I would consider it a favor to my family and myself if you proceed cautiously on any agreement with any metro hospital system."

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DRESSING UP THE CITY FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY  
... Jerrye Lilley of the Rotary Club of Dimmitt unfurls Old Glory on courthouse square Tuesday morning

## Wheat harvest, prices go well

Wheat futures continue to skyrocket toward unseen prices, but many farmers will not reap the benefits because of poor yielding wheat.

According to markets in Chicago and Kansas City, wheat prices are hovering near the \$4.50 range.

But bushel readings according to area grain producers range anywhere from 40-80 bushels, with the average being near 60-65.

"The quality is good, but the yields are down," Jerrel Sewell of Cargill Grain in Hart said. "Most of the wheat is below average, but there are some good crops."

Most producers expressed the sentiment that it could be much worse.

"This harvest is actually better than what we expected," said Don Graham, manager of Dimmitt Agri Industries. "There is not as much loss to hail as I thought there would be. Don't get me wrong though, there is some loss."

"As a whole this wheat crop is better than anticipated," J.D. Ragland, the County Extension Agent said. "The yields are a little erratic, but counting all the problems we've had, there is a surprising amount of wheat being cut."

On the rising prices, Graham said that many farmers are delighted with the increase.

"The outlook is good on prices," Ragland said. "They are somewhat pleasurable to look at."

Producers also said that the futures are higher than what they've been in the past.

"We have not seen these kind of prices in a long time," Lee Kleman of DeBruce Grain said.

Sewell explained some of the reasons for the considerably high price.

"There was some freeze damage up in Kansas, the Oklahoma panhandle and in north Texas," he said. "Overall, though the demand has been real good."

Many local farmers hope it stays that way.

## Nazareth festival is Saturday

Food, fun and great music are on tap this weekend at the 23rd annual German Festival this weekend in Nazareth.

Events begin Saturday with an arts and crafts show in the school cafeteria, followed by a German sausage meal and games for kids and adults.

Saturday night, the annual Suds 'n Sounds will be held at the ballpark at the Nazareth Community Center. Bryan Austin will headline the concert, which will also feature Laredo, Little Davy and the Ninety-Eights, Country Nites and Rowdy Ace.

The ball park will feature a 2,400 sq. ft. dance floor compliments of Wilhelm Carpentry of Amarillo, and a concession stand featuring German sausage sandwiches and other foods.

Proceeds from Suds 'n Sounds will benefit the Nazareth Community Hall and the Texas Deaf Program of the Knights of Columbus.

Bryan Austin will headline this year's Suds 'n Sounds. See a profile about the singer on Page 8.

The arts and crafts show is sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club. Exhibitors from across the region will be showing off great items for home and gift-giving.

The annual German sausage meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. The menu includes German sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, vegetables, salad, homemade bread, apple strudel and homemade cakes.

Tickets for the meal are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

Outdoor entertainment during the meal and the afternoon will feature a bluegrass concert by local entertainers. Other events beginning at 1 p.m. will include a children's barrel train ride, a children's tractor pull, and raffles for kids and adults. Events for kids will be held until 4 p.m.

Admission to Suds 'n Sounds is

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## Weather

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

Thursday	89	61
Friday	74	56
Saturday	74	56
Sunday	82	57
Monday	89	59
Tuesday	92	57
Wednesday	87	50
June moisture	6.57	
July moisture	.29	
1995 moisture	14.01	

## Grand jury indicts 11

Twelve indictments were handed up last week by the Castro County Grand Jury.

One person, Virgil Birkenfeld of Nazareth, was named in two indictments. He was indicted for the April 21 burglary of Holy Family Catholic Church and another burglary the same night at Chubby Buns restaurant.

Three persons were indicted for felony driving while intoxicated. Named were Casey Wade Jones, for a May 26 arrest; and Jeffrey Russell Tohm and Dionicia Torres, who were arrested in separate incidents on May 27.

Also indicted were Virgil Dean Morris, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, June 15; Gloria Rodriguez, tampering with government records, making a false statement to Texas Dept. of Human Resources, Oct. 7; Michael Gonzales, threatening to harm and retaliation, for threatening to pull a gun on Dimmitt policeman Sal Rivera and using profane language, June 20; Ricky Rodriguez and Roger Rodriguez, each indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, for threatening to kill a man with a baseball bat, May 14; Mark Lumbrera, burglary of a building, breaking into the Parts Haus, June 17; and Lasonya Washington, tampering with a government record, making a false statement to TDHR, April 27, 1994.

## Correction

In a news story in last week's issue about the June 21 hospital board meeting, the *News* erroneously said that Roland Stevens, who commented from the audience, was from Hart.

Stevens lives and farms south of Dimmitt.

A picture from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church's jamaica last week featured Estella Mendez. She was incorrectly identified.

The *News* regrets the error.

## New food card coming Aug. 1

Castro County merchants will go on-line Aug. 1 with the Lone Star Card replacing paper food stamps here.

Castro County is included in the largest expansion of the card. Ninety counties will join the program on Aug. 1.

"With this roll-out, the Texas attack on bureaucratic bloat and welfare fraud moves into high gear," said State Comptroller John Sharp.

The Aug. 1 implementation will affect 300,000 families and 4,000 retail grocery locations in 90 counties in Texas.

The card has been a boon to business in areas that are already on-line. Sharp said that retailers who

accept the Lone Star card reported an immediate increase in food sales after the program was first implemented in February in the Houston area.

"Between February and March, food sales rose by \$4.5 million, because benefits can be spent on food and food alone, not on crack cocaine or other illegal activities in the food stamp black market," Sharp said.

Sharp said about 50% of the eligible retailers have signed up to accept the card. Around 4,000 stores will be eligible for the program, which will process food stamp and AFDC benefits. The retailers represent about \$65 million worth of

sales per month.

In Castro County, the card will be issued to 1,936 food stamp recipients with a dollar value of \$1.34 million, and 416 AFDC recipients who accounted for cash disbursements of \$279,925 last year.

The card will work much like an ATM or credit card, with a magnetic strip and personal identification number. The card is designed to cut down on costs and on fraud. A bust worth \$1 million happened in Houston just six weeks after the card was started there.

Sharp said the card will cut \$45.4 million for printing, \$4.5 million for shipping and storing, and \$23.1 million for the final processing and destruction of the paper coupons.



BRYAN AUSTIN  
...Featured entertainer

The Lone Star card will be used much like a bank debit card. Users will have a personal identification number. The cards will be used to buy items that are eligible for the food stamp and AFDC. The card has been a big hit in other parts of the state, with folks buying more groceries and other goods.

The card has seen less fraud in big cities where it has been used for several months. The only holdup is the installation of terminals in supermarkets and other stores that will take part in the card program.



HULA-HOOPING IT UP—Youngsters try their hands—and their waists—during the hula-hoop contest at the annual July Jubilee celebration on Monday at the courthouse square. Kids and adults

tried to outdo each other in the contest. A large crowd also enjoyed hot dogs and soft drinks and bargains from participating merchants on the courthouse square.

Photo by Scott Brockman

## Hoops, hot dogs spark July Jubilee

Hot dogs and hula hoops made a great party mix Monday as hundreds gathered on a gorgeous summer day to enjoy the July Jubilee at the Centennial Plaza.

Philip York grilled 456 wieners on the 4-H's "Mean Green Machine," and volunteers from the ALCO Discount Store and Girl Scout Troop 193 served the hot dogs for a quarter apiece, along with 25-cent cups of Coke, during the two-hour party.

Meanwhile, Sandra Clark emceed contests in such All-American events as hula hoops, crackers-and-whistling, and bubble-gum blowing.

The first hula hoop contest led to another—and another, and another—and before it was over, dozens of youngsters were hooping it up on the plaza just for the fun of it.

Chamber of Commerce workers had to rush to the store "several

times" for more wieners, buns and Coke, according to Executive Director Delores Heller. The chamber's Merchants Committee sponsored the party.

Getting a day's jump on the Fourth of July, Johnny Vick set up the gazebo's sound system and provided music; the Dimmitt Rotary set out a dozen American flags around the plaza; a color guard of Boy Scouts from Troop 266 raised the courthouse flags; and Susan Coleman sang the National Anthem.

While the partiers ate, hooped, whistled, blew bubbles and visited, Dale Winders pleased the crowd by riding his big antique bicycle around the plaza.

Winners in the "official" hula hoops contest included Cindy Lerner in the adult division, Jennifer

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**HEADED HOME FOR HOLLAND**—Angelique Pfaff (second from left) will be going home this week after spending the last year with the Johnny Ethridge family in Dimmitt. Seated with her are her American sister Amy (left) and her American parents, Kathy and Johnny Ethridge (right). Photo by Scott Brockman

## Year in Dimmitt was good for Holland's Angelique Pfaff

By SCOTT BROCKMAN

Like anxiously waiting to see if the piece of the puzzle you picked up would fit right, Kathy Ethridge waited to see if the AFS student she picked would fit in her family.

She would not be disappointed. AFS student and the Netherlands native Angelique Pfaff was about as close to a perfect match as you can get.

"Overall the AFS program was a good experience," Kathy said. "Angelique fit right in to our family."

"I stayed with a real good family," Angelique said. "Now I know how American people live."

"Johnny and Kathy work real hard and they still have time to do some things once they get home. Amy is busy with sports, but she really likes to play them."

Johnny, Kathy and their daughter, Amy, also know a little more about someone from another country.

"We learned a lot about other

cultures this year," Johnny said. "We know how people from another country live their life."

That meant they would have to adjust their lives a bit.

"It was hard understanding what she meant on some things because she didn't know the exact word," Kathy said. "I also had to know if she liked what she was eating."

But since she fit in so well, there wasn't much adjusting to do.

"There really was not much difference in having another teenage daughter," Johnny said. "We've had kids in the house for so long that it didn't make much difference."

"There wasn't a lot of difference in having another sister," Amy said. "It was like having another friend."

Making friends was one of the things that Angelique will remember most about her year.

"There is more chocolate here than there is in the Netherlands," she said. "There are also no tornados where I live, so I was kind of scared

to see one."

There were also some tough times for Angelique to endure.

"It is real hard to speak English and understand people," she said.

"They (the Ethridges) talked real slow so I could understand."

Even though speaking was difficult for Angelique, she really was never homesick.

"No, I don't miss my home, but I was happy to hear my family's voices whenever they called," she said.

If she was glad to hear her family's voices, then she must have been overjoyed when they came to visit earlier in the year.

Kathy pretty much was.

"It was really a neat experience to meet Angelique's family when they came and visited," she said.

Both mother and newly acquired daughter have advice for other parents and students considering the AFS program.

"I think everyone needs to try it once. I know we enjoyed it," Kathy said.

"I would tell other students to smile a lot because they'll probably have a good time," Angelique said.

Throughout the year Angelique said she spent some weekends talking to other foreign exchange students. On July 6 she will join some of them on a trip to an unknown place in the US.

Following that short tour, she will return home to the Netherlands with memories of her new friends and her host family, the Ethridges. They will likewise never forget the daughter they had for one year who fit in so well.

## Judith Nieves will miss new friends, family as AFS year ends

By SCOTT BROCKMAN

We Americans take it for granted. We speak English every day without thought. But it takes a foreign exchange student some time to learn it. Once they do, though, they usually have the time of their lives and then return home.

AFS student Judith Nieves, who is from Spain, has learned the hardest language to learn. She has had the time of her life. But there is a catch.

"I'm not ready to go back home yet," she said. "I've made a lot of friends here and I don't want to leave them."

Among those friends is her host family, the Johnsons. Joe and Jeanette and their daughters, Tara and Trina, lived at home with Judith full time, while their sons, Troy, Trent and Trey often visited. Their grandson Shay sometimes lived at the home.

"Jeanette is the boss of the family," Judith said, "while Joe is the funny and happy guy."

"Tara was bossier than Trina, but I am good friends with both of them. I learned a lot and had fun with Troy, Trent, Trey and Shay. I really enjoyed Shay."

The Johnson family enjoyed having Judith for the year, too.

"She worked really hard all year, especially with her school work," Jeanette said. "When she decides to do something, she really goes out and does it."

"I've never had anyone that close in age before. It was a little different," Tara said. "But it worked out well."

Of course, adding a daughter to the household hasn't always been a bed of roses.

Jeanette added that Judith fit in well with her two new sisters, but

that they did have their share of discussions and word fights.

And the only man of the household really had to learn to adjust.

"I learned to get up 30 minutes earlier because the bathroom was always in use," Joe said. "Men had also dominated the house for 15 years, and now women had taken over. My vote in matters didn't count anymore."

Jeanette and Judith both were worried about the language barrier.

"We had to use the Texas-English dictionary quite a bit when she first got here," Jeanette said. "I was scared because we couldn't talk to each other."

"The first couple of days they couldn't understand me, and I couldn't understand them," Judith said. "Really the first four months was tough. I was really homesick."

During those first four months, Judith had to get used to many things that differed from her native country.

She had to conform to American food, going to church every Sunday and how she spent her weekends.

"We went to bars on the weekends in Spain," she said. "We cannot drive cars (the legal age to drive in Spain is 18) so what we do every weekend here in Nazareth would be impossible in my country."

The Johnsons had less to get used to.

"We are used to having kids at home so it wasn't a real shock," Jeanette said. "She helped around the house, and she has a good sense of humor which really helps."

Of course, Judith did not conform to everything.

She said that "the English and wearing dresses ten times" are some things that she would like to forget about her year in Nazareth.

The memorable moments outweighed the forgettables, though.

"I'll remember Christmas, my surprise birthday party, the trip to California, and the basketball and football games," Judith said.

She'll also take with her the country life highlights.

"When I first got off the plane, I laughed at Joe's boots and hat," a smiling Judith said. "But my friends in Spain will laugh at me when they see the picture of me showing a lamb."

She explained that they don't exhibit animals in Spain, but that she enjoyed the experience.

Another thing that Judith probably will not see in her native country is a tornado.

"She wanted to see the tornado, but I made her stay down in the basement," Jeanette said. "After she saw all the damage it did to the tree, she really didn't want to see one anymore."

If Judith did see someone who was thinking about joining the AFS program, she would definitely recommend it to them.

"It is a real good experience," she said. "You learn a lot about yourself and other people."

Soon, Judith Nieves will return to Spain whether she wants to or not. But she will remain in the hearts of many people in Nazareth and especially the Johnson family.

Judith would like to thank some of the people who helped her throughout the year.

"I want to thank the teachers and school staff for helping me. I never could have made it without you. I also never tire of thanking the Johnsons for being a very wonderful family. Thank you, Nazareth, for the fantastic year."



**ADIOS TO JUDITH**—Judith Nieves-Martinez family in Nazareth. Pictured (from left) are Tara Johnson, Martinez, Jeanette Johnson, Trina Johnson and Joe Johnson. Photo by Scott Brockman

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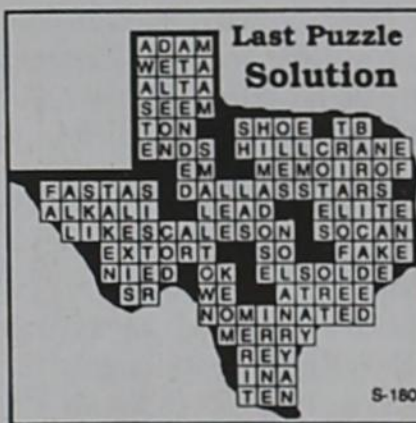


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This newspaper quiz for prizes is open to all students in the county. All the answers are in this issue. After completing the test, deliver it or mail it to the Castro County News, 108 W. Bedford St., P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt 79027. Tests will be graded at 4 p.m. Monday. All test sheets with perfect scores will go into a drawing Tuesday for a free 2-liter soft drink, and the winner will be notified. Each week's winning test will go into a drawing for a \$200 Grand Prize to be held in November.

LAST WINNER: CARRIE SHEFFY

1. Who are the two American Field Service exchange students who lived with Castro County families during the 1994-95 school year?

2. What is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the US?

3. When you purchase a combo meal at Dairy Queen, and extra 39¢ will buy you one of three treats. What are the treats?

4. What is the price of a gallon of homogenized milk at Allsup's this week?

5. Foskey Funeral Home is home-owned and operated by three people. Who are they?

6. Who will be the featured entertainer at Suds 'N Sounds Saturday in Nazareth?

7. When will Castro County merchants go online with the Lone Star Card and what will the card replace?

8. How much can you save on selected spring and summer merchandise at Tots and Teens?

9. Which local business offers KIS Photo Processing?

10. Which residents of Golden Acres Senior Citizens celebrated birthdays recently?

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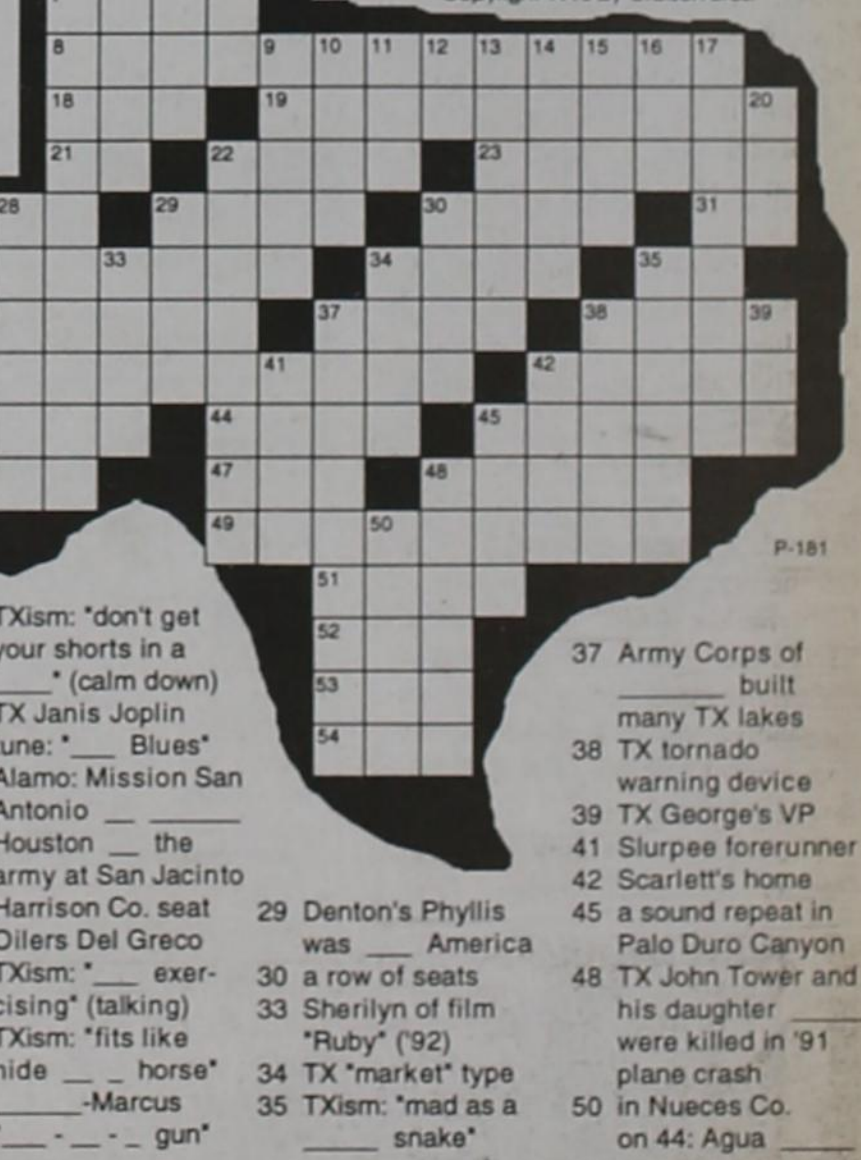
### ACROSS

- Hidalgo Co. town
- TXism: "coffin \_\_\_\_" (cigarette)
- TX drug/grocery chain: Jewel \_\_\_\_
- TX Henry Catto's federal agency
- \_\_\_\_ warbler nests only in TX
- only hit by TX Paul & Paula: "\_\_\_\_ Paula"
- exRangers outfielder: \_\_\_\_\_ Sierra
- Cowboys score
- Texans put out welcome \_\_\_\_
- rare Valley bird: \_\_\_\_-billed ani
- early TX explorer: \_\_\_\_ de Leon
- sail supporter
- TX Bell Helicopter Textron's V-22 is a \_\_\_\_-rotor aircraft
- money maker for the Azle News
- TX Connally was caught in this JFK's limo (3 wds.)
- TXism: "that's a \_\_\_\_ how do you do"
- TX singer Trini (init.)
- TXism: "about as \_\_\_\_ as paying taxes (hurts)"
- Robert \_\_\_\_
- TXism: "sick as a watermelon \_\_\_\_"
- unlawful distiller
- jeweled headpiece
- air mover (2 wds.)
- corn growers assoc. with HQ in Dimmitt
- TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_\_ a mule"
- TX singer Stuckey
- Hawaiian "howdy" gift
- ABC's Lisa who worked for Dallas' WFAA-TV
- TXism for "help"
- TX cowboys perform at \_\_\_\_-Disney in France
- A&M's Whitney who won Cong. Medal of Honor
- TX Waylon's label
- TX Gramm's title (abbr.)
- TXism: "strong \_\_\_\_ a horseshoe" (strong coffee)
- roped
- some Texans saw action here in WWII
- TXism: "take \_\_\_\_ off" (sit down)
- ex-punge
- Granbury's historic \_\_\_\_ House
- TX Rather network
- TXism: "careless about which horse \_\_\_\_ saddles" (thief)
- Big Spring had 1st TX motorized fire \_\_\_\_
- this TX Jack was billed as "Tallest Man in the World"
- TXism: "don't get your shorts in a \_\_\_\_" (calm down)
- TX Janis Joplin tune: "\_\_\_\_ Blues"
- Alamo: Mission San Antonio \_\_\_\_
- Houston \_\_\_\_ the army at San Jacinto
- Harrison Co. seat
- Oilers Del Greco
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ exercising" (talking)
- TXism: "fits like hide \_\_\_\_ horse"
- \_\_\_\_-Marcus
- \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ gun
- TXism: "mad as a \_\_\_\_ snake"
- Army Corps of \_\_\_\_ built many TX lakes
- TX tornado warning device
- TX George's VP
- Slurpee forerunner
- Scarlett's home
- a sound repeat in Palo Duro Canyon
- TX John Tower and his daughter were killed in '91 plane crash
- in Nueces Co. on 44: Agua \_\_\_\_

## The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

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# On the Go

With  
**Mary Edna Hendrix**  
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The Vaden and Troy Kirby families enjoyed having their niece and husband, Geline and Tony McGee, and granddaughters Devin, Traci and Staci Waechter of Houston, visiting in Dimmitt the past week. Geline was raised at Lazbuddie, the daughter of Thomas and Murl Carroll.

Also visiting the Troy Kirby's and the Jim Cleavinger's this week were Orville Cleavinger of Springlake and granddaughters Staci and Heidi Leonhard of Atlanta, Ga., and Jasmine Vysol of Seattle, Wash.

Susie Reeves was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Susie served banana nut bread and a delicious dump cake. Susie won high score and Virginia Crider won second high score. Others playing were Loranel Hamilton, Alma Kenmore, Louise Mears, Dude McLauren, Johnnie Vannoy, Neva Hickey, Edith Graef, Helen Braafladt, Cleo Forson and Dugan Butler.

Linda Powell of Dumas, Susie's daughter, and Maxine Adams of Bledsoe, Susie's sister, have been guests in Susie's home over the last week. Also here were Jana Powell and baby, Hayvin, who visited in Hart. They visited with Maxine Ballard and Margo Boyd as well.

Oreste Giorgetti, an ex-POW, and his son-in-law, Per Nordgurst, and grandson, Raymond Nordgurst, all of Rome, Italy, spent a week in Dimmitt.

They toured the museum a couple of times and Clara Vick and Rosetta Bellinghausen took them to the Catholic church in Umberger on Sunday. They then drove to Dumas, where Oreste had worked while he was a POW.

They celebrated Clara's, Rita's and June's birthdays with a barbecue on Friday. They went to Clovis, N.M., one day and ate Mexican food at Taco Villa and went shopping.

On June 26, 15 from Dimmitt took the Italians to Palo Duro Canyon to eat barbecue and then to see the play *TEXAS*. They have several new characters this year and I don't think the new Tucker Yeldell is as good as the old one, but in time he may be better. We saw about one-third of the play when it began to rain, so we left and came back to Dimmitt. While there we saw Ruth and Billy Hackleman and Jack and Doris Flynt, and a group from Hereford.

Rosetta took the Italians swimming at Ruskin Racquet Club one morning and they toured the courthouse. Per Nordgurst wanted a Texas driver's license so he went to Hereford to get one, and he and his son went to Amarillo and drove around the city and out to the Cadillac Ranch.

Rosetta and I prepared the evening meal for them on Wednesday, including vegetable soup, fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad and a chocolate dessert.

Mark and Kay Merritt of Midland spent a few days in Dimmitt visiting Mark's grandmother, Mabel Brock, and his dad, Glenn Merritt. Their girls, Lori and Leslie Merritt, stayed in Lubbock with their aunt Sharla and family.

Kate Beecher's daughter, Jo Prather, sent a tape of Frank Pollard's Easter service from his church, First Baptist in Jackson, Miss. Kate showed it to some who knew Frank when he was a pastor in Dimmitt in the 1960's. The choir is wonderful and of course Frank's sermon is exceedingly good!

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week, besides the Italians, were Jim Schrader of Amarillo and Larry Goodwin of Arlington.

Anne Marie Perrin and Myrtle Lois Moran have returned from a trip to England, Wales and Scotland. On the tour with them was a couple from Salida, Colo., who knew the Elvis Birch family.

Coming home they were sad to see the destruction caused by the storm, and marvel that there were so very few physical injuries.

They said when they left Castro County it looked almost like a

desert, and now the beautiful green grass makes our prairies look like the hillsides of Scotland.

The Llanos Altos Association sponsored a mission trip to the Living Springs Baptist Church near Counselors, N.M.

Going from Dimmitt were Lynette Rials, Karen Hutson, Norma Conard, Yvonne Wakefield, Hershel and Retha Wilson, Joy Waller, and Ron, Christy and April Morgan.

Other churches participating were Calvary Baptist, Friona; Springlake; First Baptist, Farwell; and First Baptist, Sudan. There were about 33 people in the group.

Bible school was held during the morning. About 60 Navajos attended

each day. Revival services started each evening at 7 and ended as late as midnight. The group reported that they had a good week.

Mildred Bradford and her family enjoyed a wonderful week on a dude ranch in Colorado, northwest of Boulder. They rode horses, went fishing, shopping, sightseeing and enjoyed a visit to Estes Park. Some of them camped out in the Rockies near Lyons, Colo. Family members enjoying the trip were Bob and family from Denton; Jack and family and Jim and family, all of Dimmitt; Kent and family from Davis, Calif., and Jean Whitehead and family from Amarillo. They have been planning

this vacation for several months.

The music was so inspirational at First Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Ronda wise and Walter Maynard played a duet on the piano, *Glory March* and *Onward Christian Soldiers*, and Shelly Smith sang *God Bless the USA*.

Sunday evening, the deacons planned an all-church July 4th hamburger cookout on the south lawn, but Mother Nature had other plans. A sandstorm came just as the meal was ready so everyone moved into the fellowship hall.

Paul Kenley and Bill Newland sang several specials including *The Unclouded Day*. The trio of Debra Ball, Wayne Proffitt and Tami Griffitt sang *When He Was On The Cross, I Was On His Mind*. The quartet of Newland, Proffitt, Ball and Griffitt sang *Sweet Beulah Land*. Walter Maynard accompanied them all on the piano. Testimonies were given by several.

Jimmy, Terrie Lynn, David, Audrey and Rachel of Baytown were in Dimmitt last week to visit Jim and Ina Cleavinger

Over 90 Cleavingers (descendants of Norman and Gladys Cleavinger) were together for a reunion on Friday and Saturday in Lubbock. Four generations were present, and a good time was had by all.

Bill and Deanne Clark attended the Clark Family Reunion held in Ruidoso this year this past week. All

## Sunnyside WITH TEENY BOWDEN

We received a half of an inch of rain Monday night.

Teeny Bowden, Clara Vick, Mary Edna Hendrix and Rosetta Bellinghausen took the visiting Italians visiting to see "TEXAS" Monday night.

Vick drove for Teeny and Mary Edna, while Jade Vick and a friend, Michelle Davis, went with them. The Italians were ex-POW Oreste Giorgetti, his son-in-law Per Nort from Sweden originally, and his son Raymond or Ray. They are all from Rome. Per drove Clara's car, with Rosetta as pilot. Jennifer Vick and a friend, Melissa Ivey rode with them.

They went early and toured the museum at Canyon and then saw Palo Duro Canyon. The girls got to ride the horses for a while before meeting with the other group at the entrance of the production.

Some of the first group ate the barbecue supper before the second group arrived, but all had time for a leisurely dinner. Clara's other granddaughter, Jamie, and friend met the last group and waited with them. All had seats on the second or third rows in the center aisle, which are about as good as you can get.

About an hour into the program it began to rain. It rained harder and harder until they came on with the announcement that the production would be delayed for awhile. Then the wind picked up and began to blow dirt into our faces and wet hair.

We finally took cover under the shelter with the other sardines, but after the third announcement, we gave up and decided to go home. We will get our money back, but we hated to leave because the Italians had never seen "TEXAS" before.

Teeny Bowden visited Weldon Daniels in the Methodist Hospital in

Plainview Tuesday. While she was there she spoke with his wife, Florence, and their daughter Evelyn. Weldon is still in intensive care and has had eight inches of his colon removed. The pneumonia is not improving, either. He was in a lot of pain. He is 87 instead of 83, which was reported last week.

Ezell and Verba Sadler left Thursday for Hubbard Creed Lake to prepare for the Sadler reunion next weekend.

Billie and Emma Jean King visited with Margaret Williams and family of Hobbs last Friday. Jimmy and Jo Ann King over and had supper with them. Britni Williams came home with them and stayed until Monday. They took her to Brownfield where they met Margaret, who took her home Monday.

The King reunion was held Saturday and Sunday, July 1-2. All the families of both Billie and Francis King met at Greenbelt Lake at Clarendon for two fun filled days together. Bret, Brandy and Brett Sutton of El Paso plan to come home with Billie and Emma Jean for a few days of extra visiting.

James and Jo Ann Norrell met his sister, Brenda Snyder, and her daughter, Sally Snider, at the airport in Amarillo Friday. They will be here and in Levelland with her parents until July 6. James and Jo Ann had their usual July 4th family gathering. Most if not all of each of their families were present.

David Sadler took Gay to the doctor in Plainview Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Her next appointment is next Wednesday.

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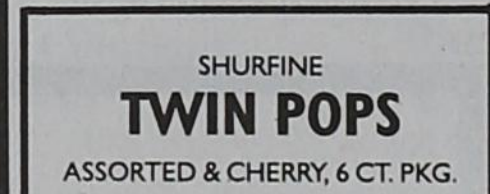
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## Seely, Gerard wed in double-ring ceremony

Jennifer Dawn Seely of Garland became the bride of Kevin Ray Gerard of Branson, Mo. in a formal ceremony Saturday, June 24. The marriage was held at Arapaho Road Baptist Church in Garland.

Rev. Wayne Gott, uncle of the groom, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Seely of Garland. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Gerard of Branson.

Grandparents of the couple are Cleo Seely and Gene Seely of Dimmitt, Johnnie Hale and the late Bud Hale of Maybank, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gerard of Branson, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Sauter of Paradise, Calif.

The church pews were each marked by magnolias, forest green and cranberry ribbon, all tied with white tulle. The altar featured four spiral candelabras with an archway, adorned in fresh greenery. A couple's unity candle completed the setting.

Guests were registered by Kim Turrentine of Garland. The registry table featured crystal rose bowls and candlesticks.

Candle lighters were Jeremy Seely, the bride's brother and Bryan Gerard, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Geoff Clarry of Phoenix, Ariz., cousin of the groom, and Blake Jennings of Plano and Charles Henry of Springdale, Ark., both friends of the bride and groom.

Organist Heather Frost of Garland accompanied Glenn Betty of Garland as he sang *Parent's Prayer* and *When I Look at You*. Christy Duwe of Eden, sorority little sister of the bride, sang *Through the Eyes of Love* and *I Will Be There*.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown featuring cut-out lace embellished with seed pearls and sequins. The bodice featured a sweetheart neckline with long tapered sleeves, and a fitted basque waistline. The low scalloped back was accented with a bow at the base of the waistline. The straight skirt was sheath style of white satin and a scalloped lace bordered hemline. The detachable train was designed with beaded lace appliques as well as the hemlace which bordered the edge. The veil was a two-tiered illusion with a pouf at the base of the crown. The headpiece was made of white seed pearls and crystals. Pearl drop earrings completed her outfit.

She carried a cascade-style bouquet of white roses, stephanotis, white lilies and fresh greenery. Entwined in her bouquet was a lace handkerchief borrowed from Sandra Cooper, longtime friend of the bride's family. Something old was a sixpence worn in her shoe, which her mother also had used. Something new was her dress. The traditional garter was something blue.

Kim Smith of Garland, friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Debi Jenkins of Plano, Duwe and Alicia Josey of Garland, all friends of the bride.

Each bridal attendant wore a teal-length forest green straight gown designed by Waters and Waters. The bodice featured a scooped front neckline with a lattice-work cutout



MRS. KEVIN RAY GERARD  
... nee Jennifer Dawn Seely

back. Each carried a fresh flower cascading bouquet of stargazers, roses and stephanotis.

Best man was Chris Herschend of Branson, long-time friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Bryan Gerard, the groom's brother, Jeremy Seely, brother of the bride, and Chris Joyner of Waco, friend of the groom.

The groom and groomsmen wore black shawl, double-breasted tuxedos by Henry Grethel. Boutonnieres of stephanotis completed their attire.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Richardson Woman's Club in Richardson. The outdoor area was decorated with Boston fern, palm trees and a water fountain. A gazebo on the grounds featured white and pink lighting. The trees in the area were also illuminated with white lights. Each table held a crystal-lighted bowl surrounded by magnolias and greenery. A buffet of prime rib and the trimmings was served around the water fountain. Other food stations featured pasta, quesadillas, and a lavish fruit and cheese cloverleaf table, topped with an assortment of fresh spring flowers.

The bride's cake was four-tiered, covered with stargazers and greenery. The groom's chocolate cake was two-layered, covered with fresh strawberries.

After the dinner and reception, a dance followed with music provided by Monty Slaver.

Following a wedding trip to Maui, the couple are at home in Branson. The bride is a graduate of North

Garland High School and a 1995 graduate of Baylor University with a bachelor of science degree in education. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority.

The groom is a graduate of Branson High School and a 1994 graduate of Baylor University with a bachelor of business administration degree in management and finance. He is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. He is employed in the family business in Branson.

The groom's family hosted a rehearsal dinner on Friday at the South Fork Ranch in Parker.

The couple will be honored with a post-wedding reception hosted by the groom's parents at the Big Cedar Lodge on Sunday, July 16, in Branson.

### Senior citizens celebrate birthdays

The Golden Acres Senior Citizens had a pot luck dinner June 27 to celebrate birthdays for many of the members.

Those celebrating birthdays included Opal Thomas, Oma Stokes, Grace Anderson and Johnnie Davis.

Those in attendance included Susie Reeves, Gladys Hampton, Mavis Tittle, Wreathel Green, Inez Lee, Una Ward, Faye Ethridge, Alene Lilly, Nena Hickey, Dub Clines, Jettie Sheffy, Cleo Parks, Lorene Blach and Ida Mae Moore.

Lawrence and Vernice Green, and Annie Calvert were guests. A good time was had by all.

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You probably know a little about diabetes, but did you know it is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the US?

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Diabetes affects the way the body uses food and causes sugar levels in the blood to be too high. When you suffer from diabetes, food cannot be correctly turned into energy.

There are two basic types of diabetes. Type I is insulin-dependent diabetes and Type II is non-insulin-dependent diabetes.

Type I is the one we hear the most about. It occurs most often in children and young adults. Insulin is needed for treatment because the pancreas cannot produce the insulin it needs to function correctly.

Type II diabetes usually strikes later in life and is the more common. The body produces some of the insulin it needs but it either has trouble using it or it simply does not make enough. This disease can usually be controlled with proper diet and light medication. Insulin is not needed in most cases.

Diabetes left untreated can be serious even to the point of being fatal. Every year more than 150,000 people in the United States die from diabetes and its complications. It is the leading cause of blindness in people in the 25-to-74 age group. The risks of leg amputation, kidney disease, heart disease and stroke are also greatly increased with the onset of diabetes.

Over 14 million people are affected by diabetes. Of this number, about 1 million have Type I and almost 13 million have Type II. One of the scariest facts about diabetes is that of those with Type II, about six million are not aware that they have the disease because the symptoms have been mild up to now.

Confused about the symptoms of diabetes? Watch for the following signs of Type I. Remember also that Type I cannot be prevented and can be triggered by any of several viruses.

Symptoms are frequent urination; excessive thirst; extreme hunger; dramatic weight loss; irritability; weakness and fatigue; nausea and vomiting.

Type II diabetes, which usually occurs less suddenly, can be identified by any of the Type I symptoms or any of these additional symptoms: recurring or hard-to-heal skin, gum or bladder infections; drowsiness; blurred vision; tingling or numbness in hands or feet; and frequent itching.

You are most at risk for Type II diabetes if you are over 40, overweight, and with a family history of diabetes. Native Americans, Hispanics and African-Americans have an increased risk for the disease. If you experience any of the symptoms of diabetes or have

any of the associated risk factors, see your physician to be tested.

Although diabetes is currently incurable, it can be controlled through treatment. The treatment is intended to do what the body is no longer able to do: maintain a proper balance between insulin and glucose in the body.

Those with Type I must take insulin injections every day. Many of the people with Type II can control their diabetes with diet and exercise alone. Diet, exercise, medication and insulin are used to control glucose levels in people with both types of diabetes. How well the treatment works depends largely on the patient since most of the treatment is done by the patient.

### Littlefield plans annual celebration

Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash will join Waylon Jennings and Jessi Coulter for a concert at Littlefield's annual Denim Festival, Sept. 2-3.

The weekend will include a barbecue cook-off, arts and crafts exhibits, the National Pedal Tractor Pull, a shooting exhibition by the National Rifle Association, a carnival, food and drink, and armadillo races.

A horseshoe tournament is also planned during the weekend.

The concert with the four country stars will be the night of Sept. 3 (Sunday).

Events will also include a Sew It With Denim style show, a photo contest and a dance.

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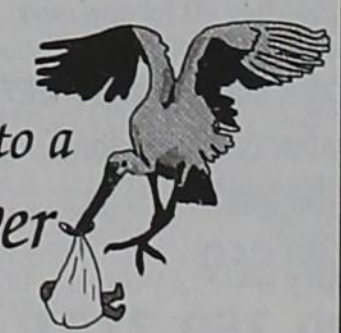

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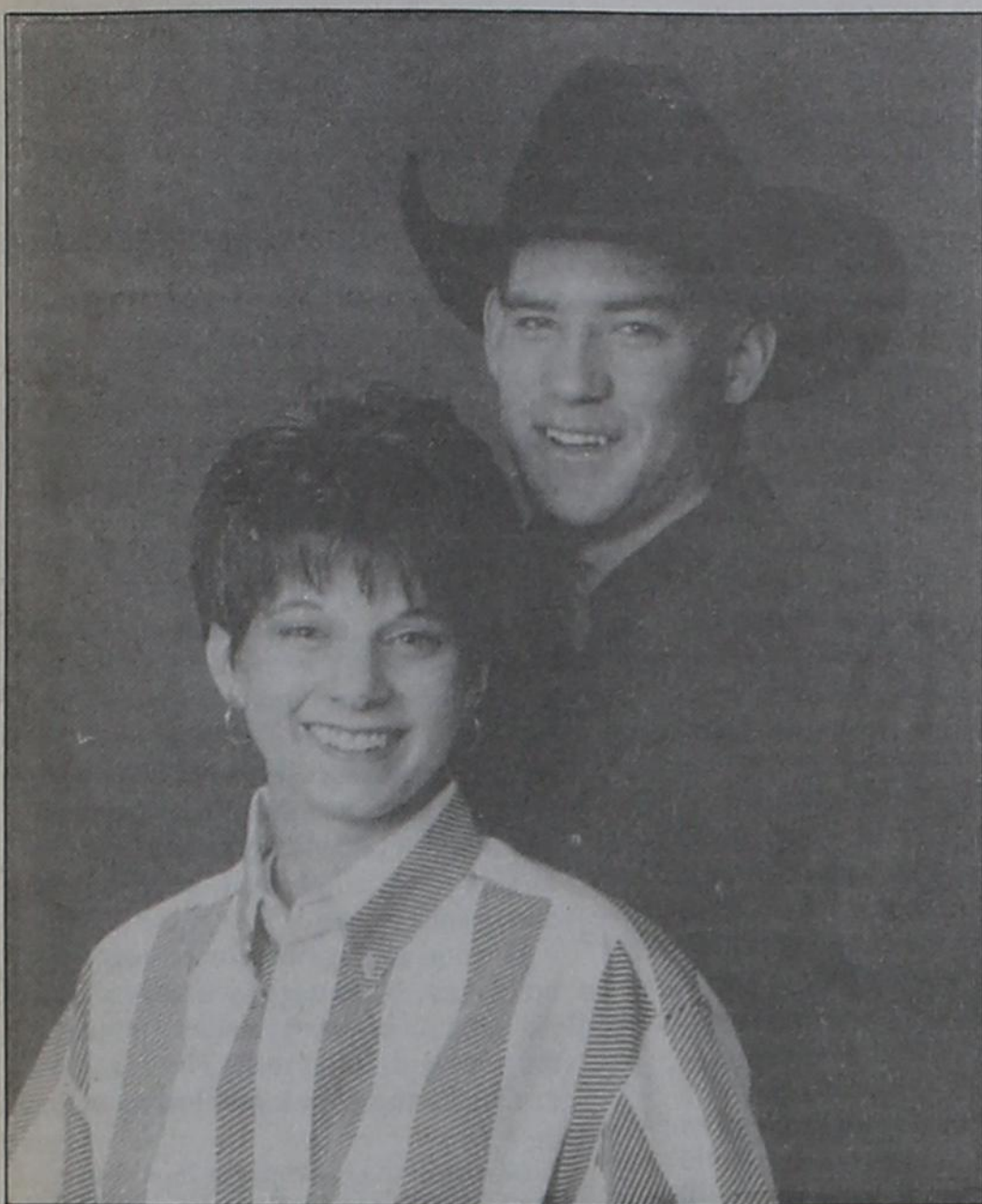
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Carla Pybus and Chas Humphrey

## Humphrey, Pybus to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pybus of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carla, to Chas Humphrey, son of Nell Humphrey of Dimmitt.

The couple plans to exchange vows Sept. 16 at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She received her BGS in special education from West Texas A&M University in 1995. She currently is employed at Pybus Preschool and Daycare.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1991. He graduated from Austin Community College, majoring in firefighting, and then from the Taylor Fire Academy. He is currently a fireman at the city of Plainview Fire Dept.

The couple plans to reside in Plainview after the wedding.

## Local Red Cross chapters to merge

With an eye toward improved service in emergencies and disasters, the Deaf Smith, Castro and Parmer County chapters of the American Red Cross, at the direction of national headquarters, will merge to become the Tri-County Chapter effective July 1.

With the merger, a Tri-County Chapter board of directors will be installed. That board will include two directors from Castro County and two directors from Parmer County.

Election of directors for the Tri-County Chapter will occur at a Red Cross membership meeting today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center.

Preparations for the merger, including a complete rewriting of chapter bylaws, have been underway for almost a year, after national Red Cross headquarters informed its chapters throughout the country that delivery of emergency services to every community was a top priority. "As a result of the high standards for providing the widest variety of services to Deaf Smith County and neighboring Castro and Parmer counties," said Betty Henson, Deaf Smith County Chapter manager, "the board of directors of the Deaf Smith County chapter felt that their logical choice was a merger with the Castro and Parmer County chapters to form one local chapter.

"This merger should hopefully improve service and increase the base of volunteers and financial support."

Henson will serve as manager of the new Tri-County Chapter.

The Tri-County Chapter office will remain at the Deaf Smith County Chapter location at 224 South Main, Hereford. Services for all three counties will be administered through that office.

"Both Castro and Parmer County chapters have been inactive for several years. The Deaf Smith County Chapter has been providing essentially all of the emergency services for those two counties for the past 15 years--things like family communications and financial help for mili-

tary personnel, disaster assistance, and training in first aid, CPR, water safety, and information on HIV/AIDS. Effective with the merger, we will begin to actively recruit volunteers in Castro and Parmer counties," said Henson.

Residents of Castro and Parmer counties who are in need of Red Cross services or information will be able to contact the Tri-County Chapter office in Hereford at 364-3761, or designated persons in their community.

In Castro County, those needing Red Cross services can contact James Killough or Grace Killough.

In Parmer County, those needing Red Cross services may contact Lois Norwood at Friona, or County Judge Bonny Clayton at Farwell.

Red Cross volunteers were recently in action in Parmer and Castro counties following tornados June 2 at Friona and Dimmitt.

"Emergency food, clothing and shelter were provided to those in need after the tornados," said Henson. "We visited with folks in both Friona and Dimmitt whose homes and property were damaged, to make sure that their emergency needs were met.

"We helped a lot of people with food and clothing needs in the aftermath of the Friona tornado. The Tri-County Chapter will soon be raising funds to cover the cost of providing that help."

Many of the Friona tornado victims traveled to the Red Cross office in Hereford, prior to the merger, to avail themselves of help.

In addition to the recent emergency assistance, the Deaf Smith County Chapter has helped its neighboring counties with life-guarding, water safety, first aid and CPR instruction.

In the past, the Deaf Smith County Chapter has absorbed much of the cost of assistance to Castro and Parmer counties. Henson says she is hopeful that eventually, 50% of the Tri-County chapter's financing will come from Deaf Smith County with Castro and Parmer counties each contributing 25%.

**LION OF THE YEAR**—Lion J.R. Brown (right) was named Lion of the Year by the Dimmitt Lions Club at the club's annual officer installation and Ladies Night on June 27 at K-Bob's Steak House in Dimmitt. Brown, who serves as the club's secretary, received his plaque from the club's new Boss Lion, Don Graham (left). Brown was selected for the award based on his years of volunteer service for the club's various activities and support of Lions projects.

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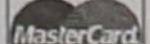
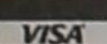
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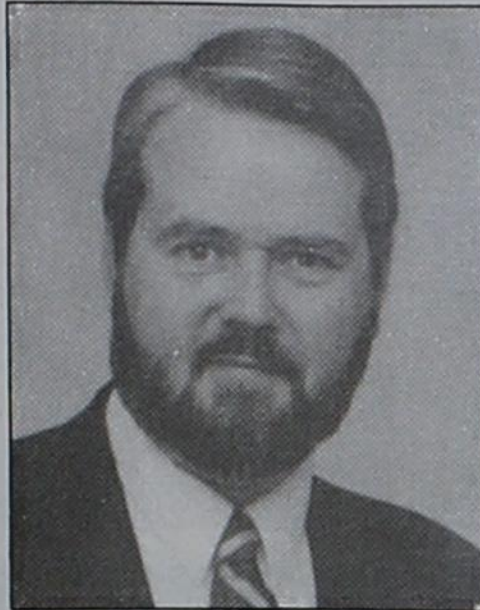
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By DON TAYLOR

### Want to start something?

Recently, I read a story on an airplane about a man who tried to enter a posh restaurant without a tie. The bouncer (disguised as a *matre d'*) told him that he could not go in. The man went back to his car to search for a tie. All he found was a set of jumper cables. He tied them around his neck and went back to the restaurant. The bouncer rolled his eyes, but finally said, "OK, you can go in, but don't try to start anything."

We had a good laugh and settled back into our own thoughts as the airliner bored holes in the sky. As I thought about the "don't start anything" line, it led to thoughts on starting a business. I wondered what I would start if I were faced with that decision?

Later, during the flight I picked up an old issue of *Inc.* magazine. Inside was an article on what types of business well-known celebrities would open if they were to start something new. Some of

their thoughts may surprise you. They did me.

### The expert's ideas

Ed McMahon, former *Tonight Show* announcer, would start a home-remodeling business. Best-selling author Stephen R. Covey would open character-building schools.

Remington Corporation's razor guru, Victor Kiam, would sell travel alarms to increase hotel/motel security. Debbi Fields, who founded Mrs. Field's Cookies and produced millions of 80-calorie-per-cookie cookies, would open health spas to teach people how to "lead a good, healthy life." (Without cookies, I assume.)

Tom Peters, author of *In Search of Excellence*, would find a dark corner in some mundane industry to attempt to offset his alleged "\$65,000-for-two-hours-work" salary. Syndicated radio adviser Bruce Williams would start a regional airline. Donald Trump, billionaire and former airline owner, would consider anything but an airline.

Henry Bloch, founder of H&R Block tax services, would start a home-repair service. Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh didn't have any ideas.

### The grass is greener

From personal experience I know that the grass is always greener in the idea pasture next to the one you're in. I've visited with many small business owners, and even the highly successful ones believe that most other businesses would be easier to run than the one they own.

There are, of course, still good businesses to start. There are still ideas that would make money and serve customers well. However, you shouldn't ask me to tell you what those good ideas are. Like Rush, I don't know.

I would suggest that you follow these guidelines if you're looking for a business to start: first, carefully evaluate your own skills and abilities. They should match at least some of the ones you'll need in the business you're considering. Second, any business you start should be

something you enjoy doing. When work is fun, it isn't work.

The third step is to find a niche where you can solve a problem or create good feelings. I know this sounds a little vague, but it is the best advice I can give you. You can spot profitable niches by observing what's going on around you.

Next, put together a simple but complete plan. You'll need to estimate revenues, start-up costs and monthly expense requirements to see if you have enough money. (Small Business Development Centers can help you with this step). Revise your plan until you get a short, error-free and easy-to-read document.

If your idea never comes together, don't get discouraged. Consider the planning process as valuable experience for your next good idea. The next one just might make you a millionaire.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to Don Taylor in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

## Happenings in agriculture

By SCOTTY ABBOTT

### Final certification date

July 17 is the final date to certify your spring seeded crops, ACR, CU acres, and other land uses. A crop insurance acreage report is also required to be filed. If you have crop insurance through this office, you can file both acreage reports at the CFSA office.

If you have insurance through a private company, you will need to certify in the CFSA office and also certify your planted acres to your insurance company by July 17. Failure to report your acres could result in loss of program and crop insurance benefits.

The tolerance rules have changed to the larger of 1 acre or 5% of the reported acreage minus official acres, not to exceed 50 acres. This rule also applies to measurement service requests.

### Measurement service

July 17 is also the final date to request measurement service on your spring seeded crops and other land uses. Measurement service will guarantee your acres for 1995 and eliminate an inaccurate acreage report and loss of program benefits.

### Noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP)

The noninsured crop disaster assistance program is a disaster program for non-insurable crops. It is designed to help reduce production risks faced by producers of uninsurable crops when the crop is affected by a natural disaster.

The program covers all commercially grown crops for which FCIC catastrophic (CAT) insurance is not available.

In order to be eligible for NAP, the following guidelines must be met:

(1) Acreages of crops must be reported in a timely manner to local CFSA office. (Failure to do this will result in the crop being ineligible for NAP benefits.)

(2) An "area" must have production losses greater than 35%. (The final definition of an "area" has not yet been defined.)

(3) Producers within this "area" must have lost at least 50% of his or her approved crop yield.

(4) Report the damaged crop to the local CFSA office within 15 days of the occurrence. An ASCS-574 and FCI-74 must be filed with this office.

When all of these conditions have been met, payments will be made at 60% of the average market price of the crop loss in excess of 50% of the approved yield.

### Failed acreage

Failed acres need to be reported immediately to this office. Failure to do this could result in loss of program benefits and/or crop acreage base credit. The crop(s) will need to be appraised prior to making other use of the failed acreage.

Failed crops appraising greater than 50% of the FCIC APH yield will be considered as low yield; therefore, program crops planted after these acres will NOT be considered ghost acres. These acres will be double cropped and WILL count against the crop base for that commodity. Crops planted behind failed acres appraising less than 50% of the FCIC APH will be ghost acres and will not count against the crop base.

### Actual production history—APH

Producers who have purchased CAT insurance with CFSA have until July 17, 1995, to bring in their actual production records for spring seeded crops.

These records will be used to compute your APH yield for crop insurance purposes. If no records are received, your APH will be computed using a T yield.

### Boll weevil referendum

The boll weevil referendum has passed and Castro County producers are required to pay \$1.25 per acre of cotton that is planted as of July 17, 1995. The payments are computed on a farm by farm basis with each producer sharing in the proceeds of the crop paying their share.

The payment should be paid at the time of certification. If you do not pay at this time, this office will report the cotton acres planted to the Texas Boll Weevil Board and they will request the funds. Failure to pay by the final certification date could result in penalties.

### Livestock feed program

Castro County is accepting applications for the emergency Livestock Feed Program. This program assists producers who are feeding livestock additional feed above what is normally fed so that they can maintain their livestock herds. If you feel you are eligible for assistance, please come by this office.

### Soybean producer poll

The Soybean Promotion and Research Order referendum that passed allowed refunds of assessments. A poll will now be conducted to determine whether eligible producers favor conducting a referendum to continue refunds.

Any person, who during the period Sept. 1, 1991 through June 1, 1995, who has been engaged in the growing of soybeans in the United States and who own or shares the ownership and risk of loss of the soybeans, is entitled to request a refund referendum.

Registration and polling will take place on July 26 at the Castro County CFSA office during regular business hours. Absentee registration and polling forms are available by mail through July 14 if the producer submits a written request from the county office in which the soybean producer resides or the headquarters office if it is a corporation or other entity.

For more information, please contact your local CFSA office.

Producers purchasing CAT insurance through CFSA need to bring in their production records.

### Emergency haying and grazing of ACR and CU

Castro County has been approved for haying and grazing of ACR and CU for Pay acreages due to drought conditions. This means that you can hay or graze these acres through Oct. 31, 1995.

### ACR, CU for Pay and CRP maintenance

It is your responsibility to be sure that weeds on ACR and CU for Pay acres, as well as CRP acreage, are controlled in a timely manner. Failure to do so may result in loss of program benefits.

### 1995 crop loan rates

1995 crop loan rates for Castro County are: wheat—\$2.63 per bushel; barley—\$1.79 per bushel; oats—\$1.05 per bushel; rye—\$1.53 per bushel; corn—\$2.24 per bushel; grain sorghum—\$3.59 per cwt.; cotton—\$0.5180 per lb.

### Farewell reception

The Castro County CFSA office will host a farewell reception for Scotty M. Abbott, CED, on July 20. Abbott has accepted a position in Washington, DC. The reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m.

Abbott has served our county for over seven years. He has dedicated many hours to the producers of this county, as well as being very active in the community. We would like to invite everyone to come, bid him farewell and wish him luck as he pursues a new career with CFSA.

## USDA to allow producers prevented-planting payment

The US Dept. of Agriculture has announced that producers who plant an alternative crop when they were prevented from planting their original crop will now be allowed a prevented-planting payment equal to 25% of the total insurance on their original crop.

Until now, producers could not plant an alternative crop and still collect a prevent-planting payment.

These are changes in the crop insurance program that the National Grain Sorghum Producers, the Texas Grain Sorghum Association and the Texas Wheat Producers Association have been pushing for.

The groups have been persistent in their claim that producers in the Southwest who were unable to plant their insured winter wheat crop because of adverse weather have been treated unfairly.

In addition, if no alternative crop was planted, the producer's payment will be 75% of their yield guarantee, up from 50%. This increased payment does not apply if a cover crop is planted for haying and grazing

under the 0/92 program.

Producers have been told that they could not participate in farm program options if they collected the crop insurance prevented-planting payment they were entitled to.

Most of the producers with unplanted winter wheat were forced to forget the insurance payment and plant another crop, since they could not afford to leave the fields unplanted. The changes announced last week remedy part of the problem.

Earlier, when wet weather in the midwest kept farmers from planting thousands of acres of crops, USDA had changed the rules to allow producers with prevented-planting acres to collect a crop insurance payment and then enroll the affected acreage under the 50-92 or 0-92 provision of the 1995 farm program.

However, that rule change came too late to help farmers in the Southwest who could not plant their winter wheat and had already planted an alternative crop.

"The crop insurance rules were

unfair," said Jack Eberspacher, NGSF executive director, "And, since many sorghum growers plant winter wheat and were affected by this, we were very vocal in telling USDA and our legislators about the problem."

"When USDA did announce changes because of wet weather in the Midwest, we pointed out that the changes came too late to help wheat farmers in the Southwest. After much pressure from all three associations, producers and from legislators, USDA decided to include winter wheat acres in the new prevented-planting policy change."

Producers who are affected by this rule change should contact their local CFSA office for more information.

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### Trap shoot to be held in Tulia

A trap shoot sponsored by the Swisher County Activities Association will be held at the Tule Creek shooting range Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Cash and other prizes will be given to the winners. Light refreshments will also be served.

The Tule Creek shooting range is two miles east of Tulia on F.M. 1318, then two miles north and one mile east.

For more information contact David Gibson at (806) 995-3726, Donald Adams at (806) 668-4618 or Henry Roach at (806) 995-2477.

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# Tips on Turf

By J.D. RAGLAND

This is the fourth of a six series of articles on "Tips on Turf." These articles will offer helpful tips to homeowners addressing lawn, garden and tree care management practices.

If you were too busy celebrating the Birthday of America on the 4th and forgot to remember it was time to practice Grub Worm Control. It is **NOT TOO LATE!**

Timely applications of chemicals in the first part of July should control this pest. Insecticides available to home owners include: Oftanol, Dursban and Diazinon. Water thoroughly for good control.

If you choose to make more than one application for control, the second application should be around mid-August. It is suggested to use a different product than the first application and the results should be good.

And remember, **"Always read and follow instructions on insecticide labels."**

Lawns have been slow to respond to the warm weather until the very beneficial rains that have been received here in the county.

Since the rains generally were in large amounts, this has served as an avenue to leach the sodium salts down into the soil, thus allowing the grass to finally exert itself and grow rapidly. The rains have helped solve many lawn problems.

However, Mother Nature has decided to bring summer heat on early which will require us to manage, observe and water properly to maintain a good lawn and yet conserve our precious water. Follow these guidelines in your **lawn management tips.**

1. Water when necessary.

\*Footprints left in the lawn indicates it needs water.

\*Changes of color, bluish green indicates water is needed (especially cool season grasses).

2. Apply at least an inch of water per application.
3. Water early in the morning. Less evaporation, less wind, and less exposure to disease.
4. Water only the desired target. Sidewalks, driveways, or streets are not the desired targets.
5. Mow at the proper height. Taller grasses provide shade for less evaporation and deeper root systems.

Under these guidelines, a "Don't Bag It" lawn should need an inch of water every 5-7 days depending on the temperature.

If you have any questions on lawn, garden and tree care problems, feel free to contact the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115.



'THANKS, BOSS'—Outgoing Boss Lion Mark Bruegel (right) receives a plaque of appreciation from new Boss Lion Don Graham at the Dimmitt Lions Club's annual officer installation and Ladies' Night on June 27 at K-Bob's Steak House in Dimmitt. Photo by Don Nelson

## New loan program can help individuals purchase ag land

Applications are being accepted for a new loan program that helps individuals purchase up to \$150,000 worth of farm or ranch land.

The new program is administered by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority of the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

"Our Farm and Ranch Finance program is for producers who want to buy their first place or for those who want to expand their operations," said Ag Commissioner Rick Perry. "Applicants must have at least three years of farming or ranching experience."

A Texas A&M University study conducted among producers and financial institutions in May 1994 found that a demand exists in Texas for almost \$300 million in loans to

help individuals, who are farming and ranching, buy land, Perry said.

"Many producers nowadays lease land and have been unable to save enough for a down payment," Perry said. "Our Farm and Ranch Program will allow those who don't have a large amount of cash on hand to buy a limited amount of acreage."

Applicants must be Texas residents and show that they have earned at least 25% of their gross income from farming and ranching over the last three years.

Applicants will be required to complete a business plan demonstrating that they intend to be full-time agricultural producers, and they must provide evidence that their net worth is less than \$250,000. Applicants also must prove that they

have the finances available for necessary farming and ranching equipment and operating costs.

Applications must be completed in cooperation with a local lending institution. The maximum loan of \$150,000 may not exceed 95% of the land's appraised value or 95% of the purchase price. Interest rates are based on market conditions and will be adjusted over the life of the loan. The rates must be approved by the lender and the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority. As of June 5, the interest rate was 9.75%.

In addition to the Farm and Ranch Finance Program, changes have been made in TAFE's Young Farmer Guarantee Program to encourage more applicants. The program was established to help those between 18 and 40 years of age start their first ag operation. Loan guarantees may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, poultry, farm or ranch equipment or buildings, or to lease farm or ranch land.

Changes in the Young Farmer program are: the maximum amount of ag income an applicant may earn to be eligible for the program has been increased from 25% to 50%; the down payment has been reduced from 20% to 5%; and the application form has been streamlined. Applicants will still be required to complete a five-year business plan.

To receive an application for any loan program administered by TAFE, or for more information about any loan program, call TDA at (512) 475-1619, or write TAFE, PO Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711-2847.

### Clothing class slated

"Taking Care is Classy" is the theme of a summer clothing class to be held Friday at the Extension office.

Participant will be working on caring for your clothing and good grooming. There will also be a guest speaker.

The class will run from 1 to 4 p.m.

To register, drop by the Extension Office.



## Cotton Talks

USDA's preliminary look at the 1995 High Plains cotton crop indicates area producers planted, or intended to plant, 3.46 million acres in Texas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S as of June 1.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) the planted acreage estimate reflects an 8.5% increase in planted acres from 1994. Whether or not the area can expect to produce cotton on all these acres is still unknown.

Recent reports indicate quite a few acres have been significantly impacted by a combination of cool weather, seedling disease, wind damage, hail and low soil moisture.

Overall, the High Plains crop is described as being "late", although most agree that with favorable weather it still has the potential to produce.

"The 1995 crop is having a hard time getting started," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "So far we seem to have been on the receiving end of just about everything that can go against establishing a good cotton crop and yet here we are, still in the game."

Johnson explains that no single area of the High Plains has been

impacted. Copies of the publication will be available from county TAEX offices as well as from PCG.

Hake adds that during the past two cotton seasons on the High Plains many fields were beginning to bloom by July 10. In 1995 Hakes says many fields will not enter bloom until August, leaving a very short window for setting a crop, totally wiped out. Instead he says that most of the crop's current problems stem from an accumulation of damage that has caused some to be replanted more than once and even more to have its growth significantly delayed.

The same assessment is provided by Dr. Kater Hake, Extension Cotton Specialist for the High Plains. Hake notes that the crop looks relatively good until you realized that it is the end of June, not the end of May.

Hake warns that the lateness of this year's crop creates some unique problems for the producer.

In order to answer producer questions about managing a late crop, a four page publication titled "Managing Late Cotton" is in the final stages of development by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), Texas Tech University, PCG and other agencies that serve

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## RECs receive proposals for electric power

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative has received proposals totaling 2,555 megawatts from bidders in response to a solicitation issued earlier by Golden Spread.

Golden Spread includes 11 member systems serving 94,000 retail customers in Texas and Oklahoma. It made the solicitation in conjunction with an application filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for notice of intent to apply for a certificate of convenience and necessity for construction of a new 400 megawatt generating plant for serving peak loads. The notice of intent application was approved by the PUC on April 17.

Both the plan to construct new peaking generation and the solicitation for alternative plans and proposals was made because area load forecasts show a need for additional capacity in 1998. Also, Golden Spread is seeking to evaluate new opportunities within the electric utility industry for alternative power supply resources.

Scheduled for initial operation in early 1998, the plant proposed by Golden Spread would consist of four 100 megawatt, simple cycle gas turbine powered generating units. Natural gas will be used as the primary fuel.

A final site selection has not been made, but two preferred sites are being considered. One site is in Moore County, south of Sunray; the other site involves properties in Gaines and Yoakum counties east of Denver City.

### LETTER OF THANKS TO PEOPLE IN DIMMITT AND NAZARETH

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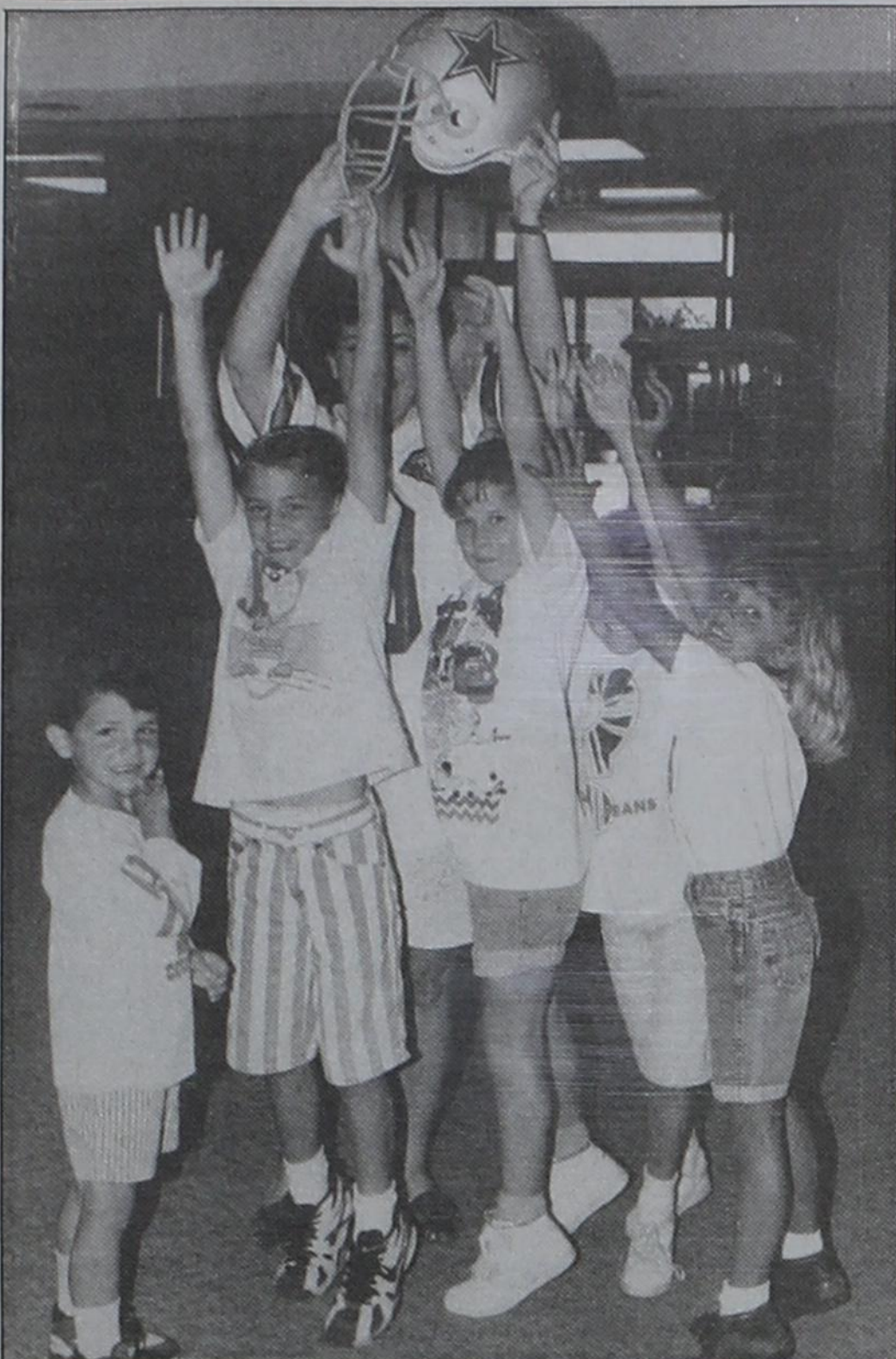
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## The Calverts



**UP FOR GRABS**—Tami Griffitt holds an autographed Dallas Cowboys football helmet just out of the reach of some youngsters. The helmet, signed by several Cowboys stars, will be raffled as part of a fundraiser at the American Cancer Society's gala on July 15 in Dimmitt. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and are available at First United Bank or from ACS volunteers. Trying in vain for the helmet are (from left) Kaden Griffitt, Jared Griffitt, Alicia Heard, Shauna Nutt and Shelley York.

Photo by John Brooks

# Austin will headline '95 Suds

Recording artist Bryan Austin will be the featured entertainer at Suds 'n Sounds on Saturday at the Nazareth Community Center.

Austin, a native of Mississippi, records for Patriot Records and his first album was *Bryan Austin*. His songs on the album included the hit *Radio Active*.

Austin has been a musical professional since an early age, playing in his uncle's local country band. He first played the saxophone, then switched to the guitar.

He spends almost as much time writing songs now as he does performing, and wrote four songs on his debut album. He has teamed up with country star Keith Stegall, who produced his first album and has written songs with Austin.

Austin's musical influences are Steve Wariner, Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash. He was also influenced by songs he heard growing up and from his time as a country radio air personality.

## More about Festival...

(Continued from Page 1)

\$15, and the park will open at 4 p.m. Persons attending are reminded to bring lawn chairs, shades and coolers with their favorite beverages. No glass containers will be allowed into the area.

## More about July Jubilee...

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Vick in the 12-18 division and Tyler Myatt in the 8-12 division.

Top bubble-gum blowers were Reta Welch and Don Bell in the adult division, Wendy Black in the 8-12 girls' division, and Jonathan Henderson in the 8-12 boys' division.

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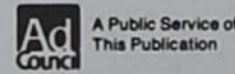
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## Supreme Court ruling likely won't impact local lines

A ruling last Thursday by the US Supreme Court probably won't cause Castro County to redraw commissioner precincts to eliminate "minority majority" precincts.

The high court, in a 5-4 ruling, struck down race-based redistricting. The court said race could not be the main factor in redrawing the boundaries of electoral districts. The court said districts that enhance chances of electing a minority candidate violate the concept of equal treatment under the law.

The court's ruling centered on a gerrymandered Georgia district that was carved out of a corridor from Atlanta to Augusta and down to Savannah. The district follows only along a highway in some areas as it goes from one minority pocket to another.

The district is not much different from parts of Congressional districts in Texas, which will be reviewed by the court next year. Castro county District Attorney Jerry Matthews said it was different from the Castro County precinct lines.

"Those in Georgia and some of the others were drawn without any regard for communities," Matthews said. "We have a plan that has kept communities intact. In fact, one of the plans that was rejected by the Justice Dept. would have broken up a sense of community here."

The county settled two lawsuits last year by agreeing to establish two precincts that have minority majorities. One district, Pct. 2, has a 68% Hispanic population. The other, Pct. 1, has a 54% Hispanic population.

Larry Gonzales was elected to fill out a 26-month term in Pct. 2 in a special election last November. Pct. 1 is served by Newlon Rowland, who earned a four-year term in November.

The ruling last week and future rulings on districts in Texas, Louisiana and North Carolina could impact the redistricting here and elsewhere across the country in 2001. Boundaries will next be redrawn after the census in 2000 unless there is a legal challenge.

Political districts are required to redraw their boundaries based on information from the census, which is taken once every 10 years.

# Social Security

Because Social Security taxes are automatically deducted from most paychecks, many people may take Social Security for granted. They feel they don't have to do anything to insure their protection or collect their benefits. This could be a mistake.

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Just remember there are at least five times you should contact Social Security.

- To change your name when you get married;
- to get an application for a Social Security number;
- to get a request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement;
- If you notice an error on your earnings record;
- If you need to apply or inquire about benefits because someone in your family:
  - dies
  - becomes disabled
  - reaches 62
  - develops permanent kidney failure

--reaches 65 (to apply for Medicare even if he or she is not retiring.)

All of the services Social Security provides are free, from issuing Social Security number cards to processing disability, survivor, and retirement claims.

Social Security also produces a variety of publications that explain the various Social Security programs, including benefits available to children.

You can reach Social Security using the toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to speak to a representative between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each business day. When you call, have your Social Security number handy.

## Perry planning review of all TDA programs

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has announced an unprecedented sunset review of all Texas Dept. Of Agriculture regulations.

Perry said overregulation was a threat to the economic health of the state. He said the review will retain only the regulations that protect the public and natural resources in the least intrusive manner possible.

"For the first time ever in the history of Texas state government, I am going to require a sunset review of all our agency regulations," Perry said. "All of our rules in place today will expire on Aug. 31, 1996. That will force us over the next 16 months to look at every single regulation we have on the books. We will debate, discuss and thoroughly dissect them, and in the end produce a better, more reasonable and more efficient regulatory program."

Perry said TDA rules, which number in the hundreds, will be analyzed to determine if they have outlived their purpose; if they need to be modified to better accomplish their purpose; or if they are working fine and should be left alone. Just as in the legislative sunset review of agencies, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on proposed changes and repeals.

"At the end of this process, only those rules we need to protect public health and our natural resources and to ensure accountability—written only in a balanced, rational way—will survive," the commissioner said.

Perry also encouraged other Texas state agency heads to initiate similar regulation reviews.

## Church Happenings

Larry Gilliam is the new pastor at First Assembly of God Church in Dimmitt.

## Football camp set July 17-20

Bobcat Football Camp will be held July 17-20 at Bobcat Stadium in Dimmitt.

The non-contact camp is for youngsters who will be in grades three through eight this fall. Cost of the camp will be \$25, and will be held each day from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Registration forms are available at all Dimmitt financial institutions, Dimmitt Thriftway and Dimmitt IGA. Registration will also be available from 8 to 8:30 a.m. the first day of the camp.

The camp will be taught by Dimmitt head football coach Danny Chisum and assistant football coaches. The camp's purpose is to develop athletic skills, teamwork, and the importance of academics and goal setting.

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# DMS seventh, eighth graders are recognized

Seventh and eighth grade students have been recognized for their work during the 1994-95 school year.

Students receiving honors included--**Coach Johns' athletic class:** Tonya Robertson, outstanding offense in basketball; Stephanie Hinojosa, outstanding defense in basketball; Shawna Kenworthy, MVP of basketball; Monica Ortiz, most improved in basketball; Jackie Bebout, highest point in field events; Kenworthy, highest point in track; Alta Reyna, MVP in track; Taryn Hays, most improved in track; Kenworthy, Co-MVP in cross country; Hinojosa, Co-MVP in cross country; and Sandra Torres, most improved in cross country.

**Coach Price's seventh grade athletics:** Sergio Navarro, football MVP; Justin Sutton, football fighting heart; Frederick Traylor, most improved in football; James Jackson, best lineman in football; Daniel Flores, basketball MVP; Sergio

Prieto, basketball fighting heart; Michael Penney, most improved in basketball; Randy Porter, track MVP; Ivan Flores, field events MVP; Zack Morgan, most improved in track. **Eighth grade health:** Wesley Wright, highest average first semester; Derek Buckley, highest average second semester; Kristin Doss, personal excellence award; Dale West, academic improvement.

**Mr. Bell's eighth grade athletics:** Beau Hill, football MVP; Jaime LaFuente, football fighting heart; Aaron Wilcox, most improved in football; Jerry Thomas, basketball MVP; Derek Buckley, basketball fighting heart; Jacob Larra, most improved in basketball; Eric Soldevilla, track MVP; Stacey Villanueva, field events MVP; Thomas, Hill, Soldevilla and LaFuente set school record in 400 meter relay; Luis Silva, most improved in track; and Soldevilla set

school records in 300 meter hurdles and triple jump.

**Mrs. Ball's science class:** Holly Goode, highest average; Frederick Traylor, hardest worker; Lupita Rodriguez, Randy Porter, Ironica Traylor and Leah Scarborough participated in UIL Science.

**Mr. Durham's Texas History class:** Ivan Flores, outstanding student; Gabriel Marrafo, most improved student; Andres Gonzales, hardest worker; Moses Lugo, Juanita Vasquez, Mark Casares and Laura Cardona participated in UIL maps, charts and graphs.

**Mrs. Lemons' UIL Number Sense team:** Wesley Wright, Rusty Wooten, Rusty McDaniel, Kyle Wood, Justin Sutton and Taylor Matthews. **Cheerleaders:** Myra Pena, Stephanie Flores, Jessica Garcia, Tonya Robertson, Stephanie Hinojosa and Brenda Flores. **Outstanding tennis players:** Julie

Merritt, Wood, Kristin Doss, and Josh Flores and Raymond Powers.

**Mr. Penney's general mechanics class:** Jacob Larra and Russell Rickert, most outstanding. **TSA State qualifiers:** Zack Morgan, Kyle Wood, James Jackson, Van Jeter, Shane Furr, Michael Penney, Kurt Webb and Daniel Flores. Furr placed third, and Penney and Flores placed first.

**Mrs. Miller's reading class:** Lucy Ramirez, hardest worker; Jacob Medrano and Ivan Flores, outstanding students; Holly Goode, Highest average; Taylor Matthews and Goode participated in UIL oral reading. **Student Senate:** Wendy Amador, Larissa Fuentes, Sylvia Medrano, Lupita Rodriguez, Derek Buckley, Brenda Flores, Stephanie Hinojosa and Darlene DeLaPaz.

**Mrs. Buckley's math class:** Brenda Arce, outstanding student math 87; Jacob Larra, pre-algebra outstanding student; Rusty Wooten and Rusty McDaniel, outstanding algebra students; and Ivan Flores, Zack Morgan, Wesley Wright, McDaniel and Derek Buckley participated in UIL Calculator.

**Mrs. Blackburn's english class:** Monica Ortiz, academic excellence; Ortiz, Kristin Doss, Valerie Gonzales and Miranda Turner participated in UIL ready writing; and Olivia Rodriguez, Chuy Saucedo, Elizabeth Vidal and Sandra Torres competed in UIL spelling.

**Mrs. Nanghreen's American history class:** Taryn Hays, outstanding student; Cassandra de la Cruz, hardest worker; Cody Brockman, Kurt Webb, Jessica Flores and Olivia Rodriguez participated in UIL Maps, Charts and Graphs. Brockman placed third.

**Outstanding students in Mrs. Hill's seventh grade gifted and talented class:** Julie Merritt, Michael Penney, Larissa Fuentes, Kyle Wood, Lupita Rodriguez, Justin Sutton, Felicia Sanchez, Frederick Traylor, Brittany Porter, James Jackson, Silvia Medrano, Van Jeter, Christie Bryan, Jacob Medrano, Carol Summers, Daniel Flores, Holly Goode and Randy Porter. **Eighth grade outstanding students:** Taryn Hays, Beau Hill, Brenda Arce, Jaime LaFuente, Cassie McLean, Jerry Thomas, Jeanette Sanchez, Raymond Powers, Heather Wise, Luis Silva, Delfina Gripp, Gary Jouett, Sandra Torres, Aaron Wilcox, Tonya Robertson, Tony Ramos, Terry Nanez and Felix Talamantes.

**Mrs. Lust's science class:** Taryn Hays, outstanding student; Terry Nanez, hardest worker; Jacob Larra, Felix Talamantes, Ralph Enriquez

and Adam Abrego competed in UIL Science.

**Mrs. Malcom's computer class:** Taryn Hays, highest average first semester; Cody Brockman, hardest worker first semester; Lindsey Welch, highest average second semester; Rusty Wooten, hardest worker second semester. **Mrs. Malcom's health class:** Hays, highest average second semester; Valerie Gonzales, hardest worker second semester.

**Mrs. Schroeder's reading class:** Kristin Doss, outstanding reader; Terry Nanez, hardest worker; Delfina Gripp, Miranda Turner and Nanez participated in UIL oral reading.

**Mrs. Richards' English class:** Julie Merritt, most outstanding; Randy Porter, hardest working; Lucy Ramirez, most improved; Lupita Rodriguez and Brittany Porter competed in UIL ready writing.

**Mrs. Setliff's food production class's outstanding students:** Felicia Sanchez, Carol Summers, Brenda Arce, Trini Castillo, Janina Puente, Becky Ramirez and Chuy Saucedo. **Outstanding students in LMS class:** Brittany Porter, Samuel Prieto, Valerie Gonzales and Ralph Enriquez.

**Most outstanding students in Mr. Keith's Industrial Arts I class:** James Jackson and Shane Furr. **In Industrial Arts II class:** Jessica Flores and Brandon Allison.

**Mr. Cortez's special education class:** Cassandra de la Cruz, outstanding student; and Tyson Traylor, hardest worker. **Mr. Acevedo's Advanced ESL class:** Aurelino Gonzales, top student. **Bilingual class:** Carlos Zarazua, most improved.

**Mrs. Hunter's UIL one act play:** Jessica Flores, Ivan Flores, Delfina Gripp, Tate Gripp, Adam Abrego, Raymond Powers, Miranda Turner, Valerie Gonzales and Joshua Flores.

**Seventh grade "A" honor roll for the sixth six weeks:** Larissa Fuentes, Holly Goode, Van Jeter, Julie Merritt, Brittany Porter, Lupita Rodriguez and Ironica Traylor. **"A-B" honor roll:** Wendy Amador, Christie Bryan, Laura Cardona, Lilia Dominguez, Daniel Flores, Ivan Flores, Stephanie Flores, Shane Furr, Tait Gripp, James Jackson, Heather Jeter, Lacy Loudder, Moses Lugo, Taylor Matthews, Jacob Medrano, Sylvia Medrano, Zack Morgan, Myra Pena, Michael Penney, Randy Porter, Felicia Sanchez, Keevin Sanders, Leah Scarborough, Justin Sutton, Kyle Wood and Carlos Zarazua.

**Seventh grade "A" honor roll**

for the semester: Bryan, Ivan Flores, Furr, Goode, Merritt, Morgan, Penney, Brittany Porter and Sutton. **Seventh grade "A-B" honor roll:** Amador, Cardona, Dominguez, Daniel Flores, Stephanie Flores, Fuentes, Maria Garcia, Gripp, Jackson, Heather Jeter, Van Jeter, Loudder, Lugo, Matthews, Jacob Medrano, Sylvia Medrano, Angela Montiel, Randy Porter Samuel Prieto, Rodriguez, Sanchez, Sanders, Scarborough, Carol Summers, Sergio Talamantes, Traylor, Sonia Vasquez, Wood and Zarazua.

**Eighth grade "A" honor roll for the sixth six weeks:** Kristin Doss, Taryn Hays, Rusty McDaniel, Monica Ortiz, Emily Robertson, Lindsey Welch, Wesley Wright. **"A-B" honor roll:** Amanda Annen, Cody Brockman, Derek Buckley, Christina Fierro, Brenda Flores, Jessica Flores, Debbie Gil, Valerie Gonzales, Adam Gonzalez, Beau Hill, Shawna Kenworthy, Jacob Larra, Belinda Martinez, Susie Martinez, Cassie McLean, Mario Melendez, Daphanie Rivera, Julie Sanchez, Robert Sepeda, Jeremy Simpson, Felix Talamantes, Sandra Torres, Miranda Turner, Stacey Villanueva, Kurt Webb, Heather Wise and Rusty Wooten. **Eighth grade "A" honor roll for the second semester:** Buckley, Doss, Fierro, Hays, McDaniel, Ortiz, Welch and Wise. **"A-B" honor roll:** Annen, Brockman, Ben Coleman, Ashley Davis, Darlene De la Paz, Rafael Enriquez, Jessica Flores, Gil, Valerie Gonzales, Adam Gonzalez, Hill, Kenworthy, Larra, Belinda Martinez, Susie Martinez, McLean, Melendez, Teresita Nanez, Russell Rickert, Rivera, Robertson, Olivia Rodriguez, Sanchez, Sepeda, Simpson, Talamantes, Jerry Thomas, Torres, Turner, Villanueva, Webb, Wooten and Wright.

The following eighth grade students will receive the President's Education Award. Students must have a 90 or above average in the eighth grade, be approved by the teachers and display good citizenship. The first ten names received a "Top Ten Award": Lindsey Welch, Taryn Hays, Wesley Wright, Kristin Doss, Monica Ortiz, Miranda Turner, Heather Wise, Christina Fierro, Rusty McDaniel, Cody Brockman, Derek Buckley, Jessica Flores, Valerie Gonzales, Emily Robertson, Daphanie Rivera, Robert Sepeda, Rafael Enriquez, Adam Gonzalez, Rusty Wooten, Olivia Rodriguez, Beau Hill, Stacey Villanueva, Ashley Davis, Jacob Larra, Russell Rickert, Sandra Torres and Kurt Webb.

## DMS students earn awards

Dimmitt Middle School fourth, fifth and sixth grade students received awards for the 1994-95 school year at assemblies held recently.

Fourth grade students receiving awards included--**Mrs. Nelson's room:** Isabel Garcia, Jaclyn Bishop and Dalton Fisher received academic excellence in language arts; and Garcia was outstanding math student.

**Mrs. Damron's room:** Jaci Hardwick, Ashley Irons, Valerie Martinez, Jill Merritt and Caitlin Buckley were outstanding students in language arts; Courtney Norman and Oscar Melendez were the hardest workers; Jaci Bishop and Elizabeth Cartwright participated in UIL spelling; and Irons was outstanding math student.

**Mrs. Atchley's room:** Colby Williams and Melissa Rueda were outstanding students in language arts; Casey Jones, outstanding citizen; Roy Rodriguez, outstanding artist; and Isabel Garcia, Caitlin Buckley, Jones and Joe Birdwell competed in UIL ready writing. Garcia placed third. Rueda was outstanding math student.

**Mrs. Spring's room:** Ramey Rice, Dalton Fisher, Elizabeth Cartwright, Jill Merritt, Isabel Garcia and Casey Jones were outstanding science students; Angie Hernandez and Abraham Salinas took citizenship awards; and Caitlin Buckley was outstanding math student.

**Mrs. Wardlaw's room:** Chelsea Lowance, outstanding math student; Juan Delgado, hardest worker in math class; and Melissa Rueda, Jill Merritt, Natalie Jimenez, Dalton Fisher and Valerie Martinez participated in the UIL art contest.

**Mrs. Hand's room:** Caitlin Buckley, Gina Gonzales, Chelsea Lowance, Jaci Bishop, Melissa Rueda and Valerie Martinez were named outstanding social studies students; Dalton Fisher, outstanding citizen; Buckley, Jody Stovall, Isabel Garcia, Maribel Garcia and Ashley Irons were named to the Jr. Student Senate; and Gina Gonzalez was outstanding math student.

**Mr. Acevedo's room:** Guadalupe Maldonado, outstanding bilingual student; and Erica Lucio, most improved student in advanced ESL.

**Fourth grade "A" honor roll, sixth six weeks:** Jaclyn Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Elizabeth Cartwright, Ashley Irons, Casey Jones, Chelsea Lowance, Jill Merritt and Melissa Rueda. **"A-B" honor roll:** Amber Bell, Harold Casas, Katrina Casas, Robert Casas, Juan Delgado, Dalton Fisher, Isabel Garcia, Tracy Garcia, Gina Gonzales, Jaci Hardwick, Natalie Jimenez, Valerie Martinez, Courtney Norman, Maria Ontiveros, Angelita Paiz, Nancy Quiroz, Leticia Rodriguez, Kristi Saenz, Roxie Saenz, Heather Snitker, Jenna Steinle, Jody Stovall and Colby Williams.

**"A" honor roll for the second semester:** Bishop, Buckley, Cartwright, Fisher, Isabel Garcia, Hardwick, Irons, Jones, Lowance, Martinez, Merritt and Rueda. **"A-B" honor roll:** Harold Casas, Robert Casas, Pedro Cavarrubia, Delgado, Abel Espinosa, Tracy Garcia, Gonzales, Jimenez, Norman, Maria Ontiveros, Raul Ontiveros, Emilio Porras, Quiroz, Ricardo Ramirez, Ramey Rice, Rodriguez, Roxie Saenz, Snitker, Steinle, Stovall and

Williams.

**Students of the Month:** Joe Birdwell, Colby Williams, Melissa Rueda, Ashley Irons, Ruben Casas, Jaci Bishop, Coby Martinez, Nancy Quiroz, Juan Delgado, Valerie Martinez, Jenna Steinle, Roxie Saenz, Robert Casas, Crystal Lopez, Casey Jones, Jill Merritt, Isabel Garcia and Gina Gonzales.

Fifth graders receiving honors were--**Mrs. Schacher's room:** Kelsey Welch, Alexis Proffitt and Deacon Buckley, outstanding achievement in reading; Lyndee Behrends and Gabriel Garcia, outstanding achievement in English; Brent Josselet and Saul Medrano, outstanding achievement in spelling; Benny Pompa and Georgia Mireles, fine arts award; and Veronica Rodriguez, Behrends, Sarah Torres and Erika Mendoza competed in UIL spelling. Rodriguez placed fifth.

**Mrs. Ramos's math class:** Ryan Hays and Sally Stahl, highest average; and Jeremy Bishop, Melissa Maldonado, Jose Garcia and Yvette Correa competed in UIL number sense.

**Mrs. Hunter's room:** Jeremy Bishop and Tanner Self, outstanding achievement in reading; Jake Laurent and Albert Campos, outstanding achievement in English; Melissa Maldonado and Jason Harris, outstanding student in spelling; Sally Stahl, Jenny Robertson and Sandie Jones, outstanding performance in fine arts; and Stahl, Thomas Brockman, Charley Nutt, Sarah Bradford, Sandra Jaramillo and Jones placed fourth in the UIL art contest.

**Mrs. Hughes' room:** Deacon Buckley, Albert Campos, Jose Garcia, Kelsey Welch, Sally Stahl and Thomas Brockman were named outstanding social studies students; Rae Odom, Ryan Hays, Sharla Kenworthy and Cliff Wright participated in UIL ready writing; Hays, Maldonado, Kenworthy, Tanner Self and Sandie Jones are on the Junior Student Senate.

**Mrs. Harris's room:** Thomas Brockman and Jose Garcia, outstanding achievement in English; Angela Cartwright and Ryan Hays, outstanding achievement in reading; Matthew Wright and Jason Riggs, outstanding students in spelling; Sharla Kenworthy and Sarah Bradford, outstanding fine arts students; Jason Harris, Cliff Wright, Kelsey Welch, Jennifer Robertson, Kenworthy and Cartwright participated in UIL oral reading.

**Mrs. Goolsby's room:** Jeremy Bishop, Ryan Hays, Gabriel Garcia, Tanner Self, Thomas Brockman, Cliff Wright and Kelsey Welch received scientific achievement; Amanda Barrera, hardest worker and fifth place Soil Conservation poster; and Sharla Kenworthy and Deacon Buckley, second and third places respectively, in the Soil Conservation poster contest.

**Mr. Acevedo's advanced ESL class:** Terry Murrufo, top student; and Lupita Saucedo, most improved.

**Mrs. Hand's room:** Jeremy Bishop and Sharla Kenworthy placed second and fourth, respectively, at the Castro County Spelling Bee.

**Fifth grade "A" honor roll, sixth six weeks:** Lyndee Behrends, Jeremy Bishop, Thomas Brockman, Deacon Buckley, Angela Cartwright, Ryan Hays, Brent Josselet, Sharla

Kenworthy, Jake Laurent, Kody Laurent, Rae Odom, Alexis Proffitt, Jennifer Robertson, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl, Kelsey Welch, Cliff Wright and Matthew Wright. **"A-B" honor roll:** Sarah Bradford, Eric Bural, Albert Campos, Gabriel Garcia, Jose Garcia, Dana Gonzales, Jason Harris, Johnathan Jimenez, Melissa Maldonado, Saul Medrano, Georgia Mireles, Charley Nutt, Jason Riggs and Bianey Saucedo.

**"A" honor roll for the second semester:** Behrends, Bishop, Brockman, Buckley, Campos, Cartwright, Jose Garcia, Hays, Josselet, Jake Laurent, Maldonado, Proffitt, Robertson, Self, Stahl, Welch, Cliff Wright and Matthew Wright. **"A-B" honor roll:** Bradford, Bural, Gabriel Garcia, Gonzales, Adam Guzman, Harris, Jimenez, Kenworthy, Kody Laurent, Medrano, Mireles, Nutt, Odom, Riggs and Saucedo.

**Students of the month:** Tasha Green, Jason Harris, Thomas Brockman, Bianey Saucedo, April Hill, Saul Medrano, Olga Diaz, Victor Delgado, Sandra Jaramillo, Jose Garcia, Kelsey Welch, Cliff Wright, Melissa Maldonado, Tanner Self, Angela Cartwright, Matthew Wright, Rae Odom, Albert Campos, Jenny Robertson and Israel Gonzales.

Sixth graders receiving awards included: **Mrs. Wynn's room:** Lisa Goode and Lori Schulte, outstanding students; Amanda Rodriguez and Elissa Jackson, hardest workers.

**Mrs. Wilson's room:** Rachal Harman and Mary Bradley, most outstanding in language arts; Omar Quiroz and Wesley Harkins, hardest workers in language arts; and Laura Gil, Debbie Peralez, Harman and Bradley participated in UIL oral reading.

**Mrs. Sims' room:** Laura Gil, Debbie Peralez and Lillian Stewart competed in UIL ready writing.

**Mrs. Newland's room:** Stephanie Casas and Lillian Stewart were outstanding science students; Gina Arredondo and Isaias Olmos, hardest workers; and Arredondo, Alex Ontiveros, Amanda Rodriguez and Stewart participated in UIL spelling.

**Mrs. Fortenberry's room:** Antonio Barrera, hardest worker in social studies; Lori Schulte and Joshua Hardwick, outstanding students in social studies; Marcus Larra, outstanding citizenship; Carmen Pineda and Jason Reyes participated in the Castro County Spelling Bee; Cherie Norman, David Garcia and Pineda competed in UIL maps, charts and graphs; and Stephanie Casas, Cassandra Casas, Ricky Pompa, Audrey Saenz, Mary Bradley and Norman were part of the Jr. Student Senate.

**Mrs. Chisum's math class:** Mandi Moore and Daniel Proffitt outstanding students; Mary Bradley and Benjamin Ruiz, hardest workers; and Stephanie Casas, Cassandra Casas, Rachal Harman and Jade Vick participated in UIL number sense.

**Mrs. Bain's room:** Joshua Hardwick and Daniel Proffitt, outstanding students; Audrey Saenz and Oscar Corrales, hardest workers; and Jeremy Furr, Luis Menchaca, Tanner Griffith and B.J. Hill participated in UIL oral reading.

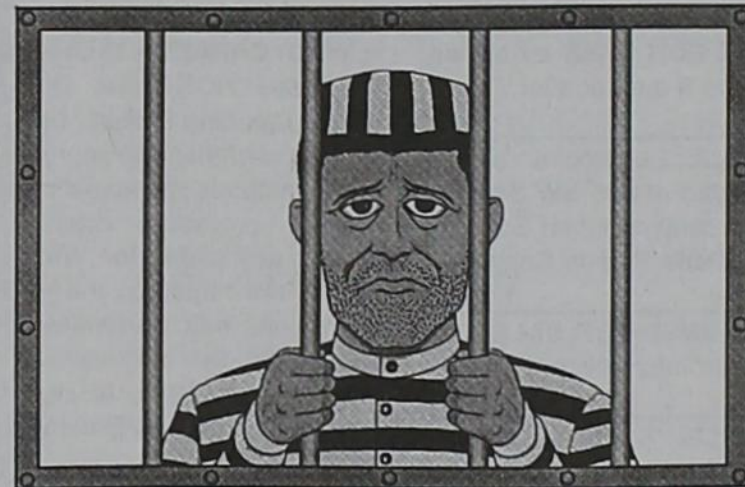
**Mrs. Hunter's room:** Ben Fuentes, hardest worker. **Mr. Acevedo's room:** Manuel Soto,

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**25--Legal Notices**

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Model No. B98-10006  
Bids will be accepted until July 10, 1995 at 10 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

IRENE MILLER  
CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE  
25-12-2tc



**READY FOR ANOTHER HOT DOG**—Hundreds of persons enjoyed 25-cent hot dogs and soft drinks Monday at the annual July Jubilee, sponsored by the

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**24--Card of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards and the memorials given in memory of our aunt, Christine "Crickett" Hickman. May God bless each and every one of you.

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**CARD OF THANKS**

I, Estella Mendez, want to thank the City of Dimmitt for the use of the City Park for our yearly Jamaica to support the Catholic Church. I thank all the nice people that helped with donations and their work. May God bless them all.  
ESTELLA MENDEZ 24-13-1tp

**25--Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting bids on maintenance supplies for the 1995-96 school year. Sealed bids will be received until 3 p.m., July 18, 1995, at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and waive any formalities. 25-13-2tc

JOYCE M. THOMAS, Clerk of the District Court of Castro County, Texas  
By: CLARA M. PATTON, Deputy 25-10-4tc

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**More about End-of-year awards . . .**

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most improved; Isaias Olmos, top student.

**Sixth grade "A" honor roll for the sixth six weeks:** Mary Bradley, Cassandra Casas, Stephanie Casas, Paul Craig, Laura Gil, Joshua Hardwick, Rachal Harman, B.J. Hill, Mandi Moore, Isaias Olmos, Daniel Proffitt and Lori Schulte. **"A-B" honor roll:** Georgina Arredondo, Heather Black, Guadalupe Fierro, Ben Fuentes, Jeremy Furr, David Garcia, Olga Gonzales, Lisa Goode, Ramona Guzman, Lyndsey Heard, Emanuel Jaramillo, Corey Lane, Marcus Larra, Cherie Norman, Deb-

bie Peralez, Amanda Rodriguez, Anita Rodriguez, Ben Ruiz, Audrey Saenz, Jessica Salinas, Leticia Sanchez, Jimmy Stewart, Lillian Stewart, Jade Vick, Kylie Webb and Kristin Welch.

**"A" honor roll for the second semester:** Bradley, Stephanie Casas, Hardwick, Hill, Moore, Norman, Proffitt, Schulte and Webb. **"A-B" honor roll:** Arredondo, Black, Cassandra Casas, Craig, Michelle Davis, Fierro, Furr, Gil, Gonzales, Goode, Guzman, Harman, Heard, Jaramillo, Lane, Larra, Ernesto Olmos, Isaias Olmos, Peralez, Carmen Pineda, Ricky Pompa, Amanda Rodriguez, Saenz, Jessica Salinas, Sanchez, Stewart, Vick and Welch.

**Students of the month:** Leticia Sanchez, Isaias Olmos, Daniel Proffitt, Ramona Guzman, Gina Arredondo, Joshua Hardwick, Lori Schulte, Emanuel Jaramillo, Stephanie Casas, Omar Quiroz, Amanda Rodriguez, Wesley Harkins, Ben Ruiz, Debbie, Peralez, Marcus Larra, Kristin Welch, Rachal Harman, Cassandra Casas, Jason Reyes, Cory Lane and Mandi Moore.



Here are the school breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt for the week of July 10-14.

**DIMMITT Breakfast**

**MONDAY:** Assorted fruit juice, celery sticks, plain graham crackers and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Fresh assorted fruit, pancakes with syrup and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Assorted fresh fruit, assorted cereal with milk, plain graham crackers and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Assorted fruit juices, sausage biscuit and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Fresh assorted fruit, assorted cereal with milk, plain graham crackers and milk.

**Lunch**

**MONDAY:** Hot dog on a bun with chili, pork and beans, potato salad and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Taco salad, refried beans, arroz Mexicano, orange wedges and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato rounds, hay stack finger salad and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas, hot rolls and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Steak fingers with gravy, potato wedges, fruited gelatin, hot rolls and milk.

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We will look forward to hearing from you; and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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# GTE urges customers to check phone system

GTE Telephone Operations officials urged customers with business telephone systems to check with their telephone system vendor to make sure their system will place calls to new area codes with numbers other than "1" or "0" as the middle digit.

The new area codes are being placed in service across the nation, including Texas.

Customers also should check to make sure their business phone systems have been modified to include or recognize the new area codes when using any special features, such as long-distance call routing.

Houston already has a new 281 area code located within the same boundaries as the 713 area code, and the Dallas 214 area will have a new 972 area code within the same boundaries beginning in February 1996.

The Houston code presently is being assigned to new wireless customers, such as cellular and pager. Traditional business and residential customers will be added to the new

area code beginning in early 1996.

"If a customer's system is not programmed to accept these new area codes, or any of the others being placed in service across the nation, the calls may not be able to be completed," said Tony Violi, general manager for GTE in Irving.

"If customers have not already done so, they need to contact the company that provided their business system or the company maintaining their system to ensure calls will be completed to the new area codes and that calls will be routed properly."

Violi said the "overlying" of a new area code over the same boundary of another in both the Dallas and Houston areas was determined to be the best method to provide more telephone numbers for the Metroplex area.

"Rather than cause thousands of customers the inconvenience and expense of notifying friends, relatives, customers and businesses of a new area code, and the need for

many customers to reprint stationery, brochures, or other advertising products to show the new area code, the overlay will allow all customers to maintain their existing number and area code," he said.

"Since both the Dallas and Houston areas have extensive toll-free calling, most customers would be required to dial 10 digits when placing calls throughout the metropolitan area under any option chosen to increase the availability of telephone numbers," Violi said.

In the Dallas and Houston areas, any equipment that stores or analyzes telephone numbers, business telephone systems, modems, speed call lists and automatic dialers will have to be changed to include any of the changes.

In addition to the new type area codes, local numbers are being assigned in most areas that include "1" and "0" as the second digit in the seven digit local telephone number. Some business systems require modification to place calls to these new numbers.

The demand for telephone numbers to support an expanding variety of communications services is depleting the available supply of numbers—not only in the Dallas area, but in many other areas of the nation.

In the past decade, there has been a tremendous demand for telephone numbers as a result of the growth in the number of business and residential customers, cellular telephones, fax machines, computer modems, pagers and other services.

In recent years, Texas has seen the addition of Area Code 409 in the area surrounding Houston, 903 in East Texas and 210 in the San Antonio/Rio Grande Valley.

## More about 1:1

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I couldn't agree more.

Many smaller hospitals in our area have been "bailed out" by the Lubbock and Amarillo hospitals and are now being operated as branches of those metro hospital systems.

It's a good marketing strategy by the metros. These small hospitals provide them with a "feeder" network.

But the people served by the hospitals in Tulia, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Levelland and Plainview have lost control of their local hospitals.

I don't want to see the people of Castro County lose that local control.

For one thing, we don't need to.

You may resent the 300% tax increase that our hospital board levied several years ago, but that increase spared our hospital from going the way of many others during a critical period for rural hospitals.

While other hospitals were deteriorating, ours was upgrading.

While other hospitals were laying off staff and cutting services, ours was bringing in well-trained new people and adding new services.

While other hospitals were having to borrow money to meet their payrolls, ours was meeting its payroll and building up a healthy surplus.

If the boards of those other hospitals had had the foresight and guts to bite the bullet and hike their tax rates several years ago, as our board did, they would still have self-supporting, locally controlled hospitals, too.

But now they've lost control. And instead of just paying higher

taxes (some of the failed hospitals' tax rates are now as high as ours, I understand), the people served by those hospitals are now paying much higher rates and fees into metro systems or management corporations.

The metro hospitals aren't without their own financial problems. High Plains Baptist and St. Anthony's in Amarillo are working on a merger so they can survive on the new playing field created by "managed care" and budget reform.

University Medical Center in Lubbock stands to lose \$55 million during the next few years because of congressional budget cuts.

All these hospitals, along with Methodist and St. Mary in Lubbock, have been aggressively marketing their services by pursuing joint operating agreements with smaller hospitals throughout the region.

Our rural health clinic system is sick, yes, and needs to be nursed to health. Our hospital board and our clinic staffs are devoting most of their waking hours to this problem.

But Plains Memorial Hospital is healthy. In fact, it's probably the healthiest rural hospital in the region. It has a refurbished emergency room complex, a well-equipped

and well-staffed lab, a fast-growing home health service, a host of licensed/certified/registered health care professionals who provide many specialty services, and a staff that really cares about our local people.

And, by the way, Plains Memorial also has a \$1,200,000 surplus.

To stay healthy, Plains Memorial needs the input of the new doctors in our rural health clinics. And it needs to be used by all of us in the district, as our first hospital of choice.

The role of Plains Memorial is to provide primary care, which is the level of care most of us need when we get sick. If we need critical care, then Plains Memorial can transfer us to any or all of the metro hospitals in the region, without being contractually bound to any one system.

That, it seems to me, is to our benefit.

Plains Memorial has been our hospital since the 1940s. A lot of people have devoted their toil, tears, blood and sweat during the last half-century to make it what it is today.

In coping with the financial problems of our rural health clinic system, our hospital district doesn't need to throw out the baby with the bath water.



French Impressionist Paul Cezanne was such a slow worker that he was forced to use wax fruit in his still-life painting since real fruit would often rot before he was finished.

# Goldsmith attending national conference

Rachel Goldsmith, a senior at Dimmitt High School and the Region I president of the Future Homemakers of America will be one of the 300 Texas delegates attending the 1995 Future Homemakers of America national leadership meeting, July 9-13, in Washington, D.C.

Representing more than 36,000 members of the Texas Association, she will be among approximately

5,000 delegates throughout the nation attending the four day conference.

The youth developed meeting theme, "Youth Leading the Way" will be carried out as the members are challenged to inspire confidence, develop leadership and learn about opportunities for improving families, careers and communities through peer education, community service and membership involvement.

The 50th anniversary of the organization will also be celebrated during the conference.

Session and activities during the week will include STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) event competition, inspiring speakers, updates on national programs, election of the 1995-96 national officers and a gala celebration of the organization's 50th anniversary.

The Texas delegates will develop a plan of action for the state and implement it when returning to school in the fall.

Students will also participate in competitive events during the week, as well as, share success stories from Texas chapters. Seventy-one students from Texas will participate in the STAR events during the week and others will share success stories from Texas chapter.

Visits to Capital Hill where students will meet their representatives will also be part of the delegates agenda.

Rachel and her advisor, Barbara Kenley, will assist with STAR Events competition.

Future Homemakers of America is a vocational student organization for home economics education students in junior and senior high schools.

This youth organization is the only vocational organization that has the family as its central focus and is an integral part of the home economics curriculum.

## Obituary

### Bud McElroy

J.D. "Bud" McElroy, Jr., 71, of Levelland, died Friday.

Services were Monday in College Avenue Baptist Church in Levelland with the Rev. Bruce Cotton, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

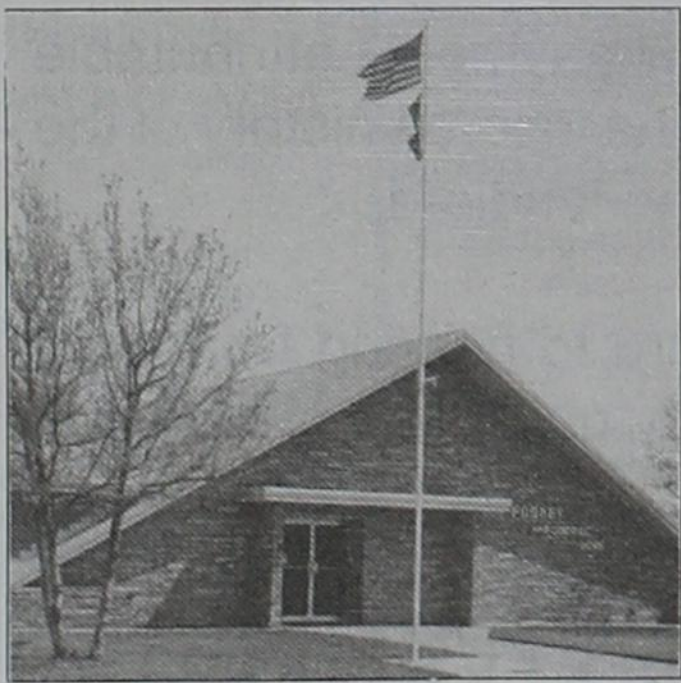
Mr. McElroy was born Jan. 27, 1924 in Ralls. He was a member of Park Drive Baptist Church. He married Wanda Hooper on May 26, 1951, in Carlsbad, N.M. He was a US Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. McElroy farmed in Castro County for several years before moving to Levelland. He was a retired oil field worker and a farmer.

Survivors include his wife; a son, David, of Lorenzo; a daughter, Sharon Johnson of Levelland; two brothers, Joe McElroy of Lubbock and Floyd McElroy of Littlefield; four sisters, Ima Jean Curry of North Little Rock, Ark., Dorothy Oden of Post, and Margie Osborne and Velma Duncan, both of Levelland; and two grandchildren.

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