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By Don Nelson

Man, there's just nothin' else like it—ridin' along out there, sittin' tall, with the wind in your face. . . .
Nope, I'm not talking horses.
And I'm not talking motorcycles.
I'm talking bicycles.

Verbie and I bought each other new bikes for Christmas. I don't know why we didn't do it years ago. These aren't just bikes, either. They're Schwinn bikes.

Just like the quarter horse and the Harley-Davidson motorcycle, the Schwinn bike is an American classic.

When I was a kid, during the war, I had a hand-me-down bike that lasted for years. It wasn't pretty, but it got me where I wanted to go, and I was lucky to have it.

I always wanted a Schwinn, though, because it was the classiest, fanciest, prettiest bike made. But I couldn't afford one.

(By the time I could afford one, I was already into cars.)

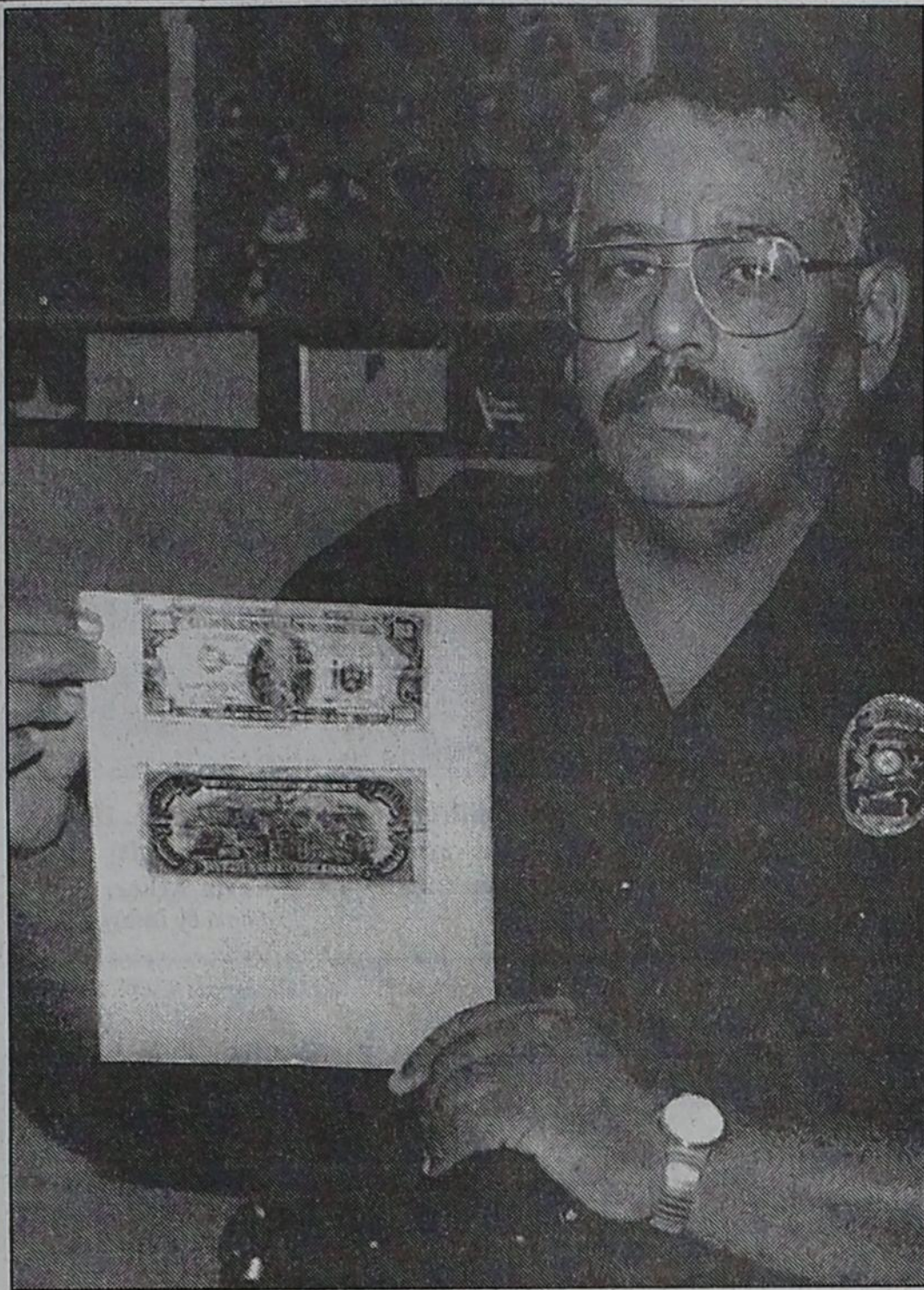
So when Verbie and I decided to get bikes, there was only one brand I was really interested in.

There were Schwinn straight-line mountain bikes, similar to what some of our children have. There were Schwinn racers, similar to what some of our other children have.

The salesman showed us that Schwinn has even re-introduced its high-rise banana-seat bike of the '60s. And would we be interested in a replica model of the 1956 Schwinn Cruiser?

Wow! Would we!
We could have wheeled mine off of the showroom floor, but we had to wait until February for the women's version to reach the market. So we waited until we could pick them up at the same time.

They're the fancy bikes of yesterday, with the curvy frames, gull-wing handlebars, large spring-loaded seats, big balloon tires and stylish chain guards. They're black and cream, with fancy red pin-striping.
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DIMMITT POLICE CHIEF RAY ALEMAN
... With photo copy of bogus \$100 bill.

Counterfeit \$100 bills found in Dimmitt, area

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman reported this week that two counterfeit \$100 bills have been passed in Dimmitt recently, and others have been found in the Panhandle-South Plains area.

Aleman said one of the bogus bills turned up in Dimmitt July 2. The latest was received at a local business on Sunday and was reported to police Monday. The US Secret Service has been contacted and the bills were confirmed as counterfeit.

The fake money is made from copies of the older-design \$100 bills,

but the front is faded and indistinct, while the back is clear and readable. Aleman said that the suspects who passed the money excused the poor appearance of the bills by saying that they "accidentally laundered" them.

Aleman said law enforcement agencies across the Panhandle are searching for the man-woman team described by witnesses.
"If anyone gets a \$100 bill that doesn't look right, then give us a call at 647-4545," Aleman said. "We will investigate immediately, and we can contact the Secret Service and confirm pretty quickly if the money has a correct serial number.

"In any event, be sure to get a good description of any suspects and get a description of their vehicle if possible," Aleman added.

Aleman said his officers have contacted local businesses and cautioned them about the fake bills. A photo copy of one of the bills is available for comparison purposes. Aleman said that so far none of the bills have turned up in local banks.



WE NEED MORE SAUSAGE—Dale Brockman restocks the serving table with German sausage Saturday in Nazareth during the annual German Festival. Sausage, sauerkraut, German potatoes, beans, German chocolate cake and more were served to hundreds during the lunch hour and early afternoon and more sausage was sold Saturday night during the Suds and Sounds concert at the Nazareth Community Center. The annual event drew large crowds to the small community. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Dimmitt ISD accepts Feaster's resignation

Following an executive session to discuss personnel, members of the Dimmitt school board voted to accept the resignation of varsity baseball coach Bobby Feaster, who is moving to Ralls, where he will be the head girls basketball coach. His resignation letter was dated June 25.

Jesus Quiroz, who had served as assistant baseball coach, was hired as varsity baseball coach. He also will continue to teach Spanish at Dimmitt Middle School.

Other resignations accepted included: Amy Feaster, first grade teacher, who will be moving to Ralls; Pat Bagley, Choice teacher, who is retiring; Barbara Bain, third grade teacher, who is retiring; Tonya Setliff, Dimmitt Middle School

home ec teacher, who is moving to Kress; and Whitney Kirby, seventh grade reading teacher, who is moving to Amarillo.

Other hirings included Patti Waggoner for first grade, Tonda Woods and Leslie Shaw for fourth grade, Winston Waggoner for sixth grade reading, Ann Ferguson for seventh grade reading, Shelli Conkin for junior high girls' coach and P.E., Elaine Hazel for middle school music, Randy Ragland for high school math, Donavan Ferguson for high school geography and junior high athletics, and Darlene Collins as the Alternative School Coordinator/Grant Writer.

The board was informed of resignments that were made, all by

request of the person who was resigned. Beth Casas, fourth grade teacher, was moved to second grade; Kelly Taylor, middle school content mastery, to middle school home ec; Rita Wynn from sixth grade reading to middle school content mastery; and Terry Stovall from high school math to the AEP center.

In other business, the board voted to authorize Joe Mendez, telecommunications specialist for the schools, to install the local area networks and wide area networks for the school campuses. Mendez told the board he has plenty of experience at installing both types of networks. He said he felt he could do the job at a cost well under the bids that were
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County producers may hay or graze CRP lands

Castro County producers have the option of allowing livestock to graze on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres or they may bale the grass for hay.

Castro County is one of several Texas counties that were approved for emergency grazing and haying of CRP acreage last week.

The Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office had requested permission to graze CRP lands a week ago and permission was granted late last week, according to Trish Elliott, county executive director of FSA.

Emergency grazing is authorized effective immediately through either Sept. 30 or when the State or County Committee determines emergency grazing is no longer warranted in the county. Conditions will be reviewed on a monthly basis to determine if continued grazing is warranted, according to information released by the US Dept. of Agriculture.

Haying privileges were granted beginning Friday and may continue through the earlier of Aug. 31 or until the county FSA office determines that emergency haying is no longer warranted.

Haying is limited to one cutting and producers cannot hay and graze the same CRP lands, according to Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry. "With drought conditions becoming worse across Texas, our producers have been looking at every

available resource to provide feed and forage for their livestock," said Perry. "The waiver to allow haying of CRP and will provide a source of forage at a time when hay supplies are becoming dangerously low in many areas of the state."

"The dried grass has also posed a serious fire threat in some of our rural areas. Removing this source of fuel from the land helps reduce the danger from fast spreading brush fires," Perry said.

Producers who hay their CRP acreage must leave at least 50% of each field or adjacent field uncut for wildlife habitat. In addition, CRP payments will be reduced by 25% of the per acre annual payment rate

multiplied by the number of acres actually hayed in fiscal year 1998.

Grazing privileges may be used at an eligible producer's discretion within the established limitations. CRP participants with eligible acreage may lease grazing privileges to any livestock producer.

But there are penalties for grazing CRP lands.

The grazing payment reduction rate will be 25% multiplied by the CRP annual per acre payment rate multiplied by the number of acres grazed, regardless of the stocking rate. This reduction may be prepaid by participants or can be deducted from the annual rental payment due
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Commissioners approve seal coating, paving project

The Castro County Commissioners Court approved the seal coating and paving project bid Monday morning.

The city's asking price of 70 cents per square yard and the Lipham Construction, Inc. of Hereford's bid of 80 cents per square yard were compromised at 75 cents per square yard for the Courthouse and Expo. Seal coating and paving costs for the city amounts to \$135,822.45. Castro County will contract for \$5,400.

Commissioners Court members Newlon Rowland, Precinct One; Larry Gonzales, Precinct Two; Bay Baldrige, Precinct Three; Dan Schmucker, Precinct Four; County Judge Irene Miller; County Auditor Maretta Smithson; and County Treasurer Janice Shelton were all present. The bid was approved unanimously.

Classified advertising for the

American Cancer Society plans gala for Saturday night

A variety of foods representing a cross section of Castro County's heritage will be featured Saturday during the American Cancer Society's annual "gala."

"A Taste of Castro County" is the theme for this year's fundraiser and the banquet will feature entrees from Southwest, Mexican, German and Italian cultures. Admission is by donation at the door.

The annual fundraiser for the Castro County chapter of the American Cancer Society is being planned for 7 to 10 p.m. in the Dimmitt Senior Citizens' Center, located at 218 W. Jones.

The come-and-go event requires casual attire, according to a spokesperson for the group.

Door prizes will be awarded and local performers will entertain guests throughout the evening.

A round-trip for two to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival and Fall Colors Tour will be raffled off during the gala. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.

courthouse's window maintenance and lawn care was approved. Ads will be run in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, the Castro County News and on Classic Cable.

County Treasurer Janice Shelton read off figures for the employer contribution rate for 1999. She said more employees are staying with the county this year than last. The rate is up from the 6.33% who drew retirement funds last year to 7.44%.

Commissioner Larry Gonzales of Precinct Two gave his bid on a loan for a new tractor and shredder for his precinct. The tractor he estimated at \$4,500 and a shredder at \$5,500. County auditor Maretta Smithson said a line item transfer would be the best method of receiving a loan for the equipment.

The bond to hire a part time employee for the county clerk was also approved by a unanimous decision. The accepted bid was \$63 for four years while the other proposal was \$50 per year.

The imposition of an extra fee to the current transportation fee was also voted on. The commissioners court voted to keep the current \$10 fee.

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Dena Berry's proposals for long term residential services, short term residential services and electronic monitoring services were all approved by the court.

The jail space agreement with Hale
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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	99	60	
Friday	97	60	
Saturday	98	68	
Sunday	103	70	
Monday	100	63	25
Tuesday	97	63	
Wednesday	100	63	

July Moisture 0.29
1998 Moisture 6.27
Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

Fishing is an art form of its own

Had Norman Rockwell painted the life of a fisherman, he might have detailed the bucket hat, the plaid workshirt, the green wafers, the rubber boots and the simple fishing pole. The fisherman would have been in the solitude of a rippling river, a mossy pond or a clear lake.

Rockwell would never capture a fisherman in a life jacket and jeans, a radar in one hand and a fishing pole in the other, on deck of a fishing boat. That portrait is the only one former professional bass fisher John Kovacs knows.

"I've been fishing all my life," said Kovacs.
Born in Salzburg, Austria, Kovacs came to the United States in 1951. His wife's name is Luvette and he has two natural children and two step-children. Kovacs moved to Dimmitt in 1979 and lived here since. He is currently an independent contractor.

At one time, Kovacs was a professional bass fisherman. The traveling and the long days away from home helped Kovacs decide to leave the tour.

He fishes competitively in weekend bass tournaments around Texas. Kovacs still manages to practice fishing around the area, despite the drought. It does not affect the fishermen except by making the lakes shallow, said Kovacs.

He enjoys fishing by himself or with his grandchildren. The lake of his choice is Lake Conchas in New Mexico; but he fishes anywhere he can. "I enjoy taking people out fishing," said Kovacs.

Kovacs got his start in bass fishing in 1972, when he joined a bass club. He discovered he liked the sport.

"It's easier than fly fishing," Kovacs said.
Kovacs said there is no secret to bass fishing except a little skill, a little know-how, and a little luck.

Kovacs currently is a member of the Plainview Bass Club, an organization of 40 members, the majority of whom are from Plainview. The club enters members in two day, eight hour tournaments and collects dues. It also keeps a running total of tournament points' leaders. Kovacs is third on the list.

Kovacs enjoys the weekend tournaments. Tournament rules prohibit any type of lure except artificial.

"My favorite is the plastic worm," he said.
There are trophies for the biggest fish caught and money for the fisherman with the most combined weight of fish caught. Kovacs is no stranger to winning. His largest sum to date is \$2,500.

The bass must be alive; dead bass are disqualified. Bass are detected with radar and kept alive in wells built into standard fishing boats. Kovacs said his boat is "fully equipped."

Kovacs' philosophy is to "fool the fish." To do so, "fish at night," said Kovacs. The best time, though, is pre-dawn when the fish are hungry and biting.

Fishing is an art form, said Kovacs. It requires patience, commitment, competitiveness and concentration, he said. However, it is still just a fun sport, said Kovacs. He had advice for those interested in bass fishing.

"Go out and try it for awhile. See if you like it. Experience it," he said.

Groups asked to help 'glean' potatoes Aug. 8

Salvaging food to feed the hungry is what the Society of St. Andrew is all about, and county residents can help by organizing or participating in "gleaning" projects this summer.

"Castro County Potato Bounty" will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and people of all ages and civic groups are asked to volunteer to pick up potatoes left behind in fields after the farmers' harvest.

Food gathered will be given to food pantries, soup kitchens. Shelters and senior citizens' centers that feed the hungry of northwest Texas.

Those interested in participating should contact Frances Duke, Society of St. Andrew, HC 1, Box 50, Springlake, Texas 79082, or call her at (806) 647-5517.

The Society of St. Andrew can set up group gleanings every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, weather permitting; and on Saturdays except for July 18, July 25 and Aug. 1.

Those interested in gleaning for a community service project should contact Duke. She said gleanings also can be set up for early evenings.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to help our community by showing those who are less fortunate that you do care," said Duke. "Just pick a time and date, call me and I'll make the arrangements. Two or three hours of gathering the food left in the field makes a lot of difference to those who are struggling to make ends meet, the hungry and the elderly."

Duke said donations also are accepted to help defray expenses for the Castro County Potato Bounty, and checks should be sent to Society

of St. Andrew, 2808 Fairmont, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75201. Those donating should specify that the funds should be used for the Castro County Potato Bounty for the Northwest Texas office.

The special potato gleaning here will begin on Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. with a camp-out, then the gleaning will begin on Aug. 8 at 9 a.m.

The camp-out will be primitive with no showers and no outdoor outhouses. Cold water will be available for drinking and cleaning,

and those attending are asked to bring their own camping equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, proper clothing, insect repellent, etc.

Hamburgers will be furnished by the Methodist Men from Dimmitt, and campers will be allowed to bring marshmallows for roasting.

Games such as volleyball, frisbee golf and more will be held.

Groups participating in the gleaning should bring the produce back to the local food bank or an agency that ministers to the needy.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The 26th annual Nazareth German Festival was held Saturday at the Community Hall.

A great crowd of Nazareth and the surrounding area enjoyed a good German sausage meal with all the trimmings, an arts and crafts show, lots of games and activities and a record crowd at the Suds and Sounds concert at the Community Center Ballpark. Everyone did their assigned job, making the event a big success.

The Home and School Association held its "Big Bucks Jackpot Drawing" during the festival. Proceeds will go toward playground equipment at school.

The \$1,000 winner was freshman Mandy Hoelting.

Home and School members have worked on this project for many months.

The Leonard and Alma (Herzog) Conrad families gathered for a family reunion over the July 4 weekend. On Friday evening they met in Palo Duro Canyon for a barbecue meal and the musical production of TEXAS.

Saturday morning activities included a breakfast brunch and hay ride at the farm home of Henry and Linda Ramaekers. Saturday afternoon and into Sunday morning festivities were held at the Cyril Brockman home.

Children and adults enjoyed croquet, a horseshoe tournament, a mixed doubles tennis tournament, a basketball tournament, a mixed doubles tennis tournament, a basketball tournament, card games, singing, looking at photo albums, reminiscing, delicious food and drinks.

Many attended the evening mass in Holy Family Church with Father Stortz of Happy presiding.

The reunion ended on Sunday morning with lunch at the Cyril Brockman home. On display for all to view was a beautiful old nativity set from Holy Family Church which was refurbished by Danny Gamble, an artist from Canyon. He also built a beautiful outdoor stable and hand-painted three scenes which are seen through the back of the stable and through the stable windows.

Hopefully, come Christmas, many visitors will come to Holy Family Church or the Nazareth Museum to view this beautiful piece of art. This is a memorial gift given in honor and memory of Leonard and Alma (Herzog) Conrad and Cecilia Herzog.

A big thanks to the Boy Scouts and their mothers, who picked up trash on all the town streets before the German Festival and again afterwards with their parents. Many volunteers also helped clean up on Sunday to help our Nazareth Museum group, who had the clean-up job.

Prayers are asked for Arnold Huseman, Sister Cordelia Lange, Jerry Lange, Linda Ramaekers' mother, Mrs. Collins of Hereford; and Lavern Wilhelm.

A farewell party for Tammy McLain, a computer teacher, Lavern Van Pool, an art teacher, and Lisa Gunstream, an advanced math teacher for the Nazareth School, was held. We will miss them. They are all very good teachers.

The party was also a birthday party for Melanie Wilhelm, a Nazareth teacher.

The party was hosted by Beverly Schulte, also a teacher.

A large group of Senior Citizens enjoyed dinner at the Senior Citizens Center Sunday evening. Everyone enjoyed playing Bingo, followed by solo, chicken foot and pitch. Guests were Dean Johnson, Father Sherry and Joe Villeneuve.

Nancy Drerup of Dallas recently spent a few days in Nazareth with her mother, Lucille Drerup. One of the things they enjoyed was the musical production of TEXAS in Palo Duro Canyon.

Those attending were Joe and Imogene Drerup, Ethel Schmucker, Jim and Evelyn Ball, Carol Gary and sons, and Nancy and Lucille Drerup. After the show everyone enjoyed some beautiful fireworks.

On Sunday, Leroy and Dorothy Pohlmeier, Virgil and Viola Pohlmeier, Florene Leinen, Dolores Heiman and Virgie Gerber drove to Lubbock to meet with Jim and Jean Bell of Granbury at the home of Evelyn Hill.

After a great meal at Sirloin Stockade, they spent the afternoon at Evelyn's visiting. It was a very enjoyable day.

Acting in Faith—During a severe drought, a small town's church congregation met to pray for rain. As the crowd assembled in the parking lot, the preacher was heard to exclaim, "Now we all know why we're here, but I have one question to ask? Where are your umbrellas?"



MARSHA BLACK paints Amber Huseman's fingernails Saturday during part of the annual German Festival celebration in Nazareth. A German sausage dinner and variety of games were held at the Nazareth Community Hall during the afternoon, an arts and crafts show was held in the Nazareth School Cafeteria and an outdoor benefit concert featuring Gary Allan was held at the Nazareth Community Center in the evening.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Local sales tax rebates issued

The July sales tax rebate issued to the City of Nazareth reflected a sharp increase over the 1997 payment while Dimmitt's rebate was down and Hart's showed a slight increase.

Nazareth's rebate of 840.45 was 63.96% higher than the July 1997 payment of \$512.57. For the year, Nazareth has received a total of \$7,548.42, up 12.05%.

Dimmitt's rebate dropped 25.32% from the 1997 total of \$28,107.17. This month's rebate for \$20,990.27 brings the yearly total to \$159,525.78, which is .33% lower than 1997 payments through June of \$160,058.04.

Hart's rebate of \$1,277.35 was 4.38% higher than the 1997 stipend of \$1,223.73. This year, Hart has received rebates totaling \$9,003.56. That's down 8.87% from \$9,880.08 through July 1997.

Castro County earned a rebate of \$8,790.42 for July, down 44.86% from the July 1997 payment of \$15,942.63.

Pet sitting service starts

A Dimmitt resident has established a pet care service and will do everything from feed and water pets and plants to pet massages.

"While you are away, let us care for your special friend, allowing your pet to stay in the comfort of his or her own home," said Anita Eoff, owner of the business, The Selectors, Pet Sitting Services.

She is a certified groomer and will accept reservations three days in advance between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. To contact Eoff, call 647-0904.

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Medical Center to give physicals July 30, Aug. 4 for Dimmitt athletes

The Medical Center of Dimmitt has set two dates for physicals for seventh and ninth grade boys and girls who will participate in athletics at Dimmitt schools.

On Thursday, July 30, seventh grade boys may report at 1 p.m. and ninth grade boys at 3 p.m. for a physical.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, seventh grade girls need to come to the center at 1 p.m. and ninth grade girls at 3 p.m. Cost is \$5.

On the Go

Ed and Betty Freeman returned last week after wonderful week in Denver, Colo., with their daughter, Sally, and grandson, Andy.

Their daughter, Carol, flew into Amarillo and was the driver, which was a wonderful help.

Their son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Ricki, came in from Portland, Ore., and all enjoyed dinner together at the Red Robin, then went to visit their great-grandsons, Tashi, Niki and Mason and the boys' mother, Krys Trieu. They enjoyed playing in their lovely back yard.

The Freemans were sorry to miss Terry, who was out-of-town with his computer business.

Paul, Ricki and Carol had rented a cabin in Rocky Mountain Park for the week, but they did return to Denver for a family dinner at the Firefly Cafe where Sally had a display of 40 of her framed photos. She will have an open house there on Aug. 2.

The Freemans' oldest daughter, Susan, and her granddaughter, Naomi Nelson of South Dakota arrived in time to have dinner together. Then all nine of the family attended Andy's baseball game. He pitched a winning game and his team is in the playoffs of his church league.

The Freemans also visited the newly decorated Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral and the Museum of Miniatures.

Susan and her granddaughter were on their way to the first intergenerational Elderhostel in Washington State, at an ocean retreat.

The Freemans think family reunions are great, even with only half the family able to attend.

The First Christian Church Ladies' Council was graciously hosted by Carlene and Joy Long in their home. Recipes and menus were exchanged. A Patriots Program of Freedom was given by Ethel Fry.

Sympathy, get well and birthday cards were selected and mailed. Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended.

Does Someone You Love Need Special Care?

When people need care ... only the BEST should do.

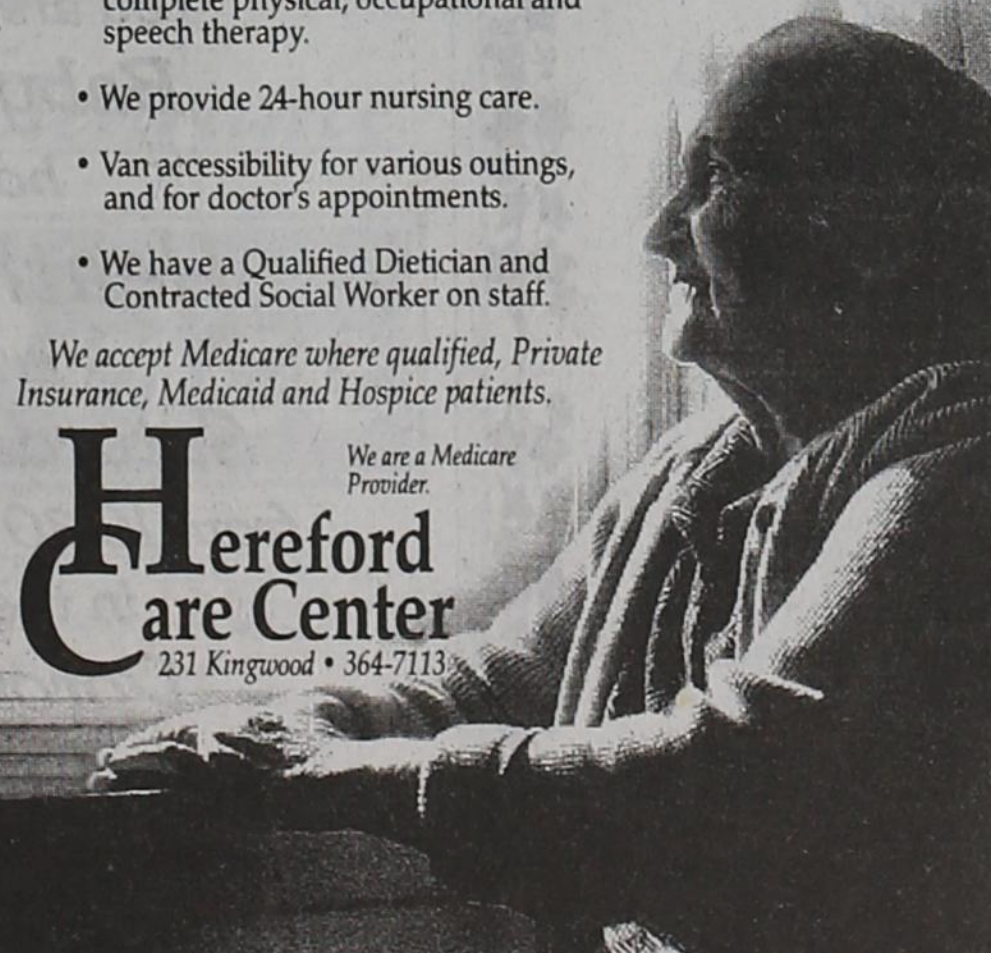
- We have a limited number of beds available in both Medicare and Private Rooms.
- We provide both long and respite care with complete physical, occupational and speech therapy.
- We provide 24-hour nursing care.
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THE SLOAN FAMILY includes Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator Joe Sloan (second from left) and his wife, Maria, and their son, Larry, 20, and daughter, Dee, 16. Also counted as a member of the family is Sam, 7.

Sloan provides leadership

Joe Sloan, Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator and Chief Executive Officer of the Castro County Hospital District, began working here in May of 1996. During the time that he has been in Dimmitt, the hospital district has moved forward with a wide range of health care programs under his direction and support. The Home Health Agency has seen a surge of growth, and Hospice Care began last year. The Welch Home Place also opened last year and recently began a Partial Program.

Joe obtained his bachelor of science degree in personnel management from Oklahoma State University in 1967, then attended the US Marine Corps Officer Candidate School. He received his master's degree in health care administration from Trinity University in San Antonio in 1977. That is also where he met his wife, who was a secretary in the health care administration department. They married on March 8, 1974, in Tucson, Ariz., where Joe did his one-year residency as a hospital administrator.

He came here from Bowie, where he had served as chief executive officer at Bowie Memorial Hospital for two years. Prior to that he had served for more than three years as an appointee on the Provider Reimbursement Review Board under Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan.

The couple's son, Larry, 20, plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall. He has obtained an associate degree in science from St. Gregory's in Oklahoma. He has been working in the maintenance department at the hospital. The couple's daughter, Dee, 16, also has been working at the hospital this summer, running errands and doing odd jobs. She will be a junior at Dimmitt High School this year.

Maria just moved to Dimmitt in March, having stayed on in Bowie until their house there was sold. A graduate of Dilley High School in Dilley, Maria attended San Antonio Community College for a year. She is doing volunteer work with the Dept. of Human Services in Dimmitt.

"We like it in Dimmitt," Maria said, "and Dee really loves it here. She is very happy with the school system and has consistently been in the Top 10 of her class."

The family belongs to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt. Joe has been an officer in the Knights of Columbus, and is a lifetime member of the American Legion and the VFW. He holds memberships in the American Hospital Association and the American College of Health Care Executives.

Castro County Hospital District

Plains Memorial Hospital • Medical Center of Dimmitt
Welch Home Place • Home Health Agency • Hospice Care

Medical Center of Dimmitt is open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday.
Plains Memorial Hospital emergency room is open 24 hours a day.

People



Multiple Sclerosis 150 bike tour set

The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will host its 11th annual Wild West 150 Bike Tour Aug. 1 and 2.

Approximately 130-150 cyclists will participate in this fundraiser as they ride the roads to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis.

The bike tour will begin on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Ramada Inn East in Amarillo at 7 a.m.

Cyclists will travel out Hwy. 60 through Panhandle, White Deer and Pampa, before stopping in Miami for lunch. That completes the first 75 miles.

Riders wishing to obtain their Century patch will continue on to Canadian to complete their first 100 miles. After spending the evening in Canadian, the cyclists will ride the 50 mile round-trip from Canadian to Higgins and back to Canadian, completing the MS Wild West 150.

The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 130-150 cyclists, nearly 300 volunteers and the silent riding partners of the cyclists who are MS clients will greet the cyclists along the well.

Proceeds from the MS Wild West 150 Bike Tour will benefit national research efforts and also provide education, counseling, referral, advocacy and equipment assistance services on a local level through the Panhandle Chapter office located in Amarillo.

Anyone interested may contact Kimberlee Walker, bike coordinator, by calling (806) 468-7500, or by faxing (806) 468-8022. The address for the local chapter is 6222 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX., 79109.



Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hoelting

Greg Hoeltings to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hoelting of Nazareth will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday with an open house and reception from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Nazareth Legion

Hall.

The reception will be hosted by the couple's children and their spouses. Greg Hoelting married the former Christina Albracht on July 26, 1938, in Nazareth.

Children of the couple are Denis Hoelting, Leroy Hoelting, Marvin Hoelting, Anna Hoelting and Mary Lou Schmucker. The Hoeltings have 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Hear

The First United Methodist Church
Morning Worship Service
Sundays - 10:45 a.m.
On KDHN 1470 AM



Patterson and Parker wed in double-ring ceremony

The First Baptist Church in Dimmitt was the scene for the formal, double-ring wedding ceremony uniting Barbara Kathleen Patterson and Stephen Wayne Parker.

The couple exchanged their vows Saturday with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Darrell and Susan Patterson of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Nelda Bean of Brownfield.

One double-heart candelabra and two fanned flower arrangements with white, navy and burgundy flowers decorated the church. A silver and white unity candle rested on a gold stand. Pews were marked with tulle bows.

Pianist Debra Ball accompanied soloist Tami Griffitt who performed *Whither Thou Goest*.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown fashioned with a Queen Ann neckline, beaded bodice and chapel-length train with detailed decorations and bead work. She wore white satin shoes.

Her bouquet was made of deep mauve, navy and white roses, white pears, white lace and navy and silver ribbon.

Maid of honor was Amy Beck of Canyon, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mitzie Alexander of Levelland and Haylei Wall of Canyon, friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore navy dresses accented with a satin bow on the back. Navy pumps completed their attire. They carried individual bouquets of mauve and silver ribbons, deep mauve and white roses, white lace and navy tulle. Chase Hatla of Dimmitt, friend of the bride, was ring bearer. Flower girl was Amy Smith of Dimmitt, friend of the bride.

Guests were seated by Pete Patterson of Lubbock, brother of the bride.

After the wedding, a reception honoring the couple was held in the



MRS. STEPHEN WAYNE PARKER
... nee Barbara Kathleen Patterson

church's Fellowship Hall.

The couple are enjoying a wedding trip in Ruidoso, N.M., and will be home in Levelland after Friday.

The bride is attending Methodist

Hospital School of Nursing and she currently works for Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

The groom works at Computalog.

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Chamber makes plans for Follies

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is searching for talent. It's also searching for volunteers with a sense of humor and/or a strong back.

Anyone interested in helping with the production of *Follies '98* will be welcomed with open arms, according to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

The Chamber is reviving the *Follies* and this year's production is being planned for Aug. 29 and 30 at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

"We need actors, singers, dancers and wannabes, both adults and children," said Sava. "We're searching for talent, but we can work around talent, a sense of humor's more important."

Those willing to help with the production, whether as a performer or technical aid, should call Sava at the Chamber office, 647-2524.

The performances are slated for 7 p.m. on Aug. 29 and 2 p.m. on Aug. 30.

County residents earn degrees from WTAMU

Four Dimmitt students and two from Nazareth earned degrees from West Texas A&M University during May commencement exercises at the school.

Those earning degrees from Dimmitt are Heath Acker, bachelor of business administration degree in finance; Jennifer L. Howell, master of education degree in counseling; Melissa L. Jurado, bachelor of arts degree in social work; and Kristi L. Wright, bachelor of science degree in

plant science (agronomy). Wright graduated cum laude after maintaining a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.74.

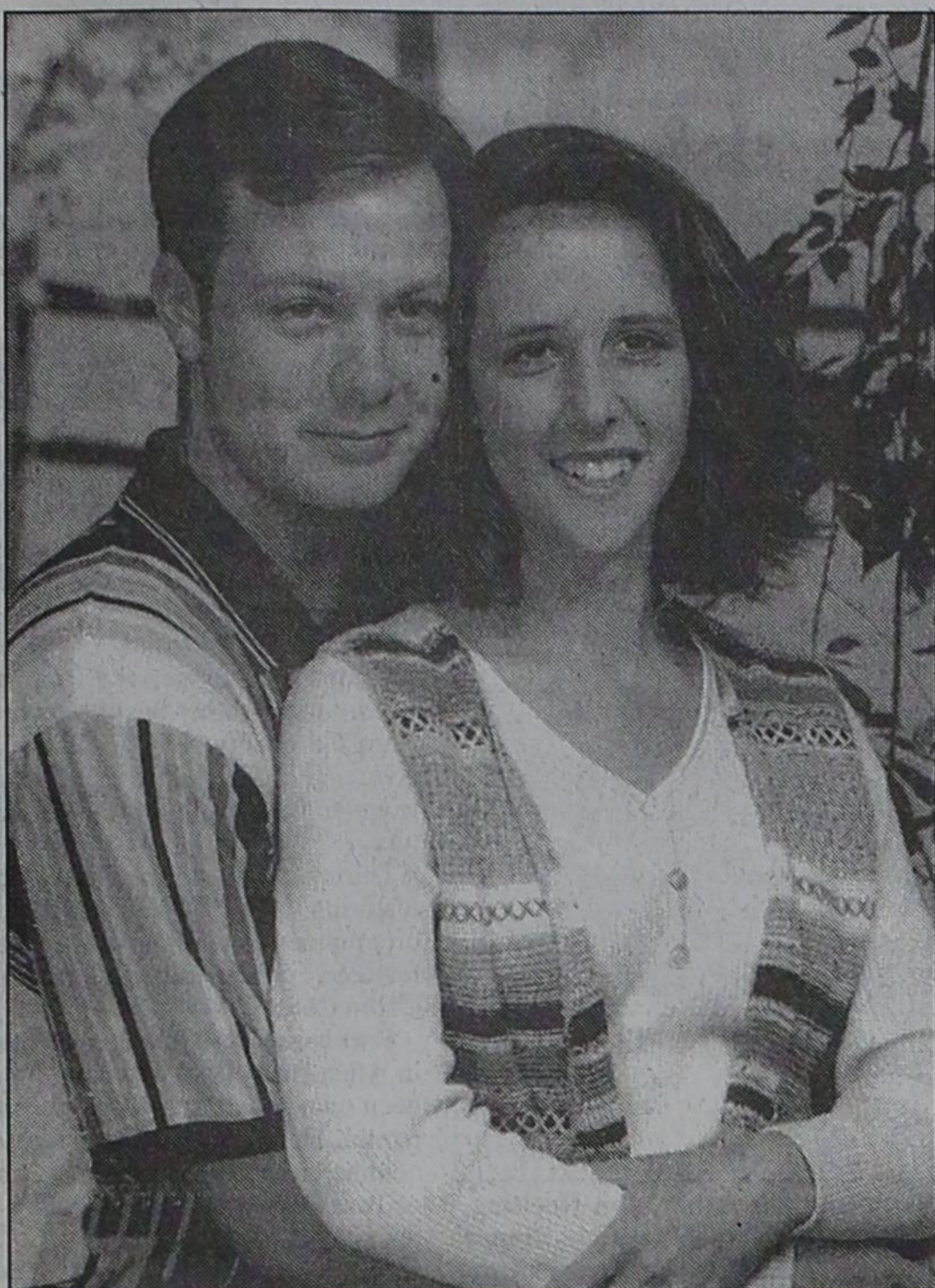
Nazareth students earning degrees are Jean M. Birkenfeld, master of education degree in counseling; and Ashley B. Kleman, bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Degrees were conferred on 504 West Texas A&M University graduates at the May 16 commencement.

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Joseph Brian Schacher and Kristin Dene Clark

Schacher and Clark to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Clark announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Dene Clark, to Joseph Brian Schacher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schacher of Nazareth.

The couple will wed Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Lazbuddie.

The bride elect is a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is presently employed at W.B. Equipment in Dimmitt.

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Nazareth High School and is employed at West Texas Gas in Dimmitt.

The couple plans to reside in Dimmitt after the wedding.



Joyce Lynn Birkenfeld and Lynn Damon Nelson

August vows planned

Joe Lynn and Mary Lou Birkenfeld announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joyce Lynn, to Lynn Damon Nelson, son of George and Vickie Nelson of Dimmitt and Sue Bates of Bryson.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 8 p.m. on Aug. 9 at Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Nazareth High School. She attended South Plains College, majoring in criminal justice. She is employed by the Castro County News.

The prospective groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1992. He attended South Plains College, Texas Tech University and West Texas A&M University, and he holds an associate degree in business management. He is employed at George Nelson Trucking, Inc., in Dimmitt.

The couple will live in Dimmitt after the wedding.



Kristi Ka Sims and Wes Cope

Sims to wed Cope

Dr. James and Glenda Sims of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristi Ka, to Wes Cope, son of Darryl and Judy Cope of Clear Lake.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. on July 30 at First Baptist Church in Midland.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She holds a bachelor of science degree in biology and secondary education from West Texas A&M University. She is presently pursuing a master of science degree in counseling at the University of Texas-Permian Basin. She is employed by Midland Independent School District.

The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Odessa High. He graduated from the University of Houston in 1992 and works for Midland ISD. After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Midland.

Locals named to WT honor lists

Dimmitt and Nazareth students were recognized by West Texas A&M University for top academic achievements and earned mention to honor lists for the spring 1998 semester.

Those earning mention to the President's List are Marjorie J. Durbin of Nazareth, a sophomore majoring in pre-medicine; Kristi L. Wright of Dimmitt, a graduate student majoring in plant sciences; and Ashley B. Kleman of Nazareth, a graduate student majoring in nursing.

Those on the President's List must maintain a semester grade point average of 3.85 out of a possible 4.0 with a minimum class load of 12 semester hours. Dimmitt students making the Dean's List are Carrie E. Sheffy, a senior English major; Michael L. Bell, a sophomore accounting major; Joyce A. Bills, a senior mathematics major; Rala D. Byrnes, a senior business major; Tara L. Grand, a senior kinesiology major; Katrina G. Vernon, a senior accounting major; Laura L. Wayland, a senior history major; and Amy L. Wooten, a senior kinesiology major.

Those from Nazareth earning mention to the Dean's List are Gardenia J. Durbin, a senior generic special education major; Jaimye S. Bingham, a junior nursing major; Kristin M. Brockman, a senior reading major; and Angela K. Fortenberry, a sophomore music major.

Bridal shower honors Stewart

Michelle Stewart, bride-elect of Casey Summers, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of A'llan Bradley.

Guests were served cookies, chocolate-dipped strawberries, cream-cheese strawberries and mint tea.

The serving table was covered with an ecru Battenburg lace cloth and it held a centerpiece of fresh coral gladioli in a crystal vase. Pewter serving pieces completed the table decor.

Special guests were Kazy Stewart of Lubbock, mother of the bride-to-be; Miki Ring of Fort Worth, sister of the bride-elect; Ann Cayton of Phoenix, Ariz., and Flo Touchstone of Lubbock, the prospective groom's aunts; Barbara Lust of Lazbuddie and Norma Finck of Tulia, the prospective groom's great aunts; Rhonda, Kendra and Bethany Finck, and Cynthia and Hillary Finck, all of Tulia, Deana and Sanbrina Sagaser of Edmonson, and Camille O'Brien and Caryson of Amarillo, all cousins of the prospective groom; and Mary Ann Gill of Miami and Jenny Winegeart of Littlefield, special friends of the prospective groom's family.

WIC participants must spend vouchers

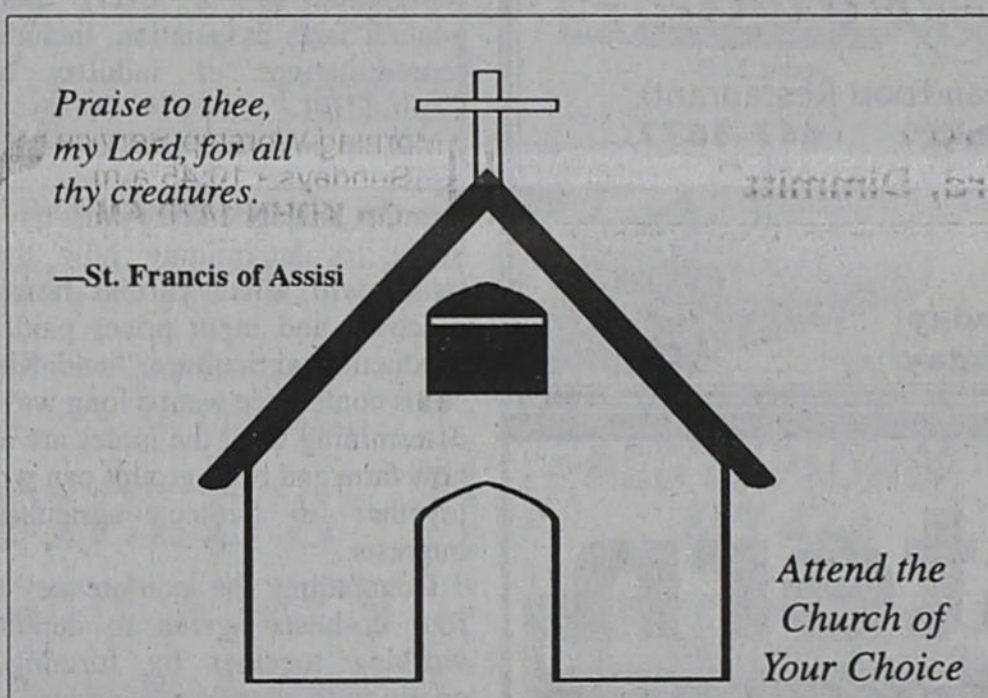
This month, WIC participants will receive Farmers Market Vouchers that may be used for fruits and vegetables.

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Drought may have lasting effect on 1998 corn crop

Regardless of rainfall and temperatures for the rest of the growing season, 1998 will long be remembered by corn farmers as one of the driest and hottest summers on record.

All things considered, as of July 1, most of the corn crop appears to be in reasonably good condition due to several factors.

First, farmers in recent years have realized the importance of matching the number of acres of corn they plant to their irrigation capacity. Generally this is around 5.5 gallons per minute, per acre or two inches of water per acre, per week.

Second is adoption of the use of irrigation systems that are very efficient in delivering water to the crop.

The final factor is most areas had excellent deep soil moisture at planting.

However, we are now entering into the most critical growth period for the corn crop. This period is usually defined as two weeks prior to tasseling to the blister stage of the corn. Because of the high water demand of the crop during this time, producers usually want to have the soil profile full of water by July 1.

However, because of recent drought conditions and high temperatures experienced in May and June, a full profile of water has been very difficult to achieve for most corn farmers. The result is that the crop will likely suffer from water stress during the next three weeks, even under the most optimistic weather conditions.

Research has shown that yield reduction of 25% can occur if corn is stressed due to lack of adequate water during the tasseling stage and as much as 50% during silking, pollination and early grain fill.

The effect on yield will be minimized by whatever soil moisture is available from rainfall and irrigation, even if it's not sufficient to fully meet the needs of the crop.

Some producers are considering abandoning a portion of their corn acres in order to concentrate their water on less acres.

This option should only be considered for those producers who have less than five gallons of water per minute, per acre, available to their crop and who have depleted their deep soil moisture supply.

Producers in the Dalhart area may get by on less water due to less ET demand on the crop in this area of the Panhandle.

For most producers, too much money has been spent on the crop at this point to abandon acres. Abandoned acres would likely not make any grain if not at least partially irrigated during the next three weeks.

By at least partially meeting the water demand of the crop, some grain will be produced on all of the acres. When looking at historical records, there is no correlation of rainfall amounts that occur in May and June to that which occurs in July and August. In other words, don't give up yet, we still may get some help from Mother Nature.

In 1994, rainfall was less than two-

thirds of normal for the months of May and June. In addition, June was exceptionally hot. In that year, when irrigation amount was reduced to 80% compared to fully irrigated corn, yield was reduced 13%. When irrigation was reduced to 60% of the crop need, yield was reduced 30%.

Unfortunately, if rainfall does not begin to occur soon, much of the area's corn will not receive more than 70% of the water needed to produce optimum yields. Considering that last year the area produced over 160 million bushels of corn, at \$2.60 per bushel, the impact on the area could easily reach \$100 million.

The final impact of this year's drought and high temperatures cannot be predicted at this time. Clearly leads have already been affected, but to what degree will largely be determined by weather conditions that occur during the next four weeks.

King attends conference

Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association, attended the Rural Energy Issues Conference in Washington, D.C. in mid-May.

The conference was hosted by the American Corn Growers Association, National Farmers Union, Federation of Southern Cooperatives and the National Farmers Organization.

Important issues such as the United Nations Global Climate Change Treaty, EPA rules on ozone and particulate standards and regional haze regulations and electric power deregulation were the major topics of discussion attended by representatives of every major general farm association, including representatives of industry and Capitol Hill.

"These environmental and energy issues impact the business of farming, and agriculture must have a voice in determining how these issues will affect current farming practices and input prices paid by production agriculture," said King. "This conference went a long way in determining what the issues are and how farm and rural groups can work together to protect agricultural interests."

Concluding the conference, the four co-hosts agreed to continue working together by forming a coalition to address these issues and make sure that farmers, the farm media and elected officials understand how these topics influence our future.



CHOW TIME—Whitney Hoelting (left) and her father, Jim Hoelting, were among those who enjoyed the annual German sausage dinner Saturday in Nazareth. The meal featured German sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, German chocolate cake, apple crisp and more, and hundreds of people were served. More sausage was sold that evening during Suds and Sounds, an outdoor benefit concert featuring Gary Allan.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

John Poer is honored

John Poer, son-in-law of Olega Gollehon of Dimmitt, was recently recognized as one of the "21 for the 21st Century" in Collin County, and he was featured in *Inside Collin County Business*.

He is the husband of Kathy Gollehon Poer, formerly of Dimmitt.

Poer and 20 other business people from the county were identified as civic and business leaders expected to guide the area into the 21st Century.

During the next year, an exhibit featuring photographs and short biographies of the honorees will be featured in several sites around Collin County.

Poer has worked for the same bank in Allen since 1989, although it has been owned by three different companies. He is currently in charge of commercial lending at Legacy Bank of Texas' Allen branch, according to the article.

Poer is an immediate past president of the Allen Chamber and is a member of the Rotary Club. He serves on the board of the Allen Chapter of the Salvation Army.

In 1997, he was presented the Pacesetter Award from the Chamber and was recognized as Lion of the Year by the Lions Club.

He was president of the United Way Campaign in 1997 and previously served on the board of the Allen Community Outreach.

Extension of ethanol tax incentives is big victory

The move by Congress to approve the new Intermodel Service Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) allows for the continued growth of the ethanol industry, according to Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association.

"This bill extended the federal excise tax for ethanol until the year 2007," said King. "This will allow ethanol to receive a 5.4-cent per gallon tax incentive until 2000. In 2001 it reduces to 5.3 cents, then drops to 5.2 cents in 2003 and to 5.1 cents in 2005."

"Working with the American Corn Growers Association, the TCGA worked long and hard to move the

tax exemption forward and to defeat measures by Congressman Bill Archer to kill the future for ethanol," said King.

Ethanol generates well over 25-cents per bushel in increased corn prices by utilizing over 550 million bushels per year. In addition, ethanol production accounts for thousands of new jobs, expanded local tax base and reduction in our dependence on foreign sources of oil.

"Ethanol is good for the economy, good for agriculture and good for corn growers," said King. "TCGA is proud to have played an important role in protecting this important clean burning fuel."

Robert Lindsey attends seminar

Dr. Robert Lindsey, a Plainview orthodontist with offices in Dimmitt and Tulia, recently attended the 37th annual A.P. Westfall Seminar at Horseshoe Bay.

The seminar is an orthodontic educational meeting sponsored by the University of Texas Orthodontic Alumni Association, whose members are graduates of the Orthodontic Dept. of the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston.

Dr. Lindsey was elected president of the alumni association for 1998-99. Slightly more than 300 orthodontists, most of whom live in Texas, have been trained in the program since it was started 40 years ago.

Dr. Lindsey is a 1966 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended East Texas State University before receiving his dental school training at UT Dental Branch in Houston. He graduated from dental school in 1972 and orthodontic residency in 1974.

He is the son of Doris Flynt of Dimmitt and the late Bob Lindsey. He is married to Evelyn Lindsey, daughter of Eules and Hazel Waggoner, also of Dimmitt.

Welch Home Place starts 'Partial Program'

The Welch Home Place of Plains Memorial Hospital is starting the Welch Partial Program, with services offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Designed to meet the mental health needs of people 55 years of age and older on an outpatient basis, the program will provide day treatment to help individuals cope with change and loss in their lives.

The structured daily treatment

program will consist of life and interpersonal skills renewal, health and medication education, life adjustment, positive aging activities, and psychiatric services.

The group of mental health professionals who staff the program work under the direction of a psychiatrist. "The services we offer are covered by Medicare Part B and by private health insurance," a program spokesperson said.

For more information or to make a referral, call 647-0400.

Two make Tarleton honor roll

Cory Mays and Mechell Mays of Dimmitt earned the Distinguished Student designation at Tarleton State University during the spring 1998 semester.

To earn the Distinguished Student designation, students must be either freshmen or sophomores who have a minimum grade-point average of 3.25 with no grade lower than a C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 with no grade lower than a C, who are in good standing.

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THE BARREL RIDE was one of the most popular activities Saturday afternoon in Nazareth during the annual German Festival celebration. Youngsters also were able to enjoy competing in a pedal tractor pull

and basketball shooting contest. The traditional German sausage dinner and outdoor concert drew thousands to the small town. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Meeting to focus on ag production and marketing for the 21st Century

South Plains agriculture generates almost one-fourth of all agricultural cash receipts in the state of Texas, and ways to improve agricultural production and marketing systems into the 21st Century will be the topic of a meeting in Lubbock Friday.

The "Celebration of Progress" conference will be held at 9 a.m. at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

Those attending are asked to pre-register today (Thursday) by calling Gayla Teeter at (806) 746-4041.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the conference is slated to begin by 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Jaroy Moore, resident director, will give the welcome, then the program will begin.

Speakers include Dr. Tom Archer, professor of entomology, who will discuss the Precision Agriculture Initiative; Dr. Jane Dever, AgriPartners program coordinator, who will give an update on her program; Dr. Jackie Smith and Craig Fincham, who will talk on Risk Management Initiative; and Dr. Gary Peterson, a professor of grain sorghum breeding, who will discuss

crop improvement activities.

Also planned will be a discussion for building strong families, featuring Dr. Kathy Volanty, District Extension Director for Family and Consumer Sciences and Allison Davis, Extension 4-H Program Specialist.

Topics include "Better Living for Texans," "Strengthening Our Capacity to Care," and "Texas 4-H—Making a Difference."

The Texas Forest Service's response to the drought will be discussed by Robert Fewin, High Plains Forestry Program coordinator.

Dr. James Leser, professor and Extension entomologist, and Dr. Don Rummel, professor of entomology, will give an update on boll weevil infestations.

Those attending will be treated to a "West Texas Cookout."

Happenings in agriculture

By **JOHNNA L. PATTERSON**
County Extension Agent-IPM

Crops across the county are all in the same general condition. They are all in need of a long, soaking rain.

Though the irrigated crops are doing quite well, irrigation just can't take the place of what Mother Nature can do.

Corn is anywhere from silking to blister stage, with very little insect pressure to date. Disease problems are low, and with the exception of needing rainfall, the crop is doing well.

Cotton, for the most part, is at the first square stage. The high temperatures and dry weather have helped cotton as far as heat units. You can find how many your crop has accumulated by referring to the back page. Cotton is just like our other crops—it needs a large drink.

There are several other crops around the county and they all need water, too. Sorghum is anywhere from being just planted to the five-leaf stage. Soybeans are somewhere between the V-2 and V-4 stage.

Corn
It's still hot and dry. Most program corn fields are beginning to tassel and some are in the green silk stage.

The most common insect pests found this week were western and southern corn rootworm adults.

Infestations ranged from 6.6% to 18.3% west of Dimmitt, 8.3 to 28.3% south of Dimmitt, 0% to 65% in the Flag/Earth area and 8% to 28.3% in the Hart area. Some of the fields are corn following corn, but not all of them.

Adult beetles will feed on the leaves, causing a tanning appearance, but the major damage is "pruning" of the silks which can cause reduced pollination and reduced yields. If one beetle per plant is found, treatment with an at-plant insecticide will be needed next season, especially in fields with a corn following corn rotation.

Light corn earworm damage continues to be found in most program fields. Larvae are reported as one-half of an inch and larger.

Southwestern corn borer infestations consist of large larvae, greater than one-half inch long. Percent infestation west of Dimmitt ranges from 3% to 5%, 0% to 5% south of Dimmitt, 1.7% to 18.7% in the Hart area and 0 to 22.5% around

Flag/Earth.

Spider mites are starting to increase this week. Considerable increases could be seen in some fields. Infestations average about 5% and go as high as 15%. Minute pirate bugs, lady beetle adults and spiders remain numerous.

Cotton

Almost all program fields are in the squaring stage of plant growth. Fields are close to first bloom in the Olton area and are barely at pin-head square south of Flag.

Thrips continue to be found in area cotton fields, trying to find something green to feed on, but are not causing economic damage.

Cotton aphids were found in a few program fields this week, but averaged only a couple per check site.

No fleahoppers or bollworms were reported this week and only one (1) boll weevil was trapped in the IPM Scouting Program traps in Lamb County. No adults or punctures have been found in fields to date.

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station boll weevil grid trap catches show four weevils were caught in Castro County trap number six (up from one last week in the same trap). No weevils were caught in Lamb County.

Southwestern corn borer trap counts

One trap count was lost this week. The majority of moths trapped this week were in the Springlake area, which had 114 moths.

The Flag/Earth area was close behind with 111 moths this week.

Date	Avg. # Moths/Trap
5/26	25
6/4	86 (only 2 traps reported)
6/10	144 (only 2 traps reported)
6/17	39.5 (only 4 traps reported)
6/24	45.2 (only 5 traps reported)
7/1	53.3 (only 6 traps reported)

Beet armyworm trap counts

Trap catches are beginning to rise slightly from weeks past. Hopefully, we will not see a considerable rise nor find larval damage in local cotton fields. One larva less than 1/4 inch long was reported this week.

Date	Trap 1	Trap 2
5/12	70	57
5/19	99	81
5/25	181	141
6/4	95	67

6/10	7	2
6/15	5	0
6/22	18	0
6/29	20	8

Corn earworm trap counts

A trap in the Hart area caught the majority of moths this week with 457. The trap north of Sunnyside caught 406.

Date	Avg. # Moths/Traps
5/26	53
6/4	123
6/10	61
6/17	346
6/24	126.4
6/29	239

Turnrow meeting set

A Castro County cotton turnrow meeting will be held Wednesday, July 22 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held six miles south of Flag at the corner of County Road 629 and FM 1055.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be given. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

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Amarillo College is offering courses to adults for college credit and continuing education. Dual credit will be available for qualifying high school juniors and seniors. Possible courses are Economics, United States History, Government, College Algebra, English, Speech, Psychology and Computer. Both daytime and night classes are available, with varying hours, depending upon interest and preference.

The West Texas A & M graduate courses for principals and superintendents will be offered as follows:
EDAD 6601 —Intro to Education Leadership and Principalship, MTh 6:30 PM-9:00 PM
EDAD 6613 —School Superintendency, Sat 9:00 AM-4 PM

Contact Dr. Martin Earley, Superintendent, for more information at 806-938-2143.

More about

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And they both ride like a dream. Verbie's is a Cruiser 7, an exact replica of the original Cruiser, right down to the coaster brakes—except for one detail.

Her bike has seven gears, although you can't tell it by looking. There's no derailleur on the rear wheel. Instead, the gears are all contained inside of an oversized rear axle.

Her gearshift is a little thingy in front of the right hand grip that you hardly notice. To shift up, she flicks a thumb-lever. To shift down, she presses a button. It's a heckuva deal.

Her bike also has black fenders and cream-colored wheelrims (with red pin-striping, of course).

The men's Cruiser comes in two versions—the 7 and the 6. I got the 6 because it felt more natural to me. It has hand-brakes instead of coaster brakes, a six-speed derailleur with a twist-handle gearshift, chrome wheels, and no fenders.

Our children gave us water bottles and holders for Christmas, and they gave me one of those squawky squeeze-bulb horns. We also added rear-view mirrors, which we found are necessary in city traffic.

We haven't added any baskets or racks or lights. With just what they have on them, the bikes look loaded.

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The frame designs are as artistic as

they are functional and balanced. There are only two straight pieces of tubular steel in my frame; those are the sections that hold the steering and seat posts.

It was this fancy design that caused many in my generation to fall in love with the Schwinn.

Today's youngsters are impressed, too. They haven't seen that kind of bike before.

One of the first things I heard was, "I like your bike, mister. I like the frame."

I've heard the same kind of comment several times since. The kids are impressed with my bike, if not my riding.

With our bikes, you ride straight up—the way our generation learned—instead of having to lean forward and then scrooch your neck up to see where you're going.

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I had forgotten some of the basic advantages of bicycling.

Besides being good exercise, a bike is a good way to get where you want to go. (The bicycle is, after all, the main form of transportation for more than half of the world's population.)

On Saturday mornings, when we don't need the car or pickup, we go on our bikes.

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In the cool of the evening, we try to put in 45 minutes or so.

You see more from a bike. You have the time to study lawns and trees and bushes and flowers and birds and pets, and you gain a new appreciation of the beauty that people have created with their homes, yards and neighborhoods.

And the bike is a social vehicle. You get to meet and greet walkers, joggers, other bikers, and people working in their yards, which you don't do in a car or truck.

I enjoy getting reacquainted with the town from the bicycle perspective. . . .

I enjoy riding my bike for the exercise, the fresh air, the practicality, the sociability. . . .

But mainly, I ride just for the fun of it.

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It makes me feel like a kid again.

More about

DISD . . .

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submitted by outside firms to do the same job. He estimated the cost of hardware, software, materials, tools and labor at \$35,000 to \$40,000. The board also gave him permission to hire additional labor as needed.

Supt. Les Miller said that school maintenance personnel also may help with part of the work.

Mendez said he hopes to have the job completed as close to the start of school as possible. He said his crew could work a few hours each day after school if needed to complete the job.

In other matters, the board voted to accept bids from suppliers of fuel, janitorial supplies, and insurance.

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) was selected to handle the school district's workers compensation insurance for the coming school year. DISD Business manager Johnny Hill recommended TASB because he felt the district would get the best service from them, and also because TASB guaranteed the same premium level for three years. Board member Debbie Annen abstained from the vote since she is connected with a TASB advisory board.

The student athletics/accident insurance will be handled by GM-Southwest of Midland, with Jim Arnold as the agent. The choice was recommended by Hill. Although the \$13,300 premium was not the lowest, Hill said he felt comfortable working with Arnold. Hill said that service is an important part of any insurance program and Arnold had given the district good service in the past when he had been with another company. Hill said the GM-Southwest proposal also allowed for double maximums on benefits for those who have both the athletic coverage and the optional individual coverage. He said none of the other policies offered that.

Fuel bids were awarded to Dimmitt Consumers for gas and diesel and West Texas Gas for propane and oil. Board member John Nino abstained from the vote, since he is an employee of Dimmitt Consumers.

A list of vendors was approved for janitorial supplies, with the district seeking low bids throughout the year as needed.

The board approved the proposed student handbooks for Richardson Elementary and the Alternative School.

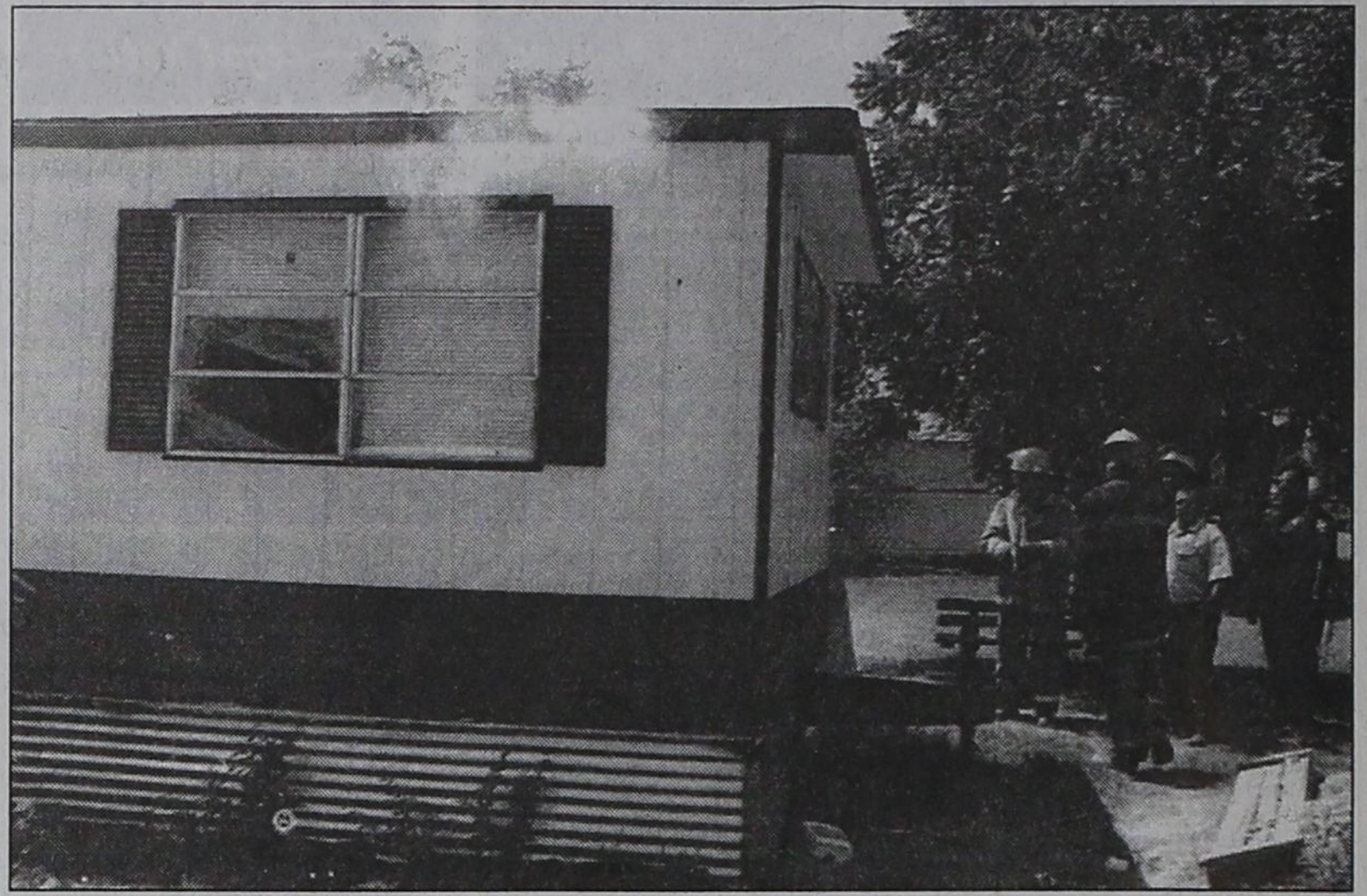
Board members Steve Buckley and Chevo Lumbrera were absent.

Howell Bros. selected for AQHA program

Howell Bros. of Dimmitt has been approved for membership in a program developed by the American Quarter Horse Association that is designed to bring horse buyers together with reputable American Quarter Horse owners and breeders.

Known as the Breeder Referral Program, members must agree to uphold high standards and a written code of ethics before being named to this select group. Criteria for selection include being an AQHA member in good standing and being listed as the breeder of at least one registered foal for at least four consecutive years, including the current year.

Prospective horse buyers can call AQHA at 1-800-414-RIDE for a free referral to Howell Bros., or other owners who can help with purchasing an American Quarter Horse. Members of this program can help buyers find horses for any event from roping to racing or just general riding. AQHA can also tailor the free referral list by geographic area, age of horse or specific level of training.



NOT A TOTAL LOSS—This mobile home at 404 Northwest Fourth in Dimmitt received substantial damage to the ceiling in the west end of the house. It is the home of Jose and Alicia Garcia. The fire was reported around noon Tuesday by the couple's daughters, Christy, 13, and Maria, 19. Maria told firemen she had been smelling smoke all morning, but could not locate the source of it until the two girls prepared to leave the house around noon and saw smoke coming out of the roof. Firemen said the smoldering fire appeared to have started around a stove vent hood in the kitchen area of the home. No one was injured. No estimate was given on the damage.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

Seal coating . . .

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County was previously unspoken, but during the commissioners court, the agreement was inked on paper. The terms for the bid were \$38 per day with a maximum of five inmates. Transportation would be furnished by Castro County. Bonds would be set and approved by Castro County. Castro County will pay doctor bills, hospital bills, and be responsible for placing guards in the hospital. Hale County will furnish guards at a charge of \$15 per day.

Hale County waxes responsibility for accidents, wrongful claims and abuse. All fees related will be placed upon Castro County. Approval was unanimous.

The approval of Republican party election judges and alternate judges was held off because one candidate in question is a county employee.

The approval of the Democratic party election judges and alternate judges was unanimous. The seating is: Glen Reid, Precinct 101; Mr. or Mrs. Al Giffs, Precinct 105; John Nino, Precinct 201; Darlene Collins, Precinct 206; Greg Odom, Precinct 301; Carleta Harkins, Precinct 307; Oscar Wylie, Precinct 401; and Dorothy Kleman, Precinct 408. Wanda Murdock is the early voting clerk and Don Newman is the chair for the Castro County Democratic party.

More about

CRP . . .

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on Oct. 1.

CRP participants should file a request to graze CRP acreage before grazing begins and should take the following actions:

- ✓ Producers must designate the acreage to be grazed on Form FSA-578 and identify the acreage on an aerial photograph.
- ✓ Producers should obtain a modified conservation plan to include grazing requirements as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Producers must leave 25% of the field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife. Producers may graze the entire acreage if they reduce their cattle to 75% of the NRCS stocking rate or less.

- ✓ Producers must sign a request to graze on Form DF-21.
- ✓ Producers must agree to and sign the CRP Terms and Conditions for Emergency Grazing of CRP Acreage for 1998, which sets forth the method of payment of fees for grazing.
- ✓ Producers must agree to re-establish CRP cover if any is destroyed or damaged as a result of this authorization.

- ✓ Producers should be aware that the CRP contract is subject to termination or other penalties should there be any violation of this grazing authority.
- ✓ Livestock producers who rent or lease acreage from CRP participants should sign a statement agreeing not to sublease the CRP acreage.
- ✓ Both the CRP participant and the livestock producer will receive notification of County Committee approval.

Obituaries

Louise "Dollie" Newmann Ervin

Memorial services for Louise "Dollie" Newmann Ervin, 73, of Mercedes, mother of Peggy West of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church in Elgin.

Funeral services and burial were held Wednesday at Ebony Grove Cemetery in Mercedes.

Mrs. Ervin died at 10 p.m. Friday after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born Dec. 18, 1924, in Mercedes. She married Edward Hardin Ervin on May 1, 1949, at the First Christian Church in Mercedes.

She lived most of her life in Mercedes, except for the last 11 years when she moved to Elgin after her husband died in 1986. She lived with her son, Earl, in Elgin, and helped him care for his children. While in Elgin, she attended the Presbyterian Church, worked at the Food Pantry and worked as a teacher's aid at the Elgin School System.

Survivors include five children, Eddie Hardin Ervin, Marcella Louise Ervin, Peggy Erlyn Ervin West and Earl Howard Ervin; four siblings including Selma McNeil, Wilma Armstrong, Fanette "Billie" Phillips and Henry Newmann; and seven grandchildren.

Ewing L. Mathis

Ewing L. Mathis, 70, of Broken Arrow, Okla., formerly of Dimmitt, died Monday at Oklahoma Veteran Center at Talihina, Okla.

A memorial service was held Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. Jimmy Griffith of Merkel officiating. Mr. Ewing was born July 5, 1928, in Haskell County. He became a Christian in July 1938. He graduated from Sagerton High School in 1945.

He married Marjorie Coleman on May 24, 1947, in Haskell. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1958 with a degree in agricultural education. He served his country in the Army during World War II and in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He and his wife moved to Dimmitt where he was office manager for the Dimmitt Branch of the Plainview Production Credit Association from 1958 to 1964. He moved to Guymon, Okla., in October 1964, purchased farm land and developed it for irrigation. He farmed until retiring in 1991. Then he moved to Tulsa, Okla., in 1992 and joined the Cornerstone Church. He moved to Broken Arrow in 1997.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jim Ray Mathis of Claxton, Ga., and Jay Lee Mathis of Guymon; a daughter, Mariann Mathis-Wallace of Tulsa; three sisters, Geardean Sterrgel of Phoenix, Ariz., Addline Kohout of Stamford and Veeta Reid of O'Brien; three brothers, Marcus Mathis and Harmon Mathis of Sagerton and Marvin Mathis of Goodwell, Okla.; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Feed the Children, Larry Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla., or to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Amarillo.

Alicia Melendez

Funeral mass for Alicia Melendez, 43, of Dimmitt, was read Wednesday morning at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

A vigil service was held Tuesday evening at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Melendez died at 12:55 p.m. on Sunday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

She was born Dec. 7, 1954, in Artesia, N.M. She lived in Haggerman, N.M., before moving to Dimmitt in 1976. She married Criz Melendez on Aug. 4, 1974, in Haggerman. She was a Catholic and a housewife.

She was preceded in death by her father, Reyes Gonzales.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Eliza Melendez of Dimmitt; a brother, Joe Silva of Dexter, N.M.; a sister, Maria Juarez of Dexter, N.M.; and her mother, Fernanda Aguirre of Artesia, N.M.

Edna Word

Edna Word, 70, of Big Spring, died Tuesday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvery Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Mrs. Word was born Dec. 10, 1927, at Farwell. She graduated from high school in 1945, at Melrose, N.M. She lived in Clovis, N.M. for 23 years and worked for Roy S. Walker Gulf Oil. She and her father also owned three service stations in Clovis.

She had lived in Amarillo from 1971 to 1989 when she moved to Big Spring. She had been a bookkeeper and tax consultant. She had also worked with her husband in all phases of the trucking business, working as terminal manager, dispatcher and driver. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She married Willie Word on Sept. 18, 1971, in Amarillo.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Belinda Joan Tharp of Clovis, N.M.; a sister, Lucille Kriegel of Greenville, S.C.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Leo Free, Albert Overby, Ken Gerhardt, Buck Osburn, Joe Hastings and Donald Wright.



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