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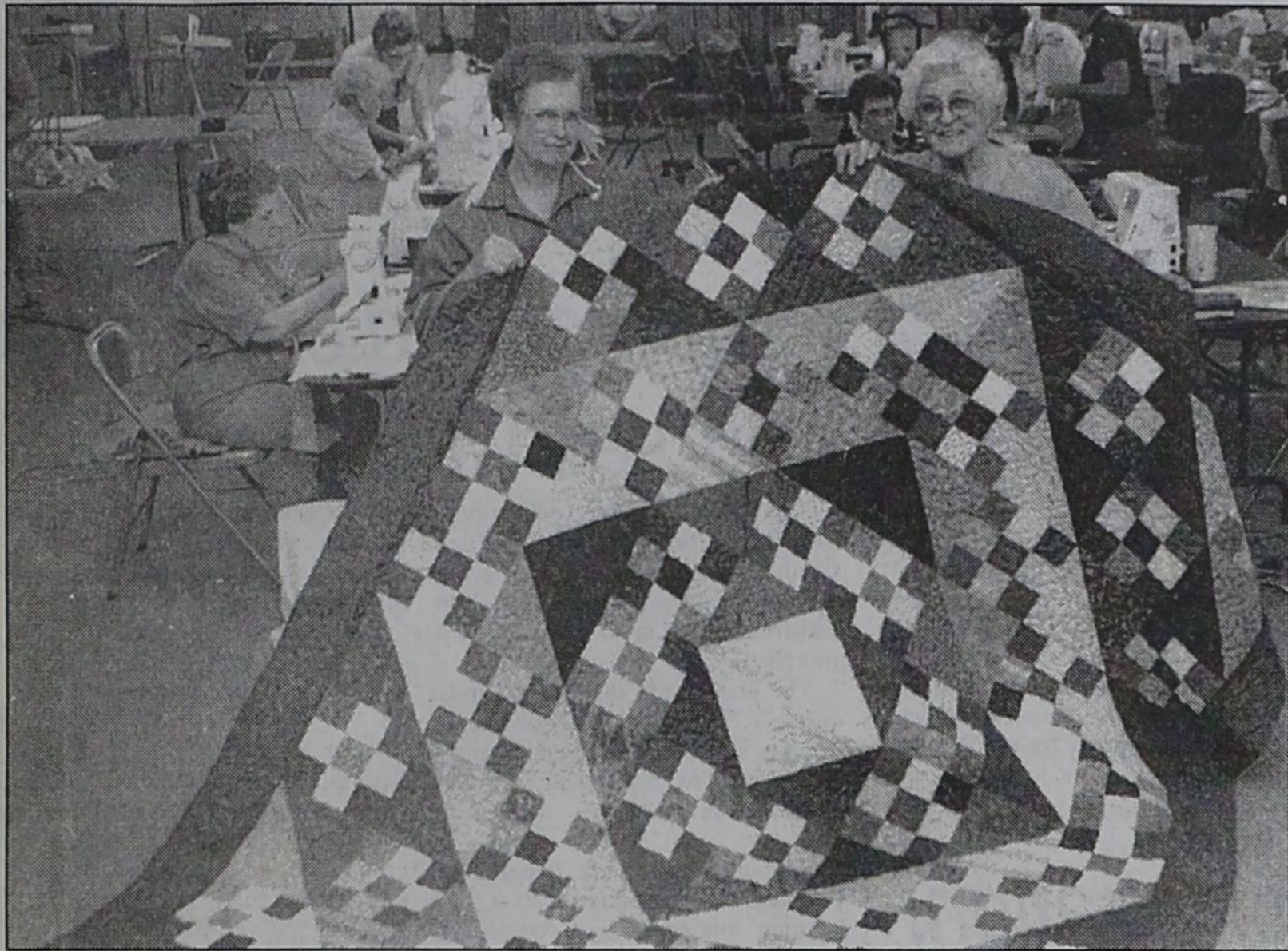
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## Drug bust uncovers stolen-vehicle shop



**NEW QUILT FOR HER NEW HOME**—After fire destroyed the home of Mary Cluck (left) on May 17, members of the Friendship Quilters Guild discussed what they could do to help her. They decided to make her a quilt, and this was the result. Here, Doris Lust

presents the quilt on behalf of the guild during an all-night "quilting and slumber party" Friday evening at the Senior Citizens Center. The quilters described their creation as "a multi-color scrap quilt in a nine-patch variation pattern." *Photo by Don Nelson*

By LINDA MAXWELL

A drug bust in east Dimmitt last Thursday uncovered an apparent assembly-line operation for changing ID numbers on stolen vehicles.

As a result of the bust, 35-year-old Raul Tijerina of Dimmitt faces both state and federal felony charges.

Tijerina was arraigned Monday on felony charges of possession of over 400 grams of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to distribute, and bond was set at \$200,000, which he posted.

He was transported to Amarillo Tuesday morning, where he was placed in the custody of the FBI, according to Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld. Tijerina was expected to be arraigned on federal charges the same day.

Tijerina was arrested last Thursday after a search warrant for the possession of methamphetamine was executed at his home in the 600 block of East Dulin. In excess of 460 grams of methamphetamines (with an estimated street value of \$45,000) were found in three locations on the premises.

In the course of the search, a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee that had been reported stolen last year in Oklahoma City was discovered in an outbuilding on the property, along with equipment for manufacturing homemade VIN (vehicle identification number) plates.

Other items discovered and seized included a 1995 Dodge extended cab

pickup with its PVIN, "Nader sticker" and other identifiers removed; a Ford F-350 four-door dually turbo diesel pickup displaying multiple VINs; a 1987 Peugeot four-door sedan with PVIN removed; a set of advanced car unlocking devices; a set of tool die stamps for numbers and letters; assorted removed PVIN plates and license plates; a John Deere battery charger with serial number plate removed; and scales and assorted narcotics paraphernalia.

According to Fitzgearld, other vehicles including agricultural implements, ATVs and motorcycles were inventoried, along with a pair of hand-held two-way radios. He said officers are in the process of ascertaining ownership of the items.

In addition, Fitzgearld said the searchers found information that led to the recovery of a 1997 Dodge four-wheel drive pickup that had been reported stolen on June 7 or 8 in Lubbock and was found in Friona.

Fitzgearld said that charges are being prepared for third degree felony theft and third degree felony placement of serial number with intent to change identity (of a vehicle). No one else has been charged in connection with the search at this time, but investigation is continuing, Fitzgearld said.

The search was executed through the cooperation of the Castro County Sheriff's Office, the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Task Force, the

Dimmitt Police Dept., the Hereford Police Dept., and the Texas Highway Patrol office in Dimmitt. After the discovery of the stolen vehicle evidence, the DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Service office in Lubbock also was called in.

Fitzgearld said he and two members of the Narcotics Task Force were the only ones who knew about the planned raid until shortly before it started.

"The fewer who know about it, the better it is," Fitzgearld said. "Even my own people didn't know about it until the last minute."

Fitzgearld said the warrant was served at about 11 a.m., and the search was wrapped up at about 4 p.m.

"It went very smoothly with all agencies working well together," Fitzgearld said. "Anytime we can get dope off the streets, it's good."

He said the suspect did not offer any resistance. He noted, however, that there were a lot of "spectators" at the event. He said some of the residents of the neighborhood pulled up lawn chairs and sat across the street and watched, and there was a lot of traffic. Fitzgearld said it made for an "uneasy" situation, and added that the watchers "didn't seem supportive" of what the officers were doing.

"This was one of the better search warrants we have served," Fitzgearld said. "It was the result of many months of long investigative work."

## County may be forced to build new jail

The Castro County jail is overflowing with prisoners and that is causing a host of problems that all boil down to one thing -- increased costs for taxpayers.

Current problems with the county jail and projected needs for the future were outlined to members of the county's jail committee and Castro County commissioners last Wednesday at a special meeting.

"The bottom line is your jail is not in compliance (according to Texas Commission on Jail Standards' guidelines) and it hasn't been for some time," said Terry Julian

director of operations for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. "And when it's not certified, you have other problems."

In a unanimous decision, commissioners agreed to have an architect draw up preliminary estimates and costs for a new jail. Commissioners also will study the current costs the county is incurring for prisoner expenses as well as what it would cost to make changes to the existing facility.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards, at the request of the

county, studied the county's jail and its needs, then prepared a facility needs analysis which would cover the next 10 years. Julian discussed findings with those present at last Wednesday's meeting.

According to the report, the county should look at constructing a new jail facility that would house at least 48 prisoners, leaving room for expansion to 96 beds.

A 48-bed facility would cost an estimated \$35,000 per bed which would be \$1,680,000. And that figure doesn't count things like office furniture or anything that is not re-

quired by minimum standards, according to Kenneth C. Burns, an architect with Burns, Fletcher Gill Architects of Fort Worth.

"A jail is a very expensive thing to build. For example, one door for one cell, totally outfitted, runs around \$3,500. So, the fewer doors you have, the less money you'll spend. But you still want to be sure that if someone's locked up in your jail, that person can't get out. The county does own a site already, so that will help with some expenses, but when you add it all up, you'll probably be looking at something

over \$2 million to build a facility," Burns said.

The county has discussed remodeling the current facility, but several problems exist with that, too, because the courthouse and jail do not conform with standards adopted by the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Julian also outlined a laundry list of other deficiencies in the county jail, all of which will be extremely expensive to correct.

"You could do some work upstairs," Burns said. "You could spend a whole lot of money and

gain a couple of beds, make a few ADA adjustments and you still won't have much more room. You'll still have an overcrowding problem."

Committee members told commissioners, Julian and Burns that they would like more information about the cost of what it would take to construct a new facility compared with costs of remodeling the current one, along with costs on housing prisoners here, versus out-of-county.

"I think the people of this county will want to know their options," said Jackie Smothermon, one of the members of the county's jail com-

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## City of Hart imposes curfew on minors

Children in Hart must abide by a new curfew beginning next Thursday, July 1.

Children between the ages of 6 and 16 will be affected by the curfew when they are in a public place, or in any establishment that is open to the public.

The new curfew, adopted in a unanimous vote by the Hart City Council last week, prohibits minors over 13 and under 16 years of age to be out in a public place from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday, and from 12 midnight until 6 a.m. on Friday and Satur-

day. Minors under 13 may not be out from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Also, during school days between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., students between the ages of 6 and 16 will not be allowed to wander the streets.

The curfew was adopted at the request of Hart City Police Chief Jay Livingston, who says he's "taken several 13- and 14-year-old children home at 4 and 5 a.m. before."

A rash of recent burglaries in Hart also prompted Livingston to

seek the curfew.

Minors violating the curfew may be taken into custody and parents will be notified as quickly as possible, according to Livingston. Parents of those violators may pick up the child at a designated location. If officials can't reach the parents, the minor will be released to juvenile authorities. Parents or guardians of violators will also be held liable.

A minor who is in a public place or on the premises of any establishment within the City of Hart during the banned hours will be considered in violation of the ordinance.

Parents and/or guardians will be notified by certified mail (with return receipt) or hand delivery, if their child violates the curfew.

That minor's parent or guardian also commits an offense if he or she knowingly permits or, by insufficient control, allows the minor to be out during the curfew periods.

Violation of the curfew is considered a Class C Misdemeanor and will be handled by Hart's Municipal Court. Three-time violators will be referred to the County Court, which handles juvenile misdemeanor cases.

If convicted, offenders may be

fined up to \$500. If violators are unable to pay the fine, community service may be imposed by the court. Violators also may be required to participate in educational, counseling or other rehabilitative programs deemed appropriate by the municipal court.

There are some exceptions to the curfew. Minors accompanied by a parent or guardian fall under the exceptions. So do minors who are running an errand at the request of their parent or guardian. Minors traveling in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel also are okay. Other exceptions include traveling to or from work; emergency situations; or attending a school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults.

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Nearly everybody in New York City has "Run, Hillary, Run" bumper stickers on their cars.

Democrats put them on their rear bumpers, Republicans on the front.

10,000 billboards have sprung up in the past year or so in more than 200 cities, bearing simple but effective "Messages from God."

For example: "What part of 'Thou shalt not' do you not understand?"

They're the work of Charlie Ross, an advertising executive in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. An anonymous donor gave the money for the nationwide campaign.

The "Messages From God" billboards are zany and thought-provoking.

But a lot of local churches, working without a multi-million-dollar ad campaign, don't do badly, either, when it comes to catchy signs.

Here are some actuals, gleaned from church marquee boards:

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**A FAMILIAR SIGHT** throughout the county is this one, of roofers working from dawn 'til dusk to repair hail damage on hundreds of homes and businesses. Here, Jesus Miramontes (foreground) of Littlefield

and Marco Zarate of Nazareth re-roof the Farm Service Agency's building in the 100 block of West Belsher Street in Dimmitt. Roofers are having to pick their times to work, depending on storm forecasts. *Photo by Don Nelson*

## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
June 10	89	60	
June 11	90	58	
June 12	82	56	1.89
June 13	76	55	
June 14	72	54	
June 15	77	53	
June 16	81	54	
Thursday	70	50	
Friday	76	50	
Saturday	86	60	
Sunday	89	60	.24
Monday	79	60	.02
Tuesday	80	60	.48
Wednesday	86	60	

June Moisture ..... 5.19  
1999 Moisture ..... 17.50

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

## Two more DHS coaches resign

In a called meeting Monday at noon, the Dimmitt school board accepted four more resignations from school personnel, including two coaches. Also, four teachers were hired.

The board met in executive session to discuss personnel matters, then convened in open session to vote.

Those who resigned were:

—Gus Ortiz, assistant coach at Dimmitt High School, and English as a Second Language teacher at DHS and Dimmitt Middle School. DISD Supt. Les Miller said that Ortiz has accepted a position in the Blanco schools, which is near San Marcos.

—Lanny Crow, who was the track coach at DHS and an assistant coach in several other sports, and also taught economics at DHS. Miller

said Crow has accepted an assistant coach's position at Friona.

—Beth Casas, a second grade teacher at Richardson Elementary. She resigned because her husband had been transferred to a job in Pampa.

—Tonda Wood, fourth grade math, science and social studies teacher at DMS. Her husband had a job transfer, also.

Those hired included: —Reyes Garza, who will serve as a junior high P.E. and boys' coach. He is moving here from Dalhart.

—Arnold Peralez, who will coach freshman girls' basketball, junior high girls' track, and junior high boys' off-season, as well as assisting with junior high boys' football. He is

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# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt Schools

Here are the morning supplemental snack and lunch menus for the Dimmitt summer feeding program for June 24 through July 2.

**DIMMITT**

**Morning Supplemental Snack**  
**THURSDAY:** Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fresh banana, pineapple juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Peanut butter cake, peaches, grape juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Grilled peanut butter sandwich, cantaloupe, haystack finger salad and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Chicken fillet strips, French fries, white hot rolls and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Breakfast burrito, watermelon, grape juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Sausage and gravy over toast, honeydew melon, orange juice and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Pigs in a blanket, potato wedges, pineapple juice and milk.

**Lunch**

**THURSDAY:** Beef taco, Mexipinto beans, taco condiment salad and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Hot dog on a bun with chili, coleslaw, Frito corn chips and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, hamburger salad and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Barbecued beef on a bun, Mexipinto beans, orange wedges and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Beef enchiladas with sauce, Arroz Mexicano, tossed salad and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Hoagie submarine sandwich, Frito corn chips, hamburger salad and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Pigs in a blanket, macaroni and cheese, haystack finger salad and milk.

# District Court hands down six judgments

Six judgments in criminal cases were signed June 18 by District Judge Ed Self for cases in the 64th District Court.

In a motion to proceed to adjudication, Bennie George Scott Jr. of Dimmitt was sentenced for possession of marijuana over 2 oz. and under 4 oz. in connection with an incident in 1997. He was assessed a \$3,000 fine, court costs of \$242 and 60 days in the county jail, probated for one year. He also must complete 78 hours of community service.

Santos Oltivero Jr. of Dimmitt entered a plea of guilty to charges of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury (in connection with a May 4 incident) in exchange for 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated to 10 years of community supervision, with a \$1,000 fine, \$261.25 in court costs, \$10,025.80 in restitution, and a \$50 donation to Crime Line. He also must complete 400 hours of community service.

Jose Angel Gonzales of Hart entered a guilty plea on charges of retaliation stemming from March 20. Terms of the plea bargain include two years confinement probated to two years of community supervision, with a \$1,000 fine, \$251.25 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, a \$50 contribution to Crime Line, and 200 hours of community service.

Roberto Lopez Jr. pled guilty to burglary of a building (the burglary

of McLain's Corner in Hart on March 1) and was sentenced to a TDCJ State Jail Facility for two years, which was probated to five years of community supervision. He was also assessed with a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$251.25, attorney fees of \$250, restitution of \$1,931, a Crime Line donation of \$50, and 200 hours of community service.

Carlos Escamilla of Dimmitt received five years of confinement probated to five years of community supervision after entering a guilty plea to charges of DWI, third or more offense (stemming from an April 11 arrest). He also must pay a \$1,000 fine and \$251.25 in court costs, in addition to serving 10 days in the county jail, one year under a driver's license suspension, and 400 hours of community service. He also must participate in a repeat offender program DWI education class.

For pleading guilty to possession of a controlled substance over 4 grams and under 200 grams on Aug. 28, 1999, Carolyn Johnson of Hereford was sentenced to two years confinement, probated to four years community supervision, with a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$261.25, a \$50 donation to Crime Line, 400 hours of community service, and treatment at a substance abuse felony punishment facility for not less than six months and not more than one year.

# Police Calls

June 15, two people from Missouri, a man, 49, and a woman, 28, were jailed on drug charges—the man for misdemeanor possession of marijuana, and the woman for felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Just after midnight Saturday a Nazareth man, 18, was jailed for misdemeanor possession of marijuana over 2 oz.

Jailed on alcohol-related charges during the past week included:

—June 16, a Dimmitt man, 49, for DWI; the same day, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed to serve time after court on DWI, first offense charges.

—Saturday, a Tulia man, 41, for driving with license suspended;

DWI, first offense, breath test refused; and open container.

Jailed on warrants or probation matters during the past week were:

—June 15, an Amarillo man, 44, on a warrant for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

—Friday, a 27-year-old Odessa woman on a warrant for theft by check.

—Saturday, a 30-year-old Dimmitt man on motions to revoke, stemming from driving with license suspended.

—Sunday, a Hereford man, 19, on violation of probation stemming from two warrants for criminal mischief; and a Hereford woman, 27, on a Deaf Smith County warrant for theft by check.

—Monday, a Dimmitt man, 21, on a warrant for no proof of liability insurance.

# Beef-a-thon to benefit Multiple Sclerosis group

A 5½-hour televised beef-a-thon is expected to raise quite a bit of money for the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and organizers are asking for support from residents in the Panhandle area.

The 29th annual Multiple Sclerosis Beef-a-thon will be held Sunday from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. and proceeds will benefit the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The chapter generates approximately \$45,000 from the beef-a-thon each year. The auction is unique because it targets the beef industry.

The Panhandle Chapter is the only one in the nation to hold an event of this kind.

News personalities from KFDA News Channel 10 will host this year's auction. Other on-air hosts will include Mary Lyn Halley from KGNC FM 98; Bedford Forrest, a longtime farm and ranch reporter; Allen Shankles of the Amarillo Little Theater; Michael Callahan and Brad Jones of Northwest Texas Healthcare System; and other local dignitaries and National Multiple Sclerosis Society volunteers.

Phones will be open from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and bids will be accepted during those hours. The phone number for placing bids is 463-BEEF (2333) or for long distance, call 1-877-287-BEEF (2333). The toll-free number is courtesy of NTS Communications.

This year's auction will be aired from the Northwest Texas Healthcare System Pavilion Auditorium.

Area cattle feed yards and ranchers donate beef that will be sold both in custom-cut quarters and ground beef packages. Melvin Edes of Edes Custom Meats and Swisher Meats will process cattle and also package the beef quarters according to the custom orders. There is an additional charge of 25¢ per pound to Edes Meats or Swisher Meats for the custom cutting of the beef. Extra lean ground beef is sold in 15-pound lots at a set price of \$30.

Local merchants donate services and items to be auctioned throughout the day. Items valued at \$300 or more and original works of art will be on the "super board" and will be presented during the 5½-hour telecast. Other items will be presented during each 40-minute segment on the "BLUE," "GREEN" and "YELLOW" boards.

This year's Super Board includes artwork by regional artists Ben Konis, Danny Gamble, Manuel Franco, R. Russell Brown, James Haney, Ken Cagle, Pris Middleton and other local artists; and service and merchandise from local businesses. Items on the other boards include gift certificates for restaurants, dry cleaning, hair care and auto care. All sorts of merchandise has been donated, including a Konica Digital camera, an Orbis ring, gift baskets, clothing, a Tiffany & Co. pitcher and more. Many cultural and entertainment venues have donated tickets to their events.

# Hockey demonstration, hot dogs on tap July 2

July Jubilee, an annual county celebration that officially kicks off the Independence Day observance in Castro County, has been planned for July 2 and this year's event promises to be one of the most entertaining ever, according to Bill Sava, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Castro County residents will be able to enjoy hot dogs with the works, homemade ice cream, games, live music, a health fair, a hockey demonstration and clinic and more on the courthouse square in Dimmitt on July 2.

Plans are still being finalized for the celebration, but hot dogs, live music and kids' games are definitely on the agenda throughout the noon hour and into the afternoon, according to Sava.

There will be a nominal charge for the hot dogs, cokes and ice cream, Sava said.

At 11 a.m. that day, the American flag will be raised as *The National Anthem* is performed at the gazebo.

Hot dogs and homemade ice cream will be served after the flag raising, and the other activities will continue throughout the early afternoon.

The Amarillo Rattlers, represented by Assistant Coach Neil Gondek, forward Brad Haelzle and other members of the staff will offer information on their team and the game of hockey, and they will host a free street hockey clinic.

First, they will conduct a few drills and teach youngsters the rules of the game. Then they will explain

the importance of stretching and warming up and will show the participants the proper stance and how to shoot and pass the puck. Following this session, they will allow the participants to show off what they have learned in a mini game of roller blade hockey which they will supervise in an enclosed area at the northeast corner of the courthouse.

The clinic is free to youngsters. Those planning to participate are asked to bring their roller blades, if possible, because none will be furnished. The Rattlers will also conduct a similar "game demonstration" for those without roller blades, Sava said.

For more information about the July Jubilee celebration or the hockey clinic, contact Sava at the Chamber office, 647-2524.

# More about Coaches . . .

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moving here from Lake Arthur, N.M. He is a graduate of DHS, and the son of Arnold and Dalia Peralez of Dimmitt.

—Bonnie Stevenson, a recent graduate of Texas Tech University, will teach fourth grade math, science and social studies. She is from Friona.

—Jennifer Riddle, who will teach fourth grade language arts.

# Prenatal and child birth courses will be offered

*Special Deliveries*, an educational program offered through Castro County Hospital District, is offering classes in prenatal care and child birth education over the next two months.

The classes are taught by Cindy Ellis, R.N., and are offered free of charge. The classes are open to anyone interested in prenatal care and childbirth preparation.

Prenatal classes are being held Monday evenings from 5 to 6, beginning this week and continuing through Aug. 23.

These classes will cover topics to help women in all stages of pregnancy achieve a healthy pregnancy. Among those topics will be newborn care, common complaints and concerns of pregnancy, breast feeding, signs of labor, postpartum care, nutrition and exercise.

Childbirth education classes for the women in advanced pregnancy (28 weeks or more) are offered to prepare women and their partners for labor and birth. Couples will learn and develop skills to help cope with labor and birth through the use

of breathing and relaxation, touch massage, positioning and other techniques to enhance the labor and birth experience.

Classes will be available on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9 starting July 26 and running through Aug. 23.

Because space is limited, pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available at the Medical Center of Dimmitt and should be completed and returned to Ellis through the Medical Center.

A course in infant and child cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be offered through the American Red Cross July 12 and 13 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The five-hour course also requires pre-registration and forms are available at Medical Center of Dimmitt. Completed forms should be returned to Ellis.

A certification card will be issued to each participant who successfully completes the course. For more information on these courses, call Ellis at 647-4124 or 647-2191.

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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "\_\_\_ of bones" (skinny)  
 5 TXism: "he's on a first \_\_\_ basis with the bottom of the deck" (cheat)  
 6 biting fly  
 7 seat of Jackson Co.  
 8 mail aid (2 wds.)  
 17 Juan Gonzales  
 18 TX Tanya Tucker was CMA's "Female \_\_\_" the Year" in '91  
 21 football class  
 22 TXism: "cold as an outhouse \_\_\_ in January"  
 23 TXism: "attacked like grandma \_\_\_ chicken snake"  
 24 German emperor  
 29 it's used to make cheese  
 30 TXism: "wouldn't a biscuit" (harmless dog)  
 31 TXism: "the fat \_\_\_ in the fire"  
 32 lawn waterers  
 34 ex-Cowboy Dorsett  
 35 TXism: "never \_\_\_ 'em see you sweat"  
 36 TXism: "spittin' \_\_\_"  
 37 TXism: "\_\_\_-loop man" (good cowboy)  
 38 TX champion bull rider Frost  
 39 kids gotta do it if \_\_\_  
 41 "dos and \_\_\_"

42 mother of TX Ginger Rogers  
 43 TXism: "hot as a \_\_\_ griddle"  
 44 TXism: "try your \_\_\_" (attempt)  
 45 mischievous creature  
 46 stat for Rangers Helling  
 47 brain organ  
 48 wildcatters  
 50 TXism: "use your head for something besides \_\_\_ rack"

**DOWN**

1 club of TX Kite's '93 Fantasy Golf Camp:  
 2 Hill Country horse racing: \_\_\_ Downs  
 3 TXism: "\_\_\_ ride the river with"  
 4 TXism: "let's \_\_\_ it" (go to work)  
 9 Denton's historic hardware store  
 10 TXism: "just down the \_\_\_ apiece"  
 11 state fair mo. (abbr.)  
 12 ma's mate  
 13 John Steinbeck's TX wife  
 14 first-rate; great

15 old Italian family  
 16 line of travel (abbr.)  
 19 in Austin's Zilker Park: "\_\_\_ Garden"  
 20 John Wesley Hardin was "the \_\_\_ gun in El Paso"  
 22 TX golf green: putting \_\_\_  
 24 state of Rangers Royal foe (abbr.)  
 25 news wrangler  
 26 TX perennial  
 27 figure of speech introduced by "like" or "as"  
 28 TXism: "\_\_\_ driller" (dentist)  
 29 "ramrods" of TX companies  
 30 singer Sonny  
 33 singer Horne  
 34 TXism for "carry"  
 35 Ranger foe: Oak \_\_\_

37 TXism: "\_\_\_ outhouse on a cold morning"  
 38 TXism: "rides his own range"  
 40 TXism: "thinks he's the only rooster in the barn."  
 41 large German dog: Great \_\_\_  
 44 "to the \_\_\_"  
 47 restaurant of the stars in Dallas' West End: "\_\_\_ Earth"  
 49 TX Trini's "If \_\_\_ Hammer"

# On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

The Kenworths are planning a trip to Colorado next week.

These sponsors will accompany Randy Gressett to the youth evangelism conference this week in San Antonio: Connie Dickerson, Debbie Harris, Crystal Stevens, Ken Shannon and Zack Matthews. Between 25 and 30 young people are planning to attend the conference.

Lynn Sides, Elaine Heard and others have taken children to G.A. Camp this week in Glorieta.

Hanna, Haley, Heather and Ronda Wise hosted a cookout at their home Sunday afternoon honoring their father, Gary Wise, and their grandfather, Buster Tidwell. Others enjoying the food and family fun time were Maxine Tidwell, Shirley Wise and Holly and Chad Davis.

Jill Brown has just returned home to Austin after spending a couple of weeks with her parents, J.R. and Mary Jo Brown.

Jill teaches second grade at Leander. She is following in her mom's footsteps. Mary Jo taught second grade in Dimmitt ISD for many years.

Blake Brown joined the rest of the family on the weekend of the big garage sale, and he brought along some things from his apartment in

Borger that he wanted to sell. Blake is the head coach for the men's basketball team at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Last week was a very busy week at First Baptist Church. Young and old alike enjoyed a roaring good time at Vacation Bible School. Tuesday was the high attendance day and 270 students and workers took part in the event. This is probably a record-breaking attendance for all Vacation Bible School days at First Baptist Church.

The week was capped off with a Parent's Day and children shared songs and learning time with all the folks during the Sunday morning worship time.

Immediately following the worship service, the ladies of Primera Iglesia Bautista, led by Amelia Barrera, served wonderful enchiladas with all the trimmings to many dads and their families at First Baptist Church.

The ladies prepared the meal as a fundraiser because their church is working toward purchasing a parsonage to house their new pastor, Antonio Rocho, and his family, who are moving here from Friona.

Oleta Schumacher reports that the Catholics have been blessed with a new priest. His name is Father Fern Couture and we welcome him to

Dimmitt.

Randy Gressett took six young people to Abilene for "Super Summer" activities on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University. Those attending were Lyndsey Heard, Morgan and Stephanie Hazel, Rae Odom, Lori Schulte and Daniel Proffitt. Jason Harris was planning to go along, but he fell prey to a seriously injured ankle and was forced to stay at home.

To quote the kids, "We had a superb week!"

Connie Aguilar drove me to Lubbock for a doctor's appointment. We enjoyed lunch from Sugarbakers, that we stopped and picked up. Deanne Clark shared her kitchen table with Connie and I. Frank and Jamie (Baker) Mendoza helped host a Dimmitt night in Lubbock. Approximately 20 attended.

Jo Hyman and Bill Settle joined Kay Kellar and I for lunch at the Hereford Country Club on Sunday. Bill is Kay's nephew from Tulia.

Jason Wilke came up from Lubbock to visit his mother, Sharon Steffey, and his grandmother, Mozelle Lilley.

Jeff and Anne Watts and family have been visiting from North Carolina this past week. It is always a joy to see him and his family. They have two children, 6-year-old Kayla and 4-year-old Colby. They live at Carleen, N.C., and he is the pastor of the Carleen Baptist Church.

Steve and Kim (Watts) Pond visited our church Sunday. Their children are 12-year-old Wil, 10-year-old Daniel, 7-year-old Steffanee and 5-year-old Jeffrey. Steve and Kim live in Tulia and he is employed by Wallace Funeral Home.

Wannie Stevens' daughters, Barbara Wheat of Albuquerque, N.M., and Kay Stevens of Dimmitt, pulled a fast one on her for her birthday on June 11. Her granddaughter, Toni Wheat of Amarillo, came down to help with the surprise. They painted and redecorated Wannie's living room. Though very sore and limping, they were all able to go to K-Bob's for dinner.

Isaac and Nicolas Aguilar, Connie's grandsons and Norma's sons, have gone to visit their uncle and aunt, Adrian and Monica, and their

cousins, Elizabeth and Jonathan, in Amarillo.

Connie's granddaughter and Olivia's daughter is spending several weeks in Houston with Paul's sister, Irma Herrera Leal, and family. Aaron and Marcos have been busy with baseball and will have to vacation later this summer.

Matt and Courtney Barrett attended church with First Baptist Church on Wednesday night. Matt is the new girls' coach in Nazareth. They live in Dimmitt now, but they are originally from Coahoma. They are very personable and I am anxious to become acquainted with them.

## Arts and crafts show set during German Festival

Exhibitors are invited to display their arts and crafts during a special show in Nazareth on July 10 and those wishing to reserve booth space have until July 3 to do so.

The annual art show, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club, will be held in conjunction with Nazareth's German Festival, and the show will be open to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

Those interested in reserving a booth should contact Lucille Drerup at PO Box 3, Nazareth 79063; or Rose Mary Wilhelm at HCR 2, Box 13, Nazareth 79063.

Booths will be assigned on a first-

come basis, and no booth will be reserved until money is received.

Cost to reserve an 8' x 10' booth is \$20 and checks should be made payable to the Nazareth Art Club. Included in each booth will be a table and two chairs. When reserving booth space, exhibitors are asked to specify their preference of a wall or center booth and whether or not they will need the table. Organizers also ask that exhibitors provide a brief description of what they will have in their booth.

The cafeteria will be open at 7:30 a.m. on July 10 so exhibitors may set up their displays.

## Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

So many families from out of town were seen at church Sunday morning to help celebrate Father's Day.

Paul Venhaus, who lives at Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt, was brought to church Sunday morning by some of his family: Joe Venhaus, Greg and Mary Lou Venhaus and Harold and Kay Venhaus.

Dan and Karen Gerber hosted a cookout Sunday afternoon for part of the Gerber and Schulte families. Also, Eddie and June Sutton and their three sons and Father Jerry Stein came during the afternoon. It would have been great to have all of the two families together but hard to accomplish. Dan built a neat little bonfire in the evening that everyone enjoyed roasting weenies and marshmallows over.

The Leroy Pohlmeier families gathered at the Pohlmeier home Sunday evening for Father's Day. It was fun but we did miss those who could not be with us.

Many friends and relatives attended the marriage of Kristin Brockman and Monty Moore in Holy Family Church last Saturday. The reception was held in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Angela Fortenberry and John Fulkerson were married this past Saturday morning in Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein officiating. The reception was held at the Nazareth Legion Hall.

A new roof on the Nazareth Museum surely gave the old school building a new look. A big thanks to everyone who helped with numerous fundraisers to make the new roof possible.

Rick and Robbie Gerber and Jessica and Nick of Austin spent Friday night at the home of Virgie Gerber. They enjoyed a week's vacation in New Mexico. They attended the marriage of their niece, Amanda Bezner of Dalhart, at Christ the King

Church in Lubbock Saturday evening.

Father's Day weekend was enjoyed at the home of Denny and Dolores Heiman. The Wayne and Sandy Heiman family, Darrin and Jennifer Heiman family of Canyon, Rodney and Jennifer Heiman family of Paul's Valley, Okla., Ted and Deanna Huseman family of Amarillo and Rodney and Mona Schulte of Nazareth attended. Wayne and Rodney's families visited their grandmother Easy Schulte at Canterbury Villa and their aunt Florene Leinen in Dimmitt.

Prayers are asked for Regina Steffens, Marvin Jones, Florine Brockman, Lori Huseman, Margaret Brockman, Leona Maurer, Anna Lee, Margaret Birkenfeld, Greg Hoelting, Mary Lou Birkenfeld, Sue Schneider, Leonard Gerber, and Jerry Wilhelm.

Joe and Imogene Drerup drove to Tyler over the weekend to visit a dear friend, Diane Murrell, who has returned to the hospital with bone cancer that she has been fighting the last 2½ years.

## VBS set Saturday

Vacation Bible School will be held Saturday at the Church of Christ located at 4th and Bedford.

Classes are for grades kindergarten through sixth. The theme is "The Life of Moses." VBS will start at 9 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Call or come by the church office to register.

Following VBS is a cookout at the City Park. The whole community is invited to attend.

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# People



## Fortenberry weds Fulkerson in formal, double-ring ceremony

Angela K. Fortenberry and John D. Fulkerson exchanged wedding vows Saturday in a formal, double-ring ceremony at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Jerry Stein officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Gladys Fortenberry of Nazareth and the late Kenneth Fortenberry. The groom is the son of Jagala Shaw of Happy and Charles Fulkerson Sr., of Bakersfield, Calif.

White roses and gladioli accented with multi-colored morning glories graced the altar. The pews were marked with white bows and garlands of multi-colored flowers.

Music for the ceremony was performed by pianist Sharon Brockman.

The bride, given in marriage by her mother, wore a long wedding gown designed with an empire waistline and full satin skirt with a short train. A sequined, white-flowered jacket completed the look. Her single-layered net veil was edged with beaded flowers.

She carried a bouquet of white roses and multi-colored morning

glories.

Matron of honor was Tracie Fos of Nacogdoches, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Steffani Steffens of Nazareth, cousin of the bride; and Mellisa Wethington and Amy Wethington, both of Nacogdoches, cousins of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore long purple gowns and carried bouquets of multi-colored morning glories.

Best man was Jeff Stewart of Amarillo, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Dwain Fulkerson and Charles Fulkerson Jr., both of Canyon, brothers of the groom.

Guests were seated by Victor Steffens of Dimmitt and Howard Steffens of Nazareth, the bride's uncles.

After the wedding, a reception honoring the newlyweds was held at the American Legion Hall in Nazareth.

The tables were decorated with globes holding purple roses.

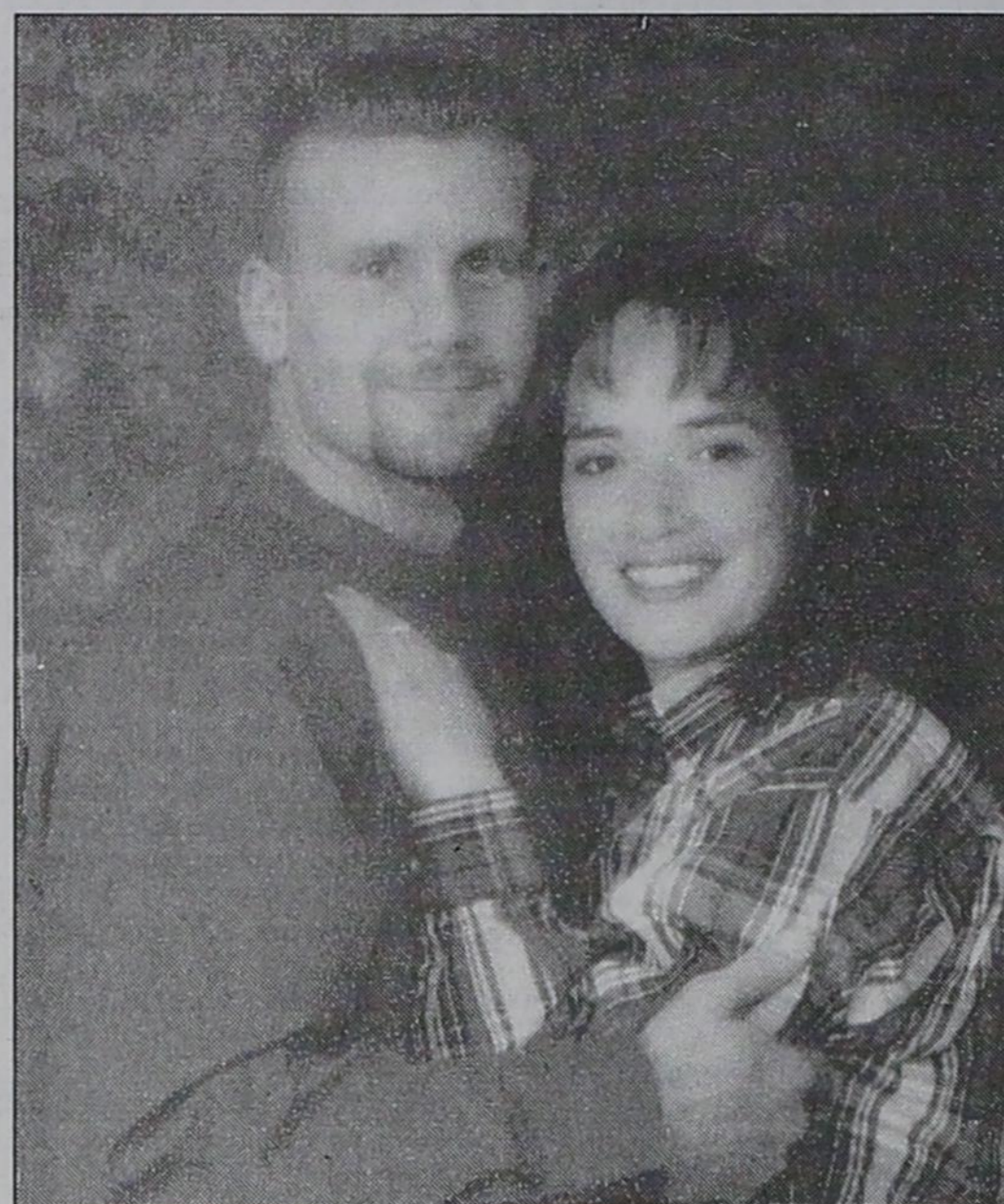
Family and friends of the couple from Nazareth, Slaton, Canyon, Amarillo, Tulia, Dimmitt and California joined in the celebration.

The bride chose a sleeveless long blue dress and white sandals for her traveling attire.

After a wedding trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., the newlyweds will be home in Canyon on Saturday.

The bride is attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon and has two more years before she will earn her degree in music education. She is currently working at McDonald's in Canyon.

The groom works as a pharmacy technician at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He is working toward a pre-medicine degree at West Texas A&M University. After obtaining that degree, he plans to continue his studies at Chiropractic College in Houston.



Steven Hayes Shelton and Elosia Marie Reyna

## Pohlmeier joins Phi Eta Sigma

Amy Pohlmeier, daughter of J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier of Nazareth, has been inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society at Texas A&M University in College Station.

More than 600 Texas A&M University freshmen were inducted into Phi Eta Sigma during the spring semester.

To be eligible for Phi Eta Sigma, the oldest and largest freshman honor society, a first-year student must have a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

"I think it's tremendous," said Curtis F. Lard, Phi Eta Sigma faculty advisor. "These are outstanding young people who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance during their first semester at Texas A&M."

Curtis adds that freshmen are often under a great deal of pressure and for many, life as a first-time college student is like entering a whole new world.

"Their parents have every reason to be proud of these young men and women," he said. "Their names will be entered in the National Honor Roll for college freshmen."

## Texas Tech lists several on honor roll

Several Castro County students have been named to honor lists at Texas Tech University for the spring 1999 semester.

Earning mention to the President's List were Robin D'Lynn Schulte of Nazareth, a junior majoring in multidisciplinary studies; and Amy Denise Garcia, a sophomore majoring in human development.

Students on the President's list earned a 4.0 grade-point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work.

Dean's List honorees were Jeremiah Joseph Wethington of Nazareth, a senior animal science major; Sarah Jean Olvera of Nazareth, a sophomore multidisciplinary studies major; Jason Randel Hargrove and Jared Edward Townsend, both of Dimmitt, freshmen COBA majors; Jacy Noel Buckley of Dimmitt, a sophomore studying exercise and sports science; Amy Deanne Matthews of Dimmitt, a freshman majoring in cell and molecular biology; and Andrew Paul Teaschner, a sophomore majoring in wildlife and fisheries management.

To make the Dean's List, students had to maintain a 3.5 to 3.9 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more hours.

## July wedding planned

Abel and Mary Reyna of Hart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elosia Marie Reyna, to Steven Hayes Shelton, son of William and Betty Shelton and RuDawn Blankenship, all of Amarillo.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on July 10 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church of Amarillo.

Miss Reyna earned a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology with a minor in biology from West Texas A&M University. She is employed as a teacher and coach at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo.

Shelton is a paramedic at Amarillo Medical Service and he is enrolled in Amarillo College's nursing program.



Ben Duesterhaus and Lena Durbin

## Duesterhaus and Durbin to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Durbin of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lena Durbin, to Ben Duesterhaus, son of Vennie Duesterhaus of Pep and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Duesterhaus of Littlefield.

The couple are planning to marry on Saturday, Aug. 14, at Holy Family Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University this year with a degree in food and nutrition.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Whiteface High School. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1998. He is currently working on a master's degree in crop science.

After their wedding, the couple will live in Lubbock.

## Four earn degrees from Texas Tech

Two students from Dimmitt and two from Nazareth earned bachelor's degrees from Texas Tech University during spring commencement exercises recently.

Dimmitt students earning diplomas included Brian Kris Simpson, bachelor of science degree in agronomy; and Amanda Joyce Odom, bachelor of science degree in biology.

Those from Nazareth graduating were Jared Roy Schulte, bachelor of science degree in food and nutrition.

## Miss Hart contestants sought now

Young ladies in Hart will be vying for the crown of Miss Hart during the annual Hart Days celebration, and those interested in competing for the title must fill out a form and return it by July 20.

The Miss Hart pageant will be held July 27 at 7 p.m. in the Hart Elementary School Gymnasium.

B.J. Jones will coordinate this year's pageant.

Forms are available at The Company Store, Lowe's Pay and Save and JJ's, all in Hart. Completed forms may be placed in the night deposit drop at Hale County State Bank's Hart Banking Center, according to Jones.

Participants in the pageant must be Hart residents and must be between 14 and 19 years old. Contestants must be single (never married) and have no children. Participants also are asked to find a sponsor and if they cannot find one, they should contact Jones at 938-2111.

Entry fee for the pageant is \$25 per contestant.

Contestants also are asked to ride on a float in the Hart Days Parade.

## Area students graduate from West Texas A&M

James M. Welch of Dimmitt and Dana R. Kleman of Nazareth earned master's degrees while six other Castro County students received bachelor's degrees from West Texas A&M University in May.

Welch earned a master of science degree in agriculture while Kleman received her master of business administration degree in business.

Dimmitt students graduating were Jenifer R. Fuller, bachelor of science degree in nursing; Tara L. Grand, bachelor of science degree in sports and exercise science; and Katrina G. Vernon, bachelor of business administration degree in accounting.

Those from Nazareth earning degrees were Tara (Johnson) Albracht and Kristin (Brockman) Moore, each with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies; and Morgan L. Heck, a bachelor of science degree in plant science (agronomy).

## Olton plans home parade

A parade of homes and gardens will be held in Olton Sunday.

Featured homes include those of Doc and Lois Brimhall, 1312 West Seventh Street; Jill Dennis, 708 Avenue J; and Scott and Pam Roberson, 1-1/4 miles west on Highway 70. Gardens featured on the tour include the backyards of Ronnie and Bobbie Dennis, third home on north side of West Highway 70; and Gene and Linda McGlaun, 1207 Ninth Street.

Refreshments will be served during the tour hours of 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wild Plum, located in downtown Olton on Main Street.

The tour will begin at the Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast and visitors also may tour the Wild Plum.

Cost of the tour is \$5 per person and proceeds will go toward the construction of restroom facilities at the Square Pavilion in downtown Olton.

The event is being sponsored by the Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and for more information, call the Olton Chamber office from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at (806) 285-2292; or tour chairman Mozelle Trotter at (806) 285-2975.



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# Five county seniors earn Harrington Scholarships

The Amarillo College Foundation has announced that four graduates of Nazareth High School and one from Dimmitt High School have been awarded Sybil B. Harrington Scholarships for 1999-2000.

Award winners include Dimmitt's Wesley Wright and Nazareth's

Laura Birkenfeld, Susan Book, Susan Jones and Jessica Kern.

The scholarship pays tuition and fees up to \$3,500 at an accredited Texas college or university. Mrs. Harrington established the scholarship in 1990 and regularly increased its funding. The fund was also included among her bequests. Including the new recipients announced this year, almost 750 Sybil B. Harrington Scholarships have been awarded to Panhandle high school graduates.

Wright plans to major in engineering at Texas A&M University. He was salutatorian of his graduating class this year. He played football, basketball and baseball, and was treasurer of Future Farmers of America and secretary/treasurer of Interact. He won honors in woodworking and swine production and was selected for American Legion Boys State. Wright is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wright.

Birkenfeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Birkenfeld, plans to major in pre-law at Texas Tech University. She served as vice president

of the National Honor Society, treasurer of FFA and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

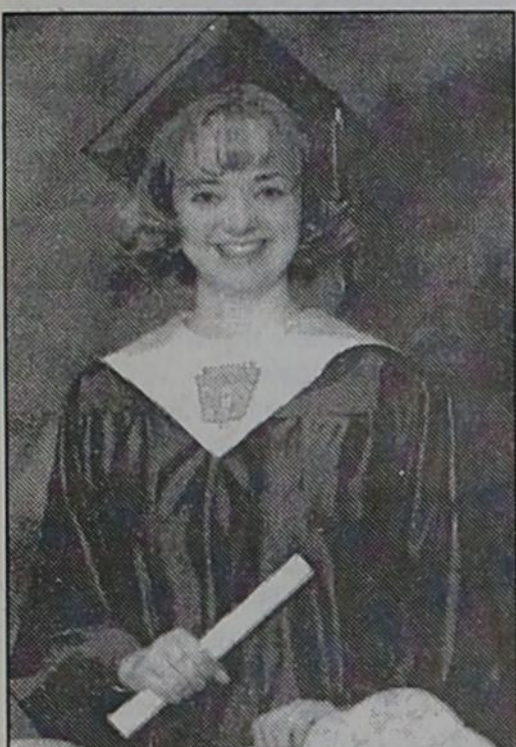
Book is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Book and she was valedictorian of her class this year. She plans to major in biochemistry at Texas A&M University. She was active in National Honor Society, 4-H and Future Homemakers of America. She was president of FFA. She played golf and was manager for the basketball team. She was selected to attend the Summer Medical Enrichment Program at Texas A&M University.

Jones will major in agri-science at Angelo State University this fall. She was vice president of Student Council, president of Future Farmers of America and was a member of the yearbook staff and Spanish Club. She was named to the NHS Honor Roll and received the State FFA Lone Star Award. She is the daughter of Larren Jones and Celine Jones.

Kern, who graduated as salutatorian of her class, will major in pre-pharmacy at Texas Tech University. While at NHS, Kern was president of 4-H, reporter for Future Farmers of America, treasurer of Student Council and National Honor Society and was editor of the yearbook. She was a member of the golf and tennis teams, Spanish Club and One-Act Play cast. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kern.



Laura Birkenfeld



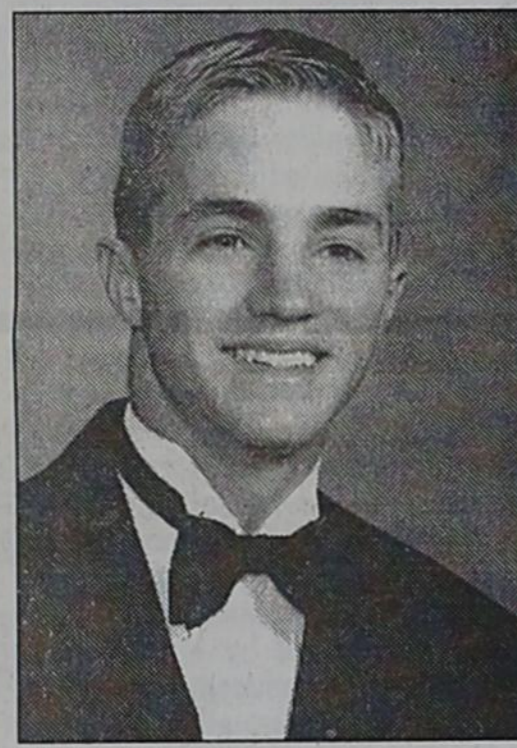
Susan Book



Susan Jones



Jessica Kern



Wesley Wright

## WTAMU honor students listed

West Texas A&M University has named eight Castro County students to its honor lists for the recent spring semester.

Denia J. Durbin, a senior reading major from Nazareth, earned President's List honors.

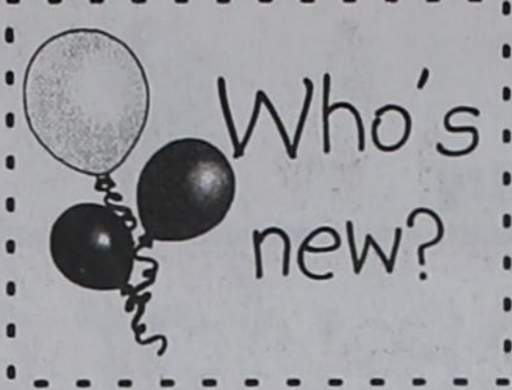
Those earning Dean's list honors were Nazareth students Robbie Schmucker, a senior sports and exercise science major; Kaci Wethington, a freshman undeclared major; and Angela Fortenberry, a senior music major. Dimmitt residents named to the Dean's List are Michael L. Bell, a junior accounting student; Cynthia M. Chavez, a senior reading major; Elizabeth Martinez, a sophomore Spanish major; and Tim Sims, a graduate student majoring in reading.

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It's a girl for Luis Estrada and Diana Marmolejo of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Bernice Danielle Estrada, was born at 9:14 a.m. on June 11 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 6 lbs., 14.4 ozs., and was 19 inches long at birth. She has a big sister, Alexia Estrada, 1-1/2. Paternal grandparents are Felipe and Alice Estrada of Abilene. Maternal grandparents are Juan Marmolejo of Floydada and Lupe Marmolejo of Seminole. Great-grandparents are Paula Marmolejo of Lubbock and Felipe Estrada of Menard.

### OUT OF TOWN

Kennan and Jennifer Howell of Dimmitt are the parents of Paige McKenna Howell, born June 11 at 4:56 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Jimmy and Sue Howell of Dimmitt. Maternal grandmother is Karen Carter of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Russell O'Brian of Friona, Moss Howell of Dimmitt, and Blon and Roland Ward of San Antonio.

Shayne and Krista Mays of Amarillo are the parents of a baby girl, Kaylee Breann Mays, born May 25 at North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The infant weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Sharla Mays of Amarillo. Maternal grandparents are David and Yvonne Ehly of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Rhoda Mays of Dimmitt and Bertha Huseman of Nazareth.

*Some believe that Valentine's Day may be traced to the ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia. Some others link it with an old English belief that birds choose their mates on February 14.*

## At Nazareth German Festival/Suds and Sounds

# Country star Gary Allan headlines outdoor show

County music recording artist Gary Allan will be the featured attraction at the annual Suds and Sounds outdoor concert, slated for July 10 in Nazareth as part of the German Festival.

Allan performed before a packed ground at Suds and Sounds a year ago, and organizers asked him to return for another engagement.

"Everybody liked him and enjoyed his show so much last year we decided to ask him back," said Dwayne Kleman, one of the organizers of this year's show. "He really seemed to have a good time as well. He and his band enjoyed our sausage dinner and had a good time."

The annual outdoor concert will be held at the Nazareth Community Center (ballpark) and the artists will appear on the "Silver Bullet Stage" donated by Great Western Distributors of Amarillo beginning at 6 p.m.

A concession stand will be open throughout the concert, featuring German sausage sandwiches and more.

Three local bands will open the concert on July 10 and Allan will close the show late that evening.

Amarillo bands Insufficient Funds and Prairie Dogs, along with Southern Sky, will be the three opening acts.

Tickets for the outdoor concert are \$15 and may be purchased at the gate on July 10.

Gates will open at 4:30 p.m. on July 10 and those attending may bring their own lawn chairs, coolers, beverages, etc., although no glass containers will be allowed.

A 3,000-square-foot wooden dance floor will be constructed at the site.

## Cory Mays gets bachelor's degree

Cory Don Mays of Dimmitt recently graduated from Tarleton State University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural services and development.

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# Future looks bleak for drowned, beaten cotton

By **JOHNNA PATTERSON**  
Castro/Lamb IPM Agent

We almost made it a full week without rain. In contrast to last year when we could hardly get a drop, this season has seen an abundance of moisture. Saturday brought another .35 of an inch to over three inches of rain in parts of Castro County. Heavy rain fell across the county again Monday.

Lamb County also received more rain, between 1/2 and 3/4 of an inch over the weekend and additional inches on Monday.

Estimates of another 300,000-plus acres of cotton have been destroyed in the Extension District 2, which is a 20-county area. The crops were damaged by hail, wind, wash-out and seedling diseases since storms tore through the High Plains.

Many cotton leaves in Castro and Lamb Counties as well as in surrounding counties have been suffering from a heavy infection of what's believed to be a blight-like disease. The symptoms were first noticed on Monday and have continued to "blacken" fields all week.

Dr. Randy Boman observed severely-infected fields near Muleshoe last week. He estimated several thousand acres of cotton have been lost in the Muleshoe area.

## Scouting

The new Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Field Scouting Program continues to grow as more fields were added this week.

So far, 17 corn fields and 10 cotton fields in Castro County; along with seven corn and 13 cotton fields in Lamb County, have been scouted.

## Insects & Disease

Most of our area cotton fields have seen excessive soil moisture and are beginning to exhibit significant problems.

Dr. Randy Boman, Extension

Cotton Agronomist in Lubbock, has been around the area scouting fields and he expects that we will continue to lose acres of cotton due to subsequent problems with crop recovery.

I have driven and inspected fields all over Castro County and Lamb County, and I haven't really seen a field that doesn't have at least some blight-like symptoms on the leaves. Seedling root rot also is a problem.

I have taken samples to pathologists in Lubbock for identification of disease and weather-induced problems.

Rhizoctonia and some thielaviopsis, or black root rot, symptoms have been observed on diseased plants.

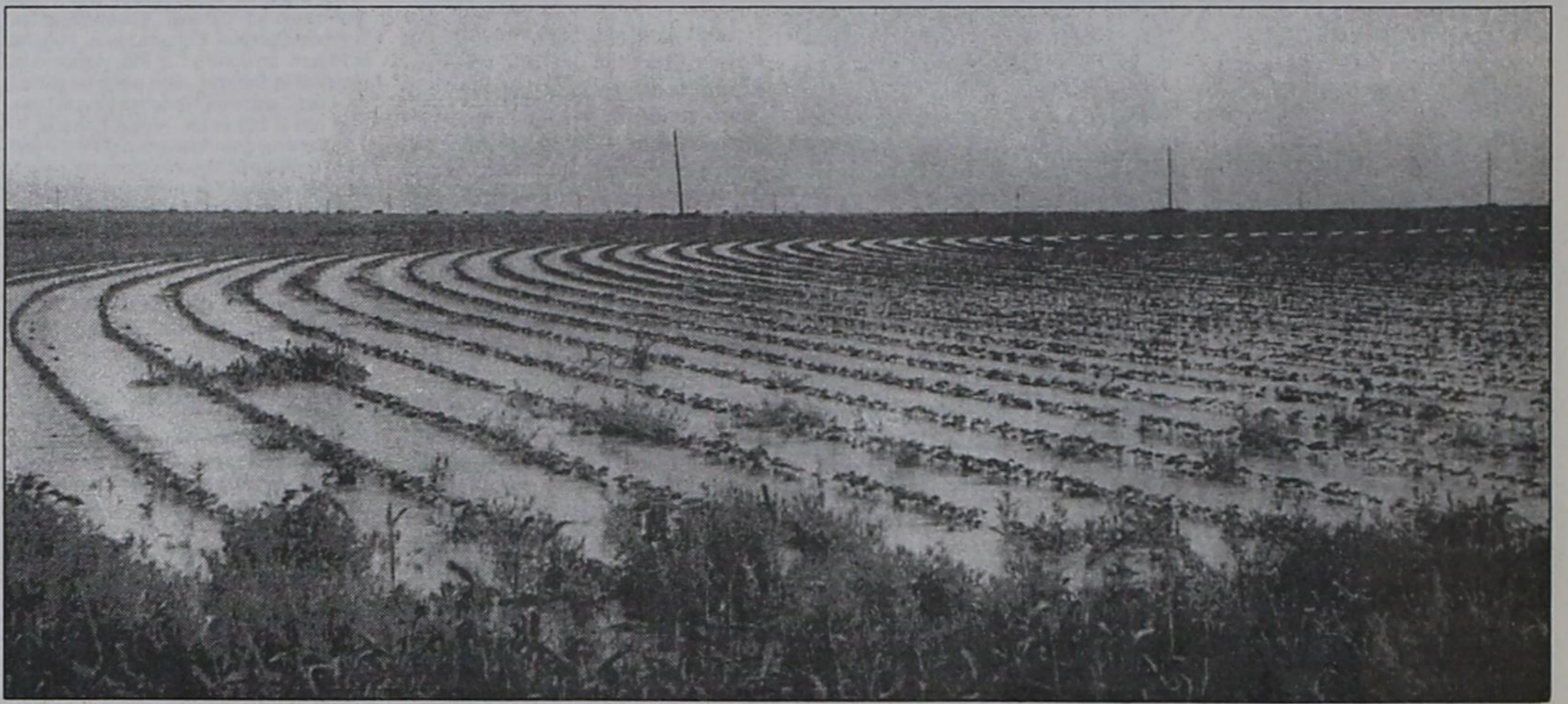
Attempts to "plate-out" the causal agent for the leaf blight-like symptoms have been unsuccessful. The cool temperatures and water-logged soils are not helping the situation.

Dr. Boman says that we need some open weather.

"Getting the ground covered with rotary hoes or sand fighters to protect remaining stands remains a priority," Boman said. "Cultivation as soon as possible will help get some oxygen into the soil and should help with crop recovery. Whatever the prevailing problem, there is no treatment available other than what favorable weather can provide us."

Many growers have been talking to insurance adjusters and will collect insurance payments this season. Then they will look seriously at alternative crops. The majority of areas affected will probably be replanted to sorghum, soybeans or fall wheat for grazing. Due to poor market prices though, most producers do not want to put any more money into a crop that won't yield much of a return.

Thrip are being reported in many fields scouted in the program this week. Counts range from a high of three to five per plant in the Hart area to less than one per plant across the majority of the fields in



**WATER, WATER AND MORE WATER** fell this week, causing more problems for cotton farmers already struggling from Mother Nature's fury this year. Many farmers have given up on raising cotton this year after spring storms hammered the young plants with hail as big as baseballs in some areas. The cotton that did survive the beatings is now

struggling with the cool, wet weather. Just when things were beginning to dry out, another series of storms passed through this week, dropping as much as three inches of rain in some areas, flooding cotton fields like this one between Dimmitt and Nazareth. Photo by Anne Acker

Castro and Lamb counties.

Thrip numbers were significantly reduced in most fields where severe weather occurred a week ago, but as Dr. Jim Leser, Extension Cotton Entomologist at Lubbock said, "They could still be a problem on sick, recovering stands if plants are slow to grow out of the latest damage. There are still enough thrip out there to cause a problem, even to the latest-planted fields. The main thing to watch out for is not to spray a field for thrip based on prior damage. Thrip must be present to get any benefit from an insecticide application. Warm, sunny days and aeration of the root zone soil will usually bring most sick cotton out of its malaise if seedling disease is not a significant factor."

Remember that cool, wet weather will drive thrip into the terminals

where they cause the most damage. Once you see the crinkling of newly-formed leaves, the damage has already been done.

At-plant insecticides have played out now and producers should watch their fields carefully. Dissect terminals and unfurl leaves to determine if thrip are feeding on your recovering cotton.

If populations per plant equal the number of true leaves, the treatment threshold has been reached. I know many fields have been sprayed with Orthene this week, most in combination with Roundup and fertilizer.

Although scouting reports didn't show threshold levels this week, most sprays were probably justified due to the existing recovery pressure and difficulty in observing the tiny immature thrip in the terminals of badly-damaged plants.

## Boll weevils

The percent of active traps catching boll weevils decreased from 20% to 10.26% in Castro County this week; but increased from 46.51% to 60% in Lamb County.

The heavy rainfall and high winds continue affecting trap catches. Squaring cotton is more attractive than traps, too, and some fields have reached that stage or will be squaring this week. Square set should be determined in your fields. Square set should be 90% in the first week of squaring, 85% during the second week and maybe as low as 75% during the third week.

Fleahoppers generally are not a major pest in our area; therefore, loss of squares could be due to boll weevil feeding.

Make sure you determine the cause of square loss before you apply pesticides since the majority of losses could be due to environmental conditions.

Emerging overwintered weevils are in search of squares on which to feed and lay eggs. Match head-sized squares will be available two to three days after the pinhead square stage is reached. In two to three days, these squares will be almost 1/3 grown and will be the size of a pencil eraser. They will be able to

support grub development and life cycle completion to adulthood.

"Once match head-sized squares are present, it is time to schedule the first overwintered boll weevil application if the trap index indicates the need to spray," said Leser. "Overwintered boll weevil sprays are meant to prevent this egg laying activity. Vydate appears to be the insecticide of choice for our first battle of the season. Later on, there will be several other good insecticides that will fit our management plan."

## Cotton square borer

Leser also warns of potential for an unusual pest in cotton this year, the cotton square borer, which he says is usually with us every year, but not usually at damaging levels. However, the plentiful rainfall and abundant wild hosts could change that this year.

"Unlike most caterpillar pests of cotton, the square borer adult is a butterfly, not a moth. It is a small, gray, hairstreak with a very nervous flight habit. The caterpillar is a velvety green, slug-like worm which feeds on the squares of cotton plants and the hole is a much cleaner entry than one created by a bollworm, without the associated frass. This pest also feeds on legumes," Leser said.

Corn continues to grow very rapidly. Most IPM program fields are in the mid-whorl stage, although some are still in the early-whorl stage. Major insect infestations continue to be light at this time.

Corn earworm feeding in the whorl is showing up in most fields. Larval infestations are light in most fields. Earworm traps have been put out in a couple of locations and more are slated to be set this week.

## Corn borers

Small, first-generation Southwestern corn borers continue to be found in Castro County fields. No larvae were spotted in Lamb County.

Larval infestations in Castro County were 1.25% in the Flagg area and 2.5% in the Hart area. This is actually fairly high, yet control recommendations don't usually come until a 9 to 11% infestation.

Southwestern corn borer eggs are laid in clusters of one to five eggs. Eggs are laid on the upper and lower surfaces of expanded leaves in the whorl. Freshly laid eggs are creamy white, but develop three red bands after 24 hours. This red band can be used to distinguish between European corn borer and Southwestern corn borer eggs.

The summer generation of larval Southwestern corn borers are usually creamy white with distinct black spots on the body after the second instar.

Pheromone trap counts this week continue to show a low moth flight at this time. Ten traps are now out in Castro County. Lamb County traps were not set this week as planned, but will be placed on Monday.

European corn borers haven't been spotted, yet; but pheromone traps will be placed in each county to determine moth flight activity and to serve as a demonstration study on brands of pheromone.

European corn borer eggs are laid in clusters of 15 to 30 eggs. They are creamy white and develop black

spots (which is the head capsule visible through the egg shell) just before hatching. Eggs are usually laid near the midrib on the undersides of leaves.

Both corn borer larvae are similar. They are 1/8 to 1-1/4 inches in length and have a dark head capsule.

European corn borer larvae tend to be grey to creamy white with indistinct dark grey spots.

First generation corn borer larvae feed in the whorl and midribs for a week or more before entering the stalk. Whorl feeding leaves a shot-hole appearance on leaves and can easily be detected in the field.

Corn earworms also can cause shot-hole feeding in the whorl.

European corn borer adults are 1/2 of an inch to 3/4 of an inch long and are buff yellow to yellowish-brown.

Southwestern corn borer adults are about 3/4 of an inch long and have a wingspan of approximately 1-1/4 inch. They are grey to whitish-grey.

## Steers must be validated by Wednesday

Castro County youngsters planning to exhibit steers in livestock shows during the next school year must have those animals validated by Wednesday, and they'll have an opportunity to do so on Tuesday at the Dimmitt Ag Farm.

Validation will be conducted Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Ag Farm and at least one parent must be present with the exhibitor when he or she has the animal validated because a parent and the student must sign appropriate forms.

Officials of major livestock shows in Texas are participating in a program supported by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Education Agency's Department of Agricultural Education. Under this program, all 4-H and FFA members exhibiting steers at livestock shows are required to have the animals identified with an official Texas Steer Tag, tattoo and nose print.

"If you cannot attend this validation, you need to call the Extension Service at 647-4115 and make plans to have your steer validated at a later date," said Castro County Extension Agent Benny Martinez.

## Tri-State Fair requires show animal validation

The Amarillo Tri-State Fair requires that all animals exhibited by 4-H'ers and FFA members be validated by Aug. 1.

"This is a new rule which will be enforced," said Castro County Extension Agent Benny Martinez. "All lambs and swine which will be exhibited at the fair must be validated by Aug. 1. All animals which have not been validated will not be eligible to show."

Youngsters planning on exhibiting lambs or swine at the Tri-State Fair should contact their ag teacher or Martinez at the Extension Office as soon as possible so they will know how many tags to order.

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By DON TAYLOR



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I'd talk about it everywhere,  
and watch my profits soar.

Don't expect the world to find you  
that's what I would advise.  
If you want to sell your mousetraps  
it still pays to advertise.

It doesn't matter whether you're selling a new mousetrap or last year's widget, promotion still pays. Someone once defined advertising as "truth well told." I like and agree with that definition.

Advertising should be accurate, believable and creative. It should target the audience and point out real benefits to them. Here are some tips to help you increase your advertising effectiveness.

**Try these techniques**

• **Make it "news they can use."** Your ads must be interesting to potential customers. People read, watch and listen to news that interests them. A good ad will make your target customer say, "Hmm, that's interesting."

• **Always make a strong offer.** Effective ads appeal to the reader's self-interest and state your offer in a compelling manner. Strong offers may include: innovative problem solving, clear, understandable benefits, better than usual value and a reward for responding now.

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• **Sell the end result.** Folks don't buy refrigerators; they buy cold milk and safe food storage. Your ad should tell the customer what they get. Every customer wants to know, "What's in it for me?" Show them how you'll solve their problems, make them look better and make them feel more secure.

• **Make your headlines work.** Headlines in print ads should draw the reader in, state your offer, give the reader interesting news, promise a benefit, appeal to the reader's self-interest or some combination of these elements.

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• **Ask for action.** A good ad will encourage a reader to take action. Make it easy to respond by including your address, phone number and "open-for-business" hours.

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

**Big fireworks show planned during TEXAS, June 28-July 4**

The fireworks are big and bright every night at TEXAS, but the patriotic extravaganza at the Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo will be even bigger this year.

Special performances of TEXAS will run from Monday through July 4 and a special Sunday performance will be held on July 4.

The finale fireworks display that concludes each TEXAS performance includes 40 pyrotechnic shells. The displays will be more spectacular than ever during the week prior to July 4 when 140 shells have been designated for each showing between Monday and July 4.

Beneath the colorful splash of fireworks, the TEXAS cast, cos-

tumed in red, white and blue, will perform a specially choreographed number for the holiday celebration. A gigantic American flag will wave in the back stage terrain while horsemen race across carrying the Six Flags of Texas.

The 34<sup>th</sup> season of TEXAS began June 9 and will run through Aug. 21. TEXAS entertains visitors from around the world with an 1880s epic of the settling of the Texas Panhandle in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Singers, actors and dancers perform the story every night except Sundays, although a special showing is held on Sunday, July 4, this year.

For ticket reservations call (806) 655-2181.



A MINI FLASH FLOOD raced across Castro County and surrounding areas Monday, dropping heavy rainfall and flooding many highways in the area. Here, a Texas Dept. of Transportation vehicle warns

approaching traffic that water is over Highway 86 in several spots between Dimmitt and Nazareth. Some areas in the county received up to three inches during the storm.

Photo by Anne Acker

**Turnrow meetings set Tuesday in Dimmitt, Hart, Olton, Spade**

Four cotton and corn turnrow meetings will be held Tuesday in Spade, Olton, Hart and Dimmitt.

The first meeting will be held at 8 a.m. at Spade Co-op Gin in the warehouse. The second will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Olton Ag Pavilion. The next meeting will be at the Hart Co-op Gin, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The final meeting will start at 3:30 p.m. at the main office board room at AgriFarm Industries in Dimmitt.

Topics addressed at the meetings will include "Early Season Boll Weevil Management" by Johnna L. Patterson, who is the Extension Agent for Integrated Pest Management (EA-IPM) in Castro and Lamb

Counties; "Cotton Disease Situations," by Dr. Randy Boman, Extension Cotton Agronomist, and Dr. Harold Kaufman, Extension Plant Pathologist, both of Lubbock; "Alternative Crops," by Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist in Lubbock; and "Corn, Sorghum and Soybean Insect Pests," by Patterson.

Those attending one of the meetings will qualify for two continuing education units (CEU), one covering general topics and the other covering IPM information.

For more information about the meetings, contact Patterson at the Castro County Extension Service office, (806) 647-4115; or Dirk

Aaron, Lamb County Extension Agent, (806) 385-4222.

**Ruined cotton acres may be replaced with sorghum**

Grain sorghum may prove to be an attractive alternative for cotton producers on the Texas High Plains whose cotton crops fell victim to torrential rains and damaging hail in early June.

Flooding rain storms and hail ranging up to baseball size may have ruined between 250,000 and 500,000 acres of cotton in the area, according to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., of Lubbock. The situation has many growers looking at alternative crops with which to replant their fields.

"Although there are many replanting options out there, sorghum may be the best option in many cases," said Dr. Jeff Dahlberg, National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) research director. Dahlberg cited favorable moisture profiles as well as adequate supplies of seed for short to mid-season sorghum varieties.

In addition, grain sorghum can offer other long-term benefits to producers who traditionally grow cotton. Research conducted near Brownfield by Dr. Dan Krieg, agronomist at Texas Tech University, indicates that a crop rotation consisting of grain sorghum and cotton can increase cotton yields the following season by at least 10%. Krieg also has found that rotating sorghum with cotton can have positive impacts on sorghum yields.

Dahlberg's recommendation comes with one caveat. "DuPont has indicated that you can't replant sorghum following applications of the DuPont herbicide Staple which was used in weed control strategies for cotton earlier this season," he said. In these cases, DuPont representatives say producers might con-

sider going back in with STS soybeans or other alternatives.

Dahlberg added that although soil moisture is favorable from a short-term standpoint, grain sorghum's drought tolerant characteristics could prove fruitful later this summer as weather models continue to forecast drought in the long-term.

**Red Cross sets meeting, offers classes**

The Red Cross Chapter has set its Tri-County members' meeting for Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford. Hamburgers will be served.

The Red Cross is offering classes to Castro County volunteers for disaster relief training in case of a disaster. Classes available are disasters, damage assessment, mass care and shelter operations.

Also, the chapter is trying to organize lifeguard courses for anyone interested in becoming a certified lifeguard.

Classes for children called Whale Tales is ready to teach about water safety. Scheduling for this video is available.

Aluminum cans are still being recycled. Bring any cans by the Red Cross Office during office hours.

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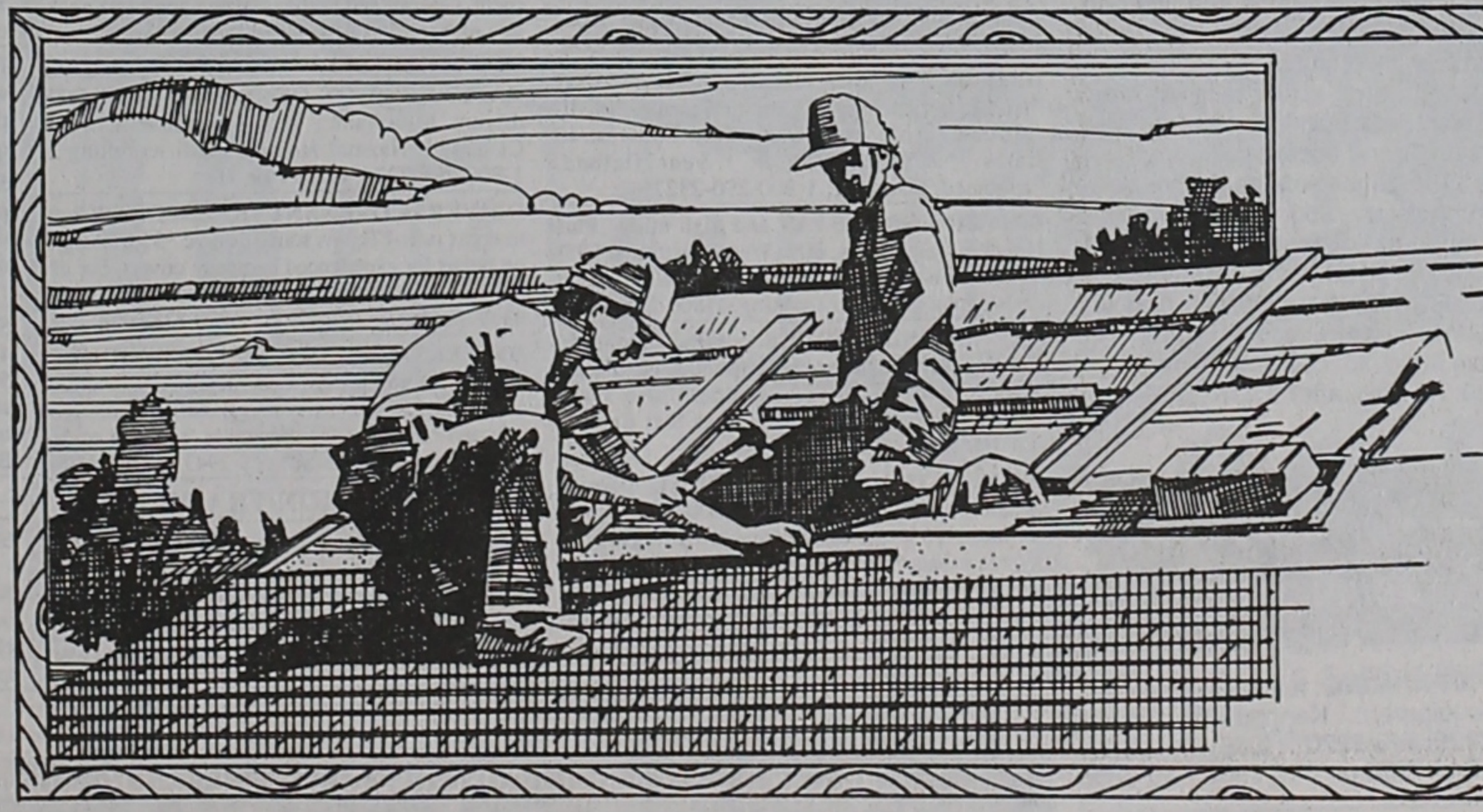
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Proposals must be received no later than 3 p.m. on July 31, 1999, at the Dimmitt Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive formalities.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting proposals on maintenance and janitorial supplies for the 1999-2000 school year.

Proposals will be received until 3 p.m. on July 23, 1999, at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and waive any formalities. 25-12-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids to re-coat the roofs of the courthouse, appraisal office, expo building and re-roof the library.

Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 1999. Bids will be opened on Monday, June 28, 1999, at 10 a.m.

Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge 25-11-2tc

**More about**

**County may be forced to build new jail . . .**

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mittee. "We need the cost of a new jail, the cost of farming excess prisoners out and the costs we'd have if the doors on this jail are shut (because of continued non-compliance) and we have to send them all to other counties."

**Overcrowding problem**

At the time of last Wednesday's meeting, Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said there were 16 inmates housed in the county jail full-time. Four others were on

work-release, and under that program, those individuals are required to spend at least some time in the jail. Three other inmates were being housed out-of-county. Two others were shipped to the Texas Department of Corrections last week.

"The design capacity of your jail is 18 with five varianced bunks," Julian said. "It consists of three separation cells and five multiple occupancy cells with a total capacity of 15 for a total facility capacity of 18," Julian said. "This jail was out of compliance all year long because

your average daily population was 21 prisoners."

"The jail, as it is, is not big enough. You don't have enough room to house all of the people who have broken the law," Julian said.

The number of prisoners in the county jail has exceeded those limits regularly, forcing the county to house several inmates in other counties—at extreme expense.

The county is currently paying \$38 per day, per prisoner, for those who are housed out-of-county. So far this budget year, that has cost the county a minimum of \$34,353.50 and that's just for room and board. The county is also responsible for medical expenses and other basic needs those prisoners may have.

Kenneth Frye, another member of the county's jail committee, asked what the cost is to house one prisoner here, per day. Estimated costs for room and board, staff, etc., are around \$21.50, according to county estimates.

The county also incurs additional expenses because prisoners are housed on two different floors in the courthouse, and that means additional personnel must be on hand to cover each floor.

"Right now, our staff is more than what we would need if we had a single-level facility," Fitzgearld said. "We have enough staff now to run a 48-bed facility and we only have 18 beds. But that doesn't mean that we'd be able to cut down on staff if we were to construct a new

facility, either."

Julian said the Texas Commission on Jail Standards has been working with the county to try and solve current problems for some time now, but no progress has been made. He added that the Jail Commission, at any time, can cap the county's jail population, possibly at 12, and anything over that would have to be

shipped to another facility, at county expense.

"These inspectors are here to keep us out of court," Fitzgearld told those present at the meeting. "It'll only take one \$50 million lawsuit to ruin the county."

"It looks like what it comes down to is one way or another we're going to have to pay," said Smothermon.

**Soaked cotton crop struggles to survive**

Mother Nature continued to send down the blues on area farmers as local cotton growers and ginners joined the group. After Monday's rain, the cotton yield expectations dropped significantly.

"It's still too early to tell. But it isn't gonna be good. Some of the cotton is at zero," said James Norrell of Sunnyside Gin.

A combination of rain and hail destroyed the young cotton throughout the county during June.

"We lost a lot of cotton, probably around several thousand acres," said Jo Parks of Castro Co-op Gin, located south on Highway 385 in Dimmitt.

According to Parks, before the stormy weather, the gin expected 15,000 bales to be brought in, but

now the future looks grim. Jim Bradford of North Gin of Dimmitt, Inc., estimated 75% of his customers' cotton is lost.

"Before the storms, it would have been around 30,000 on a good crop, but now it's less than 10,000," he said.

Rocky Wilhelm of Hart Producers Co-op Gin, said they lost around 7,000 acres and had expected a good crop.

"It looks like 12,000 to 15,000 now," Wilhelm said.

Bradford's analogy summed up the damage. "If 75% of somebody's income was lost, how would it feel?"

"It's bad for the gin, bad for farmers, bad for bankers, bad for everybody," Bradford said.

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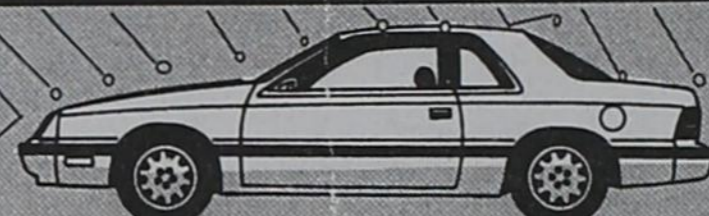
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**Knights sponsor golf tournament**

The Nazareth chapter of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a golf tournament Sunday. Tee time is 8 a.m. at the John Pitman Municipal Course in Hereford. For more information, call Mike Huseman at 945-2366.

**More about**

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**FREE TRIP TO HEAVEN.**  
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*God so loved the world that he did not send a committee*

*Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!*

*When down in the mouth, remember Jonah—he came out all right.*

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Message Inside This Sunday

*Fight truth decay—study the Bible daily*

*How will you spend eternity—smoking or non-smoking?*

*Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives.*

*Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.*

*It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin*

*Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.*

And an ad for St. Joseph's Episcopal Church shows two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed, and a headline that reads: *For fast, fast relief, take two tablets.*

Here are the top 39 things you would NEVER hear a good ol' Southern boy say, no matter how much he's had to drink, no matter how far from the South he has wandered, and no matter how much the skunks might be threatening:

39. "I'll take Shakespeare for 1,000, Alex."
38. "Duct tape won't fix that."
37. "Lisa Marie was lucky to catch Michael."
36. "Come to think of it, I'll have a Heineken."
35. "We don't keep firearms in this house."
34. "Has anybody seen the sideburns trimmer?"
33. "You can't feed that to the dog."
32. "I thought Graceland was tacky."
31. "No kids in the back of the pickup—it's not safe."
30. "Wrasslin's fake."
29. "Honey, did you mail that donation to Greenpeace?"
28. "We're vegetarians."
27. "Do you think her hair is too big?"
26. "I'll have the grapefruit instead of biscuits and gravy."
25. "Honey, do these bonsai trees need watering?"
24. "Who's Richard Petty?"
23. "Give me the small bag of pork rinds."
22. "Dear heads detract from the decor."
21. "Spitting is such a nasty habit."
20. "I just couldn't find a thing at Wal-Mart today."
19. "Trim the fat off that steak."
18. "Cappuccino tastes better than espresso."
17. "The tires on that truck are too big."
16. "I'll have the arugula and ridicchio salad."
15. "I've got it all on a floppy disk."
14. "Unsweetened tea tastes better."
13. "Would you like your fish poached or broiled?"
12. "My fiancée, Paula Jo, is registered at Tiffany's."
11. "I've got two cases of Zima for the Super Bowl."
10. "Little Debbie snack cakes have too many fat grams."
9. "Checkmate."
8. "She's too old to be wearing a bikini."
7. "Does the salad bar have bean sprouts?"
6. "Hey, here's an episode of 'Hee Haw' that we haven't seen."
5. "I don't have a favorite college team."
4. "Be sure to bring my salad dressing on the side."
3. "I believe you cooked those green beans too long."
2. "Those shorts ought to be a little longer, Darla."
- And the number one thing you would NEVER hear a good ol' Southern boy say is:
1. "Elvis who?"

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**Here's how . . .**

Quilting instructor Jean Dean of Midland (second from left) explains a technique to members of the Friendship Quilters' Guild during an all-night quilting party at the Senior Citizens' Center Friday night. Paying rapt attention to her lesson are (clockwise, from left) Claudine Langford, Amelia Barrera, Jean Robb, Bonnie Davis, Donita Vernon and Ina Cleavinger. The women were told to buy their fabric and to pre-cut pieces, but had no idea what the pattern would be until they put their pieces together.



**. . . and here's what**

After the all-night session, Jean Dean shows what the Friendship Guild's new quilts will look like. The pattern is called "In the Pink," and every participant will have a quilt of the same pattern but in different fabrics and colors. "Everyone got their blocks done, which was really good," Dean said after the all-night session.

Photos by Don Nelson

**Obituaries**

**Rita G. Hamby**

Mass of Christian burial for Rita G. Hamby, 77, of Amarillo, will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. in St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church at 4500 Westhills Trail in Amarillo with Rev. Bert Horvath of the church officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery of Amarillo under direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Vigil services were to be held in the funeral home's Brentwood Chapel at 4100 S. Georgia Street at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Hamby died June 21.

She was born in Nazareth. A registered nurse, she graduated from St. Anthony's School of nursing in 1942 and was an industrial nurse in Amarillo. She served as a first lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps in northern France and Germany.

In 1946, she was head nurse on the surgical floor at St. Anthony's Hospital, then was a school nurse. She also was a public health nurse for Potter County. She was a school nurse in Dumas, a nurse for Proctor and Gamble in Amarillo and then was head nurse for Mason and Hanger Corp., from 1957 until her retirement in 1993.

Mrs. Hamby was listed in Who's Who of the Southwest. She was founder, member and program chairperson for the Southwest Occupational Workshop in 1974 and member of the health career commission in Amarillo. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1475, active with the Boy Scouts of America, member of Certified American Board of Occupational Health Nurses, Amarillo Nurses Association, American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Business and Professional Women's Club, the American Defense Preparedness Association and St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church.

She married Pat E. Hamby in 1946. He died in 1990.

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia C. Just of Davie, Fla., and Danette M. Green of Covington, Wash.; her mother, Cecelia Frazier of Amarillo; a sister, Viola Jakim of Lima, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

**Jessie Samaniego**

Services for Jessie P. Samaniego, 33, of Earth, formerly of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday morning at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth with the Rev. Joe Augustine, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

A rosary was recited Tuesday evening at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

Mr. Samaniego was born Dec. 4, 1965, in Dimmitt. He graduated from Springlake-Earth High School and attended South Plains College in Levelland and Amarillo College. He married Belinda Zamora on July 6, 1984, in Littlefield. He had lived most of his life in Earth. He lived in Lubbock for a short while before moving back to Earth in 1995. He was a truck driver for Bell Dairy and Fleming Food. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Samaniego of Earth; four sons, Paul Samaniego, Jeffrey Samaniego, Isaac Samaniego and Aaron Samaniego, all of Earth; two sisters, Maria Padilla of Earth and Anna Crouse of Archer City; three brothers, Juan Manuel Samaniego of El Paso, and Miguel Samaniego and Isael Samaniego, both of Earth.

**Feliciano Sandoval**

Feliciano Belmares Sandoval, 89, of Donna, died June 10 at his home. He was related to several Dimmitt residents.

Funeral services were held June 14 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Donna. Traditional rosaries were recited each night for nine consecutive days. Burial followed at Val Verde Memorial Gardens in Donna. Arrangements were handled by McCaleb Funeral Home of Weslaco.

Mr. Sandoval was born Oct. 20, 1909, in Matehuala, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He moved to the Rio Grande Valley at a very young age and was a member of one of Donna's pioneer families.

He was preceded in death by several brothers including Leandro Sandoval and Leon B. Sandoval, both of Dimmitt, Juan Sandoval of Salinas, Calif., and Jose Sandoval of Georgetown; and a sister, Alifonsa of Georgetown.

Survivors include his wife, Micaela Acevedo Sandoval; eight sons, Genaro Sandoval of Lubbock, Reyes Sandoval and Emigdio Sandoval, both of Dimmitt, Pablo Sandoval, Filogonio A. Sandoval and Dr. Jose T. Sandoval, all of Donna, and Romulo A. Sandoval and Antonio Sandoval, both of Pasadena; five daughters, Martina Rada, Guadalupe Mendoza, Maria E. Montemayor and Gloria Yañez, all of Donna, and Nellie Carillo of Charlesburg, Pa.; his brother, Calistro Sandoval of Dimmitt; three sisters, Maria Elena Alaniz of Donna, Maria Donez of Georgetown and Savina Caranco of Andice; 63 grandchildren; 120 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

His grandsons served as pallbearers and included Albert Sandoval, Pablo Sandoval Jr., Genaro Sandoval Jr., George R. Sandoval, Eddie Sandoval, Orlando J. Sandoval, Romulo T. Sandoval, and Emilio Sandoval Jr.

**Tommy Lee Williams**

Funeral services for Tommy Lee Williams, 74, of Hereford, were held Wednesday afternoon at Gililand-Watson Funeral Home Rose Chapel with Rev. Richard Collins of Faith Mission Church and Rev. L.V. Mays of Hereford officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery.

Mr. Williams died last Thursday. He was born in Mexia and moved to Deaf Smith County in 1970 from Dimmitt. He was a farm laborer.

Survivors include his four nieces, Joyce Brown, Lera Jean Brown, Trudy Brown and Mary Ann Brown, all of Hereford; and four nephews, Leo Brown, Lester Brown Jr., Floyd Brown and Clyde Brown, all of Hereford.

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