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Medicare releases new list of approved Part D drug plans

Enrollment period to begin in Nov.

AUSTIN – The annual enrollment period for Medicare Part D, the prescription drug coverage program, begins Nov. 15, 2006, and ends Dec. 31, 2006. The program is voluntary and can be especially helpful for people who have high prescription drug costs and no drug coverage. Coverage for persons enrolling during the upcoming enrollment period will begin on Jan. 1, 2007.

People currently enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan should carefully review their coverage to ensure that it still meets their needs.

Premiums, copayments and the medications the plan covers may have changed for 2007.

If you decide to switch plans, you will need to enroll in

a new plan during the Nov. 15-Dec. 31, 2006, enrollment period. If you decide that you want to keep your current plan, you do not have to re-enroll.

Medicare has released a list of approved plans for 2007. Additional plans are expected to be added to the list prior to the beginning of the enrollment period.

The best way to review and compare plans is to use the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder available on the Medicare web site at www.medicare.gov.

Some people may find that their current plan has decided to discontinue services.

If that is the case, they will have to select a new plan to maintain their prescription drug coverage, and must enroll in a new plan between Nov. 15, 2006, and Dec. 31, 2006. Consumers should watch their mail for information about any changes.

If a plan decides to discontinue services, it must notify its customers and outline all the available options.

These notices are expected to be mailed during October.

Consumers can get free personalized help at 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227). Services are available 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

In Texas, consumers also can call 1-800-252-9240 and ask to speak with a local benefits counselor in their area. Benefits counselors can provide one-on-one assistance in enrolling in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

Agents and companies who use high-pressure tactics or make misleading statements in order to sell insurance may be violating Medicare and Texas insurance rules. Consumers should document what happened and file a complaint with the plan, 1-800-Medicare, or the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) at 1-800-252-3439.

Also, no one from Medicare will call you. Medicare advises consumers to not give their Social Security numbers or bank account information to any callers.

If you believe you have been the victim of insurance fraud, or attempted fraud, call TDI's Fraud Hot Line, 1-888-327-8818.

Changes are in the air at Plains Memorial Hospital



It won't be long before renovations are complete at Plains Memorial Hospital, according to Linda Rasor, CEO of CCHD. Above, is the front of the hospital, with its new portico entrance to help patients and family members visiting. At left, the Clinic will move into a building connected by a breezeway to the hospital.

"I expect the work to be complete by the middle of January," Rasor said. "The clinic will be the last to move into its new location." And the building is being constructed within the budget set for it. Also being updated in the hospital itself is the nurses station and patients rooms. Metal cabinets that have been in place since 1963 are being replaced. New beds and chairs to make patients and visitors more comfortable have also been purchased, Rasor said. The district is planning an open house as soon as the construction is finished, she said.



Health Fair set for Oct. 17

The annual Castro County Community Health Fair is slated for 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Senior Citizens Center.

"Every year Health Care becomes more important," said Linda Rasor, CEO of the Castro Community Health District. "CCHD is privileged to be able to offer blood pressure screening, cholesterol, diabetes check, glaucoma testing and much more."

The following will be available: flu vaccinations, \$20; pneumonia vaccinations, \$30; TSH test, \$21; PSA test, \$25; HBA1C test, \$10; Glucose test, \$10; Cholesterol panel, \$15.

If you are interested in blood glucose or cholesterol checks, please do not eat or drink anything after midnight.

There will also be free blood pressure checks by Home Health.

In addition, Coffee Memorial will be holding a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. the same day.

Bea Acker will be doing free chair massages. Other information booths will also be available. If you are planning on getting a vaccination, please wear a shortsleeved shirt.

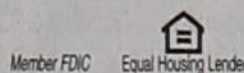
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Forum

Pre-K fails to perform: State's academic defects won't be fixed with expanded, costly program

BY JAMIE STORY

Organizations and lawmakers across the country, and even right here in Texas, are leading the charge for publicly-funded, universal pre-kindergarten.

Last month, "Pre-K Now" held its annual satellite conference, highlighting Texas as a prospective state for expanding pre-K.

Advocates claim universal pre-K will result in increased test scores, lower dropout rates, and students who are better prepared for a global economy. The evidence suggests otherwise.

United States fourth-graders perform well compared to their international peers — including France, whose

fourth-graders trail the United States despite having access to universal preschool. But by the time American students reach high school, they rank near the bottom of all industrialized countries. At the same time, we spend more educating each student than almost any other country in the world.

Our education bureaucracy is spending vast resources

for dismal results. Further expanding this ineffective system to encompass toddlers is the last thing we should do — especially when evidence suggests our focus should be on the upper grades.

Numerous researchers have studied the academic effects of preschool. While some studies have found positive effects for disadvantaged children, these benefits do not apply universally. Only one study has examined the long-term benefits of preschool on non-disadvantaged children. Its conclusion: children in programs not targeted to disadvantaged populations were no better off than those not attending any preschool.

In fact, research has shown preschool can actually hinder social development, especially for children from the poorest families.

In cases where students do benefit, the results are typically short-lived. Researchers at the University of California at Santa Barbara — in the largest-

scale longitudinal research of its kind — found that the academic gains made by children in preschool faded by the third grade.

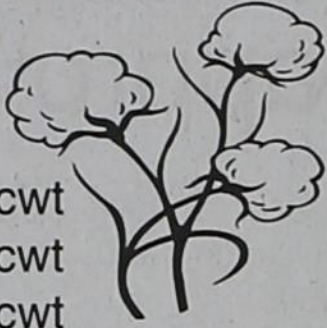
Unfortunately, state legislators in Georgia have learned this the hard way. In the first 10 years of that state's universal pre-K program, taxpayers spent over \$1 billion on the initiative, and overall student test scores failed to improve. In fact, upon kindergarten entry, the scores of students who completed the preschool program were virtually identical to the scores of those who did not. The state's leading education official admitted that the kindergarten non-ready rate was the same, regardless of the resources poured into pre-K.

The country as a whole follows a similar pattern. From 1965 to 2001, four-year-old participation in preschool grew from 16 percent to 66 percent. If preschool were related to academic achievement, one would expect great academic progress over that time period. Instead, student scores on the National

Assessment of Educational Progress remained essentially flat. (Keep in mind that real per-student spending has tripled, teacher salaries have increased, and class sizes have decreased over the same period.)

As Darcy Olsen of the Goldwater Institute writes. "The lack of any apparent relationship between increased enrollment in early education programs and later student achievement suggests more formal early education is unlikely to improve student achievement." Yet Texas currently spends more than half a billion dollars on public pre-K, in addition to federal and private dollars spent on early childhood education.

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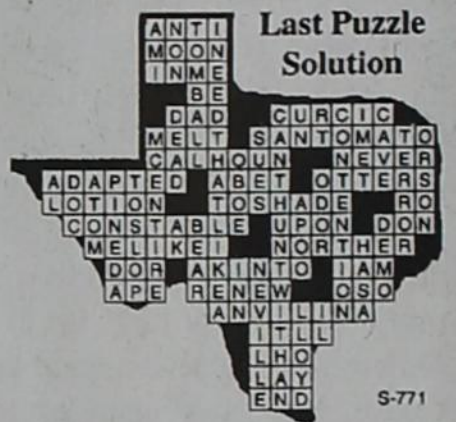
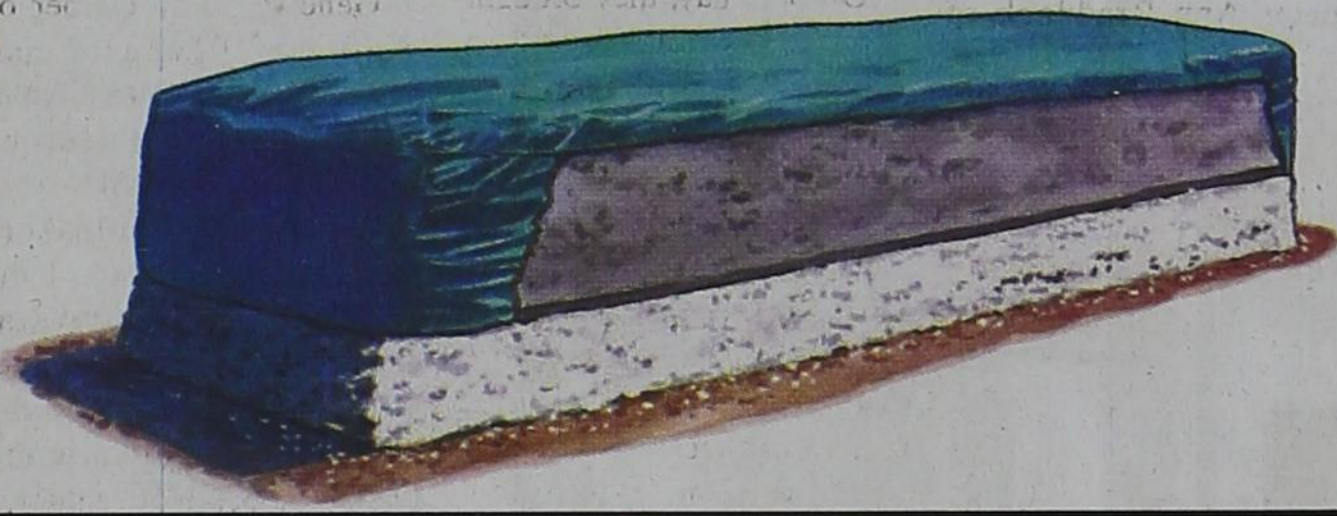
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- Oldham Co. seat
 - Baldwin in "Mini's First Time" with TX Luke Wilson
 - Fort Worth's "Pope Home"
 - TXism: "he sleeps fast"
 - scoring target for the Dallas Stars
 - TX Trini's "If I Had _____"
 - "he's in a _____" (agitated)
 - TX Howard Hughes, Jr.'s first wife Ella was this in Houston
 - state where a lot of TX-born stars now live (abbr.)
 - TX jazzman Thelonious
 - golf course goal
 - TXism: "_____ as oil from a gusher"
 - plant in TX Rolling Plains area
 - TXism: "he's gettin' long _____ the tooth"
 - TX Ginger Rogers character in "Storm Warning"
 - Glen Campbell was a TX Ranger in "True _____"
 - having high moral character
 - TXism: "if I _____ I couldn't stand it"
 - monsters
 - speed limit phrase (2 wds.)
 - first 2 vowels
 - TXism: "she _____ him packing"

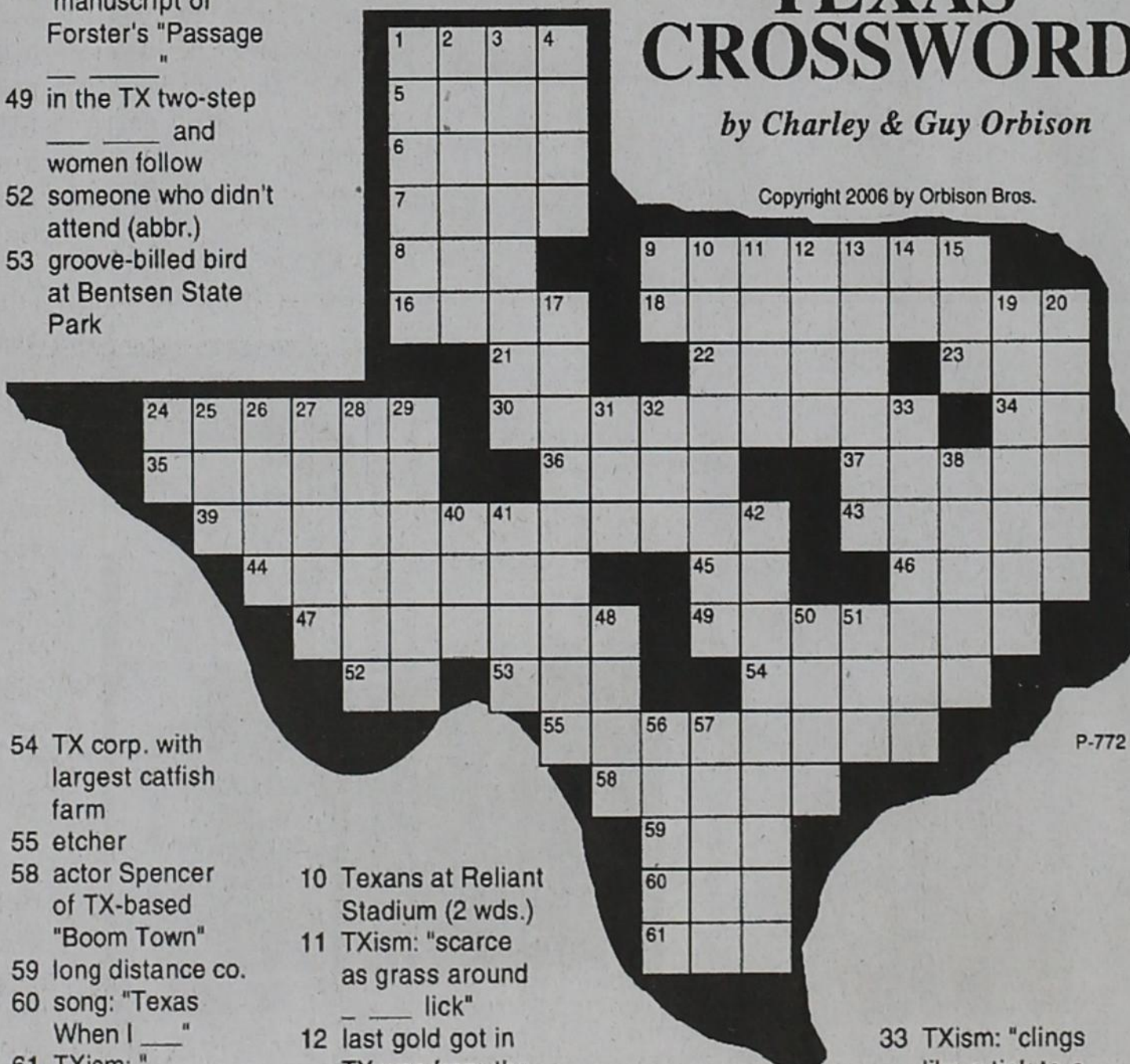
- DOWN**
- this Ritchie died with TX Holly
 - "Houston" was 1st word from Apollo _____ on moon
 - heredity biology
 - TXism: "packed like sardines in _____"
 - TXism: "stubborn _____ a mule"

- The Original**
- UT has original manuscript of Forster's "Passage _____"
 - in the TX two-step _____ and women follow
 - someone who didn't attend (abbr.)
 - groove-billed bird at Bentsen State Park
 - TX corp. with largest cattfish farm
 - etcher
 - actor Spencer of TX-based "Boom Town"
 - long distance co.
 - song: "Texas When I _____"
 - TXism: "_____ buster" (farmer)
 - Texans at Reliant Stadium (2 wds.)
 - TXism: "scarce as grass around _____ lick"
 - last gold got in TX was from the Presidio _____
 - TXism: "it don't _____ never mind"
 - _____ Paso
 - abbr. on Boot Hill gravestone
 - a Valley citrus
 - TXism: "the _____" (last)
 - TX singer Tubb
 - morning abbr.
 - TXism: "_____ bones" (doctor)

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	Tuesday	89	53	
Wednesday	77	51		
Thursday	80	50		
Friday	80	53		
Saturday	81	53		
Sunday	88	46	1.86	
Monday	50	42	.62	
October Rainfall			2.48	
2006 Rainfall			15.34	
2006 Snow			1.00	

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, como estan amigos? Hello, how are you friends. It's hard to believe that another week has gone by and we still don't have our baby boy home with us. To tell you all the truth, it's hard to be cheerful all of the time, but we sure try. Right now our biggest joy is spending time with our little one, even though it's limited. I mentioned last week that my wonderful sister and sisters-in-law are planning a baby show for me, well here are some more details. The shower is being planned for Sunday, Oct. 22, in the backyard of my home at 507 SW 5th in Dimmitt. Like I said before, I don't think Jozavy will be at the shower, but we would like for everyone to join us in his honor and celebrate his coming home (which will be soon!!!). We will have tons of pictures of our big boy and hope to see friends and family there. By the way, Jozavy is doing great. He is all the way up to 6lbs 2oz!!! We can hardly believe it. He has doubled his birth weight. I can't wait to bring my baby home, but in the meanwhile, I hope to see everyone at the baby shower so you can all help me welcome him home. If any of you have any questions about the shower you can contact me at 346-3882 or my sister Elidia at 647-5376.

Jozavy and I would like to wish Josh a very, very Happy Birthday. Daddy Josh will be celebrating his big 32nd birthday on Oct. 16th. I'd like to say thank you to my hubby for being such a wonderful husband and father. He's been so supportive though this whole ordeal and always

manages to keep a smile on his face and make others smile. Jozavy and I would like to wish him the best birthday ever.

I'd like to apologize to my friend Elizabeth (Lisa) Martinez. Last week she sent me some info and I completely forgot to include it in the Hispanic Voice. No lo hice intencionalmente. I didn't do it intentionally. Lisa would like to ask everyone to please keep her cousin, Rudy Alaniz in their prayers. Rudy is going to be deployed to Iraq in the near future and needs everyone's prayers. It's hard to believe how many young men and women from Dimmitt are out there fighting for our freedom. We should all really be thankful to them and ask God to keep them safe.

Happy Birthday to the following people: Shawn Escamilla who will be celebrating his big day on Oct. 18th, Jocelyn Espinoza on Oct. 14th and Chris Fuentes who will celebrate his um, I'd better not say what number, on Oct. 19th.

DHS Honor Roll

Dimmitt High School Honor Roll for the first six weeks:
Freshmen: Clarissa Acavedo, Jeffrey Bishop, Cailee Gilbreath, Dustin Gilbreath, Adriana Marquez, Nuria Marquez, Marissa Guadalupe, Irashema Medrano, Jill Miller, Sierra Monreal, April Munoz, Yareli Olmos, Caleb Penney, Martin Puga, Valerie Quiroz

Happy Birthday to you all, may you all have the best day ever.

Happy late Birthday to Maria Gil who celebrated her big day on Oct. 3rd and Brandon Strite who celebrated his b-day on Oct. 6th. Hope they had a great day.

Local talent, Monica Dozal has moved on to bigger things. She is now attending Amarillo College and is in the AC Choir. Last weekend the choir put on a special show at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens. They performed some really spectacular pieces in different languages. It's good to know that Monica has decided to pursue her talent to sing. I am sure that it will take her far in life.

Bueno, no tengo mas que contarles esta semana. Hello, I don't have anything else to share with you this week.

As always, keep the e-mails coming to angie79027@hotmail.com or 346-3882. Hasta luego. Until later.

Kassi Riddle, Brenda Salas, Keila Schilling, Irene Vera, Miguel Zepeda.
Sophomores: Paul Acker, Mayra Aguilar, Garrett Bridwell, Stephanie Castro, Amanda Denman, Jake Ebeling, Christian Fuentes, Juan Gonzales, Chase Hatla, Sam Hazel, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Heurta, Michael Luse, Devonee Ortiz, Yviana Quiroz, Comelio Salinas, Keshia Smith.
Juniors: Patricia Barrera, Erin Black, Molly Bradford, Emilio Chavez-Fernandez, Henrico Cillie, Michael Cline, Ashley Fleeks, Chauncey Gilbreath, Cynthia Gomez, Gillian Gonzales, Christopher Gregory, Kaden Griffith, Marcus Herrera, Hortencia Lara, Ross Myatt, Daniela Neri, Landon Porsch, Michael Raser, Kamryn Steffens, Kalan Steinle, Dennis Underwood.
Seniors: Gerardo Acevedo, Karla Agüero, Jessica Arguijo, Anna Brockman, Alondra Castillo, Arica Cisneros, Rudy Corrales, Julie Falcon, Maria Flores, Raymond Gonzales, Angelica Padilla, Kyla Riddle, Eloy Javier Salinas, Micaela Salinas, Brandy Stanley, Daniela Zepeda.



MR. AND MRS. STANLEY DYER of Hart were the winners of a raffle held by the Nazareth Swifts baseball team. Proceeds from the raffle go for equipment, according to Coach Ralph Albracht, pictured above with the Dyers. This year they'll purchase pitching equipment. The Dyers got two tickets to fly anywhere that Southwest Airlines fly.

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

Thirty some Senior Citizens gathered at the Center on Sunday evening for fellowship and dinner. A short meeting followed and happy birthday was sung to our October members: Alice Palazzini, Leola Ramaekers, Evelyn Backus, Lawrence Schmucher and Louis Huseman. Everyone then played cards or dominoes of their choice. We thank Louis and Gin Huseman who brought bags of pears to the Center for everyone!

Congratulations to Sister DeChantal Hyland who celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Convent in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

A number of her family attended the event, including her sister Joan and sister-in-law Goldie Hyland of Amarillo, her sister Joyce of Fort Worth and her sister, sister Frances Ann Braddock of Fort Smith.

Also attending were her nieces, the Braddock girls, formerly of Nazareth and now of Louisiana, Charlyn, Kay, Edna, Rose and Lenora. Her nephew Bruce Braddock and wife Lisa, and family of Nazareth.

Others going from Nazareth were former students of Sister DeChantal's in the Nazareth school, Betty Wilhelm, Ed and Leola Ra-

kers, Martlyss Birkenfeld, Mary Beth Gerber and Kim Huseman.

A wonderful Mass was read in her honor at the Convent Chapel in Fort Smith with the nuns from St. Scholastica's monastery and all the visitors in attendance.

Lots of visiting and fellowship followed, with much great food prepared by the nuns at the convent.

Evelyn Backus celebrated her 81st birthday Saturday

with her family, Mike and Camille Albus of Hobbs, NM, Dan and Gail Sams of Wheeler and Gary and Penny Albus of Lubbock. Also, grandchildren Ashley Albus of Austin, Lauren Sams of Lubbock and Landon Sams of Weatherford, OK. Everyone had a very enjoyable visit, enjoyed lots of delicious food, even home made ice cream!

Rose Birkenfeld was honored on her 97th birthday Thursday, Oct. 5 with a party at the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt, with her family, Stevie Dobmeier,

Alverna, Mary Lou and Millie Birkenfeld. Also, Julia Birkenfeld and Evelyn Backus.

On Saturday, they brought Rose to the Legion hall in Nazareth where they celebrated her birthday and their annual Christmas in October with more of their family. Ronnie and Terri Birkenfeld from Colorado, Bryan and Bernice Birkenfeld from Seymore, Tx, Leslie from Oklahoma, joined the families who live in Nazareth, Joe Lynn and Mary Lou, Millie, Stevie and Allan Dobmeier, Julia Birkenfeld and Father Ken Keller. Alverna Schacher of Lazbuddie and many grandchildren. Dale Birkenfeld provided a great rib dinner.

Some of the older Gerber family members gathered at the home of Virgie Gerber Saturday morning, including

Rozena (Gerber) Albracht of Amarillo and her daughters, Shirley, Peggy and Mary. Ginger (Rossie) Gerber and daughter Debby of Amarillo, Frances (Stork) Gerber and daughter Sharon and Jerry (Skarke) Gerber of Umbarger and Alvina Gerber of Nazareth. We enjoyed a great "Pot Luck" meal and lots of visting, pictures and good stories with much laughter. During the afternoon, Regina Hoelting, Bev Hill, and Mary Kleman joined us to visit. All attended evening Mass at Holy Family Church. Some of us then visited with Amy (Gerber) Schmucher who was unable to join us for the day. Rozena and her daughters then spent the night with Christina Hoelting, Rozena's sister-in-law.

Gene & Susie Gerber of Keller and Leonard and Patsy Patton of Odessa spent Sunday afternoon with the Virgie Gerber family.

Gene and Leonard both graduated from W.T. University and after several years, both families ended up in Odessa. They enjoyed being together again at the W.T. Homecoming celebration in Canyon this year.

Remember to pray for our Nazareth Seminarian; Nicholas Gerber, all of our sick people, and those who are serving in our Armed Forces, especially those in Iraq. New ones this week are Marlene Evans (Leah Peacock's mother) and Mary Gerber who is now a resident in Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt.



Castro County Community Health Fair October 17, 2006 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS

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- GLUCOSE test-\$10.00
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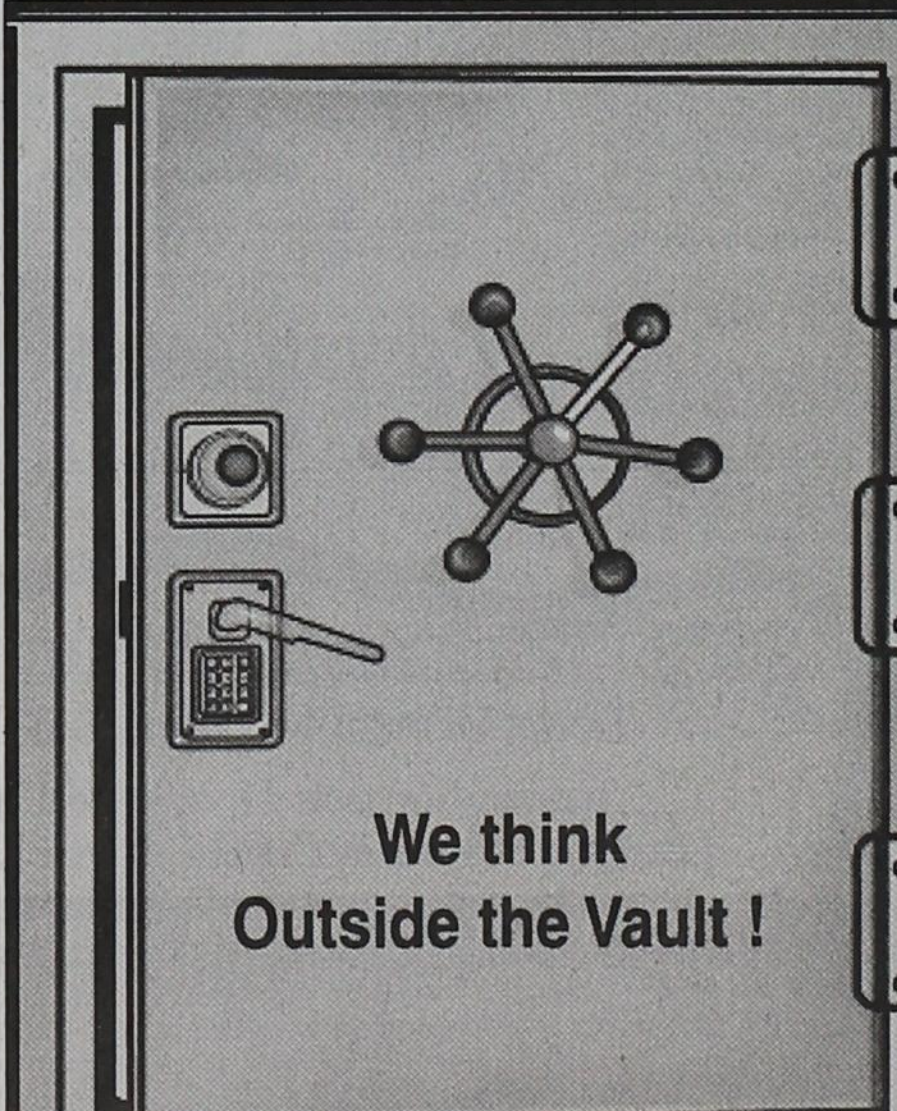
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Community News

Hospital Auxiliary selling raffle tickets

The Castros County Hospital Auxiliary will be selling raffle tickets, two prizes both for \$250 worth of beef at the Health Fair, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2006. The drawing for the winners will be Nov. 17 at the Auxiliary Bazaar. The Castro County Hospital Auxiliary will be selling raffle tickets at the Auxiliary Bazaar and Dinner, set for Nov. 17 at the Expo Building. Get your name in the drawing. The cost of raffle tickets is \$1 for one ticket, \$5 for six tickets.

Democratic Coalition set to meet Oct. 24

The Democratic Coalition will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at K-Bobs. The purpose of the meeting will be a discussion on getting the vote out for the general election, which is Tuesday, Nov. 6. The public is invited to attend.

Drivers License Bureau posts closing times

The Texas Department of Public Safety Drivers License office in Dimmitt will be closed the week Oct. 9-13 as well as Oct. 19-20.

Garcia fund established

A medical fund has been established at Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Dimmitt Branch, for Paola Garcia.

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION General Permit Authorization No. TXG920781

APPLICATION. KENNETH RAYMOND FRYE, 820 Farm-to-Market Road 1057, Hereford, Texas 79045-7137, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy facility at 8,100 total head, of which 4,900 head are milking, in Castro County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on June 12, 2006. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located east of County Road 505A, approximately 1/2 mile south of the intersection of County Road 505A and Ranch Road 2397, in Castro County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the Mackenzie Reservoir in Segment No. 0228 of the Red River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing at the Castro County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 100 East Bedford, Room 101, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

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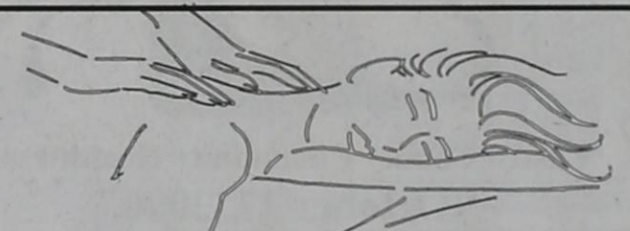
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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brother, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be

in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:6-13

By TRENT TANARO
 Have you ever wanted something that you know you can not have? Or wanted something right now that you know you must wait for?

Everyday I see examples of this: from my dog who looks out the front door longing to chase the cat down the street, my son wanting a toy at the store that I know he does not need at his age, my wife who would give anything for a good nights sleep or a huge

helping of chocolate cake, or myself wanting my second son to be born now so I can hold him.

We all have those little wishes or wants in our lives, but we have to learn to be content and thankful for what God has given us.

Take the time to count your blessings.

Write all of your blessings down on a sheet of paper and then take the time to get down on your knees and thank your loving father in heaven for all of the things he has given you. Remember every good and perfect gift comes from heaven. Striving to be content.

Trent Tanaro is the Youth Minister at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.

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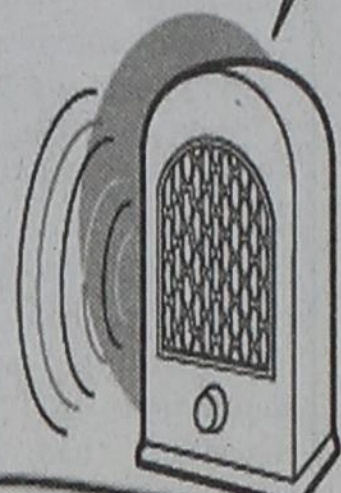
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Obituaries

JEROME THOMAS CASLER

On October 3, 2006, our beloved father, Jerome Thomas Casler Jr., went Home to be with His Lord and Savior.

Born October 13, 1921, near Mooringsport, La., Jerome was the son of Jerome Thomas Casler Sr. and Nellie Stephenson Casler.

He passed away peacefully in Weatherford, Texas, where he lived for 48 years.

J. T., as he was known to family and friends, grew up during the Great Depression in the Texas Panhandle communities of Flagg, Arney and Dimmitt. At the age of 10, he read the entire set of the Books of Knowledge, which began his lifelong quest for knowledge. His passion for learning, and his admonition to "get an education," had a great influence on his whole family.

After graduating from Dimmitt High School, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps.

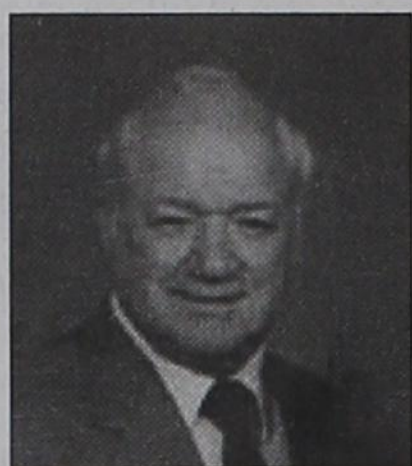
When his father died a year later, J.T., then 18 years old, became the leader and provider for his mother and eight brothers and sisters.

J.T. soon journeyed to Baltimore, Maryland, where he was trained to be a First-Class Ship-fitter, and also met his future wife, Alpha Bowman.

Many friends called him "Tex" or "Mr. Texas."

As the provider for his family, J.T. had been exempted from the draft, however, in 1944, he was finally able to take his place among the other brave soldiers of the United States Army during World War II.

He married Alpha Bowman on Oct. 19, 1944, two weeks before he was shipped overseas to Europe for two years.



Jerome T. Casler

J.T. became a soldier in the 7th Army, 44th Division Infantry, 324th Infantry Regiment, assigned to 3rd Battalion, Headquarters C, A&P (Ammunition & Pioneer) Platoon.

As the automatic rifleman for his unit, he carried a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) and became "point man," taking the lead in many dangerous situations.

He also had the responsibility of carrying two Bangalore torpedoes (portable explosives), and thus acquired a new nickname, "Bangalore."

He served his country with honor and courage in Italy, France and Germany, and received his honorable discharge in 1946.

Back in civilian life, J. T. pursued a variety of entrepreneurial endeavors, and attended college at TCU before going to work for General Dynamics Corporation in Fort Worth, Texas.

Because of his intelligence and perseverance, he moved from working on the "line," to become tech writer, tech editor, and finally Senior Engineer.

During his time at GD he worked on the B-52 Bomber, B-58 Bomber, F-111, and F-16, among others. He also became the writer and director of promotional videos for the Air Force and Army, writing, directing and producing videos for the maintenance of the F-16. After 35 years of service,

J.T. retired from General Dynamics in 1985. Beginning in 1971, he and his wife, Alpha, also owned and operated Westside Washateria in Weatherford, TX., which is still family owned and operated today.

During his life, J.T. was a strong Christian and a charter member of Calvary United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School for 47 years, was a lay leader, and Chairman of the Board. His "Story of the Christmas Tree" was an annual tradition that continued until he was 83 years old.

He enjoyed his membership in the Great Books Society, and was accepted into The International Order of MENSA, an organization recognizing the top 2 percent of world intelligence.

He loved to read, to laugh, and to work on his farm. He enjoyed reading the Sunday paper comics aloud to his family, and also loved to read aloud, in his deep gravelly voice, his own poems as well as classic fiery poetry such as "Horatius at the Bridge," "Invictus," and "The Highwayman."

He was a natural born teacher, wordsmith, and true Storyteller. He was a punster extraordinaire and everyone loved his jokes and puns. His children will fondly remember his "bedtime stories," and especially the character of J. Bolivar Thudd, (who didn't believe in fairies.)

Telling stories about the "old days" was a passion of J.T.'s.

His family laughed and cried over tales from his Army days, and life during the Great Depression. In the last year of his life, J.T. wrote his memoirs of the time he spent in the Army during World War II, which

he self-published as *HEART OF A RIFLEMAN*.

He is survived by his three daughters, Jewell Casler Dean (Tommy) of Boise, Idaho; Cassie Casler Measures of Weatherford, Texas; Treasa Casler Mallory (Bill) of Wimberley, TX.; grandchildren: Jason Dean (LaNea); Julie Dean O'Brien (Daniel) of Boise, Idaho; Erin Mallory Burns (Blake) and Jordan Mallory of Wimberley; Heather Mallory Davis (Thomas) of San Marcos; Margaret Measures of Weatherford; great-grandchildren: Callie, Cody, and Corban Dean; Jacob, Jeffrey and Danny O'Brien, all of Boise, Idaho; and Mackenzie Burns of Wimberley. He is also survived by his brothers Spencer, Burleigh, Travis (Diane), and Velton (Murley) Casler; his sister, Myrna Casler Choate (W.D.), his brother-in-law, (like a brother) Loran Thomas; his former wife, Marceline Perry, and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Alpha Mae Bowman Casler, his mother and father, his brothers, Lynn and Boyce Casler, and his sister, Faye Casler Thomas.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, October 7, 2006, at Calvary United Methodist Church, 210 Garner Road, Weatherford, TX. Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Home facilitated the service, to be officiated by the Reverend Rod Corder and the Reverend Kerry Patton. The family received visitors Friday, October 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Home and one hour before the services at the church.

Gravesite services were held afterward at the Pavilion in Memory Gardens on the Mineral Wells Highway.

THOMAS WILLIAM WEST

Funeral services for Thomas William West, 87, of Dimmitt were at Colonial Funeral Home Chapel in Dimmitt Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006 with the Rev. David Denman officiating. Burial was at West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Mr. West was born April 11, 1919, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Calvin Gray West and Willie Justin (Williams) West. He did many things in his life, including being a government surveyor, a soldier, laborer, truck driver and he retired from farming. He served in the U.S. Army from January 1941 to October 1943. He was stationed at Fort Bliss. He was with the First Calvary and his unit was one of the last to have horses before they retired them.

The mother of his children was Inez Mac (Sullivan) Vanlandingham, who preceded him in death in June of this year. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Leatha Pearl West; a son, Thomas Calvin West; two grandsons, Billy Johnson and Russell West; brothers and sisters, Bernice (West) Johnson, Burl West,



Thomas William West

Ardenia (West) Essby, Roy West and Ed West.

He is survived by his children, Carl and Bobbie (West) Hurst of Okmulgee, Okla., Jean West, JoAnn West and Susan Worley, all of Kaufman; and Richard and Peggy West of Dimmitt; brothers and sisters, Ethel (West) Schneider of Hampden, Conn., Jim West of Hereford, Cleo West, Georgia Lee (West) Boaz and Margie (West) Moore, all of Phoenix, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren.



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MYRTLE LEE

Services for Myrtle Lee, 92, of Hart, were Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at Church of Christ Church in Hart with Aaron Lee officiating. Burial was at Home Cemetery in Maverick on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Lee died Oct. 8, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born Jan. 15, 1914, in Maverick. She married Lorenza "Red" Lee on Dec. 22, 1939, in Ballinger.

Mrs. Lee has lived in the Hart area since 1953. She was a homemaker and a member of the Hart Church of Christ. She attended Abilene Christian College and West Texas Teachers College. She taught school in Maverick and Whitharral.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosemary and Charles Taylor of Wolfforth; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Annie Lois Carolton of Maverick.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lorenza "Red" Lee on Oct. 10, 1994; a son, Larry Lee on Oct. 13, 1997; her parents, J.W. and Josie Borders; two brothers and one sister.

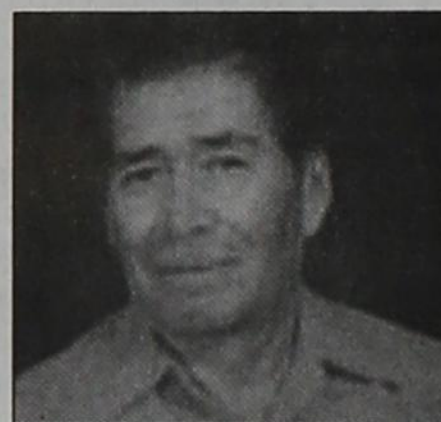
ERASMO 'EDDIE' DOMINGUEZ

Erasmus "Eddie" Dominguez Sr., 61, of Dimmitt, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at Tascosa Road Fellowship Church with Pastor Jay Robinson officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Erasmus Dominguez Sr. was born on July 13, 1945, in Raymondsville, to Enrique Dominguez Sr. and Conrada Dominguez. He lived in Dimmitt most of his life and retired from Cerastar in 2000. He married Juanita Garcia in Dimmitt. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Juanita Dominguez of Dimmitt; three sons, Hilbert Dominguez of Amarillo, Rey Dominguez and wife Lynn of Amarillo and Erasmo Dominguez Jr. of Dimmitt; five daughters,



Erasmus 'Eddie' Dominguez

Dora Dominguez of Amarillo, Diane Gonzales and husband Ernest of Amarillo, Donna Sosa and husband Ramiro of Seguin, Lisa Mendoza and husband Oscar of Amarillo and Delia Dominguez of Kermit; his mother, Conrada Dominguez of Hereford; one brother, Enrique Dominguez Jr. of Hereford; two sisters, Corina Mata of Plainview and Elida Frye of Hereford; 28 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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SYLVIA STRASKULIC

Sylvia Straskulic, 87, formerly of Dimmitt, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006. Services will be at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 at Memorial Park Cemetery East Mausoleum with Dr. Hal Rogers officiating.

She was born in Cordell, Okla. to Elmer and Mabel Rice Jackson. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and served in the Army as a WAC during World War II.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George Straskulic; sons, Joe and Johnny Straskulic; brother, Wayne Jackson; and sister, Aurieal Roach. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ann Straskulic and



Sylvia Straskulic

Anita Seiderman; 2 sons, Eugene Straskulic, and George Straskulic, Jr.; 1 sister, Olivevine Steinmentz, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

KATHERINE ELIZABETH BOWDEN BEECHER

Services for Katherine Elizabeth Bowden Beecher, 90, of Munday, were Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at First Baptist Church, Munday. Burial was at Johnson Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include two

daughters, Jo Beecher Prather and husband Dan Prather and Beth Beecher

McLendon; a brother, Ber Bowden; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Beecher died Sept. 25, 2006 in Irving. She was born May 28, 1916 and was a 1932 graduate of Munday High School. She married Edgar Beecher on Dec. 29, 1922. She and her husband farmed in Dimmitt for 33 years. She was a member



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Bobcats fall to Tulia

Will prepare for Muleshoe on Oct. 20

Although the Bobcats came out on the short end of a 53-18 score Friday against Tulia, Coach Joe Cabezuela said he saw some positive things, especially in the second half, when the team regrouped and changed strategy.

"I liked the way they started moving the ball," he said. "We made some changes in the second half, went back on the field and started moving the ball."

He said he expected Tulia to be a tough team.

His biggest disappointment of the night was defense. With a week off before meeting Muleshoe on the 20th, he said there was work for his team.

"We've got to shore up the defense," he said. "Some of the runners just got away from us and made some long runs. We weren't ready for their speed. We're just going to have to work on our defense and get to where we need to be."

However, he said the players worked hard and never got down throughout the game.

"Afterward we just told them to keep their heads up," Cabezuela said. "We wanted this win, but now we need to beat Muleshoe or Friona to stay in the district race."

A week off from playing will help the team get ready for the Muleshoe matchup, he said.

"We're going to get ready for the Mules," he said. "In our game with Tulia, turnovers really got us early. On the positive side, we're healthy."

"Most of all, I'd like to thank the fans for staying with us. The fans were with us in Friona and we really appreciated the fact that they were with us the whole game."

"Even the players noticed how loyal the fans were to us throughout the game and they were what helped us stay in the game."

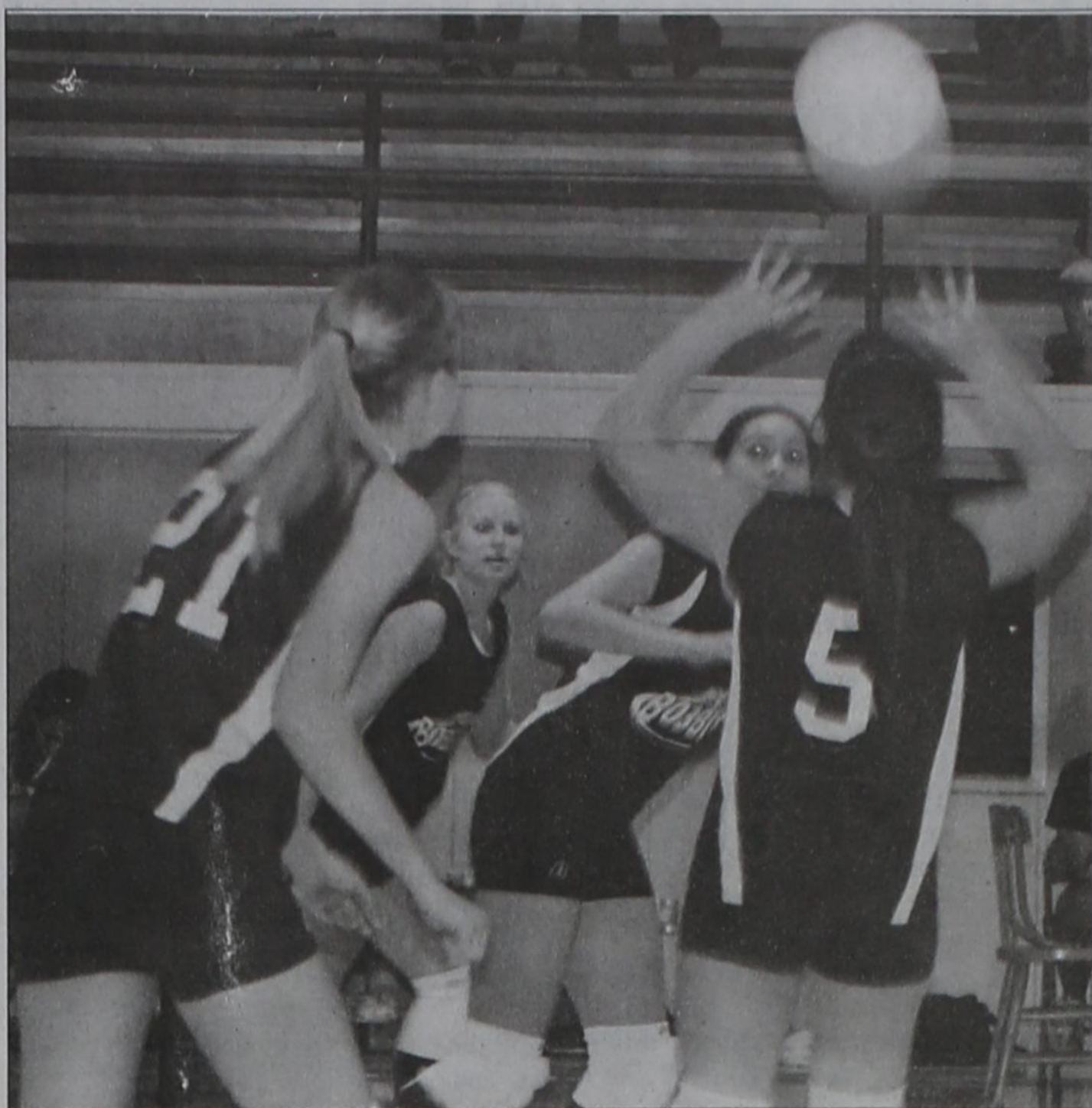


Photo by Connie Gilbreath
Above, Dimmitt's Brandy Smith sets the ball for Molly Bradford with Chelsea Buckley and Valerie Quiroz also in the play.



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Bobbies defeat Tulia in district game

The Dimmitt Bobbies fell to Childress, but defeated Tulia recently.

In the Childress game, the Bobbies lost, 25-17, 25-23, 25-21 and 17-25, making the team 8-12 overall and 0-1 in district play.

Against Childress, Brandy Smith had 8 aces, 29 assists and 10 digs; Janae Denman had 2 aces and 5 digs, Liz Hill had 2 kills and 4 blocks, Chelsea Buckley had 2 kills, 5 aces and 3 digs; Valerie Quiroz had 5 kills, 2 aces, 7 blocks, and 2 digs; Lana Reinart had 6 digs; Molly

Bradford had 6 kills, 1 block and 3 digs while Dani Neri had 6 kills, 3 aces and 9 digs.

In the Tulia game on Oct. 2, Dimmitt won, 31-29, 28-26, 18-25 and 25-15, giving them a 9-12 overall record and making them 1-1 in District.

Standouts on the varsity in the Tulia game included Smith, 1 kill, 2 aces, 44 assists and 11 digs; Denman, 3 aces, 2 digs;

Hill, 1 kill, 4 blocks; Buckley, 7 kills, 5 aces, 1 block and 11 digs; Reinart 13 digs; Bradford, 6 kills, 3 aces, 1 block, 31 assists; Neri, 5 kills, 2 aces and 7 digs; and Quiroz, 3 kills, 2 aces, 6 blocks and 1 dig.

In addition, the JV fell both to Childress and Tulia. In the Childress game, it was 21-11 and 25-19. Against Tulia, the scores were 27-25 and 25-10.

Above, Dimmitt's Alex Chavira catches a pass against Tulia. At left, Kaden Griffitt blocks a Tulia punt.



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Dimmitt Football Varsity

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Oct. 13	Open	
Oct. 20	Muleshoe	7:30 HM
Oct. 29	Bushland	7:00 AW
Nov. 2	Friona	7:30 HM
Nov. 10	River Road	7:30 AW

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Swifts prepare for Springlake-Earth

After a week off, the Nazareth Swifts are ready to take on Springlake-Earth in their first district game of the season. The game will be at 7:30 p.m., Friday, in Nazareth as the Swifts take their 5-0 record on the field.

Coach Ricky Peacock said that Springlake-Earth is a team that has gotten better with every game.

"Their won-lost record doesn't show it, but by watching them on film and scouting them early in the year, they've improved a lot."

His big question is what a week off has done to the Swifts.

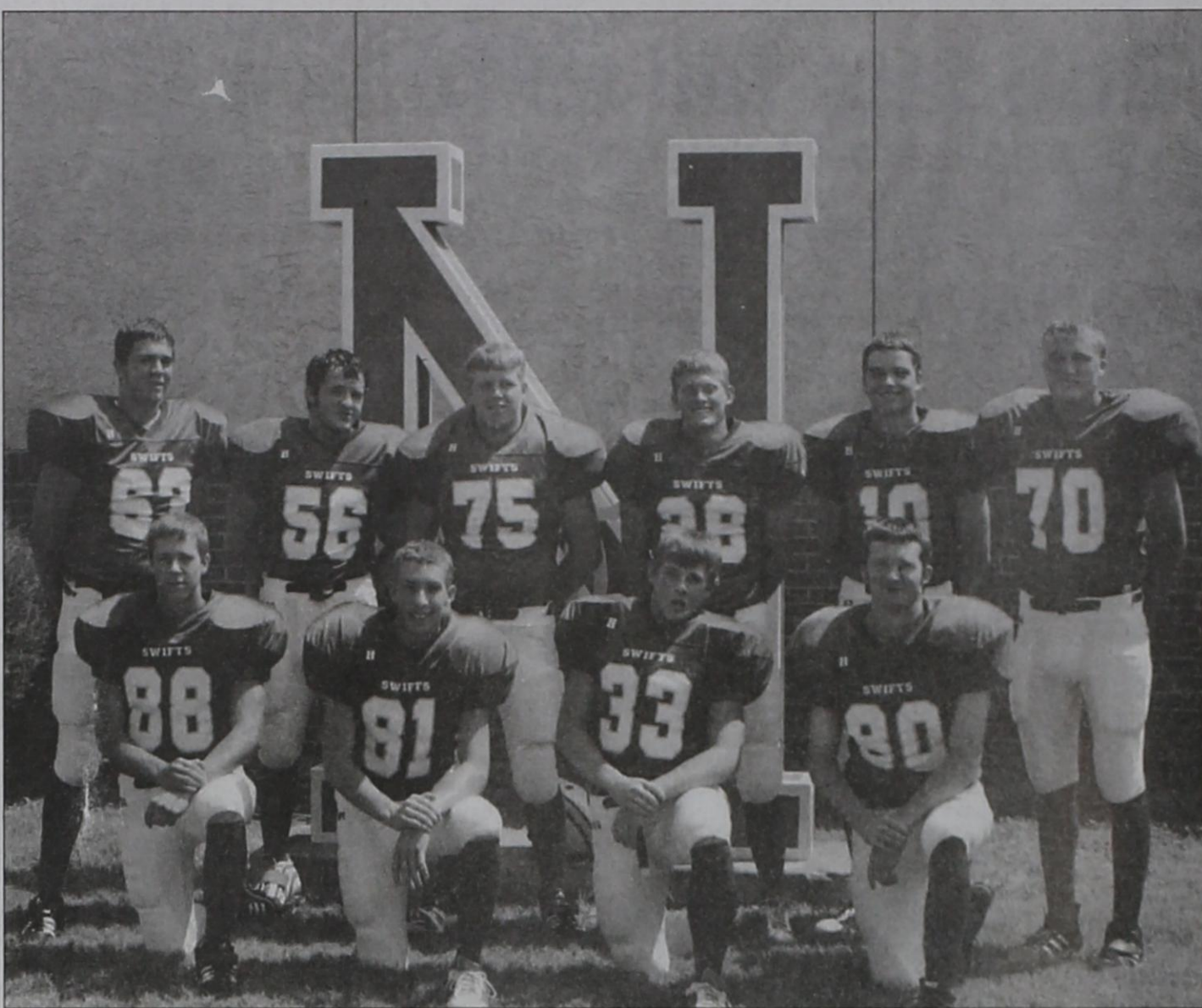
"We looking forward to a good contest for home," he said. "We're just hoping that we don't have to many lapses after two weeks off."

"You're always worried about getting a little stale and not playing quite as well when you're not playing every week."

The workouts have been pretty good, he said. "Last week was pretty light without a contest, no hitting on anything," Peacock said. "But we're getting back to the normal routine this week, trying to get our focus back where it should be."

With only four district games, you can't let down for a moment, he said.

"We can't have any slipups this time of the year," Peacock said. "We're ready to get started and get to playing. We have no injuries, so we're pretty healthy right now. We're just ready to get the second season started."



Nazareth Seniors

The Swifts have lots of seniors to guide the newer players as they start district play on Friday. With only four games in district, each game is a must-win.

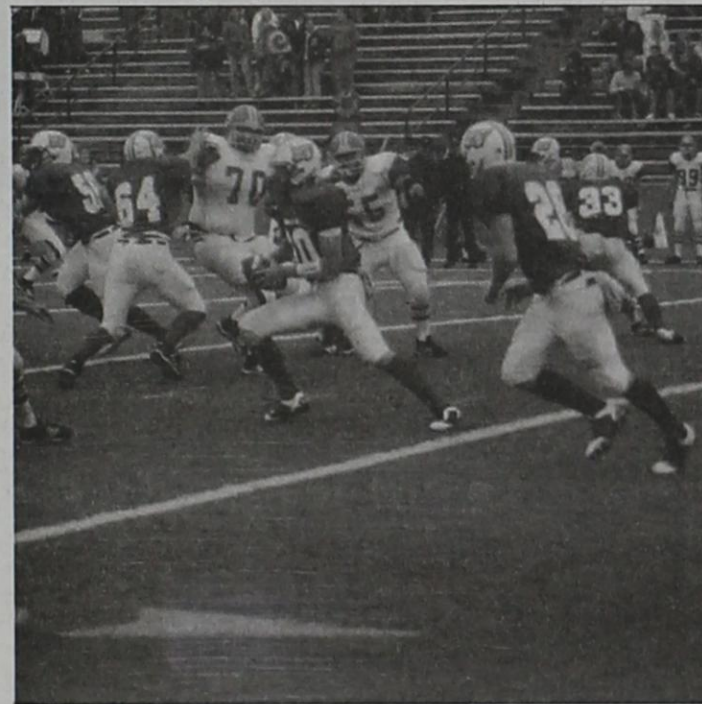
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Above, No. 33, Chase Black breaks loose for a run against Sunray early in the season. Below, quarterback Dustin Schulte looks to handoff before the Sunray team knows what's going on.



NISD Menus

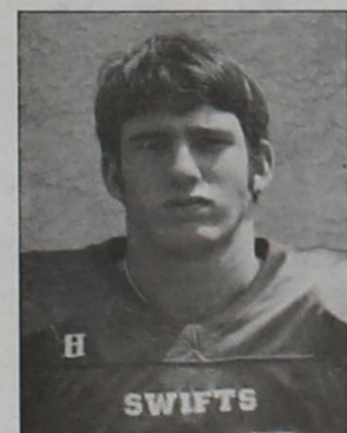
Friday: Breakfast - Cheese omelette, sausage pattie, cereal. Lunch - Corn dogs, chicken strips, cauliflower and broccoli salad, rice, peaches, strawberry shortcake.

Monday: Breakfast - Blueberry muffins, cereal. Lunch - Steak fingers, pizza, tossed salad, peas, pears, gingerbread.

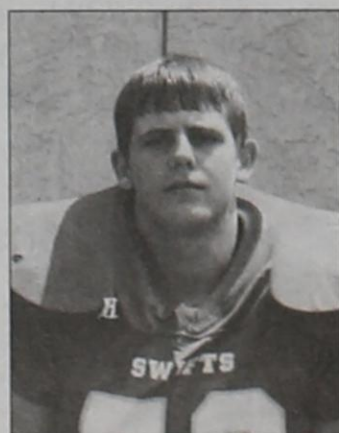
Tuesday: Breakfast - French toast sticks, sausage pattie, cereal. Lunch - Enchiladas, chef salad, tossed salad, blackeyed peas, pears, s'mores.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch - Chicken taco casserole, pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter bars.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cinnamon tasters, cereal. Lunch - Hamburgers, chicken sandwich, french fries, lettuce, squash, grapes, ranger cookies.



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Nazareth Swifts Football Schedule

Opponent	Site	Date	Time
New Deal (Scrimmage)	A	8/24	4:00
Sunray	Amarillo	9/2	12:00
Kickoff Classic			
Morton	A	9/8	7:30
Vega **	H	9/15	7:30
Memphis	A	9/22	7:30
Anton	A	9/29	7:30
OPEN		10/6	
Springlake-Earth*	H	10/13	7:30
Sudan*	A	10/20	7:30
Bovina*	H	10/27	7:30
Hart*	H	11/3	7:30
Farwell*	A	11/10	7:30

* = District Games ** = Homecoming

--- Junior High Schedule ---

Hart	H	9/14	5:00
OPEN		9/21	
Anton	H	9/28	5:00
Bovina	H	10/5	5:00

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Go SWIFTS!!!



Obituaries

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TED STUBBLEFIELD

Funeral services for Ted Stubblefield, 78, of Dimmitt, were Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt with the Rev. Tom Mullins of Abundant Life Family Church in Dimmitt officiating. Burial was at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Mr. Stubblefield died Oct. 3, 2006, at Triumph Hospital in Amarillo. He was born Nov. 16, 1927, in Dill City, Okla. He married Sylvia Choate on Aug. 13, 1967, in Amarillo.

Mr. Stubblefield moved to Dimmitt in 1970 from Pampa. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a member of the Masons and a life member of the VFW. He served as Commander of the Dimmitt VFW Post No. 8056 in 1994-95 and 1995-96. He also served as District Commander for District No. 13 and District No. 9.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Stubblefield of Dimmitt; three sons, Tommy Stubblefield of San Antonio, Joe Stubblefield of Mesa, Ariz., and Thomas Davis of Abernathy; three daughters, Kathy Ott of San Antonio, Linda Frautschi of Von Ormy, Cindy Gayle of Houston; 15 children; 20 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Jo Ann Henderson of Elk City, Okla., Vonnell Lacey of Mid West City, Okla., and Pat Washuta of Arlington; two brothers, Troy Stubblefield of Tuscola and Terry Stubblefield of Ovalo, Texas.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, the Kidney Foundation or a favorite charity.

School Menus

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Friday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage, cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, ham sandwich, potato puffs, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrot sticks.
 Monday: Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, cereal. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, wheat bread, tossed salad, wheat bread, tossed salad, carrot sticks, dill pickles.
 Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast, cereal. Lunch - Sloppy Joe on a bun, corn dogs, potato puffs, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrot sticks.
 Wednesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, hot dog on a bun, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrot sticks.
 Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast sticks, cereal. Lunch - Taco salad, beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrot sticks.

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Bids will be opened the first Commissioner's Court meeting in November 2006.

Bids should be submitted to the Sheriff's Office by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 10, 2006.

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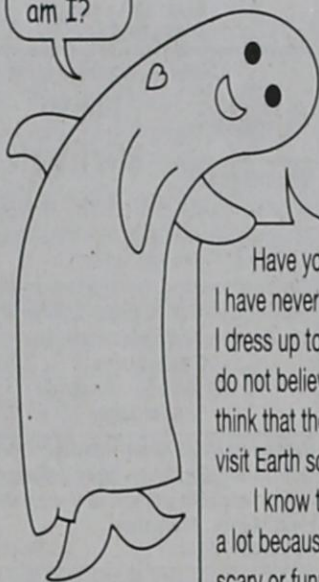
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Can you find him?



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Whoooo am I?



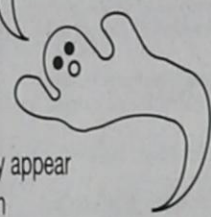
Have you ever seen a ghost?
I have never seen one, except when I dress up to look like one. Some people do not believe in ghosts at all. Others think that the spirits of dead people do visit Earth sometimes.
I know that we think about ghosts a lot because we put them in the many scary or funny stories that we tell at sea or we share around a campfire. I like ghosts in books and movies. How about you?

Why Might Ghosts Come?

People have never really proven whether ghosts do or do not exist. Here are some of the reasons why ghosts are believed by some people to come back to visit:

1. to trouble people
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6. because they are stuck in time - they appear at the same spot over and over again

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Famous Ghosts!

Match the names below to their description:

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 1. Ghostbusters | A. A tall tale in which the man hears voices of ghosts, or does he? |
| 2. Casper | B. Lovable ghost in young children's picture books. |
| 3. A Christmas Carol | C. People track down and get rid of ghosts in this movie. |
| 4. George | D. The friendly ghost in cartoons, comics and movies. |
| 5. McBroom's Ghost | E. Scrooge travels with the ghosts of the past, present and future. |

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- Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwartz
- The Best Ghost Stories Ever edited by Christopher Krovatin
- The House With a Clock in its Walls by John Bellairs

What are ghosts like? What can ghosts do? Below are some characteristics that writers, artists and storytellers give to ghosts in their books, movies and tales.

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|------------|----------|--------|
| reflection | date | haunt |
| speechless | walls | short |
| invisible | floating | animal |
| appears | tricks | night |

Read the clues! Can you fill in the puzzle?

Ghosts:

1. are seen mostly this dark time of day
2. can't be seen in mirrors; they have no _____
3. can become _____; can see things through them
4. may be moving, held up in the air
5. can suddenly be seen; one just _____
6. play pranks
7. may not talk
8. _____ houses or graveyards
9. only stay for a _____ time
10. appear on a special _____ or at a place
11. may look like a real person or _____
12. can walk through _____ doors, etc.

I have to **disappear** now. I have a very busy schedule. Let's see:
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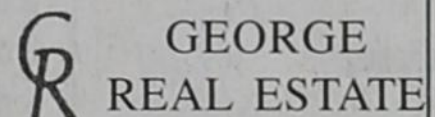
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An Open Letter to the Residents of Dimmitt and Castro County

My name is Dr. Adam Jackanicz, and I am one of the veterinarians at Dairy Veterinary Management Services, LLC. Considering that no one from the Castro County News has contacted us in the past few weeks, I feel compelled to write this letter to let you know our side of the story. Please excuse any typos, as I am still digging out the knives that some of your fellow residents have recently stuck in my back.

To give you a brief background on ourselves, Jennifer and I both graduated with our Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees in 2001. Jennifer received her DVM from the University of Florida, and I from the University of Illinois. We met and were married while practicing dairy-exclusive medicine in Tulare, CA. Since 2001, we have had the pleasure and privilege of working with some of the world's premiere dairy families in California, Idaho, Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, New Mexico and Texas.

Our practice is strictly ambulatory, meaning that we travel to the dairy facility to provide services. This results in us frequently being on the road, and an office location is merely a place to re-stock vehicles and perform the routine office-work associated with running a small business. Actual location of the office has no bearing on our business outside of varying our driving times. When Krystal Nelson of Scott Land Company showed us around town, we liked what we saw, and decided to bring our business here. Since that time, one year ago last month, we have purchased our office building at 101 Front Street from the Castro County Hospital District, the small home adjacent to the office, and the home with 5.5 lots located behind the hospital at 302 Locust Street. In the last year we have spent well over \$150,000 on real estate in Dimmitt. In the last year, we have also spent over \$70,000 with other Dimmitt vendors for fuel, supplies, repairs, utilities, renovations, donations and taxes. We did not ask for, nor did we receive any sort of financial incentives, grants, or tax breaks for coming to Dimmitt. Over \$200,000 spent in 1 year, and all we've asked from the town is to be left alone to make a living.

Now the explanation for having "cattle in our yard." Part of our business involves providing embryo transfer (ET) services for clients. To make a long story short, ET allows producers to take embryos from superior animals and place them in less desirable animals, thus allowing them to improve the genetic status of their herds more rapidly. The offspring resulting from ET represent a significant expenditure of money and effort. As a result, some of these producers prefer to have their ET animals raised individually, so as not to have them "lost" in the large numbers sometimes kept at commercial calf raisers.

We have been keeping a small number of these bottle calves on the 4 empty lots our practice owns between Wheat and Locust streets. We have never kept more than 8 calves at any one time, and none of the calves have ever been larger than 300 lbs. Once the calves reach weaning age/weight, they are returned to their respective heifer-raising programs. Again, no more than 8 calves, no larger than 300 lbs, and spread over 4 empty grass lots that are at the very northern edge of the city limit.

Please keep in mind that NO ONE has ever come to Jennifer or me to state that they had a problem with the location of the calves. We first became aware of a "complaint" a couple of months ago, via a notice from animal control. At that time, we met with Mayor Collins, who assured us not to worry about the notice. He told us that he would speak with the City Council, and see if the complaint could be satisfied. We informed him then that we would be happy to apply and pay for any code variances, special use permits, etc. that would be necessary for VETERINARIANS to keep client animals for short periods of time. We also informed him that as a significant part of our business, if the calves had to leave Dimmitt, we would also be forced to leave Dimmitt. He again stated that the town wanted us to stay and not to worry about the issue.

In August, Mayor Collins asked me to meet with the City Council, as "people" were still complaining about the calves. Again, NO ONE has come to us to say they had a problem with the calves. I met with the City Council in Executive Session, along with Linda Rasor of CCHD. Mr. Bill Potts, Council member and my NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, recused himself of the meeting. I explained the situation with the calves to the Council with Ms. Rasor present. I informed the council that we would be open to paying for special use permits, inspections by animal control, and guarantee that we would never have more than 8 calves weighing more than 300 pounds at any given time. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Collins stated that I would need to proceed with a formal zoning variance, and asked if I would be interested in pursuing this avenue. I informed Mr. Collins, the Council, Ms. Rasor and Mr. Jack Edwards that I would like to proceed with the variance, but did not know how to go about it. I was informed by Mr. Collins that "we'll take care of it." I greeted Mr. Potts and exchanged pleasantries on my way out of City Hall — he never mentioned the calves.

On the way out of the meeting, I asked Ms. Rasor point-blank if she or the hospital had any problems with the calves. She told me she didn't personally have a problem, and her only concern was about Texas Department of Health codes and the proximity to the hospital. I told her that we understood her concerns. I also specifically stated that if she discovered that the calves would jeopardize the hospital in any way that she should let us know so that we might be able to work out the problem.

We heard nothing more from the Mayor or the City Council, and assumed that they were proceeding with the formal variance. NO ONE from the City Council, the City Manager, the Mayor, or any other position "in the know" told us that we needed to fill out a form and pay an application fee to proceed with a formal variance. That would have been useful information.

At the beginning of September, I received a phone call from Mr. Collins stating that I SHOULD NOT proceed with a formal variance, because there is "no way that it will pass the City Council." It was after his call that we began the process of selling all of our Dimmitt property, and began searching for locations in Hereford/Deaf Smith County.

That's when the lying and backstabbing REALLY began.

When the Chamber of Commerce members approached the City Council at the September 18th council meeting, I was informed that most Council members acted like they had no idea of what was happening. I've also been informed that the Mayor attempted to dissuade certain individuals from showing up to the meeting to voice their dissatisfaction. I'll remind everyone that this has been going on for months, and that I had met with the City Council in executive session, with Linda Rasor and Jack Edwards present. I had also informed the Mayor, City Manager, and several other members of the Dimmitt community that if the calves had to leave that our business would have to relocate. This information was not new.

We were never offered property by the Mayor. His recent quote in the paper stated, "We've offered them land in a couple of places where they could keep the cattle, but we haven't received a response." This is a complete lie. We were informed that there were several properties for sale around Dimmitt. None of these properties are suitable for our needs and he was informed as such. This fits nicely with the lies we were told earlier about his "efforts" to "take care of the problem." Paul Wayland approached us AFTER the October 2nd City Council meeting, offering to build a new office on City property next to the Pioneer Lab. He and the Mayor were told by me personally that their offer would be unacceptable for our planned growth in the coming years.

We were certainly surprised to find out that a petition was circulated against us. Even more surprising was that Castro County Hospital District CEO Linda Rasor used CCHD letterhead and was the first signature on the petition. I'm glad to know that Linda is a "woman of her word," after I asked her to let me know personally if she or the hospital had a problem. I wonder if the Board of Directors is against the variance or just Linda? Most professional organizations I have worked with would take issue with their letterhead being used for petitions.

Another surprise was the fact that the petition was circulated by Bill Potts, City Council member, and again, our next door neighbor. Neither Bill, nor his wife Sandra, ever came to us to resolve this conflict. For that matter, they never let us know that they were the people that had the conflict. Instead, Mr. Potts chose to use his Council position instead of working with us directly. Apparently, when Bill Potts was quoted in the paper as saying, "I've tried to handle this quietly, to let the system work, but it's failed and I feel like we've waited long enough," he meant that it would be handled quietly in closed-door Council meetings. I guess for people like him, quiet means using his seat on the Council instead of talking to a new neighbor. These private meetings and trading of personal favors must be the "system" he claims has "failed." I consider this a shameful abuse of a political position. I found out that he was the main complainant by reading the October 5th Castro County News. Bill, did the system fail because you didn't get your way, or did it fail because it has come to light in a public forum? I guess no political position is too small to be corrupt.

I walked next door to discuss the issue with the Potts. I told Bill that I thought it rude to use the Council rather than speak with us. Sandra Potts rather smugly informed me that, "Dimmitt is very cliquish, and perhaps you should have checked into that before you moved here." At this point, I couldn't agree with you more, and I can't wait to get out of this county.

Jennifer and I have lived in enough different places to know that no matter where you go, there will be narrow-minded jerks and liars. Unfortunately, here in Dimmitt, the aforementioned are the "clique" in charge. After only 1 year, we've had enough, and will be taking our business north to Hereford. Our relationships in the dairy industry range from coast to coast. I will not be able to give a favorable review of Dimmitt when asked about our experience doing business here.

To the many good people of Dimmitt that have supported us and will be remaining here: if you don't want your town to dry up and blow away, you need to take action. Get involved. Question your current leadership and replace those that won't make your community better. Continued acceptance of the status quo will certainly spell Dimmitt's economic death.

IF YOU AGREE WITH THE PETITIONERS, CONGRATULATIONS! WE "OUTSIDERS" AND OUR VETERINARY PRACTICE WILL SOON BE LEAVING YOUR TOWN. YOU MAY BEGIN COMPLAINING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.

FOR EVERYONE ELSE, LISTED BELOW ARE THE LETTERHEAD, WORDING, SIGNATURES, AND ADDRESSES PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Castro County Healthcare
310 W. Halsell, PO Box 278, Dimmitt, TX 79027
806-647-2191 fax 806-647-2282

"We request that livestock being kept at 302 West Locust and adjacent lots be removed and that a variance to the City Ordinance be denied by the Variance Committee and the City Council."

LINDA RASOR
ROLLO D. NICHOLSON 304 WHEAT
LILLY NICHOLSON 304 WHEAT
RAUL BARRIOS 610 NW 3RD
BILL POTTS 300 LOCUST
SANDRA POTTS 300 LOCUST
WRIGHT AND POTTS PROPERTIES – BY SANDRA POTTS
JOE WRIGHT
PABLO (cannot read last name)
810 NW 3RD DIMMITT, TX

What's the Law?

Q. I am behind in my rent. I hope to be able to pay in a few days. My landlord said if I do not pay tomorrow he will lock me out and then throw my property in the street. Is this legal?

A. Tenants have to pay rent, and if they do not they can be evicted. But a landlord does not have the right to just lock you out or put your property in the street. Under the law, a landlord has the right to change the lock on your door when you are late paying rent, but he must make a key available to you 24 hours a day. In other words, the landlord cannot deny you the right to enter your apartment. The landlord also has no right to just put your property in the street. The landlord may evict you, but to do this he must file a legal proceeding in justice court. After that he must get a court order directing the constable to evict you. This process usually takes several weeks. My guess is that the landlord is just trying to scare you into paying sooner. I suggest you let the landlord know you know your legal rights and that you will be able pay in a short time. You cannot stop him from filing a proceeding to evict you but my guess is that once he knows you know your rights he will wait for the rent.

Q. I want to be cremated after I die. I also would like my ashes destroyed. I am concerned that my family will not follow my wishes. What can I do to be sure that my remains are disposed of the way I want?

A. Texas law permits a person to direct, in writing, how his or her remains should be disposed of following death. You may do this in your will or in a separate document. You also have the right to designate an agent to carry out your wishes. This is the best way to ensure that your remains are handled in the manner that you desire. If you do not leave directions for the disposition of your remains, the law determines who makes the decision. In most cases it is the surviving spouse, the children, if there is no spouse.

Q. How long do I have to pay child support? I just got divorced and my children are nine and ten years old.

A. In most cases, the divorce decree will state when your obligation to pay support ends. For example, it may say that support stops at the age of eighteen or the completion of the child's education, which comes last. If the decree says nothing, support generally ends when the child reaches the age of eighteen. The length of time may be extended by a court if the child is enrolled in a high school program.

Legal Notices

Name: Becky Munoz

Address: 309 NE 8th

Legal Description: Addition OTD Bk 3 Lots 2

In accordance with City Ordinance 386 Abatement of Nuisance on the aforementioned property in the City of Dimmitt will be performed on November 20, 2006. The City of Dimmitt will be placing a lien on this property.

Karen Hutson
Code Enforcement
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Name: Simon & Mary Jane Ledesma

Address: 403 and 405 NE 6th

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DISD Calendar

Thursday, October 12

Football: JV - OPEN
7th & 8th - OPEN

Friday, October 13

Football: Bobcats OPEN

Saturday, October 14

Cross-Country @ Canyon High School
Volleyball: JV & Varsity - Here - vs Highland Park & Memphis

Monday, October 16

DMS Spirit Week
Volleyball: 7th & 8th vs Littlefield - Here - 5:30

Tuesday, October 17

DHS - FCCLA Leadership Workshop - 4:00 - 7:00
Cross-Country: Jr. High District Meet @ Friona
Volleyball: JV & Varsity vs Tulia - Here - 5:30

Wednesday, October 18

DMS Library - Teen Read Week

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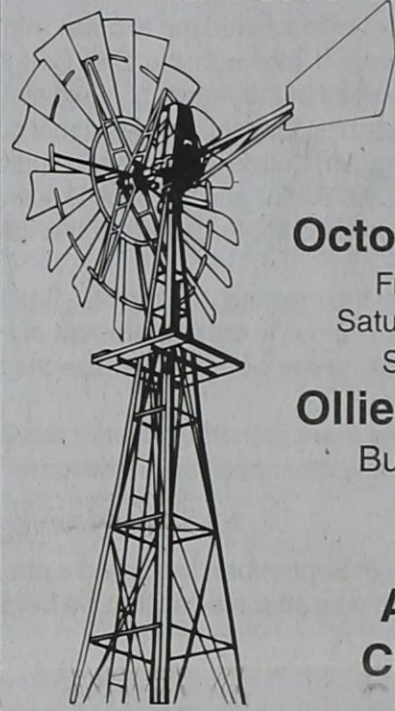
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