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## Two DHS students die in accident

Dimmitt High School was a quiet, somber scene Monday morning as students mourned the loss of two friends and classmates, 17-year-old Stacy Saenz and 16-year-old Casey Villanueva, and prayed for quick recoveries for eight others.

Saenz and Villanueva were killed and another eight DHS students were injured early Sunday morning in a one-vehicle accident south of Dimmitt.

The students reportedly were returning to Dimmitt after meeting at "The Forest," a wooded area in the country which has served as a teenage hangout for years.

The teenagers were riding in a 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by 17-year-old Jake Laurent.

According to reports, the pickup was traveling north on County Road 511 at a speed in excess of 95 miles per hour when it struck a utility pole. The fatal accident occurred about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

Two of those injured walked more than five miles to the nearest farm house to seek help. The accident was reported around 5:30 a.m., and units from the Dept. of Public Safety, Castro County Sheriff's Dept., Castro County EMS and Dimmitt Fire Dept., responded to the scene.

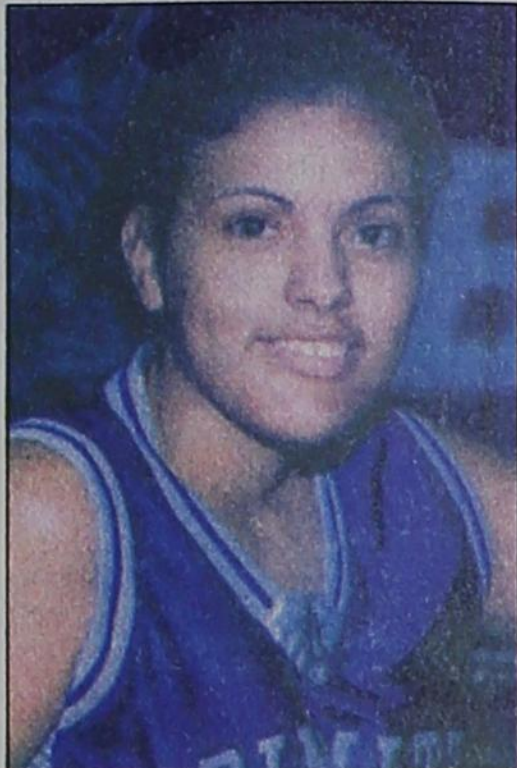
"We believe there was a dip in the road and when the pickup hit that dip at the high rate of speed, the driver immediately lost control," said Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Keith Smith.

The pickup crossed a ditch and slid sideways into a utility pole which held three transformers. The impact broke the power pole in half.

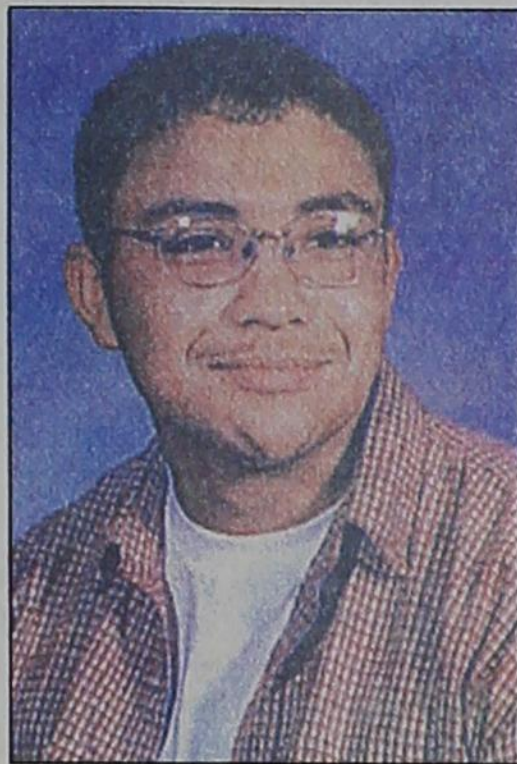
Smith said after it hit the pole, the pickup spun around several times, but it never rolled.

Upon impact, Laurent and eight other passengers, including six riding in the bed, were ejected. Saenz was trapped inside the pickup. Villanueva had been riding in the back. No one was wearing a safety belt, and alcohol was a contributing factor, Trooper Smith said.

Saenz and Villanueva died instantly. Autopsies on the two will be



Stacy Saenz



Casey Villanueva

and third degree burns and "serious bruising" of his feet. Sais was one of those riding in the bed of the pickup.

Others injured included Laurent, Clayton Eby, 17, who was riding in the front by the right side door; Kenneth Worsham, 16, who was in the front, riding in the middle; and Matthew Gauna, 17, Anthony Oltivero, 19, Lupe Cisneros, 17, and Juan Gonzales, 18, all of whom were riding in the cargo bed.

Eby suffered head injuries and was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He has been upgraded from critical to serious condition.

Gauna was suffering from chest and abdominal injuries, including a collapsed lung, when he was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He was later transferred to Covenant Medical Center. He was listed in serious condition.

Laurent suffered a head injury and was taken to Covenant Medical Center. He was released Tuesday.

Worsham was treated at Plains Memorial Hospital for a fracture, then was transferred to Covenant Medical Center for further treatment. He also has been released.

Cisneros, Oltivero and Gonzales were all treated for minor injuries at Plains Memorial Hospital, and were released Monday.

Funeral services for Villanueva and Saenz will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium with Father Fern Couture, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt, officiating.

Villanueva was a junior at DHS and played football, was a member of the power lifting team, competed in track and field, and participated in FFA.

Saenz, a senior at DHS, was a member of the Bobbies' basketball team. She was a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students and played AAU basketball during the summer.



FATAL ACCIDENT SCENE—Two Dimmitt High School students died and eight others were injured early Sunday morning when this pickup went out of control and struck a utility pole south of Dimmitt.

Casey Villanueva and Stacy Saenz died at the scene and the other eight were treated at area hospitals. Three students remained hospitalized Wednesday.

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## Students struggle to deal with loss of two classmates

Dimmitt High School students are expressing anger and grief as they struggle to deal with the loss of two schoolmates, Stacy Saenz and Casey Villanueva, who were killed in a one-vehicle accident Sunday.

Ten DHS students were riding in a pickup traveling at a high rate of speed when the driver, Jake Laurent, lost control of the vehicle and it struck a power pole. Six of the students were riding in the bed of the pickup. Nine of the 10 were ejected from the vehicle while Saenz was trapped inside.

Villanueva and Saenz died at the scene. The other eight passengers were hurt, some critically. They included Clay Eby, Matthew Gauna, Andy Sias, Laurent, Anthony Oltivero, Juan Gonzales, Lupe Cisneros and Kenneth Worsham.

The accident scene is now marked by a bouquet of flowers, placed there in memory of Villanueva and Saenz.

Saenz, a senior, was a 6-0 post player on the Bobbies' basketball team and she was nominated to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Villanueva was a junior who was on the varsity football, power lifting and track teams.

"Both of these students will be greatly missed by everyone," said DHS Counselor Sue Summers. "Their loss leaves a big void in the school. You could count on both of them for active participation in their classes and they were both punctual."

"Stacy was very active on our girls' basketball team—she was a vital part of the team. I know the girls were very close to her. She was a good student and she seldom missed a day of school. She was very



DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR Sue Summers is consoled by Bro. Howard Rhodes of the First Baptist Church on Monday morning after two DHS students, Casey Villanueva and Stacy Saenz, were killed in a one-vehicle accident. Counselors and clergy members were on hand throughout the day Monday to help students deal with their grief.

Photo by Micah Pohlmeier

outgoing and had such a sweet smile," Summers said.

"Casey was always very quiet around me. He was cooperative and sweet. He had a good relationship with all of his peers. He also was a

good student and made good grades," Summers said.

Dimmitt ISD Supt. Les Miller said he was notified of the accident about

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## Dimmitt, Hart schools improve TEA ratings

The Texas Education Agency's (TEA) ratings have been announced recently.

Nazareth continues to have an exemplary rating while Dimmitt and Hart schools have moved up in the TEA ratings this year.

Both schools have moved from an acceptable rating to a recognized rating.

An exemplary rating is given when the school has 90 percent of the student body in each student group pass all sections of the TAAS test, a 94 percent attendance rate, and a 1 percent or less dropout rate.

Nazareth Superintendent N. Dean Johnson is pleased with NISD's continued exemplary rating.

"I'm very proud of the work that

the teachers and students have done and of the support we get from the community," Johnson said.

"I'm also very proud of the fact that we have earned this rating five years in a row," Johnson said.

He hopes they will continue to maintain the exemplary status through the hard work of the students

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## Local farmers share \$9 million in supplemental ag payments

Castro County farmers shared in more than \$9 million in supplemental payments under an agricultural economic assistance package approved recently by Congress and President George W. Bush.

"We paid \$9,082,165 to county

farmers last week," said Trish Elliott, executive director of the Castro County Farm Services Agency (FSA). "Payments were issued to farmers last Wednesday (Aug. 15) and by the next day, the direct deposits were arriving in the farmers' accounts."

The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) issued more than \$5 billion in supplemental payments to about 1.4 million producers across the country as a result of President Bush

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## 4-H awards banquet is planned on Monday

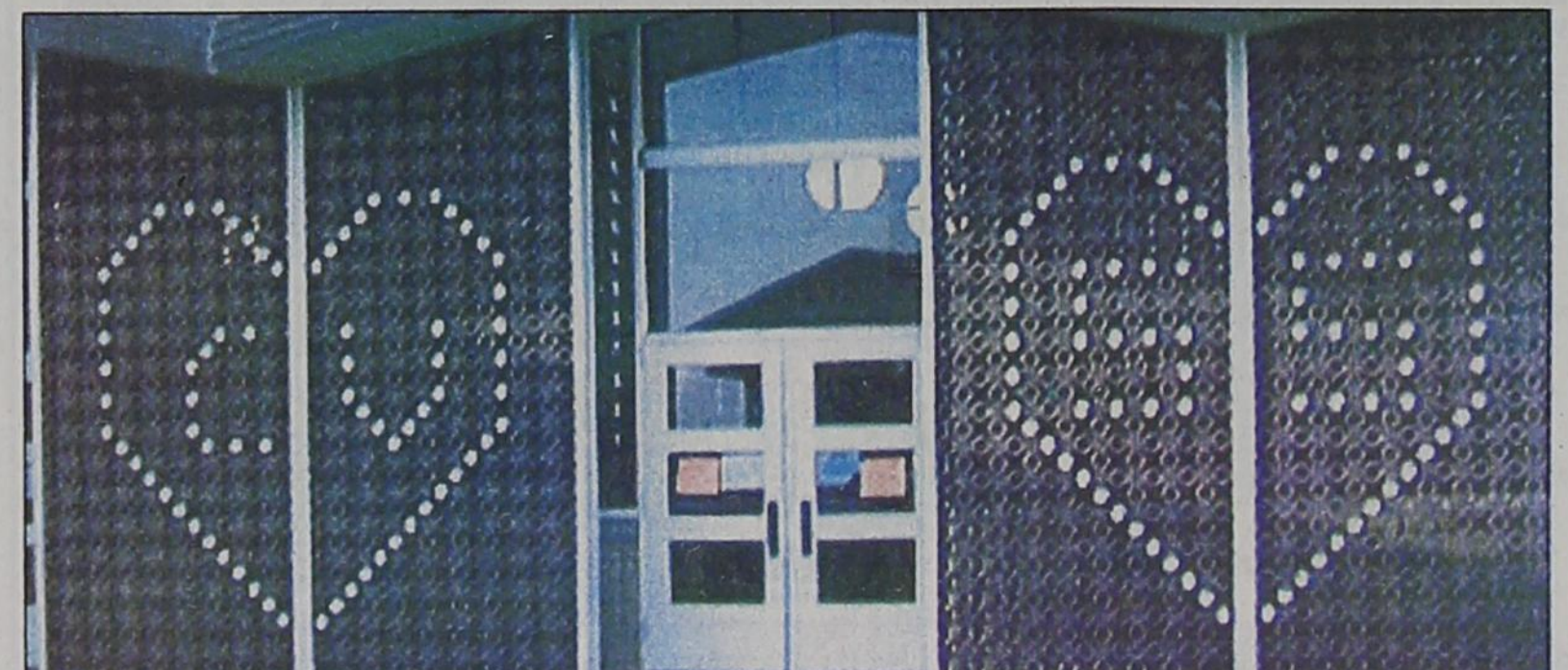
Castro County 4-H'ers will be recognized in a big way Monday night, as they accept awards for district and state honors and other accomplishments.

The annual 4-H achievement banquet will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. Theme for the banquet will be "Castro County 4-H'ers are One in a Million."

The theme relates to Texas 4-H's record enrollment of 1.2 million during the 2000-01 year.

"We have had a very successful year in Castro County 4-H," said Suzanne Gibbs, 4-H Extension agent. "We have had several district winners and state qualifiers in events as diverse as 'Share the Fun' and 'Horse.'" In addition, we have had one record book winner and proudly claim the state president, Jeremy Bishop."

Call the Extension office at 647-4115 for more information or if you plan to attend the banquet.



IN MEMORY OF STACY AND CASEY—Dimmitt High School students used styrofoam cups to form hearts in memory of their schoolmates, Casey

Villanueva and Stacy Saenz, who died in a one-vehicle accident Sunday morning. The memorial is on the wall in front of Dimmitt High School.

Photo by Micah Pohlmeier

### Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	86	59	
Friday	89	59	0.02
Saturday	89	59	0.01
Sunday	91	64	
Monday	95	60	
Tuesday	95	62	
Wednesday	93	64	0.06

August Moisture ..... 1.38  
2001 Moisture ..... 15.19



# Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



## Editorial

# Our community mourns

Today we bury two of our young people, and we wonder why they had to die.

Stacy Saenz was a pretty girl of 17 with a zest for life, a Dimmitt High School senior, a Who's Who student, a basketball player who could make things happen at the post.

Casey Villanueva was a pleasant youth of 16, an athlete who was feeling the thrill and promise of a new football season, the youngest of five children in a family that already had suffered the death of his older sister.

They were good kids. They were *our* kids, in a way that small-town people understand.

We grieve for their families. And we pray for Andy Sais, Clay Eby and Matthew Gauna, who are still hospitalized with serious injuries.

And we hurt along with the families of Anthony Oliviero, Lupe Cisneros, Jake Laurent, Kenneth Worsham and Juan Gonzales, who were lucky enough to escape Sunday morning's tragic accident with their lives.

The accident, with four teenagers in the cab and six in the bed of a pickup racing along a dirt road at 95+ mph at 2:30 a.m., was senseless—of course. That goes without saying.

Let the person who never did a dumb or dangerous thing as a teenager be the first to pass judgment. This tragedy happened, and we have to live with it.

The Dimmitt High School faculty set an admirable example for the rest of us with the professional and sympathetic manner in which they responded to the

tragedy, by having grief counselors on hand and an organized plan in place Monday morning to help the students work through their shock and grief.

Anger is one of the first phases of the grief process. And in their anger, some of the victims' schoolmates lashed out at school officials, parents and law enforcement officers for not preventing youngsters from going to "the Forest" to party, or from drinking and driving.

Those statements should have been allowed to bounce off of the walls. But some of them found their way into print in a regional daily newspaper and were hurtful to many—especially to the law enforcement officers who had to sort out the tragedy on that lonely road in the middle of the night, and who wished with all their might that there could have been some way that they could have prevented it.

This accident was not necessarily the result of poor parenting, poor law enforcement or a town that provides its kids with "nothing to do." Ultimately, youths have to be accountable for their actions.

Somewhere down the emotional road, we can consider parenting seminars, or a teen club, or youth encounter sessions, or other programs that might help prevent such a tragedy in the future.

For right now, we need to support each other, honor our dead, let our grief run its course, and refrain from finger-pointing.

# 1:1

By Don Nelson

In my final two issues as editor and publisher of the *News*, I'm going to share some memories—especially of the last 35 years which I have devoted professionally to our little corner of the world.

Please indulge an old guy who grew up here and who loves our county, our towns and our people.

When I moved here from Arizona in August 1966 to become the editor of this newspaper, I was coming home.

It was something I had thought I wouldn't do.

I had spent a year here after college—until I was drafted into military service—but then had decided that it would be better for me to test my wings elsewhere.

But circumstances, family ties and 2½ children can have a way of adjusting your attitude.

We enjoyed our life in the magnificent state of Arizona, but I had been unsuccessful in trying to buy a community newspaper of my own there, and I was getting awfully tired of working for the other guy.

And, too, there was the promise I had made to my brother, Bascom, years earlier when he left Dimmitt to make a new life on the Gulf Coast with the brush-cutter he had invented. I had told him that if the family newspaper were to have a crisis, I would come home and at least see it through.

It was Dad's health that precipitated the crisis. He needed surgery—two or three surgeries, in fact—and couldn't put them off much longer. And he was afraid that if it took too long for him to recover, or if he didn't make it, the family could lose the newspaper.

A newspaper publisher is something that most towns have only one of, and no one else in town knows how to do the job.

So I came home. It wasn't that hard a decision. Despite Tom Wolfe's famous premise, you *can* go home again when home is a town like Dimmitt.

I was on a dead-end street in Arizona, and things were really beginning to pop in Dimmitt. The Dimmitt Wheat Growers co-op had just an-

nounced its plans to build a multi-million-dollar grain milling plant here. The vegetable and cattle-feeding industries were booming. Dimmitt was ushering in a whole new era of growth in the mid-1960s, and it was exciting.

We have always had the kind of people here who weren't afraid to dream of what could be, or afraid to get their knuckles dirty turning those dreams into realities.

I was 9 years old when my Dad bought the *News* from T. A. Singer and Pete Whitlow and our family moved here from Olton.

World War II was in full rage, and Dimmitt's population was 940. There was only one paved street in town, and little or no town at all beyond Halsell Street on the north, the high school (now the junior high) on the west, Lee Street on the south and the Dimmitt Wheat Growers elevators (now Agri-Farm Industries) on the east.

The county, and especially Dimmitt, boomed after the war. Dimmitt, in fact, was the fastest-growing town, by percentage, in the Panhandle—for two decades.

Because of my Dad's example, I grew up thinking that volunteer civic service was a man's duty, and that a newspaper could be a real force in shaping a town's progress, direction and sense of pride.

It was from the generation before us here that my generation learned what the word "pride" meant, in all of its applications and nuances. We had some notably good examples.

Our fathers, mothers, aunts and uncles had fought their way through the Dust Bowl, the Great Depression and the Big War. In an era when survival itself was victory, they had won. And given just a little wedge of hope or opportunity, they were hungry to keep winning, to make things better for their families.

In the Nelson family, each male child was expected to be a printer first. I started in the back shop as a "printer's devil" at age 12, sweeping up and working with molten lead. I learned to set type by hand, one letter at a time, out of a California type-

case, and to build it into a form, lock it into a chase, put the chase on the hand-fed "snapper" press, and come up with a printed business card, or envelope, or letterhead.

I also learned the specialty of typesetting on a keyboard, first on an old Linotype and later on a brand-new Intertype C4, which Dad bought in 1947 at a cost of \$7,200—more than six times as much as our '46 Ford had cost, and more than some homes cost back then.

Dad bought that new Intertype for two main reasons: (1) It would help produce the newspaper faster and better, and (2) it would provide my brother and me with a trade that we could use to get a college education.

When I was a high school sophomore, I learned the Linotype keyboard in the back shop at the same time that I was learning the typewriter keyboard in the classroom. (I could never master a second language, but memorizing two completely different keyboards at the same time was no big deal for me.)

After graduating from DHS half a century ago, I trotted off to college—first to Tech, then to UT—to try to become a journalist.

I could never see myself as anything else. For smarter or dumber, I considered journalism a calling—specifically, small-town, independent newspaper journalism—and also a way to maybe make a difference in the world. A music career beckoned early on, but that just wasn't the kind of life I wanted.

I worked my way through UT as a typesetter. And my main machine was an Intertype C-4 like the one on which I had learned.

Austin was a union town, and I became a union printer. In fact, at age 19 I became the youngest printer ever admitted to journeyman membership in the Austin chapter of the International Typographical Union. I was elated. I had been making less than a dollar an hour. Now I was earning the princely sum of \$2.86. That, and architectural drafting, were the highest-paying student jobs on the UT campus.

So Dad's strategy worked. The trade I had learned in the back shop here paid off.

It wasn't easy to work 35 hours a week, until 2 a.m. on the night shift, and try to be a full-time student at the University of Texas at the same time. It took me five years, and my grades weren't great, but I came out with one of the most respected journalism degrees in the country.

(Well, respected by other journalists, at least.)

That BJ degree was my ticket to step from a trade into a profession—to follow what I considered to be my calling.

And that calling would lead me up to some glittering peaks and down into some black holes as I came to share the lives of the people whose day-to-day history I was paid to record.

With your continued indulgence, I'll share some of those highlights and lowlights with you next week.

## Letter

# Former intern offers publisher luck on impending retirement

Dear Don:

While I'm looking forward to reading news on your retirement plans, it's with nostalgia that I'm writing this.

It was 41 years ago this summer that I first got ink (literally) under my fingernails as a cub reporter working for your family at the *News*. The rumbling, thumping, banging, flatbed press sent tremors through the foundation, walls and tables. I still hear the mechanical clicking, whirring and popping of the Linotype machines responding crisply to the skilled fingers of your brother, Bascom (or Gene Mickey) as we struggled to get that last piece of lead to bed.

Your mother, Viola, and your dad, B.M., sweated it out with all of us—often at 1, 2, 3 a.m. or later—to get that last grocery advertising block locked up, and it was even daylight once after the bottom fell out of the double-truck food store advertisement as Bascom carried it to the press. We spent hours picking up and reading—mirror reading—those upside-down 10-point lead listings of oranges, meat and milk, trying to match them with the sales prices.

It was those summer internships in the early 1960s that transfused ink from my fingertips into my blood. I

later received bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism and communication. By the time Bascom and his wife, Pennyne, had sharpened my writing skills, I was well ahead of other journalism students. Their foundations at the University of Texas paid dividends to me for varied experience on three campus newspapers. Writing played a major role in my 23 years as an active and reserve Naval officer. Clearly, the ability to write, photograph and design backed my 30 years in public information, publications, printing, advertising and public relations.

My Naval career as a special duty intelligence officer ended when I retired as a captain in 1987, following tours as commanding officer of Naval security and investigations commands. My civilian job ended, under medical orders, two years ago when I was an administrative officer with widely varied responsibilities in a college with a three-campus system. That grew from teaching journalism and sponsoring the school's newspaper in the 1970s.

In fact, any modest success I've enjoyed reflects on the former ability to simultaneously write and type steadily at 60 words per minute. (The ability to quickly read copy upside down also had an advantage with the

US Naval Investigative Service (now naval Criminal Investigative Service), by enabling a quick scan and synthesis of anything on anyone's desk.)

I pray your retirement years will be as enjoyable as mine, but without infinite hours reading 1998 *Time* magazines in physician's offices. Today, hacking this out on a keyboard, I shut my eyes to probe the shallow reservoir remaining in my brain (resulting from neurological damage during an emergency procedure in 1997). Even so, I think I can spell those two hot pots of liquid lead of the Linotype machines and feel the stickiness of glue on my hands as I roll copies of the *News* for the mail; dreaming of exciting worlds of people from all over who subscribed. (My issues arrived weekly for 40 years.)

May you find fair seas and following winds ahead, Don. Dimmitt will miss your family at the helm of *The Castro County News*.

JOSEPH H. "JOEY" COWEN

(Editor's Note: Thanks, Joey. This newspaper has had many interns through the years whom we are quite proud of, including you.)

## Letter

# Poor condition of cemetery grounds saddens resident

Dear Editor:

Sorry you are "leaving us," Mr. Nelson—but I hope you enjoy your retirement. It's a new life, for sure.

I just wanted to say a few words to the people of Dimmitt before we obtain our new editor. We, in our small town, want them to like our town—but he will soon see if he does or not. We hope he does.

I just wanted to make a statement about the West Lawn Cemetery. It is so sad to go out there to see what our loved ones' plot looks like.

It's so drab and colorless. There are only three plots with flowers on the west end and only three plots with flowers on the east end of the cemetery.

For several years, I've tended to my loved ones' graves—but am not physically able to do it now.

They have weeds so tall in the shrubbery on the west end, on the graves, and bindweed and other weeds everywhere. Part of the cemetery has been watered and mowed and the rest has seemed to be abandoned.

We received a letter today from the keeper, for us to send in \$10 per month for the upkeep of the cemetery. I do think that it would be a good idea—but I've kept our

graves up for seven or eight years myself. Why should I pay someone else to tend to our graves when I've carried many gallons of water to put on my loved ones' graves?

I've killed ants, killed weeds—and now it's all grown up with weeds and ant hills.

I've heard other people say they used to pay about \$30 or so a year, but they don't even receive notices anymore. If a person is too busy to keep a cemetery, he's too busy—especially if he accepted the job.

Where did all our expensive flowers go? Why? The lawn (plots) are ragged and weedy with no flowers.

People need to realize that we didn't get what our deceased would have wanted after they have "passed on." Sometimes we get too old to tend to our grave plots—but see no results of what we have already paid for. All this makes me very sad.

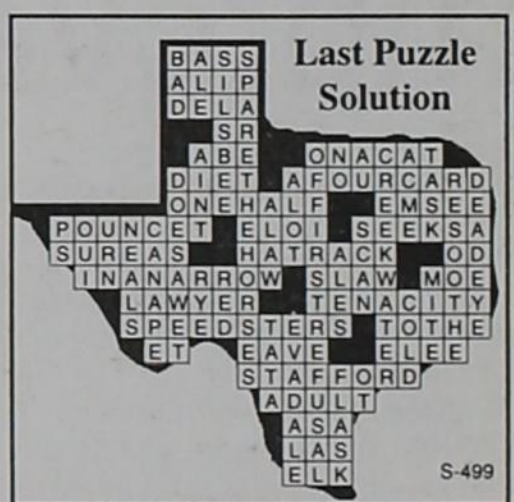
Thank you for listening to my opinion of the situation.

A DIMMITT CITIZEN  
(Name on file)

(Editor's Note: The real culprit here is the "developer" who purchased West Lawn Memorial

Park many years ago with promises to professionalize its perpetual care program, etc., but who later pulled out and took the perpetual care fund with him, leaving the members to make do the best they could with volunteer workers. When a perpetual care fund is raided, the fallout from it gets worse with each passing year. These local members who are trying to do something positive about the situation now deserve your cooperation.)

The periodical variety of cicada take 13 to 17 years to develop but then live only a few weeks. They are also called 17-year locusts.



### ACROSS

- Austin business: Hickorybaked Honey
- TXism: "get your ducks in \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX B.J. Thomas hit: "\_\_\_\_\_ Lonesome I Could Cry"
- TXism: "he's plumb \_\_\_\_\_" (crazy)
- pre-hurricane (2 wds.) 18 to ax a tree
- Kingsville Naval 19
- this TX Clark was Australian ambassador
- Ranger "Pudge's" glove
- Gilley's mechanical bull (2 wds.)
- first name of TX's 1st female governor
- TXism: "raise a little \_\_\_\_\_" (celebrate)
- Brownsville TV
- TX Tanya (init.)
- TXism: "feel like I was chewed up \_\_\_\_\_"
- citrus drinks
- TXism: "took everything but the \_\_\_\_\_ in my lungs" (robbed)
- fell behind
- read quickly
- UT is \_\_\_\_\_ mater of Earl Campbell
- insect harmful to plants
- crippled horse
- affixed
- Gulf fish catcher

### DOWN

- "All \_\_\_\_\_ State!"
- Fort Hood's "2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Division Museum"
- George H. signed START 2 here
- "in one fell \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX "24 slogan: "Me for Ma, And \_\_\_\_\_ Got a Dern Thing Against Pa"
- quote a source
- San Antonio's River \_\_\_\_\_ Show
- jeans inventor Levi (init.)
- this Segal starred with TX Tommy Lee in "Under Siege"
- "tall" TX stories
- this Premiering directed TX Tierney in "Laura"
- Grande
- TX 1st Poet Laureate: Judd \_\_\_\_\_ Lewis
- Nolan Ryan's last contract had a \_\_\_\_\_ clause
- in Bowie Co. on 67
- nickname of 24-across
- TXism: "big biscuit \_\_\_\_\_ the pan" (boss)
- Caminiti plays 3 \_\_\_\_\_ base for Rangers
- Galveston is one
- used by TX fishermen (2 wds.)
- NAFTA Mexican signer: \_\_\_\_\_ Gortari
- this Kessler was a Houston Rocket 1st rounder
- young men
- cotton processors
- Chester, TX named for this U.S. president (init.)
- TXism: "compadres" \_\_\_\_\_ Friday's
- where TX John Wesley Hardin died

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# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

I want to thank Waurayne Hughes for writing the "On the Go" column for me last week. She mentioned the changes of ownership at our two pharmacies. Since last week's article two other changes have also occurred. Don and Verbie Nelson are turning the ownership of the Castro County News over to Chris Bradford, and Walt Hansen has sold his grocery store to Roger Lowe of Littlefield.

Our only hope is that these businesses will be beneficial for the new

owners, and that the people who sold them will remain in Dimmitt.

Paula Birdwell who has just recently returned to Dimmitt to live, asked me to do a little detective work for her. When Paula took her TV cable box back to the cable company in Denton, the person she returned it to asked her where she was moving. When Paula replied Dimmitt, Texas the cable person told her she was the second person that week that had returned a box and was moving to

Dimmitt. Do any of you readers know of someone else who has recently moved from Denton to Dimmitt? Please call me at the number on the top of the page if you know who this person is.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bradford are moving to southwest Dimmitt. They will be living in the 1600 block of Butler Blvd. Jim and Molly Bradford live up the street on Butler. Paula Bradford and Mildred Bradford live in the 1600 block of Sunset

Circle. Jack and Susie Bradford live on the next street over. That is a total of five Bradford families within a three block radius. Our sympathy goes out to the postman who will be responsible for getting their mail in the right slot. Should we rename Dimmitt Bradfordville?

While Waurayne was writing for this column, my husband V.C. and I were in Rocky Ford, Colorado helping James and Joyce Autry with vacation bible school at the Washington Street Baptist Church. It was not cool in "cool" Colorado. On Tuesday the temperature was 104 degrees. By Wednesday it had begun to cool and we enjoyed 80 degree weather for the rest of the week.

James is a successful cutting horse competitor so the four of us traveled to the Richwood Land and Cattle Company's first annual cutting event. This ranch is located in the beautiful red canyons at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

James placed second in the cutting event on Saturday and Sunday. He placed first place at the Rocky Ford Fair this past weekend. Irene Carpenter is the mother of Joyce Autry and Floyce George is the sister.

V.C. got to visit with Jim Maps another cutting horse expert with Dimmitt roots. Jim is the grandson of Dimmitt pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Maps and Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Teague. Jim's wife, Jan is a noted western artist. She specializes in oil paintings and sculptures. She has done a life size sculpture for the foyer of the La Juanta Colorado Hospital. Joyce and I drove over to see this and were extremely impressed with this unique piece of art.

Billy Kirby and I helped to celebrate the birthdays of Patsy Hudman and Glindora Clark recently with ice cream-fudge sundaes and a nice visit. We extend our sympathy to Patsy in the death of her son Charles Ray Bulls.

Mrs. Jim Hamilton and daughter Sheila Wolfe of Crystal Lake, Illinois, Jean Toalouse of Fort Worth, Texas and Mary Watson of Altus, Oklahoma spent about two weeks in Italy this summer.

The trip started in Rome where they met 38 other people from various states to compose a group. There they met the tour director and other traveling companions at the hotel, they enjoyed a welcoming dinner at one of Rome's gourmet restaurants.

They visited the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel where they saw Michelangelo's ceiling painting including the "Last Judgement." Next on the agenda was St. Peter's Square and Basilica. They crossed the Tiber for a walk along Via Sacra at the Roman Forum and the Colosseum.

From Rome they drove to Ostia and saw how people lived over 2000 years ago. Here they visited a trading mall, tavern, and luxurious Roman baths.

They drove along the Tyrrhenian coastline through an area of many ancient towns that were founded at the very beginning of recorded history of the Etruscans. Then to Pisa Cathedral Square built during the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. This is the cradle of medieval Italian art.

From Pisa they drove through Tuscany's landscape and visited San Gimignano, a perfectly preserved medieval town. At Siena they visited Piazza del Campo, a theater of the medieval style horse races.

Traveling to Florence they visited the Verrazano Castle where four types of grapes were blended to obtain the famous Chianti Classica wine.

At Florence they visited Santa Marice Del Fiore, Geotta's Bell Tower, the Baptistery's heavy bronze "Gate of Paradise" and sculpture-studded Segnorica Square, the gallery where they saw Michelangelo's celebrated "David."

On through the Apennine mountain range to Bologna, the capital of Emilia-Romana. This town boasts the oldest university in the world. Next to Verona and they glided by boat to meet the resident expert who took them on a tour of St. Mark's Square and Basilica.

All of the tourists enjoyed a gondola ride with boats horizontally lined up with one in the center as the crew serenaded a newly wed couple with, "Atheni."

They toured a fisherman's island before reaching Venice and drove along the Adriatic Sea to see the mosaics of the 6<sup>th</sup> century basilica of St. Apollinaris.

To Classe and on to Assisi and Orvieta, the Gothic facade of Arvieta cathedral and the lanes of Piazza del Duomo to complete their tour. It was back to Rome for a farewell party and home.

The bridge scores for the senior citizens group are Loranell Hamilton high, Ben Hill second high, and Mearle Morgan was hostess.

The week before Dede McLaurin was hostess, Susy Reeves won high with 6970 and Mearle Morgan was second high with 6920.

J. Stone called to ask if we were seeing any humming birds. We have seen very few this year, but we had seen one the very morning he called. It was a pretty green one with white on its tail and was enjoying each bloom on the red sage bush in the backyard. Four days passed before we saw it again, it flew from the rose of Sharon tree to the feeder. It appeared several times that day. Hopefully the little hummers are just late migrating south this year and we'll see lots more this fall.

# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Many friends and relatives attended the marriage of Colby Pohlmeier and Micah Crutcher Saturday afternoon in Lubbock at the Monterey Church of Christ. The reception, dinner, and dance were held in Nazareth at the Community Hall. It was a great time to visit with out of town friends and family!

The Virgie Gerber family gathered at her home Sunday morning to celebrate Brynlee Hill's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and to send off to our graduates to college. Whitney Hoelting left for Seward College in Liberal, Kansas, and Shawna Gerber to Midwestern State in Wichita falls, Texas.

Plans are completed for the annual Labor Day Weekend Parish Fund Raiser and Picnic. The day begins with a parade at 10am, dinner 11-2pm, adult raffle, adult bingo, parish youth concession, horseshoe tournament, washer pitching, lots of children's games and a hamburger supper. Hope to see you there!

Tom and Jennifer Kern and their children, Emily and Zac have recently moved from Midland to Irving, Texas. Tom is still working for the same company who is based in Dallas. Emily has already started second grade at the Holy Family Catholic School in Irving.

Bob Kern spent a few days in Nazareth on his two weeks off. He attended his class reunion and several other events while here. He recently received his Senior engineering Status from Schlumberger Oil Co. wireline and testing and is working off shore in Casad Hole drilling. He lives in League City, a suburb of Houston, Texas.

Dale and Kevin Acker took their

mother, Angela Acker and their aunt Rita Kern to Missoula, Montana for the funeral of their brother-in-law Jim Moran. He died of complications from heart surgery last Easter. His wife was Ila Mae Wethington Moran. She took her nurse's training and graduated from St. Anthony's school of nursing in Amarillo in 1955. She spent a lot of time in Nazareth while in training. They had 7 boys and 2 girls. She has just retired from her Supervisor of Nurses position in a hospital in Deer Lodge, Montana.

Frances and Nini Kern and their children, Jacob, Lauren, Cricket, and Seth, have been visiting their parents, the Bud Penders of Umbarger and the Bud Kerns of Nazareth. While here their children enjoyed attending the three day Cheerleaders Camp and made many new friends. They also enjoyed the Cousin's Camp Out hosted by the Penders for all of their young cousins. It was good to get all the relatives together for three days. Francis had to fly back to Arkansas after a week to get the cotton gins in running order as they start ginning the last week of August. Nini and her children stayed an extra week before returning home to Merrianna, Arkansas.

Prayers are asked for: Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Elma Schacher and Julia Baca.

## HISD proposes six-cent tax hike

The Hart Independent School District is considering raising its tax rate from \$1.268 per \$100 valuation to \$1.328.

The six-cent increase is almost 10 cents less than the rollback rate, which would be \$1.42 per \$100 valuation.

A public hearing about the proposed tax rate and the 2001-02 budget has been scheduled for 9 a.m. next Thursday, Aug. 30, in the board room at the school.

If approved, the \$1.328 rate would raise \$731,282 for the school district.

The Hart School Board also is proposing a budget that includes \$3,329,122 in revenues and \$3,314,471 in expenditures, a positive difference of \$14,651.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Nazareth Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 31, 2001 in the Superintendent's Office, Nazareth School, Nazareth, Texas 79063. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.2678	\$0.0713*	\$1.3391	\$1,338	\$5,126
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.1281	\$0.0596*	\$1.1878	\$1,229	\$5,249
Proposed Rate	\$1.30	\$0.06*	\$1.36	\$1,387	\$5,357

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the votes of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$42,220	\$44,520
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$27,220	\$29,520
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.3391	\$ 1.36
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$364.50	\$401.72
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 37.22

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.36. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.36.**

### Fund Balances

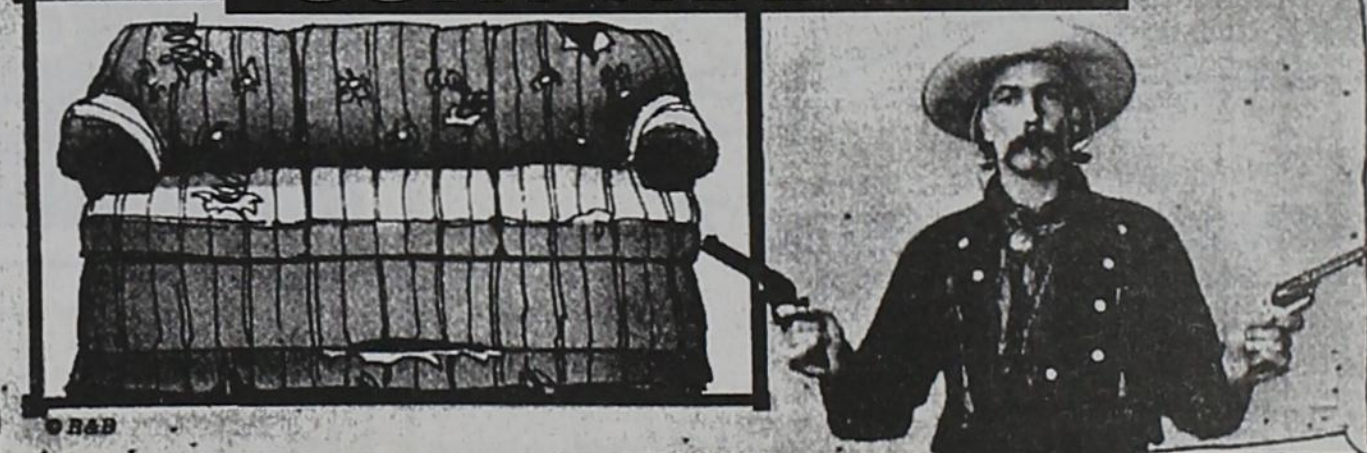
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$350,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,250

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# People



## Labor Day picnic is set in Nazareth

Holy Family Church in Nazareth is planning its annual Labor Day picnic for Sunday, Sept. 2, and events will include a parade, roast beef dinner, games, an auction, hamburger supper, dance and more.

The day-long celebration will begin with the parade at 10 a.m.

A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Cost for the meal is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

An arts and crafts show, raffle and Bingo will be held throughout the day at the Community Hall.

Numerous games and rides are being planned to entertain children from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments are planned in the afternoon.

A benefit auction that afternoon will feature livestock and goods donated by area businesses. It is slated to start at 2 p.m.

A hamburger supper will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Community Hall.

The celebration will conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the

Community Hall. Music will be provided by "South Forty," and admission is \$5 per person.



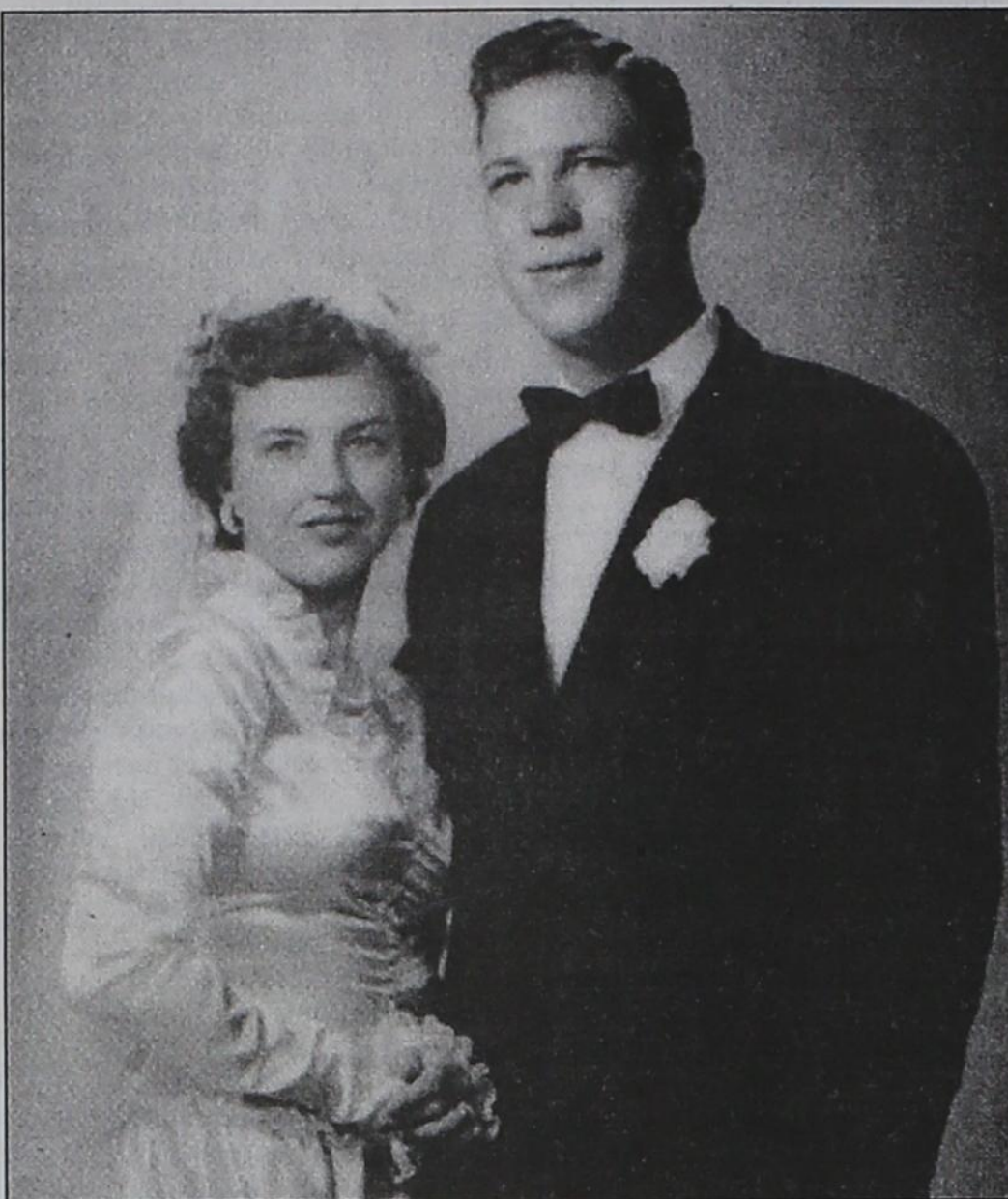
## Who's New

### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Heriberto and Georgia Arriaga of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Jovanna Anahi Arriaga, who was born at 11:36 p.m. on Aug. 10 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Jovanna Anahi weighed in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces and she measured 19-1/2 inches. Paternal grandparents are Rafael and Maria de la Luz Arriaga of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Carlos and Santos Mireles of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Martha Mireles, Patsy Gonzales and Rafael Arriaga.

### OUT OF TOWN

It's a boy for Coby and Carla McGee of Lubbock. Their son, Aaron James McGee, was born July 31. He has a big brother, Jacob McGee, who is 2-1/2. Maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Linda Frye of Easter. Paternal grandmother is Jackie Butler of Dallas. Great-grandparents are Harland and Hertha Frye of Easter and Iva Hudman of Post.



JUDGE JACK AND MURNA MILLER  
... On their wedding day in 1951 and today

## Firefighters plan to 'fill the boot'

The firefighters in Dimmitt will soon be hitting the streets for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) annual "Fill the Boot" campaign.

They will be collecting donations at major intersections on Friday, Aug. 24, Saturday, Aug. 25 and Friday, Aug. 31.

They will ask citizens to make donations and drop spare change into an empty boot in an effort to help the hundreds of individuals in our area affected by neuromuscular disease.

In 1953, firefighters across the United States and Canada officially committed themselves to support the MDA in finding a cure to eliminate

neuromuscular diseases.

Last year, Dimmitt firefighters and Dimmitt citizens were instrumental in helping to raise over \$66,000.

The MDA is a national, non-profit organization working to treat and cure over 43 neuromuscular diseases.

Money raised by the MDA goes toward local client clinics, support groups, medical equipment and summer camp for children with muscular dystrophy.

The association does various fundraisers throughout the year, and the MDA's largest source of income is the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, which will air Sept. 2-3 on KFDA NewsChannel 10.

## Amarillo Catholic Diocese will celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Saturday at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium, and people from all areas of the diocese are invited to join in a special Eucharistic celebration.

The mass will begin at 11 a.m. and Archbishop Patrick Flores of San Antonio will be the main celebrant. Bishop Charles Grahmann of Dallas will give the homily. Other guests joining Bishop John W. Yanta of Amarillo and Bishop Emeritus Leroy T. Matthiesen will include 12 bishops and a long list of priests and nuns.

There will be limited seating at the anniversary mass. To receive free tickets, call the diocesan Office of Development at (806) 655-2556. People with tickets should arrive before 10:45 a.m. to be guaranteed seats. After that time, general admission will be allowed for any empty

seats. A reception will follow the anniversary celebration.

The Diocese of Amarillo was created in 1926 by Pope Pius XI. The area was formed from portions of the dioceses of Dallas, El Paso and San Antonio. Originally, the Diocese of Amarillo was comprised of 70 counties in approximately 73,000 square miles. In 1961, the Diocese of San Angelo was created, taking with it the southern 24 counties of the Amarillo Diocese. In 1983, another 20 counties in the southern region became part of the Diocese of Lubbock, which was created by Pope John II.

Today, the Amarillo Diocese covers the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Within those counties, at the end of the year 2000, there were approximately 54,208 registered Catholics attending 35 parish churches and 13 mission churches.

## Blues concert scheduled Sunday at Home Mercantile

An evening of blues music headlined by Kimberly Galloway and Johnny Reverb will be held in Nazareth on Sunday at the Home Mercantile.

The entertainment will begin with a potluck supper at 6 p.m., followed by the concert from 7 to 9 p.m.

There is no admission fee, but donations are appreciated.

Galloway and Reverb will be performing classic blues standards by such artists as Howlin' Wolf, Elmore James and Muddy Waters, as well as many of their original tunes.

Not all of the music will be in traditional blues format; in fact, Galloway and Reverb feel that blues is just that—a feeling.

"You can hear blues feeling in almost any kind of music. It's not just limited to a particular genre or style. Blues is about real people singing about real life situations," said Lydia Villanueva with The Promised Land Network, which is organizing the event.

Galloway first sang on stage at the age of 4. Her talent and determination was evident even then; however, being a professional singer was not something that little girls from Brownfield were encouraged to do, so she put that dream on hold.

Reverb, whose real name is

Holston, grew up in Amarillo but left at age 19 to pursue a dream of success in the music business. He spent several years based out of Austin developing his skill alongside contemporaries Stevie Ray and Jimmie Lynn Vaughan.

Austin was a blues mecca in the "old" days. Reverb toured the United States and Europe over the years and has played blues for thousands.

Upon moving back to Amarillo in late 2000, Reverb was at the point of putting the dream to rest.

His plans came to a screeching halt when he met Galloway.

One day he overheard her singing, something she had not previously done in his presence. When asked what she was singing, she said it was a song she was writing. What resulted was the first collaboration between two songwriters.

The title of that song was *Real Good Love*, a song that is getting airplay on Amarillo's blues radio station, KBZZ-FM.

Since that song, the team has written several tunes and recorded them in their home studio.

Galloway's *I Started Leaving Yesterday* is a song that gets audiences going. Another tune that she and Reverb co-wrote is *Anything But Good-bye*.

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Alli Squier,

bride-elect of Chip Thrasher (Shower Sept. 8, home of Jackie Byrnes)

The Village Shop

204 W. Bedford, Dimmitt

647-2450

## Millers will celebrate golden anniversary

Judge Jack and Murna Miller will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday with a reception in Plainview.

The reception is being hosted by the couple's children and grandchildren, and has been scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Ninth and Columbia Church of Christ, 808 N. Columbia St., in Plainview.

Friends and family are invited to attend or send correspondence to Kim Hays, 609 W. Lee St., Dimmitt 79027.

Jack Miller married the former

Murna Welch on Aug. 28, 1951, in Friona.

The Millers have four children and 10 grandchildren. Brent Miller and his wife, Linda, and their three children, Craig, Chris and Conner, live in Carrollton. Kim and her husband, Norman Hays, live in Dimmitt and they have two children, Taryn and Ryan. Hal Miller and his wife, Cyndy, along with their children, Jason, Kyle and Brad, live in Austin. Cara and her husband, Bingiee Shiu, and their sons, Daniel and Nicholas, live in Austin.

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## Couple exchange vows Friday morning in Dimmitt

Nelly Perez and Lino Perez were married Friday morning in an informal, double-ring ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace Tana Young in Dimmitt.

The bride is the daughter of Martin and Maria Luisa Meza of El Paso. Parents of the groom are David and Santos Perez of Dimmitt.

Best man was Edgar Perez. Flower girls were Evelyn Rascon and Andrea Cuevas.

The newlyweds are planning a wedding trip to Goliad on Aug. 30, where they will enjoy the annual Perez Golf Tournament.

The bride is a housewife. The groom is employed as the front desk manager at Quality Inn and Suites in Amarillo.

## Bridal shower honors Ramos

Rita Ramos, bride-elect of Freddie Sepeda, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Beth Roberts.

A variety of fresh fruit and dips with wedding cookies were served along with fruit punch.

The serving table was covered with a lace tablecloth and held a floral arrangement in the bride-to-be's chosen colors.

The hostesses presented Miss Ramos with a crystal cake holder and cookware set.

Special guests included the bride-elect's mother, Jackie Ramos of Dimmitt; and her cousin, Christina Longoria of Dimmitt.

Out-of-town guests were Angie Bendon of Wichita, Kan., and Janet Brigrance of Canyon.

## Gospel singer will tour area

Jessica King, a southern gospel music Horizon Award nominee, will be touring West Texas Friday through Sunday, giving several concerts.

Area appearances will be Friday at Borger High School Auditorium, where she will share the stage with Phil Cross and Poet Voices; a dinner and concert event at Branum's Restaurant in Hereford on Saturday, where reservations are requested; and on Sunday morning at the First United Methodist Church in Hereford.

King's performances in the Texas Panhandle will be her last shows before she joins the National Quartet Convention in September.

A native of Katy, King has had three gospel singles released so far and all have made it to the *Singing News*' Top 20. Her signature song, *Keep Me in Your Will*, was in the year's Top 40 ranked by *Singing News* in 2000.



WELCOME TO DIMMITT, TEXAS!—American Field Service (AFS) exchange student Sara Engkrog of Norway (back row, third from left) was greeted by her American host family when she arrived at the Amarillo International Airport recently. Her host family is from Dimmitt and includes (back row, from

left) Wayland and Elaine Hazel and Morgan Hazel; and (front row, from left) Sam, John and Stephanie Hazel. During the 2001-02 school year, Engkrog will live with the Hazels and will attend Dimmitt High School.

Courtesy Photo



COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS—The Castro County 4-H recently elected new officers to serve during the 2001-02 year. They include (from left) Gabriel Garcia of Dimmitt, president; Michael Horn

of Nazareth, vice president; Jaci Bishop of Dimmitt, secretary; Susan Kern of Nazareth, treasurer; and Thomas Brockman of Dimmitt, district delegate.

Courtesy Photo

## Hospice volunteers find job rewarding

What could be more rewarding than knowing you had helped make another person's last days more comfortable?

Volunteers at Castro County Hospital District's Hospice Care know the satisfaction of making a difference to another during a very difficult period of life.

Volunteers donate their time to local hospice organization.

"We are always looking for more volunteers," said Jan Wishard, Castro County Hospital District's hospice volunteer coordinator. "We're going to begin the training sessions for volunteers on Saturday. I hope that anyone who is interested will give us a call and join."

Hospice Care volunteers can choose the kind of help they want to give, the hours they want to work and also the amount of time they want to spend. Volunteers may be involved in direct patient care, like reading to a patient, running errands, sitting with a patient, helping the family with meals or just spending time with the patient and family.

Volunteers also may choose to be a thrift store/administrative volunteer. These volunteers help run the thrift store, make copies, answer the phone or do numerous other activities.

The medical care for terminally ill patients in hospice is provided by trained nurses and doctors.

Hospice is a service that provides care for terminally ill patients and their families during the last few months of the patient's life.

Based on the idea that most people prefer to die with dignity, surrounded by those they love, the

concept of hospice brings comfort to those who chose the service.

The Castro County Hospital District's Hospice Care program provides care for patients in many settings—the hospital, at home, or in the nursing home—in whatever setting the patient is most secure.

"While the medical staff cares for pain management and other medical needs, the volunteers provide a vital service with their contribution of time, Wishard said. "Just listening to a person tell their life story, or sharing a favorite tape of music, or playing a game of dominoes can be a great help to the hospice patient."

Anyone interested in volunteering for Hospice Care should call Wishard at 647-3020.

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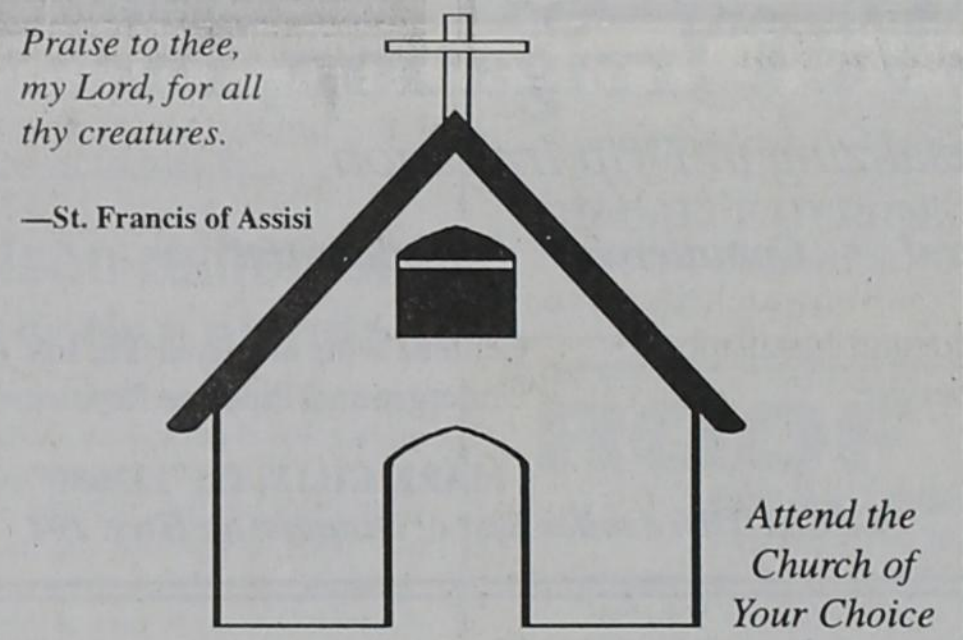
**La Asamblea Cristiana**  
400 NW 5th, Dimmitt  
Noe G. Marquez.....647-4755

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110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt  
Rusty Dickerson.....647-4106

**Iglesia De Cristo**  
E. Lee & SE 3rd, Dimmitt  
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**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt  
Fern Couture.....647-4219, 647-0105

**Jesus and the Love of God Church**  
(Bilingual) 301 NE 7th, Dimmitt  
Felix Sanchez.....647-3668



**Church of God of the First Born**  
611 E. Halsell, Dimmitt

**Immanuel Baptist**  
501 SE 3rd, Dimmitt

**Rosa De Saron**  
411 NE 6th, Dimmitt  
Maria Castaneda.....647-5598

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302 Ave. G, Hart  
Aaron Reed.....938-2316

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Hart  
Fern Couture.....647-0105

**Church of Christ**  
SW 4th at Bedford, Dimmitt  
647-4435

**Rose of Sharon Temple**  
407 NE 4th, Dimmitt

**Primeria Iglesia Bautista**  
9th and Etter, Dimmitt  
Antonio Rocha

**Abundant Life Family Church**  
113 SE 2nd, Dimmitt  
Tom and Kay Mullins

**First Assembly of God**  
300 SE 2nd, Dimmitt  
Joe N. Vaughn.....647-5662

**First Baptist**  
1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt  
Howard Rhodes.....647-3115

**Lee Street Baptist**  
401 SW 2nd, Dimmitt  
Jeff Addison

**First Christian**  
600 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt

**La Iglesia De Dios Del Promojenito**  
East Halsell Street, Dimmitt

**Presbyterian**  
1600 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt  
Connie Nieto.....293-7361

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OVER A TON OF POTATOES were sacked by Castro County 4-H'ers on Aug. 3 as part of a Society of St. Andrew gleaned project. Participating in the community service project were 4-H'ers standing, from left) Brad Lane and Carter Hill; and (seated,

from left) Stephanie Castro, Extension Agent Suzanne Gibbs, Elizabeth Hill, Dustin Horn and Michael Horn. The potatoes were gathered under a produce salvage program and will be distributed to food banks, soup kitchens, inner city ministries, etc.

# Proposed bill would boost net farm income

Prior to the August recess, the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture approved farm bill legislation that represents their vision of farm policy for the next decade.

The program crop provisions of the proposal would boost net farm income by \$4.5 billion per year from 2003 to 2010 and improve the economic viability of program crop producers nationally.

These are findings of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri & Iowa State and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) with the Texas A&M University System.

The bill, H.R. 2646, revises and formalizes the provisions outlined in the "Draft Farm Bill Concept Paper" released by the Committee in early July. The most significant departure from current legislation is the re-introduction of payments that are counter-cyclical to price.

"The counter-cyclical modification in this bill relies on the concept of target prices used in previous farm bills, but also keeps many of the features of the current farm bill. Current provisions, such as fixed payments and a prohibition against acreage set-aside requirements are maintained," said Dr. Abner Womack, director of the AFPC at Texas A&M.

"The counter-cyclical payment feature looks at the sum of the fixed payment and the greater of the marketing loan rate or the average price. If this sum is below the target price, the government would pay farmers the difference."

Those provisions also increase government expenditures through the Commodity Credit Corporation by an average of \$5.2 billion per year.

Since the counter-cyclical payments are designed to buffer financial pressure in times of low prices, FAPRI estimates greater spending in the early years of the analysis period as opposed to the later years.

In a change from previous programs, the legislation brings soybeans and other oilseeds into the "program" crop mix that already includes grains and cotton. In addition to the loan program they were eligible for in the past, soybean farmers would become eligible for fixed

rate and counter-cyclical payments.

The bill retains current loan rates for most program crops with the exception of soybeans and grain sorghum.

The soybean loan would be reduced from the current \$5.26 to \$4.92 per bushel while the grain sorghum loan would increase to \$1.89 per bushel to be comparable to corn.

Under the bill, all program producers will have the option of staying with their base acres established under the 1996 farm bill or updating their base to reflect average plantings of all program crops grown on the farm from 1998-2001.

"FAPRI's analysis indicates the base update choice would marginally increase acres planted to grains and cotton while reducing acreage of soybeans and other oilseeds. The increase in total planted area, however, would be less than 1 percent," said Dr. Ed Smith, a Texas Cooperative Extension economist with AFPC.

"The shift in acreage would marginally increase all oilseed prices and slightly decrease prices for grain and cotton. Overall the return per crop acre would go up by \$20 per acre as compared to a continuation of the current farm bill."

The FAPRI analysis only considers implications of the grain, oilseed and cotton provisions, with some consideration of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

The analysis assumes that CRP acreage does increase from the current limit of 36.4 million acres to near 39 million acres under the new farm bill proposal.

Other titles of the proposed farm bill cover peanuts, sugar, dairy, wool, mohair, conservation, trade, research, nutrition and rural development.

Utilizing its database of representative crop farms located in the nation's major wheat, feed grain, cotton and rice production areas, AFPC analysis showed that all 44 farms benefited from the proposed changes in H.R. 2646.

"All farms increase net cash income ranging from 20 to 100 per-

cent," said Dr. James Richardson, professor of agricultural economics with AFPC. "For example, our typical northern Texas grain farm with about 1,600 acres of corn, sorghum and wheat, would increase net cash income by 80 percent."

"Without the added farm income support in the proposed farm bill, this farm had a 66 percent chance of a cash flow deficit. The proposed amendment would reduce this probability of a deficit to 26 percent, a substantial improvement. The Texas southern high plains cotton farm saw a similar decrease in its chance of having a cash flow deficit."

Dr. Steven Klose, an economist with Texas Cooperative Extension who analyzed 300 farms participating in Extension's Farm Assistance program, said a majority of farmers would update their base acres and see a significant change in net income.

"The switch in base acres may be a result of producers planting alternative crops or simply an increase in planted acres of the same crop," Klose said. "In either case, the proposal to update base acreage will be viewed as positive because producers would be given an option."

Klose said more than 80 percent of the farms in the Farm Assistance database would benefit by updating their base acres.



Michelle Wait

## Wait qualifies for national's in pedal tractor pull

Michelle Wait, a second-grader at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt, has qualified for the national pedal tractor pull after placing third at a contest in Lockney on Saturday.

Wait is the granddaughter of John and Doris Wait of Dimmitt. She is a student in Mrs. Venhaus' room at RES.

The national tractor pull will be held in Omaha, Neb., in September. Wait will represent this area along with Sarah Jo Miller of Floydada, who finished first; and Breanna Guerrero of Lockney, who was second.

## Ranchers must renew brands with county clerk

Livestock producers are required to renew their brands with the county clerk's office, and they must do so by Feb. 28, 2002.

Castro County Clerk Joyce Thomas said she will begin processing requests for brand registration renewals next Thursday, Aug. 30.

The recording fee will be \$11 per brand, per location, according to Thomas.

Producers have until Feb. 28,

2002, to renew their brand registration.

Brands that are not renewed by March 1, 2002, become void and will become "open brands," available for registration by the general public.

Producers who have brands registered in more than one county in Texas must contact the county clerk's office to renew their brand in each location.

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## Cotton harvest aid, defoliation seminar slated Wednesday

The Texas Cooperative Extension Service will be holding cotton harvest aid and defoliation training sessions in Flagg and Sudan on Wednesday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Flagg session will be held at Ag Supply, Flagg Division, at 8 a.m. A breakfast will be served by the Castro County 4-H Parent Leaders Association.

The session in Sudan will begin at 12 p.m., at Sudan Co-op Gin. A catered lunch will be served.

The featured speaker at both locations will be Dr. Randy Boman, Extension agronomist from Lubbock.

One continuing education unit (CEU) will be offered at the meeting.

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# County fair rules are announced

## CASTRO COUNTY FAIR COUNTY EXPO BUILDING SEPT. 8, 2001

Fair exhibits should be labeled before they are entered in the fair.

**Friday, Sept. 7, 12 noon-6 p.m.:** All entries due for fair exhibits. Judging begins at 6 p.m., quilts start at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.:** Viewing of all exhibits at the fair. Pick up exhibits. (All items must stay on display until 4:30 p.m.)

### General rules and Regulations.

- Exhibitors in the Fair must be residents of Castro County. Anyone age 18 or under and single is in the Youth Division. Adults will be 19 and over.
- EACH PERSON MUST DO HIS OR HER OWN WORK. The entry may not have been judged in a previous Castro County Fair.
- The superintendents in each section who are in charge of entries reserve the right to accept or reject entries, depending on conditions for suitability for exhibit.
- You may enter only ONE article in each class. Superintendents have final decision on classification.
- Entries must be entered as listed in each division from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7.
- Exhibitors' items must remain on exhibit until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8. Cash awards and/or items should be picked up Saturday, Sept. 8.
- All articles not removed from the building by 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, will become the property of the Fair Association and will be disposed of by the Association.
- All articles must be labeled with your name in an inconspicuous place.
- Label all entries with your NAME, SECTION, CLASS and DIVISION. Entry tags may be picked up at the Extension Office two weeks prior to the fair. This will speed up your entry process.
- There will be five (5) ribbons given, per class.
- Cash Awards must be picked up within 30 days at the Extension Office. Best of Show, \$5; First Place, ribbon and \$1; Second place, ribbon and 50¢. For more information contact the Extension Office, 205 N. Broadway,

Dimmitt, Texas 79027; or Marilyn R. Neal, County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Sciences at 647-4115.

### Baking Section

- Products may have been frozen, but it is NOT necessary. Thaw at room temperature in packaging materials to be ready for judging.
- Display products on FOIL-COVERED CARDBOARD AND WRAP WITH CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP. If not displayed in this manner, your food will be disqualified. PIES SHOULD BE IN FOIL PANS. Cream pies may be taken after they are judged.
- No commercial mixes, unless decorated cake entry.
- Note the number of items required for each entry.

### Class Number and Amount

- Cookie Bars/Squares—6.
- Biscuits—6.
- Brownies, any kind—6.
- Candy, any kind—6.
- Candy, molded, any kind—6.
- Cinnamon Rolls—6.
- Cookies, any kind—6.
- Cornbread, any kind—6 pieces.
- Hot rolls—6.
- Muffins—6.
- Cake: coffee, decorated (mix accepted), plain iced, pound, specialty (i.e. German Chocolate, Italian Cream).
- Pies: cream, fruit, nut, other.
- Quick bread (whole loaf).
- Yeast bread: white, whole wheat, other (whole loaf).

### Home Food Preservation

- #### Standards for Canned Products General Requirements
- All entries must have been canned by person making entry.
  - All food entries should have been canned within the last food preservation season.
  - All vegetables (EXCEPT TOMATOES) and meats should have been processed in a pressure canner at recommended pressure for the recommended times according to the current USDA recommendations.
  - All fruits, fruit juices, jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, relishes, marmalades, butters and conserves should have been processed in a boiling water canner for recommended times according to the current USDA recommendations.

5. All tomatoes and tomato juices should have been processed according to recommendations in the current USDA guides.

6. All entries should be in standard canning jars in good condition with new self-sealing lids and jar rings free of dust, dents or other defects. All jars should be clean and free of dust. Any entries not canned in standard canning jars or lids will be disqualified.

7. All jars should be neatly packed with recommended head space and liquid covering product (if appropriate).

8. Jars should be sealed when tested by judges. Any jar not sealed will be automatically disqualified.

9. There will be no signs of spoilage such as leaky seals, bubbles, bad odors, cloudy liquid, sediment or mold.

10. All jars should be neatly labeled with name of product and canning date.

11. For information on quality canning standards, call the County Extension Office at 647-4115.

### Canned Fruits & Vegetables

All canned products (except jelly and preserves) must be in standard square or round pint or quart glass tempered (mason) jars. Mayonnaise and other commercial jars are not to be used. Jelly and preserves may be in standard pint or half-pint jars. Jellies, jams and preserves must be processed and NOT paraffin-sealed.

#### Class Numbers

- FRUITS:**
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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Apples     | 5. Fruit Juice |
| 2. Applesauce | 6. Peaches     |
| 3. Apricots   | 7. Pears       |
| 4. Cherries   | 8. Other       |

#### JAMS, JELLIES & PRESERVES:

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 9. Apple         | 15. Pear             |
| 10. Apple Butter | 16. Plum             |
| 11. Apricot      | 17. Strawberry       |
| 12. Cherry       | 18. Tomato Preserves |
| 13. Grape        | 19. Other            |
| 14. Peach        |                      |

#### PICKLES:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 20. Beets          | 27. Peach       |
| 21. Bread & Butter | 28. Pepper      |
| 22. Chow-Chow      | 29. Picante     |
| 23. Cucumber-Swt   | 30. Relish      |
| 24. Cucumber-Dill  | 31. Corn Relish |
| 25. Hot Sauce      | 32. Tomatoes    |
| 26. Okra           | 33. Other       |

### VEGETABLES:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 34. Asparagus         | 43. Peas (English) |
| 35. Beans (Green)     | 44. Potatoes       |
| 36. Beans (Lima)      | 45. Sauerkraut     |
| 37. Beans (Shelled)   | 46. Soup Mix       |
| 38. Beets             | 47. Squash         |
| 39. Carrots           | 48. Tomatoes       |
| 40. Corn              | 49. Tomato Juice   |
| 41. Okra              | 50. Other          |
| 42. Peas (Black-eyed) |                    |

### DRIED FOODS:

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|--------------|------------|
| 51. Apples   | 56. Pears  |
| 52. Apricots | 57. Plums  |
| 53. Bananas  | 58. Prunes |
| 54. Grapes   | 59. Other  |
| 55. Peaches  |            |

### Clothing Section

All garments must be clean and on hangers. Age groups are: Junior I, 9-11 (at time of fair); Junior II, 12-13 (at time of fair); Senior, 14-18 (at time of fair); Adult, 19 and over (at time of fair).

- Apron
- Blouse
- Children's clothing
- Coordinations—pants, skirt or blouse (2 or more pieces)
- Dress
- Evening Wear
- Hat
- Holiday apparel—adult or children
- Jumpsuit
- Men's suit
- Pants
- Shirt
- Shorts

## Deadline set for graze-out payments

Producers planning to apply for a graze-out payment on wheat, barley or oats have until Aug. 31 to do so. To trigger payments for this program, a loan deficiency program (LDP) rate must be in effect on the date requested.

The LDP rate is in effect on wheat when the posted county price goes below the county loan rate of \$2.63 per bushel.

Producers who have grazed out wheat, barley or oats, should monitor the LDP rates through Aug. 31 and file an application on the desired day.

LDP rates can be obtained from various sources such as the Internet, elevators, radio agriculture reports or by calling or stopping by the FSA office.

An excellent place on the Internet to find LDP rates and other helpful information is <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Nelson retirement reception planned

A retirement reception for *News* Publisher Don Nelson is planned for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9.

The reception will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Centennial Plaza and Gazebo on the courthouse square in Dimmitt. In case of rainy or threatening weather, it will be held in the Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones St.

The *News's* new publisher, Chris Bradord, and his wife, Joye, will be introduced during the event.

Nelson will retire Sept. 1 after 35 years as editor of the *News*, which has been owned by his family since 1943.

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STATE RECORD BOOK WINNERS—Castro County 4-H'ers Jeremy Bishop (left) and Holly Lane recently presented their record books at the state level. Lane's presentation in the Healthy Lifestyle open category was selected as the best in state and her first-place entry earned her a trip to Washington,

D.C. this fall. Bishop, who is the current state 4-H president, finished fourth with his record book on Recreation. Both will be honored at the 4-H achievement banquet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. Photo by Marilyn Neal

## Annual ag day is Tuesday at Bushland

The 2001 Texas Panhandle Ag Day on Tuesday will offer participants a close-up view of the latest research in crop and forage production involving technologies for dryland and irrigation systems specifically designed for corn, cotton and sorghum.

Experts providing the updates represent units within the Cooperative Research, Education, and Extension Triangle (CREET) consortium composed of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Cooperative Extension, U. S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service, Texas A&M University and West Texas A&M University.

Between 200 and 300 participants attend each year, according to event chairman, Brent Bean, Extension agronomist.

This year's event will be held at facilities operated by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and USDA-Agricultural Research Service on Experiment Station Drive, 3/4ths mile west of the Bushland community on Interstate 40, south

access road.

Registration will start 9 a.m. in the Kenneth B. Porter Wheat Seed Processing and Storage Building. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered to maintain certifications by pesticide applicators or crop advisors. Tour groups will board buses by 9:30 a.m. and begin tours of four select field locations.

A total of four stops are planned for the morning segment. The initial stop will be focused on three production options: the potential for drip irrigation in cotton, irrigation scheduling for optimum cotton yield, and sorghum planting dates, row spacing and plant population trials. Also featured will be short season corn production issues, including seeding rates, row spacing and water use efficiency.

The next stop will take a look at the influence of irrigation and plant density on greenbug populations in sorghum. Also, the effect of the stay-green characteristic on sorghum stalk rot will be discussed.

The fourth stop will address cotton/sorghum crop rotation. Also,

cotton cropping systems followed by a look at dryland sorghum production including planting date-row spacing-population studies.

A catered meal at noon is being sponsored by Texas Sorghum Board, Top-of-Texas Gin, Hereford Farmers Gin. Briefings on karnal bunt disease and federal farm bill and policy developments will highlight the mid-day program.

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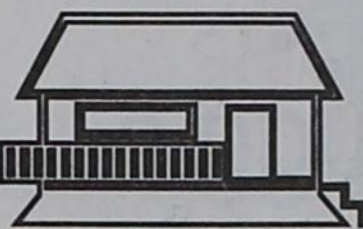
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**22—Notices**

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**24—Card of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**  
On behalf of the family of Manuel Lopez, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to each and everyone who sent flowers, brought food, offered prayers and were there for us in our time of pain. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God bless you.

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FRANK LOPEZ & FAMILY  
ANNA LOPEZ  
MANUEL LOPEZ JR. & FAMILY  
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DANIEL LOPEZ & FAMILY  
24-21-1tc

*Gather ye rosebuds where ye may; florists are very expensive.*



Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the first week of school, August 23-31.

**DIMMITT Pre-K to 12th Grades Grab and Go Breakfast**

**THURSDAY:** Cinnamon roll, chilled fruit cocktail and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Breakfast burrito, melon balls and milk.

**MONDAY:** Honey bun, pineapple juice and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Apple Jacks cereal, peaches and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Egg and cheese Hot Pocket, apple juice and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Carrot mini loaf, fresh apples and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Waffles with syrup, fresh banana and milk.

**Lunch Pre-School to 1st Grades**

**THURSDAY:** Chicken spaghetti, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, peach cobbler, hot cheese rolls and white milk or chocolate milk.

**FRIDAY:** Pepperoni pizza, fruit or vegetable, cantaloupe, blueberry gelatin, and white milk or chocolate milk.

**MONDAY:** Fish nuggets, potato rounds, tossed salad, fruited gelatin, assorted muffins, and chocolate milk or white milk.

**TUESDAY:** Cheeseburger, potato chips, hamburger salad, watermelon, oatmeal cookies and white milk or chocolate milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Beef and bean burrito, frijoles refrito, orange wedges, taco condiment salad, and white milk or chocolate milk.

**THURSDAY:** Shrimp poppers, hash brown potatoes, butter beans, white hot rolls, and white milk or chocolate milk.

**FRIDAY:** Turkey and dressing, candied sweet potato, mixed vegetable, ambrosia fruit salad, hot wheat rolls, birthday cake, and white milk or chocolate milk.

**2nd-12th Grades**

**THURSDAY:** Choices of chicken spaghetti, enchilada casserole or ham and cheese on a bun; Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or peach cobbler; tortilla chips, white hot rolls or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**FRIDAY:** Choices of pepperoni pizza, nachos with cheese or chicken pot pie; savory green beans, tomato and okra gumbo or baked potato; tossed salad, cantaloupe or blueberry gelatin; Fideo Mexicano, biscuits or assorted Danish; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**MONDAY:** Choices of fish nuggets, beef enchilada with salsa or barbecued hotlinks on a bun; potato rounds, Mexipinto beans or vegetable medley; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; assorted muffins,

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**25—Legal Notices**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

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District: Lubbock.

Contract 6073-62-001 for INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL DETECTORS in LUBBOCK COUNTY, etc., will be opened on Sept. 12, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$48,165.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's List, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project.

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Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's web site at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin. 25-20-2tc

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## Police Calls

Bea Acker told police that someone had scratched her 1997 Chevy Suburban on the passenger side sometime after 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 14. Damage to the vehicle was valued at \$300.

Police are investigating two reports of forged checks passed at Dimmitt Market during the past week.

On Aug. 18, Pedro Garcia Jr. of Dimmitt reported he had been assaulted. Investigation is continuing.

Those arrested in Castro County this week were:

-32-year-old Hereford woman, arrested Aug. 14 for theft greater than \$500, but less than \$1500.

-25-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested Aug. 14 on warrants for driving while intoxicated and failure to appear.

-27-year-old Hart man, arrested Aug. 15 for burglary of a habitation, burglary of a building, and possession of a controlled substance.

-19-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested Aug. 15 on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.

-23-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested Aug. 16 for Driving while intoxicated, first offense.

-41-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested Aug. 16 on a warrant for theft by check in Potter County.

-28-year-old Dimmitt woman,

arrested Aug. 17 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

-48-year-old Hart man, arrested Aug. 18 for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

-20-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested Aug. 19 for driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

-31-year-old Perryton man, arrested Aug. 19 for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Two citations were issued to drivers of vehicles involved in a two-vehicle accident at 10:56 a.m. on Aug. 10 in Dimmitt.

Isreala Castaneda of Dimmitt was driving her 1984 Chevrolet Caprice east in the 300 block of West Bedford St., on the inside lane of traffic when it was struck by a 1999 Oldsmobile Delta 88 driven by Charlie Wohlgemuth of Dimmitt.

The Oldsmobile was traveling north in the 100 block of SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St., and stopped at the intersection of W. Bedford St. Wohlgemuth did not see the Chevrolet approaching from the west, and he attempted to cross W. Bedford St.

Wohlgemuth was cited for failing to yield the right of way at a stop sign and Castaneda was ticketed for having no driver's license and no proof of liability insurance.

Damage to both vehicles was rated light.

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*The youngest person ever nominated for a competitive Academy Award was Justin Henry, who was only 9 when he was nominated for Best Supporting Actor in Kramer vs. Kramer (1979).*



## Ramos is 'police woman of year'

Dimmitt police officer, Rita Ramos was recognized by the Texas Women in Law Enforcement as Officer of the Year for mentoring.

Officer Ramos was not aware her name was up for nomination until the award was delivered.

She has since found out that Linda Maxwell, former associate editor of the Castro County News, put her name up for nomination. Police chief Santos Perez also played a role in finishing the paper work required for the submission of Ramos' name. Officer Ramos is a native of Dimmitt. She was an active member of the basketball, track and cheer-leading teams during high school.

Rita Ramos has been a member of the Dimmitt Police Department since June 1987.

"She does an outstanding job. We knew that, and we're glad that she got recognized by the state police

association," said City Manager Don Sheffy.

Officer Ramos specializes as a domestic violence liaison for the Dimmitt Police Dept. She has attended many seminars and classes that have given her the knowledge she needs to deal with families in difficult situations.

"I like to take that extra step when helping people," said Officer Ramos.

Ramos is also active in other areas of the community. She is the manager of the Dimmitt swimming pool, coaches Little Dribblers and t-ball, and is the only female volunteer fire fighter.

*Unhappy businessmen, I am convinced, would increase their happiness more by walking six miles every day than by any conceivable change of philosophy.*

*-Bertrand Russell*

## City holds the line on tax rate, budget

Dimmitt's City Council adopted a same-size budget and a same-size tax rate for fiscal 2002 at its Monday night meeting.

The new budget isn't a carbon copy of last year's—for example, every city employee will receive a \$1,000-a-year raise this year—but expenditures were juggled here and there to keep the budget balanced with no tax-rate increase.

The budget is in two parts—General Fund and Utility Fund—with each having its own revenues and designated categories of expenditures.

Taxes, fines, fees from licenses and permits, etc., go into the General Fund. These revenues are expected to total \$1,026,874 during the coming year.

The Utility Fund is made up of income from water, sewer and sanitation services, and is expected to bring in \$1,129,800.

The council voted to continue the same property-tax rate that has been in effect for several years — 23.7¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Based on last year's taxable value of property, \$132,564,710, the .237 rate will generate approximately \$310,000 in revenue for the General Fund.

Nearly every council member had a question here and there about some part of the budget, which City Manager Don Sheffy addressed. No significant changes were made.

The council accepted the bid from First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, to serve as the city depository again during the coming year.

First Bank was the only financial institution to submit a bid, and Sheffy noted that the proposed contract was "essentially the same" as the one that's currently in force.

Three city residents addressed the council in open forum.

Don Moke complained about junk cars being stored in residential yards

and commercial trucks being parked on city streets.

Sheffy said the Police Dept. may start issuing citations on the nuisance vehicles, especially those parked on the streets.

Ray Robertson told the council that he felt "you're making a terrible mistake" to allow the proposed new dairy to be located west-southwest of town.

He asked if an environmental impact study had been made beforehand.

"This proposal was studied carefully by local and state entities," Mayor Wayne Collins said.

Councilman Roger Malone added, "The state (Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission) has approved it also, and they're really not that friendly about that type of project."

Robertson said that prevailing winds would carry flies, mosquitoes, odor and airborne particles from the proposed dairy site toward Dimmitt much of the time.

"If I'm wrong, it will not have hurt them to move that dairy," Robertson said. "If you're wrong, we'll have the stink from that dairy here forever. I think you're making a serious mistake."

He added, "We're going to do everything in our power to stop a dairy from being built at this location."

In discussing the issue later, Malone said, "When we voted on this, we weren't told the exact distance. When I found out, I got concerned about it."

Collins answered, "To compare a 2,000 to 2,400-head dairy with one cow per 600 square feet with a 40,000-head feedlot which has one animal per 150 square feet, I don't think that another 2,400 cows at that location will do any significant harm to Dimmitt."

Collins added, "There will be adequate opportunity for public comment" during the permit process.

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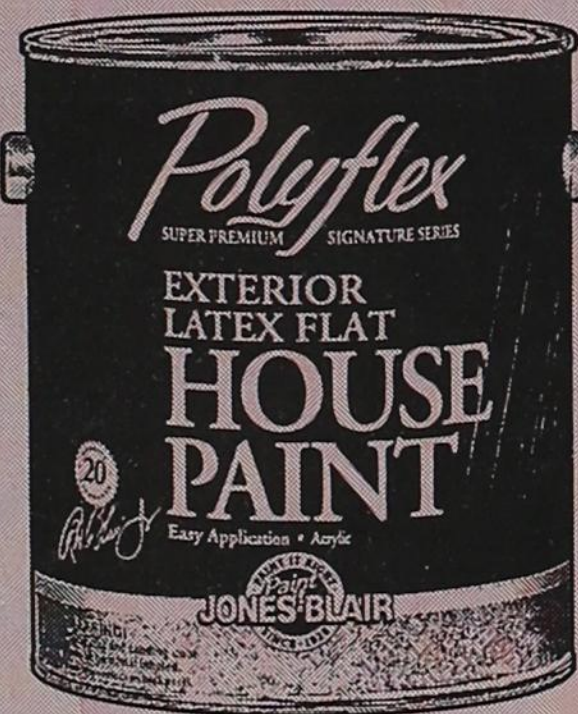
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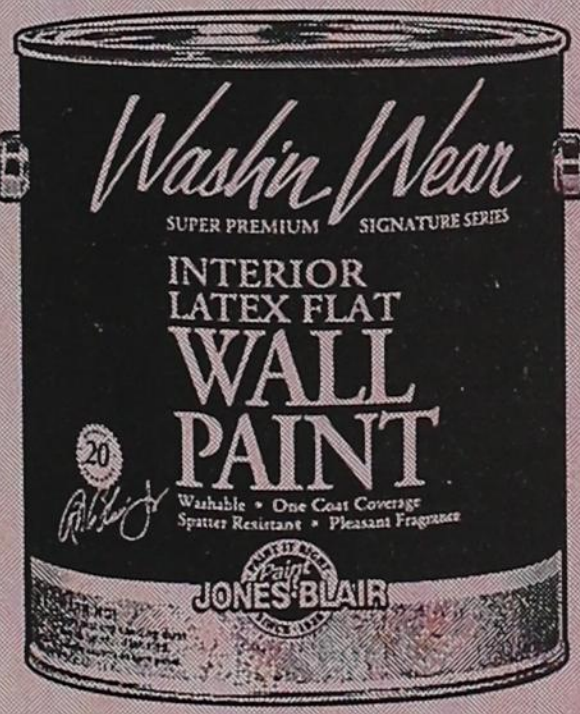


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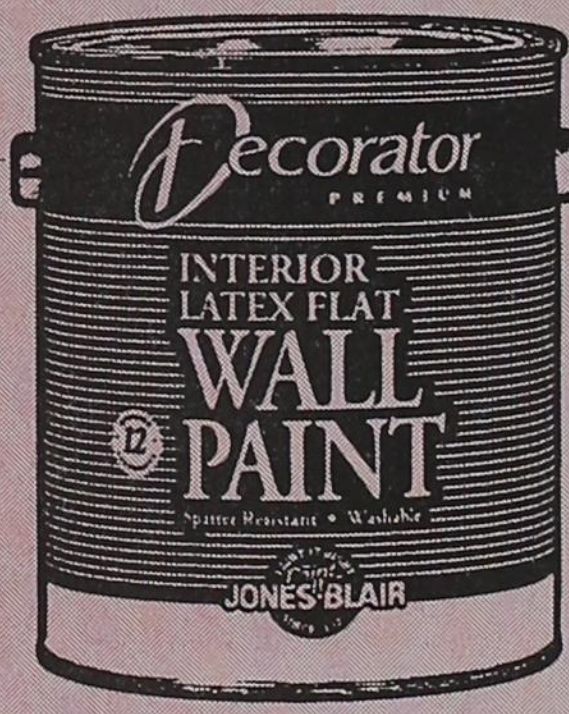


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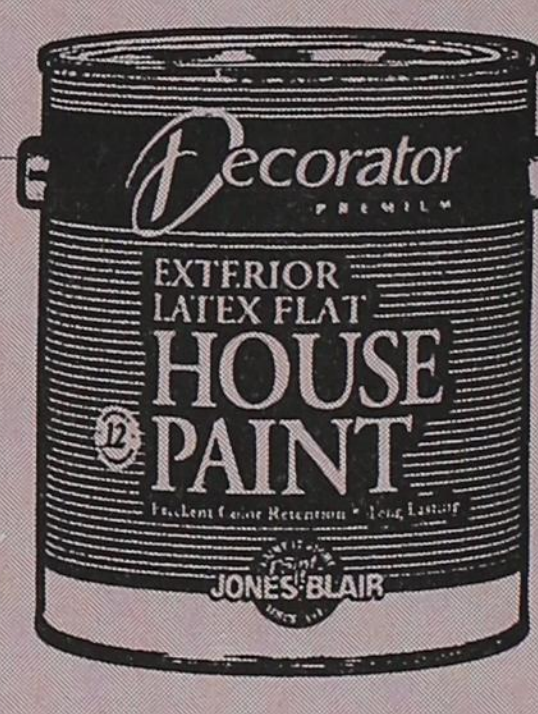


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# Obituaries

## Millicent Davis

Millicent Hastings Davis, 87, lifetime resident of Dimmitt, died last Thursday, Aug. 16, at 11:17 p.m. at her home in Dimmitt.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Chuck Ball, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Davis was born Oct. 17, 1913, in Castro County. She married Ulys Davis on March 12, 1933, in Texline. He died on Jan. 17, 1972.

She was a lifetime resident of Castro County and was a housewife. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1932 as salutatorian. She was a member of the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ and the Ladies' Bible Class.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Cluck of Dimmitt; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Doricell Davis of Dimmitt; five grandchildren, Mark and Tami Cluck, Susie Cluck, Chad and Holly Davis, Jeanne and Jad Gabel and Jill and Kris Keith; and five great-grandchildren, Cameron, Brennan and Austin Cluck, and Cassie and Clay Gabel.

The family requests memorials be to the New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM Hwy 236, Portales, NM, 88130.



## Sylvia Moore

Sylvia Moore, 93, of Dimmitt, died Friday.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ with Dean Wiseman, Don Wood and Gerald Jackson officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Moore was born Feb. 26, 1908, in Sparta, Tenn., and she attended schools in Oklahoma. She married O.R. Moore on Oct. 13, 1925, in Salem Springs, Ark. He died Feb. 19, 1972.

She moved to Castro County in 1954. She was a member of the Bethel Community Home Demonstration Club, the Church of Christ and the Ladies Bible Class.

She was also preceded in death by two sons.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Adams of Lubbock; two sons, Richard Neal of Dimmitt and Orby Wayne of Shallowater; a brother, Cordell Cooper of Perrin; 18 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

## Cruz Galan Sustaita

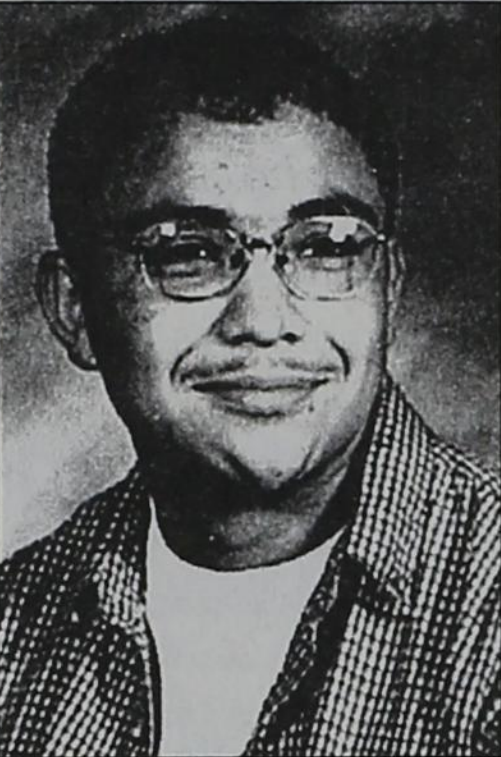
Cruz Galan Sustaita, 66, of Dimmitt, died on Aug. 14.

Services were held Saturday morning at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Monsignor Orville Blum officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

She was born June 9, 1935 in San Marcos, to Pedro and Martina Galen. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1953, from Lamesa.

Survivors include her husband, Juan Sustaita; five sons, Ray Sustaita and Valentine Sustaita, both of Hereford, David Sustaita and Richardo Sustaita, both of Amarillo, and Antonio Sustaita of Fresno, Calif.; five daughters Fidela Ramirez of Fresno, Calif., Susie Sierra, Rosario Ramirez and Consuelo Montes, all of Amarillo, and Teresa Garcia of Hereford; four brothers; a sisters; 25 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.



## Casey Villanueva

Casey Teniente Villanueva, 16, of Dimmitt, died Sunday from injuries he sustained in a one-vehicle accident south of Dimmitt.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Dimmitt High School Auditorium with Father Fern Couture, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Villanueva was born Jan. 2, 1985, in Dimmitt. He was a junior at Dimmitt High School. He was a member of the Dimmitt Bobcats' football, power lifting and track and field teams. He was active in FFA.

Survivors include his parents, Stephan Jr. and Amparo Villanueva of Dimmitt; two brothers, Stephan Villanueva III of Fort Brag, N.C. and Stacey Villanueva of Amarillo; a sister, Monica Villanueva of Austin; his paternal grandparents, Stephan Villanueva Sr., of Von Ormy; his maternal grandparents, Tomas and Ysidra Teniente of San Antonio; and a nephew, Jas Ryan Villanueva.

## Friena plans cancer walk on Saturday

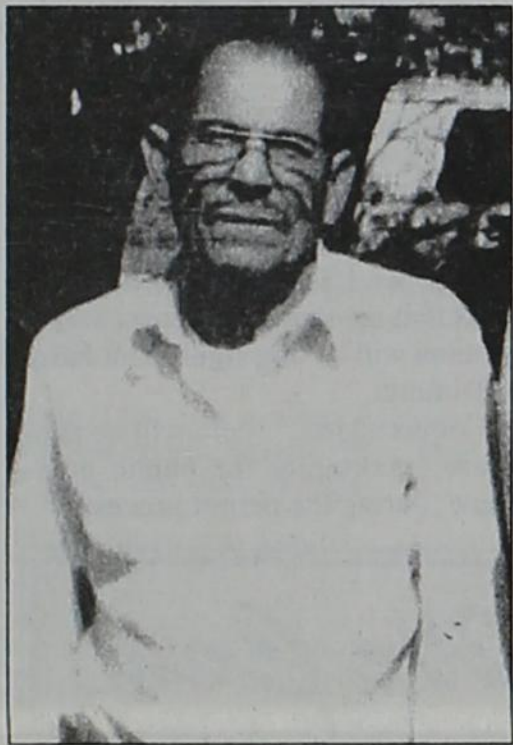
Friena's Second Annual Cancer Walk will be held at the Friena High School football stadium on Saturday.

The two-mile event will begin at 9 a.m. Early registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Money raised from this walk will be given to the American Cancer Society.

The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years of age and younger. The registration deadline is Aug. 10.

Entry forms can be found at Ingrams, Ivy Cottage, An Added Touch and other businesses in Friena.



## Eucebio 'E.M.' Flores

Eucebio "E.M." Flores, 73, of Dimmitt died Thursday, Aug. 16 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services were held Monday morning at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Fern Couture officiating. A rosary was held at 7 p.m. on Saturday and a vigil was held at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Arrangements were by Foskey-Lilley-McGill of Dimmitt. Burial was at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Mr. Flores was born Aug. 14, 1928 in Abilene. He grew up and attended schools in Cotulla. He moved to Morton in 1941. He then lived in Tyler for three years. He married Lucila Garza on July 11, 1949 in Lubbock. He moved to Dimmitt in 1971. He attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his son Marcello Flores.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Janie Lopez and her husband Robert of Post; one son, Ismael Flores and his wife Pat of Dimmitt; one daughter-in-law, Mary Helen Flores of Dimmitt; one brother, Fabian Flores of Morton; seven grandchildren, Michelle Flores, Marcella Martinez, Stephanie Flores, Freddy Flores, Marcus Lopez, Yvonne Lopez and Zachary Lopez; and three great-grandchildren.

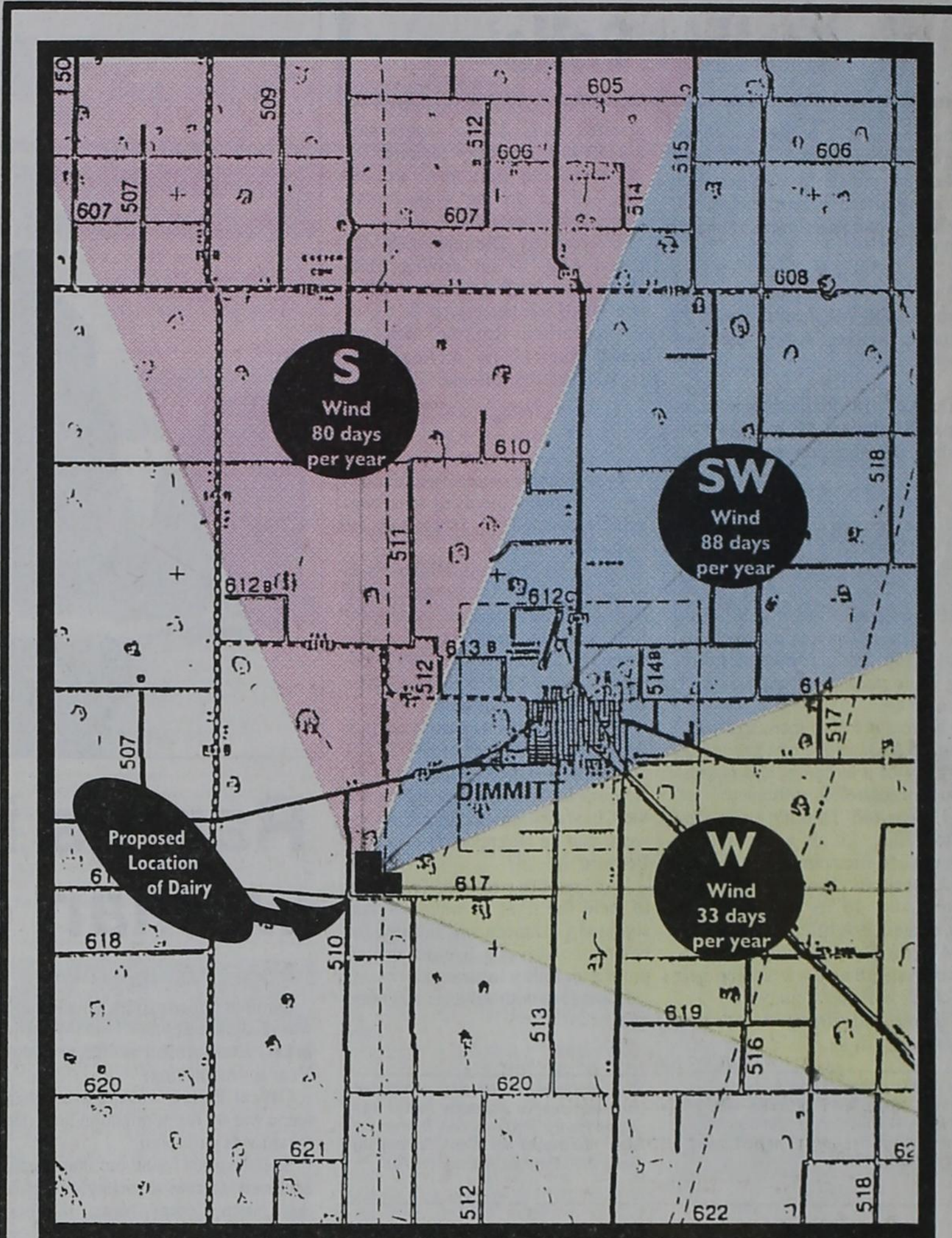
## John Lee Hrabal

Graveside services for John Lee Hrabal, 83, of Clarksville, father of Wanda Nelson of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon at Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt. Burial followed under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Hrabal died Friday in Clarksville.

He was born Dec. 29, 1917, in Hillsboro. He was a farmer and rancher and belonged to the Church of Christ. He married Ruby Nell Odom.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, J.W. Hrabal of Amarillo and Don Hrabal of Tyler; two daughters, Wanda Nelson of Dimmitt and Lynda Hrabal of Owasso, Okla.; two brothers, Truman Hrabal of Sulphur Springs and Bud Hrabal of Terrell; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.



## A new dairy, yes. Just not *there*, please!

First, let us make it clear that we're not opposed to the construction of dairies here. Dimmitt and Castro County need the economic boost.

In fact, we commend Mayor Wayne Collins and the Economic Development Committee for their efforts and initiative.

However, we don't want to see a dairy located where it would pollute any part of our city, including the part where we live.

The map above shows the location of the proposed new 2,400-head dairy and the direction that the prevailing winds will carry the dust, flies and odor from that location most of the time.

USDA wind direction statistics compiled at the Bushland research station show that our wind blows from the southwest 24% of the time (88 days a year), from the south 22% of the time (80 days a year), and from the west 9% of the time (33 days a year).

According to Kenneth L. Starcher, assistant director of the Alternative Energy Institute at WTAMU, wind-borne particles will "fan out" at a 22½-degree angle from each side of the wind-direction line—45 degrees in all.

The map shows that "typical downwind wake effect" and how it

would relate to Dimmitt about 201 days a year.

So, what would be the effect of having 2,400 dairy cattle held permanently on that site, with almost constant movement as they are milked three times every 24 hours?

We feel that there would be a heightened danger of respiratory illness, especially in southwest Dimmitt, where the nursing home, the high school, and the football stadium and track are located.

We feel that there would be a potential for increased occurrence of insects, flies and mosquitoes throughout our area.

And we're very worried that it would devalue our home and everyone else's personal property.

On behalf of all residents of Dimmitt—especially those who live in southwest Dimmitt—we appeal to the City Council, the Economic Development Committee and the SRJ Dairy Development Co. to reconsider their decision and find another location before this project goes any further.

There are almost 900 sections of land in Castro County, with approximately 500 miles of highway frontage.

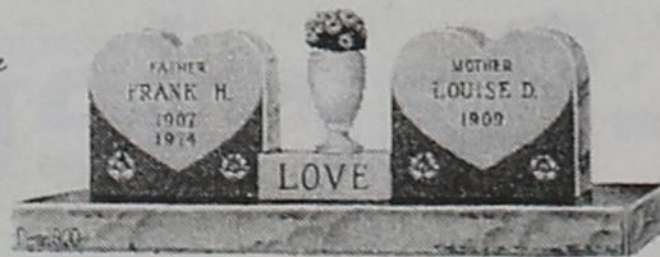
Surely a more acceptable site can be found!

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