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## County looks at \$150 pay hike

The Castro County Commissioners voted Monday to cut back on employees health insurance, but there was also good news for county employees.

Although the commissioners had already decided to give employees a \$100 per month raise, lowering the cost of insurance gave them the money to add \$50 more for full-time employees.

"Had we remained in the same plan we had, the premiums would have increased to \$659.24 per month," said Castro County Judge Bill Sava. "The plan we adopted is \$573.92 per month per employee, saving us approximately \$56,000."

"Every year it's an increase and we simply didn't feel we could afford to take the very best plan."

"They had priced themselves out of reach in a county where the tax base is dropping and you're trying to make ends meet."

"We also felt the plan we adopted will meet most people's needs without creating a significant hardship, although there will now be a deductible on member hospitals of \$500. Previously there was no deductible for an in-network hospital. Also previously, a doctor's visit was \$15 now it's a \$25 co-pay."

Realizing that there will be employees who are going to have to pay deductibles is another reason for the \$50.

"Over the past five years, county employees have had one \$50 raise, so we'd been planning to give them at

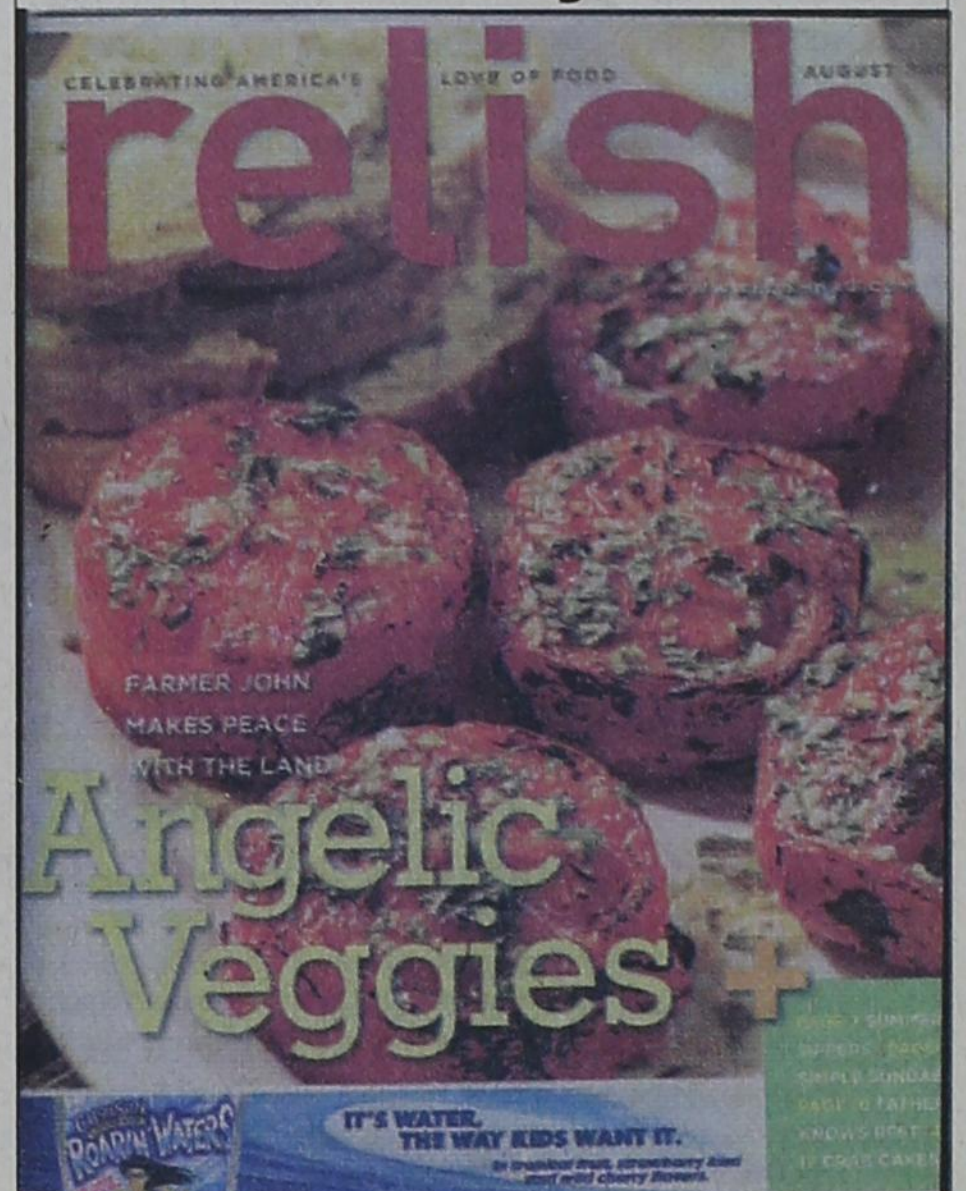
least \$100 to try and keep up with the cost of living," Sava said.

"As we have changed the health plan and employees will be out some additional expenses, we felt we should give them an additional amount of \$50 more a month to help with their health expenses, so employees are looking at a \$150 raise and paying for additional health care expenses."

"Among the things we considered with this is we're trying to bring the pay scale for our county employees up to that of employees in surrounding counties. We've lost employees regularly to counties that were paying better starting salaries. This is an effort to be fair."

In addition, the commissioners

## Today!



See Inside

## Hart Days Parade Marshals



Laverne and Tom McLain, center, are surrounded by their family as they get ready for the parade on Saturday during Hart Days. The couple were both the parade marshals and Honored Pioneers. See Page 7 for the Miss Hart winner.

## City transfers Cargill to DDC

The City Council, minus Mayor Wayne Collins who recused himself, on Monday, agreed to transfer the Cargill Plant to the City of Dimmitt Development Corporation. Members of the Corporation, appointed several weeks ago include Carol Lust, Richard Jackson and Jim Bradford.

What this means is once the closing for Cargill is completed, the plant will be transferred to the development corporation and then subsequently transferred to Dimmitt Ethanol, which had been empowered to seek financing for an ethanol plant to replace Cargill, which closed in January, 2005, putting about 140 workers out of jobs.

"Dimmitt Ethanol is currently in the final stages of negotiations with two publicly traded companies who will provide financing for the plant conversion to an ethanol plant," said Collins.

The details of the transfer were discussed after the city council meeting in a closed, legal session on Monday.

This is another step in moving toward an ethanol plant in Dimmitt, Collins said.

Sources have said that once the financing is in place, the plant could be up and running in 12-14 months.

With 80 percent of infrastructure already in place, this could put Dimmitt ahead of other places contemplating ethanol plants.

## Sales-tax holiday is scheduled for Aug. 4-6

COLLEGE STATION - The state's eighth annual sales tax holiday is scheduled for Aug. 4-6. Each year this event - which is the first weekend of August, shortly before the start of the school year - allows shoppers to purchase some clothing and shoes, and save money by not paying sales tax.

State officials predict Texas consumers are expected to save millions of dollars in state and local sales taxes by shopping on this weekend. But consumers shouldn't assume every purchase that weekend will be tax-free, said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist. In fact, school supplies and other back-to-school necessities such as backpacks are not on the tax-free list, she said, so don't expect to stock up on tax-free notebooks, pens, folders and lunch boxes.

Included on the tax-free list are most items of clothing and

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## Livestock producers hunt for forage

Danger may be lurking as farmers try to market drought-stressed crops and livestock producers hunt for forage, said two Texas Cooperative Extension specialists.

Dr. Ellen Jordan, Extension dairy specialist in Dallas, said many growers are attempting to salvage drought-stressed corn and sorghum crops. One possible market is dairy rations. But some drought-stressed crops may harbor aflatoxins, prussic acid or high levels of nitrates, Jordan said. Aflatoxins are a poisonous by-product of the mold aspergillus, she said. Metabolites of aflatoxin are potent cancer-causing agents; thus government regulations specify milk must contain less than 0.5 parts per billion. To keep milk from becoming tainted, producers must adhere to U.S. Food and Drug Administration guidelines to keep aflatoxin in dairy feed at less than 20 parts per billion. Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo, worries some of the stressed crops also might be used to feed beef cattle. Aflatoxin in feeds can hurt the performance and health of beef cattle, McCollum said. For dry cows and yearlings, total feed should contain less than 300 parts per billion aflatoxin. For lactating cows and weaned calves, total feed should contain less than 100 parts per billion. "Thus, caution is

required when considering the use of corn grown under stressful conditions," Jordan said. Extension plant pathologists recently collected samples from cornfields north of Dallas. These fields, being baled for hay with the stalks and ears included, tested positive for aflatoxin, she said. Several ears from two samples had measured aflatoxin rates of 590 parts per billion and 1,700 parts per billion, Jordan said. The pathologist analyzed kernels from the plants and found aflatoxin rates of 2,200 and 1,400 parts per billion. Because the kernels were one-third of the total plant weight, using this whole-plant hay for dairy or beef cattle would be difficult if not impossible, Jordan and McCollum said. Another problem in drought-stressed forages is high levels of nitrate, the specialists said. Excessive nitrate consumption can be fatal to cattle, McCollum said. Nitrate concentrations in excess of 1 percent in the dry matter are considered toxic. However, lower concentrations also can cause health and reproductive problems and impede growth. Nitrate concentrations less than 0.3 percent are regarded as safe for pregnant cattle and 0.3 percent to 0.5 percent are safe for other cattle, McCollum said. As levels surpass 0.5 percent, the risk of reproductive failure, health problems and reduced performance increases.

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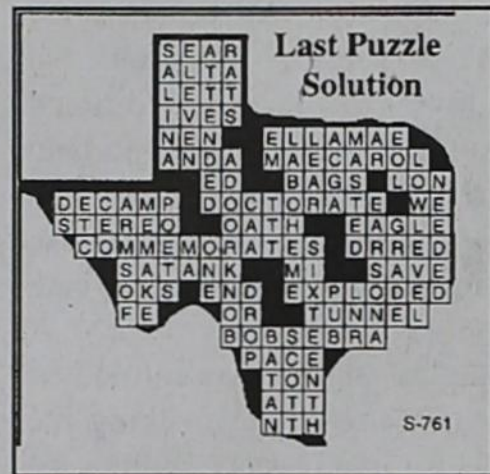
# Forum Problems for Dallas HOLIDAY

By **DIGGER ELAM**

The educational woes continue for the Dallas ISD. This time the problems deal with inadequate financing problems mainly in the form of credit cards used by the district. For the past two years the Dallas ISD school district has issued over 200 credit cards to certain staff members in the district. Dallas ISD issues to its employees over 150 thousand credit cards to be used for purchase of things for the district. Only the 200 credit cards questioned by the Dallas Morning News are in question. All others have invoices for the financial offices of Dallas ISD stated the the Dallas Morning News on July

3rd that their offices had not kept up with the cards because of not having enough staff. The Dallas Morning News reported that auditors had shown the financial offices how to simplify posting of the invoices but the financial offices had refused to change to the new system. This lack of accountability of these 200 district issued credit cards has caused the district to lose over 2 million dollars last year. There were no invoices to show proof of purchases for this 2 million dollars spent on credit cards. On July 11th district Superintendent Dr. Hinojosa cancelled all district issued credit cards. This was a good move! These 200 credit cards in question were used to buy food, gift cards, bingo games, video games and many other things not related to school use. There are no

invoices to show proof of purchase or that any of the 2 million dollars worth of goods were ever received. Dr. Hinojosa flanked by 4 school board members stated to Dallas TV stations that many employees would be suspended and would have to repay the district for all personal purchases. That is a sound move but the financial offices of Dallas ISD must be held accountable too. Unfortunately, things of this nature hurt the integrity of public schools.



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footwear priced below \$100. That includes baby clothes, dresses, hosiery, jackets, jeans, pajamas, shirts and many different kinds of shoes.

Not included on the tax-free list are such items as purses, jewelry and accessories.

And neither are items used mostly for athletics, such as football pads and helmets, baseball shoes and pants, inline or regular roller skates, ice skates, and cleated shoes for biking, bowling, golf or baseball.

For more information on the tax-free list, visit the Web at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/> and click on the link to "Sales Tax Holiday." Although shoppers can save money during this weekend, they shouldn't expect every tax-free item to be a bargain, Cavanagh said. "Sometimes consumers are better off if they wait for some items to go on sale, rather than purchasing them at full price during

the tax-free weekend," she said.

With that in mind, consumers can still save money by shopping during tax-free weekend, she said. "Just keep a little common sense in mind when you're at the mall,"

Cavanagh said. For more information on family economics issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to "Money."

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- 5 OK healer Roberts in Wood Co. on 69
- 7 actor James of TX-based "Giant"
- 8 Monahans' dunes: \_\_\_\_\_ Park
- 18 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ slinger" (writer)
- 19 TX George H. continued Reagan's Strategic Defense \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 ex-Cowboys LB Darrin (init.)
- 22 TX Mac Davis hit: "Baby Don't Get Hooked \_\_\_\_\_"
- 23 "Dallas" exterior \_\_\_\_\_ were shot at Southfork
- 24 "por favor" in TX
- 29 TXism: "running \_\_\_\_\_" (spouse)
- 30 TXism: "hit me like \_\_\_\_\_ of bricks"
- 31 Dr. Pepper rival
- 32 Itasca's mascot
- 34 Ed \_\_\_\_\_ was in "Daniel Boone" with TX Fess
- 35 Gov. O'Daniel (init.)
- 36 what TXns do with watermelon seeds (2 wds.)
- 37 TX Pepe Serna film: "\_\_\_\_\_ face"
- 38 TXism: "it's hard to \_\_\_\_\_ with the eagles when you work with turkeys"
- 39 arrival guess
- 40 TXism: "get while the \_\_\_\_\_ is good"

- 42 TXism: "would trade all the minera rights in Texas \_\_\_\_\_"
- 43 chili \_\_\_\_\_ carne
- 44 in Rusk Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ Hill
- 45 injuries
- 46 Jay Novacek's old Cowboy position
- 47 TX "Babe's" middle name

- 48 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ got a clue"
- 49 Aggies' "\_\_\_\_\_ Man"
- 51 lavish promotion he took title from TX Foreman in '74
- 53 TXism: "I'll \_\_\_\_\_ your hide!"
- 54 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Peggy \_\_\_\_\_"

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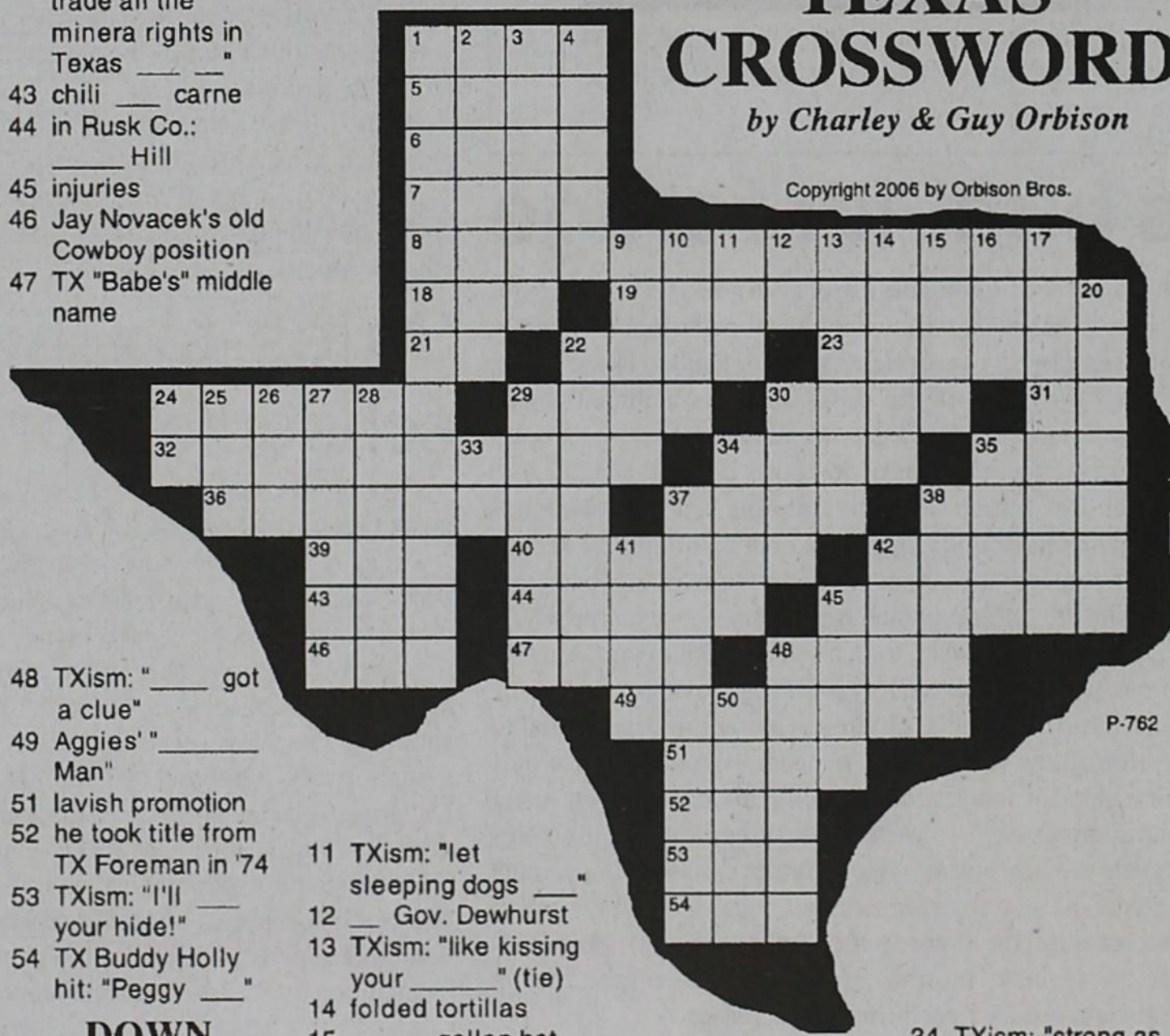
- 1 TXns buy & sell fruit at this (2 wds.)
- 2 TX Horton's "Battle of New \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3 in Kaufman Co. on hwy. 175
- 4 TXism: "does \_\_\_\_\_ office business"
- 9 TX Heloise gives these in a column
- 10 TX Gary Morris' "The Love She Found \_\_\_\_\_"

### The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 11 TXism: "let sleeping dogs \_\_\_\_\_"
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Gov. Dewhurst
- 13 TXism: "like kissing your \_\_\_\_\_" (tie)
- 14 folded tortillas
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ gallon hat
- 16 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ horn" (amateur)
- 17 TXism: "best I \_\_\_\_\_ eyes on"
- 20 dates
- 22 hot breakfast food or former TX town
- 24 song writer Williams (init.)
- 25 TX Perrine was a \_\_\_\_\_ Vegas showgirl
- 26 Gov. Pease (init.)

- 27 TXism: "just down the road \_\_\_\_\_"
- 28 Sonora's county
- 29 Cotton Bowl's best rusher Dick (54)
- 30 TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_\_ to ride the river with" (reliable)
- 33 ex-Cowboy Haley (init.)
- 34 TXism: "strong as battery \_\_\_\_\_"
- 35 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ to a frazzle" (tired)
- 37 some summer head wear in TX (2 wds.)
- 38 direction to Mexico
- 41 pinball violation
- 42 assortment of type
- 45 Lady Bird to LBJ
- 48 home of Sul Ross University.
- 50 former town so. of Texarkana on 59

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| Sunday        | 91   | 68  |       |      |
| Monday        | 94   | 68  |       |      |
| July Rainfall |      |     | 1.54  |      |
| 2006 Rainfall |      |     | 8.36  |      |
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# Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

The Mike and Elizabeth and Matt and Rosie family reunion was very well enjoyed Saturday at the Naz Community Hall with 484 Gerber relatives being served a delicious dinner catered by Nellie Wilhelm, Christine Archer and their helpers.

Traveling the farthest were four Gerber relatives from Minnesota and Ohio whom everyone really enjoyed visiting with. They stayed at our Holy Family Inn and really enjoyed it.

After attending Mass in Holy Family Church Saturday evening all gathered back at the hall and enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and watermelon.

A big thanks to anyone bringing a silent bid auction item - there were some really great ones! Some items were auctioned off by Keith Hoelting and then the silent auction was closed and the highest bidder paid for their item. A lot of fun and it certainly helped pay the bills!

Every family seemed to have a few musicians and singing talent which they readily shared with everyone. Some enjoyed dancing or just listening.

A big thanks to Bev Hill who worked many hours putting the reunion together, some times with her committee. She was presented an electric foot bath - which she probably needed!

Ed and Leola Raemakers recently visited Ed's sister in Chicago. While they were there they enjoyed the sights, including one of the largest fireworks displays in the country, making the Fourth of July really special. They also went for a ride on the subway and a boat ride on the river and on Lake Michigan. The skyline of Chicago is a really beautiful sight to see!

After Chicago, they visited another sister in Cincinnati, Ohio. They also toured the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, and also enroute they visited the Indianapolis Speedway and got to see all the old race cars from the first to the present day!

One of the highlights of their trip was a visit to St. Mary's Basilica, built in 1901, which has one of the largest stained glass windows in the world. It measure 24 by 68 feet. After a great trip, they were glad to be back home to the peace and quiet of the country.

Ida Gibson and her family recently enjoyed a great weekend at beautiful Lake Texhoma. Attending were her children, Jimmy and Debbie Birkenfeld of Denver City, Erlene and Tony Fritz of Temple, Sidney and Peggy Birkenfeld of Nazareth, Vera and Mark Hoelting of Lone Oak, Curtis Birkenfeld of Dimmitt, Roxanne and Bo Richardson of Livingston and 14 of her 17 grandchildren!

Jimmie Schulte and her daughters, Lynn Cameron, Lou Wethington and Suzanna Dobmeier flew to Nashville, Tenn., last

Wednesday to visit another daughter, Jeanna and Lynn Williams and family. On Friday, they all drove to Dayton, Ohio, to attend the wedding of Sarah Vandergrift, daughter of Marlene (Jones) and Ken Vandergrift, to Brian Weissman.

It was a beautiful green drive through Kentucky and Ohio. On Sunday, they drove back to Tennessee, and on Monday, they enjoyed driving to Franklin, where they had a wonderful lunch at the newly-remodeled Monells Res-

taurant, owned by Michael King, son of Alice Pallazzini, who lives in Nazareth. His new place is an old prison building, four stories high, all the old wood floors and grated windows have been maintained. It's beautiful now and he really showed us a great time! Enjoyed a great flight back home on Tuesday.

Recently 27 high school teens and six sponsors from Nazareth attended the Steubenville West Youth Conference in Tucson, Ariz. See NAZ NEWS, Page 7

Hola como estan todos? Hello how's everyone doing? Well, we had a little turn of events, by the time you read this I will be a mommy. The doctor decided the best thing to do was to deliver the baby. He should be born on July 28. This is only the beginning of a long and hard journey for us. The baby will be in the hospital for several months and it is going to take a tole on us emotionally, physically and financially. We are planning to start a medical fund to help with unexpected expenses.

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

For further information you can contact my sister Elidia Dozal. Don't forget to keep us in your prayers. Thanks again to everyone who has been there for us, may god bless you all. A very special thanks to Sandy Pena, Maggie Dozal, Santos G. Perez for the wonderful food they brought over.

FLASH! Josh and Angie ARE parents. They had a son born at 12:44 p.m., July 28, 2006, at BSA. Jozavy Daniel Arguijo weighed 2 pounds, 7 ounces and was 15-inches long.

"He's a real fighter," said Josh. "He started taking milk on Monday."

Maternal grandparents are Francisco Mendoza Sr. and the late Lucia Mendoza and paternal grandparents are Robert Arguijo and the late Elena Arguijo.

From what I've heard the annual ICC Jamaica was a huge success everyone is raving about the wonderful

music and the delicious food. The motorcycle show was awesome, it is always good to see new events going on. Thank you to everyone who attended and everyone who worked hard to put on the Jamaica together, money raised will surely be put to good use.

A reminder to the DHS class of 1996, a class reunion is being planned for sometime in September. Anyone who is interested in attending may contact me and I will put you in contact with the event coordinator Cicely Reyna. Let's get together and relive old times.

Bueno, esto ya es todo para esta semana. That's all the info I have for this week. As always please send information to [angie79027@hotmail.com](mailto:angie79027@hotmail.com), 647-0106, or 346-3882. Hasta Luego.

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# Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

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Notice To Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the Castro-Swisher Juvenile Board Will receive bids for A. Secure residential services B. Non-secure residential services C. Secure detention services D. Electronic monitoring. Bids will be received until 5 p.m. August 21. The contracts will be presented to the Castro-Swisher Juvenile Board at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held at the Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Requirements may be obtained from Dena McCaslin, Director of Juvenile Probation, Swisher County Courthouse, Tulia, Texas 79088. The Castro-Swisher Juvenile Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive formalities for the best interest of the Castro-Swisher Juvenile probation department.

We have selections for the following showers:

**Lindsey Heard**

bride elect of **Josh Flores**

wedding date of September 23, 2006

and

**Elly Rogers and Baby Boy Kayle**

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Mrs. John Wanjura  
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## Wilhelm-Wanjura

Karen Wilhelm and John Wanjura were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 1, 2006, at Holy Family Catholic Parish in Nazareth with Father Ken Keller officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Monica Wilhelm of Nazareth and the granddaughter of James and Irene Wilhelm of Nazareth and Richard and Mary Friemel of Umbarger. The groom is the son of Don and Sue Wanjura of Lubbock and the grandson of Bobbie Poer of Slaton. Matron of honor was Misty Groschke of Georgetown. Bridesmaids included the bride's two sisters, Ann Nelson of Hart and Rose Wilhelm of College Station, as well as Cassie Birkenfeld of Johnson, VT.

Best man was Eric Wanjura of Lubbock, brother of the groom. Grooms were Vic Wanjura of Lubbock, brother of the groom; Jason Wilhelm of Nazareth, brother of the bride; and Todd Stiggins of College Station.

Accompanying the attendants were flower girls Maggie Nelson of Hart, niece of the bride and Amalia Velasquez of Lubbock, niece of the groom. Ben and Hugh Wanjura of Lubbock, nephews of the groom served as ring bearers.

The bride wore a formal ivory gown by Jasmine. The gown included a gold ruffled sash at the waist which accented the boat neckline gown. A scalloped lace trim surrounded the hemline. Both the bride and the bridesmaids carried bouquets of white roses.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Nazareth High School and a 2004 graduate

of Texas A&M University. She is currently employed at College Station as a research analyst for the ArgiLogic, Inc. The groom is a 1998 graduate of Monterey High School in Lubbock and a 2002 and 2005 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is currently working on a doctoral degree at Texas A&M and is employed with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service in Lubbock.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in the Mayan Riviera and are currently living in College Station.

## County hands down indictments

A Castro County Grand Jury handed down five indictments on July 31.

They were:

- \* Ruben Sanchez of Graland, criminal non-support.
- \* Michael Wayne Sepeda, Dimmitt, Driving While Intoxicated, 3<sup>rd</sup> or more
- \* Martin Ortega Ramirez, Dimmitt, Driving While Intoxicated, 3<sup>rd</sup> or more
- \* Bobby Navarro, Dimmitt, manufacture or delivery of controlled substance, 0/4-U/200 grams
- \* Omar Joel Rodriguez, Hereford, possession of a controlled substance.

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Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Dean Gregory

## Gregorys celebrate 50th anniversary

Carroll Dean Gregory, M.D. and Barbara Ann Alder were married June 5, 1956, in Dallas.

They have three daughters, Marilyn Fay, who lives in Acworth, GA., with husband Chris O'Connor; and daughters Kelly and Lauren; and daughters; Cynthia Ann with daughters Ashley and Shelby in San Mateo, Calif.; and Emily Carol with sons, Roland and James Dean in Dimmitt.

## Bridal shower honors Schlemmer-Weaver

A bridal shower honoring Scott Schlemmer and Heidi Weaver was held in the home of Connie Nutt recently. The centerpiece for the table was a white basket of Battenburg lace flowing with accents and greenery, crystal candlebras, green candles and white doves.

Baily Nutt served refreshments of assorted cookies, sausage balls, fruit and almond tea from Fostoria crystal appointments.

Special guests includes the bride from Minnesota; her mother, Virginia Weaver of Breckenridge; Brittany, and Maybry Weaver, sister-in-law and niece of the bride from Sweetwater; grandmothers, Georgia Bartlett of Abernathy and Madge Weather of Lubbock.

Out-of-town friends included Betty Riley and Nancy Godwin, both of Abernathy.

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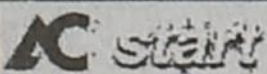
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Can we really see the face of our Maker?

Can we see Him face to face?

Seeking the face of God points toward the pursuit of love, closeness, friendship, and various characteristics that lead to a relationship with Him.

In reality we can't see the face of God.

He is spiritual and not of this world.

Today in 2006 we only have the Word and our faith that can lead us to the relationship we want with Him, a relationship that compares to actually seeing His face.

Everyday I see God in the lives of His people, I see His works and the growth involved.

We can often see Him work in our own lives and produce growth within us.

You want to see the face of God?

Look around you and see Him work in the lives of those you love.

See Him working in your life as well, through your accomplishments in life.

He also works in us during those times of failure too. Sometimes if we just open our eyes and look around, we will see the face of God through the faces of those we meet daily.

What does it take to seek His face?

We, who are His people, must humble ourselves and pray and seek His

face and turn from our wicked ways, then He will hear us and forgive us of our sins. (II Chronicles 7:14)

It takes an emptying of ourselves before God to seek His face and grow closer to Him daily.

Start in your life today, give it back to the Maker.

One step at a time, give it back.

To some this is a difficult task and to others it may not be.

First step to seeking God: Knees on the ground!

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

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IF EVER THERE WAS A MYSTERY A PUZZLE IN THE BIBLE, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE THE PRIEST-KING, MELCHIZEDEK, THE KING OF SALEM. IN THE ONE MEETING ABRAHAM HAD WITH MELCHIZEDEK, HE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED HIM AS SUPERIOR TO HIMSELF IN THE EYES OF GOD! MELCHIZEDEK BROUGHT TO ABRAHAM BREAD AND WINE, AND BLESSED HIM, THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES HE IS REFERRED TO AS THE HIGH PRIEST OF GOD, COMING NOT FROM A FATHER OR A MOTHER, HAVING NO END TO HIS LIFE AND NO BEGINNING. STUDENTS AND AUTHORITIES ON THE BIBLE HAVE SPECULATED ENDLESSLY ON THIS PRIEST-KING. SOME HAVE ARGUED THAT HE WAS A SURVIVOR OF THE FLOOD, THE PATRIARCH SHEM, OTHERS THAT HE WAS AN ANGEL OF GOD—ONE JEWISH TRADITION IS THAT HE WAS THE MESSIAH, SOME SAY THAT SALEM, WHERE HE RULED, LATER BECAME JERUSALEM—BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN, WHOMEVER MELCHIZEDEK WAS, HE CERTAINLY AROUSED THE CURIOSITY OF SCHOLARS DOWN THROUGH THE AGES!



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# Obituaries

## Juana Jaramillo

Services are pending for Juana Jaramillo, 66, Of Dimmitt, who died July 30, 2006, in Dimmitt. Local arrangements are by Colonial Funeral Home with funeral services to be at a later date in Mexico. Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Jaramillo was born Sept. 30, 1939 in Balcones, Durango, Mex., to Alejandro and Matilde Moncivais. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Pablo Jaramillo; four sons, Heriberto Jaramillo of Fort Worth, Ramon Jaramillo of San Jose, Calif., Rosendo Jaramillo and Jose Feliciano

Jaramillo, both of Denver, Colo.; five daughters, Alejandra Aguilar of Dimmitt, Margarita Gutierrez, Gregoria Candela, Maria Ester Reyes and Maria Elena Jaramillo, all of Denver, Colo.; a brother, Perfecto Moncivais; 29 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Joveita Moncivais; and two brothers, Felipe and Fermin Moncivais.



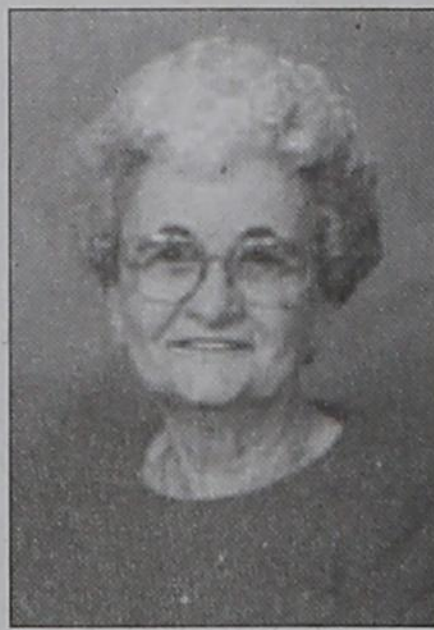
## Alva 'Allie' Tisdale

Services for Alva (Allie) Tisdale, 90, long-time Dimmitt and Hereford, were Friday, July 28, 2006, at Parkside Chapel with the Rev. Joe Schultz officiating. Burial was at West Lawn Cemetery in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Tisdale died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at Westgate Nursing Center of King's Manor Methodist Retirement Home in Hereford.

Mrs. Tisdale was born August 17, 1915 in Midlothian, the daughter of John and Catherine Burns. She married Marvin Tisdale on Jan. 3, 1931 in Clayton, N.M. They moved to Dimmitt, in 1964 where she worked at Parsons Drug Store for over 20 years and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son: Jerry Tisdale of Hereford; four daughters: Wanda Banks of Lubbock, Dolores Morris of Plainview, Sammie Lytal



Alva Tisdale

of Hereford, and Nancy Whatley of Alvin; one brother: Rex Burns of Lovington, N.M., 16 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter; one son; one grandson; and one great-granddaughter.

The family request memorials to Kings Manor Methodist Retirement Home, 400 Ranger, Hereford, TX 79045.

## Parts of the Cotton Belt still continue with dry weather

The weather concerns are not only directed at Texas but have spread to other regions including parts of the Mississippi Delta and the Southeast.

USDA's crop progress report released Monday showed an average of 32 percent of the U.S. crop is in poor to very poor condition compared to last week's 31 percent and only 12 percent last year at this time. Meanwhile, an average of 38 percent of the crop was seen in good to excellent condition, down from last week's 40 percent and last year's 61 percent.

"Not a day goes by without someone sharing a new and smaller estimate of the U.S. crop," a market observer commented. "It's a bit mindless to pass them around, but I do think the American crop remains the number one factor in the market."

Meanwhile, USDA

reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 43,200 bales in the week ended July 20, the figure was 31 percent less than the previous week and 72 percent less than the four-week average. Featured buyers included Mexico, China, and Colombia. Net sales of 64,300 bales for delivery in 2006-07, which begins August 1, were mainly for Mexico, Colombia, and Venezuela.

Exports shipments of 463,400 bales were five percent more than the previous week and 19 percent more than the four-week average. Major destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia.

"New export sales continue to resist slipping into the minus category, and shipments were the most robust since the week ending April 16," said one market analyst. "Surely there will be

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## Card of Thanks

The family of David Mixson would like to thank you for your love and support during this time of sorrow. The cards, flowers, food, and visits were greatly appreciated. We would especially like to thank the ones that have donated to the Ryan & Perry Mixson Scholarship Fund. We could not do it without you. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness during this sad time.

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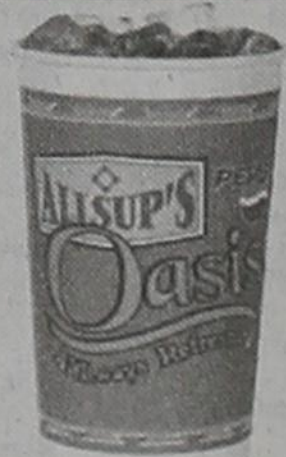
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### Miss Hart

Miss Hart, 2006, Mayra Reyna, daughter of Rudy and Irma Reyna waves to the on-lookers during Saturday's parade during Hart Days festivities.

## COTTON

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no trouble in making USDA's export estimate, though there were many doubters a few months ago," he explained.

On the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas in the week ended July 27 totaled 1,045 bales compared to the previous week when 2,390 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 49.34 to 51.45 cents per pound compared to 46.21 to 53.18 cents per pound the previous week.

In Texas, bolls are opening rapidly in the Rio Grande Valley, and harvesting of dryland fields has begun. Average yields, though, have proved somewhat disappointing thus far. However, widespread picking is unlikely to commence for another seven to 10 days.

Crop development is progressing rapidly in the Upper Coastal Bend and, although the light rains received in the area this week will help immature bolls to fully ripen, the precipitation could have an adverse affect on lint in open bolls. Harvesting of more mature fields usually begins around the middle of August, and there still is time for warm, sunny weather to help bleach any discolored fibers.

According to local reports, hot, dry weather still is taking a toll on cotton in the Texas High and Rolling Plains.

## NAZ NEWS

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We traveled together with other teens and sponsors from Hereford, Canyon, Vega, Pamp and St. Francis Parish of Amarillo. The Retreat was held at the University of Arizona. During the Retreat, we attended every Praise and Worship sessions, listened to inspiring speakers, attended Mass, and participated in Eucharistic Adoration. When the retreat ended on Sunday, we traveled up to Mesa, Ariz., and attended the Life Teen Mass at St. Tim's Parish. The bus ride was long and the weather was hot, but everyone in attendance experienced an awesome and amazing weekend.

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Our sympathy to the family of Margaret Cantrell, 96, of Nazareth and formerly of Nashville, Tenn., who passed away on July 23. She was a resident at the Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt at the time of her death. She was flown back to Nashville for burial.

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Our sympathy to the family of David Mixson, 46, of Dimmitt, who passed away on July 26, 2006. Services were held at the Colonial Funeral Home in Dimmitt and burial was at the Dimmitt Cemetery.

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A bridal shower honoring Melina Braddock, bride-elect of Chris Birkenfeld, was held Saturday morning at the Home Merc with a large crowd attending. Special guests were mothers, Millie Birkenfeld and Lisa Braddock, Melina's grandmother, Alice Palazzini; her aunt, Michelle King of Albuquerque, N.M.

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The family of Art and Loretta Kleman held their annual reunion on Sunday at the Nazareth Community Hall with 129 members present. They came from Burnett, Dripping Springs, Amarillo, Canyon, Abernathy, Tulia, Dimmitt, Groom, Kress and Irving in Texas and Sandy, UT and Fairfield Bay, Arkansas.

All enjoyed lunch at noon followed by a crafts auction, horse shoes, a visit to Holy Family Cemetery, and lots of visiting throughout the afternoon. A bunch of the guys played in a golf tournament, while it was cool Sunday morning.

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Please remember to pray for all of our sick people, especially for Margaret Brockman and Joshua Fetsch, our Seminarian, Nicholas Gerber and those serving in our Armed Forces. New ones added this week are Francis Irlbeck (Toni Nelson's mother) and Tricia (Gerber) Rose.

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Can you find her?

# Summer Blues?

Is summer vacation starting to feel too loooong? Are you having **summer blues** because swimming lessons and camp are finished? Are all of your friends away on vacation? Then this page is for you! It is full of tips and ideas to keep busy and have fun during the last long days of summer!

Is it going to rain again? Set up a rainy day **Game Party.** Invite a small group of friends to bring video or computer games to share. Hand-held electronic games and small pinball or other mechanical games are fun too! Ask friends to bring board games or any games that can be played in less than one hour. Take turns playing one or two games.

**Rainy Day-Game Party!**  
You might provide drinks and ask each friend to bring a snack to share with others.

**Camp-out!** Have a tent? **Camp out!** Invite friends for a sleepover. Have hotdogs and beans for supper. Does a parent play a guitar? You will need sleeping bags, flashlights and comic books! Don't forget to plan a breakfast.

Sigh!

**Picnic in the Park**  
Picnic in the park, at the lake or in the yard!  
- Set a place, date and time; call your friends

**Hike, Bike or Walk!**  
Choose a place...a tower, a fishing spot...hike, bike

- Ask everyone to bring his own lunch  
- Ask everyone to bring equipment for one activity or sport such as:

or walk to it. Pack light lunches, extra water.

1. giant bubble wands, soap  
2. soccer balls  
3. wiffle ball and plastic bat  
- Be a good host, speak with all guests

**Places to Go!**

When you feel the need to get out of the house or to see something new, here are lots of places to go with lots of things to do! **Can you fit the underlined words into the puzzle?**

- museum
- theater
- library
- ferry
- airport
- aquarium
- nature walks
- recreation center
- friend's house
- petting zoo
- amusement park
- farmers' market
- train station
- playground

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**"Berried" Treasure**

You can cook up a "berried" treasure with sweet, juicy blueberries. Farm-grown or wild, sun-ripened blueberries in the summer are delicious! Match the "Berry" treasures you can bake to their descriptions.

- small, round breads, usually cooked a dozen at a time
- flat cake made of batter cooked in a pan or on a grill
- deep dish fruit pie that has a biscuit covering only on the top
- usually has pastry lining the dish and pastry on top; many kinds of fillings: fruit, pudding, meat
- crunchy, hard, but easily breakable topping, fruit on bottom

- pancakes
- pie
- cobbler
- crisp
- muffins

When 2 consonants are blended, but you can still hear the sound of each letter, this is called a consonant blend. **Can you find 12 words on this page that begin with these consonant blends: br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr and tr?**

## Your Time and Help are Needed!

The staffs at hospitals, camps, parks, libraries and many other places welcome help all year long, but may need more when some of their workers go on their summer vacations. Think about what kinds of activities or sports you like to do. Is there a place where you can lend a hand? Maybe you would like to help in an area where you will learn something new. Follow the color key to fill in the puzzle and find out what **you** can do: ☆ = yellow ○ = green

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**\$1,500 raised**

Dimmitt Lions Club President Frank Mendoza, hands Joe Josset a check for \$1,500 from the Cattle Country Stampede - the bike ride the Lions held last month. Josset is president of Castro County Children's Protective Services. At far left is Geneva Malone, member, and Melissa Carpenter, treasurer.



**Dimmitt Lions Club**

Wishes to thank everyone that made the 1st Annual Cattle County Stampede Bike Ride Possible.

Due to your support and assistance, we were able to raise \$1,500.00 for Child Protective Services. This money will stay local and help children in our community. Everyone had a great time and next year's event will be much bigger and better. THANKS AGAIN!

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**Blend best best when selecting wheat seed**

AMARILLO - When buying seed, wheat producers may want to choose a mix of varieties for planting their fall crop, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist. "Keep in mind that variety performance will vary from year to year," said Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist in Amarillo. "For this reason, it is a good idea to plant more than one variety. We are beginning to look at planting three varieties in a blend." The past two years have been extremely different, Bean said, with the 2004-2005 crop having excellent moisture throughout most of the wheat season, resulting in good yields in spite of an unprecedented outbreak of stripe rust. The 2005-2006 growing season was just the opposite, he said. "We started out with a dry fall and it only got drier as the season progressed,"

Bean said. "As a result, many dryland fields were a complete failure, including some of our dryland wheat variety trials." The past season had its share of greenbug and Russian wheat aphid infestations and one of the worst outbreaks of wheat streak mosaic and the High Plains disease, he said. Varieties that have consistently performed well over the years under a wide range

of conditions include Dumas, TAM 111 and Jagalene, regardless of whether it is irrigated or dryland, Bean said. Cutter and TAM 110 have also topped the dryland varieties list. "Unlike last year, where TAM 111 was clearly the best variety, no one variety dominated the trials this year," he said. However, in the irrigated trials several varieties consistently ranked

in the top 20 percent across locations, including AP502 CL, Texas experimental entries 3232 and 1117, Duster, Hatcher, TAM 112, TAM 111, and Keota, Bean said. AP502 CL is a Clearfield wheat, which means Beyond herbicide can be used in it for control of grasses, he said. The variety is similar to TAM110, with greenbug tolerance.

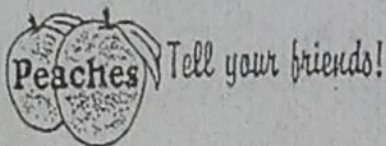
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**HART:** La Iglesia de San Juan Nepomuceno, 312 por la calle siete, El domingo, 13 de agosto, de 6 a 8 p.m.

**NAZARETH:** La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia, 210 por la calle San José, el miércoles 9 de agosto de 6 a 8 p.m.

También, puede hacer preguntas con nuestros párrocos: Llame al Rev. Lupe Mayorga, 627-7844, en Hart o Dimmitt, y Rev. Ken Keller, 240-0043, en Nazareth.

# Community Calendar

## Dimmitt ISD substitute in-service

A substitute in-service will be held at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Building located at 608 W. Halsell at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 14, 2006. Any person desiring to substitute in the Dimmitt ISD school system will be required to attend this meeting and they are re-

mindful to bring their Drivers License and Social Security Card.

## Class of 1996 plans reunion

The Class of 1996 is planning a 10-year reunion. We are searching for all fellow classmates. If you or anyone you know has contact information for an

alumni, please contact the following: Cicely Reyna via e-mail at [cicely\\_landers@yahoo.com](mailto:cicely_landers@yahoo.com) or phone (817) 691-1518 or Alicia (Sanchez) Escamilla via e-mail at: [alicia\\_escamilla@ttu.edu](mailto:alicia_escamilla@ttu.edu) or by phone at (806) 544-5486.

## DHS Registration

Dimmitt High School will be having their registration Tuesday, August 8, 2006

|            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Seniors    | 9 : 0 0 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. |
| Juniors    | 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.   |
| Sophomores | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  |
| Freshmen   | 1 : 0 0 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. |

Juniors through freshmen will be taking their school picture. Students must be dressed in appropriate school day attire. T-shirts with logos, or jewelry in poor taste will not be accepted. School dress and hair codes will be enforced. Students who are new to the district will need to come at the scheduled time and bring their school records, Social Security Cards, and Birth Certificate. Money for

class dues, parking and fines will be collected at this time.

## Dimmitt ISD Silent Auction August 4, 2006

A Silent Auction will be held at each campus on Aug. 4 from Noon-6 p.m. Tables, desk, chairs, lawnmowers, room dividers, and much more will be displayed at each campus. The Silent Auction will conclude promptly at 6 p.m., Aug. 4, and you will be responsible for paying and collecting your item(s) at that time.

Locations:  
Richardson Elementary  
708 W. Stinson

Middle School  
805 W. Jones

High School  
1505 Western Circle Drive

Transportation Center  
Butler Drive

## 4-H Fun Day

The third Annual 4-H Fun Day will be Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Castro Co. Extension office. Children age 6 through 12 are invited to attend. This year's theme is

Discover 4-H. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, crafts and snacks. Please call 647-4115 for more information. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

DREAMS (PTO) will have a meeting on Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 pm. It will be held in the East Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome.

## FSA County Committee Elections

Aug. 1 is the deadline to get your name on the FSA county committee election ballot. Visit your local FSA office or USDA Service Center to learn how you can have a voice and take a seat on your area Farm Service Committee or go online at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) for nomination forms and more information.

## Harvest Days Fair set for Sept. 7-9

The Castro County Fair Association has begun renting out booth space and preparing for a great fair this year, which is scheduled to begin Sept. 7 and run through Sept. 9. Registration for the Junior Tractor Pull will be Thursday, Sept. 7 at 4:45 p.m.

at the Castro County Expo; registration for the Pet Show will be the same day at 5 p.m. Friday, starting at noon, registration for fair exhibits will begin and end at 6 p.m. at the Expo Center. The Castro County Fair Parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. The theme this year will be "A Heart for Country Living." Let's make this a year to remember our parade with lots of floats and participants. Don't forget to nominate an individual for Parade Grand Marshal. It should be someone who has contributed and supported our community. Stop by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce to pick up a nomination form. The Chamber is planning on having a Street Dance this year on Saturday evening.

For more information on booths, either inside or outside the Expos, call (806) 647-2524.

## Photo exhibit at the Home Merc

The photography exhibit "Where the Spirit Left" is on display in the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth, and can be viewed by the public (until Sept. 4) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7pm, or on Sunday from 10:30am to 12 noon. There is no charge for admission. Information on Ms. Harvey's work can be found at [www.wherethespiritleft.com](http://www.wherethespiritleft.com). For those wanting to see the exhibit from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. during the week, can call 806-945-2211 to have the building opened. For more information contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-938-2529 or Melinda Harvey at 806-535-3860.

## Garcia fund established

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

## English classes offered

The First Assembly of God Church, 300 S.E. 2nd Street in Dimmitt is offering free adult English classes, free, starting May 2. The classes will run from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 647-5662.

## AFS student homes needed

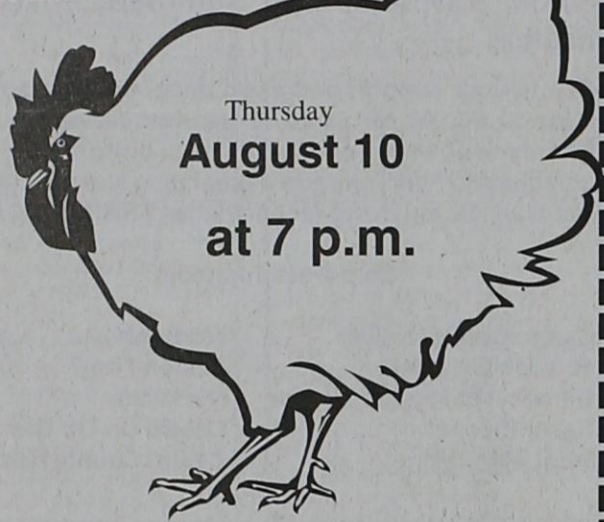
If you're interested in hosting a student from a foreign country who will attend school in Dimmitt, please call Vicki Buckley at 647-2472.

## Local Angus breeder recognized by association

Jay W. Lindley, Dimmitt, owns two bulls listed in the 2006 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Missouri. Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 6,369 sires, and is currently accessible at [www.angussiresearch.com](http://www.angussiresearch.com).

## Bethel Chicken Fry

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