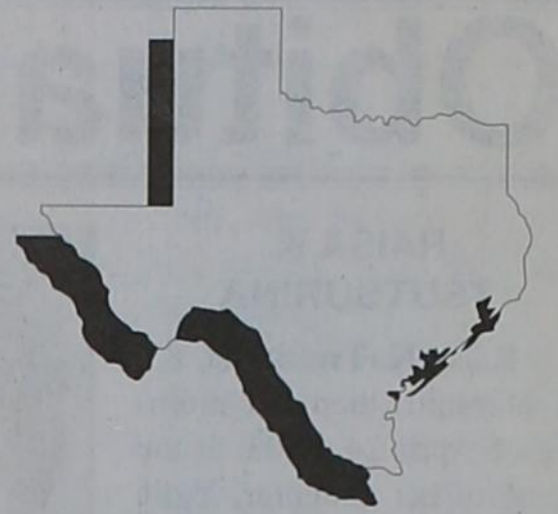


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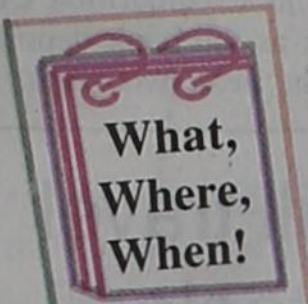
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Castro County Calendar



Saturday is election day

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

All three towns in Castro County will have elections Saturday, May 3.

And while the ballots are short, all the elections are important.

In Dimmitt, voters get to choose a council member in

District Three to fill an unexpired term. Running for that position are Henry Rivera and Bill Potts. Voting will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at City Hall.

In the Dimmitt ISD, two board positions are up for election, but only one is contest. Emilio Nino is

running unopposed for Trustee, Place 1.

In Place 2, Jay W. Lindley is taking on incumbent David Schaeffer. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the administration building, 608 Halsell.

Hart holds its municipal elections from 7 a.m. until 7

p.m. at Hart Golden Group.

For mayor, Don Vaughn is running against former council member Doyle K. Davis. There are two at-large council seats up, but only two candidates announced, former mayor Margaret McLain and incumbent Stanley Dyer.

The Hart school board canceled its elections, since there were no contested seats. Only two incumbents signed up to be on the ballot and there are three positions open. After Saturday, the board will decide whether to hold a special election for
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Dimmitt PD giving away gun locks

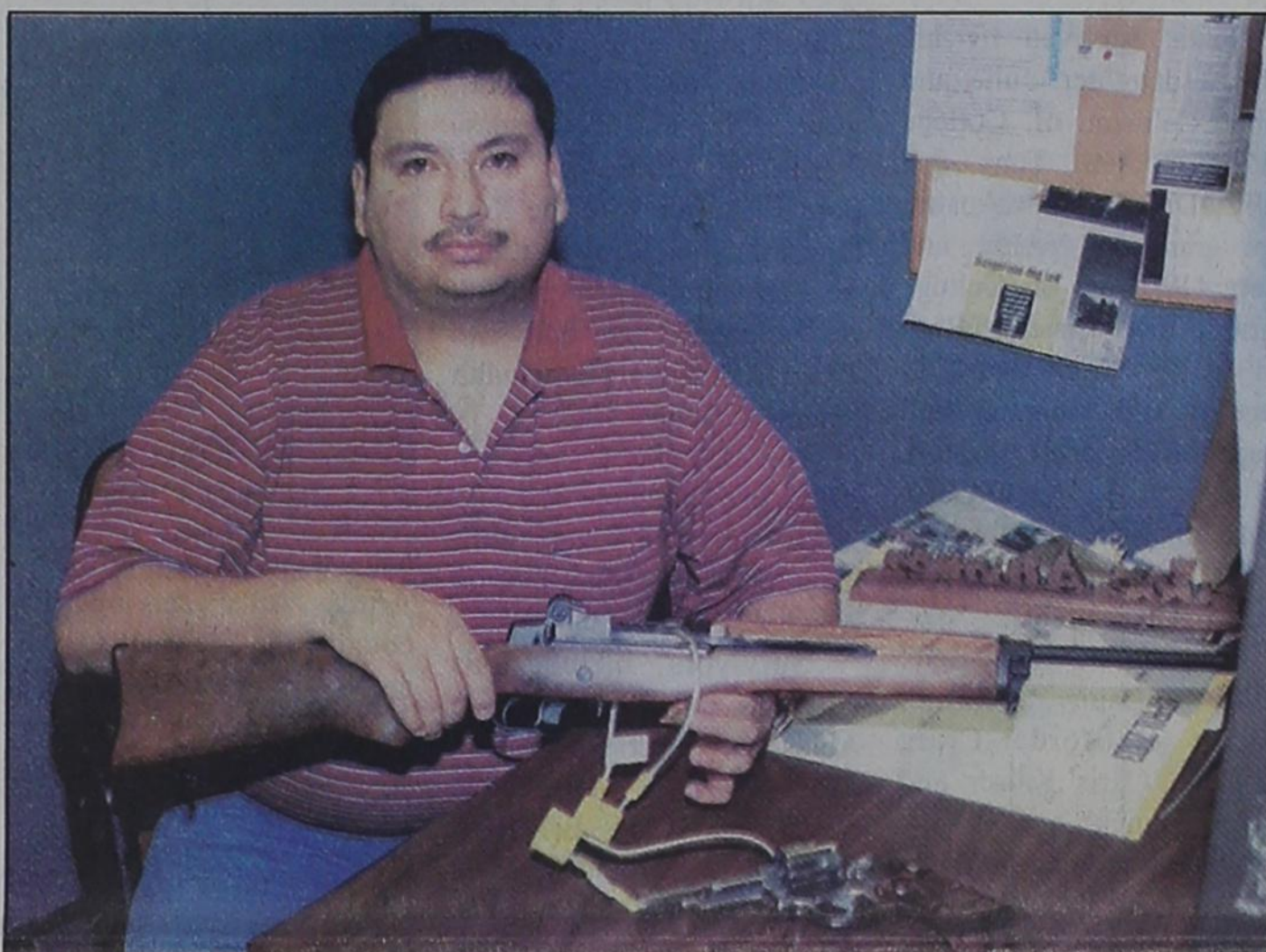
By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

It's never too early to start training children about gun safety. So the Dimmitt Police Department is offering free guns locks to anyone who needs them.

The locks will work on most handguns, rifles, shotguns - even air rifles, said Officer Sal Rivera, the department's firearms instructor and coordinator of Project Childsafe.

"These locks make guns safe, inoperable and useless should a child get one," Rivera said. "I'd urge parents who are just starting out and buying their child an air rifle to come by and get a lock. That way, they can start teaching them firearms safety at the

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SAFETY FIRST: Officer Sal Rivera, the Dimmitt Police Department's firearms instructor and coordinator of Project Childsafe, shows how a gunlock works on a rifle. The locks work on most rifles, pistols and airguns.

Purchase orders top court's agenda

By KRISTIE KINSER
Staff Writer

The Castro County Commissioners once again discussed the idea of using purchase order vouchers. Judge William Sava noted that in talking with Judge Kinkaid, it was said that it's simply a legal thing to use purchase orders and there is no need to vote on it.

Judge Sava suggested purchase orders be given to all departments and be brought in explaining what was needed and why.

The Commissioners then called in County Attorney James Horton to seek his advice. Horton advised the statute says the county must use purchase orders, however he sees no penalty for not using them.

Commissioner Bay Baldrige made a motion to table the item with Newlon Rowland seconding the motion. The motion failed with the remaining two Commissioners and Judge Sava in opposition.

After debating the issue further, Commissioner Gonzales stated that his precinct would be using the purchase orders and asked County Auditor Smithson to order them for him.

In an effort to end the issue, Judge Sava made a motion to waive the requirement of having the County Judge's approval on the purchase orders. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmucker and was approved unanimously. The item was then passed over and the court proceeded with other agenda items.

* In other business, the court approved the agreement for electric monitoring services at a cost of \$5 per day when the unit was online. Castro County currently has two units online.

* It was agreed to move the DPS office into the basement offices which were
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Dimmitt Middle is having a Buy One-Get One Free book sale May 5-9 in the DMS Library. It will be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Everyone is invited to come and browse through the great selection of books from the Scholastic Book Fair. There will be a good selection of books, as well as other items. For each dollar spent, the purchaser will receive \$2 worth of merchandise.

Credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) will be accepted as well as cash, checks made out to DMS Library and Dimmitt Dollars.

An AARP Driver Safety Program class is set for May 8 and 9. It will be an eight-hour course, presented in two sessions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Successful completion of the class earns students a discount on car insurance. There will be a \$10 fee for the workbook.

For more information, call 647-0344.

The choirs and Middle School and High School are preparing for their spring concerts. They will sing tributes to Love, Music, and America! The fifth and sixth grade choirs will have their concert at 2:45 p.m., May 8, in the Middle School Auditorium. The Junior High and High School will perform the same day at 7 p.m. in the High School auditorium. At the evening performance, all choirs, fifth through 12th grades, will join in a grand salute to America by singing, "American Tears" with a slide presentation. Please be sure to join us for an hour of singing and celebration.

The first-grade music students will present their "Springtime in Texas" music program from 9:30 to 9:50 a.m., Thursday,

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No consolidation in store for Nazareth

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

Discussion at a recent Hart ISD trustees meeting about consolidation was just that - talk - said Superintendent Digger Elam.

"It was just a discussion about future needs that might arise in Hart," he said. "What board members discussed was if the district continues to lose kids, we may need to look down the road at Kress, Dimmitt, Nazareth.

"We didn't want to wait

until something drastic happens, so the board started thinking about what they'd do in case we need to consolidate."

Elam said the district has been losing students for the last nine years, but said the plan proposed by trustee Chris Hanes - consolidating junior and senior high schools with Nazareth and building a new facility halfway between the two communities - was just part of the larger discussion.

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City-wide garage sale set

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

It's that time of year - spring. And with spring comes the need for cleaning and sorting out what is needed and what someone else might need.

Another staple of spring is the garage sale.

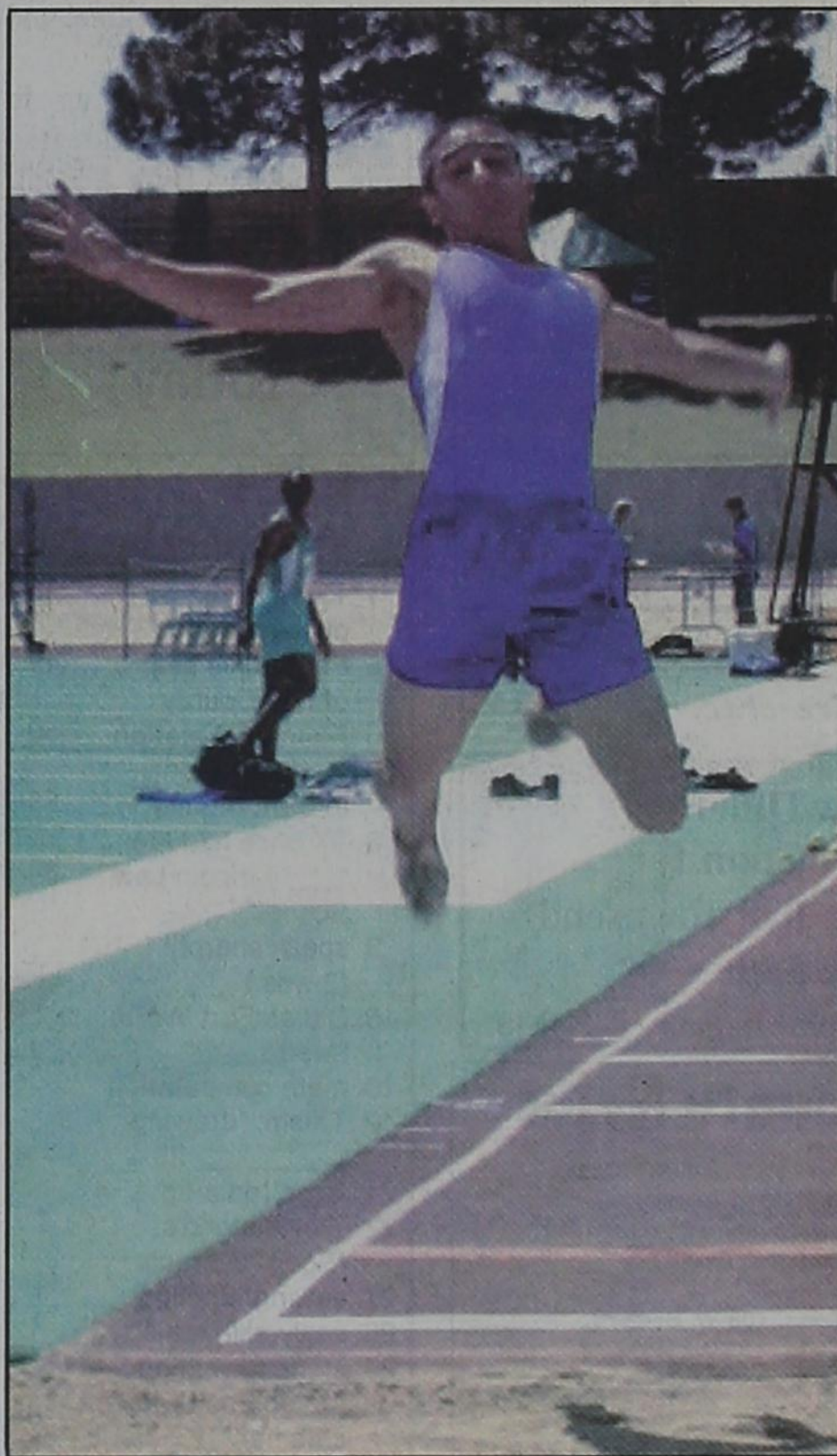
And the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for a huge garage sale.

Saturday, June 7, is the date that's been set for Dimmitt's 16th annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Sharon Self, executive director of the Chamber said people are already anticipating the event, which brings hundreds of people into town shopping for bargains.

"I've already had two phone calls from Amarillo from people wanting to know when it's scheduled," she said. "Anything you can think of, we've probably had in the sale over the last 16 years."

She stressed that the Chamber wants anyone, whether they've been part of the sale
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LJ SOLER FLIES INTO FIRST: Soler won gold in the long jump at the Texas Region 1-3A regional meet with a jump of 22-feet 8.5-inches. He had three jumps that were the best three out of four jumps produced in Odessa among all participants. Soler also qualified for state in the 100-meter dash. He will represent Dimmitt in the State Track Meet, May 9-10 in Austin. See story, Page 7.

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Haylei, John and Kaitlyn Rodgers and Family

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Obituaries

RAISA K. TSUTSURINA

Raisa K. Tsutsurina, 87, of Dimmitt, died the morning of April 24, 2003, at the home of her daughter, Yulia Murphy, after a short illness.

She was born Aug. 9, 1915, in Ukraine, to Constantine and Anastacia Tsutsura. Her father died when she was 10 and her mother when she was 12. She started working when she was 15 years old, supporting a younger brother, Victor, who was killed, at the age of 19, serving in the Soviet Army during the early days of World War II. She married Victor Vladimir Lukashenko in 1937. Their first-born son, Alexander, died of meningitis at the age of 8 months. She and Vladimir were participants in World War II as workers in a military plant for which Vladimir received a medal for valiant service. They were married for 58 years before his death in 1995. She was baptized into Christ in 1992 and was a member of the Christian Church in Dimmitt. She was preceded in death by her sister, Lidia.

She is survived by her daughter Yulia, who is the wife of Bill Murphy, M.D., of Dimmitt.



Raisa K. Tsutsurina

WILSON W. DICUFFA

Services for Wilson W. DiCuffa, 63, of Bryan were at 11 a.m., Monday, April 28, 2003, at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church in Fredericksburg with the Revs. Larry Altman and Jeff Bayley officiating. Marilyn Jenkins was organist and Dr. Rollie Blondeau was soloist.

Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Mr. DiCuffa died Thursday, April 24, in Bryan.

He was born July 6, 1939, in Lubbock to Mary Alice McLean and Salvatore DiCuffa.

He married Pat Bayley of Bryan on June 2, 1962, in Plainview.

Mr. DiCuffa was a peach grower and a high school principal.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Julie and Robert Wilson of College Station; a son, Tony and Kelly DiCuffa of Austin; two grandsons, Alex and Jeremy Wilson of College Station; two sisters, Ruth and Victor Esche of San Angelo and Joanna and Veachel Moss of Livingston; and a brother, Jim DiCuffa of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers were E.W. Hallford, Danny Hallford, Jeffrey Hallford, Craig Jenschke, Chris Kaiser and Derrek Penick.

Memorials may be made to Kids Klub, 103 Timber No. 4, College Station, TX. 77840, Attn: Wilson DiCuffa or charity of choice.

EMIL N. EHLY

Graveside services for Emil N. Ehly, 72, of Nazareth, were Saturday, April 19, 2003, at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery with Father John Hickey officiating.

A memorial mass was held Monday, April 21, at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Mr. Ehly died Wednesday, April 16, at I.H.S. in Canyon. He was born Feb. 27, 1931, in Dimmitt.

He grew up in Nazareth and graduated from high school there.

He served in the U.S. Army for two years before returning to Nazareth. He married Mary Schumacher on April 28, 1954, in Rhineland, Texas. He farmed in the area for more than 40 years.

He was a member of the American Legion, Holy Family Catholic Church and was a Eucharist minister.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ehly of Nazareth; four daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda and Roger Gerber and Pam and Cody Upshaw, all of Canyon, Wanda and Barry Teafatiller of Plainview and Cindy and David Gatz of Easton, Kan.; a brother, Vincent Ehly of Canyon; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Wayne and Lonnie Ehly; six brothers; and two sisters.

Memorials may be sent to the American Legion or Meals on Wheels of Nazareth.

JOHN C. CLINE

Memorial services for John C. Cline, 67, of Dimmitt, were at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Howard Rhodes officiating.

Mr. Cline died April 28. He donated his body to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

He was born April 1, 1936, in Plainview.

He married Peggy Williams on June 15, 1956, in Aiken, Texas.

Survivors include his wife; his mom, Nannie Lou Ables of Fort Worth; a daughter and son-in-law, Natalie and Chris Bright of Canyon; two brothers, Virgil Cline of Amarillo and Milas Cline of Dimmitt; and two grandchildren, Casey Bright and David Bright, both of Canyon.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dub Cline, and an infant son.

Mr. Cline grew up in Plainview. He graduated from Lockney High School.

He farmed for a few years



John C. Cline

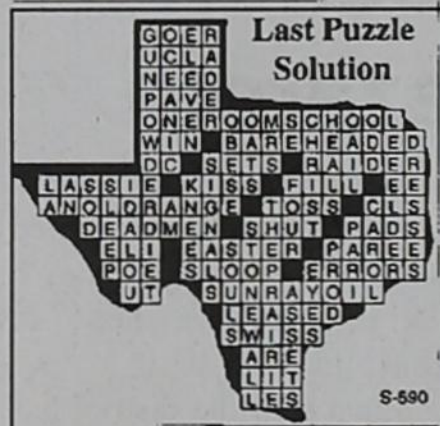
and then join the U.S. Army. After serving his country, he returned to the area.

He lived in Hart for several years before moving to Dimmitt.

He was the owner/operator of the Work Shop for 35 years.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Harrington Cancer Center or First Baptist Church.



Hospital district to seek Critical Access program

The Board of Directors of the Castro County Hospital District held its monthly meeting Thursday, April 24. Russell Backus, CPA, presented a financial analysis of the district and recommended that it should seek Critical Access designation. This would increase the district's Medicare reimbursement, which under present federal guidelines, is being reduced. The additional reimbursement should offset the decrease in reimbursement in other areas, he said.

The services offered by the district would remain the same, with the exception of Geri-Psych. The inpatient and outpatient units will both have to close when Critical Access designation

is achieved. This process takes approximately four-to-six months to complete, so the unit would continue to be operational until then.

Critical Access is a federal program designed to assist rural communities in providing access to high-quality health care and emergency medical services.

There will be a Town Hall meeting later this month, when the public is invited to learn more about the Critical Access program.

In other business, the board voted to cancel the May 3 scheduled election, since only one incumbent filed. The board also approved the 2003-2004 budget and selected First United Bank as the bank depository for the next two years.

DHS choir will travel to San Antonio

A special Dimmitt High School tour choir will be attending the "Celebrate the Music" Festival at Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, May 2-5.

They will be performing on stage at Fiesta Texas Saturday, May 3.

The girls had to qualify for the trip by having good grades, raising money, perform in UIL Solo and Ensemble contest, and of course by singing well.

They will also visit the Alamo while in San Antonio.

They will be returning Monday, May 5.

Grow your own Health Care Professional

Castro County Hospital District has developed a "Grow Your Own Health Care Professional Program" to help replenish and continue supplying the growing need for healthcare professionals for CCHD. The District will subsidize interested and qualified persons with their educational needs. Areas of health care will include nursing service, radiology, laboratory, medical records, physical and occupational therapy along with respiratory therapy and emergency medical services. Individuals receiving subsidized assistance will be required to work for CCHD for a certain period of time. Individuals interested in this program need to contact Trudy Jackson, Director of Nursing Services or Linda Rasor, Chief Executive Officer at 647-2191.



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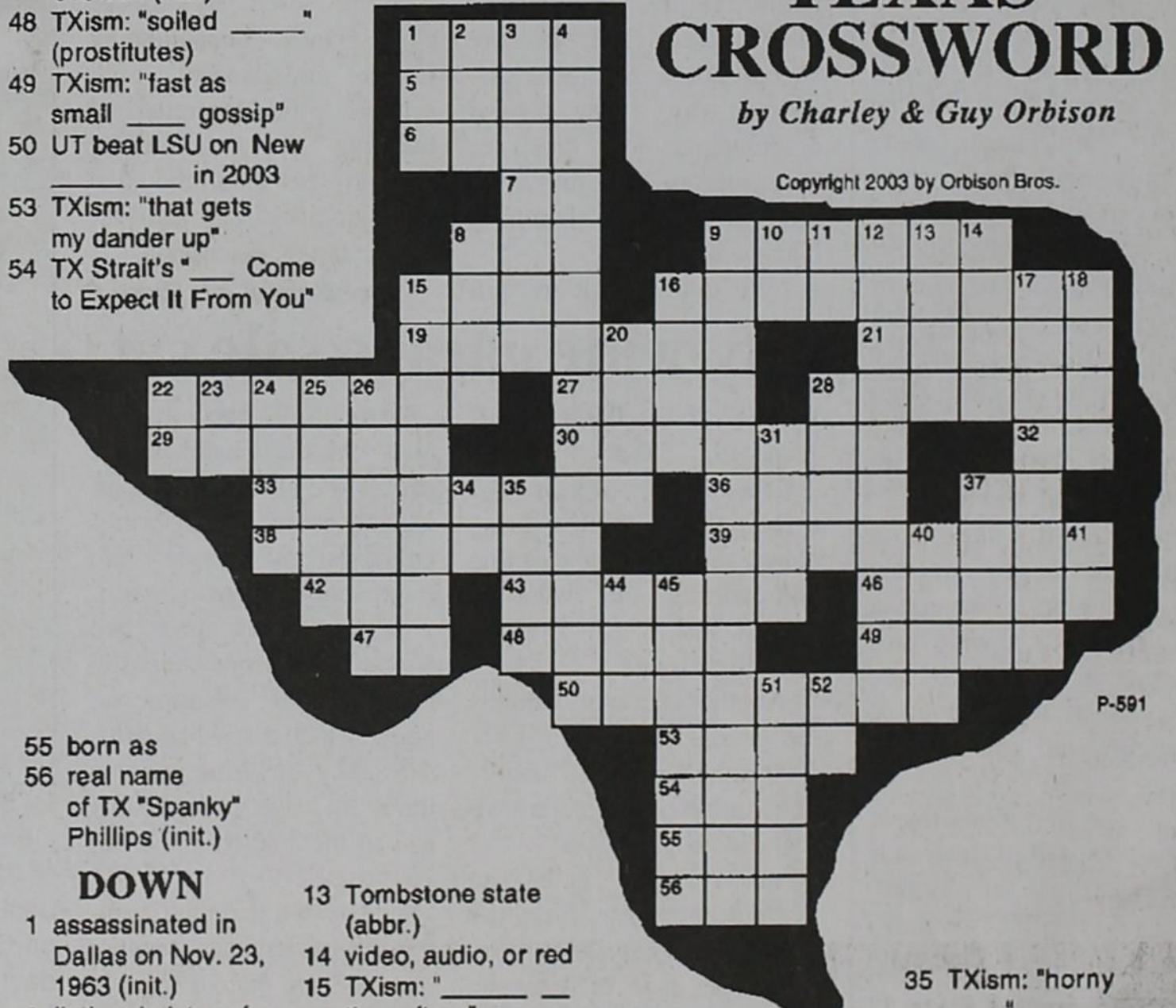
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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Terry and Ann Widick had a special Easter at his mother's home in Tulsa, Okla. Two of Terry's brothers and three sisters were there. Probably the best part of their celebration was having their daughter Lisa and her husband Danny Trevino and grandchildren Joshua, 8, Chlo, 6 and Jonathan, 3, of San Antonio meet them there.

They were a little disappointed when Terry's 90-year-old grandmother didn't get to come. She lives in Belle Plains, Kan., and cooks for the senior citizens there.

It rained in Tulsa on Friday and Saturday. It was too muddy to hunt Easter eggs, but they had a good time anyway.

Max and Dorothy Self had their family for Easter lunch. Their son Terry and his family from Jacksboro, their daughter Gayla Brown

and her husband, who ranch near Friona and Delores Ivey gathered for a delicious meal and a good visit.

The Methodists had pre-Easter services with Steve Rogers, conference evangelist from Lubbock, who presented a series of sermons for a three-day meeting.

Shirley Wise spend Easter Sunday in Friona with her daughter Linda and Kevin Welch and children Grant, Kelsey, Katy, Dillon and Duncan. The group went to Kevin's parents, the Gene Welches for lunch.

Shirley reports that her other children Gary and Ronda and family of Dallas, Kyle and Robin of Athens, Ga. and Linda and Ed of Wimberly and their children are fine. They are looking forward to coming to Dimmitt for their cousin Ben Coleman's wedding in June.

Garner, Ysleta and Debra Ball, Todd and Michelle Miller and their sons, Payton and Haydon, and Gertie Waggoner were Easter dinner guests in the home of Alan and Elaine Steinle and children Jenna and Kalan.

Genie Walker had her children Chris and Angela Hall for her guests for dinner and church on Easter Sunday. Their special guest was their grandson from Boys Ranch near Channing Bryan Hall.

Genie took lunch to Bessie Strickland, who is recuperating from surgery.

Chris Knippa's brother Keith from Dallas was a part of the Cary Jackson family Easter celebration. Stacy Hardage, her husband Tim and their daughter were here. Jim and Kitty Bailey are the great-

grand parents of the clan. Billie Kirby's birthday celebration started on Easter Sunday when her children Keri Jo Jack of Friona, Bobbi Newton of Lubbock and Kent Kirby of Amarillo and all of their spouses, children and great-grand child got together for a very special time.

The next celebration was given for Billie in the form of a K-Bob luncheon by her Sunday school class. A lunch by her birthday club and another by her 8th Street neighbors was still to come. Happy Birthday Billie!

I am leaving for a "Walk to Emmaus." There is a renovated building in Amherst that is called "the Ark" and serves as a place for Christian pilgrims to come for spiritual renewal and a time for sharing Jesus' love. Here is an explanation of sorts about how this came

about and what it's based on. I'll tell more about my experiences next week. The Walk to Emmaus refers to the account in the Bible of the two male believers walking from the crucifixion of Jesus to their home seven miles away in the village of Emmaus. The accounts of this are found in Mark, chapter 16, and Luke 53:36-43.

The two believers were joined by a person they thought to be a stranger. The men were downcast and confused by the terrible fate of the man they believed was the Messiah. The stranger, Jesus, asked the men what they were discussing. They answered, "We were talking about Jesus, a prophet. Our chief priest and rulers turned him over to be sentenced to death!"

As the conversation developed, Jesus replied, "Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter

his glory?" After he said that, their eyes were opened and they recognized that this man was Jesus.

They asked each other, "Were our hearts not burning within us while he talked with us and opened the Scriptures to us?"

The two men ran all the way back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples they had seen Jesus.

The walk in Amherst and many other places around the world simply provides a setting for Christians to love other Christians, share their faith and warm the hearts of others.

Howard Rhodes was the spiritual leader for the February encounter. The "Walk to Emmaus" encounters were started by the Catholic Church.

It has become a wonderful renewal ministry for many Christian denominations.

Hispanic Voice with Mary Lou Lumbraera 647-4266

Our condolences go out to the family of Refugio and Consuelo Catano of Dimmitt. They recently returned from El Paso, where they attended the military funeral of Spc. Ruben Estrella Soto, their nephew.

He would have been 19. His parents were Ruben Sr. and Amailia Estrella Soto.

He graduated from Mountain View High School in East El Paso.

His funeral services were held at San Juan Diego

Catholic Church. Consuelo informed me that the final roll call at a memorial at Fort Bliss, was so emotional. That is where they call out his name three times by a command sergeant major and it goes unanswered, along with the name of other eight other soldiers killed in an ambush on March 23 near the Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. The nine soldiers were members of the 507th Maintenance Company.

Ruben was an automated

logistics specialist for the unit and was described as a man ready to carry out his duties and willing to go to war. Soto, born in Chihuahua Mexico, became a United States citizen.

He was laid to rest at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, receiving the 21-gun salute by members of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery Regiment. Brig. Gen. John A. Yingling, commanding

general of the antidrug Joint Task Force 6, presented the parents with the Bronze Star and the PurpleHeart.

The family of Nati and Olivia Ortiz, Dalia Burk and relatives celebrated a surprise birthday party for Rosa Ortiz Cuellar of Amarillo. The celebration was held at the Knights of Columbus in Amarillo.

She was surprised with a big supper and dance.

Her friends and relatives participated. Some were from Dallas, Abilene, Lubbock and Colorado. Hey Olivia, you didn't tell us how old Rosa is!

Congratulations Rosa, from your friends in Dimmitt.

Miguel and Sabina Velasquez (ex-Dimmitt residents) were in Amarillo visiting family over the Easter weekend. He has two sons, Sergio and Joe Velasquez.

He has two brothers that still live here, Jesus and Manual Velasquez. My regards to Miguel and

Sabina, sorry I missed your visit, maybe next time. Thanks for commenting on my column. I'm new at this, but I'm really enjoying it. Please keep reading.

Prayers are needed for Julia Aguilar, Marcelo Aguilar, Maria Aleman, Rita Aleman, Alys Monreal, Jose Acevedo (military).

Naz News with Virgie Gerber 945-2669

Sunday was a very special day in Holy Family Church as eight children received their first Communion during the celebration of mass with Father John Hickey officiating. Deacon Jerome Brockman and Deacon Al Maurer assisted. The first communicants were: Haley Birkenfeld, Carl Huseman, Jill Huseman, Daniel Kern, Samantha Kleman, Briann Wethington, Cale Wilhelm and John Wilhelm.

Nikki Wethington and Ashley Kleman are their Christian Formation teachers and Gladys Fortenberry is coordinator.

Holy Family Parish welcomes Malcolm Sager, Heather Birkenfeld and Lynn Birkenfeld, who were initiated into Holy Family Church during Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. A recep-

tion was held for them following the service.

Congratulations to our girls tennis doubles team of Jamie Birkenfeld and Jenna Acker, who will now compete at the state level in Austin. They will go as the No. 2 team as they were beat in the final game with Clarendon.

Others competing at the regional playoffs were: Erica Gerber, singles; Monty Hoelting, singles; and Jake Hoelting and Charlie Rundell, boys doubles.

Jim and Sandee Hoelting and Keith and Karleen Hoelting drove to Liberal, Kan., Thursday evening to attend the Seward Athletic Banquet. Whitney Hoelting was recognized for basketball and tennis and Mandy Hoelting for tennis.

The 59th celebration of "May

Crowning" will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Family Church to honor Our Blessed Mother. Erica Gerber has been chosen May Queen for this occasion.

Prayers are asked for Robert Fisher Sr., Rosemary and Leonard Wilhelm, Michael Schacher, Alice Palazzini, Joe Schmucker, Kenneth Lange, Deanna Huseman, Mildred Huseman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Kathy Ivey and David Moble.

Our sympathy to the family of Lori Huseman, 45, who died Sunday, April 20. Survivors are her husband, two daughters and two sons, her parents, Louis and Gin Huseman, four sisters and five brothers.

Braafladt funds to go to Boy Scouts

The Dimmitt Lions Club has voted to use all Braafladt Memorial Fund income to benefit Dimmitt's Boy Scouts.

L.C. "Chet" Braafladt, who died April 4, at the age of 88, was an Eagle Scout, as well as a life member of Lions International. The Dimmitt Lions Club spon-

sors Boy Scout Troop 266 and Braafladt served for many years as the club's liaison with the local troop.

After his death, Braafladt's family suggested memorial donations to the Lions Club in lieu of flowers.

Boss Lion Roy Gonzales said that contributions of more than \$200 have been

received so far.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Chet Braafladt Memorial Fund may make a check payable to the Dimmitt Lions Club, specify "Braafladt Memorial" on the stub and mail it to the Dimmitt Lions Club, P.O. Box 964, Dimmitt, TX., 79027.

Miguel and Sabina Velasquez (ex-Dimmitt residents) were in Amarillo visiting family over the Easter weekend. He has two sons, Sergio and Joe Velasquez.

He has two brothers that still live here, Jesus and Manual Velasquez. My regards to Miguel and Sabina, sorry I missed your visit, maybe next time. Thanks for commenting on my column. I'm new at this, but I'm really enjoying it. Please keep reading.

Prayers are needed for Julia Aguilar, Marcelo Aguilar, Maria Aleman, Rita Aleman, Alys Monreal, Jose Acevedo (military).

Thank you!

Thank you for your concern, cards, visits and prayers during my illness and surgery. Your thoughtfulness and kindness to me and my family was greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you.

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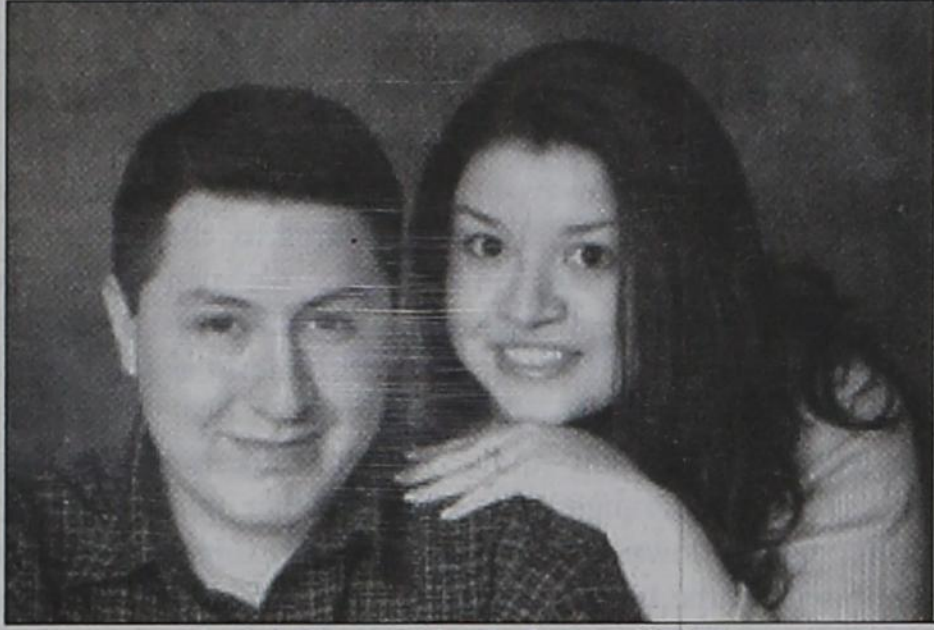
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People



**Frank Perez Jr. & Araceli Ortiz
Ortiz-Perez**

Mr. and Mrs. Eusebio Ortiz of Spearman announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Araceli Ortiz to Frank Perez Jr.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Margarito Garza of Dimmitt and the late Frank Perez Sr. of Olton.

The couple will exchange

vows at 6 p.m., May 24, at the Clarion Hotel in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Spearman High and graduated from West Texas A&M in 2002.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is attending West Texas A&M.



**Catherine L. Schacher & Kevin James Wallace
Schacher-Wallace**

Vernie Schacher of Lazbuddie announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Catherine Lynn Schacher of Amarillo to Kevin James Wallace of Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Nancy Wallace of Houston. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Eugene Schacher.

She graduated from Lazbuddie High School in 1987 and has a 1994 associate degree in respira-

tory care from South Plains College.

She is employed at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He is a 1988 graduate of Cypress Creek High School in Houston and has a 1992 bachelor of arts degree in international business from St. Edwards University in Austin. He is employed by the River Road ISD.

The wedding is set for 7 p.m., June 7, at St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo.

Ramos picked for honor guard

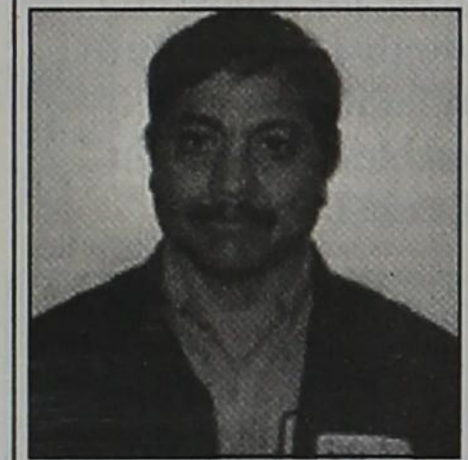
LEVELLAND - Jose Anibal Ramos of Dimmitt will serve in a student honor guard Friday, May 2, during South Plains College's ninth annual Peace Officer Memorial ceremony.

Ramos, 20, is a sophomore law enforcement major and son of Jose Antonio Sr., and Maria Ramos.

He is part of a team that will lay wreaths to honor the 153 officers nationwide last year who lost their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the main entrance of the

campus, 1401 S. College Ave., in Levelland. The 15-member honor guard, which has been training for several weeks, will serve in a variety of roles, firing a 21-gun salute, raising and lowering the police memorial flag, Texas and U.S. flags to half staff and laying wreaths at the base of an SPC landmark.

The ceremony will also honor the 34 officers killed thus far this year as well as the American soldiers who lost their lives in the conflict with Iraq.



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Hometown Heroes

Men and women serving their country who have Castro County connections!

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Gloria Gonzales	USMC	Greg Malone	USMC
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Jose Acevedo	USA	Shane Etheridge	USN
Dewayne Espinosa	USA	Michael Mullen	USN
Daniel Medrano	USA	Eric Brown	USAF
Miguel Medrano	USA	Joe Juarez, Jr.	USA
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Monica Broadstreet	USMC	Jason P Brown	USAF
Bryan Charanza	USA	Jenna L Flynt	USAF
James Flores, Jr.	USA	Jack W Flynt, III	USAF
Shaun E Furr	USA	Laurence Stephenson	USAF
Jacci Furr	USA		
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Saul Medrano	USA	Jacob Dones	USA
Danny G George	USA	John Travis Anderson	USA
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Dustin Ramaekers	USAF		
Kirsten Verkamp	USAF		
Selma Navarro	USAF		
Steven Villanueva, Jr.	USA		
Albert Ramirez	USN		
Tawny Thompson	USAF		

Do you know of someone with Castro County roots currently serving in our Armed Forces? If so, please provide their name and branch of service so that we may honor them.

Baker honored with shower

A bridal shower honoring Tori Baker, bride elect of Matt Clayton of Amarillo, was held in the country home of Kay Gfeller on Saturday, April 26.

Crystal and silver appointments were used to serve the guests assorted mini muffins, fresh mixed fruit and fruit punch. The serving table was covered with a white Battenburg lace cloth and adorned with a large green and white ceramic bowl of English Ivy. The table was also accented with Japanese white Orchids and marbled green pillar candles. The food was served on Spring China.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a comforter and matching bed linens.

Honored guests were Sandra Baker, mother of the

bride; Jamie Mendoza, sister of the bride; Gail Bruegel, Bobbie Bruegel and Donna Bruegel, aunts of the bride; and Sheri Underwood and Schuler Underwood, cousins of the bride.

Other honored guests were Donald and Mary Clayton of Springlake, parents of the groom; Susan Templeton and Sheryl Brown, sisters of the groom; Sarah Beerwinkle and Morgan and Candice James, nieces of the groom, and Annita Taylor and Donnita Clark, cousins of the groom.

Out of town guests include Bobbie Banks of Springlake, Bobbie Newton of Lubbock, Heather Thomas of Hereford, Rochelle Tubbs of Amarillo, Michelle Jenkins, and Renea and Robert Heimermyer of Amarillo.

Summers, Lunsford feted with shower

A bridal shower honoring Carol Summers and Kody Levi Lunsford was held Saturday, April 26, at the home of Allan Bradley.

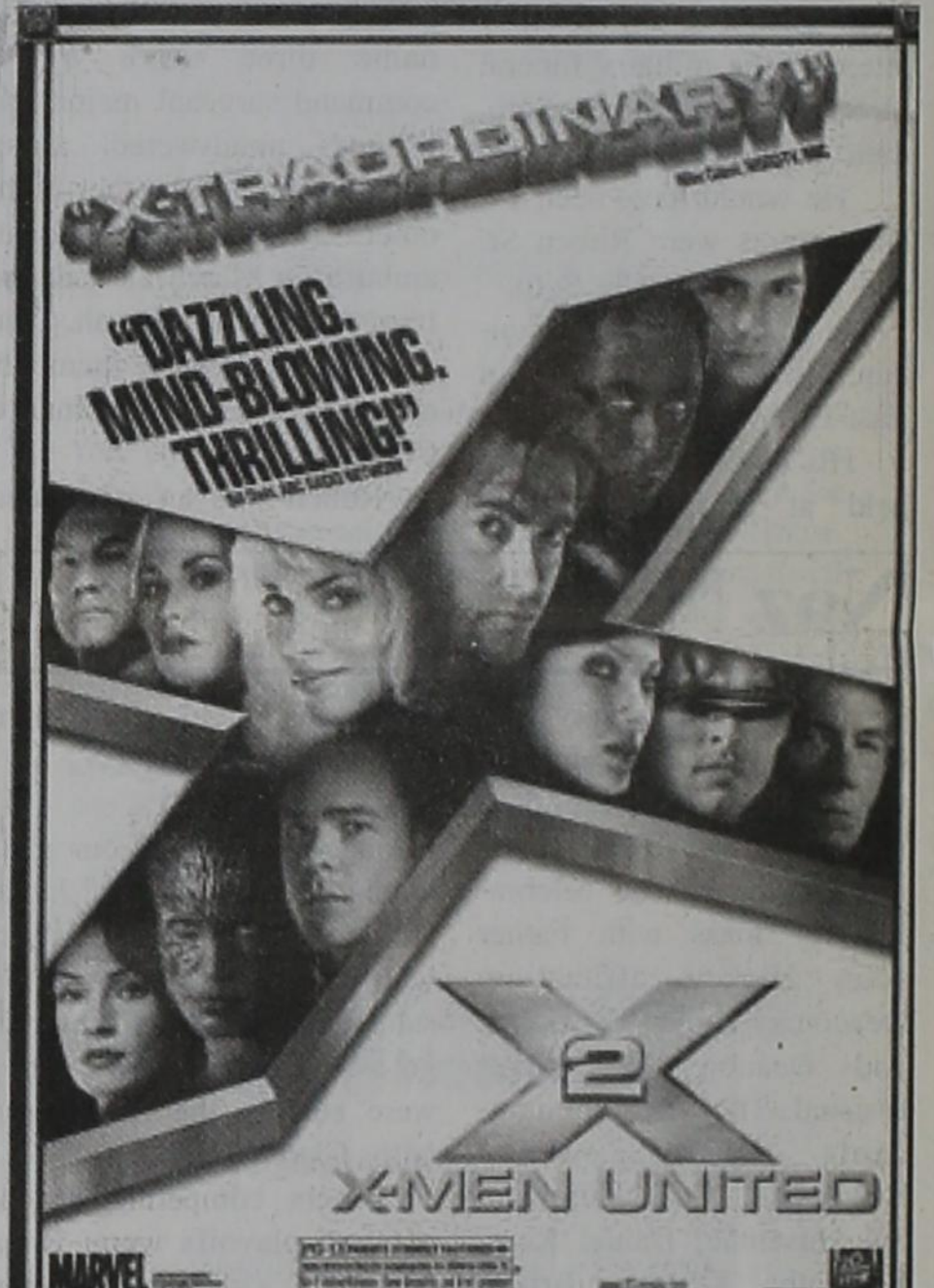
The bride-elect is the daughter of Charles and Sue Summers of Dimmitt; the prospective groom is the son of Billie Lunsford of Miami, Texas.

The table was covered with an ivory Battenburg lace cloth and centered with a large bouquet of spring flowers. Assorted fruit and muffins were served from crystal dishes.

Honored guests included Billie Lunsford, mother of the groom; Jodie Lunsford of Lubbock, sister of the groom; and Doris Lust and Juanita Summers, both of Dimmitt, grandmothers of the bride.

Out-of-town guests included Nancy Gil of Lubbock, Mary Ann Gil of Miami, Lindsey Van Beek of Amarillo, Misty Pritchard of Lubbock, Norma Finck of Tulia and Dena Sagerser of Edmonson.

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Church News

How do others look at you?

Have you ever wondered how other people look at you? What others think of you? Do others think you're a good person, moral person and a person of integrity? Do others believe you to be a religious person or a kind and caring person? Would others rather not associate with you because you, at least in their eyes, are none of the above. What do the people of your community think about you?

The answer to all of these questions really depends on what kind of example you set for others. You may feel that no one will bother looking at you as an example, let me assure you that someone is almost

always watching you. I don't mean that in a scary way either. The fact is people are watching to see how you handle the rough times in your life. People are watching to see how you conduct yourself in business. People are watching to see how you treat your spouse, children and other family members. The question one must honestly ask him or herself and answer is what kind of example am I setting for others?

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it



Chuck Ball

gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."

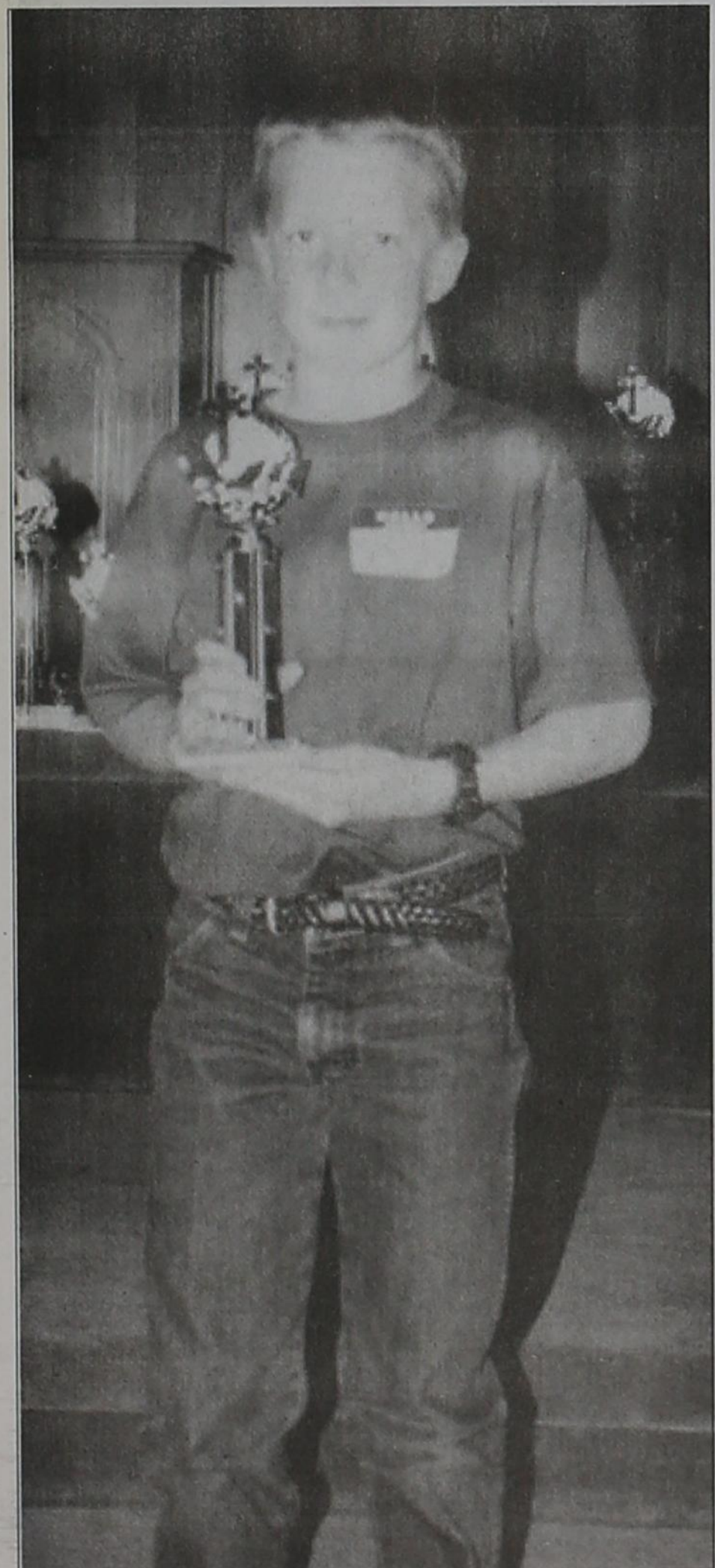
(Mt. 5:14-16) Jesus plainly instructs us in this test that we are to set good examples for one another. God expects Christian's to be the light of this dark and sinful world. The reason the Christian is to set an example to others is not so he or she will be recognized and praised but that God may be praised. By being a good example we please God and cause people to see God and praise Him. Let us be good examples to those around us that we may affect how others look at us.



Photo by Kristie Kinser

AND THE WINNERS ARE: South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock took home top honors this past weekend in a Bible Bowl competition held at Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt. Members of the team are (l to r) Bobby Hooten, Ben Hooten, Aaron Parrish, Mark Wiseman and Heather Craig. Bobby Hooten also won a trophy for the highest individual score. This was a first-time competition held at the local Church of Christ. Seven different congregations from the Texas Panhandle and New Mexico were represented at the competition, with more than 140 children and adults participating.

All women are invited to The Annual Spring Women's Encounter at The First Baptist Church of Dimmitt on Saturday, May 3, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Bring you favorite salad! Come enjoy an evening of praise and worship through testimony and song! God will truly be in our presence!



KALE JOHNSON SHOWS HIS TROPHY: Kale placed 10th out of 65 in a Bible Bowl competition held this past weekend held at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt. Kale is the son of Ronnie and Michelle Johnson of Dimmitt.

Photo by Kristie Kinser

Sunday Morning Bible Study-9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service-10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service-6:00 p.m.
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WE'RE UNDEFEATED! Major League boys team The Lakers received first place trophies last Friday night at the Kids Inc. playoff games, finishing their season 10-0. Pictured are (back l to r) Assistant Coach Joe Alvarez, Javier Sanchez, Isaac Sifuentez, Caleb Penney, Head Coach Ignacio Sifuentez, (front l to r) Nati Sias, Joshua Alvarez, Brennan Elliott, mascot Daniel Arriaga and Antonio Molina.

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To BRADLEY OLIN WARD, Respondent:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty (20) days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of KAYLA DAWN CLARK, Petitioner, was filed in the 242nd Judicial District Court of Castro County, Texas, on April 22, 2003 against BRADLEY OLIN WARD, Respondent, numbered B7659-0012 and entitled "In the Interest of KYLER EUGENE WAYNE CLARK, a child." The suit requests the termination of the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:

Name: KYLER EUGENE CLARK

Birthdate: December 23, 2003

Birthplace: Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Dimmitt, Texas, on April 24, 2003.

JOYCE M. THOMAS
Clerk of the District Court
CASTRO County, Texas

By Christina Longoria, Deputy



TEAM JAZZ WINS FIRST PLACE HONORS in the Major League division of Kids Inc. Basketball in last Friday night's championship playoff games. Pictured are (back l to r) Coach Jon Riddle, Kassi Riddle, Devonee Ortiz, Brooke Parker, Keshia Smith, Coach Shelly Smith (front l to r) Vivian Porras, Elizabeth Jackson and Georgia Sanchez.



FIRST PLACE MINOR BOYS TEAM: The Bobcats received trophies after winning their championship game last Friday night at the Kenneth Cleveland Gym. Pictured are (back l to r) Head Coach Jon Riddle, Kade Riddle, Zac Dunnam, Matthew Anes, Ruben Martinez (front l to r) Jacob Dunnam, Austin Cluck, Michael Kirven and Andrew Estrada. Not Pictured is Assistant Coach Glen Dunnam.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Comptroller of Public Accounts FORM 50-195 (7-97/3) [41, 41, 41.70]

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- * the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- * the unequal appraisal of your property
- * the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- * any exemptions that may apply to you
- * the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- * the taxable status of your property
- * the local governments which should be taxing your property
- * the ownership of property
- * the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- * any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review

If you have any questions, you may contact the Castro County Appraisal District at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027, or (806) 647-5131.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of

the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting Castro County Appraisal District, 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027 or phone (806) 647-5131. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have a good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day

after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



FIRST PLACE MINOR LEAGUE GIRLS TEAM:

The Sparks took home first place honors at last Friday nights championship play-off games. Pictured are (back l to r) Coach Rudy Bonilla, Haley Bonilla, Nikki Lara, Corina Mendoza, Coach Kyle Aljoe (front l to r) Crystal Escamilla, Mari Peña, Katy Aljoe and Vivian Sanchez.

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Bobcats make baseball playoffs for first time

The Dimmitt Bobcats Baseball Team will be in a playoff series with the Borger Bulldogs beginning Friday at 5 p.m.

The best-of-three matchup features the Bobcats in post-season for the first time in Dimmitt baseball history.

The first pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. at the Canyon Randall High School Baseball Complex.

Although the record for the Bobcats is 4-6 in district

play, the Bobcats have played very well throughout the season, finishing 7-13.

The Bobcats are a very young team, led by juniors Caleb Dickerson, Jared Griffitt and Nicky Gauna.

First baseman Dickerson had a whopping .500 batting average with five homers and 17 runs batted in.

Griffitt also provided plenty of power with a .452 batting average and some clutch defensive plays in

center field.

Gauna had a 4.55 earned run average as a pitcher and played a key role in left field. He also contributed at the plate with three homers and a .585 slugging percentage. The young and improved Bobcats included freshman catcher Aaron Herrera (.250) and junior pitcher Raul Melendez (.294) who compiled the best pitching performance at 4-4.

The surprise newcomer of the team, Miguel Sanchez, played spectacular at short-stop and had a .385 batting average with one homer. Rounding out the Bobcats



Jared Griffitt



Aaron Herrera



Caleb Dickerson

are senior third baseman Harold Casas (.294), right fielder Adam Wright (.267) and second baseman Chris Casas (.311).

Senior Brandon Furr and Mark Melendez were used sparingly at right field and as pinch runners. The Bobcats are coached by Jesus Quiroz, Brett Ramsey and Josh Goen.

Soler makes state meet

Sets school record

The Dimmitt boys competed in the regional track meet at Odessa recently.

The 400-meter relay team of Jeremy Gamez, Brandon Furr, Nicky Gauna and L.J. Soler ran a 44.32.

Matthew Sanders threw the discus 141-8.

Jared Griffitt qualified in the pole vault, but could not vault due to an injury.

Soler placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.59 and was first in the long jump with a school record of 22-8.5.

Soler will participate in the State Track meet, May 9 and 10, in Austin, in both the 100-meter and the long jump.

Dimmitt ISD Calendar

Thursday, May 1-

- * TAKS Test-Social Studies Grades
- * TAAS Test-EXIT Reading
- * High School Student Council Meeting-12:00

Friday, May 2-

- * TAKS Test-Science Grades
- * Head Start & ECE-Field Trip
- * South Plains Touring Assembly-High School-2:15 p.m.
- * Choir Trip to San Antonio
- * Band-Greater Southwestern Music Festival

Saturday, May 3-

- * Choir Trip to San Antonio
- * Band-Greater Southwestern Music Festival

Monday, May 5-

- * Middle School Book Fair-Week of May 5-9
- * Kindergarten Music Program at Nursing Home
- * Deposit Due for Middle School Cheerleader Tryouts
- * Athletic Banquet-EXPO-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6-

- * Kindergarten Field Trip to Plainview
- * First Grade TPRI Test
- * High School Art Show-Rhoads Memorial Library-Through May 16th
- * FCCLA Meeting-11:45 a.m.
- * Assembly for grades 7-12 "The Power of One Presentation"-10:50 a.m.
- * Tennis-Jr. High Boys at Muleshoe
- * DISD Board of Trustees Meeting-7:00 p.m.-DISD Board Room

Wednesday, May 7-

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Swifts clinch playoff spot

The Nazareth Swifts clinched a playoff berth Saturday with a 9-0 win over Ralls at the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark.

Nazareth could earn a share of the district championship with a second win over the Jackrabbits; that game was scheduled for Tuesday in Ralls. If the Swifts win that game, they will be in a tie with Crosbyton for the district title, and a one-game playoff between the Swifts and Chiefs will determine who will represent District 3-A as the first and second seed.

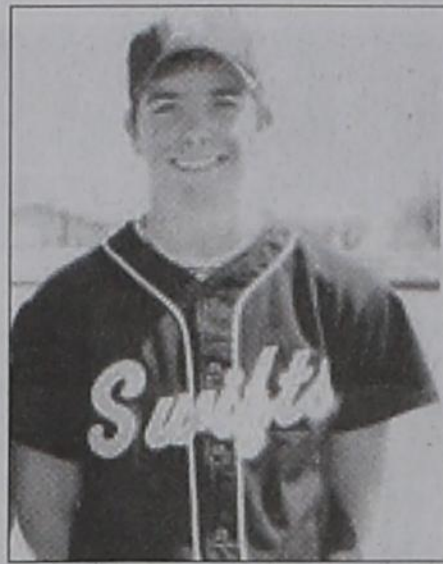
Saturday's afternoon game between the Swifts and the Jackrabbits was a pitchers' duel until Tyson

Schulte ended the stalemate with one swing of the bat in the bottom of the third.

With bases loaded and two outs, Schulte took a 1-2 pitch over the left-field fence for a grand slam homer, the first of his high school career. Nazareth added five more runs in the sixth inning, scoring on three hits, including a home run from Tyler Ehly.

Adam Acker pitched the complete game shutout for the Swifts, fanning 13 batters and allowing just three hits en route to his second win of the season.

Ralls' hurler Ed Ortiz went the distance for the Jackrabbits and was charged with the loss. Ortiz struck



Tyson Schulte



Garrett Kleman



Evan Huseman



Adam Acker



Chase Schulte



Eric Schilling

out nine Nazareth batters and allowed eight hits.

After 2 1/2 scoreless innings, Nazareth found a small offensive spark in the

bottom of the third when Chase Schulte bunted down the left field line and beat out the throw for a lead-off single. Ortiz walked Evan Huseman and Eric Schilling to load the bases with one out.

The Jackrabbits got their second out when Koty Huseman fouled a pitch that was caught by first baseman Edward Almanza.

Tyson Schulte cleared the loaded bases with his home-run swing, giving Nazareth a 4-0 lead. Ehly followed with a double, but was stranded on second.

The Jackrabbits' time at the plate was short lived in the third through seventh innings. Nazareth's defense held through five straight three-up, three-down innings. In the top of the fourth, the Jackrabbits got a single from David Jones after the first two batters in the inning were retired, but Jones attempted to steal second and was picked off by Nazareth catcher Garrett Kleman. That was it for Ralls in the fourth. Eight of Acker's 13 strikeouts came over those five innings and

Nazareth's defense did the rest, cleanly fielding ground balls for the outs at first.

In the fifth inning, Acker struck out Chris Salas and Michael Reyna before giving up a right-field single to Ralls' No. 9 hitter, Jason Ledesma, but Ledesma tried to stretch the single into a double.

It didn't work. Nazareth right fielder Evan Huseman snatched, up the ball and rifled it to shortstop Eric Schilling who easily tagged Ledesma before he reached second.

Chase Schulte made a diving catch, robbing Ortiz of a hit in the sixth. The next Jackrabbit batters struck out.

Nazareth took a 9-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth, starting off the explosive inning with a solo homer by Ehly. Ortiz hit Edward Wilhelm with a pitch, then an error on Ralls second baseman Michael Reyna allowed Chase Schulte to reach first and scored Wilhelm. A bunt single by Evan Huseman scored Schulte. Another single and an error by Ralls gave the Swifts the next run.

Amarillo College honors students

Amarillo College honored more than 400 top students, including one from Dimmitt and one from Nazareth, recently.

Students achieving academic excellence, those in honor societies, outstanding majors, Who's Who and special awards and scholarships, were announced.

Shanna L. Schaeffer of

Nazareth cited for safety

The Nazareth ISD, represented by Superintendent Marshall Harrison, was recognized recently by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace.

Awards were presented at the annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin.

Nazareth ISD, one of more than 423 participating schools, received the Platinum Award for savings to the district of \$11,934, with a loss ratio of 20 percent of the funds reserved for possible claims expenses during the 2001/2002 year.

"Taxpayers will be gratified to know the results of participating in the CAS safety program: reduction of injuries and money saved - have raised the bar for all Texas schools for reduction of work-related injuries," said Wesley Slade, executive vice-president of Claims Administrative Services Inc.

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BOUND FOR STATE: The Nazareth girls doubles tennis team will travel to Austin to play in the state meet on Monday and Tuesday. Left to right are Jamie Birkenfeld, coach Brenda Schulte and Jenna Acker.

DCP update

April 1 has come and gone. That means the deadline has passed to update bases and yields. Farms that didn't meet this date will receive their PFC base and yield plus eligible oilseeds. Farms that were not enrolled in PFC will not have a base or yield, making them ineligible for DCP.

Farmers that participated in PFC and did not update their farm's bases and yields will have their farm records rolled over for DCP. June 2, 2003 is the deadline to sign-up for 2002 and 2003 DCP. Advance payments are now being issued.

2003 Nazareth Track Schedule

May 9-10	State Track Meet	VB, VG
	Austin	

Election

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the third seat or to appoint someone to the position.

In Nazareth, the only election is the bond \$960,000 bond election.

Voting is at the school, 101 S. First, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. By the end of last week, about 25 voters had been to cast early votes, which Superintendent Marshall Harrison said is about normal for most school election.

Harrison said the bond money would be used to

make needed improvements and renovations to the schools.

"We have serious roof problems," he said. "We have air conditioning units that are more than 40 years old and they don't make parts for them anymore. We have asbestos in some places."

Trustees voted to have the election in order to take advantage of money the state makes available to help school districts pay off bonds. In fact, the state pays about 85 percent of the bond issue, with the district picking up the remaining 15 percent.

"We won't issue the bonds unless we get the state money," Harrison said. "We can sit on those bonds for up to 10 years.

"In my opinion, if you were going out to buy a house and someone was going to put up 85 percent of it, it'd be a pretty good deal. So it's a good financial move for the school district. A very smart move."

Harrison said the Texas House has allocated \$115 million for state assistance for bond repayment and "rumor is that the Senate has \$65 million additional."

"So if Nazareth does pass the bond, there is a very good possibility that the state money will be there to assist us in the repairs and renovations."

If voters decide not to go forward, Harrison said the district will have to look for alternative sources for funding to pay for the needed work.



THE TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION held its 50th Annual State Convention in Wichita Falls April 23-26. Four delegates from the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association attended the event. Those in attendance were (front left to right) Barbara Bain, Mary Jo Brown (back left to right) Billye Davis and Joanne Snider.

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for May 2-8.

DIMMITT

Pre-K to 12th Grades Grab-and-go breakfast

FRIDAY: Hot pocket egg and cheese, assorted fruit juice and white milk.

MONDAY: Honey bun, assorted fruit juice and white milk.

TUESDAY: Smucker's peanut butter, assorted fruit juice and white milk.

WEDNESDAY: Rice krispy treats, assorted fruit juice and white milk.

THURSDAY: Sausage and biscuit, assorted fruit juice and white milk.

Lunch

Pre-K to 1st Grade

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, fresh fruit and milk.

MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato chips, hamburger salad, orange wedges and milk.

TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers with gravy, french fries, mixed vegetables, hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Grilled chopped steak, Chinese style vegetables, apple slices with cinnamon, rolls and milk.

2nd-12th Grades

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, grilled cheese with soup, red beans and rice, potato wedges, corn on the cob, fresh spinach, broccoli/cauliflower salad, fresh fruit and milk.

MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, chicken fillet strips, beef taco, potato chips, mashed potatoes, hamburger salad, orange wedges, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, fajitas with onions, poor boy steak, green beans, parsley buttered, potatoes, butter beans, tossed salad, cranberry jelly, pea salad, oranges and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers with gravy, grilled cheese with soup, turkey tetrazzini, french fries, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad, cucumber/tomatoes salad and milk.

THURSDAY: Grilled chopped steak, nachos with ground beef, pigs in a blanket, Chinese style vegetables, refried beans, carrots, tossed salad, apple slice with cinnamon on and milk.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

FRIDAY: Sausage on roll, assorted cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Banana nut loaf, assorted cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY: French toast sticks,

sausage patti, assorted cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pockets, assorted cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Sausage on roll, assorted cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

FRIDAY: Beef tacos, hamburger and fries, oatmeal blueberry muffins, fruit cocktail, green peas, tea and milk.

MONDAY: Spaghetti, pepperoni pizza, rolls, tossed salad, apples, corn, blueberry treat, tea and milk.

TUESDAY: Pizza, stir fry, bread, strawberry shortcake, corn, applesauce, tossed salad, tea and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Beef fingers, rolls, sausage pizza, chocolate pudding, pineapple chunks, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, tea and milk.

THURSDAY: Sloppy joes, corn dogs, jello, pears, okra, tossed salad, tea and milk.

HART

Breakfast

MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Waffles, fruit juice, cereal and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits, cereal, fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk and crackers.

Lunch

MONDAY: Corn dog, burrito, pizza, peaches, fresh fruit, jello, milk and tea.

TUESDAY: Hamburgers, potato chips, burrito, chicken nuggets, rolls, mashed potatoes, milk and tea.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza, hamburger, nachos, beans, ice cream, milk and tea.

THURSDAY: Sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich, salad, jello, corn, sugar cookies, tea and milk.

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The suit is numbered A8048-0303 and is styled "LOYDAS ILENE BURRESS, Plaintiff vs. IVA LOYCE BYERS, OVID NELSON STANTON, VERNON WINFRED STANTON, and HENRY STANTON JR., Defendants." The petition in this cause was filed on March 4, 2003 in the 242nd Judicial District Court of CASTRO County, Texas. This lawsuit is a Suit to Quiet Title to establish, by limitations, Loydas Ilene Burress as the sole owner of the following described property:
All of Lots Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-two (32), Block One (1), Old Town of Hart, City of Hart, Castro County, Texas, as shown on the map or plat thereof recorded in the Deed Records of Castro County, Texas, being in the Northeast corner of Section Twenty-eight (28), Block O-7, EL&RR Ry Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas.

Plaintiff's Attorney Name and Address:

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Clerk of the 242nd Judicial District Court
Castro County Courthouse,
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By: Carlene Long

Consolidation

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"We certainly aren't to the point where we would contact other school districts," Elam said. "We're just trying to get a handle on what might happen in the future."

Also at the board meeting, trustee Harold Bob Bennett mentioned the possibility of combining with Dimmitt.

Naz. Supt. Marshall Harrison said he's seen published reports about the meeting and doesn't think consolidation is the way for his district.

"Our philosophy is that as long as we continue adopting and operating under a balanced budget and maintaining operating reserves in our bank account which we do now, we're going to keep our independence," Harrison said. "Once you consolidate a school district, you lose your community."

"Our stance is, we're financially stable. As long as we keep over 200 children, we will continue to be financially stable."

If enrollment drops below 200, Harrison said, "We'll look at other avenues to maintain financial stability."

Gun locks

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earliest possible time."

The locks are free and although the police for now are limiting the number of locks per family to three, if more are needed, if the family will leave their name, when the program draws to an end, if there are any left, more will be given to those families.

The locks may be picked up Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until noon and 1 to 5 p.m., at the police department.

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- * TAKS Math-9 TAKS S.S. 10-11 TAKS Science-5

Friday, May 2-

- * TAKS Science 10-11
- * State UIL Academic Meet in Austin
- * Kindergarten field trip
- * State FFA Judging Contest

Saturday, May 3-

- * State UIL Academic Meet in Austin continues
- * Hart Lion's Club Mop & Broom Sale 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- * Upward Bound Students to Canyon 8-2

Monday, May 5-

- * Longhorn Band Banquet in Cafeteria 7 p.m.
- * State Class A Tennis Meet in Austin
- * Work Based Learning Interviews 8-5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6-

- * State Class A Tennis Meet concludes in Austin
- * FFA Banquet at Golden Group 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7-

- * State Class A Golf Meet in Austin
- * Senior's Appreciation Luncheon at First Methodist Church 12 noon

Court

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previously occupied the County Extension Office. The office will be a non-public office, however part of their equipment will remain in a ground floor office.

* Commissioner Baldrige made a motion to raise the County Mileage Reimbursement from \$.28 per mile to the state level of \$.35 per mile. The motion died for lack of a second.

Sale

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before, to join in this year.

"The more participants we have, the bigger the draw," she said. "We encourage anyone who can to sign up."

Each year since its inception, more than 100 families have participated in the sale day by holding garage sales at the homes, or joining with friends or family members in multi-family sales. The Chamber prints a directory including the address of each sale and a list of three main items or categories of items which will be offered for sale at each location. The charge for participating in the event and being listed on the directory is \$10 per resident. This fee also covers the cost of the yard sign, which is given to each participant. Booth spaces are available for rent downtown for \$35 each. Business card sized ads around the outer edges of the sale directory are available for \$25 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each year hundreds of people come from out of town to search for bargains at the sales in Dimmitt and most of them pick up a directory to assist them in locating the items which are of the most interest to them. To help them find the sales, the Chamber prints a map on the reverse side of the directory. Last year, more than 900 directories were distributed by the Chamber of Commerce, which advertises the sale throughout an 80-mile radius from Dimmitt.

The sale officially begins at 8 a.m. on June 7. However, shoppers arrive much earlier to pick up directories and map out strategies.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. PR-2571
IN THE ESTATE OF MARY JANE DOVE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Jane Dove, Deceased, were issued on April 28, 2003, in Cause No. PR-2571, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to: MARY JANE DOVE.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **ROY LEE DOVE**
102 West Wrights
Comanche, Texas
76442

Dated the 28th day of April, 2003.

ROY LEE DOVE, Independent Executor of the Estate of MARY JANE DOVE, Deceased

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

To the registered voters of Dimmitt ISD, Dimmitt and Castro County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003 for voting in a General Election to elect a Trustee for Place 5.

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FOUND 4-6-03 Black male lab cross. County Road 253 near Nazareth. Call 806-945-2408 to claim.

FAMILY PET LOST-in the vicinity of Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic-black cat named Licorice-has tags-Please call 647-2303.

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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The Dimmitt Independent School District will receive competitive sealed proposals for the purpose of constructing one new parking lot and the repair of one existing parking lot until 3:00 p.m., May 22, 2003. Specifications or additional information may be obtained by calling Les Miller, Superintendent, at 806-647-3101 or requested by mail at 608 West Halsell Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 5-2tc-61

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RAINBOW ROOM DRIVE: During April's Child Abuse Prevention Month, Erika Mendoza and Adriana Arcos, two members of Future Career and Community Leaders of America at DHS sponsored at drive for The Rainbow Room, an emergency resource center that distributes new items including diapers, clothing and formula to children in need during a crisis. To make a contribution to the Rainbow Room, contact Linda Gail Walker, Volunteer Coordinator at (806) 293-2914 or send donations to 121 E. 7th St., Plainview, TX, 79072. Pictured, left to right are: Jackie Odom, Melissa Carpenter, Erika Mendoza and Adriana Arcos.

DHS students are standouts at meet

The 2002-2003 Texas TSA Regional Student contest was held April 25-26 in Lubbock. First- through fourth-place winners qualified for the state meet in Waco.

Dimmitt High School students placed as follows:

WOODWORKING I
 Jinna Wright, first, best in district, changing table, and first, bowl; April Torres, first, entertainment center; Chris Velasquez, first entertainment center; Andy Garcia, first, lamp table; Jordan Bell, first, entertainment center, first, keepsake box and first, Queen Anne clock; Mindy Maxwell, first, best in division, dresser; Osiel Rodriguez, first, book shelves; Joel Puente, first, model car; Veronica Aguero, key holder; Adam Wright, best in division, gun cabinet; Kris Ross, second, cedar chest; Chris Casas, second, cedar chest; Joel Puente, second, coffee table; Omar Cantano, second, entertainment center; Reggie Wilkerson, second, gun cabinet; Carla Carpio, third, cedar chest; Jordan Bell, third, pro stock truck; Penny Layne, third, bed; Ryan Miller, third, computer desk; Liliana Aguilar, third, picture frame; Jinna Wright, fourth, clock, fourth, tray, fourth, dresser; Albert Ruiz, fourth, entertainment center, Harold

Casas, fourth, dresser; Billy Stanley, fifth, desk; Matthew Ruiz, fifth, cedar chest; and Rudy Salinas, sixth, entertainment center.

WOODWORKING II
 Jared Bell, first, best in division, armoire; Brandon Furr, second, gun cabinet; and Elias Zepeda, third, headboard.

WOODWORKING III
 Ray Lopez, first, gun cabinet; Amber Bell, first clock, first and best in division, clock, first and best in division, Queen Anne, and first and best in division, entertainment center; Abraham Salinas, second, bed and second, night stand.

METAL WORKING I
 Osiel Rodriguez, first, picnic table, Casey Hargrove, first, trellis, and first, well motor cover; Luis Aguillon, first, trailer; Luis Dominguez, first and best in division, lamp; and Abel Espinosa, first, trailer.

SAFETY POSTERS
 Amber Bell, first and best in division, safety poster.

COMMUNICATION GRAPHICS
 Amber Bell, first for menu, first for web page, first for menu and first for booklet; Veronica Aguero, first, photo; Amber Bell, second for card, second for

card, second for photo booklet, second for sign and second for weekly time record; and Veronica Aguero, second for photo.

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS - KITS
 Jinna Wright, first in kit-metal and first in kit-wood; Jordan Bell, first in kit-other; Liliana Aguilar, third, Joel Puente, fourth, kit-other.

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS - RECYCLING
 Amber Bell, first, popcorn bowl.

CLUB PROJECT: two firsts, Model-T truck and trike

KNOWLEDGE CHALLENGE: Team 1, first.

STRUCTURE CHALLENGE: Joel Puente and Liliana Aguilar, first; Rolando and Nalley, third.

NQE STRUCTURE: Joel Puente and Liliana Aguilar, third, bridge



The Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club

presents the

2003 Dimmitt Athletic Banquet

honoring our

High School Athletes and Coaching Staff

May 5, 2003

Expo Building

Serving begins at 6:30 p.m.



Athletes and Coaches eat FREE!
All Others \$10 per person at the door



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Calendar

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May 8, at Richardson cafeteria.

D.R.E.A.M.S. (PTO) of the Dimmitt schools cannot accept anymore Lowe's receipts at this time.

However, residents are asked to keep saving Box Tops 4 Education and Campbell's soup labels for education through the summer for the next school year.

Collection boxes will be kept at: First Bank Muleshoe, First United Bank, Hereford Credit Union, Headhunter, Bobcat Barber Shop, Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Henderson's T.V. and Rhoads Memorial Library.

The Dimmitt Book Club will hold its annual spring luncheon on Saturday, May 3, at 11:30 a. m. at the Hereford Country Club.

D. R. Meredith of Amarillo, mystery writer, and author of many books, will present the program and an initiation ceremony for new members will be held.

Guests are welcome; however, reservations must be made by calling Mildred Bradford at 647-4275 by Thursday, May 1.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas at Nazareth is

having its annual breakfast from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Sunday, May 4, at the Community Hall in Nazareth.

Also, under the awning, the Lions Club will have its broom sale at the same time.

The breakfast menu will include sausage, eggs, cinnamon rolls, pancakes and fresh fruit, along with juice and coffee.

Cost is \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for 8 and younger. Sausage will also be on sale for \$2.50 a pound.

Also on sale will be the cemetery books from the year 1902 to September, 2002, with the updated supplement page at a cost of \$20.

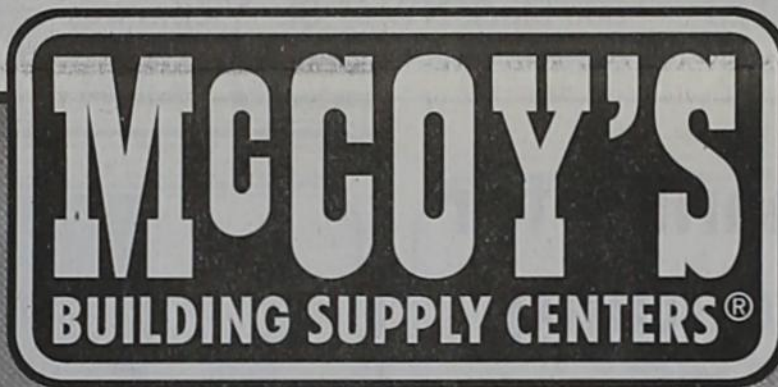
Funds raised will go to charitable projects and a scholarship fund.

Organized prayer service to held every Friday at 12:10 p.m. at the Castro County Courthouse gazebo.

Prayer in remembrance of our service men and women will be given.

Participants are asked to bring photos of family members serving in the armed forces, so that those representing Castro County in this crisis may be remembered.

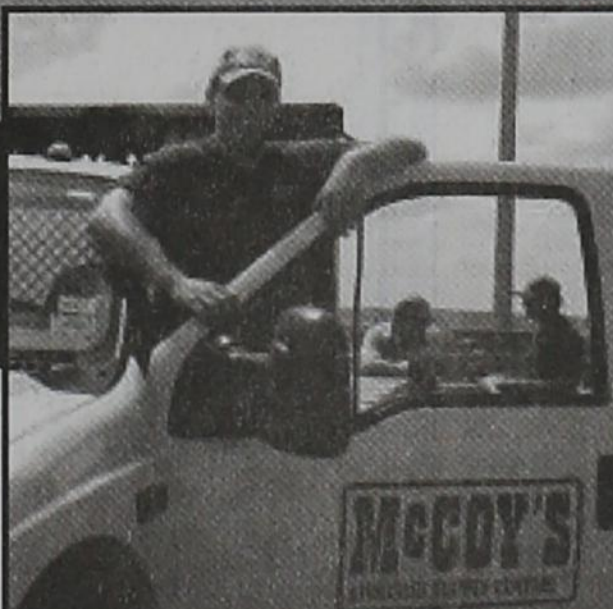
The service will be brief and if you cannot make it to the service, citizens are asked to stop and join the service in their thoughts.



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FFA banquet



DIMMITT FFA OFFICERS (left to right) Megan Lemon, outgoing Treasurer, Adam Wright, Student Advisor (2003-04), Lauren Waggoner, outgoing Student Advisor, Jake Porsch, Vice President (2003-04), Raynee Bradley, Treasurer (2003-04), Holly Lane, outgoing President, Shae Odom, President (2003-04), Ramey Rice, outgoing Reporter. Officers for 2003-04 not pictured are Casey Maurer, Reporter and Beau Sandoval, Sentinel.



HOLLY LANE was voted Outstanding Senior by the Dimmitt FFA.



DON CORNETT, left, was awarded Honorary Chapter Farmer by the Dimmitt FFA at its banquet on Monday night.



WILLIE PORSCH, right, was recognized for his willingness to haul animals to the stock shows for the FFA.

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Sheriff's Log

- * April 23 48-year-old Dimmitt female arrested on a warrant for driving while license suspended
- * April 23 20-year-old Dimmitt male arrested on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury
- * April 23 49-year-old Hereford male arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, first offense
- * April 24 27-year-old Hart female arrested on a warrant for theft
- * April 24 30-year-old Dimmitt male arrested for driving while license suspended
- * April 24 52-year-old Hart male arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief.
- * April 24 39-year-old Hart male arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief.
- * April 25 33-year-old Dimmitt male arrested on a warrant for no driver's license, display expired on plate.
- * April 27 23-year-old Dimmitt male arrested for DWI, third or more offense.
- * April 28 20-year-old Canyon male arrested minor in consumption
- * April 28 20-year-old Canyon male arrested minor in consumption
- * April 28 19-year-old Amarillo male arrested for DWI, first offense
- * April 28 18-year-old Canyon male arrested for minor in consumption
- * April 29 25-year-old Dimmitt male arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and no valid inspection sticker.

Police Calls

4/22 to 4/28

- * April 22 200 block SW 2nd St. Phone harassment
- * April 22 100 block NW 8th St. Burglary of vehicle
- * April 22 200 block E. Jones St. Theft from coin machine
- * April 23 800 block S. Front St. Burglary of a home
- * April 25 200 block E. Jones St. Suspect borrowed property and had not returned it
- * April 25 1500 bl. W. Circle Dr. Disorderly conduct
- * April 25 200 block NW 11th St. Runaway
- * April 28 200 block E. Jones St. Suspect wrote an obscene letter to victim
- * April 28 200 block E. Jones St. Suspects using victim's driver's license
- * April 28 600 block NW 5th St. Victim was punched twice in the face.

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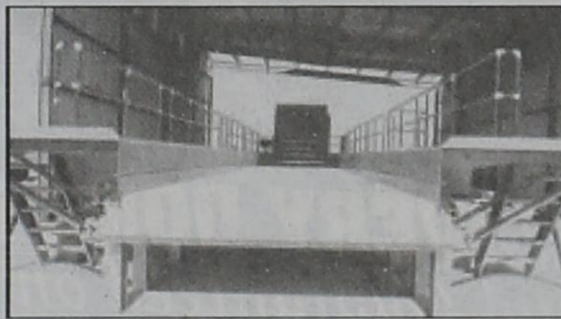
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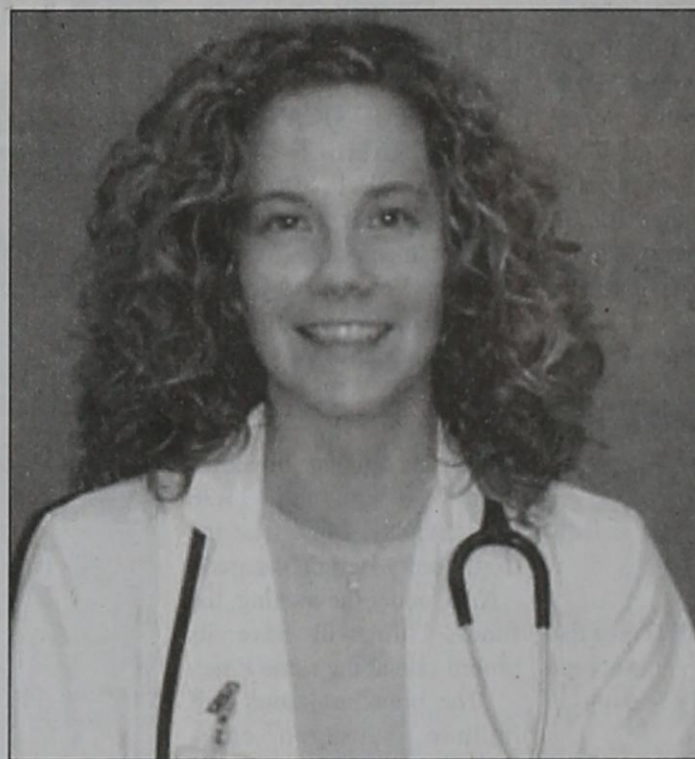
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We are on schedule to complete the Gin well before the start of harvest this fall. Please come by to visit or to ask any questions.



Tonia Frye

Meet Tonia Frye, Physicians Assistant at the Medical Center in Dimmitt. Tonia started at the Medical Center in January. She grew up in Dalhart, graduating in 1995, and went on to attend Texas Tech, completing her under graduate work in 1999 and graduating in December 2002. Tonia and her husband, Dimmitt native Reagan Frye, live in Canyon.

Tonia is working in General Practice at the Medical Center Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. An appointment can be made with Tonia by calling 647-2194.

"I look forward to working with and meeting the people of Dimmitt. I am very excited to be here in such a wonderful community."

-Tonia Frye



Peralta named to honor society

LEVELLAND - Priscilla Peralta from Dimmitt is among a record 115 students selected for induction this spring into South Plains College's Kappa Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society for students in two-year colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa, the nation's largest honor society in American education with more than 1.35 million members, encourages scholarship among associate degree students.

"Phi Theta Kappa not only promotes scholarship but also affords these students an opportunity to get involved in both the campus and local communities in a variety of service projects. Participation in PTK can lead to personal growth in leadership, scholarship and service, which can have a lifetime impact," said Gary Poffenbarger, SPC associate professor of English and advisor.

He was one of 25 advisors named this year to receive the Robert Giles Distinguished Advisor Award at PTK's international convention in April in Anaheim, Calif.

Inductees must have completed 12 semester hours at SPC, be currently enrolled as a full-time student and maintain an overall grade point average of 3.25.



AREA PTK INDUCTEES: A record 111 students were recently inducted into the Kappa Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at South Plains College. PTK is the international honor society for students in two-year colleges. Students from the South Plains area inducted into the honor group include (front row, from left), Lauren Willson from Idalou, Priscilla Peralta from Dimmitt, Breanne Harris from Lamesa, Maria Elena Rangel from Floydada, Joshua Bartlett from Crosbyton, D'Lynn West from Littlefield, Kelsey Griffin from Carlsbad, N.M., Shonda Brown from Littlefield and Denisse Lopez from Muleshoe, and from left on the top row Fabio Knijnik from Levelland, Kyle Isaacs from Brownfield, Joseph Frerich from Vernon, Matthew Kirk and Jeremy Walker, both from Floydada, and Joshua Kirkpatrick and David Woody, both from Slaton.



FINAL ROUND AT REGIONAL: Matthew Sanders made it to the final round in the Texas Region 1-AAA discuss competition, which was held in Odessa recently. His best throw was 141-feet, 3-inches.

Acker named USAA scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Jenna Acker of Nazareth has been named an All-American Scholar.

Acker is the daughter of Dwayne and Anne Acker of Nazareth and the granddaughter of Joe Lynn and Mary Lou Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Bob and Charlotte Middleton of Vega.

She was nominated for this national award by Angela Hochstein and will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the USAA. "Certainly, winners



Jenna Acker

of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement.

To be nominated, one must have a 3.3 GPA or higher. Students who receive the award are eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

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We would like to express our thanks to several different businesses in town for their help with the 2003 Kids, Inc. basketball season

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A big thanks to Sharon and Evelyn at the Chamber Office and The Castro County News for all your help.

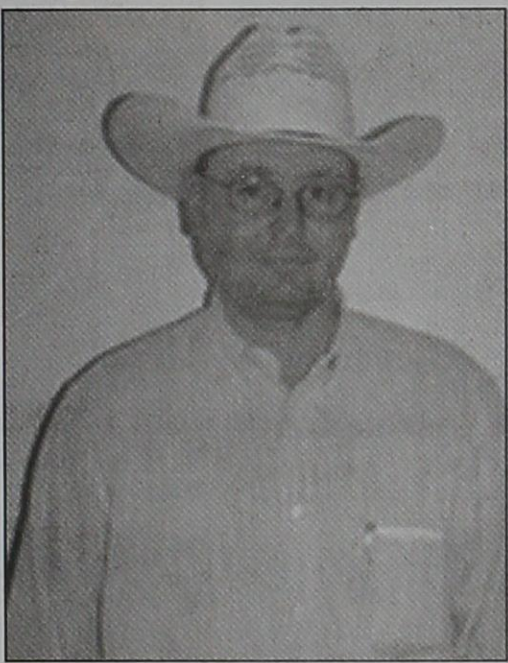
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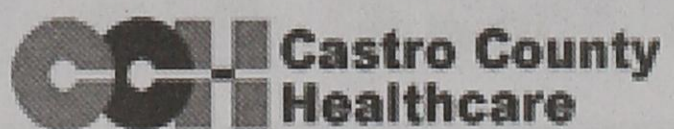


The Plains Memorial "Pink Ladies": (front l to r) Lois Waggoner, Ethel Fry, Carolyn Jones, Jackie Edwards (back l to r) Edna Reinart, Sandra Bagwell, Delores Heller, Claudine Langford, Wanda Murdock and Lequetta West.

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Across our nation, tens of millions of volunteers share their time and care to help build stronger communities. At Plains Memorial Hospital, we have a wonderful group of ladies that deserve recognition for the priceless contributions they make. During National Volunteer Week, we would like to honor our PMH Hospital Auxiliary. We would also like to take the time to say "Thank You" to each one of these ladies for their service and generosity. Thank you for your "always" attitude—always willing to lend a hand, always willing to understand. During this week, we at Castro County Hospital District celebrate our volunteers and the spirit of giving.





Who's New

Cresencia and Javier Anes, of Dimmitt, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Javier F. Anes II. He was born April 23, 2003 at 9:15 p.m. at Castro County Hospital. He weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. And was 21 inches long. Javier was welcomed home by his older brother, Christopher, who is 10 years old. His grandparents are Jose and Maria Anes of McAllen, Texas.



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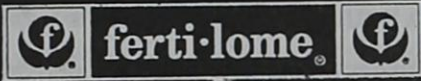
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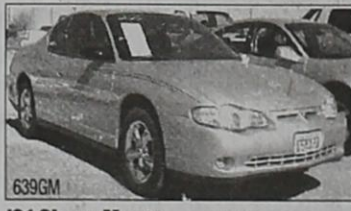
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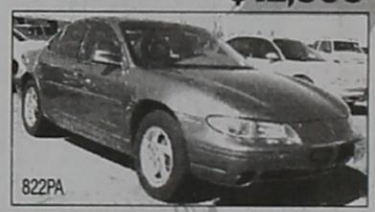
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