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## Thousands of cattle die during cold, wet spell

The storm didn't appear to be that bad, but it turned out to be deadly for the county's pasture cattle.

Ranchers in the Dimmitt and Hereford area are mourning the loss of thousands of head of cattle during the latest wet cold spell, which moved into the Texas Panhandle last Wednesday evening and hung around through Saturday night.

Cattle fatalities in Castro County numbered more than 500, with many individuals reporting losses of 60 to 80 head. At least one individual in the county lost more than 250 head. Area-wide cattle losses ran into the thousands.

Garth Merrick, president of Hereford Bi-Products, Inc., termed the cattle losses "phenomenal—it's devastating."

"We're still getting calls for multiple deaths, and we can't get to all of them fast enough because of the warmer temperatures," Merrick said.

"We run trucks out of Plainview and Muleshoe into Castro County, as well as out of Hereford. There's no way to tell a county total, really. But overall, it's (losses) in the thousands of cattle. We're running four times normal."

Hereford Bi-Products covers an

area all the way up into New Mexico and Oklahoma.

"We're going to do everything we can, as fast as we can, to pick up cattle as they are called in, but we have only so many trucks and drivers, and we're running behind in every area we operate in," Merrick said.

A strong storm system moved into the area last Wednesday evening, bringing strong winds, rain, snow and cold temperatures that lasted through Saturday night. It rained all day last Thursday. On Friday, county residents woke to a rain-snow mix falling, and that continued throughout the day. Temperatures on Friday hovered near the freezing mark all day and dipped to 30 degrees overnight. Rain continued to fall throughout the day Saturday. Precipitation totals during the period ranged from 1.6 inches around Sunnyside to 2.8 inches at Nazareth. Hart received 2.43 inches and 2.78 inches was recorded for Dimmitt by KDHN.

While there was no significant accumulation of snow in Castro County, areas north of here were blanketed by six to 12 inches of the white stuff.

"Cattle tend to drift away from a storm," said Dimmitt Veterinarian W.J. Hill. "The winds were strong, blowing out of the north-northeast, and many cattle were heading southwest. They piled up behind windbreaks, bogged down in the mud and many just suffocated."

Hill said this was one of the worst cattle losses, in terms of numbers, that he's ever seen.

"A lot of individuals lost baby calves, but what's so unusual about this storm was the number of bigger cows—300 to 400 pound yearlings—that died," Hill said.

"I think the wet weather had the most to do with it (losses). The cattle never had a chance to dry out. They suffered constant exposure to that wet, cold weather for four days. They were piling up, trying to stay warm. A small number that died were sick cattle that had been doctored and hadn't recovered yet."

The type of fencing used to restrain cattle may have contributed to the problems. Cattle behind good, multi-wire, fences couldn't break free, and congregated in corners. That's when problems started and many of the animals "bogged down."

"That just sapped their strength. They couldn't battle that mud because they had such a high energy loss," Hill said.

Cattle restrained by single hot wire fences seemed to fare better, according to Hill. "A lot of cattle out across the county that were able to break through fences didn't die. They got out and continued to roam," Hill said.

While all cattle struggled against the elements, those grazing on pasture seemed to be affected more than those in feed lots.

"Most of the cattle that were lost I think were some new cattle that had just been put on wheat pasture to graze out," said George Bagley of Dimmitt Feed Yard. "It hurt them pretty bad."

Bagley said they lost a few more head than usual at the feed yard, but the losses were mainly "some of the sick cattle that we had in the medical pens."

"It sure did hurt our gains, though. We weighed some cattle this week

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ANGEL SHINE is one of the musical groups that entertained at the Castro County Child Protective Services Board's annual dinner Sunday in Dimmitt. Group members are (from left) Shae Odom, Alexis Proffitt, and Kelsey Welch. Other groups included the Dimmitt Community Choir, the Methodist Men's

Quartet, and Mixed Faith. Turn-out for the fund raising event was termed good by organizers of the event. Winners of the Child Abuse Prevention poster contest were honored, and door prizes were distributed.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Five races contested in Saturday elections

Elections are set for Saturday for positions on governing bodies for the hospital, cities and school boards, with polling places to be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Contested races include the three at-large places on the Dimmitt City Council, Dimmitt school board Place 5, Hart Board of Aldermen, and Hart and Nazareth school boards.

The polling location has changed for voting in the DISD races. Voters may go to the DISD Administration

Building. In the past, voting had been held at the DMS auditorium.

Candidates and polling places are listed below:

### Hospital Board

Voting will take place at three locations in the county: in Dimmitt, at the City Hall; in Hart, at the Golden Group Building; and in Nazareth, at the High School Home Economics Room.

Voters will select candidates to fill three places. Those running are

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## OM reschedules car wash Saturday

Fund raising efforts are continuing for the two Dimmitt Odyssey of the Mind teams that have qualified to attend the World OM Competition set for June 4-7 at the University of Maryland.

The group had planned a car wash this past weekend, but got rained out. The event has been reset for Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. until they run out of customers, with

wash locations set at the Pizza Hut parking lot and Thrasher's Auto.

Also, aluminum cans can be donated to the team by depositing them in the cotton trailer placed on the vacant lot across the street from Mr. Burger.

Team members also are selling raffle tickets for a chance at \$100 in cash, with the drawing to be held near the end of May. In addition, they are selling discount value cards for \$10 that will be honored at several area businesses.

To make a donation or purchase raffle or discount tickets, contact any OM team member or call team coaches Wayne Proffitt at 647-3128 (work) or 647-2357 (home); or Pat Keith at 647-4537 (home).

The teams have set a goal of \$15,000, and have raised \$5,250 so far.

The Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School structure teams both won first in their divisions at the State OM competition April 4-5 in Houston.

Members of the DMS structure team are Daniel Proffitt, Kylie Webb, Lori Schulte, Josh Hardwick, and Cherie Norman. They are coached by Wayne Proffitt and Paula Proffitt.

Members of the DHS team are Timothy Proffitt, Jeremy Matthews, Andy Hill, Jason Hargrove, Jason Hall, Michael Keith, and Jared Townsend. They are coached by Wayne Proffitt and Pat Keith.

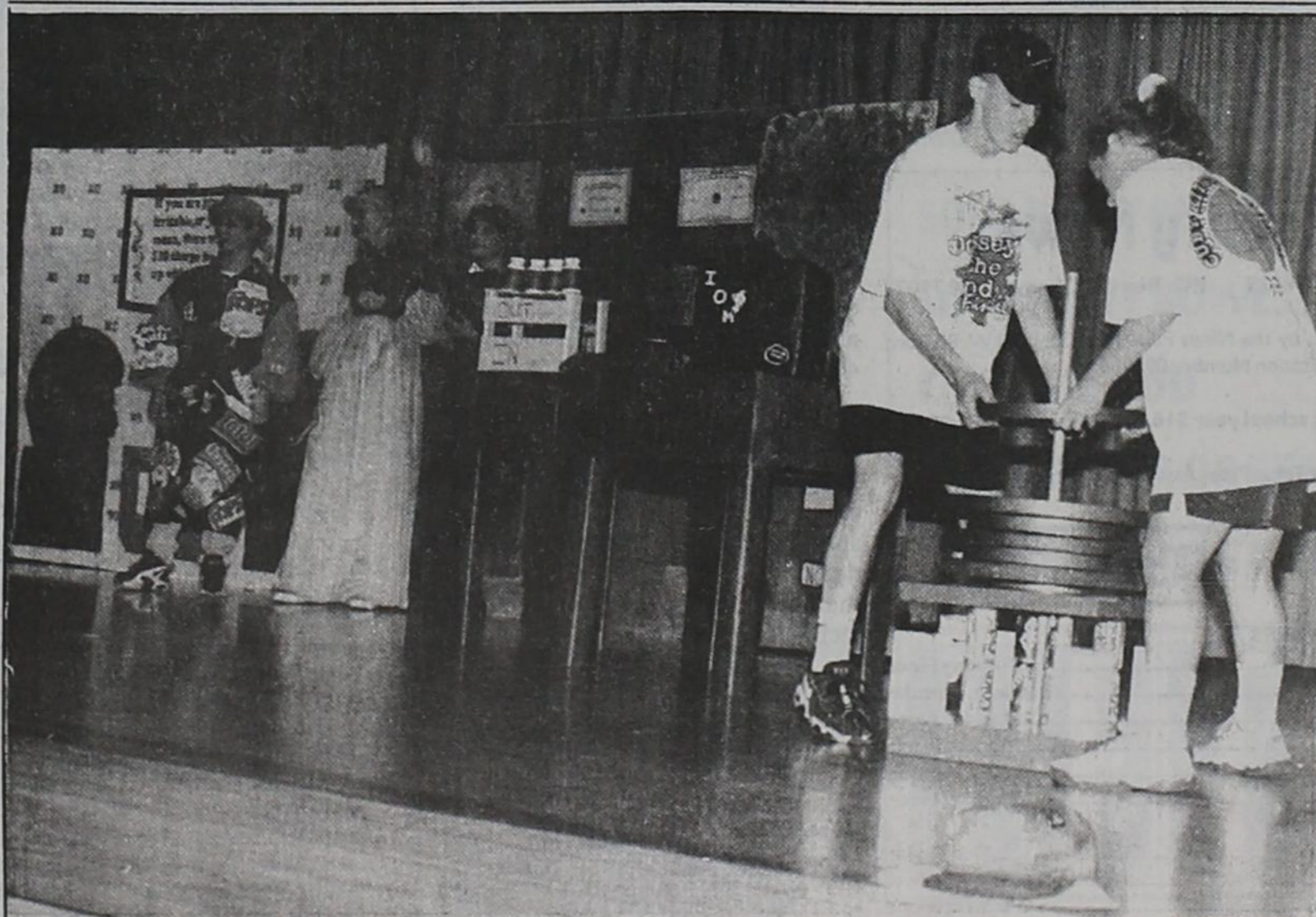
The DMS Classics team placed fourth at state and will not advance, but they are helping with the fund raising efforts for the other two teams and may be contacted for raffle tickets, etc.

Team members are Cliff Wright, Alexis Proffitt, Rae Odom, Thomas Brockman, Jill Merritt, Ryan Hays and Kelsey Welch. They are coached by Kim Hays and Brenda Welch.

## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	66	36	.81
Friday	47	32	1.57
Saturday	34	32	.28
Sunday	40	30	.12
Monday	60	80	Tr.
Tuesday	78	39	
Wednesday	81	45	

April Moisture ..... 3.79  
1997 Moisture ..... 4.62  
Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.



DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL's Double Trouble structure team runs through their long-term portion of the Odyssey of the Mind competition at the public performance they presented Monday at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. They used cans for the

crusher rehearsal, because a practice structure wasn't ready. The structures take an average of 20 hours to put together. Team members are (from left) Josh Hardwick, Cherie Norman, Kylie Webb, Daniel Proffitt and Lori Schulte.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Hardee clinic will close; Medical Center wants him

"A letter of agreement has been accepted by both Dr. (Gary R.) Hardee and the Castro County Hospital District board for Dr. Hardee to join the Medical Center of Dimmitt on a fulltime basis," board chairman Bill Clark announced last Thursday night after an executive session.

The board adopted unanimously a motion by trustee Jerry Annen "to accept the terms of agreement that have been mutually agreed upon and to instruct Joe (Sloan, CEO) to have the hospital district's attorney draw up a contract."

Dr. Hardee's family clinic in Dimmitt will end its affiliation with the High Plains Baptist/St. Anthony's Health Care System in Amarillo on July 1.

Dr. Hardee's clinic—which was the first rural health clinic in the county—"is not involved in the agreement," Clark said. He said the Medical Center of Dimmitt will provide space for Dr. Hardee's practice.

"We'll have to have more renovation on that building," said Dr. B. D. Murphy, one of the clinic's physicians.

"Yes," Clark agreed. "We've already given (Edwards Laundry) notice to move out by Aug. 1. Actually, we've got enough room in the clinic now to bring in another doctor. There's a lot of space available behind the laundry."

Later, Sloan described the contract that is being drawn up.

"It's a two-year production contract, renewable—similar to what the other physicians have. His salary will be based on the number of patients he sees, and so forth. The start date is July 1.

"The hospital district also has committed to recruit one additional family practice physician as soon as possible."

Sloan said the contract also calls for the hospital district to purchase "less than \$20,000 worth" of Dr. Hardee's equipment, which he will

then use in his practice at the clinic as a contracted physician.

Dr. Hardee has practiced medicine in Dimmitt since 1985, starting in an office at Plains Memorial Hospital and later building his own clinic at the corner of West Bedford and Southwest Sixth.

With the hospital board's approval, he converted his medical clinic into a rural health clinic several years ago and entered into an operating contract with the hospital district.

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## County purchases new motor grader

Castro County Commissioners agreed Monday to purchase a new Caterpillar motor grader for Precinct 2. Precinct 2 will trade in two used machines—a 1985 John Deere and a 1980 Caterpillar—for the new model.

West Texas Equipment submitted the winning bid for the grader. West Texas Equipment will allow the county \$55,425 for its two used machines toward the purchase of the new Caterpillar. The net trade difference will be \$83,877. Also included in the bid is a five-year buy-back of \$109,000.

Commissioners had opened bids at

their April 14 meeting, but Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales asked that purchase of a new machine be postponed until he could study his budget.

After consideration, Gonzales decided to buy the Caterpillar.

Commissioners also resumed discussion on several other items that had been tabled in previous meetings.

A request for a new state-of-the-art radar gun by the county's Dept. of Public Safety troopers was denied by commissioners Monday.

DPS furnishes radar guns for patrol cars, but Trooper David Bratton said the issued units are "sub-standard." The new radar gun that Bratton asked commissioners for would cost the county \$2,995.

"I don't see how we can come up with this money now," said Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige. "I think you guys are doing a good job with what you've got."

Another request by DPS troopers at the April 14 meeting also was tabled and the matter was brought back up Monday.

The troopers requested permission to trade offices with the juvenile probation department, which has a larger office space.

According to Bratton, Castro County is a three-trooper county, and if three troopers are working in the office, their current facilities are too cramped with the desks, intoxilyzer machine, filing cabinets and other items.

The juvenile probation department has a larger office, and the juvenile probation officer is only in Dimmitt two days a week.

Gonzales' motion to allow DPS to change offices with the juvenile probation department died for lack of a second.

Castro County will shell out  
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**\$15,000 GOAL**

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**\$5,250 raised so far in funds and pledges for trip to OM World Contest**

\$250

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Letter

Alcohol is a drug, too

Editor: Lately, we have heard a lot about the dangers and addictiveness of tobacco. I am sure most of us have witnessed friends or relatives dying of lung cancer or emphysema, caused by smoking. These deaths are horrible, not only for the patient, but for the friends and loved ones standing by the bedside.

Those who are in the later stages often beg for death to come and relieve their sufferings. We have witnessed many with cancer of the mouth, throat or larynx. We are aware that the addiction begins with the first use of the substance. Yes, tobacco and its results are horrible.

We even pass laws to remove the advertising from the air, billboards, and even the newspapers, and this is as it should be.

As bad as the addiction to tobacco is, I have never witnessed nor heard of anyone smoking a pack and then going home and abusing their wife and children. I have never heard of tobacco causing divorce or fights, or intoxicating the user to the extent of being unable to safely operate a motor vehicle. Tobacco does not cause people to murder close friends or relatives, or commit rape, as does the effect of alcohol.

When one looks at the medical expenditures forced upon society by the addiction of both tobacco and alcohol, we see millions upon millions of our tax dollars being spent on facilities to provide for the treatment of those addicted to these substances. The cost to the American public for the treatment of alcohol-

ism far exceeds that of tobacco.

As you visit with drug addicts, almost all confess they began their road into oblivion through the use of alcohol.

I have sat at the bedside of ones dying from the results of tobacco and have witnessed their death struggle. But the struggles of one dying of alcoholism is just as bad, if not worse, as their vital organs are eaten away. In either case, it is a heart-wrenching experience.

We fuss and fume, urging our lawmakers to pass laws restricting the use or even forbidding the use of tobacco, yet we support local businesses who sell this drug called alcohol.

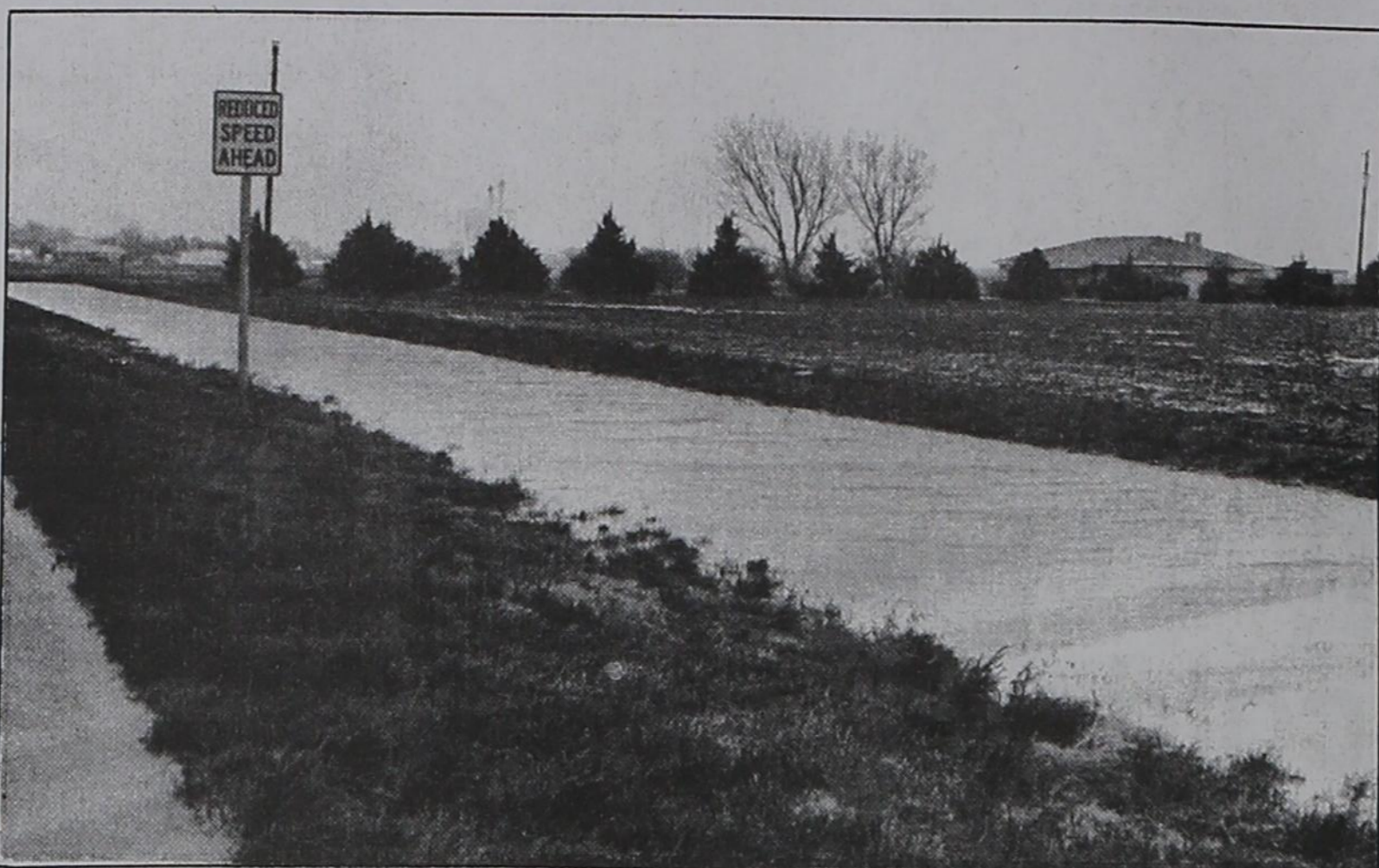
Why is one allowed, while the other is forbidden?

Should there be any difference, when we see the effects of each upon our population, especially our young people?

Even a small amount of alcohol has a tranquilizing effect on the brain, impairing memory, concentration, judgment, coordination, and emotional reactions. Speech and vision are blurred and as the effects increase, balance is lost. Yet, we pay no attention to the distribution of this drug through retail stores, clubs, and bars.

In my opinion, the sellers and promoters of such are just as guilty of dealing in drugs as anyone else. I hope and pray that citizens will think about this matter.

A Concerned Citizen, CHARLES DOSS



HEAVY RAINS last week filled area ditches like this one just west of Nazareth, and provided much-needed moisture to area fields. A storm system moved through the area last Wednesday, dropping nearly three inches of rain in many areas of the county before it moved out early Sunday morning.

The storm also brought snow to the area Friday, but the heavy, wet flakes that fell here melted before any significant accumulation could occur. Areas north of Castro County, including Hereford, received at least six inches of snow during the storm.

Photo by Anne Acker

Letter

'Ultimate Sacrifice'

Dear Editor: The Ultimate Political Sacrifice: Although the editorial staff at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal called it "no big deal" (April 21) in chiding the Democrats for complaining about Newt Gingrich borrowing money from Bob Dole to pay his fine, I say it is a big deal. These two men have put their money where their mouth is. This expression of love for their, and our, country is a very big deal. I hope it will not be lost on a "me first" unconcerned public led by "no big deal" editorials.

WILLIAM P. DANNEVIK

Free cataract surgery offered

In celebration of National Sight Saving Month and Mission Cataract USA, free cataract surgery is being made available at the Amarillo Cataract & Eye Surgery Center to people in the Panhandle who otherwise could not afford to have this vision-restoring procedure.

Free eye screenings will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the office of J. Avery Rush, M.D., 7308 Fleming Avenue in Amarillo. The screening will serve to determine those candidates with cataracts and financial need.

Eligible candidates will receive a comprehensive eye examination and will be scheduled for cataract surgery on May 10. The surgeries will be performed at AC&ESC, and will include lens implants and all follow-up care.

Anyone who is visually impaired and has financial need is encouraged to call 354-8891 to make an appointment.

More about

Five contested races...

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incumbents Jerry Annen, Carolyn Sides and Henry Ramaekers.

City of Dimmitt

Voting will take place at the City Hall meeting room.

Voters may cast ballots for Mayor, with incumbent Wayne Collins as the only candidate; and for three at-large council member positions. Candidates are incumbents Lyman Schroeder and Malcolm Reynolds, and Patricia Elliott, and Clint Seward.

City of Hart

Voting will take place at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Ballots will include incumbent Tony Leibel, who is the only candidate for mayor; and for two aldermen's spots, incumbent Doyle K. Davis, and Tommy Hall, Harold Smith and Harvey Perez.

Dimmitt ISD

Voting for both election districts will take place at the DISD Admin-

istration Building at 608 W. Halsell. Voters may enter through the east door of the building.

Ballots for Place 1 show incumbent John Nino as the only candidate. Place 5 ballots include incumbent Avery Thrasher and challenger Joe Alvarez.

Hart ISD

Voting will take place at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Voters must choose among incumbents David Smith and Danny Rodriguez, and challengers Marsha

George, Pancho Diaz and Ricky Mitchell, to fill three vacancies.

Nazareth ISD

Voting will take place at the High School Home Economics Room.

Balloting will fill two places from among these candidates: incumbent David Olvera, and Patti Kern, Vicky Kleman, Morris Wilcox and Peggy Birkenfeld.

The City of Nazareth is not having an election, because the candidates for the two spots on the city commission were unopposed.

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Cattle die...

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that were .30 to a half-pound short of what we would expect their daily gain to be."

Johnny Trotter at Bar G Feedyard at Summerfield said they didn't lose many cattle, either. "The cattle that we did lose had just been shipped in 'out of South Texas and Mexico,'" said Trotter. "I'm grazing several thousand cattle myself and didn't lose any. I heard about one big loss up north of here, but I'm not at liberty to talk about it."

"I think we've lost four in the feedyard and three in the pasture so far," said Mary Cluck of Cluck Cattle. "We're still running a count on the pasture cattle. The storm really didn't seem that bad. But Mark (Cluck) and I went to Hereford Tuesday and we saw pile after pile of dead cattle. It was really bad in some places. It was so hard on them, all the cold, rain and snow."

Screening is set today

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic today (Thursday) at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

The screening costs \$75. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician.

Last Puzzle Solution: A grid with letters for a crossword puzzle solution, including words like ALBA, NEAR, DANA, etc.

More about

County buys...

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\$1,930.50 for a maintenance agreement on a high-tech printer used by the county auditor and county treasurer.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said if something happened to the printer and it had to be replaced it would cost the county between \$18,000 and \$20,000.

Commissioners hesitated on buying the contract, but relented and voted unanimously to purchase the maintenance agreement.

Commissioners accepted a bid of \$320 from Roy Gonzales for work at the Dept. of Human Services offices in Dimmitt.

The facility must be remodeled to make it handicap-accessible.

Howard Smithson told commissioners he is planning to have damaged ceiling tiles and skylight covers replaced at the Expo Building and mentioned that several of the fluorescent bulbs and ballasts also need to be replaced.

Gonzales asked Howard Smithson if he had gotten bids on the work. Gonzales was told by County Auditor Maretta Smithson that it wasn't necessary to put the job out for bids because it would be under the required dollar amount. Howard Smithson said he would be glad to

discuss the proposed work with anyone interested.

Commissioners authorized Scott Honeyfield of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper of Amarillo, the engineering firm hired by the county to draw up plans for a new heating and cooling unit for the library, to advertise for bids on the proposed project.

More about

Hardee clinic...

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The hospital board established a second rural health clinic at Hart, then Dr. Bill Lee sold his practice to the district and his High Plains Clinic became the third rural health clinic in the county.

After a controversy ensued over the losses the rural health clinic system was incurring, Dr. Hardee withdrew from the system and affiliated with the High Plains Baptist/St. Anthony's system in Amarillo.

"The metropolitan hospital systems are closing a lot of their outlying clinics because Medicare changed the rules in the middle of the game"

WIFE sets bake sale for Saturday

The Castro County Chapter of WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics) will hold a bake sale Saturday at Dimmitt Thriftway Supermarket, starting at 10 a.m.

Those wishing to place special orders for baked goods may contact Fran King at 647-3297 or Marilyn Higgins at 938-2342.

The chapter met April 21 at the office of Texas Corn Growers to finalize plans for the sale.

on its reimbursement schedule, Dr. Hardee said.

He added that his affiliation with the Medical Center of Dimmitt isn't a "done deal" yet.

"I've not signed anything with the hospital district at this point—and I may or may not, depending on the terms," he said.

But he added, "I'm hoping things will work out. I'd much prefer to stay here than go somewhere else, and my clinic will definitely close on or near July 1."

"We'll just have to see how the negotiations go."

Police Calls

Burglary of a habitation was reported to Sheriff's deputies by Samuel Ruiz of Coronado Acres, north of Dimmitt. He reported that a fire-arm was taken from his residence, sometime about two weeks ago. Investigation is continuing.

Abelardo Rojas Gonzalez of Dimmitt told police Monday morning that someone broke into his pickup in the 600 block of West Jones and took a cassette player valued at \$180, a cassette stereo valued at \$200, an amplifier valued at \$150, 40 compact discs of undetermined value, and \$50 in quarters.

During a routine traffic stop by DPS troopers, "Robbie" the drug dog was brought in and scented some marijuana. The driver of the vehicle, a 50-year-old man from Angel Fire, N.M., was jailed on misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Two Dimmitt men, ages 21 and 26, were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct as the result of a fight in the 300 block of North Broadway at 12:02 a.m. Monday.

A fight was reported at Dimmitt High School at 12:20 p.m. last Thursday.

A Hart man, 22, was arrested for disorderly conduct at 12:52 a.m. Monday in Dimmitt.

Public intoxication charges were listed against a 39-year-old Dimmitt man who was arrested at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, and a 29-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed at 5:47 a.m. Monday.

Driving while intoxicated, first offense, charges were listed against a Dimmitt man, 30, who was arrested at 2:25 a.m. Sunday.

A Hereford man, 20, was jailed Friday afternoon on charges of criminal mischief.

Maximo Sandoval told police April 23 that someone broke out the driver side window on a pickup

belonging to Ray Robertson. The vehicle had been parked in the 800 block of West Andrews.

A hair brush valued at \$4.49 was reported stolen from the ALCO store in Dimmitt.

Five people were jailed on warrants or for violation of probation during the past week: A 45-year-old Dimmitt woman on April 23; a Plainview man, 27, on April 23; a 24-year-old Dimmitt man last Thursday; and on Sunday, a Lockney man, 36, and a Clovis man, 34.

An accident was reported at 5:15 p.m. April 22 in the 100 block of Southeast Second in Dimmitt.

Police reported that Diana Ruiz Gonzalez of Dimmitt was driving a 1994 Dodge car south on Southeast Second and attempted to make a left turn. A 1994 Honda car driven by Carolyn Rawlings Jones of Dimmitt also was heading south and attempted to pass the Dodge. The Dodge struck the Honda. No injuries were reported, and damage to both vehicles was rated light.

Band parents set meeting

Parents of Bobcat Band members are urged to attend a meeting today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School band hall and parents of eighth grade band members especially are urged to attend.

The group will elect officers for the coming year, and will approve a charter. Also, plans will be finalized for the last band concert of the year and for the band banquet. The financial report will be given, as well.

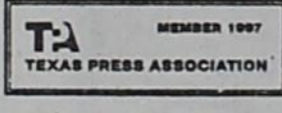
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# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

It was good to visit with Maurine Henderson one day last week, while she and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J.C. Henderson, were in Dimmitt on a business and pleasure trip. They were staying at San's Cozy Corner (Bed and Breakfast), and their friends met them there for a wonderful visit.

Edith Graef was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. She served a delicious strawberry short cake for dessert. Ina Rae Cates won high score, with Emily Clingingsmith second. Others playing were Susie Reeves, Neva Hickey, Elizabeth Huckabay, Dude McLaurin, Loranell Hamilton, Alma Kenmore, Virginia Crider, Helen Braafladt, Louise Mears, Bill Thornton, Opha Burks, and Carol Lantz.

It was a pretty baby shower for a lovely girl, Carla Pybus Humphrey, held on a cold, misty Saturday morning in the home of Maxine Tidwell. Cheryle and Nell were there, as well as Carla's grandmothers, Mrs. Pybus of Amarillo and Mrs. Greathouse of Roswell, N.M.

The serving table held a basket filled with baby powder and other baby needs, with balloons floating above the basket. Fruit and miniature muffins were served, along with coffee and punch, to the many guests. Carla's corsage was made with a tiny pair of rolled up, white baby socks.

The G.A. girls assisted with the morning service at the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Chelsea Buckley and Shauna Nutt welcomed the guests. Amber Bell assisted Randy Gressett with the children's message. Prayer was by Amy McGowne, and the offertory prayer was by Laura Rasor. Jenna Steinkle and Ashley Irons played the piano during the offertory. Special music was *Train Up Your Children* by Shelly Smith and the G.A.'s who made up the choir for the morning service. The benediction prayer was by Sheena Ehly.

A large crowd attended the Child Protective Services annual dinner that was held at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria on Sunday. The meal was Fiesta, or Mexican Stack-up as some name it, and fruit cobbler for dessert. The entertainment was provided by local talent, including Angel Shine, a girls' trio, with Alexis Proffitt, Rae Odom and Kelsey Welch; the Dimmitt Community Choir; the Methodist Men's Quartet, with Don Nelson, Chuck Braafladt, Charles Axtell and James Baker; and Mixed Faith, a quartet, with Wayne Proffitt, Tami Griffith, Susan Coleman and Jim Hardwick.

Members of the Child Protective Services Board are Joan Aalbers, president, Joe Josselet, secretary, Gloria Hernandez, Bobbie Bruegel, Connie Wilhelm, Paula Graham, Darlene Walters, Frances Smith, Jackie Smothermon, and Donna Stump, who is the CPS caseworker.

## Mother's Day dinner planned

A Mother's Day dinner will be held Sunday, May 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Expo Building.

The meal will include ham, potato casserole, green beans, salad, bread and chocolate cake. Tickets are available at the nurses' station at Plains Memorial Hospital for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Ettie McDermitt Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship is presented to qualified individuals pursuing a career in nursing. Mrs. McDermitt was a beloved registered nurse involved with Plains Memorial Hospital for many years.

## Kenley is soloist for HSU Choir

Nicole Kenley of Dimmitt, mezzo soprano, performed a solo, *Cool of the Day*, for a recent concert given by the Hardin-Simmons University School of Music.

The choir recently completed a seven-city, two-state spring tour and completed the concert series with a show at HSU Monday evening.

The choir is directed by Dr. Loyd Hawthorne, dean of the school of music and professor of choral music at HSU.



ENJOYING THE FIESTA DINNER sponsored by the Castro County Child Protective Services Board Sunday in Dimmitt are Nancy Buchanan and her daughter, Sherrye, 3, of Nazareth. The annual fund-raising event attracted a large crowd. Entertainment by local singing groups and door prizes added to the festivities. Also, poster contest winners were announced. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Children who won prizes for posters with messages against child abuse were honored, and door prizes were given away throughout the meal.

Sunday evening, the Children's Choir of First Baptist Church presented the musical, "Amazing Grace," directed by Debra Ball and Tami Griffith. The cast included Heidi Thompson as "Grace," Jenna Steinkle, Shae Odom, Brandy Smith, Houston Sutton, Ashley Irons, Jared Griffith, Michael Rasor, Cassidy Watts and Kaden Griffith. Songs included *Has Anybody Here Seen Grace*, *Let Us Go to the House of the Lord*, and *Supernatural*, all with solos by Heidi Thompson; *Grace is Alive and Well*, with solo parts by Haley Heard and Shawna Nutt; *Grace is Bigger*, with a solo by Hayli Wise; *Let's Say Grace*, with Laura Rasor, soloist; *The Grace Place*, sung by Tami Griffith; *Vitamin G*, spotlighting Lana Reinart and Chauncey Gilbreath; *Don't Go to Work Without Grace*, sung by Ashley Irons, Jenna Steinkle and Heidi Thompson; and *Isn't It Amazing Grace*, featuring Casey and Lindsey Wood.

The stage was decorated with large colorful flowers and a slide that "Grace" slid down onto the front stage! If you don't know

Heidi, you need to meet her. Maxine Tidwell made her colorful dress!

Other choir members were Carrie Armstrong, Molly Bradford, Alicia Heard, Stuart Sheffy, Dennis Underwood, Jimmy Armstrong, Ashley Burks, Brittany and Niccole Heard, Eric Odom and Kalan Steinkle.

Martie Benton told the Betty Campbell family and guests last week about her trip to South Africa to see former exchange student, Kim Vercuill. Martie was gone about six weeks, during which time she attended the wedding of Kim's brother, made a jaunt on her own to a game preserve on a non-shooting safari, and visited several parts of South Africa with Kim's parents. She commented that "for a gal who has been nowhere," she "went across the world."

Jack and Doris Flynt have just returned from a trip south to see Doris's sister in San Antonio and then to San Marcos to an Air Force Jr. ROTC military ball with Jackie and Elaine Flynt. Jackie teaches ROTC in the high schools in San Marcos.

Our sympathy to Ralph Smith, whose brother died last week. His services were held Monday in Panhandle.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Winders and Mr. and Mrs. Reeford Burrous just

returned from a trip to San Marcos and Kerrville, etc., to see the bluebonnets.

Kay Cole James was the featured speaker at the Amarillo Crisis Pregnancy Center April 21 at the Amarillo Civic Center. The Country Barn catered the "by donation" dinner of barbecue and the trimmings to 800 to 1,000 people. The crowd was touched by testimonies from a teen mother who opted to keep her baby, a teen mother who placed her baby for adoption and lived in a Shepherd Home, and a woman who had had three abortions before she came to Christ. Music was provided by "Voices of Faith," a children's choir, and Mandy Carter.

First Heartbeat, a brand-new crisis pregnancy center in Northeast Amarillo, was announced.

Mrs. James served in the Reagan and Bush administrations and is now the Secretary of Health and Human Services in Virginia. She administers a budget of \$4.2 million and 19,000 employees. She has written two books and has debated countless pro-choice leaders.

She was humorous and appealed to all races in her presentation, in which she told about being the fifth child in an abusive, welfare family, a child who was not aborted and is now included in the middle class culture. She said she was driven to her pro-life advocacy by her own child's plea to "not let them do that to the babies." She stated that the government is to protect life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. If there is no access to life, there is no need to have job opportunities, health and education, with which that government concerns itself.

The Amarillo Crisis Center has grown constantly, and has parented the crisis center in Canyon, which is now self-sustaining. None receive government assistance.

Attending from Castro County were Ann Kern, Aurelia Schoenenberger, Ronnie Wilhelm, Irene Wilhelm, Alice Pollizini, Deanne Clark, Ed and Betty Freeman, Betty Steffens, Marguerite Cole, and Aaron and Marcie Lee.

Vicki Jennings and Mr. and Mrs.

Worth Jones visited First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt Sunday. Russel Birdwell brought wife, Susan, and Devanny, and Hugo and Dianne Beyer were in attendance with a friend. Mr. and Mrs. Beyer have just returned from a cruise.

The Celebration Singers and Instrumental Ensemble from St. Luke's Methodist Church presented a concert Sunday evening at FUMC of Dimmitt.

About 60 singers and instrumen-

talists, including Deanne and Bernie Tackitt, formerly of Dimmitt, were in the group.

The Tackitts have a 20-month-old boy now. Bernie is a band director and Deanne teaches two choirs in the schools. A covered dish dinner followed the musical presentation. Guests from Lubbock, Friona and Earth were present.

Carolyn Sides flew to Georgetown to meet a couple of her daughters, and Ina Cleavinger and Doris Lust attended a Quilters' Convention.

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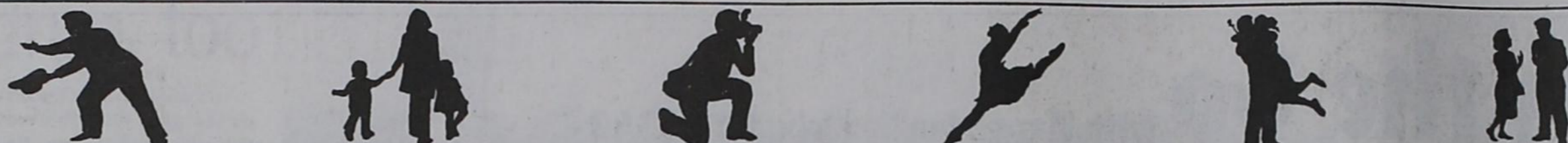
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# People



## Geneva Schaeffer to be recognized as WTAMU 'Distinguished Alumnus'

Geneva Schaeffer of Dimmitt has been selected as the recipient of the 1996-97 Distinguished Alumnus Award at West Texas A&M University.

Schaeffer will be honored at the annual Alumni Association Phoenix Club Banquet Saturday at 6 p.m. in the South Dining Hall on the WTAMU campus.

The WT Alumni Association began presenting the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1970 in order to recognize WT graduates with outstanding personal and professional accomplishments.

Schaeffer graduated from Canyon High School in 1951 and received her bachelor of science degree from West Texas State College in 1955. She later earned a master's degree in education from the University of Northern Colorado.

After working with the Texas State Child Welfare Board, Schaeffer taught English and history for 15 years in the public schools.

An active volunteer for various community boards and committees in Dimmitt, Schaeffer has also served WT through the Buffalo Sports Association, as a Phoenix Club member of the Alumni Association and on the President's Circle. She is currently



Geneva Schaeffer

the vice-chairman for the WT Foundation Board and will be the Foundation's incoming president for 1997-98.

Dr. Horace H. Bailey, dean of the WT College of Agriculture, Nursing and Natural Sciences, has been named the 1996-97 recipient of the University Excellence Award. The Alumni Association has presented this award since 1967 to honor out-

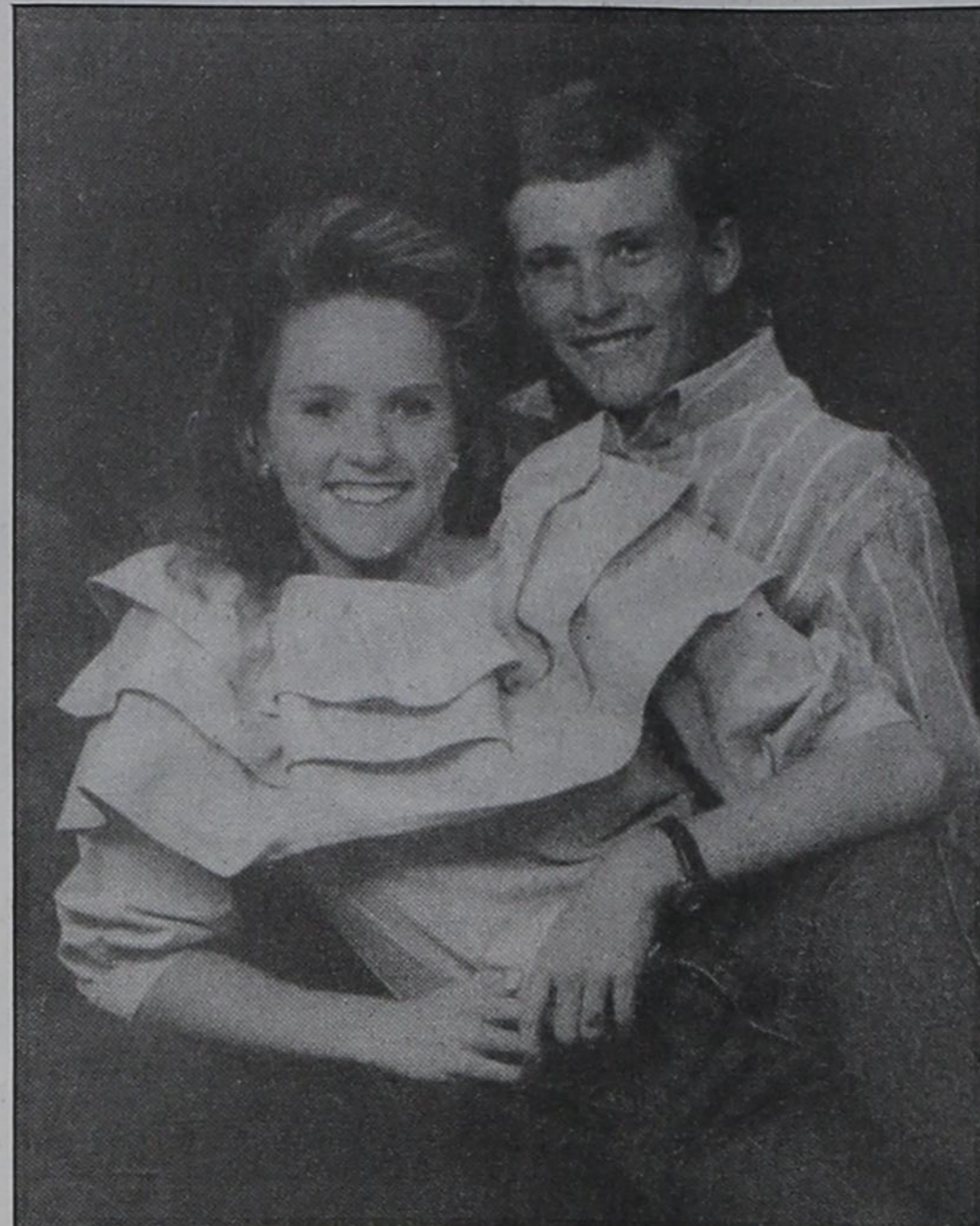
standing university personnel making significant contributions to higher education at WT.

Bailey has been a member of the WT faculty for 25 years. Bailey joined the WT biology faculty in 1972 and served as head of the biology department prior to his appointment as dean. He is a native of Ardmore, Okla., and he earned undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in zoology from the University of Oklahoma.

"The Alumni Association is proud of WT's graduates and the fine WT staff," said Misty Price, director of alumni relations. "Schaeffer and Bailey are extremely deserving of these awards and we are delighted to have the opportunity to recognize their individual contributions which have had such a significant impact on WT and the community."

The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Dr. Max R. Sherman, who was president of West Texas State University from 1977-82. Prior to his term as president, Sherman was a partner in the Amarillo law firm of Gibson, Ochsner and Adkins. He then served in the Texas Senate from 1971-77. Sherman is currently professor and dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

For banquet ticket information or details on how to become a member of the Alumni Association, call the Association office at (806) 656-2311.



Krista Lynn West and Robbin Dean Myers

## June wedding is planned

Danny and Kippi West of Hereford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Krista Lynn West, to Robbin Dean Myers, son of Bob Myers of Austin and Delma Myers of Dimmitt.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. on June 21 in the Hereford home of the bride-elect.

Miss West graduated from Hereford High School in 1994. She is a junior education major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The prospective groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1993. He is a sophomore majoring in animal science and chemistry at West Texas A&M University. He is employed with Stowers and Sons in Friona.

After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Hereford.

## Local post to host Legion Zone 2 meeting

The Zone 2 meeting of the American Legion will be held in Dimmitt today (Thursday) at the Senior Citizen Center, 218 West Jones Street.

The event, sponsored by the Greer H. Estes VFW Post 445 of Dimmitt, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Food, program and fellowship will precede a short business meeting.

All veterans of American military service are invited to attend.

## Kite festival set Saturday

Children will have a chance to display their creative talents on Saturday when the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club holds its second annual kite festival.

Activities on Saturday will begin at 9 a.m. with a kite-making class for children. There will only be 25 kite

kits available for the class. Children also are invited to bring their own kites.

Then at 10 a.m. a professional kite flying demonstration will be given by Eddie Miller.

The festival will be held at the vacant lot west of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Awards will be given to children 16 and under in the following categories: "Best Homemade Kite;" "Ozone Layer Kite," which is for the kite that flies the highest; "Crash and Burn Kite," the greatest looking kite that just won't fly; "Longest Tail Kite;" and "Cool Kite."

A concession stand will offer soft drinks and hot dogs during the festival. The Faith Group from the Catholic Church will assist the Kiwanis Club with activities throughout the day.

The event is free and open to the public.

All proceeds generated by concessions stand sales will be donated to local charities in Dimmitt.

## Hart FFA banquet is Tuesday

The Hart FFA chapter will hold its annual awards banquet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

For more information or to make a reservation for the banquet, call the Hart school at 938-2141.



Snowstorms in April?—I, for one, was not shocked. We live in an age when people have their belly buttons pierced and wear white shoes after Labor Day (not to mention white nail polish). There's really very little that shocks me anymore.

I wasn't shocked. I also wasn't prepared. I was thinking sandals and short sleeves and Mother Nature said, "How about snowshoes and sweatsuits?"

That Mother Nature—what a kidder!

I'm not complaining about the moisture, you understand. My husband is a farmer. If I complained about the moisture, he'd have my tongue cut out. (He's always looking for an excuse to do that!)

I'm glad we got moisture and broke some records which, for once, were not the bad kind (e.g., most consecutive days without rain, highest recorded wind speed, deepest window sill dust, etc.). But the fact remains, I had nothing to wear.

Insulated coveralls don't come in spring colors. Was I supposed to staple silk flowers to a toboggan and wear Easter pink long johns under my shorts? Of course not! I don't own Easter pink long johns . . . as far as you know.

And wardrobe selections weren't the only problems that Mother Nature's little practical joke posed. What about you poor people who, unlike myself, actually plant things in the spring. Things like bulbs and seeds, flowers and vegetables, and other things I've always managed to kill.

(Side Note: I don't want to say I have a brown thumb, but there are certain area nurseries that have my picture behind their cash registers along with a written warning not to sell me anything living.)

Some of you have carried your spring flowers out and back in so many times, you're beginning to resemble figurines on a giant cuckoo clock.

And you're starting to act a little edgy, too. Like if it snows one more time this spring, you might just attack an innocent bystander with your watering can. And you outdoor types are supposed to be so calm and friendly.

Frankly, I'm shocked.

## DARE graduation ceremonies slated

Graduation ceremonies for students in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program have been scheduled for May.

Nazareth Elementary School students will graduate Monday at 7 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

DARE graduation ceremonies will be conducted for Dimmitt Middle School students Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the DMS Auditorium.

Hart students will graduate from the DARE program May 12 at 2 p.m. in the Hart Elementary School gym.

The ceremony will be conducted by Castro County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Spears, DARE officer; and County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld.

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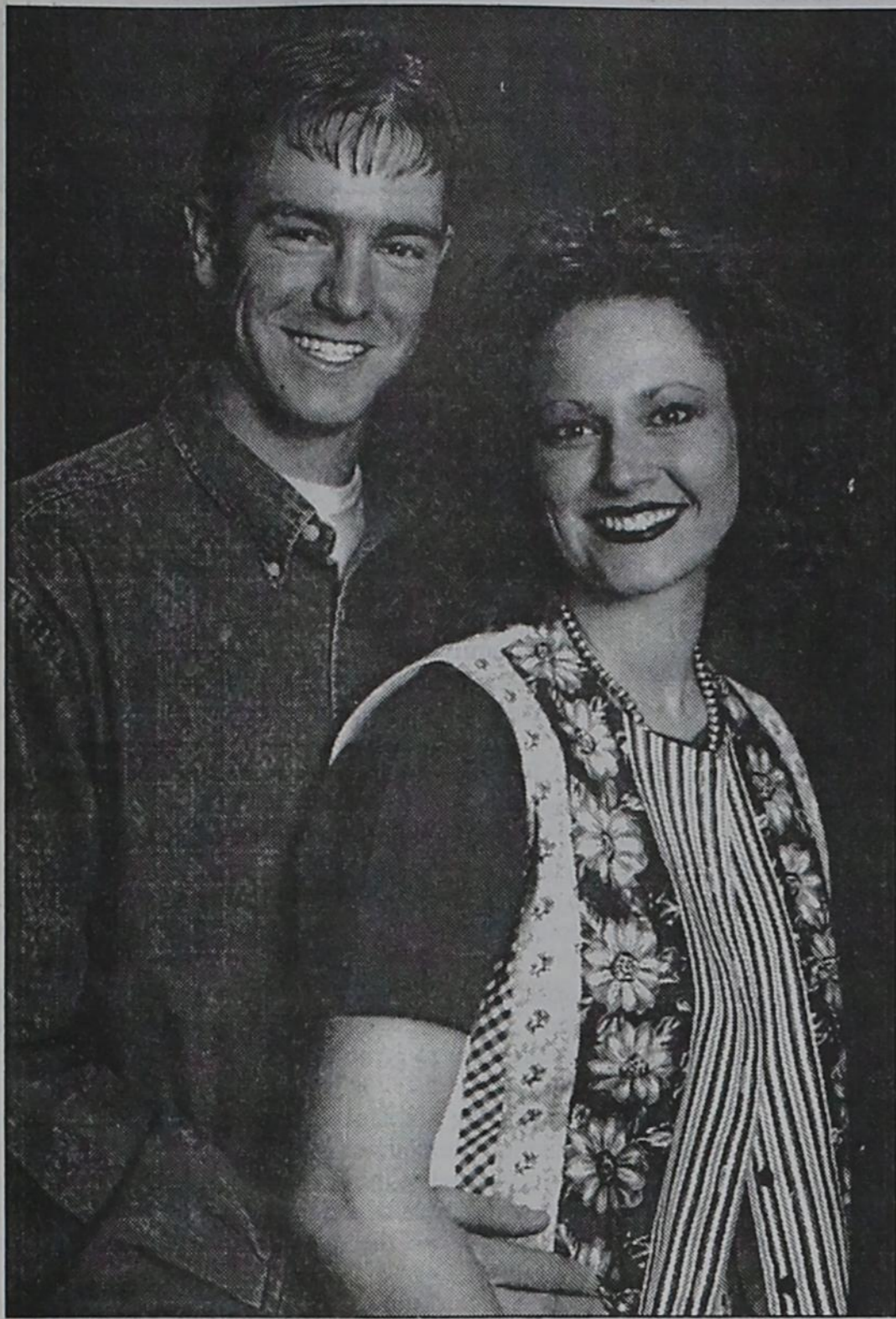
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Dennis Lee Stidham and Jennifer Jill Felts

## Felts and Stidham to wed

Debbie Felts and Gary Felts, both of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Jill Felts, to Dennis Lee Stidham, son of Tom and Deanna Stidham of Fritch.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. on June 21 at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies with a focus on elementary education. She is employed as a first grade teacher at Lakeview Elementary School in Canyon.

The prospective groom graduated from Sanford-Fritch High School in 1992 and he graduated from WTAMU in December 1996 with a bachelor of science degree in biology. He is employed by Builders Square.

After the wedding the couple will reside in Amarillo.

## Humphrey honored with baby shower

Carla Humphrey was honored with a baby shower Saturday in the home of Maxine Tidwell in Dimmitt.

Guests were greeted by Tidwell, the honoree, and Cheryle Pybus and Nell Humphrey.

Out of town guests included Carla's grandmothers, Adalene Greathouse of Roswell, N.M., and Frances Pybus of Amarillo; her aunts, Lupe Greathouse of Roswell,

Jody Rush of Clovis, N.M., and Judy Pybus of Amarillo; and her cousins, Cristina Greathouse of Roswell, Calie Rush of Clovis, Stacy and Lonnie Pybus of Amarillo, and Ann and Lauren Snow of Halfway.

Also attending from out of town were her friends, Missy Powers and daughter, Presley, and Lisa Sells and son, Brantley, all of Plainview; and Joy Swanson and Jade Konis of Amarillo.

The 20 hostesses presented the honoree with a baby swing and car seat. They also gave her a corsage made with a tiny pair of rolled up, white baby socks.

The serving table held a basket filled with baby powder and other baby needs, with balloons floating above the basket. Fruit and miniature muffins were served, along with coffee and punch, to the many guests.

## Prom set Saturday

The Dimmitt High School Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom will be Saturday at the Expo Building, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Expo will be open for public viewing of the decorations from 5-6 p.m., but after 6 p.m., only parents who are working with the prom will be admitted.

Posed photo appointments will begin at 6:30 p.m., and students must be in place 10 minutes before their appointment time to sign up and pay for photo orders.

Valet parking will be available at the Expo. Students should drive up to the southeast double door entrance and wait for an attendant.



### OUT-OF-TOWN

It's a girl for Todd and Dawn McDaniel of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Madison Elaine, was born at 9:30 on April 19 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, weighing 2 lbs., 5 ozs. She was 15 1/2 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Cindy Lee of Hart and Donny and Janet McDaniel of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Melanee Grimm of Frazier, Colo. Great-grandparents are V.C. and Dorothy Hopson of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. M.K. Stiger of Denver, Colo., and Lloyd McDaniel.

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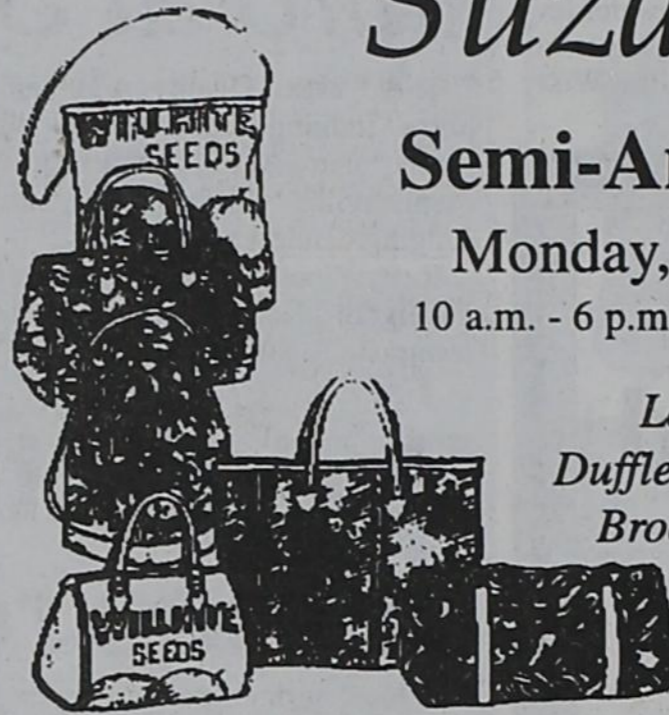
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## Scott Brockman earns scholarship

Scott Brockman of Nazareth has received a \$500 Friends of the College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship from the University of Oklahoma.

Brockman is one of 15 OU undergraduates who have "gone beyond just being a good student," according to university officials.

Brockman is maintaining a 3.73 cumulative grade point average and is majoring in political science. He plans to attend law school after graduation and plans to become a lawyer, then eventually enter politics.

He is the son of Dale and Mona Brockman of Nazareth.

Eligible recipients of the scholarship must be full- or part-time stu-

dents who will be sophomores or juniors in the 1997 fall semester and they must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA. Selection is based on merit and documented academic work outside of the classroom, such as research with a professor or in a laboratory, university or community service, and family or job responsibilities.

Scholarship recipients were required to undergo a personal interview and submit an essay.

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#### Memorial Baptist

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#### First United Methodist

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Greg Kennedy.....938-2462

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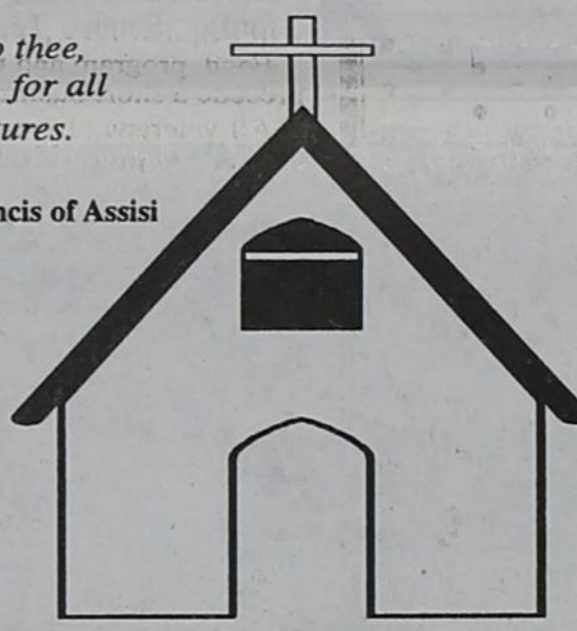
Conception Catholic  
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Guillermo Morales.....647-4219

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Harry Riggs.....647-4435

#### Immanuel Baptist

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Temple  
407 NE 4th, Dimmitt

#### First Baptist

302 Ave. G, Hart  
Gerald Aalbers.....938-2316

#### Primeria Iglesia Bautista

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#### Harvest Family Church

500 S. Broadway, P.O. Box 502, Dimmitt  
Gary Reid.....647-4195

#### First Assembly of God

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## County water level is down by 3.10 feet

Castro County ground water levels decreased by an average of 3.1 feet in 1996 in 92 privately-owned wells in the observation network maintained by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in its 563,508 acre service area within the county.

This represents a decrease of 262,031 acre-feet of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer last year in Castro County.

Ground water levels within the Water District's Castro County service area declined 1.91 feet annually during the 10-year period from 1987 to 1997. An average annual decline of 2.5 feet was recorded during the five-year period from 1992-97.

Ground water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer within the 6.8-million-acre Water District service area declined an average of 1.49 feet from January 1996 to January 1997. This decline is .42 of a foot less than the 1.91-foot annual decline recorded for 1995.

A network of 1,209 privately-

owned observation water wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer within the High Plains Water District. The depth-to-water measurements are taken in January and February of each year to allow water levels to stabilize from pumping during the previous growing season.

Armstrong County was the only county within the District recording an average annual increase in depth-to-water levels in 1996. The declines in the remaining counties ranged from 3.10 feet in Castro County to a .42 of a foot decline in Randall County.

Maps showing the location and well number of observation wells in each county or portion of a county were published in the April issue of the *Cross Section*. Tables listing observation wells in each county within the district and the water levels at one-, five- and 10-year intervals were also printed in the Water District newsletter.



**TOP TEAM**—The senior Castro County horse judging team placed third overall in the Stephenville Invitational Horse Judging competition on April 12. Team members are (from left) Chris Reynolds, Reece Hales, Cody Annen, Rusty McDaniel, James Wilhite, Kristen Hales and Jennifer Wilhelm. Not pictured is Rusty Wooten.

Courtesy Photo

## Horse judges take third at Stephenville

The Castro County 4-H senior horse judging team earned third place team overall honors at the Stephenville Invitational Horse Judging Contest recently.

Rusty Wooten paced the team with an eighth-place overall finish and teammate Rusty McDaniel was 10th

overall.

Other team members competing were Cody Annen, James Wilhite and Kristen Hales. Junior team members competing at Stephenville are Jennifer Wilhelm, Chris Reynolds and Reece Hales.

## Production Credit offices recognized

A local agricultural lending cooperative was one of 12 honored by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas for outstanding performance in 1996.

Farm Credit Achievement awards were presented to several Production Credit Associations including Plainview, Lubbock, El Campo, Heart of Texas (based in Waco), Northwest Louisiana (based in Arcadia), Rolling Plains (based in Stamford), South Texas (based in

Harlingen), Stephenville (based in San Angelo, Albuquerque, Amarillo and Agricultural (based in Tyler).

The awards recognize the PCAs for meeting rigid financial performance standards for credit quality, capital management, earnings and liquidity. The awards were presented at the 10th Farm Credit District annual meeting in San Antonio on April 10.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas is headquartered in Austin. PCAs provide short- and intermediate-term loans to farmers and ranchers across Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



### Marketing to women— How to be gender smart

Amy is an attractive, mid-forties, working woman. Though a professional, she was wearing jeans and a sweater this Saturday afternoon as she and her teenage daughter drove onto the car lot.

The family had decided to purchase a new car and had selected the model and options they desired. All they had to do was visit a dealer or two and nail down

a fair price.

After walking around the lot, Amy and her daughter found exactly the car they were looking for. Amy went inside to find a salesperson to discuss the purchase. Several salesmen (yes, they were all men) looked at Amy as she entered. Two went back to the football game they were watching and another returned to his reading. No one on the showroom floor greeted her. She waited a few minutes, but no one offered to help, so she left. A \$20,000 gender-dumb mistake.

Jamie was still in her office attire when she entered the motorcycle shop. Her husband, Randy, wanted a new motorcycle and Jamie decided to show her approval by buying some accessories to go with it. She would let Randy pick the model he wanted.

Jamie browsed the aisles looking at helmets, gloves, jackets and accessories. The two young men behind the counter completely ignored her as she looked around. After looking up briefly, they returned to their conversation. Several minutes later the throaty rumble of a Harley grew louder outside the store. The two clerks both approached the entering rider and greeted him warmly.

Jamie frowned as she left. She felt snubbed. Randy wouldn't buy his bike here if she had anything to say about it. Randy agreed, and a dealer 100 miles away made the sale. Another gender-dumb mistake. This one cost the local dealer more than \$15,000 in revenue not including accessory sales.

### Gender ignorance

The majority of the population in the US is female. Today, there are nearly 60 million adult females in the US work force. According to the IRS, almost half of Americans with investable assets of \$500,000 or more are women.

Women are a formidable, market-driving force. Chrysler Corporation research reports that women account for two-thirds of all vehicle purchases either directly or by influence. California-based research firm, J.D. Power and Associates pegs the percentage of women who are the "primary influence in new car purchases" at nearly 80%.

Women make more than 75% of all health care decisions, and hospital use rates are 37% higher for women than men. Females purchase 30% of all electronics and are the primary influence in more than 60% of home appliance sales.

Forty-six million women color their hair, and they purchase more than 90% of all cosmetics. Females purchased 85-90% of all greeting cards, and in 1996 bought 37 million coats.

Women are a substantial and diverse market and to ignore their presence in any business situation can be fatal. The two stories I shared earlier in this column are true. Though I changed the names, the women were ignored just as I described.

Amy found another dealership that treated her with respect. Her family purchased the car of their choice there. In Jamie's situation, the motorcycle dealer lost more than \$2,000 in potential profit and a chance to create a solid, long-term customer relationship.

In next week's column, we will continue to explore the growing opportunity of marketing to women. We'll examine what women want, and how to market them successfully. Don't miss "Marketing to Women," part two.

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

## Ranch-to-Rail program set Tuesday in Amarillo

Improving carcass traits of beef cattle will be the focus of the 1997 Ranch-to-Rail North Day, which will be held Tuesday at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The program will begin at 8 a.m. and is open to the public.

Those planning to attend the meeting should call (806) 359-5401 to reserve a plate for the noon meal.

"In the past we have tended to focus on herd health and the performance of calves in the feedyard," said Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo. "But recently several producers suggested we give them some ideas for evaluating and improving herd genetics in an effort to produce cattle that ultimately provide a higher quality beef product."

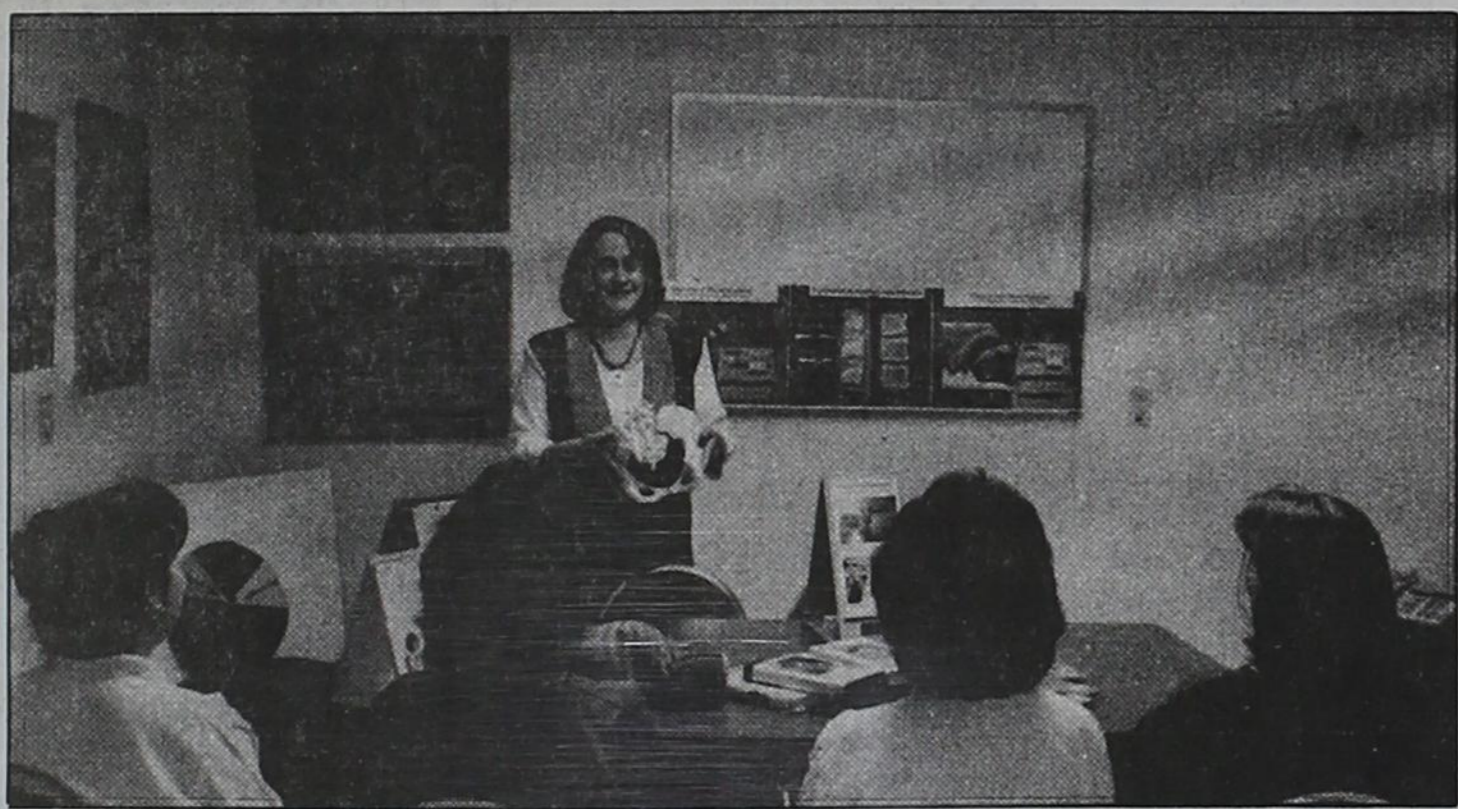
With this in mind, the main part of the program will focus on selection and evaluation tools that producers can utilize to evaluate and improve

the carcass merit of cattle. The morning program will focus on conventional means of improving carcass merit such as sire selection based on breed complementarity, cow size and carcass EPDs.

Recent developments in the application of ultrasound technology to evaluate sires and feeder cattle also will be a program topic. The morning will conclude with a discussion of the bovine gene mapping project at Texas A&M University in College Station and the future of marker-assisted selection to improve carcass merit. Following a lunch sponsored by Texas Cattle Feeders Association, the Texas Beef Council will report on their activities.

The program will close with a brief session to assist producers with interpreting Ranch-to-Rail data.

For more information contact Pammy Millican, assistant county Extension agent, or Dr. Ted McCollum at (806) 359-5401 in Amarillo.



Belinda Crow, R.N., teaches a phase of her Prepared Childbirth Class in her pre-natal classroom at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. The PC class is being held on Tuesday evenings, and is one of two classes she teaches for expectant mothers and couples.

## Before the birth, see Belinda Crow

If you're expecting a baby—especially if it's your first one—Belinda Crow, R.N., can be a tremendous help to you.

An obstetrical nurse, Belinda teaches two classes at the Medical Center of Dimmitt that are intended to alleviate much of the fear, apprehension and risk of childbirth.

In her Pre-Natal Class, she teaches diet, exercise, health-safety precautions, fetal development, and other basic subjects that promote a healthy pregnancy.

In her Prepared Childbirth Class, she teaches parents-to-be how to best cope with childbirth itself—the different phases of labor, proper breathing technique, the role of the mother's support person, etc.

"Prepared childbirth" means simply being prepared to cope with the pains of labor," she explained. "A lot of times, fear is the biggest enemy. If a woman is prepared on what to expect, it helps her stay on top of the situation in the delivery room—to know what's

happening, to control her contractions and responses."

Classes are scheduled for the convenience of the expectant mothers. Currently, they're being conducted on Tuesday nights in two-hour sessions. The Pre-Natal Class includes six hours of instruction; the Prepared Childbirth Class is 12 hours in all.

"Our classes aren't just for women who will have their babies in our local hospital," she said. "Most doctors everywhere either suggest or insist that their patients enroll in such a program."

In addition to her extensive classroom materials, she has excellent videotapes, audio tapes and literature available for home study.

"The Hospital Auxiliary purchased the biggest share of the materials that we have available," she said. "Some of the videotapes are available in both English and Spanish."

If you're going to have a baby, you need to see Belinda. You can contact her at 647-2194.

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### Benefits of Postemergence vs. Preemergence Herbicides

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preemergence herbicide and these producers might only use a post-emergence herbicide to control escapes later in the season.

Treating grass after crop emergence is becoming more common because post-emergence treatment is a logical part of an integrated pest management program. Using a postemergence herbicide application allows growers to determine grass problems before treatment and select a specific treatment for the problem. And, post herbicides are more available and effective than in the past.

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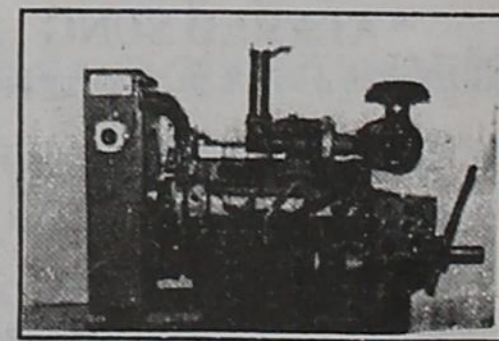
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For more information about these postemergence grass herbicides by Zeneca Ag Products, contact your local ag chem dealer.

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## What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for May 1-9.

**DIMMITT**  
**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Fish burger, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Ground beef and macaroni, Mexicali corn, applesauce, assorted muffins and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Cheese pizza, watermelon, savory green beans and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad with dressing and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Beef stew, honeydew melon, crackers and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.

**Grades 2-12 Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of shepherd's pie, chicken tomato bake or beef enchiladas; southern collard greens, scalloped tomatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or pears; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, fish burger or fajitas with sauteed onions; candied sweet potatoes, onion rings or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or carrot and raisin salad; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**MONDAY:** Choice of ground beef and macaroni, bean chaltupas or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, applesauce or pineapple sunset salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of chili Fritos with picante sauce, cheese pizza or beef and bean burrito with chili; fresh watermelon, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or coleslaw; garlic bread, white rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of corn dogs, poor boy steak or green enchilada casserole; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, potato salad or coleslaw; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.

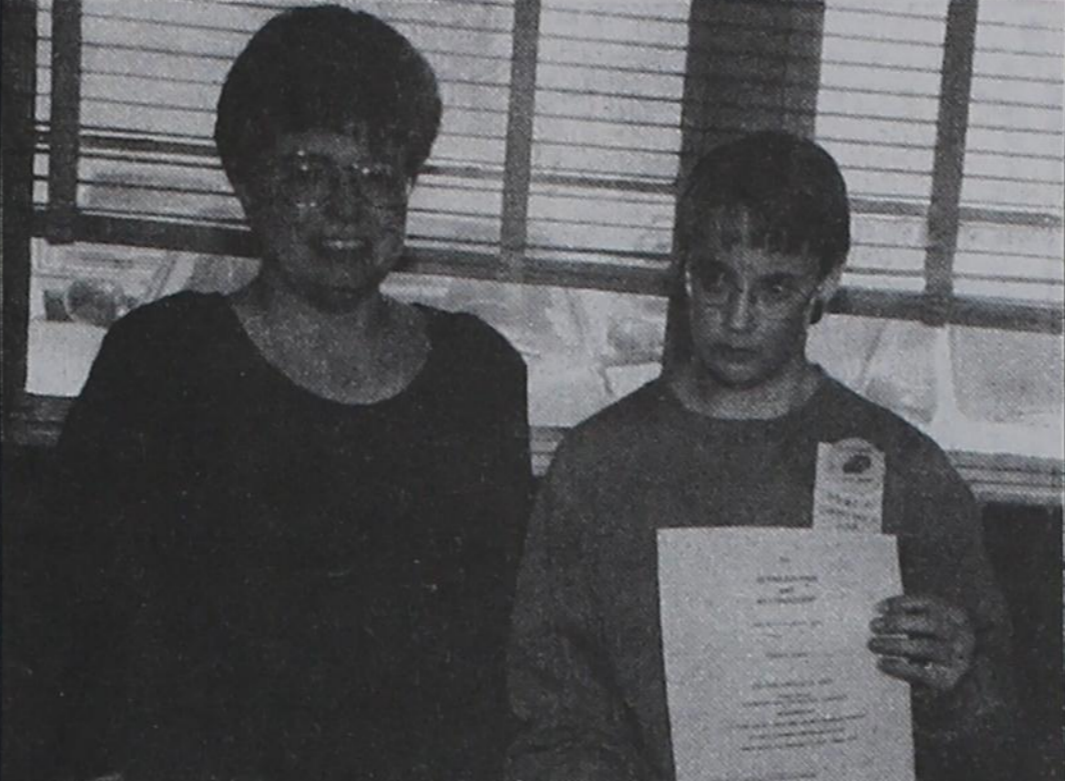
**HART**  
**Elementary School**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or barbecued ribs on a bun; dill pickles, salad, pinto beans, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich or tuna salad sandwich, potato chips, lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, carrot sticks, ginger cookies and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or corn dog, gelatin dessert, salad, pinto beans, peaches, fresh fruit and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Turkey with bread stuffing and gravy, rolls, green beans, sweet potatoes, fruit and milk.

**NAZARETH**  
**THURSDAY:** \*Spaghetti and roll or pizza, salad, beans, applesauce, oranges and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** \*Fish and cornbread or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, macaroni and cheese, peaches, pears and milk.  
**MONDAY:** \*Pizza or hamburger and French fries, salad, peas, pineapple, dessert and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** \*Nachos or corn dogs, salad, beans, fruit cocktail, applesauce and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \*Soft tacos or pizza, lettuce, corn, fruit, dessert and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** \*Hamburgers and French fries or chicken sandwich and French fries, lettuce, beans, fruit, dessert and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** \*Frito pie or pizza, salad, okra, fruit and milk.  
 (\*Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students while secondary students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

cocktail, fresh fruit, cranberry sauce and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or meatloaf, dill pickles, baked potatoes, salad, ice cream, ginger cookies, peaches, wheat rolls and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or macaroni and cheese, dill pickles, gelatin dessert, wheat rolls, ginger cookies, fresh fruit and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk.

**Junior High and High School**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or barbecued ribs on a bun; dill pickles, salad, pinto beans, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich or tuna salad sandwich, potato chips, lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, carrot sticks, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or corn dog, gelatin dessert, salad, pinto beans, apricots, peaches, fresh nectarines, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**TUESDAY:** Turkey with bread stuffing and gravy, rolls, Italian green beans, sweet potatoes, carrot cake, fruit salad, cranberry sauce and milk, punch or tea.

**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or meatloaf, dill pickles, baked potato, salad, macaroni salad, ginger cookies, peaches, wheat rolls, ice cream, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, burrito or macaroni and cheese, dill pickles, wheat rolls, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.



PATRICIA ACKER (right) is the second place winner in the Grade 6-8 age group from Nazareth in the Child Abuse Prevention poster contest sponsored by the Child Protective Services Board. Not shown is first place winner in the same age group, Joe Sanchez. Acker received a prize and certificate at the CPS Board's annual dinner Sunday in Dimmitt. Helping with the presentation is CPS Board President Joan Aalbers.

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### Flame Fellowship to meet Friday

Dimmitt Flame Fellowship will be meeting Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library. The speaker for the evening will be Maryjohn Brock of Hooks, and the public is invited to come and hear her.

Hooks is an anointed pastor and speaker who pastors a church with her husband in Avery. They have two sons and several grandchildren. She has spoken throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas to churches, conventions, seminars and prayer groups. She also spends a lot of her time in prison ministry. "She ministers to both men and women, always bringing God's love and glory as she ministers in obedience to the Holy Spirit," a spokesperson said. "As she ministers in the gifts of the Spirit, she brings great encouragement to all who have sat under her ministry. Her joy and love for the Lord is contagious and you will truly be blessed by her preaching and singing."

### Water board closes loan with HPUWCD

The Texas Water Development Board closed a \$2 million loan on April 15 with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1. The loan is being funded through the board's Agricultural Water Conservation Bond Program. The Running Water Underground Water Conservation District will use the funds to make loans to area farmers and ranchers so that they can purchase and install more efficient agricultural water conservation equipment. Up to 80% of the value of the equipment may be borrowed. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 encompasses all of Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Armstrong, Castro, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Lamb, Potter and Randall counties.

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### Pioneer Days program is scheduled for Friday

The annual Pioneer Days Program at Richardson Elementary School will be held Friday, with presentations scheduled for 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., and the public is invited to view the programs. The second grade students will start off this year's presentation with a stage production in the west cafeteria, including musical entertainment and a recitation of Castro County's early history. Then observers will be invited to

the P.E. building to view the students acting out the part of pioneers in displays showing the jobs and activities of the early settlers of the area. Also, refreshments of lemonade and beef jerky will be offered to guests. "We always enjoy sharing this presentation with parents and members of the community," a spokesperson said. "We hope everyone will come out and enjoy it with us."

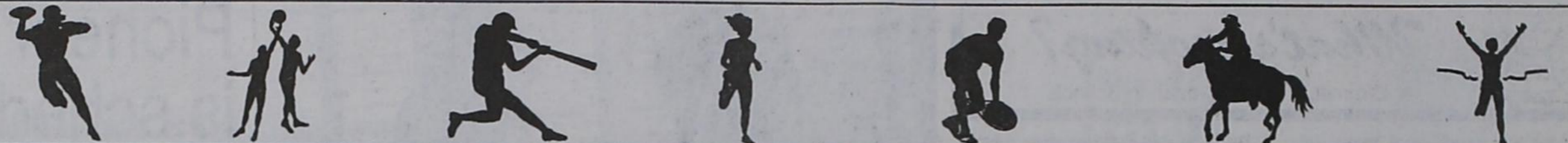
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# Sports



MINOR LEAGUE GIRLS first place winners in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball season is this team, sponsored by NAPA/Dimmitt Equipment Co., and coached by (back, from left) Terry Mixson and Tod Bradley. Team members include: (middle, from left)

Jennifer Fuentes, Brittany Williams, Callen Mixson, Raynee Bradley, and Kathy Amador; and (front, from left) Clarrisa Herrera, Melissa Campos and Tabitha Sullivan.

Photo by Garner Ball



FIRST PLACE BOYS, MINOR LEAGUE Division, in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball season is this team, sponsored by Flagg Fertilizer. Team members include: (kneeling, from left) Brian Hall, Billy Dollar,

Fabian Diaz, and Ross Hunter; and (standing, from left) Coach Gene Penney, Ryan Hunter, Stuart Sheffy, Charlie Saenz, Layne Penney, and Coach Scott Sheffy.

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Major League Boys and Girls First Place Teams will be featured in next week's issue of the News.

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## Kids, Inc. basketball standings announced

League standings were announced and medals awarded to participants in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball program last Thursday night at Cleveland Gymnasium. Also, winners of raffle prizes were announced.

Niel Christian of Dimmitt won the jam box that was given away. The \$100 in gasoline from Dimmitt Consumers went to Kathy Burks, and Pete Patterson won the \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars.

Team standings by league are:  
**Major League Boys**  
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 1. First Bank. 2. First United Bank. 3. Seale Florist & gifts. 4. Lane Dirt. 5. Bobcat Barber Shop. 6. Mr. Burger. 7. Pancake House.

**Minor League Boys**  
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Castro County News. 6. Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union. 7. Dimmitt Agri Industries.

**Minor League Girls**  
 1. NAPA/Dimmitt Equipment. 2. Novartis Seeds. 3. Paxton Tire & Supply. 4. Big M's & One Bullet. 5. First United Bank. 6. Plains Memorial Hospital.

## Hart athletes place at regional

Hart's Dusty Ortiz, Ysa Rodriguez and Armando Minjarez placed among the top six individuals in the shot put, 100-meter dash and discus, respectively, at the Region 1-AA track meet in Abilene last week.

Ortiz finished fourth in the shot put with a throw of 51-2 1/4. Minjarez was fifth in the discus with a throw of 152-7. Rodriguez was fifth in the 100, posting a time of 13.05.

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# Sanders, Flores and DHS mile relay team earn trips to AAA state meet

Joey Flores has one more shot at adding another state championship medal to his collection.

The Dimmitt senior won the state championship in the 800 as a freshman and he earned the right to try and recapture the crown Saturday when he won the event at the Region 1-AAA track meet in Odessa.

Flores out-distanced the field by more than a second, winning the race in 1:56.65.

Flores won't be making the trip to Austin alone. He will be joined by his teammates on the mile relay team, D.J. Fleeks, Zack Matthews and Kalem Thomas; as well as Charley Sanders, who advanced to state in the discus.

The Bobcats' mile relay team took the gold medal Saturday, beating Abilene Wylie by 1.18. Dimmitt posted a winning time of 3:14.0

while Abilene finished second with a time of 3:15.18.

Charley Sanders earned a trip to the state track meet with a second-place finish in the discus. His throw of 158-8 was second only to Ralston of Clyde, who managed a throw of 162-4.

Dimmitt managed to finish third as a team, earning 38 points in the regional track meet. Abilene Wylie took the team title with 57 points and Littlefield was second with 48.

The five Dimmitt athletes will compete in the Class AAA state track meet May 9-10 in Austin.

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starting at 9:40 a.m., M-F

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# Hart netters advance to regional quarters

Hart boys' singles player Christopher George and the boys' doubles team of Jared Aven and Sergio Martinez advanced to the quarterfinals in the Region 1-AA tennis tournament in Abilene before they lost out last week.

George beat Eric Barry of Sundown, 6-2, 6-3, in the first round, but lost to Caleb Ashley of Canadian in the quarterfinals, 2-6, 3-6. Ashley finished fourth at regional.

In boys' doubles, Aven and Martinez topped the Post team of Moore and Miller, 6-4, 6-3, to earn a spot in the quarterfinals. But that's where the duo's regional run ended. Aven and Martinez were beaten by Joey Salinas and Erminio Yannis of Memphis, 2-6, 0-6. Yannis and Salinas went on to finish second in the regional meet and will compete at state.

Hart's Lupe DeLaFuente was eliminated in the boys' singles first round by Kareem Abdullah of Clarendon, 0-6, 0-6. Abdullah captured the regional championship.

In other boys' doubles action, Hart's Osbaldo Carrasco and Matt Huerta lost their first-round match to Aveytia and Saldana of Tornillo, 2-6, 4-6.

Hart qualified two girls' singles players for the regional tournament, but both lost in first-round action.

Amber DeVoss of Wellington topped Hart's Valerie Key 6-1, 6-0; and April Helm of Hawley beat Racquel Garcia of Hart, 5-7, 6-0, 6-0.

In girls' doubles, Hart's Veronica Gonzales and Ysa Rodriguez were upended in first-round play by Aveytia and Zavala of Tornillo, 6-1, 6-7, 5-7.

# Huckert just misses on trip to state

Darren Huckert posted a time of 4:48.70 in the 1,600-meter run Sunday afternoon, but it wasn't fast enough to earn him a trip to the Class A state track meet.

Huckert finished third in the event at the rain-delayed Region 1-A track meet, which was held at South Plains College in Levelland.

Huckert was edged by Ricky Serrato of Munday, who won the race in 4:43.26; and P'Jay Merrell of Valley, who finished second with a time of 4:44.03.

Nazareth's Jason Burnam was fourth in the triple jump after leaping 40-0 on Saturday. The winning jump was 43-5½ by Alls of Rotan.

# First grade plans Texas Day program

Richardson Elementary first graders will hold their annual Texas Day program Wednesday, May 7, and the public is invited.

The day's activities will start off with a musical program at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria, followed by a rodeo from 10 to 11 a.m.

Cafeteria supervisor Charles Ketchum has planned an outdoor chuck wagon lunch for the students, with Texas-style chili and all the trimmings.

After lunch, there will be a petting zoo, sponsored by Pammy Millican and several 4-H participants. Also, trick whip artist Edgar Dennis is scheduled to perform, and there will be a demonstration of roping.

All students will get an opportunity to participate in a potato sack race, too.

In conjunction with the other activities, students also will participate in the Reading Is FUNDamental give-away. Each first grader will have an opportunity to select three books to take home to keep.

Funding for the books comes through RIF grant money.

"This is always a fun day for our students and we hope parents and members of the public will come out and enjoy it with us," a spokesperson said.

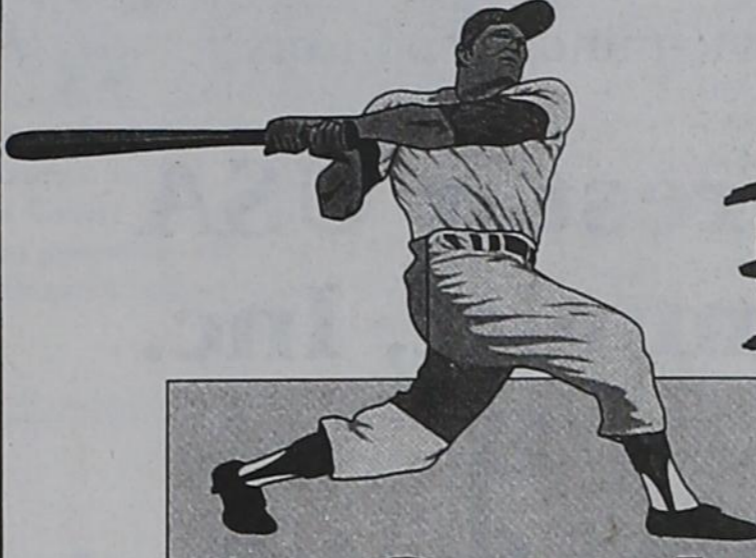
# Beck advances to regional quarterfinals

Brad Beck of Dimmitt won his first-round match in the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament in Odessa last week, but was ousted from the tournament in the quarterfinal round.

Beck topped Kyle Norman of Clifton, 6-3, 6-0, to open the regional tournament. But he was beaten in the quarterfinals by Parker Briley of Abilene Wylie, 6-2, 6-0.

Wesley Mays of Dimmitt also advanced to regional in boys' singles, but he lost out in the first round to Brad Lawrence of Vernon, 6-0, 6-4.

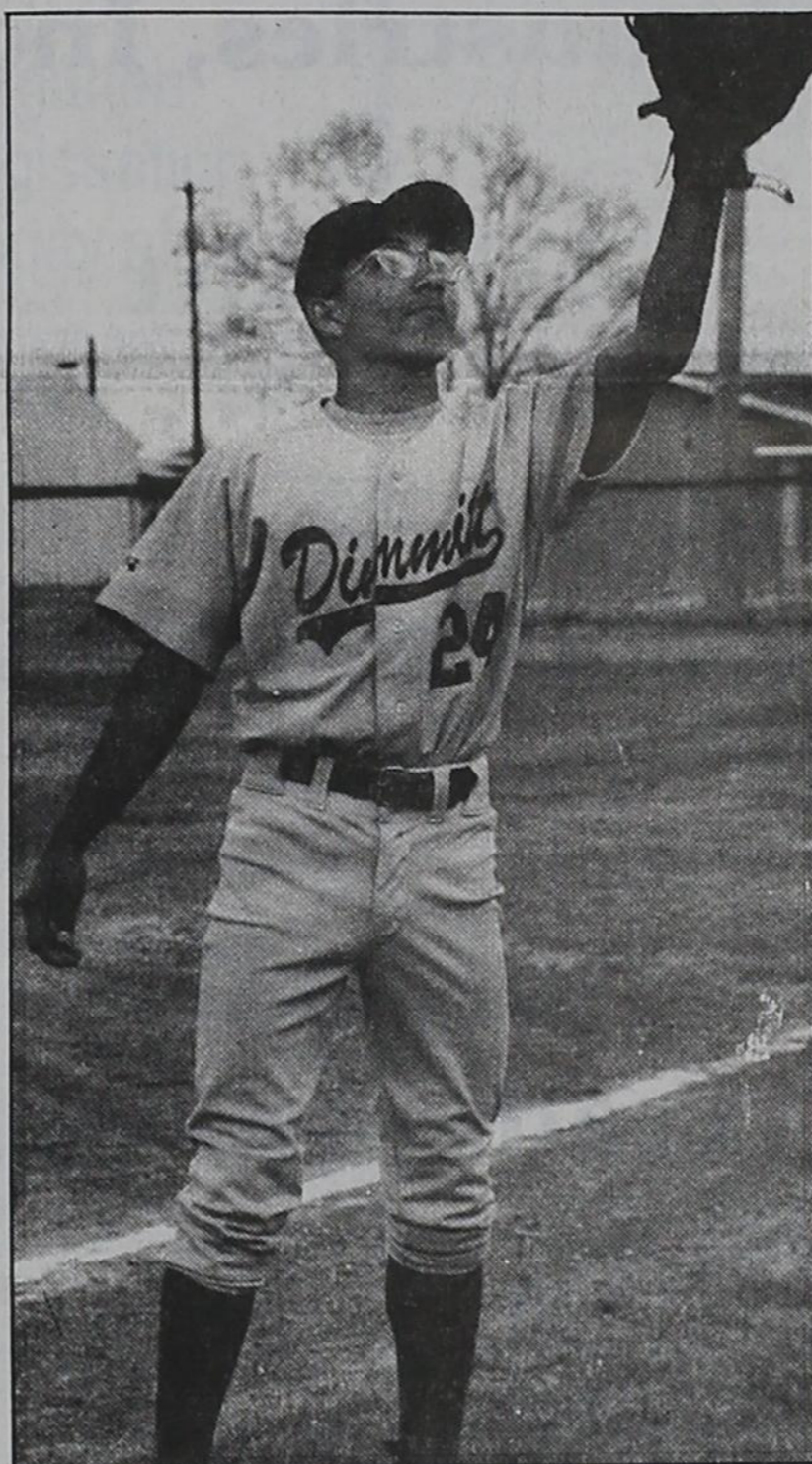
In girls' doubles, Dimmitt's Kristen Doss and Monica Ortiz were beaten by Meredith Gooch and Tandy Martin of Vernon, 6-2, 6-4.



**Batter up!**

**Good Luck, Bobcats!**

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**TUESDAY: Bobcats vs. Tulia, There, 5:30 p.m.**



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**GENERAL ELECTION  
(ELECCION GENERAL)**

DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE DIMMITT)

MAY 3, 1997 (3 DE MAYO DE 1997)

**SAMPLE BALLOT  
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:) Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

VOTE FOR ONE  
(VOTE POR UNO)

TRUSTEE, Place 1  
(Regente, Lugar 1)

John Nino

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VOTE FOR ONE  
(VOTE POR UNO)

TRUSTEE, Place 5  
(Regente, Lugar 5)

Joe Alvarez

Avery Thrasher

**SAMPLE BALLOT  
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS  
(CIUDAD DE DIMMITT, TEXAS)

MAY 3, 1997  
(FECHA 3 DE MAYO, 1997)

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MAYOR  
VOTE FOR NONE OR ONE  
(ALCALDE)  
(VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO)

WAYNE COLLINS

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, AT-LARGE  
VOTE FOR NONE, ONE, TWO OR THREE  
(CONCEJAL PARA LA CIUDAD COMPLETA)  
(VOTE POR NINGUNO, UNO, DOS O TRES)

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**SAMPLE BALLOT  
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

May 3, 1997  
Fecha 3 de Mayo, 1997

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**CITY OF HART**

Mayor -- Vote for one  
Mayor -- Vote por uno

TONY LEIBEL

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**SAMPLE BALLOT  
FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE**

NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 3, 1997

Instruction Note: Vote for the candidates of your choice by placing a "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.

FOR FULL THREE YEAR TERMS

(Vote for 1 or 2)

David Olvera

Vicky Kleman

Patti Kern

Morris Wilcox

Peggy Birkenfeld

**GENERAL ELECTION  
(ELECCION GENERAL)**

CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
(DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE CASTRO)

MAY 3, 1997 (3 de Mayo de 1997)

**SAMPLE BALLOT  
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may vote for a write-in candidate by writing the name of the candidate on the line provided and placing an "X" in the square beside the line. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted puede votar por un candidato que esta eligible para recibir votos por insercion escrita por escribir el nombre del candidato el la linea provista y marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado de la linea.)

Directors - Vote for none, one, two or three  
(Directores - Vote por ninguno, uno, dos o tres)

JERRY ANNEN

HENRY RAMAEKERS

CAROLYN SIDES

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-In / Voto Escrito)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-In / Voto Escrito)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-In / Voto Escrito)

**Hart Independent School District**

**School Trustee Election**

(La Eleccion Para El Sindico De La Escuela)

**SAMPLE BALLOT  
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

MAY 3, 1997  
(FECHA 3 DE MAYO, 1997)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. (Vote por candidato de su preferencia en cada corrida por poniendo una "X" en el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

VOTE FOR 3 PLACES OR LESS  
(VOTE POR 3 LUGARES O MENOS)

Marsha H. George

Ricky Mitchell

David Smith

Pancho Diaz

Danny Rodriguez

# Head Start enrollment to be Friday

Head Start enrollment for the 1997-98 school year will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Richardson Elementary School Library.

Parents who wish to register their child for possible enrollment in the Head Start program should bring the following information (when applicable) on Friday: Proof of family income (income tax form, W-2 form or pay check stub); food stamp card, Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits, child's Medicaid card, WIC information, child support information, child's birth certificate, child's current shot record and child's Social Security number.

Registering a child on Friday does

not guarantee the child a place in the Head Start program. Head Start children are served based on greatest need.

Parents are urged to take advantage of the early registration because the program fills up quickly. Parents also are asked to make sure and have

the above information with them on Friday.

"Without the proper information, your child will not be allowed to register," said a spokesperson for the program.

For more information contact the Head Start room at 647-3314.

## Shot clinic scheduled

An immunization clinic offering vaccines against several childhood diseases will be open in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at Dimmitt Middle School.

Vaccines offered will be for polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles,

rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B), Hepatitis B.

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

## Breast cancer screening is slated May 14

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Medical Center of Dimmitt on May 14.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self examination by a registered nurse.

Cost for the screening is \$75. A minimum of 15 women must register in order for the mobile mammography unit to come to the city. Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

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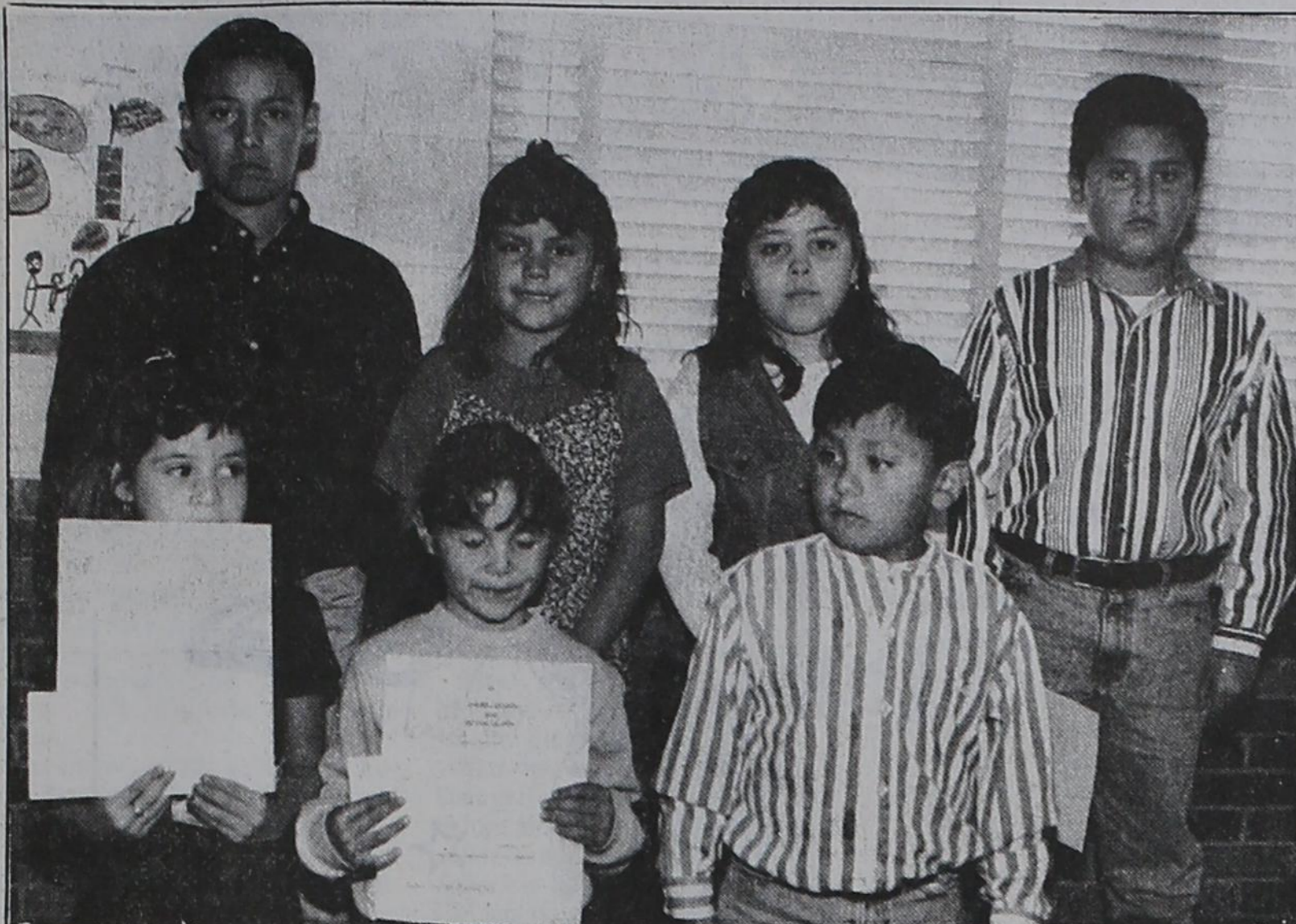
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**HART WINNERS** in the Child Abuse Prevention poster contest sponsored by the Child Protective Services Board are: (front, from left) 1. Mayra Reyna, 2. Nadia Avila, and 3. Nathan Sifuentes, in the Pre-K -2nd grade age group; and (back, from left) 1. Matthew Gonzales, 2. Lisa Lopez, and 3. Marsela Morales, in the Grades 3-5 age group, and 1. Edgar

**Montemayor, in the Grades 6-8 age group. Not shown are Kellie George, second, and Fatima Rodriguez, third, in the Grade 6-8 group. The children were recognized and presented with prizes and certificates at the CPS Board's annual dinner Sunday in Dimmitt.**

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

The biggest item this week has been the weather. It has kept most of our people home instead of making news. Illness kept others at home.

The wind was very high Monday night and all day Tuesday. Then it blew just as hard Thursday night and Friday, if not harder. The wind was out of the east and it kept shaking the east window storm screen, which seldom moves.

It also rained hard all night and was still raining Friday morning. The rain gauge showed .60 of an inch of rain when I thought there was over an inch Thursday morning.

Friday morning it was 34 degrees with high winds. It was 32-33 degrees all day Friday with a rain-snow mix falling. Most of the snow melted as it fell, but enough built up in the grass west of the house that it stayed on the ground for two hours or more.

Alton and Betty Loudder and Doug Loudder returned home from a fishing trip at Stamford Lake on Thursday afternoon and Betty called to ask me if the wind blew here Monday night. I told her it had, and she said when they got home they found the biggest tree in their yard on the ground. They didn't think wind could have blown it over, but they could not think of anything else that would have caused it to fall.

Joan Norrell said that some branches had been broken from their trees that night.

Emma Jean King said a big limb from their big elm tree was broken off, but did not fall out.

Robert Duke had two inches of rain during the week. He said most of the shingles blew off of an old barn and several dead limbs were broken out of several trees Monday night.

It was 34 degrees Sunday morning. My rain gauge had one inch in it at noon. It must have a leak, or else the wind blew or sucked some out because the graveled road from the highway to the barn was standing full of water most of the week. I couldn't check the gauge every day because I had to cross this road which meant getting my feet wet, and it was too cold.

Janelle Haydon was dismissed from Lubbock Methodist Hospital a week ago Wednesday. Eddie and Sherry Haydon took her and Milburn home and they were both glad to be home. Eddie said she was better.

## DMS students place in Industrial Arts competition

Several Industrial Arts and mechanics students from Dimmitt Middle School placed with projects at regional contests in Levelland and Lubbock.

In pen making, Cliff Wright took five projects to Lubbock and came away with five first-place ribbons. His projects were 11 wooden pens crafted from different woods, and separated into four classes; and a plastic pen in another class.

DMS students swept the top three places in the nationals division of CO<sub>2</sub> cars. B.J. Hill was first, Corey Lane placed second and Jason Harris took third.

Two structural engineering teams including Tanner Self, Benny Pompa, Hill and Lane placed second and third at regional.

All of these students will compete at the state contest in Waco Monday and Tuesday.

Kelly Green is taking both chemotherapy and radiation treatments almost every day now. Several men from the community are taking turns driving him to and from his appointments. Dara takes him on Mondays because that's the day he sees the doctors.

Rosie or Judie Loudder keeps Will and Melissa for them on Mondays.

Lillian Carson took her sister, Ruth Brown of Dimmitt to a doctor's appointment in Amarillo on Wednesday.

Lillian told me when we had the bad weather a week ago on Thursday that big hail fell at her house for 45 minutes. It piled up 10 inches deep at her barn door, which she uses as a garage, and was almost that deep at the east door of her house. Hail was still in the yard two days later. This was the same storm that did so much damage at Hart.

Sunday before last Resa Carson and Gregg George, both of Lubbock, brought Lillian a big new television as an early Mother's Day present. All the kids went together and bought it. Resa and Gregg delivered it.

Teeny Bowden talked with Naomi Brown by phone Sunday night. She is still having several health problems. Lynn is doing better. He can walk a little now without his crutches. He rides the bus to see Naomi instead of having Lee bring him and Naomi take him back for his hemo dialysis treatments in Amarillo. This makes him feel better because he can do so little for himself.

Willie Mae Sadler is still not doing very well. Myles Sadler has been up several times this week and home health nurses are checking on her and Sharon Sadler is bathing her.

Ezell and Verba Sadler recently went to Hubbard Creek Lake near Breckenridge to prepare for the Loudder Reunion, which was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday. No one from here went, unless Larry and

Sharon Sadler did.

Rose and Bill Watson of Hodgens, Okla., visited in the home of Bennie and Joyce Wright Friday. They spent the night with them.

Joyce Wright took Bennie, their daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Ken Williams and their children, Sarah and Jared, out to eat in Plainview Saturday in celebration of Bennie's birthday, which was Sunday.

## Kindergarten pre-registration set Friday at RES

Pre-registration will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for youngsters who will be enrolling in kindergarten at Richardson Elementary School next fall.

The pre-registration will be conducted in the RES library for children who will be five years of age on or before Sept. 1.

Parents pre-registering children for kindergarten during the 1997-98 school year should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, shot record and Social Security card.

## Matthew Ruiz is recognized

Matthew Ruiz has been recognized as Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's room at Dimmitt Middle School.

Ruiz is the son of Lucy and Michael Ruiz and he was born Oct. 7, 1985, in Lubbock.

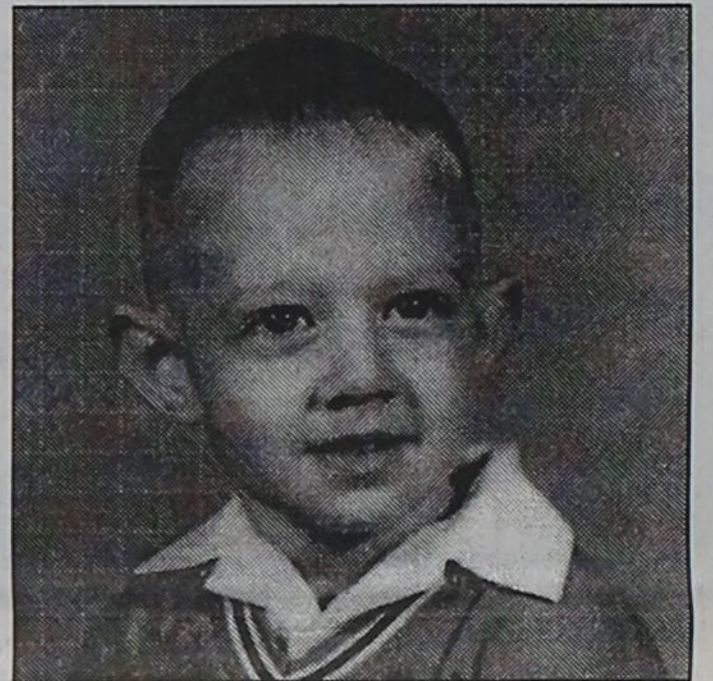
His favorite food is pizza and his favorite animal is the ferrett. He says he plays basketball well and wishes he were better at spelling. He likes Dimmitt Middle School because it is safe.

When he grows up he wants to be a pro basketball player. He admires his parents.

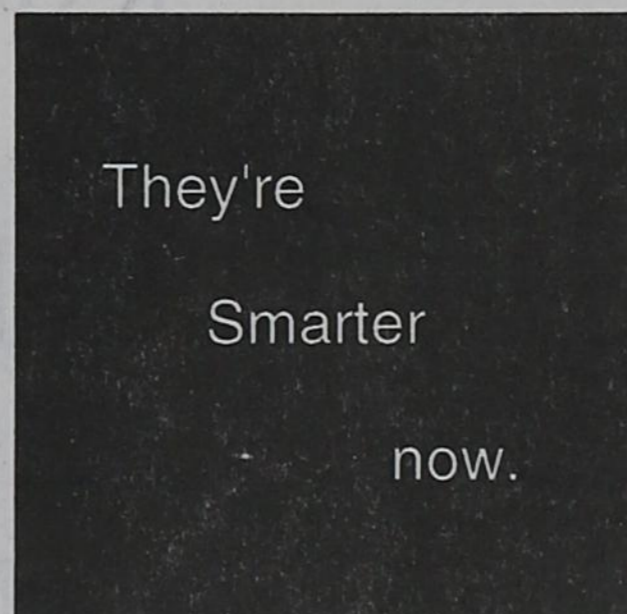
## The Headmaster Turns Forty

May fourth will soon be a disaster,

- For forty years will turn the headmaster.
- No longer the college boy leaping hurdles,
- He now considers "FOR MEN ONLY" girdles.
- Coaching he traded for a principal's wage,
- Now having time to read the sports page.
- Fishing in Canada with his friend Lyman,
- Has in the past been his heart's passion.
- Keeping Linda within budget is his desire,
- Having money enough in 25 to retire.
- DADDY IS FORTY! You will hear Michael say,
- Laura reassuring they love him anyway.
- To all you people at DMS,
- THE DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY THE FOURTH,
- The headmaster is forty so make a mess!
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First Baptist Church

Please take your coffee break and join us for some hand tossed cookies and Doug Pybus' famous lemonade.  
Donations goes towards the school library.

Pybus Christian School will be having a Mother's Day Out program starting June 3 through July 30 on Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for children 12 months through third grade. The cost is \$11.00 per child and space is limited so make your reservations early.

For more information, contact Cheryl Pybus at 647-4226 or Shawn Sheffy at 647-4779.

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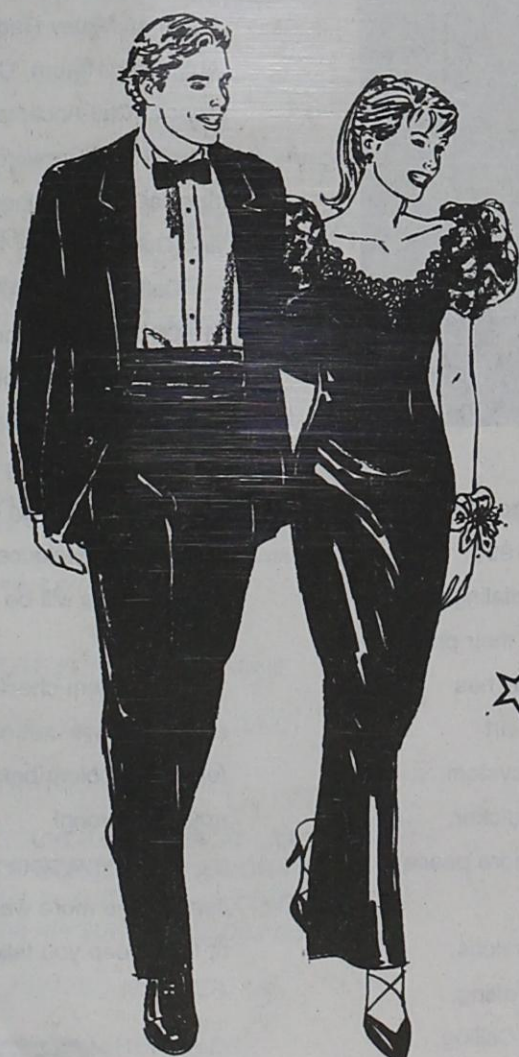
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## Obituaries

### Emily Jo Schwaller Burnett

Memorial services for Emily Jo Schwaller Burnett, 62, of Garden Ridge, former Nazareth resident, were held Saturday at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery by Doeppenschmidt Funeral Home of New Braunfels.

Mrs. Burnett died last Thursday. She was born in Nazareth. She was an office manager and had been employed in the mental health field for several years. She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Selma.

Survivors include three sons, Roman Burnett, Tyler Burnett and Todd Burnett; two sisters, Byrlea Nussbaum of Canyon and Karleen Vaughn of Tulsa; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Animal Defense League, 11300 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, Texas 78217; or the Battered Women's Shelter in San Antonio.

### Jimmy Mireles

Jimmy Mireles, 28, of Friona, former Dimmitt resident, died Monday in Hereford.

Rosary was recited Wednesday evening in St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona. Mass of Christian burial will be read at 10 a.m. today at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Rev. Ed Sweeney, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Mireles was born June 30, 1968, in Dimmitt. He married Maria Elizabeth Sifuentes in 1985 in Dimmitt. He moved to Friona from Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Jimmy Jr., Jacob, Eric and Johnathan, all of Friona; two daughters, Monica and Isabel, both of Friona; his father, Severano Gonzales of O'Donnell; his mother, Isabel Mireles of Friona; three brothers, Fred and Jerry, both of Friona, and Johnny of Amarillo; and three sisters, Carol Perez, Rosa Mireles and Elsa Beliz, all of Friona.

### Floyd Montgomery

Floyd L. Montgomery, 79, of Plainview, former principal for Dimmitt Independent School District, died last Thursday at Methodist Hospital in Plainview.

Services were held Saturday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Chapel in Plainview with Rev. Travis Hart, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Montgomery was born Sept. 15, 1917, in Center Community. He attended Center Community Schools and graduated from Floydada High School. He received a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University in Canyon. He earned a master's degree in education at West Texas State University.

He married Florence Irene McMurray on June 11, 1944, in Canyon. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church and he was a charter member of the Noon Lions Club.

He taught school in Glazier, Eastland, Bowie, Shallowater and Panhandle. He was a principal in Dimmitt and Olton. He taught elementary school at College Hill and

Edgemere schools in Plainview.

Survivors include his wife; a sister, Alma Dunn of Floydada; and several nieces and nephews.

### Peggy Traylor Webb

Services for Peggy Traylor Webb, 77, longtime Dimmitt resident, were held Wednesday morning at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, and Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, former pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Webb died at 7:45 p.m. Monday at her residence after a lengthy illness.

She was born Sept. 14, 1919, in Daingerfield. She lived in Dallas before moving to Dimmitt in 1947.

She graduated from Waco High School in 1936 and attended Baylor University in Waco.

She married Millard Allan Webb on June 8, 1946, in Dallas. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School class. She was active in the Republican Women's Organization and Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Kristi Edwards of Lubbock and A'llan Bradley of Dimmitt; a son, Johnny Webb of Amarillo; and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert McLean, Charles McLean, Bruce Fuller, Jim Bradford, Jack Bradford and Truman Touchstone.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, 110 SW Third St., Dimmitt 79027; or the Ettie McDermitt Scholarship Fund, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt 79027.

### Jack White

Services for Jack White, 72, of Summerfield, were held last Thursday at Summerfield Baptist Church with Rev. Ellis Parson officiating.

Burial followed in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. White died April 22 in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born Sept. 2, 1924, in Maud, Okla. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a US veteran of World War II and he received a Purple Heart. He was a member of Summerfield Baptist Church. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Dixie; two daughters, Beverly King of Amarillo and Debbie White of Summerfield; two sons, Bobby of Summerfield and J.W. of Dalhart; a sister, Lois Austin of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Gene White of Sebring, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to a favorite charity.

# Hospital board adopts budget

Although the hospital district expects to operate at a \$400,000 loss during the coming year, it will carry over enough profit from the current fiscal year to offset most of the loss.

Without fanfare, and with an audience of only three persons, the hospital board last Thursday night adopted a 1997-98 budget that projects

\$9,457,100 in revenue and \$9,857,002 in expenses for a net loss of \$399,900.

The expenses include \$3.35 million in bad debts and "contractual allowances"—rate discounts taken by Medicare, Medicaid, HMOs and PPOs—and \$75,829 in salary hikes. Business Manager Vada Wilcox

reported an operating loss in March of \$145,000, but said revenue from taxes and Medicaid Disproportionate Share funds cut the net loss to \$74,000.

However, CEO Joe Sloan noted that the district is \$353,000 in the black for the last 11 months.

The hospital district's fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31.

the recommendation of the hospital's medical staff.

—Selected the Waco accounting firm of Parrish, Moody & Fikes to conduct the year-end audit.

—Learned that the hospital's new geriatric psychiatric unit had passed its two required inspections "with flying colors," and commended Maintenance Supervisor Mark McDonald for bringing the \$331,000, 44-day project in on time.

—Adopted a long-range strategic plan, a policy manual (with proposed changes) and the following mission statement:

"To provide high-quality, cost-effective health care services that improve the health of the communities we serve."

## Cotton Talks

After three years of getting used to planting delays as the result of dry subsoil moisture conditions, the return of spring rains requires a little adjustment in attitude.

According to Plains Cotton Growers of Lubbock, the only downside so far has been the return of winter-like temperatures in addition to the rains.

For High Plains cotton producers, that adjustment is one they gladly make and optimism abounds for the 1997 crop. Unfortunately, delays could still be the norm as producers wait for fields to dry out and soil temperatures to rebound.

A cold front that moved through the area April 24 has brought good and not-so-good results. The upside is that producers across the region received most of the additional moisture they were hoping for to plant the 1997 crop.

The not-so-good side of the issue has been cold temperatures that have actually triggered up to six inches of snow in many counties north of Lubbock.

The biggest concern now is what effect the very cool rains have on soil temperatures that had climbed past 60 degrees in many areas earlier in the week.

"Obviously this has helped top off the soil moisture situation, but it is also driving soil temperatures down into the 40s at the six-inch depth," said Boman. "If we stay cloudy and cool, soil temperatures will take longer to come back to the mid-60-degree level that we look for to plant."

"Our best situation would be that

we get a week of warm, sunny weather," he said. "That is probably all it would take to heat the top six inches up to about 65 degrees and allow planting to really begin."

Optimum planting time on the High Plains is May 5-20 and Boman reiterated the need for producers to utilize the highest quality seed available when they get the opportunity to plant.

The need for seed with a good cool/warm vigor index and protection against seedling disease is increased as a result of the recent weather.

Early season boll weevil trap results from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Plains Cotton Growers are now available on a weekly basis.

PCG is making these reports available to anyone interested in receiving them through a number of outlets.

Boll weevil trapping results will be available from county Agricultural Extension Agents on the Data Transmission Network as well as from all local newspapers.

"Keeping track of boll weevil populations will be a very important part of all producer management efforts this year," said PCG boll weevil program coordinator Roger Haldenby. "We have received a number of requests regarding the availability of this information and our efforts this year will be designed to make this information as widely available as possible."

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**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE  
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Notice is hereby given as provided in Article 2544 and 1664f (V.T.C.S.) That the Castro County Commissioners Court at its regular meeting on May 12, 1997, will receive bids from banking institutions in Castro County that may desire to be selected as the depository of the County funds.

Bids will be received until 10 a.m. on May 9, 1997. Bidders should indicate specifically the method and frequency of calculation of interest rates payable on county accounts and investments during the term of the contract. The bid must detail all proposed costs for printed checks and deposit slips, service charges, stop payment charges and any other contemplated charges.

Bidders are notified that most county funds are in the form of trust accounts with service charges prohibited. Release of government securities during the term of contract will be transacted as formal agenda items in regular meetings of the Commissioners Court.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a written contract with Castro County and approved by the Commissioners Court within 15 days of the date of the award of the contract. All banking institutions interested in submitting bids shall contact the treasurer's office to obtain a copy of Castro County's Investment Policy prior to submitting their bid.

All bids must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus and must include a statement of financial condition of the bank on the date of application together with a certified check for \$10,000 to guarantee that if accepted as county depository it will execute the required bond.

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

IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge  
25-4-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners for Castro County, Texas, hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly Report, filed with us on this 28th day of April, 1997, and have found the same to be true and correct and in order, and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands, in the sum of \$1,331,219.94.

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LARRY S. GONZALES, Commissioner, Pct. 2  
BAY BALDRIDGE, Commissioner, Pct. 3  
DAN SCHMUCKER, Commissioner, Pct. 4  
25-4-1tc

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION**

To the Registered Voters of Dimmitt Independent School District, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 3, 1997, for voting in a General Election to elect Trustees for Place 1 and Place 5.

Location of Polling Place: Dimmitt ISD Administration Building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas.

PAUL GARCIA, President  
Dimmitt ISD Board of Trustees  
25-4-1tc

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**Derek Buckley receives award**

Derek Buckley of Dimmitt has been named an All-American Scholar and United States National award winner in mathematics and science.

These awards are a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Buckley, who attends Dimmitt High School, was nominated for these awards by Becky Book, DHS mathematics teacher, and Cinnamon Cox, DHS science teacher.

Buckley's picture and biography will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's official yearbook, which is published nationally.

The academy selects winners upon the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors, and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. Criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Buckley is the son of Steve and Vicki Buckley of Dimmitt. His grandparents are Don and Betty Carpenter of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are R.N. and Anna Carpenter, also of Dimmitt.



**DIMMITT WINNERS** in the Child Abuse Prevention poster contest sponsored by the Child Protective Services Board are: (front, from left) 1. Clarissa Sanchez, 2. Vikki Sanchez, and 3. Brittany Allen, in the Pre-K-2nd Grade age group; (middle, from left) 1. Alicia Heard, 2. Billy Dollar, and 3. Adriana Arcos,

in the Grade 3-5 age group; and (back, from left) 1. Maribel Garcia, 2. April Torres, and 3. Melissa Rueda, in the Grade 6-8 age group. They received prizes and certificates Sunday at the annual dinner of the CPS Board.  
Photo by Linda Maxwell

**Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669**

Congratulations to K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier, who won the regional tennis doubles title in Levelland last week. They will go to Austin to play in the state tournament. Others competing at regional were Barry Hoelting in singles, Marcus Brockman and Billy Don Cannon in doubles and Tanya Wethington in singles.

Our fifth and sixth grade bands traveled to Floydada on Saturday and did very well. Both bands earned Division I ratings and several soloists and ensembles also earned I's.

Deacon Jerome and Margaret Brockman, Deacon Al and Leona Maurer and May Hochstein attended a weekend retreat at the DeFalco Center in Amarillo. The Serra Club hosted a banquet and dance for everyone on Friday evening.

The Nazareth Cub Scouts held their Pinewood Derby and awards program Sunday afternoon at the school cafeteria. A good crowd of spectators enjoyed the event. The Scouts include 19 members divided into four groups.

Kyle Hoelting won first place and Jacob Braddock was second in Group 1. Troy Ramaekers was first and Brandon Wilhelm was second in Group 2. Nathan Huseman won Group 3 while Skyler Birkenfeld was second. In Group 4 Shay Wilhelm was first, Orin Schulte was second and Nathan Huseman was third.

Each member was awarded a car racing pin. Their Cub Scout Master is Chris Book.

On Thursday evening the eighth grade class sponsored a fundraiser for their graduation. A hard-fought basketball game between the Nazareth school faculty and NHS exes was very entertaining. They also had a great concession stand and held several other contests.

A wedding shower was held Sunday afternoon in honor of Chris Wethington Sasser at the home of Beverly Hill. The shower was hosted by friends. Chris and Tommy Sasser were married Feb. 22 in Las Vegas,

Neve Tommy is in the Marine Corps., based near San Diego, Calif. They will be making their home on base.

The 22nd annual Henry Birkenfeld reunion was held April 19 at Nazareth. It was hosted by Julia Birkenfeld of Nazareth and her son, Richard, of Amarillo. Those present were honored to have Father John Hickey of Nazareth and Father M. Stortz of Happy attending. Also present were cousins from Hereford, Scotland, Amarillo, Nazareth and Canyon.

It was a beautiful day for the reunion. Approximately 133 people were served dinner and 102 were present for supper. A short meeting was held after dinner. An auction was then held with Richard Birkenfeld, Allen Dobmeier and Tony Birkenfeld serving as auctioneers. Many beautiful items were donated. The afternoon was spent visiting, playing horseshoes and enjoying several games for the children.

The eldest relatives attending was Rose Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Agnes Schaefer of Scotland, Texas. The youngest present were Jordan Schraag, grandson of Bob and Irene King of Amarillo, and Kathleen Birkenfeld, granddaughter of Francis and Mary Birkenfeld of Rhineland.

Prayers are asked for Leslie Birkenfeld, who is a surgery patient at the Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

Cecil, Norita and Annette Hoelting recently drove to Emory to be with Heather Hoelting as she received her first Holy Communion. Heather was the only member of the class. She is the daughter of Mark and Vera Hoelting of Lone Oak. Also attending were Dale Hoelting of Flower Mound and Kevin Hoelting of Plano.

Prayers are asked for Marcus Berends, son of Ray and Nadine Gerber Berends of Hereford. Marcus had surgery for a brain tumor Friday morning at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. As of Monday morning he was in intensive care, but was responding well. He is a senior at Hereford High School.

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# Odyssey of the Mind— our teams need our support!



EXTRA POINTS are granted in scoring if one costume is made of trash, and Dimmitt Middle School team member Josh Hardwick (left), as "Mr. Snodgrass," wears garage sale corduroy covered with parts of cereal boxes. His "cereal fixation" is a concern to his wife, "Mrs. Snodgrass," played by Cherie Norman (center), who confers with the marriage counselor's receptionist, played by Kylie Webb.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Dimmitt's Odyssey of the Mind program scored a tremendous "double" at the recent state competition in Houston. Two Dimmitt structure teams—one from the high school and one from the middle school—won state championships in their categories. Competing against many larger schools, they really put Dimmitt on the map!

Both teams are eligible to compete at the World OM Finals June 4-7 at the University of Maryland.

They need our financial help to do so.

The OM program is a joint school-community effort. Our schools can afford travel expenses only up to a point.

For both teams to attend the World OM Finals, they need to raise \$15,000. The youngsters are working hard on it, and already have earned one-third of the cost. But they need our donations, too.

The OM World Finals will bring together 735 teams from many different countries in a spirit of friendly intellectual competition. Seventeen of those teams will become world champions.

Whether either of Dimmitt's teams can become world champions or not, they've earned the chance to try.

It's up to all of us, as a community, to make that chance come alive.

Please give them a hand. You can use the donation form on this page.



HEY, PAL . . . Billy goats "Billy" and "Curly" greet one another, as "demons" lurk around "Troll," in the skit performed by the Dimmitt High School Odyssey of the Mind Double Trouble structure team. The story is a take-off on the fable of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." Team members shown are (from left) Jeremy Matthews, Andy Hill, Jason Hall, Michael Keith and Timothy Proffitt. Not shown are team members Jason Hargrove and Jared Townsend.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



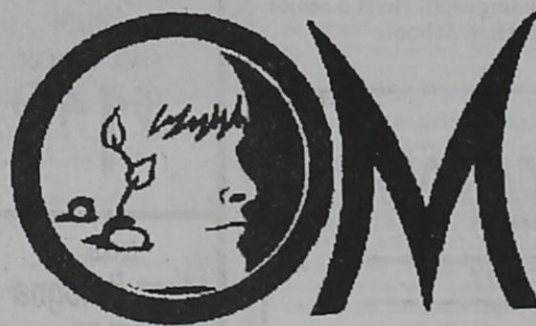
CRUSHERS (front, from left) Jason Hall and Michael Keith of the Dimmitt High School structure team carefully place weights on the back-up structure they crushed at the public performance held Monday night. Bringing up another weight is Jason Hargrove (right). The performance was a fund raising event for the Odyssey of the Mind teams, which are planning to attend the World OM Contest in Maryland in June.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



AN IDENTITY PROBLEM is just one of the funny elements in the skit written by the Dimmitt Middle School Odyssey of the Mind "Double Trouble" structure team. Josh Hardwick (left) portrays Mr. Snodgrass and Kylie Webb is Dr. Smart's receptionist. The team is coached by Wayne and Paula Proffitt.

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