

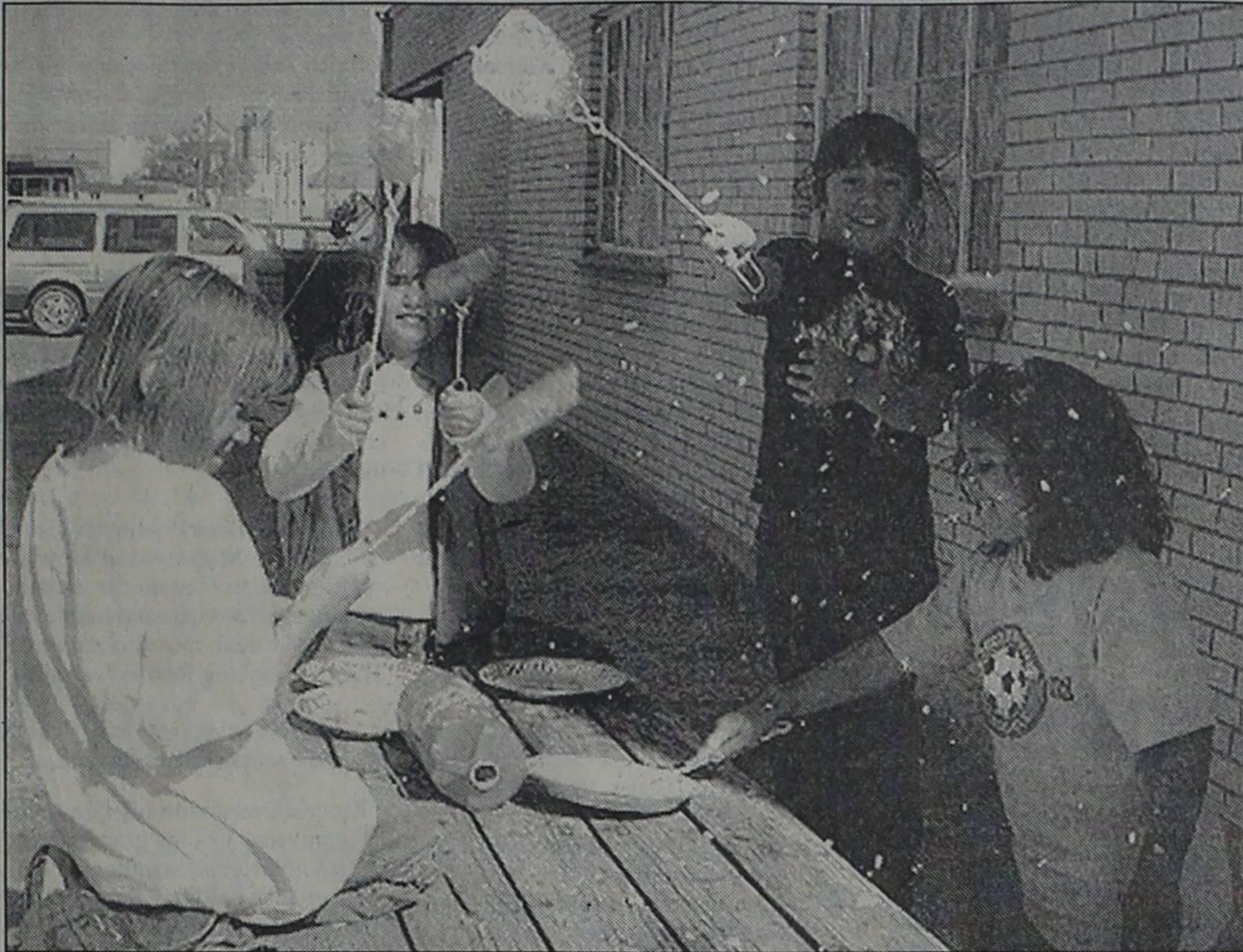
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'SWATTING' BUBBLES—These four youngsters are using fly swatters dipped in bubble solution to make myriads of bubbles. The activity was a part of the Fun Day held April 18 for the Adventure Club, which is an after-school program of the First United Methodist Church

of Dimmitt. Shown are (from left) Holly Bryan, Devonee Ortiz, Candace Munoz and Daniella Oltivero. All school-age children in grades 1 to 6 are welcome to participate in the club. Call 647-4106 for more information.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Coronado Acres group seeks grant to install septic systems

Castro County may lend its support to residents in Coronado Acres who are seeking a grant to help fund installation of septic systems in the subdivision.

Several residents of the community, along with two representatives from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and Lydia Villanueva of Hereford outlined the plan Coronado Acres residents hope will result in a cleaner living environment in their community.

Under the proposal presented to commissioners, grant money would fund purchase of materials, but the residents would be required to install the septic systems themselves.

At a community meeting on April 3, these guidelines were outlined to those hoping to benefit from the project and all agreed to cooperate by volunteering their time and labor.

The majority of the homes in the area don't have a sanitary septic tank in place now, and with the help of PRPC and the county, those home owners hope to pursue a grant. Many of those homes have cesspools which tend to create unsanitary conditions when they overflow.

At times, water from the cesspools has seeped into the community's water supply, forcing the wells to be shut down until the contamination can be cleared.

"When this happens, some residents have to do without water until

it's cleaned up. We're all willing to work hard to get this project done," said one resident of the community.

"I have seen these people come together and work together on other projects and I believe they are willing and able to see this through," said Villanueva.

If the county agrees to pursue the grant application, it would be liable for the amount of the grant and would have to ensure the work is performed in a timely manner in accordance with terms of the grant agreement. Once the project is completed, the county would no longer have any liability. If for some reason the work is not performed, then the state could demand the county pay back the grant money.

"I know this is something that is really needed, but we have to be careful about the county's liability," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland.

PRPC said it will assemble the grant application package on behalf of the county, if commissioners elect to support the project.

Commissioners agreed to allow PRPC to do preliminary work on the grant application, and agreed to meet with officials from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, an engineer which would oversee the project and the Texas Dept. of Housing and Urban Development before the application is made.

Commissioners opened two bids from banks vying for the county's deposits, one from First Bank-Dimmitt Branch and another from First United Bank.

After studying each bid, commissioners elected to wait until their first meeting in May to select a depository, saying they wanted to compare the bids first.

David Welk, a narcotics task force officer working here, asked commissioners for permission to move his office into the vacant space in the courthouse basement.

Commissioners told Welk they had been advised to move all county offices from the basement because it is not accessible to people with disabilities.

Welk said he had checked several sources including the Justice Dept. web site and determined that as long as he could meet with a disabled person at another location in the building, there wouldn't be a problem.

Welk presented commissioners with information on the ADA standards which he had compiled and they agreed to study the facts before making a final decision. They will discuss the matter further at their next meeting on May 14.

Dimmitt Police:

Stabbing victims assaulted each other

Dimmitt police said Tuesday that the Dimmitt couple who reported last week that they had been assaulted at a party in Hart actually had assaulted each other in an incident of family violence.

"Alcohol was definitely involved in the incident," said Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman. He said about 20 or 30 minutes after the two were injured on April 15 they decided to seek medical attention, and that was when the story of the party was fabricated.

The man, 37, had a puncture wound on his neck, and the woman, 40, had a cut in the area of her left wrist.

The man was jailed April 18 on charges of aggravated assault with a

deadly weapon in connection with the incident.

However, the man also had been listed as the victim of an assault at 7:46 p.m. on April 17, also in Dimmitt.

He told police that the same woman, her son, 22, and another Dimmitt man, 27, got into a dispute with him and forced him out the door of the house.

Aleman said the victim reported that the metal storm door shattered into pieces and the two men used pieces of it to assault him, causing injuries on his head and both arms.

The victim was transported to Plains Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released, according to Aleman.

Aleman said alcohol also was a factor in the April 17 incident.

The two assailants in that incident were jailed around 8:30 p.m. the same night on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

All three of the men remained in jail as of Tuesday morning.

Friday, a 23-year-old resident of Coronado Acres was jailed at 9:57 p.m. on charges of assault/bodily injury/family member.

City Council

Crowd discusses bringing in dairy

A crowd of more than 20 citizens came to the Monday night meeting of the Dimmitt City Council to hear about an economic development prospect.

Johnny C. Jones of Littlefield and two of his associates were introduced by local landowner Ben Scott.

The men told the council that with sufficient incentive their company, SRJ Dairy Development, would build a dairy in Castro County that could hold around 2,000 cattle and create jobs for 20 to 24 full-time employees. The employees needed to run a dairy could mostly be local labor, with only a few brought in from outside, according to Jones.

Jones said that his company has built many dairies and has not had any trouble selling them to dairy farmers wanting to move to this area. He said he has prospective buyers from all across the US. The company already has a location picked out in the county and is waiting for the permitting process and to see if any incentives would be offered.

He said the city of Littlefield gave an incentive of \$145,000 for a similar enterprise. Hereford recently paid \$270,000, and Brownfield gave between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Jones said that his company also would consider "in-kind" contributions, such as performing dirt work for the construction.

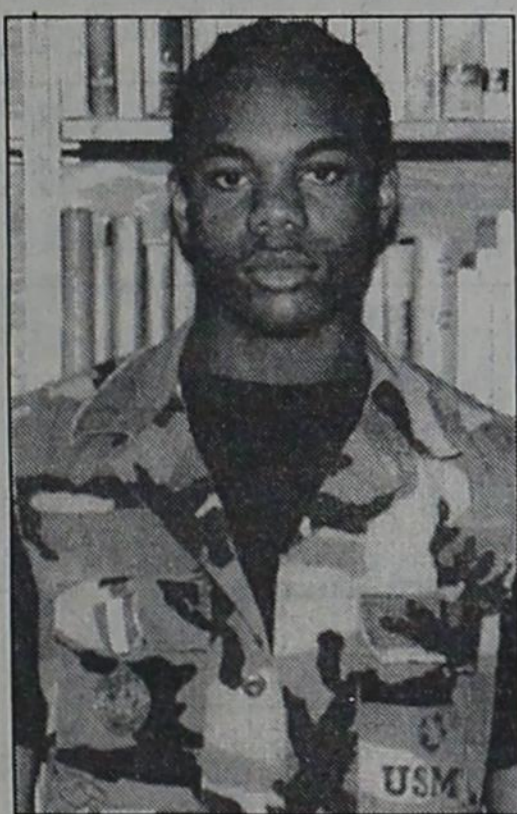
Mayor Wayne Collins told the council that there are at least two funding programs that could help

with an economic development project. He said both could raise as much as \$750,000, based on granting \$25,000 for each new job created. One of the programs would be an outright grant, while the other would involve an interest-free 20-year loan.

He said the programs would have to be applied for in connection with a specific project and would have to compete with other projects on the basis of merit.

Collins told the audience that Dimmitt voted some years back to use part of the sales tax collected here to reduce the tax burden for property owners. He said it could be submitted to the voters again to see if

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Josh Finch

Josh Finch qualifies for state in Prose

Josh Finch of Hart will represent his school at the Class A UIL state Literary meet next week after capturing the Region 1-A championship in Prose Interpretation Friday.

Finch won the Prose Interpretation contest at regional Friday at South Plains College in Levelland.

The preliminary round in the state meet is slated for Friday, May 4, beginning at 8 a.m. in the Thompson Conference Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin. Finals in the Prose competition will be held Saturday, May 5, at 8 a.m.



NAZARETH HIGH SCHOOL captured the Region 1-A Literary championship Friday and will send five on to the Class A state meet. Those qualifying for state are (seated) Eric Schilling, (standing from left)

Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld and Ky Wilcox. Brock Birkenfeld (standing, right) finished fourth and will be an alternate to the state meet.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Five qualify for state academic meet

Nazareth wins regional UIL Literary championship

In what school officials believe is a first, Nazareth High School captured its first Region 1-A UIL Literary team championship Friday, and five of the 14 students competing at regional advanced to the state meet.

Nazareth accumulated the most points of any Class A school competing in the meet while Lazbuddie finished second. The two schools compete in the same district.

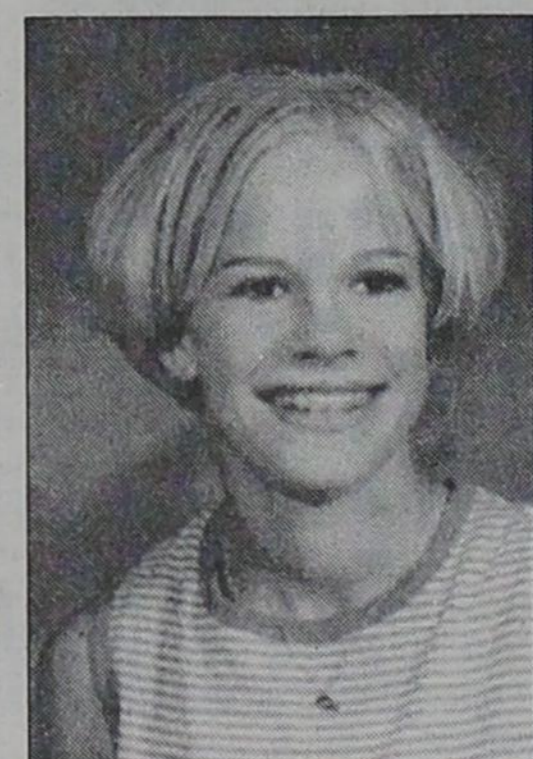
Earning trips to state are Nazareth's Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld, Mandy Hoelting, Eric Schilling and Ky Wilcox.

"As far as we know, winning the regional championship as a team is a first for us," said Nazareth Principal Deb Clinton. "We're very proud of all the students for what they've accomplished."

Nazareth's Calculator Applications team, which features the Birkenfelds and Wilcox, finished first with 717 points to qualify for state.

Individual winners in Calculator Applications include Mark Birkenfeld, first; and Blake Birkenfeld, third.

Mark Birkenfeld also qualified for state in Mathematics after placing third at regional.



Mandy Hoelting

Blake Birkenfeld will compete in two other events at state—Computer Science and News Writing. He was the regional champion in both events.

Hoelting placed second in Feature Writing to earn her trip to state while Schilling placed third in Headline Writing.

Just missing out on a trip to state was Brock Birkenfeld, who finished fourth in Feature Writing. He will be an alternate to the state meet in the event.

Mark Birkenfeld almost qualified in Number Sense with a fourth place finish and will be the Region 1-A alternate.

Wilcox finished sixth in News Writing.

The Class A state meet will be held May 3-5 in the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

The Calculator Applications contest will be held May 4 at 4 p.m. and the ensuing awards ceremony is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Journalism events will be held on May 4, with Feature Writing slated to start at 11 a.m., News Writing at 1:15 p.m. and Headline Writing at 2:15 p.m. Awards for these contests will be presented at 6 p.m.

The Mathematics competition will begin at 8 a.m. on May 4 and awards will be presented at 7:30 p.m.

The competition for Computer Science will begin at 9 a.m. on May 5. The awards ceremony will follow at 2 p.m.

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	74	43	
Friday	86	48	
Saturday	84	39	
Sunday	88	41	20
Monday	68	33	
Tuesday	64	32	
Wednesday	73	38	

April Moisture 0.45
2001 Moisture 6.28

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

Police Calls

Friday, Brannon Foerster of Shallowater told police that someone had taken items valued at \$725 from the back of his pickup while it was parked at Plains Memorial Hospital. The items included three livestock clippers and a small socket set.

Friday, Earnesten Tina Jordan of Morton told deputies that someone had burglarized a storage shed on her property in Castro County one mile west of FM 168 on CR 621. Taken were a television valued at \$300 and a tool box with cattle-processing equipment valued at \$400. The door was removed from the shed. The last time the door had been seen intact was April 15.

April 18, Robert W. Smith of Dimmitt told deputies that someone took 115-gallon diesel tank valued at \$150 and a battery charger valued at \$80. He said the items were last seen about two or three days before on his property 2.5 miles west of FM 1055 on CR 618, then half a mile on a turn row.

Kevin Reed of Dimmitt told police Friday that someone cut all four tires on his 1979 Datsun while it was parked in the 100 block of Northwest 11th in Dimmitt. He estimated the damage at \$200.

Dimmitt Upholstery and Garage reported to police early Tuesday that someone had broken out a window with a rock.

A clerk at the Town & Country Store told police Sunday that someone drove away without paying for \$16.89-worth of gas.

Friday, a 25-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for display of a fictitious inspection certificate and a fictitious license plate.

An Amarillo woman, 25, was jailed Friday for being a fugitive from justice and failure to identify.

Driving with license suspended or invalid was the charge listed against a 20-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed on Friday.

Sunday, two Dimmitt men were jailed on alcohol-related charges: a 20-year-old was charged with being a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage and a 19-year-old was charged with driving under the influence. He also was wanted for speeding in Wheeler County.

Jailed on warrants during the past week:

—April 17, a Dimmitt woman, 35, for theft by check over \$1,500 and under \$20,000; and a Dimmitt man, 30, for no seat belt and failure to appear.

—April 18, a Hart man, 44, on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, which stemmed from charges of retaliation.

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 25, on 11 DPS warrants.

—Monday, a 20-year-old Dimmitt man for motion to revoke, stemming from driving with license suspended.



SIGNS OF SPRING—A windy day and kite flying provided an opportunity for fun for local youngsters on April 18 at the Fun Day held for members of the Adventure Club, an after-school program of the First United Methodist Church

of Dimmitt. Trying to get his kite aloft here is Kale Johnson. All school-age children in grades 1 to 6 are welcome to participate in the club. Call 647-4106 for more information.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Bobcats close out season with victory over Roosevelt

Dimmitt closed out its 2001 baseball season on a high note Tuesday, striking down the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles, 11-5, in District 2-AAA play.

The fired-up Bobcats scored two runs in the fifth inning to take control of the lead and they never let up, adding four more to their lead in the sixth for the win.

Tanner Griffith handled the pitching chores for Dimmitt and he went the distance for his second win of the season. That was also the Bobcats' second victory, closing out the season on a positive note.

Griffith allowed six hits, and one of those was a big three-run home run by Clayton Thompson in second-inning action. Other than that play, Dimmitt held the Eagles in check.

Dimmitt's defense yielded just two other runs in the game—one in the third and one in the top of the seventh.

Roosevelt was charged with three errors while the Bobcats committed just one.

Dimmitt hitters bombarded Roosevelt starter for seven hits, but on two of those went for extra bases—Daniel Proffitt and Brent Josselet each had doubles.

Roosevelt took a 3-0 lead in the top of the second thanks to Thompson's home run, but Dimmitt bounced back with a two-run per-

formance in the bottom of the inning.

Each team managed a solo run in the third, then Dimmitt took a 5-4 lead bottom of the fourth. The Bobcats made it a three-run advantage in the fifth and extended it to seven runs in the sixth.

Proffitt walked to start the second, then Josselet was hit by a pitch, giving Dimmitt a pair of runners that would score before Roosevelt escaped.

Griffith walked in the third inning and scored on a double by Proffitt.

Dimmitt plated two runs in the fourth, using a walk by Thomas Brockman and a pair of singles by Hill and Jonathan Stevens to spark the effort.

Hill's single allowed Brockman to score, then he crossed home plate when Stevens singled, and that gave Dimmitt a 5-4 lead.

Proffitt was hit by a pitch to start the fifth, then Griffith flied out to left field. Josselet reached on an error, then Wesley Harkins walked. Brockman and Hill grounded out to end the inning, but not before Proffitt and Josselet scored, giving Dimmitt

a 7-4 lead.

The Bobcats retired the side in the sixth, fielding three straight infield plays to preserve their lead.

Dimmitt padded its lead with a big sixth inning in which the Bobcats batted around.

B.J. Hill was the first batter up and he would step to the plate twice in the inning. He walked the first time and struck out to end the inning in his second at bat.

Between his appearances at the plate, Dimmitt picked up two hits, walked twice and scored four runs.

With B.J. Hill on first, Stevens singled. Roosevelt was able to retire the next two Bobcat batters, but Dimmitt went on a big two-out rally.

An error on the first baseman allowed Caleb Dickerson to reach, then Josselet's big double scored runners. Dickerson and Josselet would score Dimmitt's 10th and 11th runs of the game.

Griffith walked one Eagle hitter in the seventh and that run scored on a right field single.

But the next two Roosevelt batters flied out—one to center field and another to right field, and Dimmitt picked up the victory.

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they would allow the .5% to be put into economic development.

City manager Don Sheffy said that the .5% would generate about \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year.

Jones said the proposition for the dairy in Castro County will be presented to other entities besides the city.

Jones said the dairy industry is a "good fit" for this area, because of the availability of feed and the opportunity to give cropping alternatives to farmers. He said the milk from this area also brings a premium because of the quality.

"Dairy is the bright spot in the agriculture picture right now," Jones said.

Jones said the building process takes about 12 months, with six to nine months for the permitting process and four to five months for construction. He said Pete Laney is trying to help streamline the permitting process.

In other business, the council accepted a bid on street improvements, as recommended by the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper. The bid was awarded to L.A. Fuller & Sons for \$216,382.20, which was the low bid.

The project will include hot mix, curb and gutter for South Street; and double penetration seal coating for Dulin and Andrews streets.

Other bids received were \$424,028.80 from Holmes Construction and \$224,838.30 from Lipham Construction.

Last Puzzle Solution

Emilio Nino is new IPM agent for Castro County

Emilio Nino has recently joined the ranks of Extension agents on the Texas South Plains and he will be serving Castro and Lamb counties as an Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) agent.

Nino graduated from West Texas A&M University in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in integrated pest management. While in college, he worked as a commercial field scout as an Extension research technician in Castro County. He also worked as a graduate assistant at West Texas A&M University.

He also has experience as president of WTAMU's farm and ranch club, was vice president of the ag executive council and currently serves as WTAMU's ag ambassador.

He is a McNair Scholarship recipient, has won several ag poster and oral presentation competitions and received WTAMU's Outstanding IPM Research Award for 2000.

"We are very excited to add Emilio Nino to our roster of South Plains Extension agents," said Jett Major, District 2 Extension director of agriculture. "Dr. Greta Schuster (former Castro County IPM agent) at WTAMU provided extensive assistance in recruiting him. He is a highly qualified individual and has a strong track record and experience in his field. We know he will make a valuable contribution to Extension's educational programs and clientele in his new position."

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Family members gathered at Holy Family Church Sunday morning as eight children received their First Holy Communion during mass celebrated by Father Peter Otto. Deacons Jerome Brockman and Al Maurer assisted in the service.

These first communicants were Shay Johnson, Jeanette Acker, Devin Kern, Chelsea Schulte, Landon Schulte, Kendra Huseman, Eric Acker and Kaile Huseman. Their CCD teachers are Ashley Kleman and Nikki Wethington.

The Faithful Friends youth choir, directed by Bernita Hoelting, sang several beautiful hymns.

Donna Charanza, Sandee Hoelting, Virgie Gerber and Trish and Andi Rose attended the sixth annual Candlelight Ceremony of Remembrance and Hope on Sunday evening in Amarillo. It was hosted by the Panhandle Victim Assistance Coalition and Amarillo Police Officers Association. The main speaker was Sheriff Mike Shumate.

It was a very impressive, beautiful ceremony with 60 candles being lit by a family member.

The 2001 UIL Region 1-A Literary Meet was held Friday at South Plains College in Levelland.

Advancing to the state contest in Austin next week will be Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld, Eric Schilling, Ky Wilcox and Mandy Hoelting. Brock Birkenfeld just missed out on a trip to state, finishing fourth in Feature Writing.

Nazareth won the regional team championship, which many believe is the first for the school. Congratulations!

The National Honor Society induction ceremony was held last Thursday evening, April 19, at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

There were 20 new members inducted, which brings the grand total membership to 40. Out of the new members inducted there were three seniors and 17 sophomores.

New inductees include seniors Matty McLain, Shawna Gerber and Jason Huseman; and sophomores Karen Birkenfeld, Kristi Ramaekers, Carson Gerber, Adam Acker, Eric Schilling, Katy Huseman, Tyler Ehly, Megan Schulte, Wendy Black, Justin Kleman, Craig Birkenfeld, Ross Schulte, Erica Gerber, Shane Kleman, Teri Ramaekers, Nicole Acker and Meriel Smallwood.

Pizza was later served to new and old members and attending parents. Pizza was later served to new and old members and attending parents.

Hospice Care held its annual "Celebration of Life" candlelighting ceremony and memorial service Monday, April 16, at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Representing loved ones were 50 candles lit by a family member as Tammy Price, LVN, called their names.

Vicky Buckley, director, recognized her very efficient group of workers and volunteers.

Dr. Leon Joplin sang two appropriate selections. Guest speaker was Jim Hardwick and Father Fern Couture gave the benediction.

A reception followed in the Methodist Church Parlor.

Trish Rose and Donna Charanza recently traveled to Fort Benning,

Ga., on April 4 to attend the graduation of Pvt. Bryan Charanza from nine weeks of Army basic training. They enjoyed the very impressive awards ceremony and graduation.

Bryan was then assigned to Fort Gordon, located just outside of Augusta, Ga.

Trish and Donna spent some time with Jane Sperry, a friend from Tampa, Fla., whom they have known for 27 years.

Trish and Donna met with Bryan again in Fort Gordon and enjoyed two more days with him before they headed back to Texas.

Bryan is now attending an 18-week course in telecommunications, after which he will return home on leave.

On their way home, Trish and Donna spent the night with Gene and Susie Gerber and their grandson, Eric, in Keller. It was an excellent road trip through some very beautiful country, but the next time they think they'll fly!

Philip and Dora Pohlmeier visited in Nazareth Monday and they are very appreciative of all the thoughtful notes, calls, visits and help while they made their move to Amarillo. They are looking forward to visits.

Barry Hoelting and Kit Schulte spent the weekend in Nazareth.

Kit celebrated with his family the 50th anniversary of his grandparents, Elmer and Florene Schulte.

Barry just enjoyed being home. They drove back to Tulsa, Okla., on Sunday.

Sister Norbert Hoelting of Fort Smith, Ark., is here visiting her family, Greg and Tinie Hoelting in Nazareth, and W.J. and Irene Albracht of Hereford.

The Nazareth fifth and sixth grade band students competed at the Floydada Band Festival on Friday.

Each of the bands received a Division I rating of Superior in Concert and Sight Reading competitions, which gave them the Sweepstakes Award.

The fifth graders played *March Onward* and *Galactic Episode*. The sixth graders played *Cyberspace Overture* and *Palisades Overture*. Fidelis Fetch, the Nazareth band director, is very proud of both groups.

Elmer and Florene Schulte celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a mass in Holy Family Church and a reception in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Elmer and Florene did the old tradition of coming up the hill. Everyone enjoyed the food and visiting.

Celebrating with their parents and grandparents were Greg and Karen Schulte and their sons, Travis, Kit and Chase; Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm and their children, Vanessa, Shelby, Shay, Cale and Roxanne; and Stan and Shelley Schulte and their children, Logan and Natalie.

Solitude is fine when you are at peace with yourself and have something definite to do.

-Goethe

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.

-Henry Ford

He who knows when to stop runs into no danger.

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ACROSS

- TXism: "take a ___ at it" (try)
- you can ___ the caverns of Sonora
- "shootin' iron" bullets
- Tex Ritter sang title song of western "High ___"
- SW Dallas suburb picnic pest
- actress in "Witness for the Execution" filmed in Houston
- TX actor Rip (init.)
- TXism: "got the morals ___ alley cat"
- TX Willie's "She's Not ___"
- Longhorn marchers
- George W.'s office
- Pampa has the ___ Texas
- Junior Stock Show
- "Traveling Wilbury" Petty (init.)
- stream south of Quanah (2 wds.)
- critter pelts
- TXism: "smack ___ in the middle"
- refuge near Eagle Lake preserves habitat for these prairie chickens
- TXism: "three sheets to the ___"
- Galleria or Grapevine Mills
- TXism: "___ didly squat"
- Houston: "___ the wool" (genuine)
- in Willacy Co. off 77

DOWN

- TX actor Wallace
- TXism: "big enough to ___ an elephant"
- slender muchacha
- Yo ___ Digo Creek
- circus critters
- TXism: "___ mark" (conform)
- ready to pick
- TX pest: fire ___
- TXism: "call ___ day"
- hallucinogenic drug
- lasso circles
- world currency: ___ dollar
- Yankee city (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- TXism: "shoots dice ___"
- phone" (risk taker)
- TXism: "pushing ___ bonnets" (dead)
- TXism: "get ___ with the chickens"
- iced ___
- Astro or Ranger lumber
- state seal has star of ___
- TXism: "honest as the ___ long"
- TXism: "he blazes a ___" (big)
- dull finish
- "My ___ Sal"
- CEO of Irving-based boy scouts: ___ Love
- Cresson has transportation collection in ___ Museum
- a group of seven

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Dr. Bill and Julia Murphy had just returned from a trip to Branson, Mo., when I called to get the facts about their March trip to France.

The Murphys attended a medical meeting in Paris and they related that other than the constant rain and the inconvenient strike that was going on at the some of the great tourist attractions, everything was fine.

The Louvre Museum, the Mona Lisa Gallery and the subway all were unavailable because of the strike.

They did tour Champagne and got to taste the real sparkling champagne that made this region famous.

Julia says that Paris is still beautiful, even in the rain. The food was excellent, too.

She was very impressed with the large supermarket that touted 1,000 cheeses and everything else known to man for eating pleasures.

The Murphys purchased six kinds of cheese for \$12. The natives were complaining about the high price. The Murphys were delighted with the bargain.

They enjoyed the beautiful Notre

Dame Cathedral in Reims, where many of the French Kings in the past were crowned. The ancient stained glass primitivism crafted by the noted Mark Shagal was most impressive.

Julia's mother, Raisa, joined the Murphys for the trip to Branson. She is now living in Dimmitt. She is from the Ukraine, which is Julia's native country.

They enjoyed the Lawrence Welk show and the Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Vinton Theatre.

The Dixie Stampede with its beautiful horses and lots of Americana was a special treat for the ladies from the Ukraine.

Don and Carolyn Moke made a trip to Fredericksburg at the peak of the bluebonnet season. They report that this is the best year ever for wild flowers.

Joining the Mokes there were her sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Carlyle Sargent of Hereford; and Carolyn's brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Dorothy Lee of Hursh.

They browsed shops, enjoyed the scenery and ate good food before returning to Dimmitt and work.

Covered dish luncheons were the mode of the day Sunday for the Methodists and Baptists.

The Methodists got together for their lunch following morning revival services. Hule Goddard, a professor of youth ministry at Columbus International University in Columbia, S.C., led the three-day meeting. Reports are that the First United Methodist Church auditorium was almost filled with young people.

Goddard met on Monday at noon at the First Baptist Church with the Baptist and F.M.C.'s lunch bunch, speaking briefly to these high school teens.

The senior adult group enjoyed fellowship over a covered dish lunch at First Baptist Church after the regular worship services on Sunday.

Dr. W.J. and Sara Hill had their children home for the Easter holidays.

The Hills' son, Andy Hill, a junior at Texas A&M University in College Station was home for the holidays as was another son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Vanessa Hill, who are second-year medical students at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. They all enjoyed the visit and mom's home cooking.

Scott Hill is in Houston and works for the Kanalie Trust Group. His wife, Yvette, is expecting the Hills' first grandchild in June. They would have joined the family for the Easter holidays, but they were busy decorating the nursery.

Alvin and Frances Frazier attended worship services in Hereford at the Fellowship of Believers Church.

The attraction for them was a granddaughter, Charity (Dearing) Galan and her husband, Pete. The Galans were in charge of the worship service. Pete played the guitar, Charity played the piano and Charity's brother, Larry Dearing, performed on the drums. Charity also sang two solos and Pete brought the message. Pete is the youth minister for the Catholic Diocese in Hereford. Charity and Larry are the children of Cara (Frazier) and Larry Dearing of Hereford. Cara is Alvin's and Frances' daughter and she's a Dimmitt native.

Deanne Clark attended church with her friend, Bill Sowder of Littlefield, in Sudan recently. Jo Ky Shultz was the Bible study leader that morning in Sunday school and his wife, Missy, who is Ramona Annen's niece, sang a special song during the worship service.

Joe Ky is the son of Joe and Jerre Shultz, former Dimmitt residents. Joe and Jerre are now living in Vega near their son, Justin and his family. Justin is the head girls' basketball coach in Vega.

You may remember that Vega's girls, under Justin's guidance, won the Class A state championship in 1999.

The Shultz's other son, John, and his wife now live in the Chicago, Ill., area.

Van, Carole and Cory Hopson have been in Aubrey visiting with Cody and Kelly Hopson and their

daughter, Taylor, for a few days.

Carole's brother, Jack Stewart (a former Bobcat quarterback) and his wife, Mary, have recently purchased a house on a horse ranch near Cody and Kelly. The property also has two fishing ponds. They were all looking forward to trying their luck, but our West Texas winds had extended to East Texas and they didn't even get a hook wet.

Cory Hopson, who now lives in Lubbock, and installs sound systems in motor vehicles and homes, visited with Timothy Proffitt, son of Wayne and Paula Proffitt of Dimmitt. Timothy is a student at North Texas State University in Denton.

The Senior Bridge Club met re-

cently with Carol Lantz serving as a hostess. Shirley Wise was high score and Merle Arthur finished second.

The Hereford Community Concert Association presented Rodrick Dixon, "The American Tenor," in concert Sunday afternoon.

Those attending the final concert of the season included Mildred Bradford, Doris Flynt, Carolyn Jones, Houston and Doris Lust, Joy Parsons, Marie Perrin, Polly Simpson, Raphael and Mary Lu Smithson, Shirley Wise and Nell DiCuffa of Dimmitt.

It's time to hang your hummingbird feeders. We saw our first on April 5.

Bain, Brown attend state retired teachers' meeting

Barbara Bain and Mary Jo Brown, president and secretary-treasurer of the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association, recently attended the 48th annual state convention of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) in Austin.

Theme for the conference was TRTA—Achievement Through Teamwork, 2001. It was held at the Hyatt Regency Austin on Town Lake April 11-14.

Keynote speakers were Charles Dunlap, executive director of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, and Mike Lehr, executive director and legislative coordinator of the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

The convention banquet speaker was retired teacher and humorist Toody Byrd.

Over 700 TRTA members and friends from across the state registered for the convention. In addition to taking care of association business, participants attended training sessions and special interest sessions.

Founded in 1953, TRTA is the second largest association in Texas for public school and higher education retirees, and is composed of more than 44,000 members who continue to be involved in local pub-

lic school education and the well-being of their communities.

From 1990 to 2000, TRTA members have contributed over 56,200,000 hours of volunteer services to their schools and communities. In addition, during the past three years, local units have participated in the *Children's Book Project*.

Working through various channels, TRTA has placed over 38,000 books in the hands of individual Texas children. These books—to take home as their own personal property—were given to children who otherwise might not have had a book to call their own. With this project retired public school and higher education personnel, even in retirement, are proud to continue to be part of the education of Texas school children.

The local unit, Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association, has 32 members and currently meets six times each year. Usual meeting place is Rhoads Memorial Library on the first Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

Those interested in attending a meeting or joining the group should call Bain at 647-4400 or Brown at 647-3250.

Cancer survivors sought to join survivors' lap at relay

Anyone who has battled with cancer and survived the fight deserves special recognition, according to the organizers of the Relay for Life event that will be held in Dimmitt June 8.

Cancer survivors are being urged to sign up now to participate in the Cancer Survivors' lap of the relay,

also known as "the winners' lap."

"We would like to extend a special invitation for you to participate in this inspiring event by walking in the first lap of the relay," said survivors' co-chairmen Doris Flynt and Jayne Vaughan.

Sign-up forms are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 W. Bedford, or by calling Flynt at 647-3473 or Vaughan at 647-5213. There is no charge to participate, and each survivor will receive a Relay for Life t-shirt.

Survivors are requested to arrive at the Dimmitt High School stadium by 5 p.m. on June 8 to pick up their t-shirts and pose for an individual photo. They also will be included in a group photo of all team participants in the relay.

The Survivors' Lap will begin at 6 p.m., to start off the relay portion of the event.

Another way in which survivors may be honored is through the purchase of luminarias.

Karron Smith is the chairman of the luminarias for the Relay for Life. She said that the special paper bags will be sold again this year for \$5 each.

Those purchasing the luminarias may designate them for a cancer survivor or a cancer victim, or someone who is still battling with the disease. The bags may be decorated before they are turned back in, and the night of the relay they will be placed around the high school track and a votive candle will be placed in each. They will be lit at dusk and the names of those who are being honored will be called out during the relay.

The luminaria kits will be available at selected businesses around town or at the Chamber office.

Leadership camp slated

The South Plains 4-H Leadership Camp for Junior 4-H'ers between the ages of 10 and 13 by Aug. 31 will be held this summer and reservations are currently being accepted.

No one younger than 10 is allowed to attend the camp. Participants must be enrolled in 4-H as an active member.

Registration is due in the county Extension office by May 14.

Those interested should call 647-4115 as soon as possible.

4-H parents to meet Monday

Castro County 4-H parents will meet on Monday to plan summer activities for the youngsters and to get acquainted with Suzanne Gibbs, the new Castro County Extension 4-H agent.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Extension office in Dimmitt and all 4-H parent-leaders are urged to attend.

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People



'Walk across Texas' will begin Saturday

The Castro County H.O.P.E. organization is sponsoring "Walk Across Texas" this year, and those interested in entering a team in the event should contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524 or Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115.

Teams consisting of a captain and nine other members will walk, bike and run the simulated distance from Dimmitt to Brownsville between Saturday and Friday, June 8.

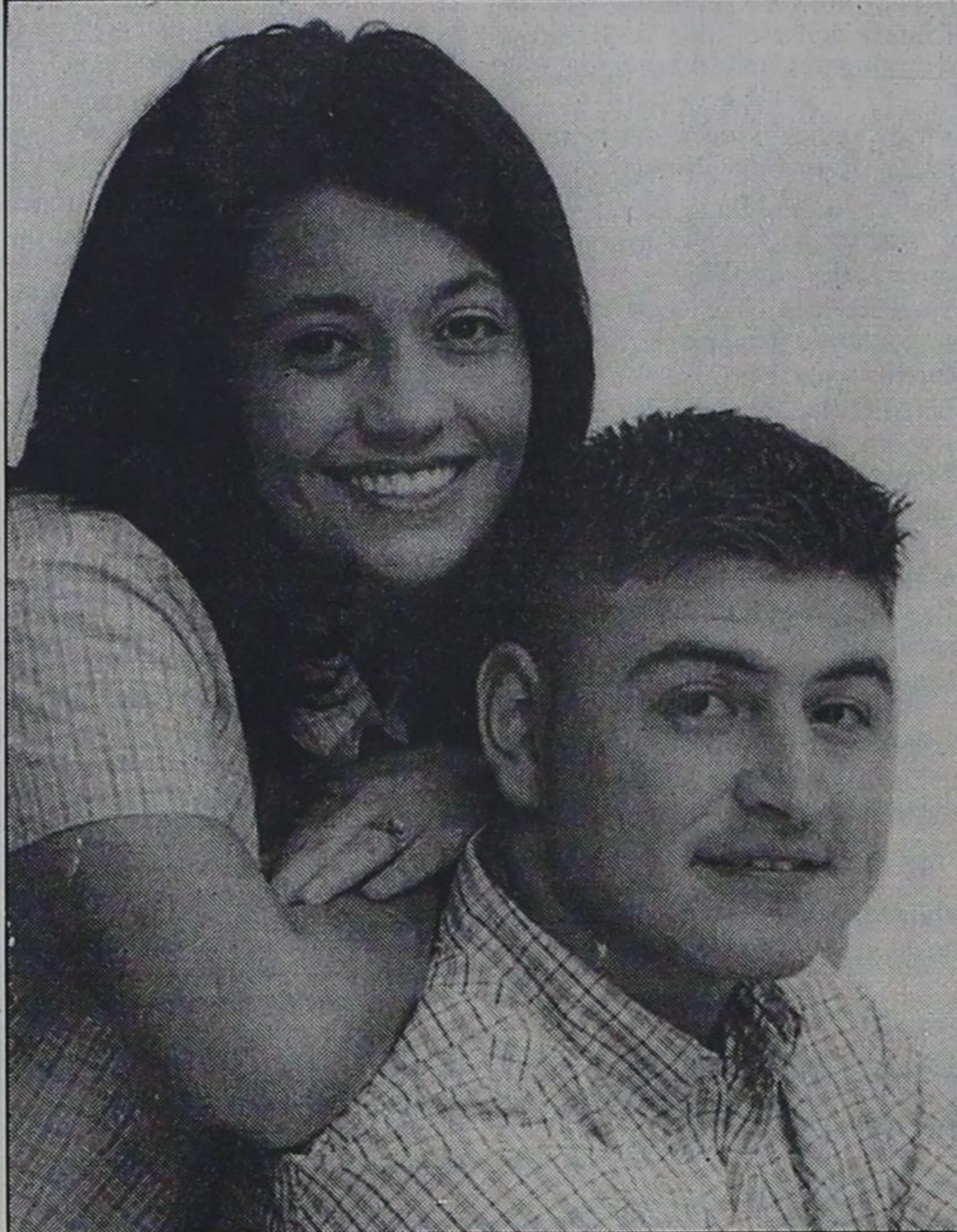
Most Americans can improve their health through a modest increase in daily activity. "Walk Across Texas" is a program that persuades and motivates people of all ages to take the first step toward better health. It

is simple, inexpensive and safe, requiring only a team and the desire to get moving.

Organizers suggest that teams plan to begin the activity during the Dimmitt Kiwanis kite-flying event on Saturday and conclude their mileage during the Relay for Life Rally on June 8.

To cover the 700-plus mile distance between Dimmitt and Brownsville in six weeks, each team member would walk approximately two miles each day, six days per week.

Recognition will be given for the team which walks the longest distance, and to the team which completes the 700-plus mile goal first.



Marcella Ann Flores and Richard Martinez Jr.

Flores and Martinez to wed

Marcella Ann Flores and Richard Martinez Jr. plan to marry on June 23 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mary Helen Flores of Dimmitt and the late Marcello Flores. Parents of the groom are Richard and Bonnie Martinez of Dimmitt.

Miss Flores is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She attended South Plains College in Levelland for two years. She also attended Amarillo College, where she earned her certification in phlebotomy. She is currently employed as an assistant manager at Sonic of Dimmitt.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1998. He currently works at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Plainview.

Following their wedding and a honeymoon in Florida, the couple will establish their new home in Dimmitt.

Dr. Joplin sets concert Sunday

Dr. Leon Joplin of Dimmitt will present a concert of his Christian music at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt on Sunday at 6 p.m., and the public is invited.

There will be a fellowship following the concert.

Joplin is a member of His Messengers, a Christian singing group. Their

newest release is *By the Power of the Lord*.

Joplin has written the words and music for many of the songs he sings.

"We hope everyone will come out and enjoy this concert and time of fellowship," said Jeff Addison, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Welch, Cleavinger, Schmucker are 'Super Team' volunteers

The late Reta Welch of Dimmitt, Duane Cleavinger of Hart and Lawrence Schmucker of Nazareth are among the individuals recognized by the *Amarillo Globe News* for "going above and beyond to serve their neighbors."

The *Globe News* released its "Super Team of Volunteers" in the Texas Panhandle Sunday, and the list includes the three county residents.

Reta Welch

Welch served as the drug education liaison for Dimmitt Independent School District in addition to working as a real estate agent.

She was a 33-year member of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and served several terms as the organization's president. She volunteered at Rhoads Memorial Library for 27 years.

Welch was a member of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, serving on its board of directors for six years, two of which were as president. She also served this county in a number of other ways.

She was nominated for the award by Bill Sava, president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, who said she "exhibited an extraordinary degree of concern for her fellow man."

Welch and her husband, James, died in 1997 when a train struck their car. The couple have a son, Mark Welch; two daughters, Sharon Welch and Rhonda Neighbor; and four grandchildren.

Welch Home Place, a division of Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, was named in memory of the Welches for their contributions to the facility, Sava said.

Duane Cleavinger

Cleavinger, a Hart farmer, has volunteered his time and energy in helping around his church and in aiding those who need help.

His volunteer work includes helping shut-ins and widows. In his church, he is the song leader, teaches Bible class and volunteers as a maintenance worker for the building and grounds. He also shares and delivers

produce from his garden with those less fortunate.

Cleavinger and his wife, Marie, have four sons, Guy, Gary, Scott and Chris; 13 grandchildren; and one foster son, Don.

He was nominated by Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain, who wrote, "Apart from the above, he has a way of making people happy, and does every task with love and kindness. I could tell, all day, of the good deeds he does, not only physically, but financially, meeting needs of those who are lonely and impoverished."

Lawrence Schmucker

Schmucker is also a farmer who has dedicated his life to helping those less fortunate.

He is a member of Holy Family Church and has served on its Parish Council and Economic Council.

He volunteers to take people to the doctor and visits with homebound residents. He keeps in contact with retired clergy members and meets their needs.

On volunteering, Schmucker says, "I don't consider it anything extraordinary or special. It's what we're all supposed to do."

His wife, Faye, is deceased.

He was nominated for the honor by Rosemary Wilhelm of Nazareth, who says, "He always helps anyone who asks or if he finds out that they need help, he just helps any way he can."

Car wash is Saturday

Members of Lee Street Baptist Church's youth group will be washing cars Saturday to raise money for an upcoming youth camp.

The group hopes to raise enough money to fund the trip for several youngsters.

The car wash will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Pizza Hut parking on 216 S. Broadway St. in Dimmitt.

Donations will be greatly appreciated.

Nominees being accepted for Veterans Hall of Honor

Plans are underway for the annual Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor banquet, and organizers of the event are accepting nominations for those to be inducted into the hall.

The project was started in 1990 to recognize and honor those outstanding Panhandle veterans who have distinguished themselves in the service of their country. Over the years, individuals from Pampa, Amarillo, Canyon, Claude and other area towns have been inducted. These honorees have been recipients of such awards as the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and even three who received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

To nominate a deserving individual, submit a short narrative on their life, what branch of service they served in, the awards they received

and if possible, a copy of citations that accompanied the awards, plus any copies of newspaper clippings pertaining to the nominee.

In the narrative, the writer is encouraged to tell about the nominee's contributions to his or her community following his years of service in the military.

Nominations are due July 20 and should be returned to Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor, c/o John L. Triplehorn, Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa 79065.

After the selection committee has made its selection, new inductees will be notified as to the time and location of the banquet, which will be held in pampa on Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home located at 105 S. Cuyler in Pampa.

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Clover Kids plan picnic

Castro County's Clover Kids will enjoy a picnic next Wednesday when they gather for their last meeting of the 2000-01 school year.

The group is asked to meet at the Extension office in Dimmitt at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2.

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Kindergarten pre-registration is set for May 3

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt has scheduled pre-registration for its 2001-02 kindergarten class for next Thursday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school's library.

Parents of children who will start kindergarten this fall should plan to pre-register their child for school this day. When registering their child, parents must be ready to provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, shot record and social security card.

This will be the only registration for kindergarten students before school begins next fall.

Kiwanis plans kite-flying day

The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club will sponsor a kite-flying event Saturday on Western Circle Drive in Dimmitt in the area between Dimmitt High School and the First Baptist Church.

Free kites will be given to the first 50 youngsters arriving at the event and Kiwanis will be on hand to assist youngsters with building and flying the kites between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Individuals who have their own kites are invited to join in the fun and spectators are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, relax and enjoy the event.

Food will be available and demonstrations are scheduled throughout the morning.

For more information, contact any member of the Dimmitt Kiwanis or call the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.



Sky Lynn Holcomb and Joy Leona Stanaland

June wedding is planned

Mr. and Mrs. Jody Stanaland of Girard announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joy Leona, to Sky Lynn Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garner of Dodd City and the late Jerry (Butch) Holcomb.

Stanaland is the granddaughter of John and Willie Quattlebaum of Spur and Leona Stanaland of Jayton. Holcomb is the grandson of Jeanie and Roy (Cowboy) Johnson and Roberta Pittman of Clarendon, and Sadie Holcomb of Dallas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Jayton High School and South Plains College. She is currently employed by Agro Distribution of Lockney.

The prospective groom graduated from Springlake-Earth High School. He attended South Plains College. He works for Gooch and Gooch Trucking in Floydada.

Class of 1991 plans reunion

Members of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1991 are making plans for their 10-year reunion, which has been set for Saturday, July 28.

The event will be held at the Country Club of Dimmitt, and the cost will be \$25 per couple or \$15 per person. Money must be turned in to Leigh Durbin by July 1.

All members of the class are asked to get in touch with Jamie Baker Mendoza at 647-0443 or log on to the reunion web site at www.angelcities.com/members/dhsc1991/index.html and leave their information.

"We are working hard to try to make this a memorable occasion, but we need your help," Mendoza said. "Please call or log on."



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

Woody and Kacey Glass of Norman, Okla., are the parents of triplets, born on April 9 at Integris Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla. The babies are Grace Sheridan, born at 7:56 a.m. weighing 5 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 19 inches long; Grady Luke, who was born at 7:57 a.m. weighing 5 lbs., 6 ozs. and measuring 20 inches long; and Cooper Alexander, who entered the world at 7:58 a.m. weighing 5 lbs., 3 ozs., and measuring 19-1/2 inches long. The triplets have a big sister, Chloe Noelle, who is 4. Maternal grandparents are Sherry Gragg of Norman and Johnny Gragg of Victoria. Paternal grandparents are former Dimmitt resident Jaquetta Glass and the late Alex Glass.

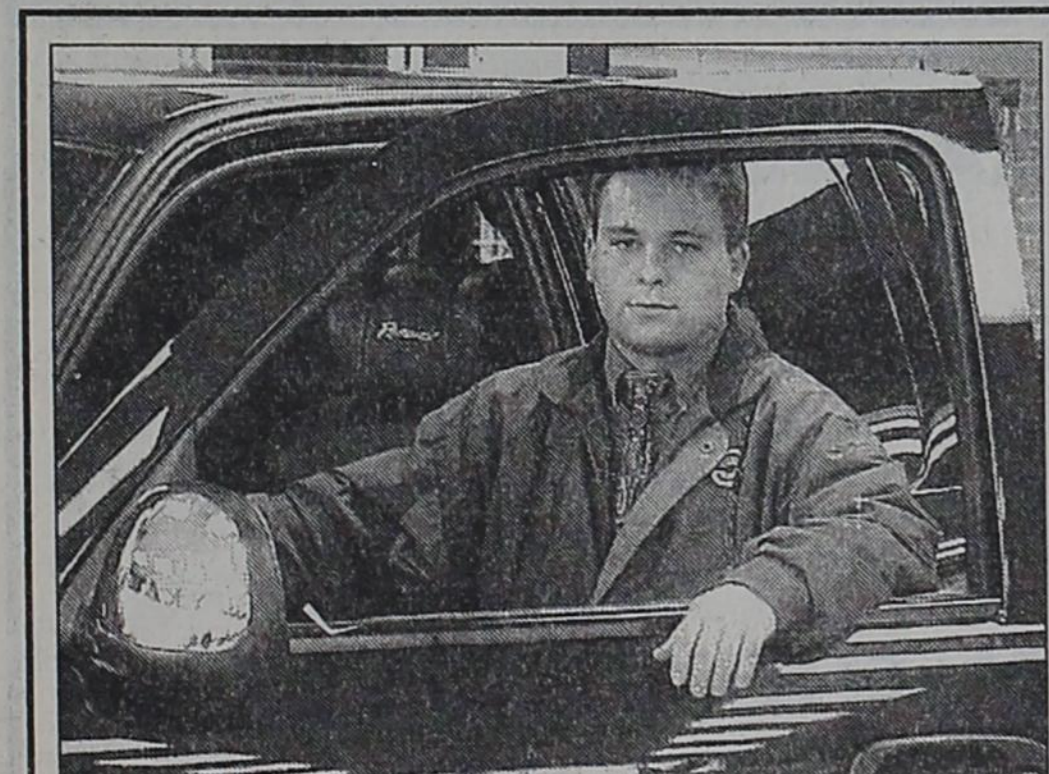
Electric Camp entry deadline is approaching

Castro County 4-H'ers who would like to attend 4-H Electric Camp this summer must submit their application to the county Extension office in Dimmitt by May 15.

This year's Electric Camp will be held June 25 to 29.

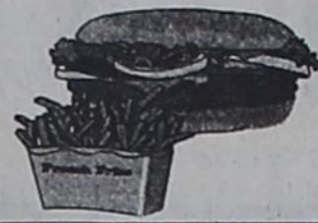
"This is one of the most fun activities for senior 4-H members," said Castro County Extension 4-H agent Suzanne Gibbs. "We are hoping that with all of the great moisture we have been receiving we won't have to cancel because of wild fires."

For more information about the camp, contact Gibbs at 647-4115.



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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for April 26 through May 4.

DIMMITT Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Rice Krispie treats, assorted fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY: Sausage and biscuit, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Teddy Grahams, apple and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, fresh banana and milk.
THURSDAY: Super donuts and milk.
FRIDAY: No school.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Green enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, taco condiment salad, corn tortilla, hot sauce and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, tossed salad, fruit cocktail and milk.
MONDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, fruited gelatin and milk.
TUESDAY: Hamburger on a bun, potato chips, hamburger salad, watermelon and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito with chile, taco condiment salad, orange wedges and milk.
THURSDAY: Shrimp poppers, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.
FRIDAY: No school.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of green enchilada casserole, bean chalupe or chicken spaghetti; Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken pot pie or nachos with cheese; savory green beans, baked potatoes or tomato and okra gumbo; tossed salad, fruit cocktail or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, beef enchiladas with sauce or barbecued hot links on a bun; vegetable medley, tater tots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; assorted muffins, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger, lasagna with ground beef or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; potato chips, broccoli with

cheese sauce or baked beans; tossed salad, hamburger salad or watermelons; garlic bread, oatmeal cookies or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef and bean burrito with chile, chicken fried steak or chicken taco; mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: No school.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Biscuits, Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
TUESDAY: Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Pancakes, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Cinnamon toast, applesauce, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of steak finger basket, burrito or chicken sandwich with chips; rolls, green beans, gravy, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, assorted fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or ham; macaroni and cheese, wheat rolls, carrot sticks, salad, gelatin dessert, peaches, and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or pizza; salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter bars, and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito, spaghetti with meat sauce or lasagna;

green beans, rolls, gelatin dessert, fruit cocktail, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken strips and nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken fajitas, tuna sandwich or sub sandwich; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Muffins, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, rice, fruit cocktail, orange cake and milk.
FRIDAY: * Tater tot casserole or chef's salad, sopapilla, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Frito pie or hamburger and French fries, cornbread, tossed salad, beans, pears, apple crisp and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Chicken spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, pudding and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Chili dogs or baked potato, tossed salad, peas, applesauce, oranges and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Beef and bean chalupe or chef's salad, lettuce, green beans, peaches, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.

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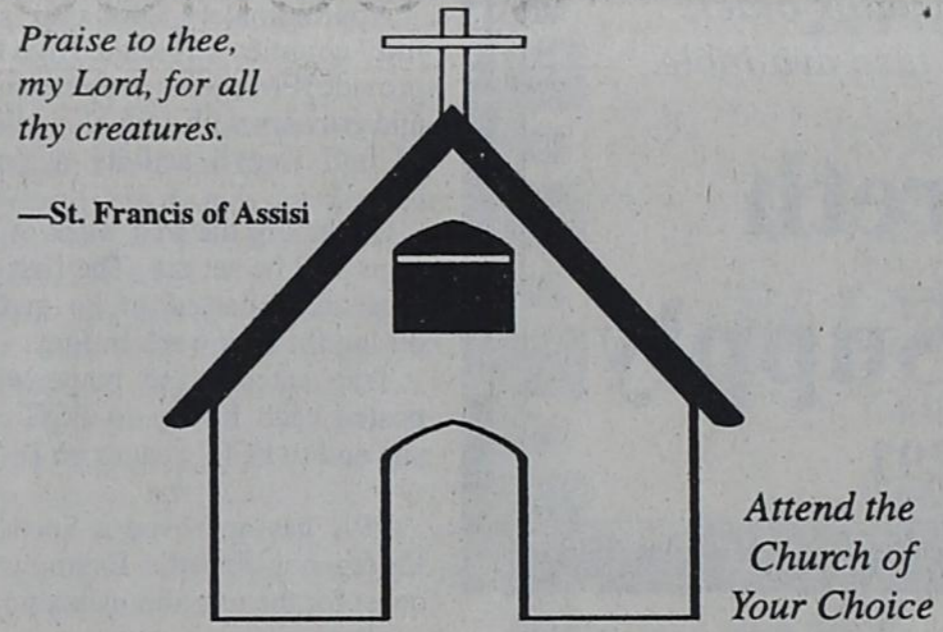
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First Ag Credit receives award

First Ag Credit, FCS has received the Farm Credit Bank of Texas's Pacesetter Award for achieving the bank's highest possible rating in 2000.

The award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of growth and financial operations.

First Ag Credit, FCS was one of 17 rural financing cooperatives honored during the Tenth Farm Credit District annual stockholders' meeting in San Antonio.

"The recipients of this Pacesetter Award exceeded a rigid set of growth and financial performance standards set by the bank and we are extremely proud to have received it," said Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board of directors.

First Ag Credit, FCS has 42 offices located in the 113-county territory, including one in Dimmitt.



COTTON INCORPORATED TOUR—A group of cotton producers and agribusiness representatives, including several from Dimmitt recently visited the Cotton Incorporated World Headquarters and Research Center to see how their dollars are working to successfully build consumer markets for US cotton and cotton products. They toured a textile mill and

saw cotton being processed and manufactured into a commercial product. Tour participants included (from left) Jerry Neuman, Joyce Neuman, Prentice Fred, Sherry Fred, Louie Drennan, Joyce Drennan, Jim Bradford, Truman Touchstone, Darrell Buckley, Jackie Clark, Betty McDougal, Nancy DeGhetto, Glenn Luedke and Wesley Joost. *Courtesy Photo*

Area IPM projects receive funding from TDA grants

Five Integrated Pest Management (IPM) projects conceived by Texas A&M University scientists and Extension agents working on the South Plains can now march forward thanks to grants recently bestowed by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA).

TDA will fund 23 IPM projects across the state this year, according to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

"This year's grant projects will enhance farmers' knowledge of insect, disease and weed control using alternative methods ranging from intercropping fields with vegetables that repel certain insects, to using a mite to control a common field weed," said Combs. "Other grants examine ways to boost IPM strategies in crops such as cotton, pecans, corn, citrus and black-eyed peas. These grants fund research which reflects the wide diversity of Texas agriculture."

IPM programs help producers curb pest populations through a variety of practices, including biological control, pest-resistant plants, crop rotation, planting date adjustments, and crop residue destruction. Pesticides are used only when IPM methods fail to control problems that threaten significant crop damage.

South Plains IPM programs which will receive funding for 2001 include the following:

Cotton Insect Displays will receive \$14,929. Labeled, pinned and cased displays of 50 insect species common to cotton fields (including pests and their natural enemies) will be assembled and placed in cotton gins, Extension offices and chemical

applicator offices to help farmers better identify and treat insects in their fields. Tommy Doederlein, Extension IPM agent in Lamesa, will place, assemble and place the displays in Dawson, Lubbock and Lynn counties.

IPM Corn Manual will receive \$22,020. This project will create a corn insect and disease manual, plus supplemental electronic resources for Texas producers. Pat Porter, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research entomologist and Extension specialist is the principal investigator.

Controlling Beets in Cotton Gin Trash will receive \$13,255 in funding. Porter and Nancy McIntyre with Texas Tech University will examine means to treat the larger black four beetle in cotton gin trash, where this agricultural and home pest overwinters and reproduces.

Pest Damage to Black-eyed Peas will receive \$8,250. Cherinell Riley, Parmer and Bailey County Extension IPM agent, heads this project to develop more information, identification and control methods for plant bugs that infest black-eyed peas—a valuable alternate and rotation crop for area producers.

Damage Assessment of Unknown Cotton Pests will be awarded \$15,000. This project seeks to identify the damage potential of lesser-known cotton pests and improve cotton pest management strategies. Scott Armstrong, Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University entomologist; and Harlan Thorvilson with Texas Tech University, will coordinate this project.

Carbofuran approved for use to control aphids in cotton

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has authorized the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) to issue a Section 18 emergency specific exemption for the use of flowable carbofuran (Furadan 4F insecticide) on cotton to control aphids.

Furadan 4F, manufactured by FMC Corporation, may be applied following all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA-registered product label, as well as restrictions outlined in the specific exemption approval notice.

All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any application.

Furadan may not be used until a district Texas Agricultural Extension entomologist certifies in writing that

an aphid infestation in four non-adjacent sites within the Extension district has reached the threshold level triggering the emergency situation. These written certifications must be sent to TDA and to EPA's office of pesticide programs prior to any use of carbofuran.

Applications of the insecticide can be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators.

For more information, contact the Extension office at 647-4115 or TDA at 512-463-7407. A copy of the EPA approval notice is located on the TDA web site at www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/carbofuran01.html.

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Cotton growers and ginners interested in the latest on the 2000 Cottonseed Assistance Program can rest a little easier knowing that application forms are expected to be mailed this week.

Information received from the US Dept. of Agriculture indicates that all

necessary information has been received and ginning across the Cotton Belt has essentially been completed.

Current projections still indicate around a \$15.50 per ton payment rate. That amount is estimated to translate into payment rates somewhere between \$5.80 and \$5.95 per bale.

All applications will have to be returned by a date projected to be around May 18 before any payments will be issued. The May 18 date will allow approximately three weeks for eligible gins to complete and return their application forms.

Following this projected schedule, cottonseed assistance payments are expected to be made by the first week or so of June.

As cotton farmers prepare for planting, PCG and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are joining forces for their seventh year of the AgriPartners Grid Trapping Project.

Approximately 1,000 traps set out in 27 counties across the High Plains provide IPM agents, crop consultants and growers with a timely indication of boll weevil activity across the area.

Beginning the first week of May, traps will be set out. The first readings are expected to be available during the first week in June.

Trap catches and maps will be posted each Friday to PCG's web site and to PCG's pages on DTN.

EPA has approved a Section 18 Emergency Specific Exemption request for the use of emamectin Ben-

zoate (Denim 0.16 EC Insecticide, EPA Reg. No. 100-903) to control infestations of beet armyworms on cotton in Texas.

Denim may be used as needed when thresholds meet economic importance through Oct. 1.

Growers across the High Plains are prepared to hit the ground running as soil temperatures have been hovering near acceptable levels for several days.

With soil temperatures reaching the 10-day average minimum of 60 degrees, Dr. Randy Boman, Extension cotton specialist for the High Plains region, warns growers to carefully weigh the pros and cons of early planting.

He notes that soil temperatures make up only one part of the equation with soil moisture conditions and seed quality also being key ingredients to a successful early planting effort.

Typically, the High Plains region targets a planting window of late April through late May.

So far, the High Plains region is expected to plant about the same number of acres as in 2000, although that figure could change slightly as growers weigh the attractiveness of corn contracts offered in some northern counties.

As expected, the lack of economically attractive cropping alternatives will drive the overall cotton acreage figure.

Not yet calculated are the effect higher input costs and continued low prices will have on the yields targeted by growers in 2001.

Logic dictates that with low prices growers need to push for additional pounds to offset the income gap that is created. The 2001 crop year could change that way of thinking.

With the two main elements of higher yields, fertilizer and water expected to be considerably more expensive due to increased energy costs, many growers are thinking twice about their 2001 yield expectations and what it will cost to achieve them.

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THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD for 2001 for the Dimmitt Bobcat Band went to senior Rachal Harman (left) in recognition of being an accomplished musician, display of leadership, and position as first chair of her section. The award was presented by Teresa Carlisle, assistant band director, at the band banquet Saturday night. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Students honored at band banquet

Members of the Dimmitt Bobcat Band were honored at the band banquet Saturday night at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria.

Individual special awards were announced by Teresa Carlisle, assistant band director. She also recognized those who had earned letter, jacket and blanket awards.

Rachal Harman, a senior, was announced as the recipient of the John Philip Sousa Award. Qualifications for the award include earning first chair in a section, displaying leadership, and demonstrating musical accomplishment.

Those selected for the Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore Award were Stephanie Hazel, Todd Jansa and L.J. Soler. Qualifications include outstanding musicianship and display of leadership.

Students named as recipients of the Lyre Club Award for outstanding service to the Bobcat Band were Samuel Cavazos, Priscilla Doñes, Ruben Leal and Raymond Lopez.

Those honored as Most Improved Musicians were Stephanie Hazel, Mindy Maxwell and Melanie Walls.

"Improvement is most important to establish the quality it takes to have a successful program," Carlisle said.

The Outstanding Leadership Award went to Ruben Leal and Daniel Medrano. Carlisle said they had demonstrated loyalty and dedication above and beyond the normal leadership abilities.

Recipients of the Bobcat Band Award were Stephanie Hazel, Todd Jansa, Ruben Leal, Tramesha Rivers and Tina Rodriguez. They exhibited teamwork, service and dedication to the band.

Rachal Harman and Jessica Salinas received the Bobcat Band Drum Major Award.

"They have been two outstanding leaders for the past two years," Carlisle said.

Band letter awards were earned by: Deidre Perez, Stephanie Hazel and Todd Jansa, all with one service bar; Casey Jones, Ruben Leal and L.J. Soler, each with two service bars; Melanie Walls, with three service bars; and Rachal Harman with four service bars.

Those who received band blankets

were Antonio Barrera, Lupe Fierro, Olga Gonzales, Ramona Guzman, Rachal Harman, Lyndsey Heard, Debbie Peralez, Jacob Rodriguez, and Sonya Rodriguez.

Those who earned a letter jacket included: Antonio Barrera, Sonia Diaz, Natasha Green, Lyndsey Heard, Erika Mendoza, Tramesha Rivers, Tina Rodriguez, Melanie Walls, and Krystal Woolbright, all for being enrolled in band for five semesters; and Todd Jansa and L.J. Soler, who earned it from an accumulation of points through participation in competitions.

Recognition also was given to the officers of the Band Boosters by outgoing presidents Carolyn and Billy Harman.

The dance that had been scheduled after the banquet was canceled due to the weather.

Rural Development Guaranteed housing loans are available

Federal funds are available for Guaranteed Rural Housing loans, according to Richard L. Perryman, acting state director of Texas USDA Rural Development.

Perryman said that borrowers often may get these loans with no down payment.

To be eligible for financing, the home must be located in a rural community with a population less than 10,000, on a farm or in open country not closely associated with an urban area.

"We encourage anyone interested in owning their own home to call the Amarillo office for details on eligible areas," Perryman said. "Texas has over \$100 million still available for the Guaranteed Housing Program for fiscal year 2001."

Those interested may call Vivian Klecker in the Amarillo office at 468-8600, ext. 102, for more information, as well as the availability of other agency programs.

Wright, Bell lead TSA at regional

Cliff Wright captured 52 first places and had two best-in-division projects at the Regional Technology Student Association contest in Lubbock over the weekend, and he was the top point-getter for the Dimmitt High School chapter.

DHS students dominated the event, capturing numerous first places in every divisions. Top winners will advance to the state contest in Waco in early May.

The club restored a 1960 720 John Deere tractor, and their work earned them first-place honors.

In addition to the individual top placings, Dimmitt enjoyed first-place finishes with its Knowledge Challenge and NQE Technology Bowl teams.

Wright not only had 52 first-place finishes, he placed with seven other projects and was a member of both first-place teams.

Seven of Wright's first places were with Wood Working II projects, two were for Metal Working I projects, 33 were in the Communication Graphics contest, four were for Manufacturing Systems—Other Material, four were with Manufacturing Systems—Kits, and two were in Manufacturing Systems—Recycling.

He earned best in division honors with a carousel rocking horse in the Wood Working II contest and with a "Product Color Digital" in Communication Graphics.

Amber Bell was Dimmitt's second biggest finisher, earning 19 first-place prizes, placing with four other projects and competing with two teams which finished fourth.

Hosts sought for AFS'ers

You can enjoy an international experience without leaving your armchair, according to Darlene Birkes, American Field Service Area Coordinator.

Several small town high school exchange students with the AFS program want to come to the US for school this fall. Three boys (a Dane, Italian and Thai) play basketball. Two girls (from Hungary and Italy) are pianists. One girl from Norway does jump racing and is a riding instructor, while another Italian girl plays volleyball.

AFS'ers Lee Cejna of the Czech Republic, hosted by the Steve Buckley family, and Philip Bergendahl of Sweden, hosted by the Kent Birkenfeld family, have been active in the Dimmitt and Nazareth High School programs during this school year.

The AFS students arrive around Aug. 10, and come with spending money, full medical insurance, orientations, and local support from a 54-year leading exchange organization. Hosting parents receive a \$50-per-month deduction from the IRS.

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Also, several scholarships and positions are available for study abroad for the coming school year.

Call Birkes at 655-2913 for more information, or call 1-800-AFS-INFO. The AFS website is www.afs.org/usa.

Here's a complete rundown of how the Dimmitt students fared at regional.

Wood Working I

First Places: Priscilla Lopez, china hutch; Brenda Quintana and Omar Salazar, entertainment center; Austin Sherman, cedar chest.

Third Places: Emilio Porras, chest of drawers; Maria Reyes, chest of drawers; Lupe Fierro, book case; and Jason Harris, entertainment center.

Fourth Place: Ryan Hays, computer desk.

WOOD WORKING II

First Places: Hays, display case; Guadalupe Maldonado, console table; Melissa Maldonado, grandfather clock; Abraham Salinas, dresser; Mark Castillo, pier wall bed; Wright with a variety of projects including a pen, mass production pen, French lyre clock, band plaques, grand towers clock, restoration play ref. and carousel rocking horse (best in division); Bell, pen and pencil set, walking cane, mass production clipboard, flower and bird house.

Second Places: Wright with a heart-shaped box and mass production of drum major plaques; Olga Gonzales, vanity dresser; Crystal Lopez, coffee table; and Bell with a clipboard, flower and jewelry box.

Third Places: Bell with a desk and Wright with TEC plaques.

Fourth Place: Wright with a cedar chest.

METAL WORKING I

First Places: Fierro, glider; Sarah Torres, welding table; and Wright with a lamb table and mass production of lamb tables.

Second Place: T.J. Reyna, picnic table.

METAL WORKING II

First Place: Adam Guzman, swing.

Second Place: Antonio Barrera, grill.

SAFETY POSTERS

First Place: Fierro, safety poster.

Second Place: Wright, safety poster.

COMMUNICATION GRAPHICS

First Places: Bell with a variety of projects including product digital, two portraits, action commercial, still life color digital, action digital, special effect digital, still life digital, action color digital, still life black and white digital, still life color digital, action color digital, special effect black and white digital and special effect color digital; and Wright with several projects including product black and white digital.

product color digital (Best in Division), product color commercial, portrait black and white digital, portrait color digital, portrait color commercial, landscape black and white digital, landscape color digital, landscape color commercial, action black and white digital, action color commercial, still life black and white digital, still life color commercial, wildlife black and white digital, wildlife color digital, wildlife color commercial, computer manipulated digital image, magnet, business cards, certificate, flyers, brochure 1-2 panel invitation, single color computer-generated graphics, two color computer-generated graphics, black and white computer-generated graphic art, color computer-generated graphic art, 3-D object, digitized photo enhancement, digitized image with cropping, business cards, spreadsheet, 2-D animation and desktop themes.

Second Places: Action color digital and still life color digital.

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS OTHER MATERIAL

First Places: Wright with mass production plastic pen, single plastic pen, single bone pen and mass production bone pen.

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS KITS

First Places: Wright with a wood boat kit, electric insect kit, boat in a bottle kit and radio kit.

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS RECYCLING

First Places: Wright with lead casting weights and lead casting bullets.

CLUB PROJECTS

First Place: Dimmitt club project, 1960 720 John Deere tractor.

KNOWLEDGE CHALLENGE

First Place: Dimmitt—Melissa Maldonado, Wright and Regina Montiel.

Fourth Place: Dimmitt—Fierro, Olga Gonzales and Bell.

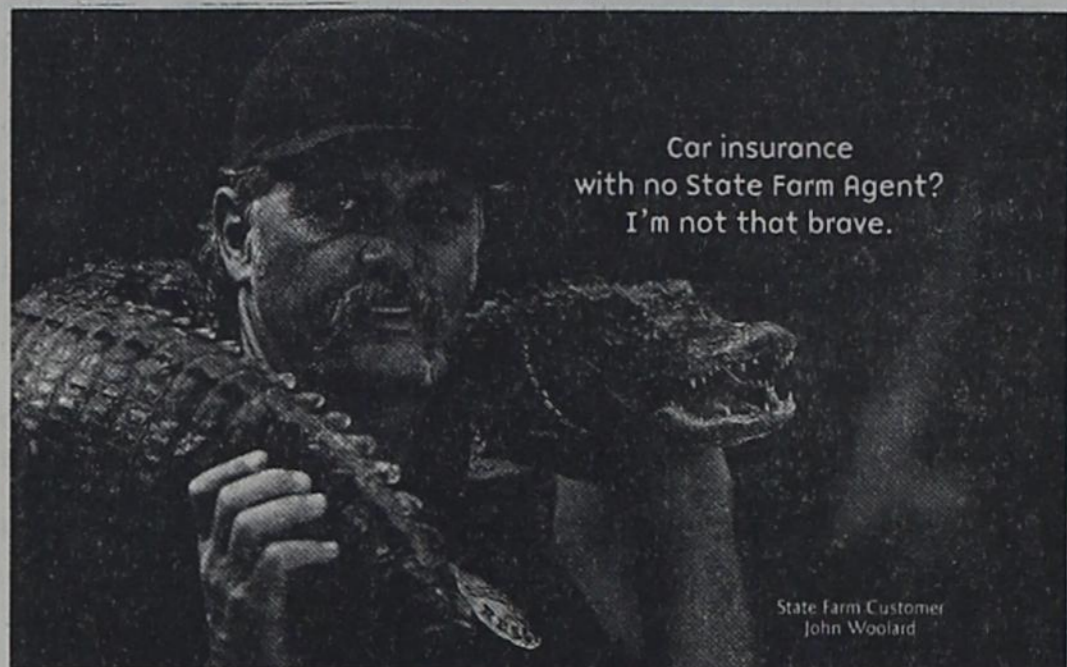
NQE TECHNOLOGY BOWL

First Place: Dimmitt—Melissa Maldonado, Wright and Montiel.

Fourth Place: Dimmitt—Fierro, Gonzales and Bell.

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Fourth Place: Dimmitt—Fierro and Bell.



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Each student who enters the program must meet certain criteria and complete an interview process. Students interested in entering this "Work Based Learning Program" must sign up in the office of Cheryl Upshaw, Hart Junior/High School counselor, and make an appointment for an interview on May 1.

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Sports



Oh, so close

Bobcats fall by a run after lead disintegrates in sixth

Dimmitt was on the verge of adding a notch to its win column last Thursday, but couldn't shut down a late Littlefield rally before the Wildcats took control of the game.

The Bobcats owned a 4-3 advantage over Littlefield after five innings, but the Wildcats picked up a pair of runs in the top of the sixth to take the 5-4 lead and claimed the District 2-AAA win at George Howell Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

Dimmitt pitcher Tanner Griffitt allowed just one hit in the first two innings, and that was a solo home run by the Wildcat pitcher Soria, who led off in the second inning.

Griffitt went the distance for the Bobcats, allowing seven hits and striking out seven. He suffered the loss as the Bobcats dropped to 1-10-1 overall and 0-8-1 in district play.

Griffitt opened the game with a big strikeout of Littlefield's lead-off hitter, then retired the next two batters on plays fielded by the infield.

Dimmitt picked up two of its four hits off of Soria in the first inning, with Bobby Hill getting the first on a single. He stole second then advanced to third on an error by Littlefield second baseman Wright.

A double by Jonathan Stevens allowed Hill to score and Dimmitt was on the board with a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Soria quickly tied the game at 1 with his solo shot, then the Wildcats

took a 2-1 lead before Dimmitt converted three outs in the top of the second.

After Soria homeered, Griffitt walked Jephcoll, then Garza reached on an error. Jephcoll would score before it was all over, giving the Wildcats their edge.

The Wildcats added a run in the third after Peel walked to open the inning. A single up the middle by Richards allowed him to score for a 3-1 Wildcat lead.

In the bottom of the third, Thomas Brockman initiated a Littlefield relief pitcher, scoring a single as the first batter the reliever faced in the inning. A single by Hill drove him home to pull the Bobcats within a run, 2-3.

After Dimmitt retired the side in the top of the fourth the Bobcats exploded with a big offensive show and overtook the Wildcats to control the game, 4-3.

B.J. Hill was out at third to start the inning, but Dimmitt had two consecutive batters reach on errors by Littlefield's shortstop. Another error, this time on the Wildcat second basemen, kept the Bobcats in motion around the bases and before Littlefield knew what happened, Dimmitt had scored two runs, the Wildcats had lost the lead and the Bobcats didn't even have a hit in the inning.

Littlefield finally escaped the inning, but the Bobcats enthusiasm

carried over onto the field in the fifth.

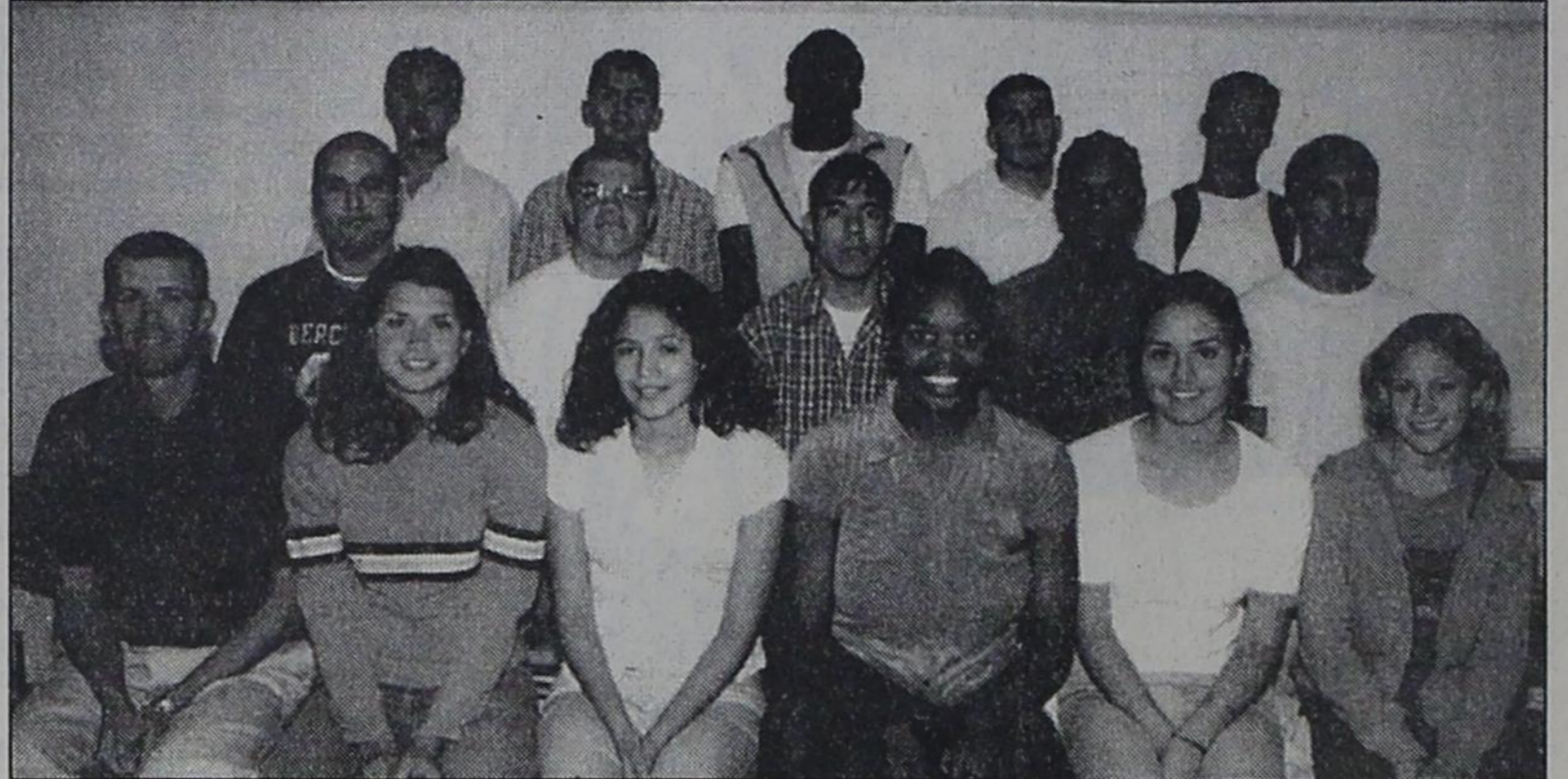
Griffitt was on fire in that inning, striking out the side to preserve Dimmitt's lead.

Dimmitt couldn't pad its lead in the bottom of the fifth, then disaster struck in the sixth.

A lead-off double by Richards doused Dimmitt's spark and ignited a similar one in the Wildcats. The next two Littlefield batters were sent to the dugout on plays by Dimmitt shortstop Bobby Hill, but Dimmitt couldn't get that third out.

Griffitt hit one batter with a pitch before giving up a single and double and those hits resulted in a pair of Littlefield runs.

The Bobcats were retired in order in the sixth and seventh, allowing Littlefield to squeeze out the win.



HART HIGH SCHOOL WILL SEND a large number of athletes to the Region 1-A track meet Friday and Saturday at South Plains College in Levelland. Those qualifying for regional include (back row, from left), Salvador Velasquez, Jacob Reyna, Keith Finch, Joel De La Fuente and Albert Velasquez;

(middle row, from left), Dan Eric Castillo, Leon Minjarez, Roy Robledo, Josh Finch and Emanuel Barron; and (front row, from left), Coach Jeff Jones, Crystal Diego, Sonya Garcia, Geneva Finch, Brenda Diego and Maegan Farris. Not pictured are Isaias Garcia and Coach Tyra Moore.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Track Results

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS MEET at Shallowater High School

GIRLS

800: 1. Stephanie Thiel, Nazareth, 2:29.55.

BOYS

Long Jump: 3. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 20-9.

Shot Put: 2. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 45-0 1/4.

1,600: 3. Trinity Robb, Nazareth, 4:59.78.

Swifts remain perfect with 22-1 win over Kress

Nazareth almost batted around three times in the first inning, scoring 21 runs off of 12 hits as the Swifts retired Kress, 22-1, in a District 2-A game Saturday.

Nazareth improved its record to 8-0 overall and 7-0 in district play. Kress fell to 0-10, 0-7.

Swift pitcher Blake Birkenfeld faced four Kangaroo batters in the first inning, striking out two. One reached on an error and the fourth

was retired after second baseman Mark Birkenfeld made a great snag.

That was the only action Blake Birkenfeld would see from the mound, though. Chase Schulte relieved him in the second inning and finished the next three innings to preserve the Swifts' win.

Blake Birkenfeld had the hot bat Saturday, going three for three with a pair of doubles and a two-run home run in the first inning as well as six

runs batted in. He crossed the plate three times, too.

Nazareth hitters bombarded Kress pitcher in the first, striking for 12 hits enroute to the big 21-0 lead in the marathon inning.

In addition to Blake Birkenfeld's three hit first inning performance, three other Swifts had multiple hits in the initial inning. Eric Schilling, Daryl Pohlmeier and Justin Kleman all had two singles.

Nazareth Coach Ralph Albracht began substituting for hitters as they were due up for the third time in the first inning, and Kress was facing an entire new lineup by the time the second inning rolled around.

Nazareth got its 22nd run of the game in the second inning.

Schulte reached on an error after striking out, then stole second and third before coming home on an errant throw by Kress catcher Montana Murrell.

Kress got its first hit of the game in the second when Richard Sanchez took a first pitch from Schulte to right field. The Kangaroos would strand two runners in the inning, though and couldn't score.

Nazareth's shutout continued through the third. Brock Birkenfeld, who moved from the outfield to third base in the second, fielded two ground balls and threw runners out, then backup left fielder Reece Hales handled a deep fly ball four the third out.

Dustin Medina gave Kress a lead-off base runner in the top of the fourth, reaching on an error, then Schulte walked Murrell. With two on, Sanchez got his second single off of Schulte, and that drove in Medina for Kress's only run.

Charley Nutt fires a 123 at regional golf

Charley Nutt finished with 123 strokes over 18 holes Monday at the Region 1-AAA golf tournament, but it wasn't enough to earn her a trip to state.

The regional golf tourney was played at Nueva Vista Golf Course in Midland.

Regional team champion was Fort Stockton, which accumulated the low score of 311. Top individuals were Fort Stockton's Whitney Lowther and Camille Blackerby of Bridgeport. Each finished with scores of 72.

District Standings

DISTRICT 2-A		
	Overall	District
Nazareth	8-1	7-0
Crosbyton	8-5	7-1
Cotton Center	5-7	5-3
Smyer	4-5	2-3
Amherst	0-7	0-5
Kress	0-10	0-7

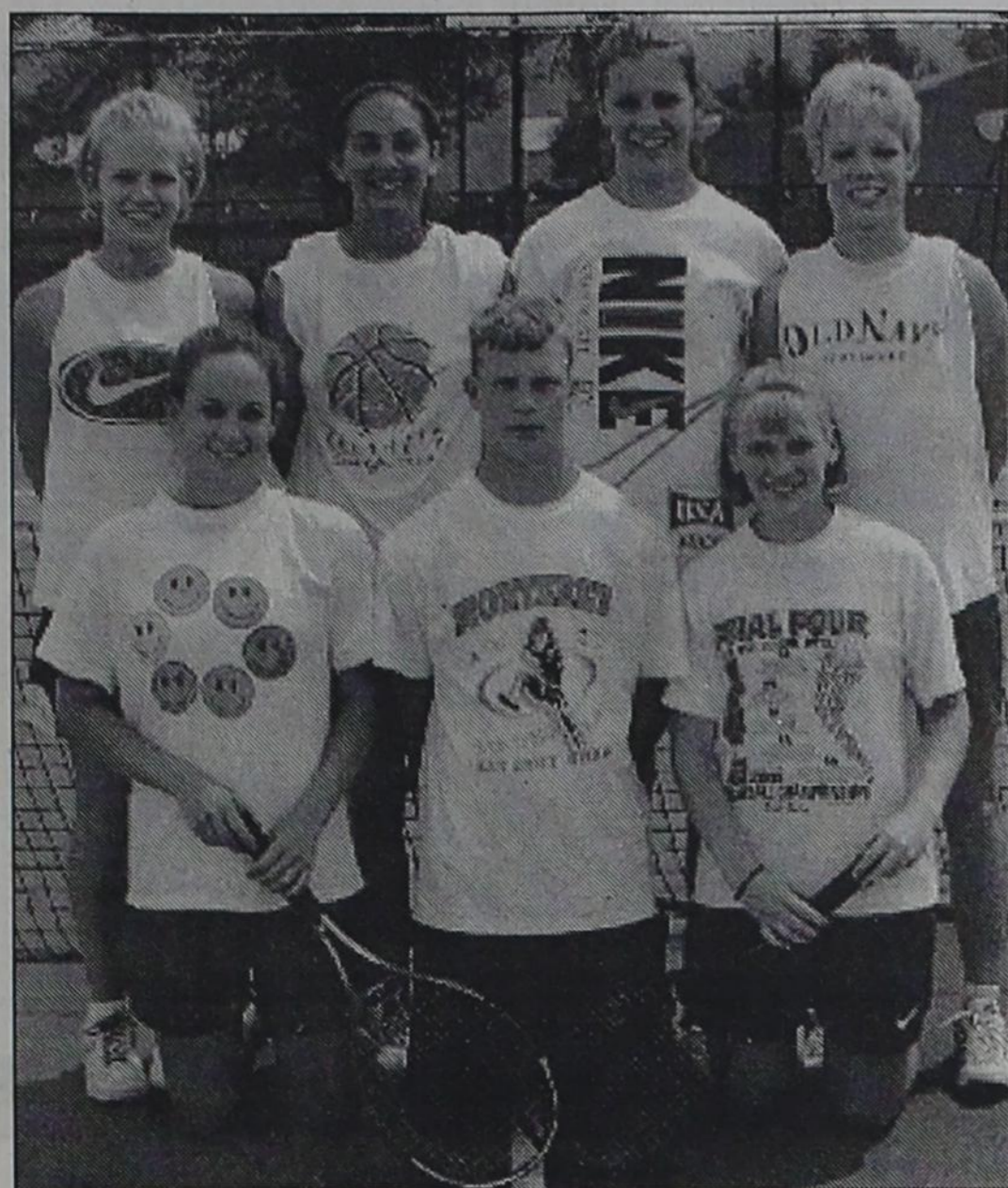
DISTRICT 2-AAA		
	Overall	District
y-Lub. Cooper	24-6	10-0
x-Shallowater	10-10	7-3
x-Muleshoe	7-9-1	5-4-1
Littlefield	12-12	4-6
Lub. Roosevelt	8-14	2-8
Dimmitt	2-12-1	1-8-1

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REGIONAL NETTERS—Nazareth's girls dominated the district tennis tournament, claiming the top two spots in singles and doubles to have full representation at the Region 1-A meet this week. One Swift netter, freshman Monty Hoelting, also qualified for regional by finishing second in singles. Regional qualifiers include (standing, from left) Mandy Hoelting and Lesley Brockman in girls' doubles, and Whitney Hoelting and Nichole Huseman in girls' doubles; and (kneeling, from left) singles players Erica Gerber, Monty Hoelting and Jenna Braddock.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Hoelting, Huseman rally to earn berth in state tennis meet

Nazareth seniors Whitney Hoelting and Nichole Huseman will close out their high school tennis careers in the spot every prep netter dreams about—the state tournament.

Hoelting and Huseman earned a berth in the state meet after finishing second in the Region 1-A tournament Monday and Tuesday at South Plains College in Levelland.

The duo advanced to the semifinals before falling to eventual regional champions Cassie Petty and Suni Jo Petty of White Deer.

Nazareth had two doubles teams reach the semifinal round. The other team, juniors Mandy Hoelting and Lesley Brockman, fell to Whitney Harris and Heather Chenault in the semifinals, but they took the Anton team to split sets before losing 6-2, 3-6, 4-6.

That forced the two Nazareth teams into the third-place match, which Whitney Hoelting and Huseman won, 6-2, 6-3, avenging a district loss to their counterparts.

The top-seeded White Deer team ousted Harris and Chenault in the championship match, and since Hoelting and Huseman hadn't played the second-seeded Anton team yet, the two doubles teams squared off in a playback for second.

Hoelting and Huseman won that playback, 6-3, 6-4, and that vaulted them into the state tournament.

Hart singles player Jeff Bennett was the only other netter to advance past the first round. He won its first-round match with Arturo Rodriguez of Balmorhea, 6-2, 6-4; but he fell in the second round to Andrew Johnson of Lefors, 3-6, 2-6.

Other county netters competing in the regional meet were Monty Hoelting of Nazareth in boys' singles; Nazareth's Erica Gerber and

Jenna Braddock in girls' singles; Hart's John Mark Bennett and Frankie Chaparro in boys' doubles; and Hart's Crystal Diego and Yadira Anzaldua in girls' doubles.

Here are complete results from the Region 1-A tournament:

GIRLS' SINGLES

First Round: Jenna Braddock of Nazareth lost to Crystal Mendoza of Dell City, 1-6, 4-6; Erica Gerber of Nazareth lost to Kate Peirce of Miami, 3-6, 4-6.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

First Round: Crystal Diego and Yadira Anzaldua of Hart lost to Cassie Petty and Suni Jo Petty of White Deer, 0-6, 1-6; Whitney Hoelting and Nichole Huseman of Nazareth beat Nikki Gonzales and Crystal Espinoza of Knox City, 6-1, 6-2; Mandy Hoelting and Lesley Brockman of Nazareth beat Aaron Fullingim and Kristen Leon of Petersburg, 6-1, 6-0.

Second Round: Whitney Hoelting and Huseman beat Amanda Mick and Casey Zybach of Fort Elliott, 7-5, 6-3; Mandy Hoelting and Brockman beat Lauren Crowell and Brin Burgin of Groom, 6-2, 6-0.

Semifinals: Whitney Hoelting and Huseman lost to Cassie Petty and Suni Jo Petty of White Deer, 1-6, 3-6; Mandy Hoelting and Brockman lost to Whitney Harris and Heather Chenault of Anton, 6-2, 3-6, 4-6.

Third Place: Whitney Hoelting and Huseman beat Mandy Hoelting and Brockman, 6-2, 6-3.

Playback for Second: Whitney Hoelting and Huseman beat Harris and Chenault, 6-3, 6-4.

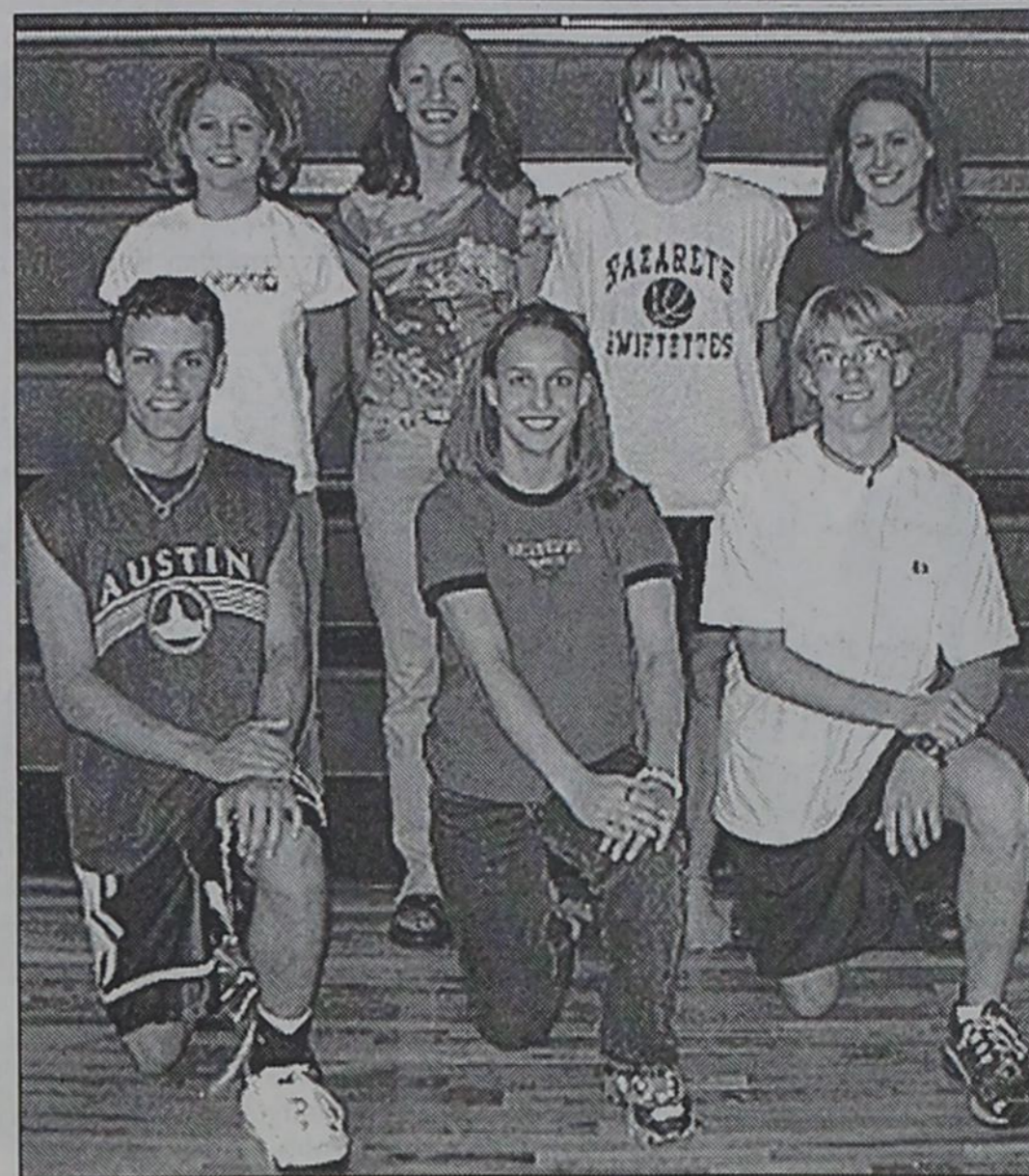
BOYS' SINGLES

First Round: Monty Hoelting of Nazareth lost to Kyle Smith of Wellman-Union, 0-6, 2-6; Jeff Bennett of Hart beat Arturo Rodriguez of Balmorhea, 6-2, 6-4.

Second Round: Bennett lost to Andrew Johnson of Lefors, 3-6, 2-6.

BOYS' DOUBLES

First Round: John Mark Bennett and Frankie Chaparro of Hart lost to Landon Weiershausen and Brad Johnson of Knox City, 0-6, 1-6.



RACING FOR STATE BERTHS this weekend in the Region 1-A track meet at South Plains College in Levelland will be these Nazareth athletes including (standing, from left), Wendy Black, Kim Brockman, Stephanie Thiel and Marsha Black; and (kneeling, from left) Kade Wilcox, Danette Ramaekers and Trinity Robb.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth inducts 20 pupils into National Honor Society

The Nazareth High School chapter of the National Honor Society doubles its size last Thursday as 20 new members were inducted, bringing the group's total membership to 40.

Three seniors including Matthew McLain, Jason Huseman and Shawna Gerber joined the list of National Honor Society members.

Seventeen sophomores rounded out the list of new members and they are Craig Birkenfeld, Karen Birkenfeld, Kristi Ramaekers, Carson Gerber, Nicole Acker, Shane Kleman, Tyler Ehly, Teri Ramaekers, Adam Acker, Wendy Black, Eric Schilling, Ross Schulte, Megan Schulte, Meriel Smallwood, Justin Kleman, Erica Gerber and Koty Huseman.

National Honor Society President Mark Birkenfeld presided over the ritual ceremony and was joined by current NHS members, advisor Amy Huseman and Nazareth Principal

Deb Clinton in welcoming the new inductees.

After the ceremony, the group enjoyed pizza and soft drinks.

HISD names Averitt interim superintendent

Former Hart Superintendent Ted Averitt will be serving as the school's interim superintendent until the school board can hire a new person to fill the position.

The now retired Averitt will work two to three days per week and will be on call as needed, according to information in *The Hart Beat*.

Averitt will take over the position vacated by Dr. Martin Earley, who resigned to accept a similar position in Chilton.

Hart sets fund raiser

The Hart Pavilion committee is having a fund raiser May 4 to help complete the work on the Hart Centennial Plaza on Broadway in Hart.

The committee will sell lunches from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$5 each. The meal will include a barbecue sandwich, chips, homemade ice cream, and a soft drink.

Meals will be available for delivery to Dimmitt. Orders must be placed by 5 p.m. on May 3. The meals must be picked up at noon on May 4 at the Castro County Courthouse.

Call the Hart City Hall at 938-2171 to place an order.

Runs, hits and errors

THURSDAY

Bobcats 4, Littlefield 5
Littlefield 021 002 0 —5 7 4
Dimmitt 101 200 0 —4 4 1
Soria, Allen (4) and Richards for Littlefield; Tanner Griffitt and Tanner Self for Dimmitt. WP: Soria. LP: Griffitt. 2B: Richards for Littlefield; Jonathan Stevens for Dimmitt. HR: Soria for Littlefield. Record: Dimmitt 1-11-1, 0-8-1; Littlefield 12-11, 4-5.

MONDAY

Bobcats 11, Lubbock Roosevelt 5
Roosevelt 031 000 1 —5 6 3
Dimmitt 021 224 x —11 7 1
Smith, Rocha (4) and Rocha, Escobeda (4) for Roosevelt; Tanner Griffitt and Tanner Self for Dimmitt. WP: Griffitt (2-4). LP: Rocha. 2B: Daniel Proffitt and Brent Josselset for Dimmitt. HR: Thompson for Roosevelt. Records: Roosevelt 8-14, 2-8; Dimmitt 2-12-1, 1-8-1.

TUESDAY

Swifts 3, San Jacinto 12
Nazareth 001 200 0 —3 8 7
San Jacinto 202 413 x —12 8 2
Eric Schilling, Blake Birkenfeld (4), Adam Acker (5) and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth; Josh McCreary, Curtis Reneau (4), Ryan Reneau (7) and Kyle McKinney for San Jacinto. WP: McCreary. LP: Schilling (4-1). 2B: Philip Bergendahl for Nazareth; Josh McCreary (2), Jeremy Anthony and Scott Park for San Jacinto. 3B: Chase Schulte and Brock Birkenfeld for Nazareth. Records: Nazareth 8-1, 7-0; San Jacinto 13-4-1.

SATURDAY

Swifts 22, Kress 1
Kress 0 001 —1 2 5
Nazareth (21) 10x —22 12 3
Chase Street, Isaias Barrera (3) and Montana Murrell for Kress; Blake Birkenfeld, Chase Schulte (2) and Daryl Pohlmeier, Justin Kleman (2) for Nazareth. WP: Birkenfeld (4-0). LP: Street. 2B: Blake Birkenfeld (2). HR: Blake Birkenfeld. Records: Nazareth 8-0, 7-0; Kress 0-10, 0-7.

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Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball champs honored



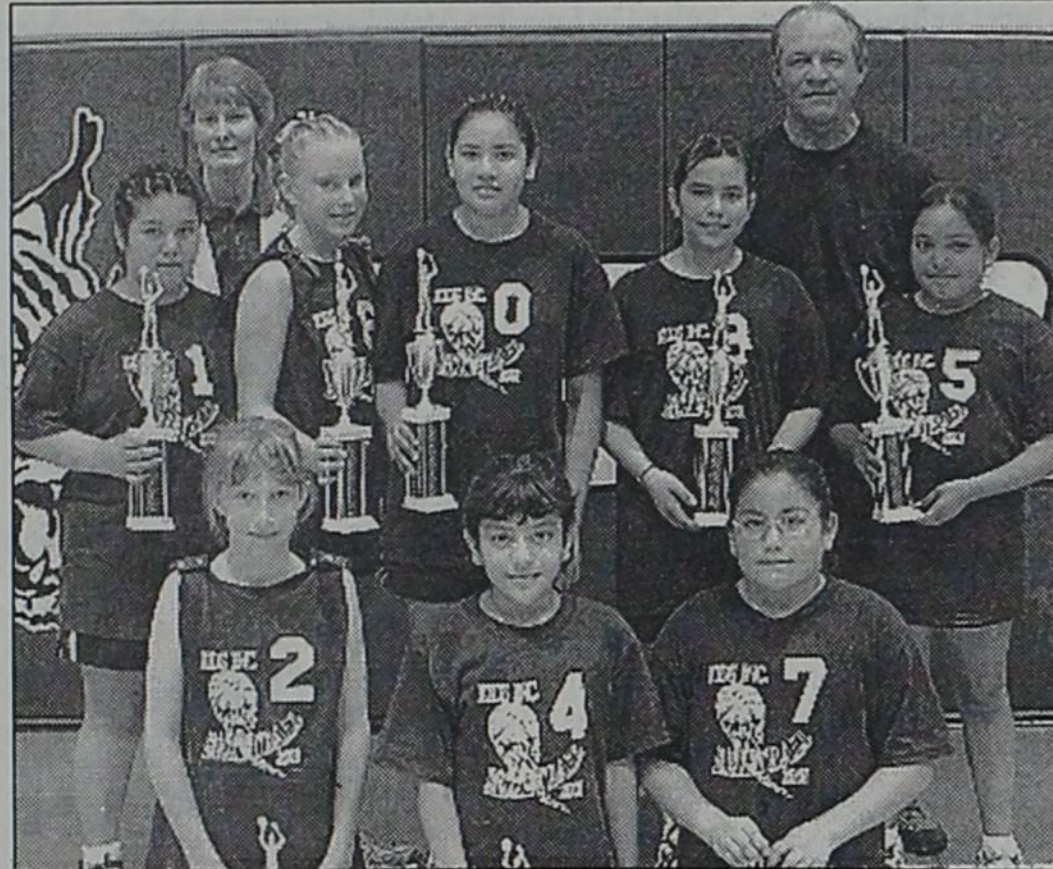
CO-CHAMPS for the season in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc. girls minor league is the Cerestar USA team. Members include (front, from left) Mona Sifuentez, Brooke Parker, Keila Schilling, Sally Arce, Bailey Nutt, and Christina Gonzales. Not shown is Ruby Corrales. Coaches are Gary Nutt and Charley Nutt.
Photo by Linda Maxwell



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS for the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., minor league girls is the Castro County Hospital District team, coached by Rudy Bonilla (back). Team members include (front, from left) Kasandra Lopez, Carolyn Jenkins, Selena Saenz and Alyssa Saenz; and (middle, from left) Samantha Holguin, Tabatha Esquivel, Amy Saenz, and Kathleen Martinez. The team also was co-champ for the season.
Photo by Linda Maxwell



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS for the girls major league in Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball action is the North Gin team, with (front, from left) Erin Black, Ashley Fleeks, Brittany Allen and Gladys Ruiz; (middle, from left) Molly Bradford, Natasha Jordan, Yvette Arce and Samantha Howell; and (back, from left) coaches Jim Bradford and Glen Black.
Photo by Linda Maxwell



SEASON CHAMPS for the girls major league in Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball play is the First United Bank team. Team members include: (front, from left) Lana Reinart, Laraine Agüero and Valerie Villarreal; (middle, from left) Brandi Olvera, Chelsea Buckley, Jessica Argüjio, Dana Sandoval, and Daniela Neri; and (back, from left) coaches Donna Reinart and Steve Buckley.
Photo by Linda Maxwell



BOYS' MINOR LEAGUE CHAMPION is this team sponsored by Benny's Auto in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball season. Team members include: (front, from left) Andre Aleman, Joshua Williams, Jeffery Addison, and Jeremy Barrera; and (back, from left) Johnny Gonzales, coach, Jonathan Mireles, John David Gonzalez, Sinfo Argüjio, and Val Barrera, coach.
Photo by Linda Maxwell



BOYS' MINOR LEAGUE TOURNAMENT CHAMPION is the Snuff, Puffs 'N' Stuff team. Team members include: (front, from left) Chris Stanley, Joshua Alvarez, Jeffrey Bishop, and Fabian Reyna; and (back, from left) Ignacio Sifuentez, coach, Austin Heard, Isaac Sifuentez, Dustin Venhaus, and Joe Alvarez, coach.
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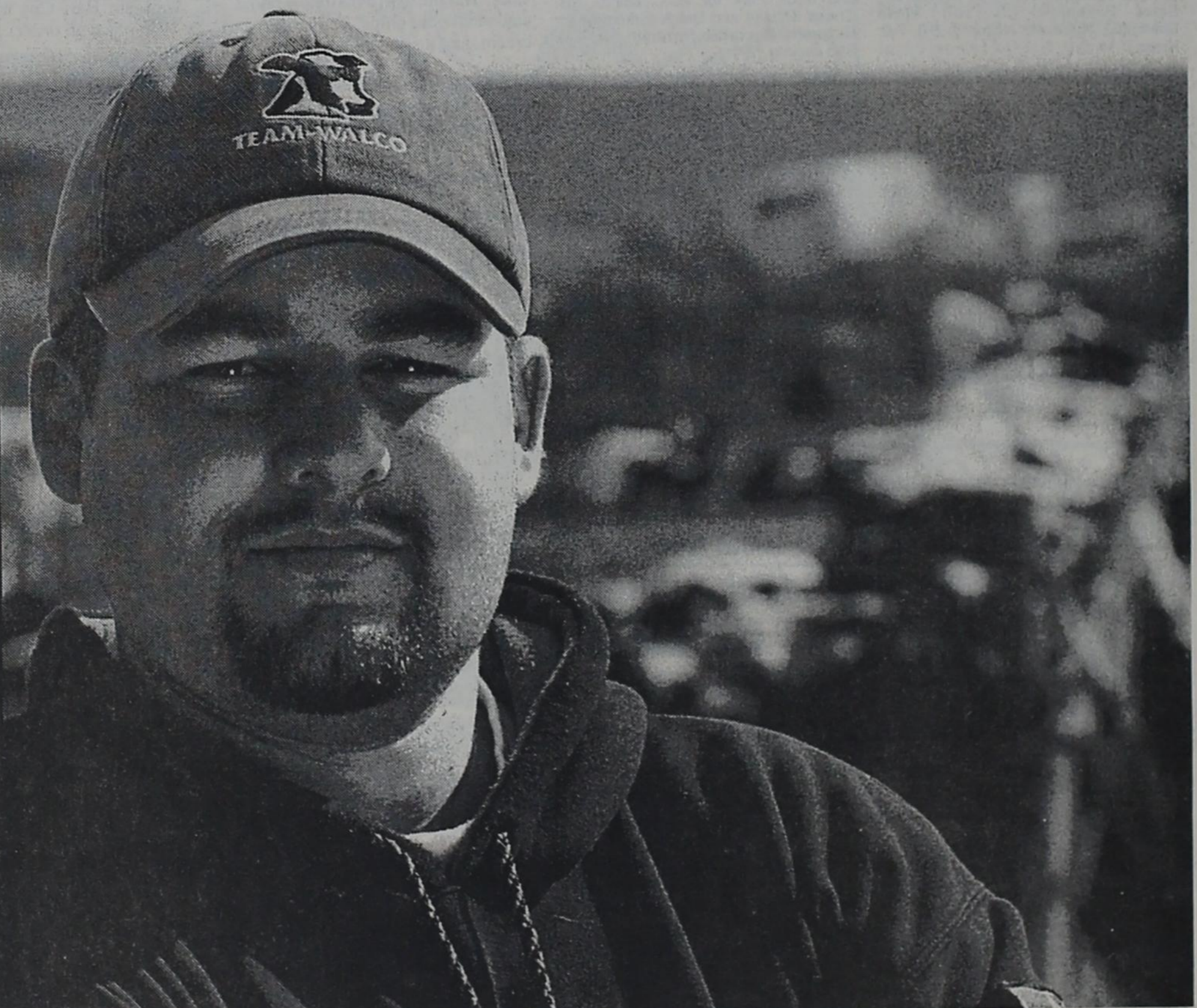
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BOYS' MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS for the season and for the tournament in Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball action is the Cerestar, USA team. Members include: (front, from left) Tyler Cornett, Kaden Griffitt, Diego Salinas and Marcus Herrera; and (back, from left) Austin Sherman, coach, Wesley Nutt, Jesus Ortiz, Alex Chavira, Nathan Sifuentez, and Eddie Sherman, coach.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

Early ballots must be cast by Tuesday

In the May 5 local elections, early voting will end Tuesday. Also, applications for early ballots by mail will continue to be accepted through Friday.

Elections have been canceled for the City of Hart, the Hart Independent School District Board of Trustees, the City of Nazareth, and the Nazareth Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Elections may be canceled if all candidates are unopposed and there are no referendum items on the ballot.

In the elections that are not being canceled, positions that need to be filled are listed below, along with candidates who have filed and early balloting sites.

Hospital District

Three positions must be filled on the board of trustees. Incumbents Henry Ramaekers and Carolyn Sides have filed for re-election. Frank Mendoza and Layne Myatt also have filed as candidates.

Early ballots may be cast at the hospital business office at 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

Dimmitt

City: Mayor Wayne Collins is unopposed in his bid for re-election. Three at-large council positions must be filled. Incumbent Bobby Murdock is seeking re-election. Other candidates are Dianna Parker, Paul Wayland and Steve Buckley.

Early ballots may be cast at the City Hall business office at 200 E. Jones.

DISD: In Place 4, incumbent Paul

Reception to welcome county agents

The three new County Extension Agents in Castro County will be honored with a welcome reception Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the County Extension office, 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt, and the public is invited.

Those being welcomed include Rick Auckerman, CEA-Ag; Suzanne Gibbs, CEA-4-H; and Emilio Nino, Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Management.

Cookies and punch for the reception will be provided by 4-H members.

"Our agents look forward to meeting you," said Marilyn Neal, CEA-FCS. "Hope to see you Monday."

Garcia is being challenged by Johnny Gonzales.

Balloting has been canceled in Place 2, since incumbent Rick Wright was unopposed.

Early ballots are available at the school administration building at 608 W. Halsell.

Three inducted at PMHA tea

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary held its enlistment tea with open house in the solarium of the hospital last Thursday, and three new members joined the group.

The new members are Delores Heller, Darlene Walters and Marzell Powell. Refreshments were served to 49 members and guests.

Anyone interested in joining the group is asked to contact any Auxiliary member.

A spokesperson of the group expressed appreciation to the hospital kitchen staff for the cookies and punch which were served at the meeting. Also, the group heard the debut of Dr. Leon Joplin's new tape, which is available at Coleman's Pharmacy.

The next event for the Auxiliary will be the awards brunch, set for May 9 at Rhoads Memorial Library, at which time the new officers for 2001-2002 will be installed.

Obituary

Mike A. Martinez

Funeral services for Dimmitt native Mike A. Martinez, 39, of Albany, are set for 10:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the First Assembly of God Church in Albany, with Rev. Don Clevenger officiating.

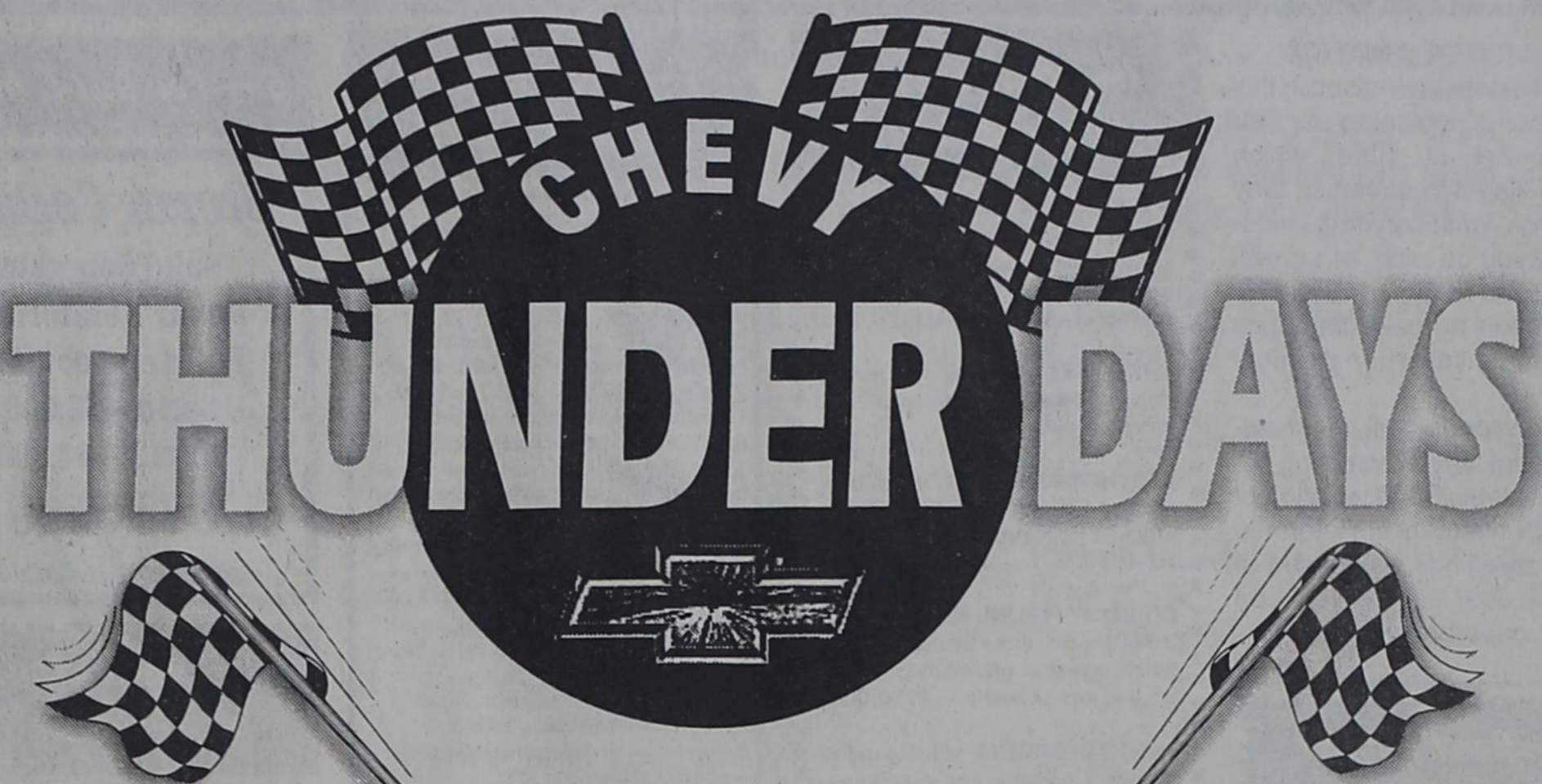
Burial will follow in Albany Cemetery under the direction of Godfrey-Neese Funeral Home of Albany.

Mr. Martinez died April 23 from injuries he received in a car accident near Weatherford.

He was born May 13, 1961, in Dimmitt, and was a graduate of Moran High School in Moran. He was a chef employed by Silverado Steak House of Granbury.

He is survived by two daughters, Veronica and Marisol Martinez, both of Abilene; his parents, Margarito and Lupe Martinez of Albany; two brothers, Margarito A. Martinez of Mineral Wells and Mark A. Martinez of Abilene; three sisters, Sindia A. Martinez and Rebecca Moreno, both of Albany, and Irma A. Martinez of Abilene; six nieces and six nephews; and two great-nephews.

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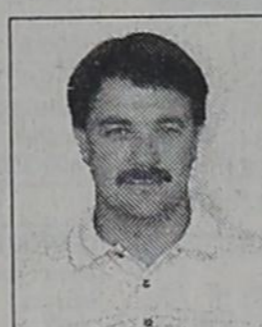


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5—For Rent, Misc.

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25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CASTRO County in the following cases on the 2nd day of April, 2001, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10 a.m. on the first day of May, 2001, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Court-house of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in Castro County, to-wit:

Cause No. 98-11-B-7369, CASTRO COUNTY VS. MENDOZA, FRANK DIAZ. All of Lot Number Six (6), Block Sixty-one (61), Original Town of Dimmitt, an addition in the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 98-12-B-7379, CASTRO COUNTY VS. STOVALL, LOMA W. ESTATE, AND FRANCES CARLENE PETREE. Lot Number One (1), Block Number One Hundred-Sixty-Seven (167) of the original town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of April, 2001, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CASTRO COUNTY, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT ISD AND CITY OF DIMMITT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3rd day of April, 2001.

CD FITZGEARLD,
Sheriff, Castro County, Texas
By JERRY W JANSKA, Deputy
25-2-3tc

Angora fur can come from either the Angora goat or the Angora rabbit, though the goat hair is also called mohair.

20—Help Wanted

41-BED RURAL HOSPITAL has full-time positions open with competitive wages and good benefits. X-ray tech, full time and weekend. RNs—Home Health/Hospice. RN—Geriatr Psych. RN—Med Surg Charge Nurse. Infection Control, Employee Health and QI Director. Business Office Manager. Contact Castro County Hospital District, PO Box 278, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt TX 79027; phone (806) 647-2191, Ext. 423; fax, (806) 647-2407. 20-3-tfc

HELP WANTED— Water well rig operators and helpers. Must have a valid driver's license and a good driving record. Call (806) 364-0353 or apply in person at Big T Pump Co., Inc., 1206 East New York Avenue, Hereford, Texas. 20-3-2tc

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt and Castro County are requesting bids on a new 2001 fire truck. Specs. for unit may be obtained from Mr. Bill Conyers at 806-647-3215. Please send bids to Don Sheffy, City of Dimmitt, 201 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Bids will be opened at 6:30 p.m., May 7, at City Hall. 25-4-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt will be accepting bids on mosquito spraying, for the summer of 2001, until April 26, 2001. Job will include all of Dimmitt and the Country Club and baseball parks. Plane and pilot must conform with all F.A.A. rules concerning low level city flying. Bids will be opened at City Hall on April 27. Send bid to Don Sheffy, City of Dimmitt, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-03-2tc

People believe if you use the same pillow a dog uses you will dream what he dreams.

Breast cancer screenings set

Two breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt next month, one next Thursday, May 3, and another on May 29. Appointments are still available for both screenings.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

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

Golf tourney will fund THS scholarships

The Tulia Rotary Club will sponsor a golf tournament with proceeds going to fund scholarships for Tulia High School seniors.

The 18-hole event will be held at Tule Lake Golf Club on May 6 and entry fee is \$20 per person. Cart fees are not included.

The funds raised through the tournament will help fund scholarships totaling \$1,000.

First place prize will be \$160. Additional prizes will be awarded for the "Longest Drive" and "Closest to the Pin." Hole-in-one prizes for five holes include a \$10,000 cash prize, round trip airline tickets for two, a Seiko watch, a set of Callaway irons and a Sony Camcorder.

To enter, contact Tulia Rotary Club at PO Box 9998, Tulia 79088 before May 3.

The Nazareth Buyers Club

wishes to thank the following businesses and individuals for your donations to our fund for the Junior Livestock Show, and for your support and cooperation in many other ways.

Because of your generosity, we were able to provide good bids and premiums to our youngsters for their show animals this year, and were even able to supplement some bids after the sale.

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A Salute To

Volunteers

April 22-28 is National Volunteer Week

... and the Castro County Hospital District wants to salute the many volunteers who give hours of work and effort to make things run more smoothly for our staff and patients.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has adopted numerous projects through the years to buy additional equipment for the hospital. Items the Auxiliary purchased for this past year included an incubator (isolette) for the nursery and a pigostat in the x-ray department. Auxiliary members also visit our patients and run the gift shop in the hospital lobby. Some also help at the Thriftshop that benefits the Hospice program.

Our Hospice Cares program also has many dedicated volunteers who make home visits, work with patients and their families in very difficult circumstances.

It would be very hard for us to offer the same level of care without all of the help from these selfless, giving volunteers.

We salute the members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and our Hospice Volunteers, including:

- Sandra Bagwell
- Sandy Baker
- Irene Blanton
- Sue Boozer
- Mildred Bradford
- Susie Bradford
- A'llan Bradley
- Bessie Bradle
- Irene Bradley
- Irene Carpenter
- Retta Cluck
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