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Council hires assistant city manager

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

The Dimmitt City Council voted 5-2 Monday night to hire an assistant city manager.

David Denman of Plainview will be taking the helm at the city within the next week or two, according to Mayor Wayne Collins. His starting salary is \$35,000, plus benefits.

As Denman learns the job, the city is contracting with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for it to handle the job of city manager. That contract is for two months at a total cost of \$1,280, Collins said.

Denman is not new to Dimmitt - recently he has been the interim pastor at Lee Street Baptist Church here. In Plainview, he has been running a handy-man business as well as teaching at the Juvenile Justice Alternative

Education Program.

"He met every criteria we needed in a city manager," Collins said. "He has honesty, integrity and expertise."

"PRPC will come down as needed to help with training in areas he may not be familiar with."

Council members Gloria Hernandez and Roy Garza voted against Denman.

"I have nothing against him," Hernandez said. "But we were supposed to be hiring a city manager - not an assistant city manager."

"I think he'll be OK. Sometimes it's better to learn through on-the-job training. To me, there were more people who were more qualified and who had management experience."

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CHARLES KETCHUM IN the kitchen at Richardson Elementary with three of his workers, left to right, Francisca Castillo, Margarita Murillo and Irma Martinez.

Mr. K finds recipe to cure money woes

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

"Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door." (That's what people say.)

Charles Ketchum may not have people lined up outside his front door - but if he wants, the DISD trustees and superintendent would probably be happy to be at the head of any such line.

Since Ketchum came here 10 years ago, (on May 9) he's taken the DISD food service from running some \$200,000 in the red every year, to a point where it will break

even this year. Ketchum first had to make some vast changes in the way the service is run (more about those changes later).

But even when he had the food service running at optimum capacity, it was still slightly in the red. That's where the good ideas - or better mousetraps - come in.

First, he started selling cookies to students. Voila! At the end of the year, there was a \$25,000 profit. Still not nearly enough. But a start. Now, the school offers a number of ala carte items and continues to make money through the program.

Next came the best mouse trap of all. He convinced the board, administrators and teachers to let him serve every student in the DISD breakfast every day - free. At that time, about 200 students in the system were eating breakfast.

"By serving a free breakfast to everyone, we could increase the amount of money we get on reimbursements from the state," Ketchum said. "And yes, it costs more to feed all the students, but because of the number we feed, we get more commodity goods, which

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Hospital board approves budget, insurance plan

Admissions and tests performed at Plains Memorial Hospital went up for the month of March, along with an increase in revenue, according to the stats and financials reviewed by the Castro County Hospital District Board of Directors. The board met April 27 in regular session.

In other business, the board approved a new group health insurance plan, beginning May 1, for all eligible full-time employees. The hospital district will move from a partially self-funded insured plan to a fully insured plan through Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This plan will save the district a significant amount of money but will increase cost to employees covering family members.

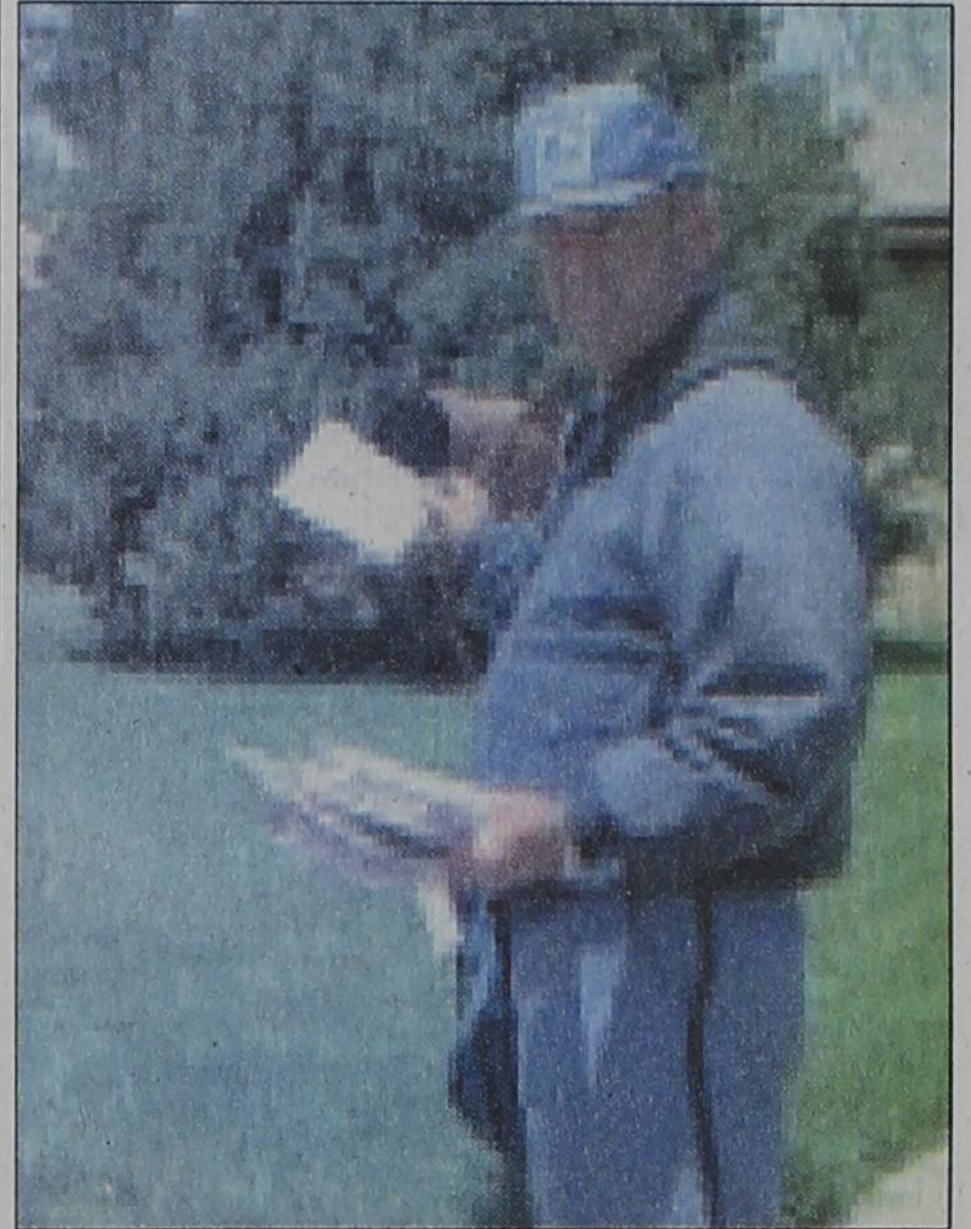
Consulting privileges were renewed for the radiologists from High Plains Radiology and locum tenens privileges were granted for two physicians covering the Emergency Room. The Medical Staff Rules and Regulations were also amended. The final budget for fiscal year 2004-2005 was approved by the board upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Also, a resolution was passed by the board allowing Linda Rasor to negotiate and sign contracts on behalf of the board for Texas Department of Health and with other entities.



GOP Party for the President

REPUBLICANS FROM AROUND Castro County gathered at the Dimmitt City Hall on Thursday to celebrate President George W. Bush. Vice-President Dick Cheney called the more than 3,000 parties around the country to give them the president's greetings. At left, Mayor Wayne Collins, Amos Quintero, Sal Rivera and County Judge Bill Sava.

Don't Forget!



ART CANO AND his fellow carriers delivered postcards this week to let Castro County residents know about the food drive that U.S. Post Office employees in Hart, Nazareth and Dimmitt are running. Barrels are out in every post office for contributions of dried or canned food - or money. Also, on Saturday, May 8, anyone wishing to contribute may leave that contribution boxed and by their mailbox for U.S. Postal employees to pick up and take to the food bank at Panhandle Community Services. The donations will stay strictly in Castro County.

DISD- trustees OK bleachers contract

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

The Dimmitt Board of Trustees voted Monday to replace the visitors bleachers at the high school football field with their metal counterparts.

The vote was 3-0-1, with board member Rick Wright abstaining.

"Those bleachers have deteriorated over the years and it's time to have a major upgrade," said superintendent Les Miller. "It's an old wooden set of bleachers and maintenance

wise, we put a lot of money into them every year.

"These will be metal bleachers that will be maintenance free."

The contract went to Donald Wright for \$40,000. The work will begin as soon as possible and be completed prior to Aug. 1, Miller said.

The board also accepted the resignations of Jean Morris, Shirley Schacher, Jayne Irons and Carol Lust. Jean Marie Toulouse was employed to be an elementary bi-lingual teacher.

WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.
Tuesday	79	41	
Wednesday	76	41	
Thursday	77	42	Trace
Friday	73	44	Trace
Saturday	75	39	
Sunday	69	39	
Monday	78	36	

April Moisture 2.88
2004 Moisture..... 6.67
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I find Gov. Perry's school finance reform proposals inane. I had rather be taxed for going to church and the money be used for educating our children than to depend

upon the lottery, other forms of gambling and other sin taxes to do the job of public education. Public education is the public's job.

Taxing for going to church would probably improve the

quality of some of our worship and it would cause church people to become involved in and supportive of the public education of America's children, which we should have been deeply involved with all along.

"Important projects should be paid for with important money." Educating our

children is one of our most important projects. Sin tax money is derived from socially destructive forms. That cannot be important money.

Important money can only come from people who care.

A state income tax to fund what is needed for the good

of Texas' future is quite acceptable to me. It would not be the end of the world. I pray for all Texans to attain social and political courage to consider this or some other responsible solution for providing a good future for Texas.

Ethical behavior is acting now to provide a great state

for our great-grandchildren. As a citizen, I call for someone in authority to initiate an investigation into Gov. Perry's relationship with gambling interests. I think it imperative to fully know what all that relationship is.

Sincerely,
Rev. Alvin Petty

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YOUR EYES

MAY INTRODUCES NATIONAL VISION MONTH

National Healthy Vision Month in May 2004 is focusing on the reduction of visual impairment due to diabetic retinopathy. This is the most common eye disease among people with diabetes. Left untreated, it can cause vision loss and even blindness.

One of the first written references to diabetes was found in a writing of ancient Egypt dating back to about 1550 BC. Diabetic retinopathy is a specific complication of both insulin (type 1) and non-insulin (type 2) dependent diabetes. The prevalence of retinopathy is strongly linked to the duration of diabetes. After 20 years of diabetes, nearly all patients with type 1 diabetes and over 60 percent of patients with type 2 have some degree of the condition. Up to a fifth of newly diagnosed diabetics are found to have some retinopathy. A diabetic is 25 times more likely to go blind than a person in the general population.

The first stage of diabetic retinopathy often exhibits no symptoms. Many patients are unaware that they suffer from the condition until it moves into the second stage. Macular edema leads to gradual blurring and difficulty seeing things up close. The last stage of diabetic retinopathy is characterized by spotty and hazy vision. It can eventually lead to a complete loss of vision. It is recommended that people with diabetes have a dilated eye exam at least once a year to check for early signs of diabetic retinopathy.



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WORD SALSA

by Tony Tallarico

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents, which appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. *Rodea estas palabras inglesas y sus equivalentes españoles, que aparecen en la cuadrícula horizontalmente, verticalmente, diagonalmente y hacia atrás.*

FIESTA TIME

ENGLISH
CELEBRATE
CONFETTI
DANCE
FOOD
GROUP
GUEST
HAPPY
INVITE
LAUGHTER
MUSIC
OCCASION
TO THROW A PARTY

SPANISH
CELEBRAR
CONFETI
BAILAR
COMIDA
GRUPO
INVITADO
FELIZ
INVITAR
RISA
MÚSICA
OCASIÓN
DAR UNA FIESTA

M T R B L E C R A R B E L E C
Ú K R E T H G U A L G R U P O
S B J C F Y T R P W D H Y C N
I W P Q Ú G I Z H Ó A T I E F
C L R A T F U M S E R S N L E
A N S W R E D S N A U Y V E T
V I T B N L I V P M N E I B T
R W P N Ó I S A C O A Q T R I
A Y C F D Z W I O B F D E A N
T P N K P O J T M Ó I L G T V
I P U O R G O E I N E T M E I
V A C H D N J F D R S Y I O T
N H T S E U G N A L T B H F A
I O C C A S I O N D A N C E D
T R A L I A B C A T H Y W L O

ACROSS

- this Alan played a TXn in "The Big Land"
- Cowboy RB in '92, Tommie
- fu film "The Big Brawl" was shot in San Antonio
- TXism: "como"
- (How are you?)
- TXism: "_____ hip"
- _____gallon hat
- certain membrane inflammation
- former state of Cowboy owner Jerry (abbr.)
- TXism for "stolen goods"
- Hallettsville is seat of this county
- TXism: "high _____" (flee)
- what TX Roy Orbison could do
- TXism: "he couldn't carry a _____ in a bucket"
- Paso
- shrimp, e.g., in the Gulf (2 wds.)
- Comanche's "Old _____" is oldest courthouse in TX
- TX Roddenberry's genre: _____fi
- TXism: "bought a pig _____"
- TXism: "burn _____ boot leather" (run)
- TXism: "big as the side of a _____"
- TXism: "_____ wheat from the chaff"

- goal on the green: "_____ putt"
- TXism: "sticks out like a _____ thumb"
- brandin' or shootin'
- TXism: "got _____ big as a mule"
- this Keaton starred in "Father of the Bride" with TX Martin (init.)
- TXism: "put it on the _____" (made famous)
- _____ boat" (handsome man)
- TXism for "good"
- this TX Banks was "Mr. Chicago Cub"
- TXism: "it don't _____ up"
- anger, wrath
- dir. to Austin from Laredo

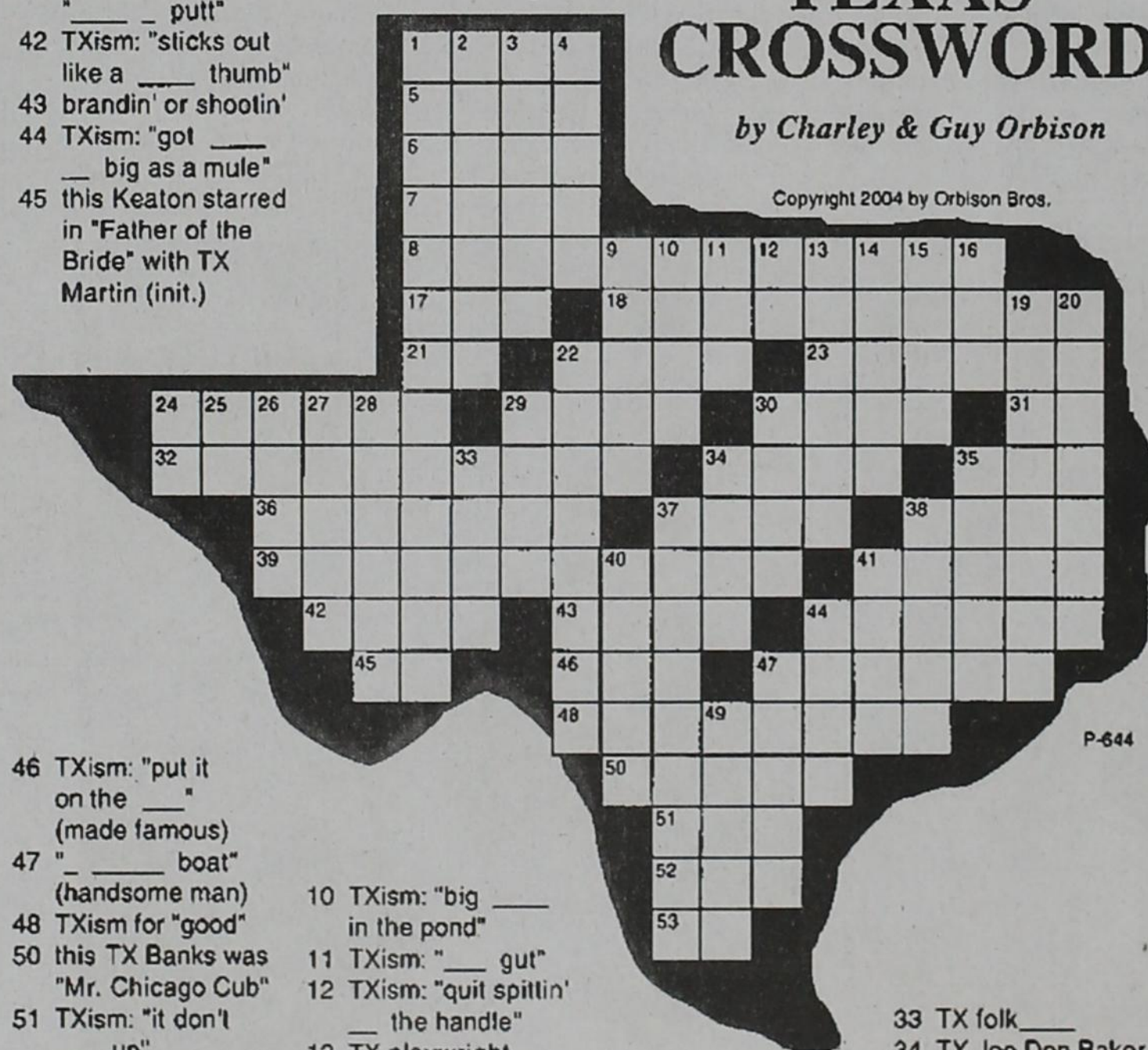
- ### DOWN
- near Burnet: "Inks _____"
 - TXism: "fast as oil from _____"
 - city atop "The Golden Triangle"
 - Dr. Pepper's China beverage co.
 - steak cut
 - TXism: "big _____ in the pond"
 - TXism: "quit spittin' _____ the handle"
 - TX playwright James
 - TXism: "hotter _____ two-dollar pistol"
 - bee's casa
 - DFW abbr.
 - TXism: "cold enough to make cows give _____"
 - TX landscape artist Porfirio
 - TXism: "from _____ womb to tomb"
 - TX folk _____
 - TX Joe Don Baker film: "Citizen _____"
 - Tex-Mex sauce
 - Fiesta TX's "Whistle _____"
 - this Buddy produced "Dallas Grand Prix"
 - TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
 - rabbit
 - San Antonio street: _____ Adams
 - tolerate _____
 - _____ the Giant"

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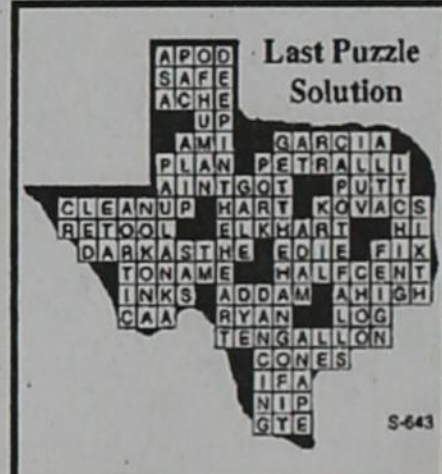
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Answer to 5/10 Word Salsa:

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Ú K R E T H G U A L G R U P O
S B J C F Y T R P W D H Y C N
I W P Q Ú G I Z H Ó A T I E F
C L R A T F U M S E R S N L E
A N S W R E D S N A U Y V E T
V I T B N L I V P M N E I B T
R W P N Ó I S A C O A Q T R I
A Y C F D Z W I O B F D E A N
T P N K P O J T M Ó I L G T V
I P U O R G O E I N E T M E I
V A C H D N J F D R S Y I O T
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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Ramey Rice, who has spent the second semester of his college education in Pontlevoy, France, will be back in Dimmitt by the time you read this. I'd like to thank Ramey for allowing his family to share his interesting letters with us. He may have other stories to tell us now.

The National Republican party, declared Thursday, April 29, 2004, President Bush Party Day. About 30 or so people gathered at City Hall to celebrate. Karron Smith, the Castro County Republican chairman led in securing red, white and blue balloons, posters and streamers for decorations. Mayor Wayne Collins made the necessary preparations for a conference call from Vice-President Dick Cheney during the party. About 7:30 p.m., Texas time, the call came through. Cheney send greetings from President Bush to more than 5,000 parties that were in progress.

Gwen Bryant found out about the party plans, and how to qualify for the phone call. She immediately got the details for receiving the call and chaired the Party for the President.

Leeida and Randy Stephens enjoyed visiting on April 23 through April 25 with Tommye and Dick Ware of Phoenix, Ariz., who were passing through Texas while on vacation.

David, Sue, Christy and Braydon Stephens (now 13 months old) came over on the evening of April 23 and part of the day on April 24. It was good to see them, too.

Tommye and Dick hadn't seen little Braydon before and were sure entertained as was everyone. Leeida and Tommye got caught up on family history and Tommye and Randy discussed how the Diamondbacks were doing so far this season. Tommye said last time she heard, they weren't doing very good.

On April 25, Leeida and Randy, Tommye and Dick arrived

at the home of Larry and Susan Sprowls of Levelland to visit with several other family members. Delicious barbecue was served along with other dishes to about 14 people.

Leeida and Randy headed home April 25. Both said they were happy but tired after a fun weekend of visiting with family they hadn't seen in a long time.

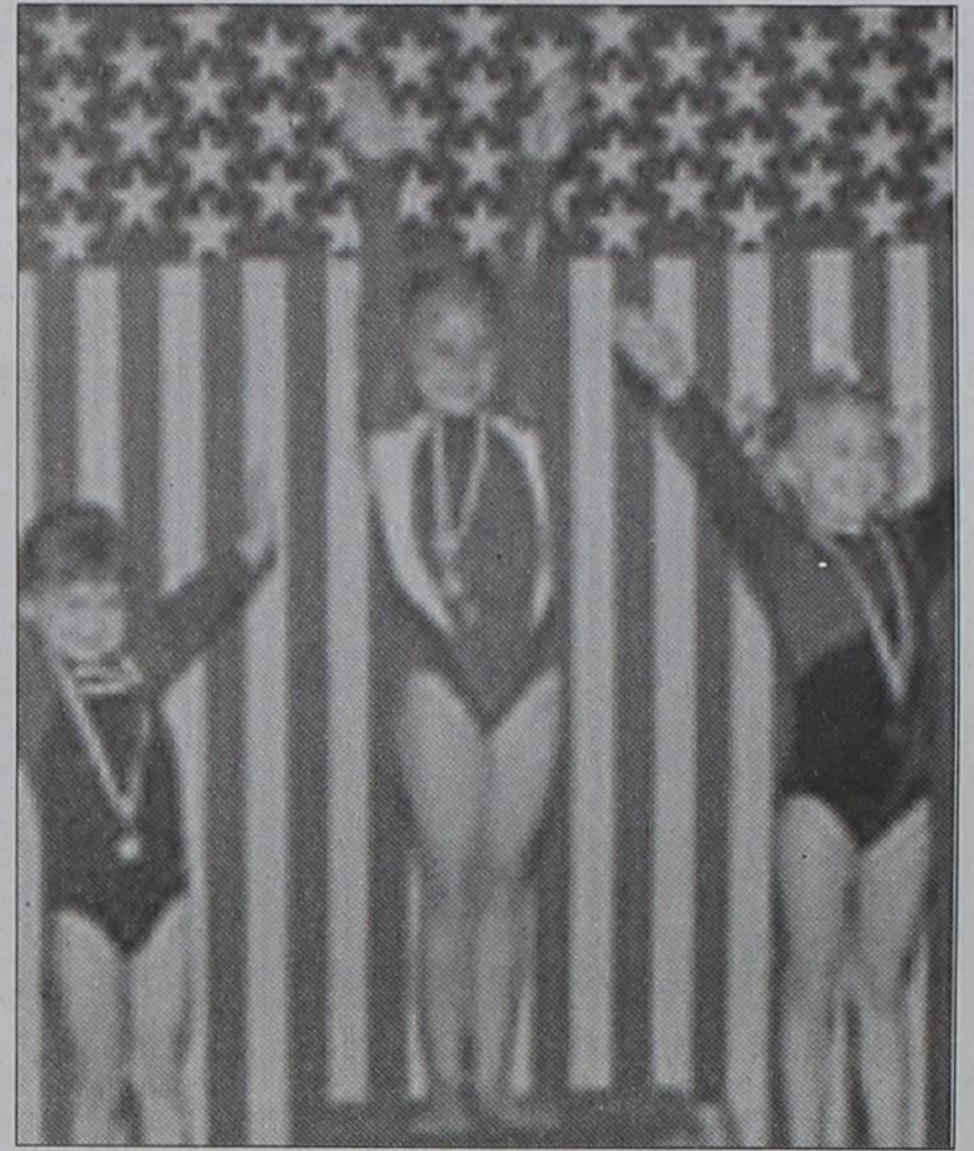
Josafina Anays Diaz-Vogt, M.D. and Andrew Curtis Faire, Jr., M.D., were united in marriage on Nov. 10, 2003. Josafina and her sons, Harald and Sverre, had lived in Dimmitt for about four years. The family came here from El Paso and Josafina, was the psychologist for the Welch Home Place. They have moved back to El Paso. The boys are doing well in school and Sverre has been quite successful with pole vaulting.

Several Dimmitt friends had an invitation to celebrate in an easy style on April 3, 2004, at a wedding reception and welcome home to their daughter, Miulin Anays, who has been living in Norway, studying engineering. She and Josefina's mother from Panama were special guests for this happy occasion.

Mary Lou Roundtree, formerly of Dimmitt, and now living in Amarillo, was in Dimmitt recently visiting a friend, Floyce George and Mary Lou's granddaughter, Sheri Smith. Sheri is married to Zach Smith, who is a DHS graduate and is not a veterinarian and works with Dr. J.W. Hill.

Paul and Barbara Kenley have announced the marriage of their daughter, Barbara Nicole and Edward Glenn Crówell III on Saturday, April 17, at the Kenley residence in Lampasas.

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SYDNEY IRONS, CENTER, daughter of Bryan and Jayne Irons of Dimmitt, is the new statetumbling champion for 5-to-6-year olds in Level 1. She was also the silver medalist, second, for overall 5-to-6-year olds in all levels of tumbling competition held in Levelland recently. She placed fourth at the state meet on the trampoline.

Naz News

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The 60th celebration of "May Crowning" is set for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 5. If you get your paper in time, please attend. This event is a special way to honor the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. Kimberly Brockman has been chosen to be the May Queen this year.

Many relatives and friends attended the marriage of Brian Schmucker and Heather Engelking on Saturday evening at First Methodist Church in Lazbuddie. A reception, dinner and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

A "Benefit Breakfast," sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Organization, will be held Sunday morning at the Community Hall. The Lions Club will also be sponsoring their annual "Broom Sale" under the awning at the hall.

Ronnie and Regina Hoelting recently drove to Austin for their granddaughter, Natalie's, first communion at St. Louis Catholic Church.

Natalie is the daughter of Russell and Denise Hoelting. On Sunday, they celebrated Ronnie's birthday at the home of

Barry and Rhonda Boyett with a delicious steak cookout. They also got to watch their grandson Blake Boyett play a baseball game with his team. We had a very enjoyable weekend.

Our sympathy to Ricky and Crystal Backus in the death of their brother-in-law, Todd Hammond, 47, of Abernathy. He is survived by his wife, Angie, and their daughters, Angel, Amber and Auburn of Lubbock.

Prayers are asked for Deanna Huseman, Joe DeLeon, Bernice Hoelting, Ray Schmucker, Jerome Birkenfeld, Florene Schulte, Alvin Anderle, Joe and Amy Schmucker, Carolyn Bermea, Louise Braddock, Jenna Braddock, Bea Hoelting, Alice Palazzini, Edith Huseman, Margaret Cantrell, Elmer Huseman, Rita Book, Arnold Ehly, Jennifer Etheridge, Genevieve Noble, Corey Artho, Burnett Johnson, Ruby Mae Annen, Judy Hoelting, Kenneth Lange, Anna Huseman, Floyd Birkenfeld, Debbie Wieck, Leona Fisher, Bobby Mobbs, Sam Burt and those who are serving in our Armed Forces.



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Dimmitt Prom: May 15

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, como se la estan pasando todos? How is everyone doing? It's been a busy week in Dimmitt. Actually, this is one of the busiest weekends in many places due to Cinco de Mayo celebrations. I know there is going to be Pachangas (celebrations) all over the place, so I hope to hear from everyone on what they did to celebrate the occasion. There are TONS of information this week so, vale mas empear (I better get started).

First of all, Happy Mother's Day to all the Madresitas!! Mother's Day is a very special day for everyone, whether you're a mother or not. It's a time to show your mothers how thankful you are for everything they have done for you. Dejen las descansar (let them rest)!!! Fire up the grill and fix them a nice meal, or take them out for a nice meal that someone else has prepared. For the many

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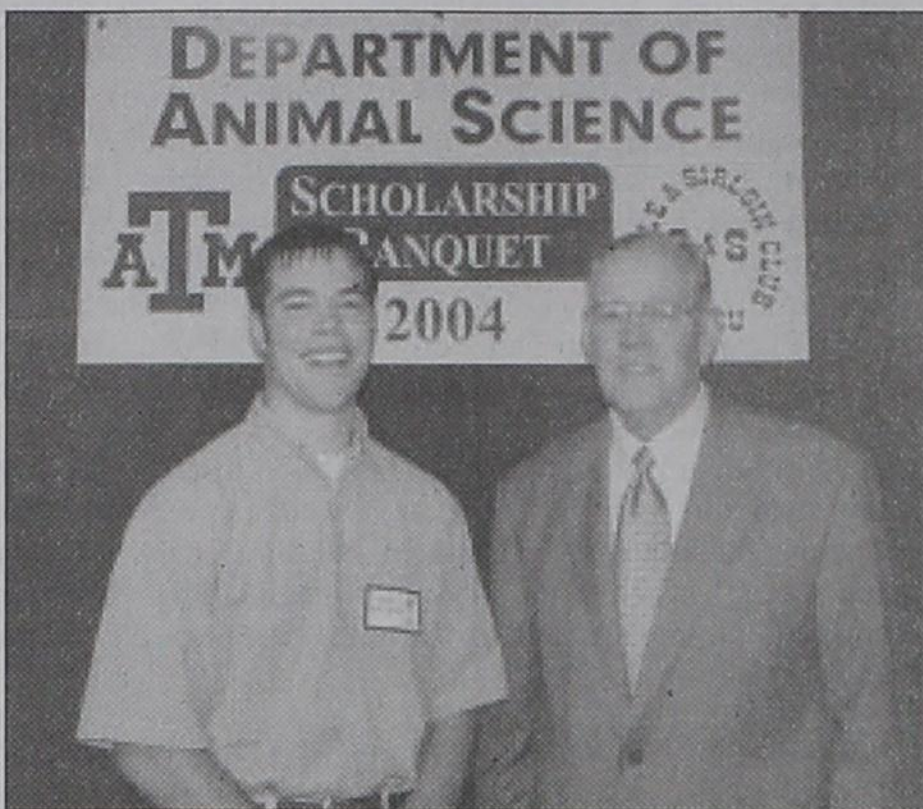
**Michael F. Hochstein and Meredith K. Braddock
Braddock-Hochstein**

Gerald and Mary Braddock of Nazareth have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Meredith Kalleen Braddock, to Michael Florence Hochstein, son of William and Catherine Hochstein, also of Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a student at Amarillo College, majoring in radiology.

The prospective groom is self-employed.

The wedding is set for 3:30 p.m., June 5, 2004, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.



MARK BIRKENFELD of Nazareth receives the Mewis Scholarship from Dr. John McNeill, head of animal science at Texas A&M University.

Mark Birkenfeld awarded scholarship

Mark Birkenfeld of Nazareth received the C.A. Mewis Scholarship award from the Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science at their annual scholarship reception, held April 17, 2004, in conjunction with the TAMU Parent's Weekend activities.

Mark is the son of Clyde and Jeanie Birkenfeld and is a junior animal science major at Texas A&M University. He is a member of the Department of Animal Science Aggie REPS recruiting organization, the Agricultural Leadership Society, the Pre-Vet Society, Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow and the Biomedical Science Association.

He is also employed as an undergraduate student assistant at Beard-Navasota Veterinary Clinic and maintains a 3.9 grade point ratio.

More than \$80,000 in scholarships were awarded at the Department of Animal Science Scholarship Reception. These scholarship awards are awarded based on academics, activities, and personal interview, and are generously supported by many former students and friends of the department.



MIKE BAIN WELCOMES the crowd at the kickoff luncheon for its 2004 Relay for Life.

Relay for Life set for Aug. 6

Castro County held its Kickoff Luncheon for the 2004 Relay for Life on Wednesday, April 28, at First United Methodist Church. Mike Bain, chairman, welcomed the approximately 50 in attendance and thanked the cooks - Doris Lust, Mildred Bradford, Lois Wales and Doris Flynt - and gave an overview of the plans for the Relay, set for Aug. 6. He introduced several committee chairmen: Alli Thrasher, publicity; Camille Williams, luminarias; Marcus Brockman, team recruitment; and Doris Flynt and Mary Jo Brown, survivors.

This year, the Relay will have a theme - Survivor - as a homage both to those who have successfully fought and survived cancer and to make the event more fun, like the reality series, "Survivor." Prizes will be given for Best Hut, Best Costume, etc. and there will be challenges.

The night of the Relay, there will again be the special luminaria time to remember and honor those touched by cancer. Camille Williams is selling them for \$5 and will have them for sale around the county at businesses soon.

Another popular event will be a drawing for quilts. Joyce Davis, who represented the Friendship Quilters group, said heart squares for the quilts are on sale for \$5. So far, they have enough heart squares for two quilts, but plan to have three ready by Relay time.

The first planning meeting for the Relay will be at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Bain urged anyone interested in participating or in planning the event to attend.

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I appreciate everything everyone has done for me. Castro county is the best place to live!

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We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, visits and other expressions of sympathy during this time of our loss.

A special thanks to all the folks at Plains Memorial Hospital and Hospice Care for the wonderful care and kindness shown to Ruby, our Mother and Grandmother, during her four month stay. Words cannot express our gratitude to all the doctors, nurses and staff that took care of all of us. Our hospital and health care system in Castro County is second to none.

Thank you all very much.
The Ruby Wooten Family

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who thought of Janice Ivy, lifted her up in prayer, came to visit, brought food, sent flowers and plants, gave donations or attended the service. We have been blessed by your kindness and generosity.

Thank you also to Lee Street Baptist Church and those who helped feed us the day of her service and those many others who offered to help us in other ways.

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CHURCH NEWS

The Sinner's Prayer

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Ever heard that before? For some strange reason or another, this little prayer, which is nowhere to be found in the Bible, has become the sounding board for salvation in Christ Jesus. Unfortunately, 30 years ago, it was almost unheard of. But time has a way of changing us all.

I want to break down this prayer and look carefully at it. (By the way, I pulled this off of a very popular, modern-day evangelist's Website).

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness." This has the start of a beautiful prayer. Paul tells us, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." This part is so true. Yes, we are sinners and we need the forgiveness Christ offers. "I believe that You died for my sins." Yet, another true forgiveness Christ offers. "I believe that you died for my sins." Yet another true statement. Isaiah tells us many years ago, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed." We all know what washes away sins. "I want to turn from my sins." Jesus said it himself in Luke 13:3 and away He repeated it in verse

5. "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

"I now invite you to come into my heart and life." Other than Revelation 3:20, I can't find this invitation. Of course, in Revelation 3:20 Jesus is talking to the chosen churches. His invitation is addressed to the saints, not to the lost. He is asking for them to repent. Here is my question how does Jesus enter our hearts without the promised Holy Spirit? After all, He did promise him to us. Then we say "I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior." Wonderful thought I hope we can all say that honestly.

Then the Website says this, "Receiving Christ, we are born into God's family through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit who indwells every believer. This is called regeneration, or the 'new birth.'" Oh, this is good. We are "born" into God's family through the work of the Holy Spirit, who, according to Acts 2:38, we have not received yet, because the Holy Spirit is received at baptism. How about this for a "new birth." "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in



Brett Page
newness of life." Romans 6:3-4.

Finally, I will leave you with just this, "... who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine long-suffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were SAVED through water. There's also an antitype which now SAVES us - baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I Peter 3:20-21.

Study it for yourself. The Bible was not written by scholarly men needing multiple manuscripts for interpretation.

The Word of God is profitable to all.

Brett Page is the preacher at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.

Hispanic

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of us who no longer have our loving mothers with us, remember, it's not a time to be sad, but a time to remember how great they were and how much they taught us. Here's a little something I saw on the web: Una Madre es como un Angel. Cuando tu estas cansado y triste, ellas abren sus alas y te levantan. A mother is like an angel. When you are tired and weary, she spreads her wings and lifts you up.

Josh and I had special guests over on Thursday night. Diana and Sal Sevela, Josh's cousins from Ocala, Fla., were in town for a few hours. We all met at the house of Debbie and Ray Sanchez and visited a while and looked at pictures of everyone's kids. Later on in the evening, Josh and I treated Diana and Sal to supper at El Monterrey in Hereford. They said the Mexican food is just not as good in Florida as it is here. I believed it when I saw Sal devour the homemade tortillas. We had a great time laughing and catching up on old times. Diana used to visit Dimmitt often when she was younger and hopes to be visiting more often now. She and her husband will be moving to Lubbock sometime this year. Diana works for a hardware store and they have transferred her to the Lubbock store where she will be a manager. They are very excited to be in Texas again and hope to be spending a lot of time with family. Sal couldn't believe how many vacas (cows) there are around here. He said he only needed two, one for the front yard and one for the back yard and he'd never have to mow the lawn again.

With the end of the school year QUICKLY approaching, members of the Immaculate Conception Church would like to encourage everyone to "echarle ganas" (put your all into it). This is a very exciting time for the senior class and their families. It's a time of

celebration and reminiscing of years gone by. Let's all show our support to the Class of 2004 - show them how proud we are of them. The senior class members who attend Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will be selling barbecue brisket burritos on Saturday, May 8, at the Courthouse Square to raise money for their Senior Dinner which will be held on May 17. Many contributions have already been made to the Senior Class, but are still being accepted and are greatly needed. The Senior Class would also like to invite the community to attend the Senior Mass at 8 p.m., May 23. It is a great honor to be a part of this ceremony and it is always nice to see everyone supporting the students on such a special day. As the year comes to an end, the Senior Class wishes to thank everyone who has donated time, money and support to make their final year of school the best.

Feliz Cumpleanos to Jessica Castillo. She celebrated her quinceanera on Saturday, May 1. Jessica is the daughter of Martin and Juanita Castillo. Jessica, I hope to hear more about your special celebration.

Feliz Cumpeanos to my dad, Frank Mendoza Sr. He celebrated a birthday on May 5 and will celebrate one on May 10. Yeah, I know it's weird, but it's true. For some reason he always celebrates twice. I think it's due to a mix-up on his birth certificate, but he makes the best of it. Ever since I can remember, none of us have actually known his real birth date. We wish you happy birthdays Derri (that's what we call him!)

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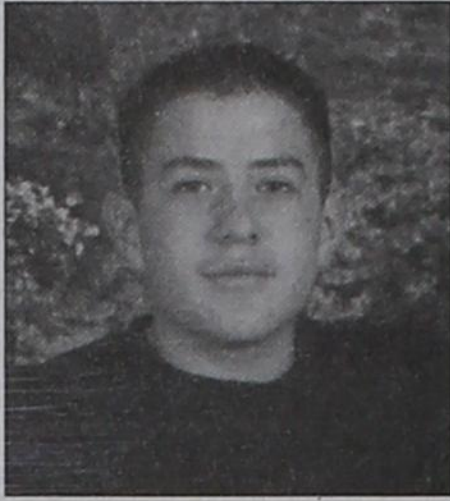
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Martinez is named All-American Scholar

Gabriel Martinez, 14, the grandson of Manuela Nino of Dimmitt and the late Mike Nino Sr., has been named an All-American Scholar by The United State Achievement Academy.



GABRIEL MARTINEZ

Martinez, an eighth-grader at Smylie Wilson Junior High in Lubbock, is the son of Rick and Marlene Saldana of Lubbock.

His name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

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On the Go

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in Lampasas.

We send our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy lifetime together.

Nicole was about a freshman when she moved to Dimmitt with her parents, Paul and Barbara.

Paul was the pastor at the First Baptist Church; Barbara taught school at Dimmitt High and Nikki sang in the DHS choir under the direction of the late Dwight Joiner.

They had lived here for about two short weeks when I saw a sign in their front yard that said, "Home of Outstanding DHS Choir member."

Nicole has been a part of the Houston Metropolitan Opera for several years. Dwight recognized early that Nicole had a future in singing.

DHS Calendar

Thursday, May 6

High School - Student Council Meeting - Noon
 High School Art Show - Rhoades Memorial Library through May 12.
 High School BPA Field Trip
 Jr. High & High School - TSA State Contest - Waco - through May 8
 High School Choir Contest - Amarillo
 First Grade Field Trip
 Head Start & ECE Picnic
 Kindergarten Pre-Registration
 DMS Spanish Class Cinco de Mayo Lunch
 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Choir Contest
 4th grade Pride Certified Trip - Wonderland

Friday, May 7

NO SCHOOL - Teacher Comp. Day

Saturday, May 8

FFA Area Scholarship Interviews
 6th grade - Band Greater Southwest Festival - Amarillo

Monday, May 10

Baptist Sr. Banquet - 7:00
 8th grade Orientation @ High School - 1:30

Tuesday, May 11

High School - Hamburger Cookout for Seniors
 Kindergarten Field Trip
 Athletic Banquet - 6:30th & 8th grade G/T Field Trip - Lubbock

Wednesday, May 12

High School - Student Council Meeting - 12:00
 RES - Muffins for Moms - 7:00 - 10:00am
 4th, 5th, & 6th grade G/T Field Trip - Plainview

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School Menus

DIMMITT

Friday: Student Holiday
 Monday: Breakfast - Frosted Flakes cereal, bananas. Lunch - Italian lasagna, poor boy steak, chicken taco, broccoli with cheese sauce, Mexicali corn, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad, fruit fantasy, taco condiment salad.
 Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage and biscuit. Lunch - Steak fingers, cheese enchilada with sauce, chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, frijoles refrieto, corn on the cob, tossed salad, guacamole salad, fresh spinach salad.
 Wednesday: Breakfast - Banana nut loaf. Lunch - Hot dog on bun with chili, chicken fillet strips, meat loaf with creole sauce, pork and beans, mashed potatoes, Mexicali corn, cole slaw, tossed salad, cucumber/tomato salad.
 Thursday: Breakfast - Cereal bar Cocoa Puff. Lunch - Nachos with cheese, bologna and cheese sandwich, New Mexican enchiladas, Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables, Spanish Rice, tossed salad, hamburger salad, taco condiment salad, peaches, fresh fruit.

NAZARETH

Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on a roll, cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, applesauce, cookies.
 Monday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch - Pizza, stir fry, salad, peas, fruit, gingerbread.
 Tuesday: Breakfast - Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, chef salad, lettuce, corn, fruit dessert.
 Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast

pockets, cereal. Lunch - Spaghetti and cheese sticks, pizza, salad, vegetarian beans, fruit dessert.
 Thursday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Chili dogs, baked potatoes, salad, green beans, fruit gelatin.

HART

Friday: Breakfast - Sub sandwich, pizza with cheese topping, chalupas, Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, salad, peaches.
 Monday: School Holiday.
 Tuesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cereal. Lunch - Hamburger with potato chips, chicken fajitas, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding.
 Wednesday: Breakfast - Waffles, cereal. Lunch - Corn dogs, burritos, steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, peaches, salad, white cake with strawberries.
 Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cereal. Lunch - Mac-Rib with chips, corn dog, pizza, salad, macaroni and cheese, gelatin dessert, oatmeal cookies.

College News

Two Dimmitt students were recognized for academic honors during Amarillo College's annual Honors Convocation, held April 25.


PAUL TORRES and CHRISTIAN FUENTES, both of Dimmitt, were recognized for inclusion in Phi Theta Kappa national honor society.

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Bobcats bid early goodbye to season

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

The Dimmitt Bobcats didn't end the season the way they wanted, but the baseball team showed its fighting spirit all the way to the end. To have a chance at the playoffs, the Bobcats had to beat Brownfield on Tuesday, April 27, but came up short, 16-6.

"It was an up and down year," said coach Jesus Quiroz. "I'm going to miss all four seniors that will be leaving."

"They're all part of the team and I loved every single one of them. They're all special.

"In Dimmitt, Texas, it takes quite a kid to come back out and play baseball every season."

Seniors this season are Caleb Dickerson, Nicky Gauna, Jared Griffitt and Adam Wright.

Dickerson was a starter from his freshman year on, Quiroz said.

"He had a lot of expectations for himself and met a lot of them," he said. "He was a hard worker. He was a good player to have and worked constantly."

"He was capable of so much, I'm going to miss that kid."

Gauna, Quiroz said, was a quiet player, but an outstanding asset.

"Nicky just goes out there and has natural ability," he said. "He just goes out and plays, never gripes."

"What Nicky brought to the team a lot was a smile. That was Nicky. He improved every year. As a pitcher, he got better every year."

Quiroz said the team will miss Griffitt's speed and bat.

"I'll miss Jared's work ethic," he said.

Wright, Quiroz described as a "scrappy player."

"You never knew when he was going to make that big play," Quiroz said.

Despite sometimes erratic performances, Quiroz said the team managed to make it through the season.

"We battled to the end," he said. "Sometimes you learn more from bad events than good experiences, but I enjoyed the year. We just didn't finish it up to the kids' expectations."

"I'll start thinking about what we need to do different next year."

"I want to thank all the supporters, parents, the booster club and administration - everyone that still had confidence in us as a baseball team until the very end."

The team ended 9-11 overall and 307 in district. Next year, Dimmitt falls to 2A status.

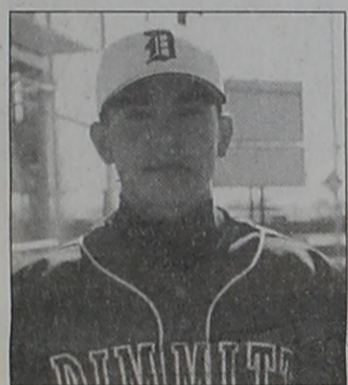


ABOVE, CALEB DICKERSON gets a hit against Littlefield. At left, he scores during the Littlefield game. Dickerson batted cleanup and with one of the best batting averages on the team, he often drew walks when teams declined to pitch to him.

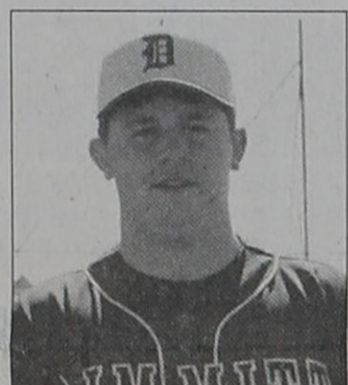


2004 Bobbies JV Softball Team

The season started with these 10 girls playing JV. Before it ended, a number were on the varsity. Front row: Rosa Quintana, Melissa Valles, Monica Dozal, Samantha Neri. Back row: Sandra Favela, Teresa Sanchez, Victoria Tarrango, Aneolica Quiroz, Kayla Saenz, Jessica Arguijo. For more on the varsity, see Page 16.



MIGUEL SANCHEZ



RYAN MILLER

NOTICE

Kindergarten pre-registration for the 2004-2005 school year will be Thursday, May 6th from 8:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 in the Richardson Library. Parents having children that will start kindergarten in the fall should pre-register on this day. You must have a birth certificate, shot record and social security card to enroll your child. Children should be five years old on or before September 1, 2004.

AVISO

Registracion para Kinder para el ano 2004-2005 será el jueves, 6 de mayo de las 8:30-12:00 y de la 1:00-3:00 en la biblioteca de la escuela Richardson. Padres si usted tiene un niño o una niña que va empezar kinder en el otoño y si el o ella tiene la edad de cinco años antes de septiembre 1, 2004 deber de registrar lo en este día. Por favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento, registro de las vacunas, y la carta de numero de seguro social.

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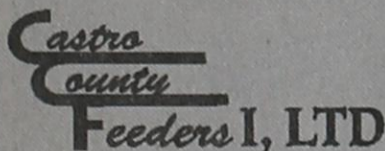
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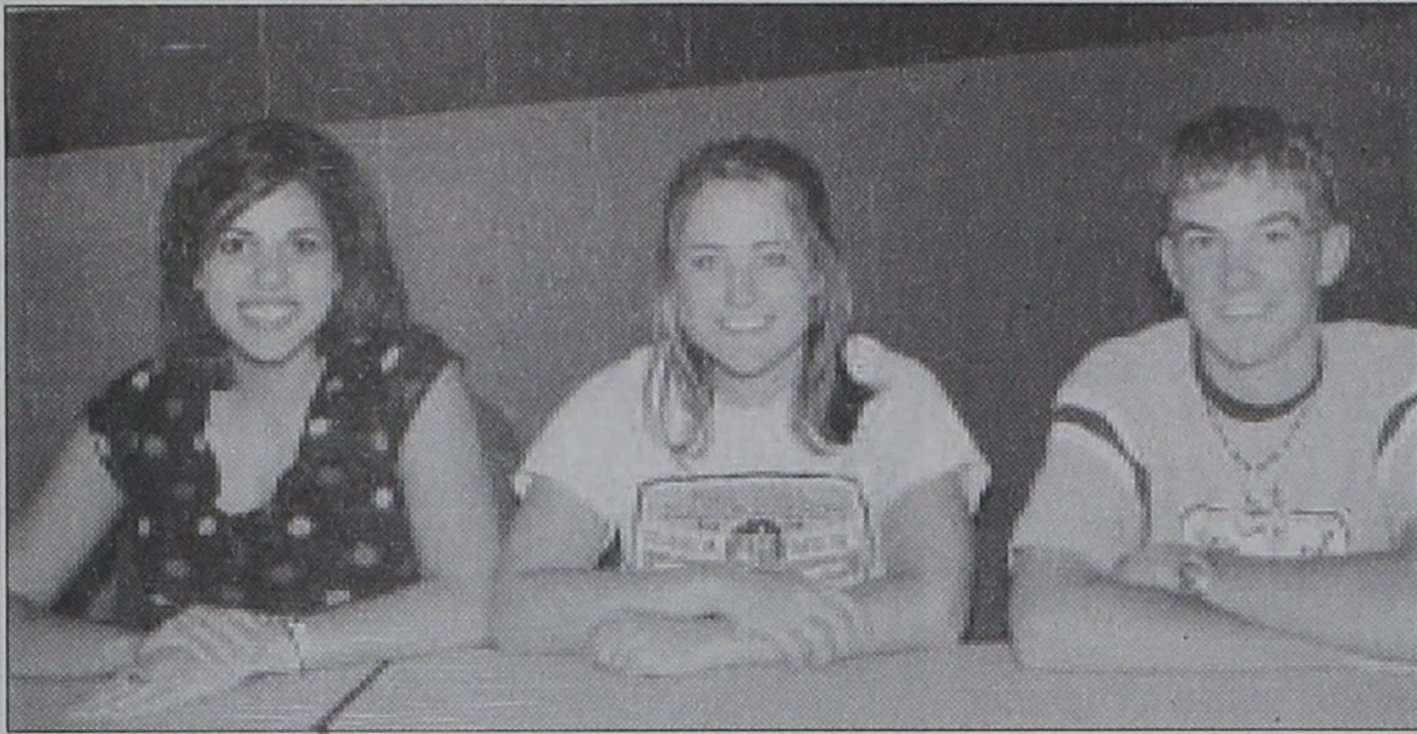
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LEFT TO RIGHT: REBECCA OLVERA, who won a first in regional in prose interpretation; **Jamie Birkenfeld**, who won third in editorial writing; and **Brett Hoelting**, who was first in headline writing, will compete at the state contest.

Naz students bound for State UIL

Nazareth seniors Brett Hoelting and Rebecca Olvera won regional titles April at the 1-A UIL Academic meet at South Plains College in Levelland.

Hoelting won the headline writing contest and Olvera placed first in prose interpretation.

Junior Jamie Birkenfeld placed third in editorial writing.

All three advance to the state UIL meet which will be held May 6-7 in Austin.

Hoelting and Birkenfeld, along with sophomore Whitney Peacock (fifth-place in news writing) accumulated 31 points to win the journalism team trophy.

Olvera and speakers Ross Birkenfeld (fourth in persuasive) and Matt Birkenfeld (fifth in informative) won the speech team title.

In ready writing, junior Keli Schulte placed fourth and senior Tanya Herring was fifth.

Ross Birkenfeld (fourth in persuasive) and Jamie Birkenfeld (fourth in calculator) almost earned a trip to Austin.

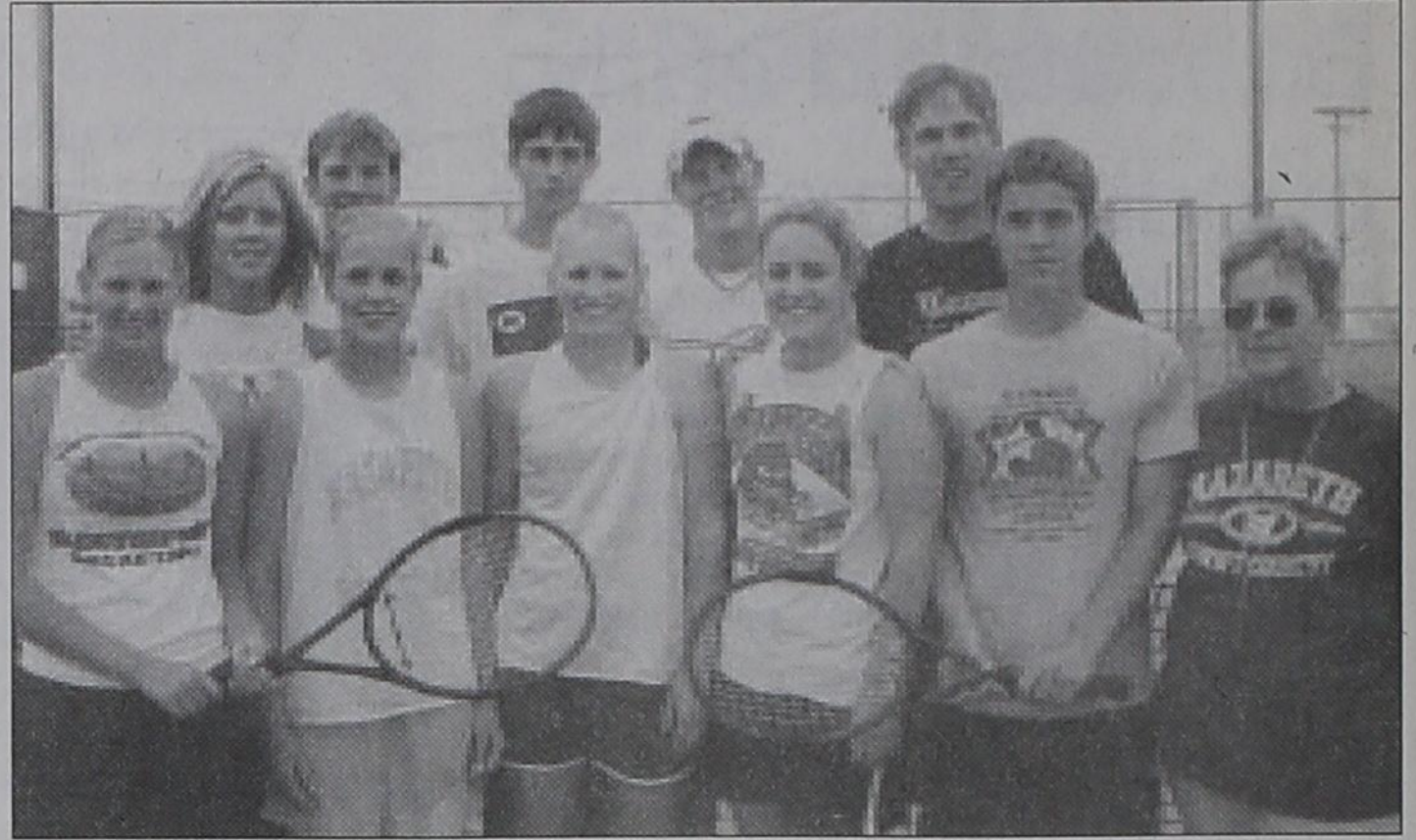
Both were tied for third in their respective events but were bumped to fourth on tiebreaker decisions.

"We are excited for Rebecca, Jamie and Brett," journalism sponsor Brenda Schulte said. "It is always fun to get to the state meet."

"Winning the journalism and speaking team titles was quite an accomplishment, too."

Rita Huckert is the sponsor for prose and Cindy

Huseman coaches the speaking events. Becky Book coaches calculator.

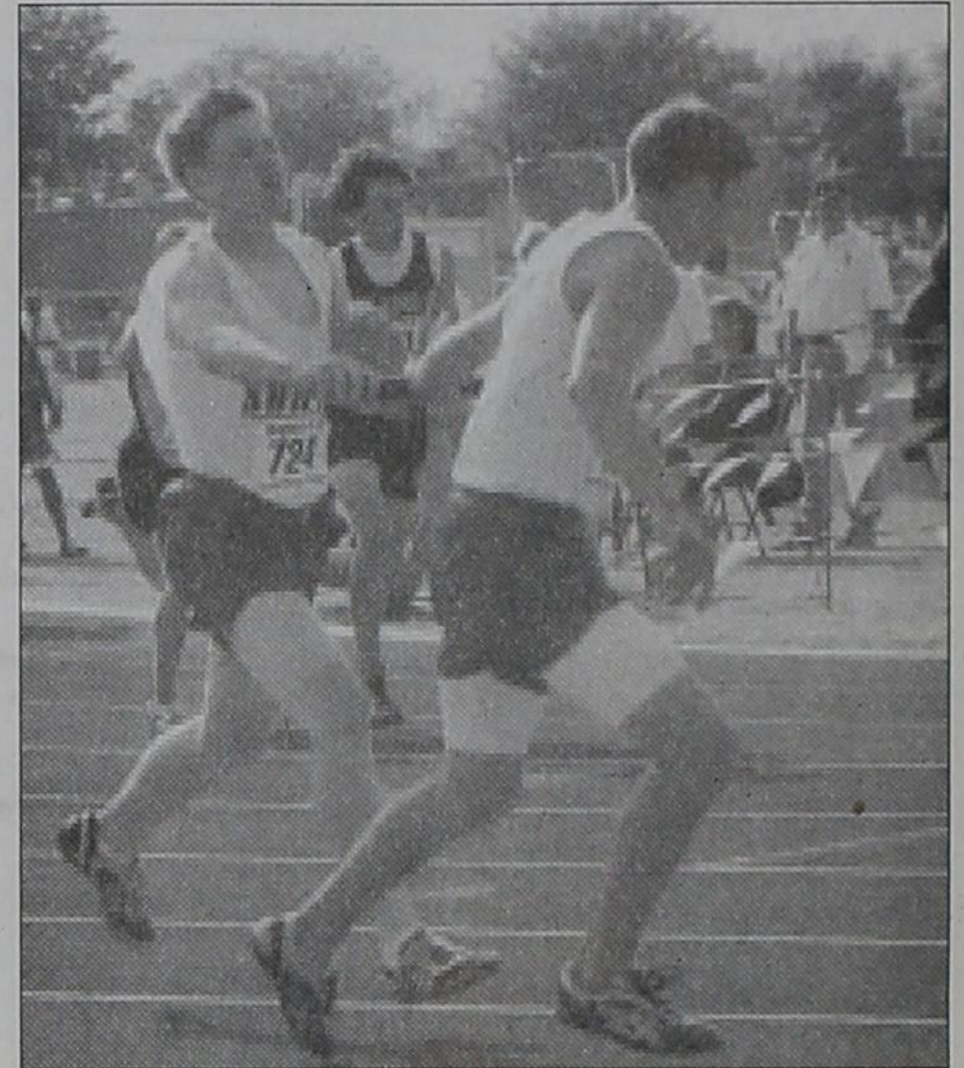


Nazareth Tennis Team

Back row, left to right: Jake Hoelting, Charlie Rundell, Monty Hoelting, Andrew Brockman. Front row, left to right: Lacey Acker, Meggie Lemons, Hollie Kleman, Jenna Acker, Jamie Birkenfeld and Matt Birkenfeld. Nazareth qualified four doubles teams and two singles players for the regional meet. Juniors Jenna Acker and Jamie Birkenfeld earned their second straight trip to state April 22 at the Region 1-A Tennis tournament in Levelland with a 6-3, 6-4 playback win over their freshmen teammates Lacey Acker and Holly Kleman.

Naz baseball

If Nazareth and Ralls both wins their Tuesday games and remain tied for district, there will be a playoff game at 4 p.m. Friday at the baseball field across from Floydada High School



CHASE BLACK HANDS off to Zane Farris in the 1600-meter relay prelims, held Friday, April 30, at South Plains College in Levelland.



BRETT HOELTING



GARRETT KLEMAN

Swifts compete at Regional meet

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

LEVELLAND - The Nazareth Swifts boys track team competed with eight individuals at Levelland on April 30 - the largest number of individual athletes to compete at this level in quite some time.

"We had a pretty good weekend, not as good as we had hoped for," said coach Ricky Peacock. "But with only two kids who had ever been that far, it was a good learning experience for us."

"We have six of eight who went to regionals returning next year and this experience will be useful for them in the next couple of years."

"Overall, we had a great season and one that we can build on for the future. I'm extremely proud of our kids and the work they did this season."

See Naz track, Page 13

Nazareth FFA banquet Page 13

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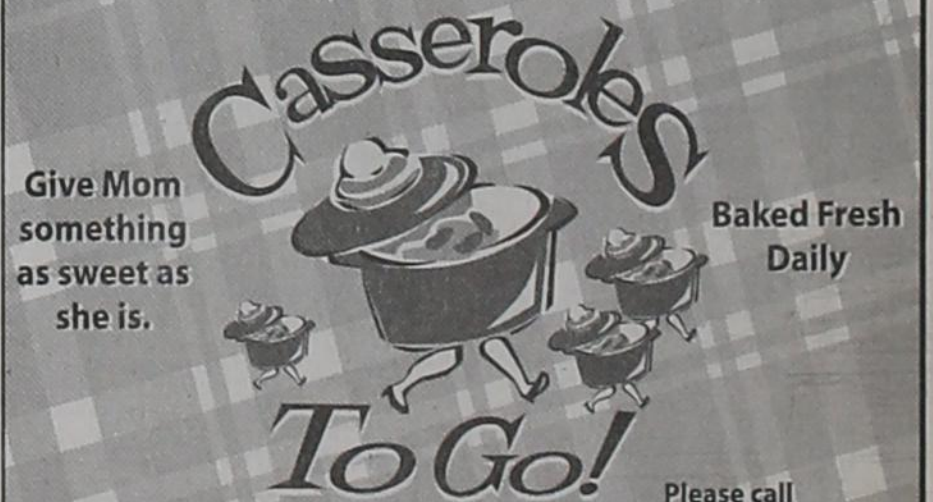
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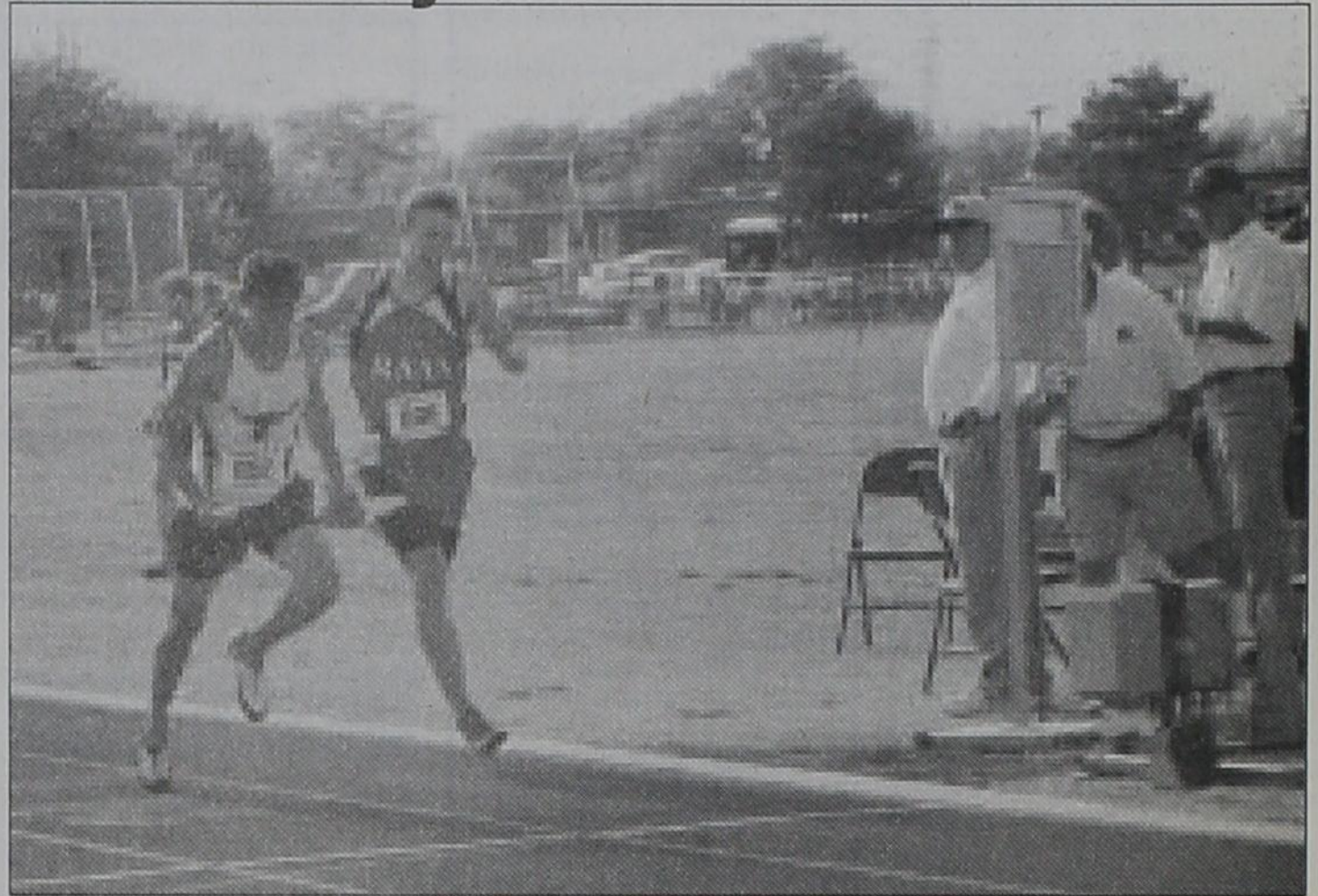


THE HART BOYS 800-meter relay team finished third overall at the regional meet, held Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1, at South Plains College in Levelland. The team finished third overall with a time of 1:33.05, less than one second out of second-place and a chance to go to state. Members of the team were Paul Finch, Rene Gonzales, Joey Martinez and Josh Finch. At far left, Gonzales starts running as Martinez comes up behind him for the handoff of the baton. At near left, the two are almost even and ready for the handoff. The same team finished second in the 400 meet in the prelims at 44.00, but placed third on Saturday with a time of 44.06, 08 of a second away from a state berth.

1600-meter relay



AT LEFT, HART'S Adam Rosas prepares for his leg of the 1600-meter relay at the Regional Meet at Levelland. The team of Adam Rosas, Roy Robledo, Joey Martinez and Adrian Rosas finished fourth in the prelims with a time of 3:33.07 to qualify for the finals. On Saturday, the team finished eighth at 3:35.07. At right, Martinez lunges ahead of the runner next to him to finish the preliminary in the 1600-meter event. That move gave his team a better seed in the finals on Saturday. The Hart boys team finished the event in ninth place with 27 points.



GovBenefits.gov Website helps citizens navigate benefit programs

BY PATRICK PIZZELLA

Finding out which government-funded benefit and assistance programs you may qualify for no longer requires hours of research or phone calls thanks to a free and confidential website called GovBenefits.gov (www.GovBenefits.gov).

GovBenefits.gov has simplified more than 500 federal and state benefit programs into a brief, on-line questionnaire that any citizen, relative, or caregiver can use to determine which government benefit programs they may be eligible to receive.

Launched as part of President George W. Bush's E-Government initiative in 2002, GovBenefits.gov includes information on a

variety of benefit and assistance programs for veterans, seniors, students, teachers, children, people with disabilities, dependents, disaster victims, farmers, caregivers, job seekers, prospective homeowners, and more.

The U.S. Department of Labor celebrated the dramatic steps taken over the past 12 months to increase the visibility and effectiveness of the award-winning website, to include the debut of GovBenefits.gov En Español and expanded state program information.

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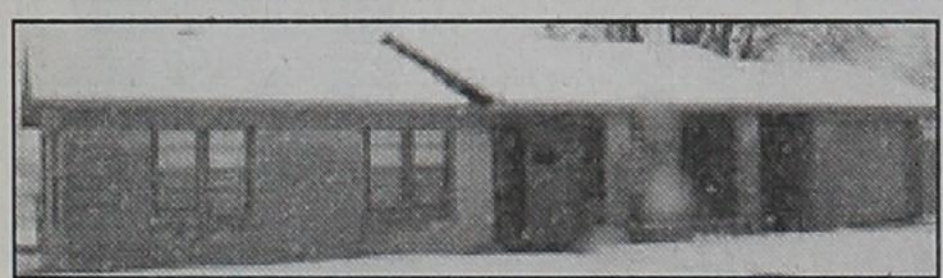
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- Increasing the cost of water well validation to \$1,000 per well.
- Removing gender references and making other minor grammatical/organizational clarifications to the rules.

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So how does one update their Windows?

In most cases you can click on the START button and go up and click on Windows Update.

If that item is not there then simply open up your Internet Explorer, click on Tools and then click on

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Follow the on-screen instructions and answer yes to any message asking if you want to install any software from Microsoft.

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CAR WORKS INC., 200 S. Broadway had a ribbon-cutting on Monday. Pictured above are Alli Thrasher, Melissa Carpenter, Brett Page, Chelsea Buckley, Callen Mixson, Ann Widick, Chaun Gunstream, Todd and Robin Pebsworth, Joyce and Duward Davis, Terry and Lisa Mixson, owners. The business will had its grand opening from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 8. Sausage wraps and fixins' will be served. A free set of tires and other door prizes will be given away.

WTAMU students register early and save

CANYON - New and continuing West Texas A&M University students who register for fall semester classes by Aug. 1 and pay their tuition-and-fee bills by Aug. 9 will save \$4 per semester credit hour.

"Costs are going up everywhere-at the grocery stores, gas stations, colleges and universities, everywhere," Dr. Troy Johnson, dean of enrollment management, said. "We're trying to keep costs down without sacrificing the quality of the experience students receive here at WT. By registering early, students can save money. It's their choice."

Standard tuition and fees for a Texas resident enrolled in 15 semester credit hours at West Texas A&M totalled \$1,595.69 a year ago. The equivalent will cost \$1,736, an increase of \$140.31 or 12.6 percent, for fall 2004.

Priority registration, however, saves a student taking 15 semester credit hours \$60 and reduces the increase to a more palatable 8.8 percent.

One of Johnson's challenges will be to persuade students to take advantage of priority registration.

"Historically, about 30 percent of our students wait until the last minute to register," Johnson said. "That makes it difficult to be efficient with such things as faculty appointments and course offerings, particularly when budgets are tight."

"Priority registration will enhance the University's planning process, and, I think, it will encourage students to plan better and to be more thoughtful and responsible when making class selections."

Advertising, equating a student's Priority Registration savings to 21 lattes, 42 gallons of gas, 12 movie tickets, a free textbook, about 8 dozen cans of coke or a new pair of jeans, will be introduced on campus in the next couple of weeks.

In addition to the fee savings, students who priority register will be eligible for a drawing worth \$200. Five winners will be chosen.

STATE OF TEXAS

TO: NICHLAUS VERNON ROSS

GREETINGS:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do (does) not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this Citation and Petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Petition of JAMES H. LONG and CHARLENE LONG, Petitioners, was filed in the 242nd District Court of Castro County, Texas, on the 12th day of April, 2004, against NICHLAUS VERNON ROSS, Respondent, numbered B7855-0202, and entitled "In The Interest of ATTALEIGH NICHOLE ROSS and DANE HUNTER ROSS, CHILDREN". The suit requests the termination of the parent-child relationship between Nichlaus Vernon Ross and the children who are the subject of the suit.

ATTALEIGH NICHOLE ROSS, born May 16, 2000 in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, DANE HUNTER ROSS, born December 17, 2001 in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.


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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Dimmitt, Texas, this the 27th Day of April, 2004.

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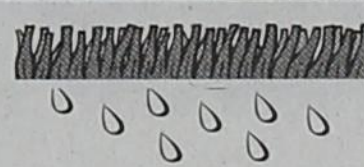


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Dimmitt FFA Banquet

2003-2004 FFA Officers



Left to right: Giovanni Rodriguez, sentinel; Dusty Kay, treasurer; Jake Porsch, vice-president; Shae Odom, president; Rolando Ontiveros, secretary; Casey Maurer, reporter; Danny Underwood, sponsor.



2004-2005 FFA Officers

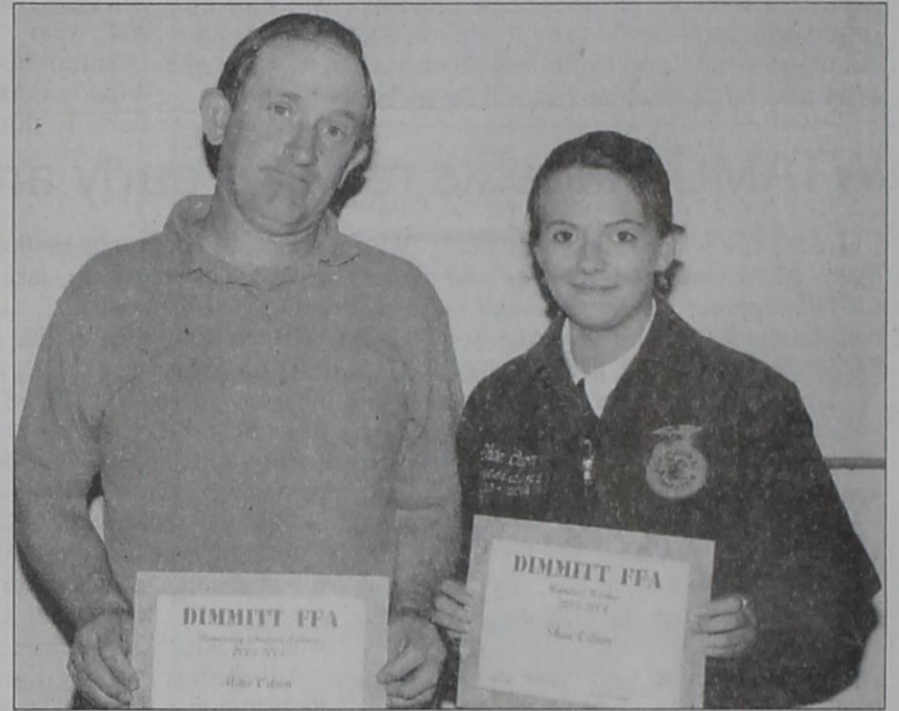
Left to right: Casey Maurer, treasurer; Giovanni Rodriguez, vice-president; Rolando Ontiveros, student advisor; Marshall Wills, president; and Sergio Ontiveros, secretary.



FFA SPONSOR DANNY UNDERWOOD introduces Jake Porsch, a senior, who won first place in the job interview contest, Eighth Area. Porsch was fourth-high individual at Tri-State Livestock Judging Contest; and took fifth place in swine at the Houston Livestock Show. Porsch was also named Outstanding Senior. And he was the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award winner.

AT THE FFA BANQUET, held Thursday, April 29, FFA president Shae Odom, far right, was named Hardest Worker. Her father, Mike Odom, was named Honorary Chapter Farmer for all the time and effort he gave to help students during the school year.

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Other Honors

In addition, proficiency awards were given to the following: Molly Bradford, Wendy Bradford, Cody Clayton, Nicky Gauna, Chauncy Gilbreath, Callee Gilbreath, Carly Gilbreath, Chase Hatla, Dusty Kay, Brad Lane, Monty Marrow, Tyler Marrow, Shae Myatt, Eric Odom, Shae Odom, Rolando Ontiveros, Sergio Ontiveros, Jake Porsch, Landon Porsch, Giovanni Rodriguez, Manaure Rodriguez, Zjhon Smothermon, Kalen Steinle, David Underwood, Dennis Underwood, Adam Wright, Jinna Wright.



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Nazareth FFA Banquet

2003-2004 FFA Officers



2003-2004 FFA Officers

Left to right: Nathan Huseman, Jason Wilhelm, Ross Birkenfeld, Andrew Brockman, Garrett Kleman, Cole McClurg. Front: Becca Olvera.



Left to right: Nathan Huseman, Zane Farris, Jason Wilhelm, Ross Birkenfeld, Garrett Kleman, Shay Wilhelm. Front: Raynee Bradley.

Regional track meet



ABOVE, JAMIE BLACK, A junior at Nazareth High School, comes toward the finish line of the 300-meter hurdles during one of Friday's preliminary heats of the regional track meet, held at South Plains College in Levelland. Black led all the way and qualified for Saturday's finals, where she looked to be the prohibitive favorite.



AT LEFT, BLACK 'CATCHES' her breath after winning Friday's heat in the 300-meter hurdles. On Saturday, which started cold and damp, Black was again leading in the finals, when she fell, leaving her out of contention - but a force to be reckoned with next year.

Naz track

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Following are the results: Stuart Sheffey, 100-meter dash, 11:02, 14th; long jump, 18-02, 12th.

Jordy Rowland, 200-meter dash, 24:31, 11th; triple jump, 37-04, 14th.

Trey Robb, 800-meter run, third, 2:03.80. 400-meter relay team of Zane Farris, Stuart Sheffey, Trey Robb and Jordy Rowland, 44.84, eighth in the prelims and 45.30 in the finals, also eighth.

1600-meter relay team of Chase Black, Zane Farris, Tucker Waggoner and Trey Robb, 3:38.37, 14th.

Honors awarded at banquet

The following awards were handed out at the Nazareth FFA Banquet, held April 29: Star Greenhand, Berry Clinton; Star Chapter Farmer, Nathan Huseman; Lonestar Farmer, Garrett Kleman; Outstanding Service Award, Todd Ross Birkenfeld, Rebecca Olvera, Jason Wilhelm and Cole McClurg; Outstanding Officer, Zane Farris; Brad Klein Memorial Service, Rebecca Olvera; President Appreciation, Garrett Kleman; Outstanding Service Award, Todd Cornett and Marshall Harrison.

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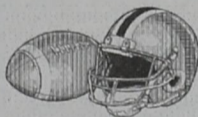
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Community Calendar

Parents appreciation days at RES

In appreciation of the support of parents this school year, the staff of Richardson Elementary will host two breakfasts for moms and dads.

Wednesday, May 12, will be "Muffins for Moms" Day. All mothers of RES students are invited to come by the school library between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 19, will be "Donuts for Dad" Day.

All fathers of RES students are invited to come by the school library between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. for a special treat.

Clays to speak at New Beginnings Church

Don and Phyllis Clay of "The Martha Ministry" of Amarillo will speak at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 19, at New Beginnings Church (formerly the Presbyterian Church of Dimmitt), which is across the street from Dimmitt High School at 1510 Western Circle Drive.

For more information, call 364-6078.

DHS Athletic Banquet set for May 11

The Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club will hold the 2004 Athletic Banquet in honor of the school's athletes and coaches at 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 11, 2004, at the Expo Building.

Athletes and coaches eat free. All others, \$10 per person at the door. The event will be catered by Desperado's of Amarillo.

Barbecue sandwich sale

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt will hold a barbecue sandwich/burger sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 8, on the square. A sandwich, chips and a drink will cost \$5. Funds from the sale will go for the senior dinner that the church plans for DHS seniors.

DHS Art Club sponsors student show

The DHS Art Club is sponsoring its Ninth Annual Student Art Show. The artwork consists of student projects from the classes of 2003-04. The Art Club invites the public to visit the display at Rhoads Memorial Library during regular hours through May 4.

Buy-one, get-one-free book fair

Dimmitt Middle Schools is having a Buy-One-Get-One-Free Book Fair, which runs through Thursday, May 6, in the DMS Library.

The Book Fair will be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day.

There will be a wide selection of merchandise from which to choose. Every one is invited to come and browse through the materials. One special item that will be available is the book "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix."

This book will be on sale for \$19.95 and is included in the buy-one-get-one-free offer as well.

New eyes for the needy

If you have a pair of glasses that haven't been used, donate them to someone who can use them. Drop them off for Vicki Buckley at Richardson Elementary.

Rotary Club selling memorial flag contracts

The memorial flag contracts for 2004 are \$30 and are flown at the Castro County Courthouse square on eight occasions during the year. A list of memorials are published in the Castro County News on Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year. Funds made from this project are used to provide college scholarships for Dimmitt High School graduates.

Anyone wishing to purchase a flag contract in honor or memory of someone should contact Trish Elliott at 647-4624. Leave a message if there's no answer.

'Hidden Treasure' on exhibit at Nazareth

"Hidden Treasure", is an exhibit of local artwork on display at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth. The exhibit features more than 30 artworks in different mediums: oil, acrylic, goldleaf, and watercolor painting, plus metal work, quilts, photography, stained glass, birdhouses, and poetry. Pieces from the following artists are included in the exhibit: Darryl Ball, Irene Wilhelm, Tanya Wethington, Darlene Fetsch, Elaine Kern, Trey Robb, Weldon and Joann Jones, Rose Birkenfeld, Patsy Huseman, Joe Gillis, Peggy Birkenfeld, Marcy Hoelting, Kay Stephens, Terri Birkenfeld, Bridget Birkenfeld, Carson Gerber, and Neal Kleman, Margaret Braddock, Beverly Hill. Special honor is being accorded to artwork from three deceased artists of the Nazareth community: Rosemary Wilhelm, Lucille Drerup, and Father Stanley Crocchiola.

"Hidden Treasures is a monument to the amazing amount of artwork that has been and is being done in any community...mostly hidden from the public eye, in workrooms, homes, and shops," said Home Mercantile Director, Darryl Birkenfeld. "It is inspiring to think how many hours people have sacrificed, in the midst of busy lives and full-time jobs, to leave a legacy of beauty for many generations. This exhibit is an attempt to bring a small amount of local art into a venue where many people can enjoy it."

Scheduled viewing times for this exhibit will be Thursdays (May 6, 13, 20) from 5 to 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to arrange a visit at another time may do so by calling Beverly Schulte, Home Mercantile Board President, at 945-2580. "Hidden Treasures" will be available for viewing until May 23.

The Home Mercantile is a community incubator for education, service, and creative arts, located at the corner of 2nd & Leo Streets in Nazareth.

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- 4/16 1000 bl. W. Stinson Assault/bodily injury, domestic, second or more
- 4/16 500 bl. W. Bedford Burglary of a habitation
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- 4/17 600 bl NW 5th Warrant/misdemeanor
- 4/18 200 bl. W. Cleveland Warrant/misdemeanor
- 4/18 500 bl. W. Bedford Theft-C
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- 4/21 1600 bl. Sunset Cir. Burglary of a vehicle
- 4/21 100 bl. E. Jones Theft-C
- 4/21 800 bl. S. Front Criminal mischief-B
- 4/22 100 bl. W. Belsher Forgery
- 4/23 100 bl. E. Bedford Violation of probation
- 4/24 200 bl. E. Jones Runaway
- 4/24 100 bl. E. Bedford Mental
- 4/24 600 bl. SW 3rd Criminal mischief-A
- 4/24 300 bl. NW 4th Criminal mischief-B
- 4/25 600 bl. NW 7th Assault-A
- 4/25 100 bl. NW 6th Racing on highway
- 4/25 500 bl. S. 385 Burglary of a building
- 4/25 100 bl. NE 8th Injury to child/elderly/or disabled individual
- 4/26 300 bl. NW 4th Assault-A
- 4/27 100 bl. W. Belsher Forgery
- 4/27 900 bl. E. Jones Assault-A
- 4/27 1600 bl. Sunset Cir. Theft-state jail felony
- 4/28 600 bl. NW 5th Assault-C
- 4/29 400 bl. NW 2nd Harassment
- 4/29 200 bl. E. Jones Forgery
- 5/02 300 bl. NW 2nd Criminal mischief-B
- 5/02 100 bl. S. Broadway Harassment
- 5/02 300 bl. E. Jones Reckless driving

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- 4/18 30-year-old Dimmitt female, speeding
- 4/18 30-year-old Lubbock man, DWI, first
- 4/18 21-year-old Dimmitt man, warrants
- 4/19 42-year-old San Angelo man, DWI, third
- 4/21 31-year-old Dimmitt man, criminal mischief
- 4/25 25-year-old Dimmitt man, warrants
- 4/25 31-year-old Friona man, theft by check
- 4/28 33-year-old Dimmitt man, theft by check
- 4/28 46-year-old Dimmitt man, DWI, second

City

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Collins said that Denman is on six-months probation. "If the job isn't what he expects it to be, he'll know by then," Collins said. "Or if we're not happy with his performance, we'll know by then."

Before his most recent jobs, Denman worked for The Tye Manufacturing Company in Lockney for 19 years and for Case International/Scott Tractor for eight years.

One of the most important tasks he will have with the city is dealing with inventory control, Collins said.

"He's a fit for what we need," he said. "He's got a lot of hands-on experience."

"Plus, we felt we needed to get someone on board as soon as possible. We want to develop the new field south of town with water wells and we need to apply for a block grant to help fund it."

Denman said his knowledge of Dimmitt drew him to the job. "I've looked forward to being in Dimmitt," he said.

Denman has a wife, Ronda; and three daughters, Amy and Joy, both in college, and Janae, a seventh-grader.

The family will be moving to Dimmitt, since it is a requirement for the job, but in the interim, Denman said he will be using the parsonage at Lee Street Baptist.

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Happy LATE, LATE birthday to Sofia Gil Ramirez.

She turned 8 on April 9. She is the daughter of Rudy and Maria Ramirez. Mommy loves you.

Lino Perez is very excited about an upcoming trip to San Angelo.

He and his family, including Santos Perez, will be traveling to San Angelo to attend the graduation of Elisa Danielle Perez. Elisa is the daughter of Daniel and Susan Perez, formally of Dimmitt. Elisa will be graduating from Angelo State University on Saturday, May 15.

She will be a candidate for the degree of associate of applied science in nursing. Elisa's family is very proud of her and looking forward to visiting her.

Monica Dozal was among a group of students who traveled to Houston for the FCCLA State Meeting.

Other students attending were Suzie Limas, Adriana Arcos, Marissa Allison, Sarah Silva, Lizbeth Gonzalez, Chuck Cruz, Maribel Montiel and Luis Porras.

Only Chuck placed in the competition, bringing home third place.

Monica e-mailed to let me know how much fun they all had on the trip.

They made the 13-hour trip on a chartered bus, which she says was kind of a bummer cause it didn't have any windows on it.

She says that when they saw the hotel they were staying in, they forgot about the long bus trip.

The group stayed at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Houston.

Monica said the hotel was about 30-floors high and had an awesome revolving restaurant at the top.

None of them got to get all the way up because they had a very, very busy schedule. She said they attended meetings and competitions all day Friday and that same night a few of the girls flew back to Dimmitt to attend a wedding.

Also, Marissa Allison flew

to New Orleans to join the band for its trip. Monica couldn't believe that Marissa was brave enough to fly all the way by herself.

Monica said the ones who stayed in Houston wanted to go to the mall REALLY bad, but they didn't make it. Instead, they walked around downtown Houston and did a little shopping.

Monica said she couldn't believe the huge Foley's store.

It was four-stories high and crammed with all kinds of stuff.

They also went to some underground tunnels that were like mini-malls.

Monica said that they didn't realize just how far they had walked until they tried to get back to the hotel; they were pretty tired.

Not too tired to attend the FCCLA dance on Friday night.

Monica said there were tons of people there and she couldn't help but wonder how much fun Quinceaneras are in a big city like Houston.

Saturday they all went to the Houston Aquarium, where they saw thousands of fish and sharks.

Monica said they're all glad they had the chance to participate in the state meeting and had a great time in Houston.

Trey Oltivero, son of Rey Jr. and Joanne Oltivero, was confirmed on Friday April 23.

Joanne's brother, Armando Arguijo, was Trey's Padrino.

Her husband Rey Jr. was the Padrino to their nephews, Kasey Garza and Aaron Reyes.

Joanne says that all of her brothers and her sister came down and they had a great time.

She wants to send a special thank you to her sister-in-law, Laura Arguijo, for making some GOOOOD menudo.

I'd like to send a very special hello to all the girls from the Castro County Clerk's office.

They say they are loyal readers.

Ponganse a trabaja muchachas (get to work girls)!

I'd also like to send a special hello to another out-of-town reader, Andy Rodriguez.

Andy is from Plainview and ran across my column while reading the paper at the library in Plainview.

It's nice to hear that even strangers enjoy reading the Hispanic Voice.

The annual Immaculate Conception Church will be holding its annual Jamaica on Sunday, June 27. A Jamaica is a huge outdoor celebration held every year to raise money for the church.

It will be taking place after the last mass on that Sunday morning and will go on until dark.

The Jamaica is usually held at the city park, but plans are not final yet.

There will be lots of great traditional Mexican food (tacos, burritos, chicharones, raspas to name a few) and, of course, live music for everyone to enjoy.

There is always a variety of games and contests like the cake walk and loteria (Mexican bingo).

They are hoping to make this year's Jamaica extra special and would like to encourage everyone to take part in the festivities.

There is still time to reserve a booth weather it's to sell

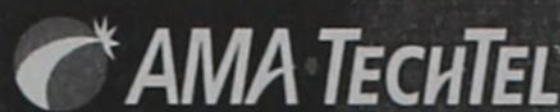
food or for games. Contact Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for more information.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Pedro Gonzalez, Paul Rios, Marylou Lumbrera, Leo Vera, Mikayla Nicole Diaz, Krystal Ramirez, Diedre Perez, Sara Salinas and all of our troops.

Bueno, ya me voy a despedir. I better say goodbye.

I could go on and on, but space is limited. I'd like to remind everyone that my deadline is Friday and I try to write the column on Thursday night, so get your info to me on time so I can include it.

I'd love to hear comments and suggestions. I've heard rumors of a reunion for the class of 1994 - let me know something. As always, I can be reached at angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 or bring your info by Dr. Vandiver's office.



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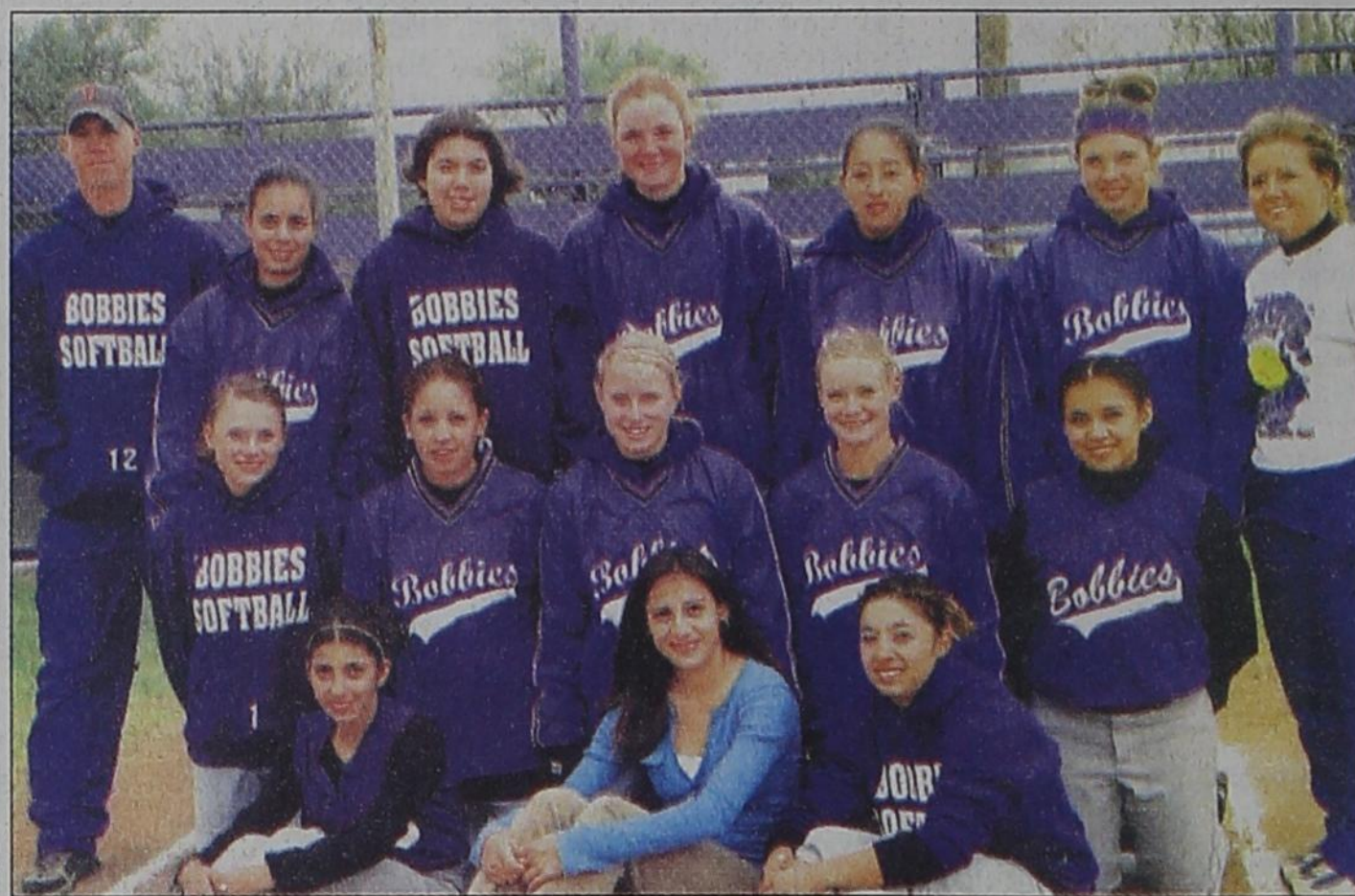


DHS FFA Banquet

ABOVE, FFA SPONSOR Danny Underwood presents Jake Porsch with the banner the school received after Porsch finished first in the district interview contest. At left, FFA president Shae Odom hugs her dad Mike after presenting him with the award for Honorary Chapter Farmer.



Dimmitt Bobbies Softball



THE DIMMITT BOBBIES went 2-2 in district play and were runner-ups in this, their first year, of play. On April 29, they played Perryton in a bi-district game at Canyon Randall, where they lost. Back row, left to right: Assistant coach Jayson Adams, Angelica Huerta, Kayla Saenz, Jacqui Hinsley, Victoria Tarango, Kristin McClure, and coach Dene Adams. Middle row, left to right: Sheena Ehly, Samantha Neri, Caitlin Buckley, Brittany Williams, Monica Dozal. Sitting, left to right: Melissa Valles, Karla Aguero, Cristin Herrera.

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**Six days left
for early voting**

Registered voters in Dimmitt have six more days to vote early if they live in District 1. Early voting for the municipal election, which is set for May 15, goes through 5 p.m. May 11 at Dimmitt City Hall.

The only election is between District 1 incumbent Roy Garza and challenger Amos Quintero.

Voting is allowed every weekday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. through Tuesday, May 11.

There are two elections in Nazareth and the same rules for early voting apply there. Both the school and municipal voting places are at the Nazareth ISD.

For the Nazareth ISD Board of Trustees, there are three candidates for two seats on the boards. Running for those three seats are two incumbents: Patty Kern and Keith Hoelting; and one challenger: Keith Birkenfeld.

Voting may be done at the school between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, May 11.

In the city elections in Nazareth, Mayor Ralph Brockman has drawn an opponent - Marlin Durbin. Voting in that race is at the school from through Tuesday, May 11, between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 and 5 p.m. Election day for both those races is Saturday, May 15, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

There are no contested races in Hart. Both the school and city elections were canceled because no positions were contested.

Crime Line

The Castro County Crime Line will pay a reward of \$500 for information in the case that occurred Oct. 15, 2003. During the night hours, a 2000 Caterpillar grader owned by Castro County Precinct 1 was heavily damaged while it was parked about 5½ miles southeast of Dimmitt, just of Texas 194. The grader was heavily damaged by vandalism and then an attempt was made to set it on fire.

Over the past several months, there has been a series of burglaries and thefts of Miller and Lincoln type welders from residences in Dimmitt and Hart and from farms in Castro County. Castro County Crime Line will pay a reward of \$300 for information involving these cases.

Rewards will be paid for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for these crimes. You do not have to give your name! All information you provide is confidential, just call Crime Line at (806) 647-4711 or the Castro County Sheriff's Office at (806) 647-3311 and ask for Sheriff Fitzgearld.

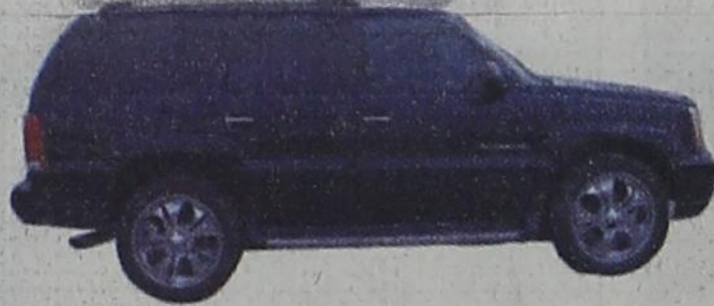
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