



LESTER BATTEASE of Sweetwater, who collects and restores antique sewing machines, explains a merchant's cylindrical needle case to (from left) Faye Brown of Abilene, Joyce Davis of Dimmitt and

Tommie Sue Nisbett of Dimmitt at last year's Ogallala Quilters' Festival. The quilt festival returns to Dimmitt today (Thursday) through Saturday. Photo by Don Nelson

# WELCOME, QUILTERS!

Third Annual  
Ogallala Quilters' Festival  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 6-8

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### Ogallala Quilters to convene in Dimmitt for festival

## Patchwork marvels will be focus of weekend event

You can learn some of the finer points of quilting from some of the best seamstresses in the business when the Ogallala Quilters hold their third annual festival in Dimmitt today (Thursday) through Saturday.

Activities will take place at the Expo Building, Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center, Dimmitt City Hall, Rhoads Memorial Library, First United Methodist Church and Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria.

One of the highlights of the annual show for visitors is viewing the amazing creations of quilters from around the area. The 140 quilts entered in the festival competition will be on display at the Expo Building and admission to the show is \$3 per day, per person.

Quilts entered in the contest will be eligible for ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards in many categories.

Judging this year's show will be Sally Hatfield of Globe, Ariz. She is a certified quilt judge who has won prizes in various national quilt shows. She also will teach classes on Friday and Saturday at the festival.

The Midland Quilt Guild's fabulous quilts, dubbed the "cream of the crop" will be on display at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center throughout the festival.

Featured quilts which will be on display at the Expo Building include some 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century creations.

One of the quilts is from Georgia and was created during the Civil War Era. Another is a whole cloth white quilt from the 1830s. Percy Parsons' family from Louisiana shipped two antique quilts which also will be displayed during the show. One is a Red Cross Quilt from Monroe, La., and the other is a plain Mariner's Compass quilt top made in the 1890s.

Signature quilts will be displayed at the First United Methodist Church's Sunshine Room and other antique quilts will be shown at Rhoads Memorial Library.

June Long of Amarillo and Michelle Watts of Roswell, N.M. each will hold trunk shows at the Expo Building.

Long won "Best of Show" honors at the first Ogallala Quilters' Festival in Dimmitt. Several of her quilts have been featured in major quilt shows. She is a very popular teacher of hand applique. She won prizes for her quilts in Vermont's state show.

Watts has a talent for designing quilts and patchwork clothing. She has won numerous awards, including second place in the American Quilters' Society Fashion Show in Paducah, Ken.

While the quilt show is on the favorite attractions for visitors, it's just a small part of this year's festival.

### STITCHES & SCRAPS

Several classes have been planned to interest everyone from the novices to the most experienced quilters.

Darlene Christopherson of China Springs will be the feature teacher, lead-

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## Two are sentenced

Two men entered pleas of guilty or nolo contendere in recent sessions of District Court in Dimmitt.

In 242nd District Court before Judge Ed Self, Domingo Atilano Rosales entered a plea bargain in connection with charges of DWI, third or more offense, dating from March 14.

Terms of the plea are that he must serve five years in the Institutional Division Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated for five years, pay a \$1,000 fine, \$277.25 in court costs, \$50 to the Castro County Crime Line, 400 hours of community service, 10 days in the county jail or until space is available in the Brownfield Regional Court Residential Treatment Center, where he is to stay from at least six months to no more than 24 months, a one-year suspension of his driver's license upon release from the treatment center, and an ignition interlock device for the remainder of his probation. The terms are to run concurrent with Rosales's continued probation from DWI charges dating from 1994.



A TALE OF PRIDE AND PREJUDICE—The Dimmitt High School One-Act Play cast presented *The Marvelous Playbill* at the District One-Act Play competition at Amarillo College on Friday. Ivan Flores (front, right) was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Here he is hoisting Jody Stovall into the air. Other cast members shown are (from left) Dalton Fisher, Damian Martinez (who also was named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast), Maria Chavez, and Priscilla Doñes. Photo by Linda Maxwell

In 64th District Court, Judge Jack Miller accepted the plea bargain for Daniel Quilimaco on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, from an Oct. 31 incident.

Terms of the bargain include two years in a state jail facility, probated for four years, \$1,000 fine, \$262.25 in court costs, \$50 donation to Crime Line, \$250 in attorney fees, and 200 hours of community service.

## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	63	30	
Friday	62	31	.04
Saturday	41	32	.44
Sunday	42	32	.07
Monday	62	32	.01
Tuesday	50	29	
Wednesday	75	31	

March Moisture ..... 3.09  
2000 Moisture ..... 3.16

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

## Chase is new DISD business manager

In a called meeting Monday, the Dimmitt School Board hired a new business manager and adopted the school calendar for the 2000-2001 school year.

Business manager Johnny Hill has resigned to take a position with the Perryton schools. John Chase was hired by a unanimous vote of the board, following an executive session.

Chase has been the assistant business manager for the Canyon Independent School District since 1996. A 1989 graduate of Canton High School, Chase served in the US

Army for three years, and was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. He also spent time in Panama and Egypt.

After his release from the service, he attended West Texas A&M University where he obtained his bachelor of business administration degree in 1996.

Chase met his wife, Cari, an accountant, at college, and they married after his graduation.

In other business, the board approved the proposed school calendar

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## Edwards and Horton on ballot

## Run-off election is Tuesday in county/district attorney race

Run-off elections for both the Democratic and Republican parties in Castro County will be held Tuesday, with balloting from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations listed below. Several voting boxes have been consolidated for the run-off.

Early voting started Monday and will continue through Friday, with ballots available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse.

In the Democratic run-off, local voters will decide on the nomination for the office of Castro County/District Attorney, and the nomination for US Senator. CA/DA front runners were James Horton and Jack Edwards. The top senate candidates were Gene Kelly and Charles Gandy.

Republican voters will be asked to clarify their choice of nominees in three court of criminal appeals races. For Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, top runners are Sharon Keller and Tom Price; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, between Charles Holcomb and Guy Williams; and Place 2 between Jim Wallace and Barbara Hervey.

Anyone who voted in the Republican Primary may not vote in the Democratic run-off, and those who voted in the Democratic Primary may not vote in the Republican run-off. Registered voters who did not vote in the primaries may still vote in the run-off of their choice. In addition, any voter who may have signed a candidate petition for a candidate

may only vote in the run-off of the party in which that candidate filed.

### Polling locations

#### REPUBLICAN

All voting boxes will be consolidated into one. Voters should go to the County Court Room, where the commissioners meet.

#### DEMOCRATIC

Voting Pct.	Location
101 & 105	Hart Golden Group
201 & 206	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Dimmitt
301 & 307	First Baptist Church, Dimmitt
401	District Courtroom, Second Floor of Courthouse
408	Nazareth Community Hall

## Dimmitt cancels election

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to cancel the city election, set for May 6, and notify the Attorney General's office.

All candidates for office were unopposed, so the council voted to save the expense of holding the election. The candidates will be declared elected after May 6.

In another matter, the council made a formal vote approving the sales tax holiday for the first weekend in August, as allowed by state law. At the last meeting of the council, a public hearing was held on the matter.

The council heard a presentation by ionex telecommunications, inc. on a discounted telephone service plan.

Mayor Wayne Collins told company representatives Lonnie Starbuck and Joel Luther that the council will examine their proposal and see if the city would be interested.



FRANCIS ACKER ACCEPTS 'FIREMAN OF THE YEAR' PLAQUE ... From City Manager Don Sheffy Saturday evening

## Acker named top fireman

Francis Acker, a 25-year veteran firefighter, was named "Fireman of the Year" at the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept.'s annual banquet Saturday evening.

In presenting the top fireman's plaque to Acker, City Manager Don Sheffy commented, "This man has been to just about every school they offer at A&M, in Canyon and in Lubbock. He's been doing this job a long time, and they finally figured out that he's the best one they have."

Acker is a team coordinator at the Cerestar plant, and he and his wife, Bea, own and operate The Pancake House in Dimmitt.

Acker also received a 25-year service pin. Other recipients of milestone

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### More about Fireman of the Year . . .

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service pins were Bill Conyers and Randy Griffith, 25 years; Neal Christian, 20 years; David Allison, 15 years; and Chris Fuentes, 5 years. Stanley Maurer made the pin presentations, and also introduced three new firefighters—Billy Patton, Ronnie Curtis and Adam Anglin.

Maurer also paid tribute to Willie John Word, a former member of the department who died last month.

Fire Chief Tommy Cleavinger served as master of ceremonies and recognized seven retired firefighters who were special guests—John Hardy Wood, Frank Britt, Lynn West, Harlin Dodd, Zeke Florsham, Bob Murdock and Joe Wall. Special guests also included four members of the Fire Dept. Reserve—Debbie Perales, Josh Flores, Dale West and Derik Harkins—and many local law officers.

A barbecue dinner was catered by Chubby Buns of Friona. Officers of the Fire Dept., elected in January, are Tommy Cleavinger, chief; Francis Acker, first assistant chief; David Allison, second assistant chief; Neal Christian, first captain; Lee Schilling, second captain; Ricky Hargrove and Randy Griffith, training officers; Mat Bradley, secretary-treasurer; and Bill Conyers, information officer.

### Police Calls

March 28, a 17-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed for assault causing bodily injury/family member in an incident that was reported at 7:06 p.m. on Northwest Third.

On Sunday afternoon, deputies received a report of assault/bodily injury/family member. A step-daughter hit her 37-year-old stepmother in the face at a home in Coronado Acres.

On March 28, Brian Phillip Nelson told deputies that someone had taken two Aiwa stereos valued at \$250 each, five CDs valued at a total of \$100, a Nike bag valued at \$50, Nike shoes valued at \$120, and a jar of coins valued at about \$50.

Also on March 28, Marlin Durbin of Nazareth told deputies that a 1983 CMC end-dump semi-trailer valued at \$8,500 had been taken from his property. Durbin said he had sold the trailer, but the buyer failed to make payments, so he repossessed it.

After reporting the trailer missing, Durbin said he saw it at the home of the buyer. Durbin was advised to send a letter to the buyer saying that he will file a complaint in small claims court if payment is not made.

On March 29, Jackie Holcomb Garner of Earth reported an incident of criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500. She told deputies that a brass vase with a brass base for a grave marker was missing from a grave at Castro Memorial Gardens. The vase was valued at \$200. An investigating deputy located the vase at the cemetery and said it could have been misplaced by accident.

Also on March 29, Jose Caldino Moctezuma of Dimmitt told deputies that someone took his Sony Direct TV receiver dish, valued at \$100, from a house southeast of Dimmitt. A vehicle was seen leaving the area, and investigation is continuing.

March 28, police responded to a call at Dimmitt Middle School. Suspects were fighting during a class.

Jailed on warrants during the past week were:

—March 28, a 26-year-old Dimmitt woman for evading arrest.

—March 29, a Hart woman, 34, for violation of probation stemming from theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

—Last Thursday, an Odessa man for violation of probation stemming from DWI, first offense.

Alcohol-related offenses during the past week:

—Early Monday, a 31-year-old Dimmitt man, public intoxication; a Dimmitt man, 38, DWI, third offense; a 30-year-old Dimmitt man, public intoxication; and a Dimmitt woman, 26, public intoxication.

Saturday at 5:40 p.m., a 1992 Ford pickup driven by Tony Billolobos, 55, of Dimmitt, backed out of a parking space at K-Bob's into the street and struck a 2000 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Jeffrey Russell Stovall, 18, of Rt. 3, Hereford. No one was injured and damage to both vehicles was rated light. Billolobos was given a ticket for backing without safety and for no liability insurance.

Monday at 5:45 p.m., Berta C. Jimenez, 55, of Hereford, was driving south on US 385. She told DPS Trooper Keith Smith that as she came to Sunnyside she pulled over to avoid a vehicle that was passing another vehicle. Jimenez's 1996 Ford Escort struck eight mail boxes. Smith estimated their value at about \$20 each. Jimenez was not injured and damage to her vehicle was light.

Twelve were in the county jail as of Tuesday morning, with one farmed out all week at a cost of \$38 per day or \$266 per week.



RETIRING—Miguel Velasquez has been the manager of the Azteca Complex in Dimmitt for almost 20 years, and will be resigning his duties effective April 13. He is being honored with a reception Sunday afternoon at the Azteca Community Center. Photo by Linda Maxwell

### Velasquez retiring as Azteca manager

After almost 20 years as the manager of the Azteca Complex in Dimmitt, Miguel Velasquez is retiring, effective April 13. Succeeding him in the job will be John Falcon, who has been serving as assistant manager for the last few weeks.

Velasquez started work at the complex in July of 1981. He said he has seen many changes in Dimmitt and at the complex.

Velasquez said the changes have been for the worse for the migrant workers who live at the housing complex. He said migrant work is getting more and more scarce in the area.

Velasquez said 78 apartments are leased year-round to residents, while 60 units are reserved for migrants from May through November.

"We have noticed year after year that fewer migrants come here," Velasquez said. "They are probably going to different places. Most who come here only stay a short time, usually for hoeing cotton. They come late and stay a short time."

Velasquez joked that he will be a "migrant," since he is moving south—to Eagle Pass. He moved to

Dimmitt from there, and he and his wife, Sabina, both still have family there. The couple have three children, Sergio and Joe of Amarillo, and Juanita of San Antonio, all of whom are graduates of Dimmitt High School and attended West Texas A&M University. They also have two grandchildren.

Velasquez said he is looking forward to having more time to spend with his grandchildren and to "taking it easy for a while."

He said the job here requires a lot of responsibility and there are many government regulations that have to be met.

Velasquez said he was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and he was formerly active in the League of United Latin American Citizens.

He said he will miss Dimmitt and the people a lot, but he plans to return on occasion to visit his brothers who still live here and his sons in Amarillo.

"We have a lot of friends here and I know we will miss them," he said.

### County conventions name state delegates

The Democratic and Republican Parties in Castro County held their County Conventions Saturday and named delegates and alternates to their respective state conventions.

The Republicans also discussed resolutions to be forwarded to the state convention. Selected as delegates to the June 15-17 conclave in Houston were Richard and Mary Berquist, Helene McFarland, Kay Stevens and Emma Jean King. Alternates are D.D. Gillespie, James Baker and Doris Flynt.

The Democrats selected Greg Odom as delegate chairman, and Scott Morris, Jeff Robertson and Jean Morris as delegates. Alternates are Dana Beck and Harold Bob Bennett. The Democratic State Convention will be June 9-10 in Fort Worth.

The Democrats also endorsed Odom as a possible delegate to the national convention. No resolutions were voted on.

### Mitzie Alexander is listed in Who's Who

Mitzie Heller Alexander, daughter of Jerry and Delores Heller of Dimmitt, was selected by faculty members at Lubbock Christian University to appear in the 1999-2000 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Alexander was one of 37 students from Lubbock Christian University selected to receive the honor. She is a senior elementary education major from Levelland. She is a graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Students were nominated to *Who's Who* based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. *Who's Who* members are an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District

While only 19 women competed in the 1900 Summer Games in Paris, 3,800 women were among the 10,800 athletes who competed in Atlanta in 1996.

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### More about Ogallala Quilters . . .

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ing three classes during the festival, each at Dimmitt City Hall. Christopherson has been quilting since 1979 and has had her work published in several books. Teaching fine hand work in the areas of applique, hand piecing and hand quilting, her classes on design and color are inspirational and hold the interest of hand and machine artists alike.

She taught on the staff of the Jinny Beyer Hilton Head Island Quilting Seminar from 1989 to 1993. She also taught other quilt seminars.

At the Ogallala Quilters' Festival, Christopherson will lead "Lady Bird's Rose Garden" from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday; and that afternoon, she will speak on "Fabric Selection: Lessons I Have Learned." The fee is \$25 for each class.

In Christopherson's fabric selection class, students will learn lessons in color, texture, contrast, shading and blending.

On Saturday, she will conduct a day-long seminar devoted to "A Perfect Union: Combining Patchwork and Applique." There will be a class fee of \$50 for those attending. The pattern and other supplies will be extra.

"If you love the combination of patchwork and applique, this class will get your juices flowing," Christopherson said. "Students will painlessly learn to piece by hand and applique effortlessly."

Each year, the Ogallala Quilters award a \$500 scholarship to one of the quilting teachers at the festival. Last year's winner was Emily Nipp, and she used her scholarship to attend a quilting college in California. She is returning to this year's festival, full of new ideas she learned in California. She will give a free lecture Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the Quonset Barn adjacent to the Expo Building. Nipp also will be teaching a class on machine quilting at this year's festival.

There will be four free demonstrations in the Expo Building Friday and Saturday, starting at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. These demonstrations will feature new quilting techniques.

Many other classes are planned, but there is a registration fee for each. These classes will be held in the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center. Morning classes on Friday will include "Beginning Needle Turn Applique," a combined project-technique class taught by Nell Smith; "Machine Quilting," led by Nipp; "Redwork in Quilting," guided by Jane Cappadonna; and "Designing a Vertical Set Quilt," which will include information from Sharon Newman about setting bar style or "strippy" quilts.

Afternoon sessions on Friday will feature "Bear Paw Miniatures," explained by Yvonna Hays; "Paper Foundations," taught by Hatfield; "Crazy Cabins," led by instructor Jean Deaton; and "Improving Hand Quilting Stitches," taught by Nell Smith.

Saturday's class schedule will cover the following topics: "Easter Basket Pillow," by Karen Rolan; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bull's Eye," by Suzanne Garman; "Designing Circular Blocks on a Square Grid," by Jackie Reis; "Felt on Applique," by Lauretta Dash; "Crazy Quilts," by Jane Cappadonna; "Dimensional Flowers," by Nancy Richburg; and "Basic Hand Piecing" by Hatfield.

Other classes will all last 3 hours with a \$15 fee. Kits or materials for most of the classes are available, for an extra fee.

Newman will offer quilt appraisals at the Expo Building on Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. for a \$30 fee.

### FOOD & FUN

Two special meals are planned during the festival. "Intergalactic Night" will be held tonight (Thursday), starting at 7 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria in Dimmitt.

This event will include an enchilada supper for \$11 per plate. After the meal, an "Intergalactic Fashion Show" from Roswell, N.M., will be the featured entertainment. Models will don unusual "garments of the future" in the fashion show. Other entertainment will be provided by Bill Sava, Trish Elliott and Don Nelson.

The 18 "Intergalactic" garments which will be modeled in the special fashion show tonight (Thursday) will be displayed at First United Methodist Church Friday and Saturday.

Winners of the Fat Quarter and Silver Dollar Awards and other awards presented at the festival will be named after the enchilada supper.

"Fantastic Friday" on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria will include a steak dinner at \$13 per plate, along with a lecture and trunk show, and a miniature quilt auction.

Christopherson will present the lecture and trunk show beginning at 8 p.m. The miniature quilt auction is slated to start sometime after the evening meal and Greg Odom and "Miss Molly" will be the manning the microphones and selling the quilts.

Several other food vendors will be serving a variety of snacks, sandwiches, etc., during the festival.

The Castro County 4-H will be selling sandwiches at 12 noon Friday and Saturday at the Expo Building. Ray and Ben Aleman will serve barbecue and soft drinks at noon both days. At the Senior Citizens Center, sandwiches and snacks will be offered by the Senior Citizens on Friday and Saturday.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the festival. Among the prizes which will be given is a combination television-video cassette recorder, which was purchased with funds donated by Southwest Public Service Co. Included with the television is a video on quilting, or if the winner prefers, one on fishing.

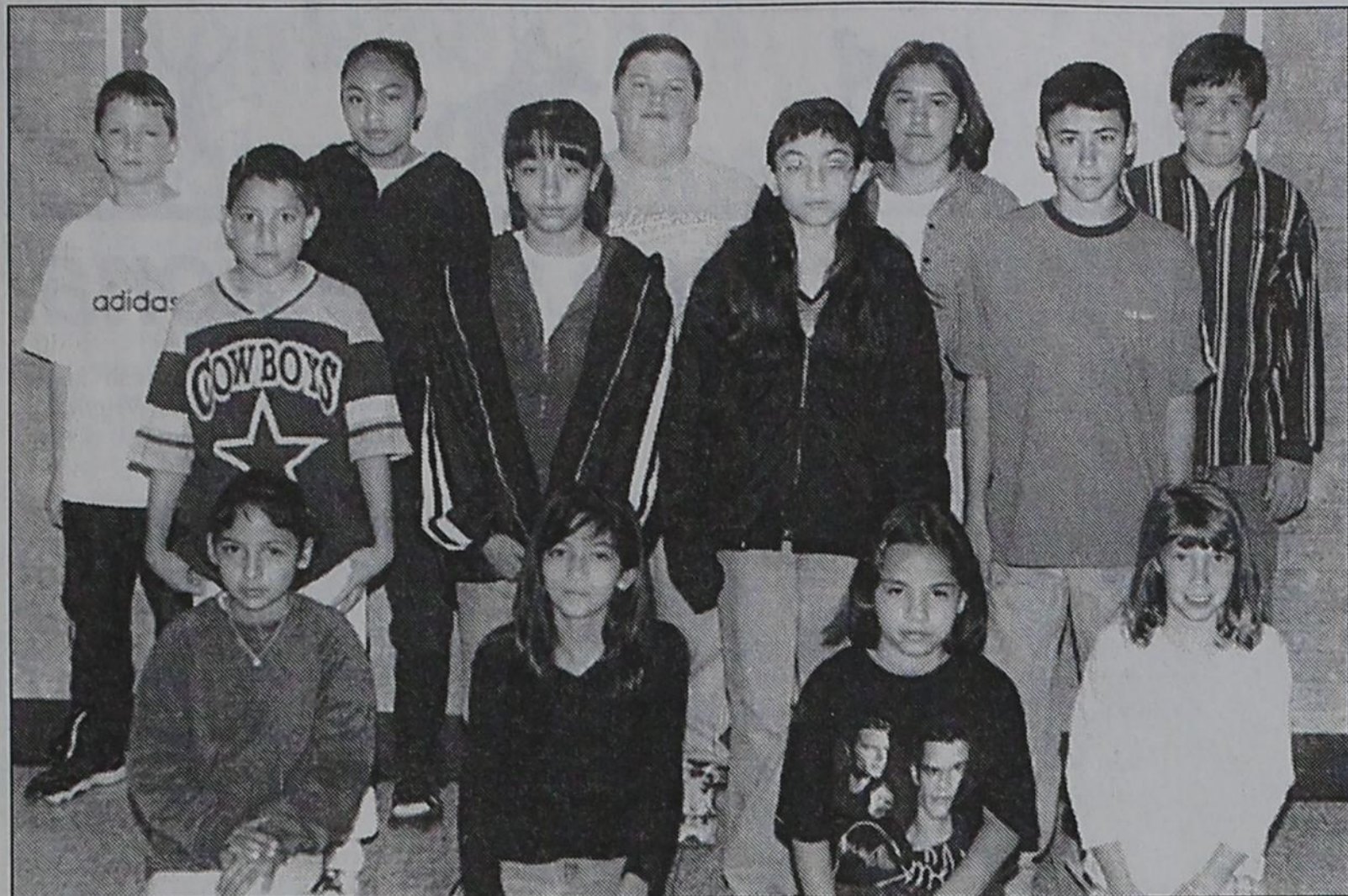
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**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** at Dimmitt Middle School are (back, from left) Ryan Hunter, Maricela Salinas, Todd Jansa, Lori Garza, and Sean Hunter; (middle, from left) Jerry Martinez, Clarissa Herrera,

Nancy Martinez, and Stuart Sheffy; and (front, from left) Sandra Favela, Edith Velasquez, Gladys Ruiz, and Lana Reinart. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Trooper Perez new in local post

Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Agustin Perez was recently assigned to the Castro County DPS post.

Perez, a native of Hart, is back in his home town, along with his wife, Aurelia, an employee of the the Hale County State Bank in Hart, and two daughters, DeLesa, 7, and Leandro, 14 months.

A graduate of Hart High School, Perez attended West Texas A&M University for a couple of years and then went to work for the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., working there from September 1995 through July 1998.

He quit in order to attend the DPS Academy at Austin, and graduated from the program on Jan. 22, 1999. He was stationed at Hereford for about a year before transferring here.

His youngest daughter was born while he was at the academy. During the year he was stationed at Hereford his wife commuted to her job in Hart. "It's home for me," Perez said about Hart.

"Our home is there and we've got



DPS Trooper Agustin Perez

'babysitters' there," he said with a smile, referring to the grandparents who also live in Hart.

Perez said he had always wanted to be in law enforcement ever since his high school days.

## Voters may register for May 6 elections

Eligible persons who are not registered voters may still register to vote by today (Thursday) in order to cast ballots in the May 6 elections for school board positions.

Some elections have been called off since candidates were unopposed.

Positions that are expiring and candidates who have filed are listed below.

Early voting will be held April 19 through May 2.

### Dimmitt

City of Dimmitt—Incumbents Roy Garza, Gloria Hernandez, Charles Richard, and Roger Malone were unopposed, so the council voted to cancel the election.

DISD—Terms are expiring for John Nino in Place 1 and David Schaeffer in Place 5.

Schaeffer has filed in Place 5. Also filing in Place 5 are Larry Gonzales and Brian Rambo. Nino has filed in Place 1.

### Hart

The Hart Board of Aldermen is expected to cancel the election at their next meeting since three positions are open and three persons filed—Richard Entrekin, Tom McLain, and Bill Rich.

HISD—Terms are expiring for Ricky Mitchell, Pancho Diaz, and Danny Rodriguez.

Rodriguez has filed. Others filing are Harold Bob Bennett, Vivian Finch, Roy Gonzales, Laura Hart, Manuel Minjares III, Arthur Guzman, and Julie McLain.

### Nazareth

The Nazareth City Commission voted to cancel the election since Mayor Ralph Brockman and City Commissioner Virgil Huseman are unopposed for re-election to their positions.

NISD—Those whose terms are ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

Olvera and Birkenfeld both have filed, along with Christine Acker, Jimmy Hoelting, and Mike Huseman. Also, to.

### Hospital

Trustees of the Castro County Hospital District canceled the election, since incumbents Mark Welch and Dr. W.J. Hill were unopposed in their re-election bid.

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## Fish fry set Friday

A southern fried fish meal with all the trimmings will be served Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

The all-you-can-eat meal will feature fish, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and coffee or tea.

Cost for the meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Take-out plates will be available. Meals also will be delivered. Those who wish to have plates delivered should call 647-4219.

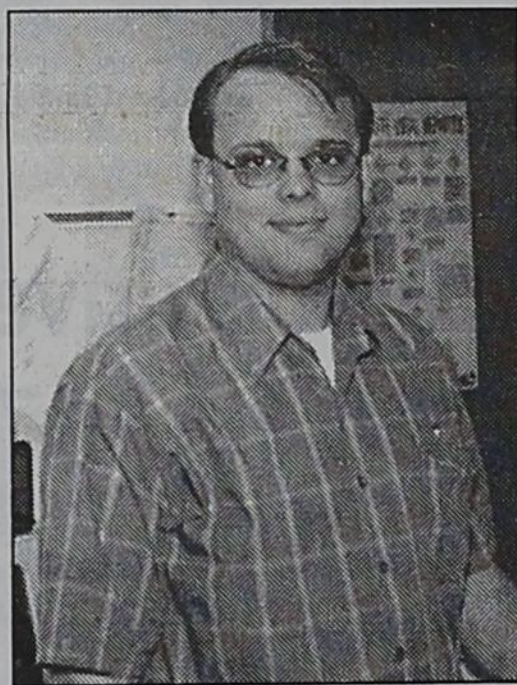
## Shot clinic will be held in Dimmitt

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct an immunization clinic in Dimmitt next Thursday, April 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the City Hall.

The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox). The pneumococcal vaccine will be available, too.

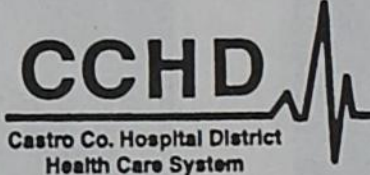
# A welcome addition



## We're pleased to introduce Bo Noble, M.T., A.M.T., new medical lab director

Bo Noble, Medical Technologist, joined the staff of the Castro County Hospital District Feb. 18 as director of Plains Memorial Hospital's medical lab. Bo, 26, came here from Hall County Hospital in Memphis, where he was the lab director. He previously served hospitals in Wheeler, Pampa, and Woodward, Okla. He grew up at Hobbs and Shamrock, and graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State College at age 21. His wife, Tamara, is a licensed vocational nurse.

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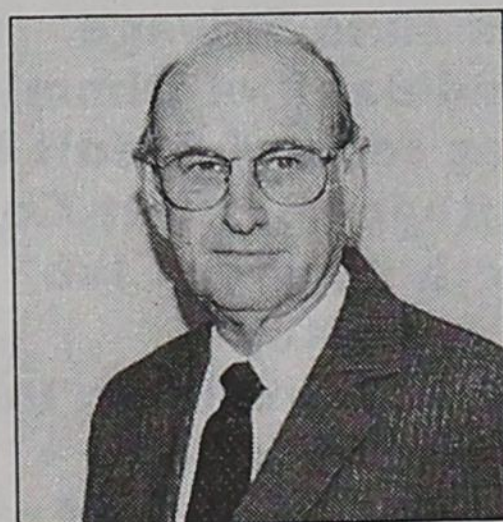


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# Sports



## Garcia and Casares win playback, advance to regional

Mark Casares and Gabriel Garcia beat a Tulia doubles team in split sets in a playback match and their victory earned them a trip to the Region 1-AAA tournament, April 26-27 in Odessa.

Casares and Garcia breezed through their first match, knocking off Drake and Hulsey of Tulia, 6-3, 6-0. They ran into a little trouble in their next match; however, falling to Cunningham-Stallings of Perryton, 2-6, 4-6.

Cunningham and Stallings went on to claim the district championship by beating Grieve and Arrelano of Tulia, 6-1, 6-0.

Garcia and Casares dropped to the third place match, where they topped Wilkens and Gentzel of Perryton, 6-2, 7-5.

Since Garcia and Casares hadn't played Grieve and Arrelano yet, the two teams squared off in a playback for second place and the Dimmitt pair claimed the victory in a hard-fought marathon, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

Dimmitt's Rachal Harman took third-place honors in girls' singles at the district meet while Julie Merritt and Jill Merritt defeated fellow Bobbie netters Kelsey Welch and Sally Stahl for the bronze medals in girls' doubles.

Harman drew a first-round bye, then she lost to Lyndsey Wilkens of Perryton after taking her to three sets and a tie-breaker in one, 6-4, 5-7, 4-6.

Harman beat Brooke Miller in the third round, 6-1, 6-1, to finish third

overall. The Merritt sisters also drew a first-round bye before falling to Watson and Coutts of Perryton, 3-6, 7-5, 4-6. That dropped them into the third-place match with Welch and Stahl.

Welch and Stahl bested Rogers and Sturgis of Tulia, 6-3, 6-0 in first-round action before falling to Ragsdale and Nowlin of Perryton, 1-6, 3-6.

The Merritts won the battle for third, 6-1, 6-2.

Dimmitt's other boys' doubles team, Jeremy Bishop and Ryan Hays, lost their first-round match to Wilkens and Gentzel, 0-6, 4-6.

Ashley Irons competed in girls' singles, falling to Brooke Miller of

Tulia, 3-6, 5-7. In boys' singles, Dimmitt's Eric

Demster and Cliff Wright each lost their first matches.

Demster was beaten by Josh Castor of Perryton, 1-6, 1-6; and Wright fell to Justin Joyner of Perryton, 0-6, 0-6.



REGIONAL EFFORT—Dimmitt Tennis Coach Shelly Crow (right) presents the District 1-AAA silver medals to her boys' doubles team of (from left) Gabriel Garcia and Mark Casares. After falling to

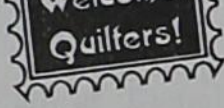
the district champions, Garcia and Casares won a playback match for second place to earn a berth in the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament, which will be played later this month in Odessa.

Photo by Anne Acker

# TUNE IN!

**AGRICULTURAL NEWS** ..... 6 to 7 a.m. and 12:15 to 12:50 p.m., M-F

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# KDHN 1470

## Hill homer sparks 'Cat lead in second, but Eagles prevail

A three-run homer by Dimmitt's Bobby Hill in the bottom of the second inning Tuesday night brought Bobcat fans to their feet, and the hometown fans' excitement grew as Dimmitt exploded to a 6-0 lead over Sanford-Fritch in the inning. But it wasn't meant to be for the Bobcats, who allowed the Eagles back into the game in the third. Dimmitt saw its lead evaporate over the next four innings. Sanford-Fritch was able to pull away in the fourth and claimed a 12-6 lead in a District

1-AAA game at George Howell Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

After a scoreless first inning, Dimmitt's defense continued its success, shutting down the Eagles in the top of the second.

Dimmitt batters hammered Eagle pitcher Henderson in the second inning, striking for six runs before things turned sour.

"We hit him pretty good in the second, but then we started making some errors, got our heads down and we let them get back in the game," said Dimmitt Coach Jesus Quiroz.

The highlight of the second was Hill's homer, which was a "good, long home run," according to Quiroz. It easily cleared the fence in right center field.

After Dimmitt took the 6-0 lead in the second, Sanford-Fritch answered with three runs in the top of the third.

The Eagle defense shut out the Bobcats for the remainder of the game, and the Sanford-Fritch offense came alive.

Dimmitt was clinging to a 6-3 lead in the top of the fourth when everything unraveled.

Fritch picked up five runs in the fourth and added another in the fifth, a pair in the sixth and another in the seventh for its 12 runs. The Eagles finished with nine hits on the game.

Dimmitt's six runs came off of 10 hits.

The difference came in the error category—Dimmitt was charged with six while the Eagles committed just two.

Dimmitt dropped to 2-11 overall and 0-3 in district play while Sanford-Fritch improved to 8-4, 1-2.



### TUESDAY

**Bobcats 6, Sanford-Fritch 12**

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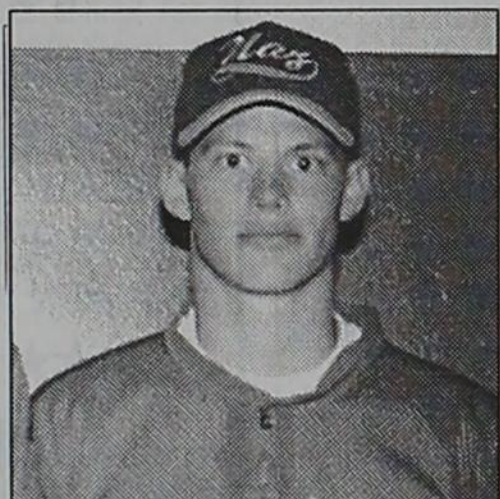
Henderson and Tindall for Sanford-Fritch; Tanner Griffith, Sammy Prieto (6) and B.J. Hill for Dimmitt. **WP:** Henderson. **LP:** Griffith. **2B:** Simpson, Henderson and Walker for Sanford-Fritch. **HR:** Henderson for Sanford-Fritch; and Bobby Hill for Dimmitt. **Records** Dimmitt 2-11, 0-3; Sanford-Fritch 8-4, 1-2.

## Blood drive set April 17

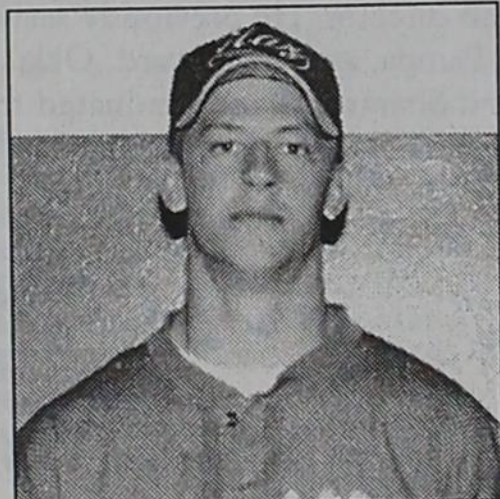
Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the Dimmitt High School Student Council will host a blood drive Monday, April 17, from 1 to 7 p.m. in the DHS band hall.

Donors must be 17 years old and bring a driver's license and social security number with them.

For more information, call Coffee Memorial Blood Center at 1-800-658-6178 or the high school at 647-3105.



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**SATURDAY: Swifts vs. Nazareth Exes, 1:30 p.m., Here**

**TUESDAY: Swifts vs. San Jacinto, 4:30 p.m., There**

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## Hart girls advance to regional golf meet

Nikki Burress and Melanie Davis led the Hart Lady Horns with stellar efforts at the district golf tournament last week, lifting their team to a berth in the Region 1-A golf tournament.

Burress was the top finisher while Davis was third. Joining them on the Lady Horns' team were Whitney Mitchell and Becky Guzman.

In the boys' tournament, Chris George fired a 92, but failed to

medal. Zachary Farris shot a 95, followed by Austin Dudley and Logan McLain, who finished with 103 and 106, respectively.

Hart golfers competed against other teams from Lorenzo, Whiteface, Sudan, Anton, Petersburg and Smyer in the district tournament.

The regional meet will be later this month in Sundown.

## Naz golfers improve scores in district meet

Several members of the Nazareth golf teams took several strokes off of their scores in second-round action of the District 4-A tournament, but it wasn't enough to boost either team into the regional round.

Nazareth's Aaron Kern took 16 strokes off of his second-round score, finishing with 237 after posting a first-round score of 126. Stanton Wethington also shaved 10 strokes off of his first-round effort, finishing with 208 after a 108 first-

round. Other members of the Swifts' team and their two-round scores were Adam Schulte, 137-144—281; Ky Wilcox 117-133—250; and Cameron McLain 125-124—249.

Nazareth individuals competing were Luke Price, 131-120—251; and Ross Schulte, 127-134—261.

The Swiftettes finished seventh in district, tallying 963 team strokes over the two rounds.

Leading the Swiftettes in the district meet were Cassie Birkenfeld, who finished with 214 strokes; Jaci Birkenfeld, 251; Mindy Ethridge, 256; and Karen Wilhelm, 270.

Individual Swiftette golfers competing were Melanie Book, 263; and Rose Wilhelm, 247.

## Lady golfers open season with meeting

Members of the Castro County Ladies' Golf Association held their first meeting of the 2000 season on March 28, discussing summer activities and more.

Those present paid their dues and enjoyed a meal of cavatoni, tossed salad, French bread and dump cake.

Jo Beth Bates, president, presided over a short business meeting before the 17 members attending competed in a blindfolded putting contest. Cyndy Reynolds, Melissa Carpenter, Allison Swink and Carolyn Watts winning prizes for their expertise.

Other club officers include Vicky Kleman, vice president; and Carla Luna, secretary/treasurer.

The group started its Ladies' Play Day series on Tuesday and all lady golfers interested in joining the group are invited to come out and play during future Play Day sessions.

The High Plains Ladies Association will begin play on April 29 in Clovis, N.M., at Colonial Country Club. Play is held monthly at seven different courses in the area. Participation in this is open to anyone who is a member of the Castro County Ladies' Golf Association.

For more information, contact Sheryl Brown at 647-2006.

## Birkenfeld makes A-J 'Super' list

Cassie Birkenfeld of Nazareth was one of five area players selected for the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* Super Team for the 1999-2000 season.

Birkenfeld, a 5-8 senior guard, averaged 14.1 points, 6.1 boards and 5.9 assists per game for the Swiftettes. She was named to the all-state tournament team after her team captured the school's 14<sup>th</sup> state title in March. She was named the Class A Player of the Year by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, and was the Class A South Plains Player of the Year. She was named first-team all state, first-team all-region and first-team all-district.

## Gerber named to Super Team

The *Amarillo Globe News* has named Nazareth's Shawna Gerber to the second team on its 1999-2000 Basketball Super Team.

Gerber, a 5-9 junior guard averaged 14 points a game and was one of the leading scorers in a balanced offensive attack for the Swiftettes this season.

She was named the Class A Most Valuable Player at the girls' state tournament in March and was a first-team all-state, all-region and all-district honoree. She also made the all-state tournament team after Nazareth captured its 14<sup>th</sup> state championship in March.

Canyon Coach Joe Lombard, former Nazareth coach, was named the Coach of the Year after he guided his Lady Eagles to the Class AAAA state title this season.

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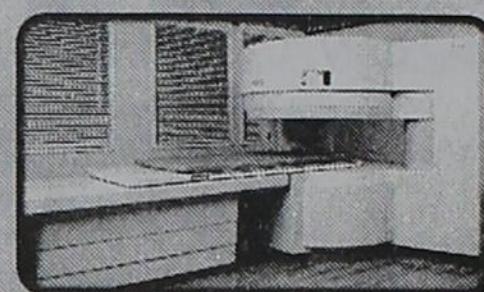


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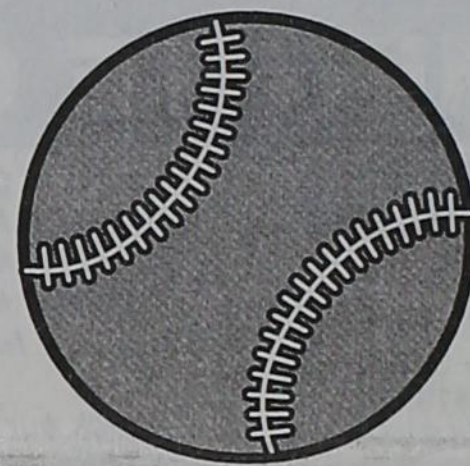
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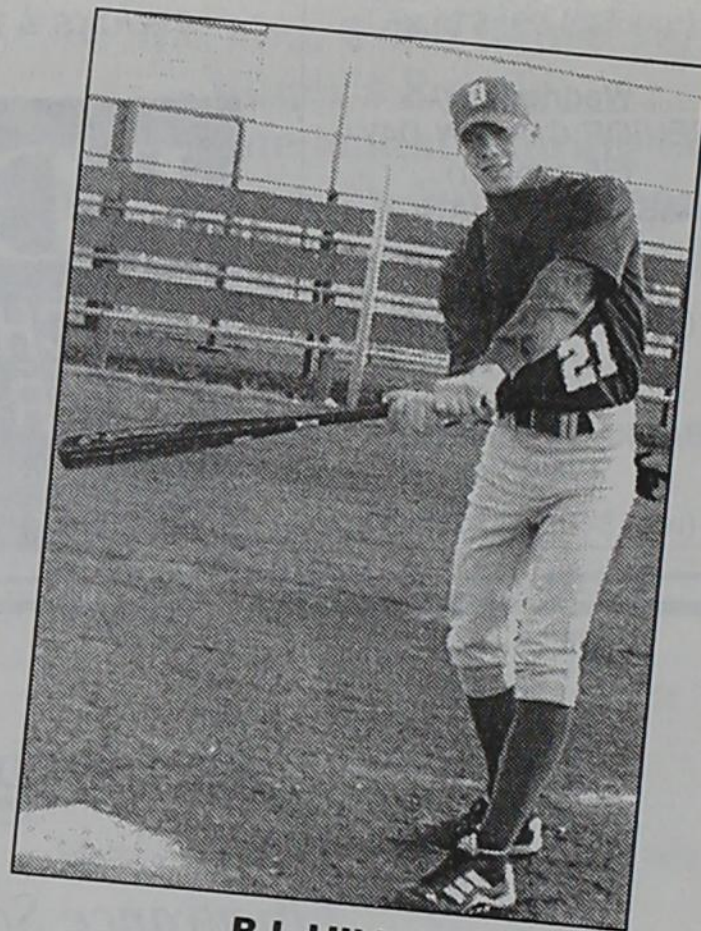


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# DHS golfers wrap up District 1-AAA play

The Dimmitt Bobcats shot a combined 877 while the Bobbies fired 1,051 strokes over the two rounds of the District 1-AAA golf tournament, which concluded Monday at Pheasant Trails in Dumas.

The Bobcats' A team finished ninth in the tournament. Team members and their two-round scores were Van Jeter, 194; James Jackson, 201; Matthew Sandoval, 233; and Taylor Matthews, 268.

Dimmitt's girls were paced by Kylie Webb's two-round score of 249. Joining her on the Dimmitt A team were Morgan Hazel, 269; Holly

Lane, 266; Jenna Steinle, 268; and Sadra Daniels, 281.

The Bobcats also had a B team entered in the tournament. Members of that team and their respective tournament scores were Jason Harris, 233; Colby Williams, 258; and Patrick Hunter, 243.

Dimmitt individuals competing in the boys' tournament were Dalton Fisher, 263; and Jody Stovall, 134 (one-round score).

The Bobbies' B team featured Charley Nutt, 249; Rae Odom, 275; and Jaci Bishop, 293.



**SURPRISE PARTY**—Pauline Hoyler, L.V.N. (second from right) was honored with a surprise retirement party Friday afternoon in the atrium of Plains Memorial Hospital. Here, she visits with some of her former classmates and co-workers. From left are Lee Norris, L.V.N.; Rhonda Killough, L.V.N., of Edna; Mickey Casey Pritchitt, L.V.N., of Dalhart; Shelly

Rice, R.N.; and Brenda Seely, L.V.N. Also present were all of Hoyler's children and all but one of her grandchildren, who came from as far away as Pearland. Hoyler graduated from the Plains Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1972, and worked almost 28 years as a nurse here before retiring last month. *Photo by Don Nelson*

## Obituaries

### Lonnie Ehly

Lonnie Ehly, 40, of Amarillo, formerly of Nazareth, died last Thursday in Amarillo.

A vigil service was held at Wallace Funeral Home Chapel in Tulia on Saturday.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with the Rev. Peter Otto, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mr. Ehly was born Feb. 25, 1960, in Dimmitt. He grew up in Nazareth, where he graduated from high school in 1978. He worked for Holmes Construction in Amarillo. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Survivors include his parents, Emil and Mary Ehly of Nazareth; four sisters, Glenda Gerber and Pamela Ehly, both of Canyon, Wanda Teafatiller of Plainview and Cindy Gatz of Easton, Kan.

### Juanita Morgan

Funeral services for Juanita Morgan, 82, of Amarillo, mother of Don Warren of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday at Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors' funeral home in Amarillo with the Rev. Dale Moreland officiating.

Mrs. Morgan died Sunday. She was born in Yowell and moved to Amarillo in 1969. She was a child care worker. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her son, Don Warren of Dimmitt; a sister, Edith Moore of Dallas; five brothers, Ed Duncan, Hal Duncan, Bobby Duncan, Jimmy Duncan and Willie Duncan, all of Dallas; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

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# Local athletes selected to play in all-star tourney

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games will be held today (Thursday) through Saturday at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo and several county seniors are among those who will be participating in the event.

Dimmitt's Taylor Matthews and Daniel Flores and Nazareth's Sara Schulte have been selected to compete with players from across the area in the all-star event.

Teams from the North, South, East and West squads will be coached by volunteers and players will be represented from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle as well as from Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley and Cottle Counties and the counties of Eastern New Mexico which border Texas.

Games will be scheduled at 6 and 8 p.m. today (Thursday), 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday and 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday.

A three-point shooting and slam dunk competition also will be held during the tournament. Any senior boy or girl, regardless of whether or not they have been selected for the all-star games, is eligible for these

competitions. Those interested in one of the contests should send an entry to Brent Sherrod, PO Box 19395, Amarillo 79109, or call him at 352-7348.

For more information about the all-star event, call James Allen at 378-8216.

## Band Boosters to meet Monday

The Dimmitt Bobcat Band Boosters will have a meeting Monday at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Band Hall and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Booster club members will discuss final arrangements for the Band Banquet, set for May 6 at the Expo building.

## Anzaldua medals in state meet

Hart power lifter Yadira Anzaldua earned the bronze medal in the 132-pound division at the Class A power lifting meet in Killeen last week.

Anzaldua squatted 235 pounds, bench pressed 100 pounds and managed 225 pounds in the dead lift to finish third overall.

Also qualifying for the state meet was Hart's Geneva Finch, but she had injured her knee and was unable to compete at state.

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**GOING TO REGIONAL**—These Dimmitt High School students have qualified to participate in the regional UIL Literary Competition April 15 in Odessa by ranking in the top three places at the district contest held recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Members of the DHS computer science team are (from left) Larissa Fuentes, Ironica Traylor, Dee Sloan, and Van Jeter. They won first in team standings, and in individual scoring, Traylor took second and Jeter was fourth. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## 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 6-14.

**DIMMITT**  
**Elementary Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, orange wedge and milk.  
MONDAY: Honey bun, apple juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, applesauce and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Mini cake donuts, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.  
FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.  
MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk.  
TUESDAY: Steak fingers, onion rings, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, corn on the cob, tater tots and milk.  
THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.  
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada; 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: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions and peppers; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
MONDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, chicken fried steak or enchiladas; mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexipinto beans or jellied applesauce; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
TUESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, macaroni and cheese or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; onion rings, refried beans or spinach; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; cornbread, wheat rolls or flour tortillas; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, southern fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato with apple; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread stick or

potato chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, chicken baked Italiano or vegetable pasta Alfredo; stir fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**HART**  
**Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Pancake with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
MONDAY: Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, cheese pizza or chaluapas; Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, salad, peaches, ginger cookie and milk, punch or tea.  
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato and pickles; fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.  
TUESDAY: Turkey with bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad, and milk, punch or tea.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, chicken fajita or burrito; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.  
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

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**Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll or blueberry muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: \* Pizza & chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, pears, orange cake and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Fish and hushpuppies or cheese pizza, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.  
MONDAY: \* Beef taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, green beans, applesauce, brownies and milk.  
TUESDAY: \* Hot turkey sandwich or corn dog, tossed salad, stuffing, cranberry sauce, peaches, pineapple and milk or juice.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Tater tot casserole or hamburger and French fries, salad, beans, grapes, dessert and milk or juice.  
THURSDAY: \* Chicken fried steak or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, vanilla pudding and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Cheese nachos or chef's salad, Mexican salad, peas, fruit cocktail, dessert and milk or juice.

\*Items designated with an asterisk (\*) will be served to elementary school students.

## Garage sale will benefit Happy livestock facility

Residents of Happy have pooled their goods to form a community garage sale, which will be held April 15 and 16 at the Happy Community Center, and proceeds from the event will be used to construct a livestock facility in the community.  
The sale will be held April 15 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on April 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A concession stand will be operated each day at the sale.

Among the items which will be available are pianos, chairs, school desks and chairs, dishes, computers, dining room furniture, copy machine, camper, tables, televisions, kitchen appliances, bedroom furniture, desks, tools, two schools buses and more.

Also, a silent auction on school playground equipment will be held April 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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**ANNIE FINCH**, a resident of Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt since 1985, celebrated her 102nd birthday Friday at the nursing home. She was born in Silverton and had lived in Tulia for many years. She has two children, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of Lonnie Ehly, 40, of Amarillo, who died last Thursday, March 30.

Funeral mass was read Monday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with the Rev. Peter Otto, pastor, officiating.

Survivors include his parents, Emil and Mary Ehly of Nazareth; four sisters, Glenda Gerber and Pamela Ehly, both of Canyon, Wanda Teafatiller of Plainview and Cindy Gatz of Easton, Kan.

Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery where his brother, Wayne Ehly, is buried.

Donna and Bryan Charanza enjoyed a week in San Francisco with many hours spent on Fisherman's Wharf with several bay cruises, tours of Alcatraz Island, a World War II submarine, a World War II Liberty Ship and a Clipper Ship. Lots of seafood was eaten and they saw a lot more sea life in the pier aquarium.

They enjoyed several visits to the Pacific Coast, and it was extremely cold with high waves. They enjoyed visits to two redwood forests—one a driving tour and one a walking tour.

One morning was spent in Napa Valley playing golf on a 36-hole championship course where a fair number of balls were lost in the grape vineyards.

San Francisco is a beautiful, clean city with amazing streets, houses and people from every country in the world.

A group of Nazareth people boarded a Diamond Bus Tour at the Citizens Center early last Sunday morning. They stopped in Tulia to pick up another group, then they were on their way to Biloxi, Miss., and New Orleans, La. They stopped in Terrell, where Esther Braddock and her two friends from McKinney joined the crowd, making a total of

41 people. They spent Sunday night in Longview.

They arrived in Biloxi early Monday evening and checked into the Casino Magic Resort Hotel on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. They enjoyed dinner and the Casino Magic games that evening.

Their hostess, Jimmie Schulte, gave some good advice before going to the casino: "The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket."

Tuesday was a free day to do whatever you wanted until 4 p.m. Then they all traveled to the Grand Casino in Gulfport, Miss. They enjoyed dinner and the casino until 8:30, when they returned to their hotel in Biloxi.

Everyone still wonders who the mystery man was who showed up at the Grand Casino and seemed to know only Esther Braddock!

On Wednesday morning they traveled to New Orleans, La., and arrived at the Steamboat Natchez Dock in the French Quarter.

They enjoyed shopping and lunch on their own until 3 p.m., when they boarded the bus for a guided tour of the city. They were told that two million people gather there for the famed Mardi Gras the Friday through Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

They visited many of the cemeteries which had above-ground family tombs; a 1,500-acre city park, which has four 18-hole golf courses, botanical gardens, a seven-acre Storyland and much more.

New Orleans has French, German, Irish, Italian and Spanish people.

The city has hosted two world fairs, one in 1884 and again in 1984.

They returned to the dock at 5:30 p.m. and boarded the *SS Natchez Steamboat* for a great jazz dinner cruise. After enjoying a beautiful and relaxing evening aboard the boat

they returned to the hotel in Biloxi.

On Thursday they boarded the bus and drove to Bay St. Louis, Miss., where they met their tour guide. They are proud of their 100 residential artists and many galleries.

They toured the St. Rose DeLima Catholic Church, which features a beautiful wall painting of an African-American Christ, a podium and altar made of two trunks and a seminary for African-Americans.

They spent the evening at the Grand Casino before returning to Biloxi.

The tour group left for Melrose, La., on Friday morning. In Melrose they enjoyed a guided tour of the Melrose Plantation and Historic Home. The original colonial home was built in 1796. It was a very educational tour.

They ate dinner and spent the night in Longview before returning home Saturday evening.

A big thanks to Jimmie Schulte and our bus driver. We enjoyed beautiful weather, made new friends from Tulia and Plainview and enjoyed spending time with old friends from Amarillo. They are all glad to be back home after traveling 2,350 miles, although it was a great trip and a lot of fun.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman Lee, Paul Venhaus, Mary Lou Birkenfeld, Virgil Brockman, Dianne Huseman, Herman Birkenfeld, Odellia Schulte and Patricia (Kern) Butler of San Antonio.

Allie Schulte was honored on her first birthday with a family party Sunday.

Her grandparents, Denny and Dolores Heiman and their families, and Gilbert and Dolly Schulte and all of their families helped Allie celebrate.

Congratulations to Mac and Lesley Annen of Stinnett on the birth of a baby boy, Garrett Hans, on March 11 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Claude and Brenda Annen of Nazareth, Al and Sue Frisch of California, Ray and Sylvia Robertson of Spearman, Jack and June Harvey of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Vivian Bosch of St. Augustine, Fla. Great-grandparents are Bob and Mozelle Mozier of Fritch.

## Breast cancer screening set for today

Two breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt today (Thursday) and appointments are being accepted.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 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.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

## On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

A going away luncheon was given honoring Delton and Sue Tischler. They are moving downstate to Meridian. Delton and Sue have lived in the Flag community for over 35 years. Robert Gee of Lubbock catered the lunch, serving 110 people.

Jim Collin gave Delton a fishing pole with no line or hook and a note that said, "Don't work too hard fishing." The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary presented Sue with her yearly pin denoting her volunteer hours, and also gave her a counted cross-stitch on volunteers. The couple's children are Mike, Toby, Soncia, and Sandra. Good luck!

Mrs. M.L. (Polly) Simpson Jr. attended the 71st annual West Texas Judges and Commissioners Confer-

ence in Midland March 22-24 and had a great time. She is a past president of this association so she saw a lot of old friends. Polly went from Midland to Plains after the banquet on the Friday night of the conference and spent two nights with her daughter, Lisa, and husband, Dale.

Polly's brother, Tony Smitherman of McLean had emergency heart surgery that Sunday night, so she went from Plains to Lubbock, he is doing well. Joe Bob and Diane and Bill and Suzan, all of Dimmitt, Brent and Sarah Sanders of Floydada and Brad Sanders of Lubbock were all there for the surgery at University Medical Center. Tony lived with Polly for several years and helped her raise the boys when their dad, Charlie Sanders, died in 1949. He is a special brother and uncle, Polly said. He is doing fine now.

Renee Doss was the birthday girl at the home of Doricell Davis. The girls all got together and played tennis before the celebration. Those attending were Deanne Clark of Lubbock, Linda Langford, Shellie Crow and Kay Kellar.

The Thursday senior citizens bridge club met and had four tables playing. Bernice Hill was hostess, Dude McLaurin won high point, and Lorann Hamilton was second.

There was a birthday celebration for Annie Finch on Friday at Canterbury Villa, where she has been a resident since 1985. She is 102!

Mrs. Finch was born in Silverton and had lived in Tulia for many years. She had worked for 40 years at an oil company owned by her husband. She has two children, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Some family members and friends were able to attend the party.

## Quad-County Job Fair set

The Texas Dept. of Human Services is planning a Quad-County Job Fair for May 10 at the Hereford Community Center, according to Belle Braddock, employee of the TDHS office in Dimmitt.

The four counties that will be covered by the fair include Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer. Area employers are encouraged to have a booth at the fair to display what their companies have to offer and to sign up prospective employees.

"We also are seeking sponsors and providers of door prizes and 'goodie bag' items," Braddock said. "A meeting for all those interested in helping plan the fair is set for today (Thursday) at noon at the K-Bob's in Hereford."

There is no fee to employers who participate in the job fair, and a lunch will be provided for their representatives at the fair.

"We also are looking for a vendor who would be interested in having a soft drink concession at the fair," Braddock said.

Anyone interested in the job fair or wanting more information may call Braddock at 647-4181, ext. 24, or Nora Pesina at 363-8612 in Hereford.



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# People



## Two local entities help with 'Trash-Off'

Two Castro County entities volunteered to clean local roadways as a part of their participation Saturday in the Texas Dept. of Transportation's 15th annual "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off."

In Castro County, there are five adopt-a-highway groups who keep 10 miles of highway clean. The Hart Student Council and Sands Motel both planned to participate in the event. Other adopt-a-highway groups are the 1997 State 4-H Horse Judging Team, the Castro County 4-H Horse Club, and the Nazareth FFA.

The annual "Trash-Off" event was expected to draw efforts from close to 185,000 people statewide.

"Litter can ruin our highways and cities," said Penny Mason, public information officer for TxDOT. "Every year thousands of Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers do a lot of hard work to clean up after the people who keep trashing our landscapes and communities."

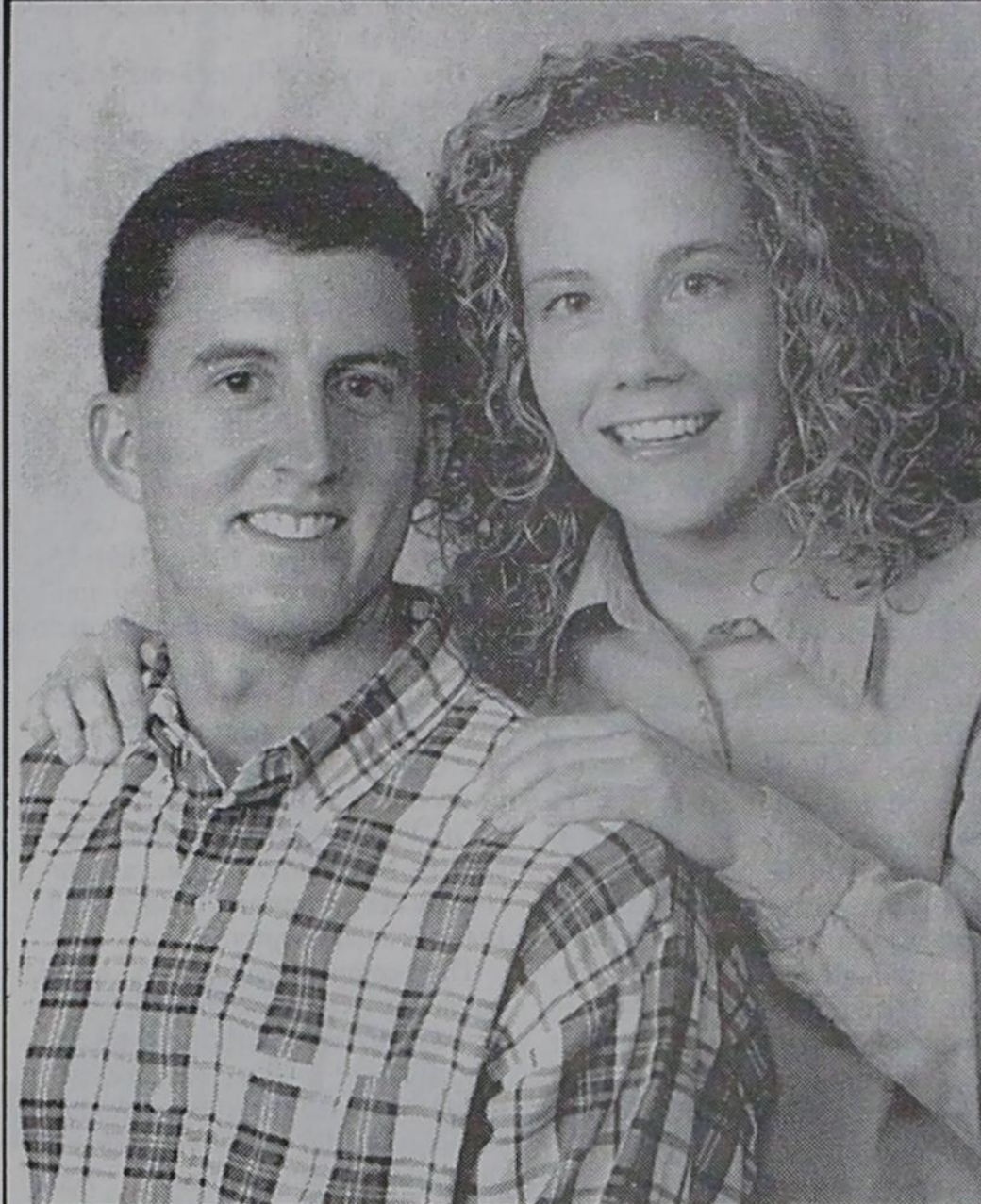
Texas is the home of the first adopted highway. According to state records, nearly 4,100 volunteer groups have adopted 8,200 miles of highway in Texas.

TxDOT's litter prevention pro-

grams include the Don't Mess with Texas public education campaign, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, Adopt-a-Highway and a grass-roots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Together, these programs have reversed a trend in the increase in the amount of litter on Texas highways, resulting in a 72% reduction in litter and a cost savings to taxpayers of \$2 to \$4 million per year. However, according to a 1998 study conducted for TxDOT by NuStats International, even though 96% of Texans are aware of the Don't Mess with Texas slogan, one in three admit they continue to litter.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is also part of Keep America Beautiful's national "Great American Cleanup" event that runs March through May in 12 states.

"We are proud to link the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off to this national litter cleanup program that is a partnership of state and local affiliates, national sponsors and local supporters," said Mason. "The Great American Cleanup was created to change attitudes and behavior through hands-on involvement in litter removal and litter prevention."



Reagan Frye and Tonia Field

## July wedding planned

David and Carolyn Field of Dalhart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tonia Field, to Reagan Frye, son of Kenneth and Linda Frye of Dimmitt.

The couple are planning to exchange wedding vows on July 1 at the First Baptist Church in Dalhart.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Dalhart High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in science. She is employed by University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He obtained a bachelor of science degree from West Texas A&M University in 1994. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1997 with a master's degree. He is currently employed by the Lubbock Independent School District.

After the wedding, the couple plan to reside in Midland.

## Hospice Care plans candle-lighting ritual

A special memorial service and candle-lighting ritual conducted by Hospice Care will be held to "honor the memory of loved ones."

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, will hold its "Celebration of Life" service on April 17 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Traditionally, this service has been used to honor the memory of persons who were on hospice service.

"This year we would like to include anyone in the community or surrounding area that would like to honor the memory of a loved one," said Vicki Buckley, director of Hospice Care.

Jim Hardwick, hospice pastor, will share a short lesson on *Depending on God*.

"We want this to be an uplifting service—a celebration of the life of your loved one," Hardwick said.

Candles will be lit in the memory of persons who were on hospice care during the last year.

If anyone would like to have a candle lit for a special person who was not on hospice care, please call 647-3785 to notify the hospice office of your wishes and arrangements will be made.

"We really want to emphasize that everyone is welcome to attend," Buckley said.

## Hereford Community Concerts sets finale

The season finale for the Hereford Community Concerts Association will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hereford High School auditorium, featuring Robert Trentham with a concert of Civil War era music.

"In the tradition of variety and concert artists of the mid-19th century, Robert Trentham presents the songs that inspired and comforted a divided nation," according to promotional information from the Concert Association. "Coupled with speeches and social commentary from the 1860's, the program offers contemporary audiences a glimpse into the past."

He has performed with theater and opera companies throughout the US, as well as having performed at the finest American concert halls, including The Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall.

Familiar tunes—such as *Dixie's Land*; *Steal Away*; *Just Before the Battle, Mother*; *Goover Peas*; and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*—are backed by piano and brought together with the honest and heartfelt words of statesmen, journalists, soldiers and citizens of the day. The program was inspired by the lives of Trentham's ancestors who fought on both sides of the Civil War, and he has dedicated it to their memory.

Those attending the concert performance in Hereford are reminded to park on the west side of the auditorium, due to continuing construc-

tion.

Also, the association has started its membership drive for the 2000-2001 season, with a slate of four performances in addition to the Amarillo Little Theatre touring production. Memberships in the Hereford Association are also honored at Community Concert events in Plainview, Borger and Pampa.

The memberships cost \$25 per person, \$60 for families, a single-parent family is \$35, and \$15 for students. The membership fee allows attendance at all of the performances for the entire season.

## Bridal shower honors Bradley

Carrie Bradley, bride-elect of Chad Rogers, was honored with a bridal shower recently in the home of Doris Swinburn.

Miss Bradley is the daughter of Ray and A'Ilan Bradley of Dimmitt. Parents of the prospective groom are Andy and Kay Rogers, also of Dimmitt.

The hostesses assisting Mrs. Swinburn with the March 25 shower presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner.

The serving table was covered with a white linen cloth topped with a Battenburg lace cloth, which had been a gift to the hostess from her parents after a recent trip to St. John's Antigua, West Indies.

An arrangement of multi-colored fresh spring flowers served as the table centerpiece. Appointments included Arthur Court grape patterned pewter.

Guests enjoyed pigs in a blanket with mustard sauce, a variety of sweet breads, fruit ka-bobs served from a fresh pineapple and almond tea.

Special guests attending the shower were Bessie Bradley, grandmother of the honoree; and June Rogers, the prospective groom's grandmother.

Out-of-town guests included Kay McGee, Mandy Wolf and Hyatt, Misty Hannon, Mindy Holwick and Halley Steinhilber and Hunter, the bride-elect's sister and nephew.



Robert Trentham

## Census Bureau establishes three help centers in Dimmitt

The Census Bureau has long realized that the reliability of data increases when individuals can respond directly to a written questionnaire, and that has prompted the organization to establish 40,000 Questionnaire Assistance Centers across the country, including three in Dimmitt.

The three centers in Dimmitt and their hours of operation are as follows:

- Dimmitt High School, 1505 Western Circle Drive, open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

- Dimmitt Community Action, 110 Southwest Second Street, open from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 903 West Halsell, open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

At these Questionnaire Assistance Centers, individuals can get the assistance they need to fill out their own questionnaires. The centers are

designed to meet the following four objectives:

- To assist persons in completing their census questionnaires.
- To provide assistance to those with language barriers.
- To assist persons who believe they did not receive a questionnaire.
- To answer general questions about the census.

The Census Bureau will furnish each Questionnaire Assistance Center with Language Assistance Guides in 49 languages, plus a large print guide to help respondents complete their official Census 2000 questionnaire. A Census 2000 Language Identification Flash Card will also be available to assist Questionnaire Assistance Center staff in determining which language guide is appropriate to assist the respondent.

*President-elect Zachary Taylor refused to take his oath of office on the designated inauguration day, March 4, 1849, because it was a Sunday. He was sworn in the next day, leaving David R. Atchison, president of the Senate, as acting President for the day.*

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## Navy band will perform in Hereford

Atlantis, an eight-piece band of members of the US Navy, will perform in a free concert on Tuesday at Hereford High School Auditorium.

The band will perform Top 40 hits in the special concert, which is sponsored by the Navy Recruiting Station in Plainview.

Tickets for the show are free and are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.



**CITED FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE** are these students from Dimmitt High School who were honored along with 250 others last Thursday at a celebration at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. They are (front, from left) Lauren Waggoner, Isabel Garcia, Lori Schulte, and Rachal Harman; and (back, from left) Kelsey Welch, Cherie Norman, Joshua Hardwick, Michael Penney and Randy Porter.

## Happy plans dance Saturday

A fund raiser dance will be held at the Happy Community Center on Saturday and the public is invited to attend.

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and admission is \$10 per person at the gate. A concession stand will be open throughout the dance.

Proceeds from the dance and concession stand will go toward the Happy Community Center Building Fund.

## Press scholarships are available locally

The *Castro County News* is pleased to announce applications are currently being accepted for two \$2,000 scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press Association and Texas Press Association.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper.

Castro County students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through the *News*' membership in WTPA.

The scholarships are named in honor of the late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin, and will be awarded to a graduating high school senior and a college junior or senior pursuing journalism careers. Craig, who died in 1981, was the longtime publisher of the *Hamlin Herald* and member of West Texas

## Hart church plans 'Friend's Day'

The Hart Church of Christ is planning a "Friend's Day" at the church on Sunday. Everyone is invited and lunch will be provided.

All are invited to attend classes at the church starting at 10 a.m., along with Bible Hour for children and praise and worship at 11 a.m.

For more information, call 938-2267.

## Book Club plans meeting

Joanne Snider will review *Whistle Hill—The Cattle Baron's Legacy*, by Roze McCoy Porter when the Dimmitt Book Club meets Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The public is invited to attend the review.

## DHS students participate in 'Celebration of Excellence'

More than 6,000 high school students were honored last Thursday for outstanding academic achievements during the State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Excellence awards program.

Among those who were honored are students from the Dimmitt Independent School District—Isabel Garcia, Joshua Hardwick, Rachal Harman, Cherie Norman, Michael

Penney, Randy Porter, Lori Schulte, Lauren Waggoner and Kelsey Welch. They joined with 250 other students from the area at a ceremony at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

In all, celebrations were held at 21 college and university campuses around the state. Those honored included National Merit Scholars prospective valedictorians, Academic Decathlon participants, those who have made perfect scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam, scholarship recipients, plus many other ninth through 12th grade students who have achieved academic recognition.

This marks the sixth year that the Board and higher education institu-

tions have joined together to host the celebrations of excellence. In 1999, some 8,800 students were honored for their academic accomplishments. During the ceremonies, the students received Celebrations of Educational Excellence medallions along with a congratulatory letter signed by Gov. George W. Bush.

Board members, who serve as masters of ceremonies, and university officials addressed the students.

*Ancient Greeks used laurel leaves to crown victorious athletes. True laurel, which grows in the Mediterranean, is part of the Laurel family of trees and shrubs that include cinnamon, avocado and sassafras.*

## Vick participates in university's financial analyst honors program

Jennifer Vick of Dimmitt serves as the public relations coordinator for a special financial analyst honors program at Southwestern University in Georgetown.

The Financial Analyst Program is a new undergraduate business curriculum at Southwestern University that provides an opportunity for a small group of students to work closely with the business and economics faculty and industry professionals to develop their skills and experience as financial analysts, according to Vick.

Under the guidelines of A.J. Senchack, professor of business, the students are offered intensive hands-on experiences in applying the concepts of business analysis and valuation to decision contexts similar to those in the business world.

In addition, throughout the entire academic year, the student analysts are responsible for managing a \$200,000 investment portfolio that is a part of Southwestern University's endowment. This portion of the program benefits from dedicated, state-of-the-art computer equipment

and facilities, telecommunications infrastructure, and financial databases for evaluating and selecting common stocks for the portfolio.

As the public relations coordinator, Vick is responsible for publicizing the events and details of the fund.

Other students involved with the program and their respective duties are Chrystal Hall, a trader who works closely with and is in direct contact with the trader at Merrill Lynch; Will Houstoun, an economist who observes and analyzes the overall mood of the economy; Patrick Jennings, an accountant responsible for documenting the day-to-day transactions of the fund as well as the major purchases and expenses; and Ryan Smith, portfolio manager who is responsible for keeping track of the stocks in the fund.

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## HPUWCD renews precipitation enhancement program

Saturday marked the beginning of the fourth season of precipitation enhancement activities within an 11,864,619-acre target area in the Texas High Plains and southeastern New Mexico.

Precipitation enhancement or cloud seeding is an attempt to stimulate clouds to generate more rainfall than they would otherwise have by adding silver iodide as a seeding agent. The silver iodide provides additional condensation nuclei that can allow more cloud moisture to be converted to large enough raindrops to survive the fall

through the dry sub-cloud layer and reach the ground as meaningful rainfall.

The 2000 precipitation enhancement program started Saturday and will continue through Sept. 15.

The target area for the project includes Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Gaines, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Terry and Yoakum counties as well as portions of Armstrong, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Potter and Randall counties. In addition, Curry, Roosevelt and southwestern Quay counties of New

Mexico continue to participate in the program.

Program sponsors include the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District, Sandy Lane Underground Water Conservation District, South Plains Underground Water Conservation District and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in central Curry, Roosevelt and southwestern Quay counties of New Mexico.

Each agency pays its pro-rata share of the fixed and reimbursable costs, based upon the total number of acres in the target area. The state of Texas reimburses 50% of the operating costs within the Texas target area through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin.

"Several changes have been made in the operation of the precipitation enhancement program as we begin the 2000 season. These include the addition of another county to the

target area and the purchase of equipment by two underground water conservation districts for use in the program," said High Plains Water District Manager A. Wayne Wyatt.

Gaines County has been added to the target area at the request of the Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District. A 15-mile strip in adjacent northern Andrews County has been added to the operations area as well.

Weather Modification Incorporated (WMI) of Fargo, N.D., returns as the project contractor. WMI is providing two Cessna 340 aircraft, a project meteorologist, three pilots and some of the cloud seeding materials. The other two Cessna 340 aircraft used in the project were bought by the High Plains Water District and the Sandy Lane Water District. The aircraft and their pilots will be located in Amarillo, Plains, Plainview and Portales, N.M.

In addition, the High Plains Water District has purchased the C-band

radar and trailer that has been placed at the Littlefield Municipal Airport since the start of the program in 1997. The radar unit has been inspected and is in excellent operating condition.

With the equipment in place, project officials hope that Mother Nature provides plenty of clouds to work with.

"We hope that there will be many more opportunities to conduct precipitation enhancement operations within the 21-county target area this growing season," said Wyatt. "We were able to log 540.35 flight hours during the 1999 season. During that time, the pilots used 1,883 ejectable silver iodide flares and burnt 271.78 gallons of silver iodide and acetone through the wing-tip generators."

Additional information about the 2000 precipitation enhancement program is available on the Internet at the High Plains Water District's home page, <http://www.hpwd.com>.

"We invite everyone interested to learn more about the precipitation enhancement program by accessing the High Plains Water District's web site," said Carmon McCain, Water District information and education director. "Clicking on the precipitation enhancement button provides links to current radar images of the target area, a map of the target area, aircraft flight tracks for each cloud seeding mission, weekly flight log narratives, a precipitation enhancement fact sheet, and links to the home pages for WMI and Amarillo and Lubbock National Weather Service forecast offices."

McCain said current Internet technology allows people to view the same radar images that the project meteorologist sees as he directs the aircraft to clouds suitable for seeding.

"These images are updated every 30 minutes. People enjoy accessing the web site to see where the aircraft

are working during thunderstorm events."

Water District staff members further document the program by compiling printed copies of the aircraft flight tracks, radar loop images, the latitude and longitude of the ejected flares, and National Weather Service Doppler radar maps in monthly notebooks provided to each of the project sponsors.

"This is just one part of the total water management plan for the region," said Wyatt. "Increasing precipitation has the potential to increase crop yields, improve livestock grazing conditions, reduce irrigation pumpage, improve water quality, increase natural recharge to the Ogallala Aquifer and increase runoff into reservoirs used for drinking water supplies and recreational purposes."

## Extension Service offers to screen local water wells

The Castro County Extension Service will sponsor a water well screening for area residents next Thursday, April 13, at the Extension office in the courthouse basement.

Those interested in having their water sampled should contact the Extension Service for instructions on how to sample their private wells and to secure a water sampling bag. All samples must be in the Extension Service office by 5 p.m. on April 13.

The cost of the screening is \$3 per sample and you should contact the Castro County Extension Office by calling 647-4115 to receive an approved water sampling bag and instructions for taking your well water sample. It is very important that only sampling bags from the Castro County Extension Office be used and all instructions for proper sampling followed to insure accurate results.

The well screening day is designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of their well water, and to determine if contamination from fecal coliform and nitrate exists.

The presence of fecal coliforms in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces will have microorganisms present that can cause a number of water-borne diseases such as cholera, typhoid and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water at levels of 10 milligrams per liter (parts per million) is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 milligrams per liter can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body.

Nitrate is converted to nitrite, which combines with hemoglobin, the chemical that carries oxygen in the blood, to form methemoglobin. Oxygen cannot bind with methemoglobin; therefore, oxygen is not carried throughout the body. As a result, oxygen starvation occurs. This condition is called methemoglobinemia. If left untreated, death may result. Infants less than six months in age and young livestock are most susceptible.

## Making a profit is biggest challenge facing farmers

America's young farmers and ranchers say government policies to boost US farm exports, such as establishing permanent normal trade relations with China, are the best way to address the top challenge facing them today—making a profit.

This was according to the results of a survey of 302 young farmers and ranchers (between the ages of 18 and 35) from 47 states conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"For young families like mine to have a future working the land, we must expand markets for agricultural products," said Dwayne Smith, chairman of the Castro County Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Rancher Committee.

According to the survey, there is still a lot of optimism among the nation's young agricultural producers, but some of that has been tempered by difficult economic times.

"Nationwide, young farmers and ranchers continue to invest in modern technology and business practices," Smith said. "Eventually, we'll have to see a reasonable return on investment to stay in business."

The survey ranked profitability as the top concern of young farmers and ranchers, followed in order by cost of government regulations and the availability of land.

More than 70% of the respondents to the survey said that one or both of the spouses in these young farm families worked off the farm. More than 58% said they began farming as part of an existing family operation. Less than 20% started on their own.

Only 53% of the respondents said they were optimistic about the future of agriculture, but 94% considered themselves, "farmers for life." Ninety percent said they would like their children to follow them into farming.

## Red Cross sets class for April

The Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross has scheduled some classes for April.

There will be a Babysitting Class on April 22 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The registration deadline is April 14 and the cost is \$35.

The registration fee includes a Babysitter's Handbook, a safety and first aid kit, a compact flash light, a fill-in-the-blanks notepad for safety and emergency information, and an American Red Cross zippered nylon bag to carry all of the supplies.

The registration can be mailed to P.O. Box 1371 or go by the chapter office at 224 S. Main in Hereford.

The annual membership drive for the Tri-County Chapter started April 1.

Anyone willing to volunteer is asked to call 364-3761.

## Pesticide, waste collection planned Friday in Hereford

A free agricultural waste and pesticide collection program will be held in Hereford Friday.

The collection will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn, and anyone who applies for the production of agricultural products in Texas is eligible to participate.

The collection is free. There are no fees and no signature is required from any participant. Participants will be asked to answer a few survey questions concerning the types of chemicals they brought in to gauge the effectiveness of the program.

The following will be accepted at the designated collection center: insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, nematicides, bactericides, growth regulators, harvest aid chemicals, pesticides used on livestock, all formulations of herbicides excluding those containing 2,4,5-T-Silvex, and unknown substances (label containers as "unknown").

The following will not be accepted at the collection on April 7: explosive materials, pesticides (herbicides) containing 2,4,5-T-Silvex, unrinsed or improperly rinsed empty pesticide containers, fertilizers or nutrient materials that are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures,

pesticides or wood preservatives containing Pentachlorophenol, compressed gas cylinders, out-of-state waste, waste pesticides from chemical manufacturers or laboratory waste from government entities (except school districts—schools may bring lab waste to this collection).

The regional waste pesticide collection is sponsored by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A recycling service for empty, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers will be offered on the same job site as the waste pesticide collection service.

Only clean, properly rinsed plastic containers will be accepted for recycling.

Containers should be triple or high-pressure rinsed and rendered unusable by puncturing. All empty plastic containers brought to this collection will be visually inspected by collection site representatives.

Rejected containers will not be accepted for handling and disposal at the waste pesticide collections. You are responsible for properly disposing of these "rejected" containers.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Ennergas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environ's") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environ's tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas Cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environ's rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environ's customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environ's rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environ's of Lubbock and Odessa.

Ennergas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Ennergas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environ's rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section  
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
P.O. Box 12967  
Austin Texas 78711-2967

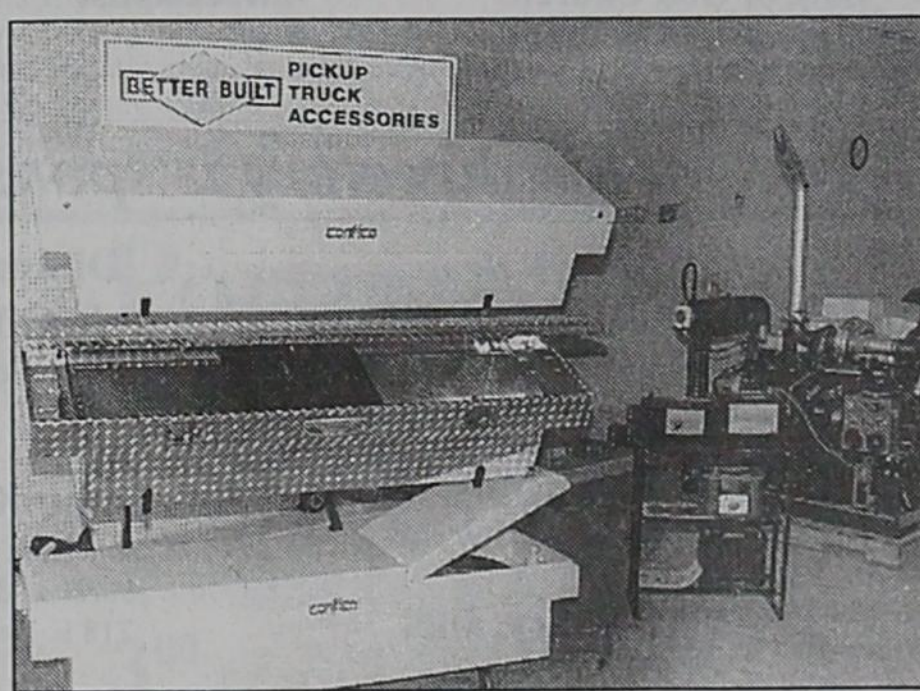
Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

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# Drought losses exceed \$300 million in Texas

Despite recent rain showers, the fourth drought in five years continues in Texas and has cost the state's agricultural producers \$223 million in the fall of 1999 and another \$96 million in losses through the early part of 2000, according to economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The fact is, the entire state is in a mild to severe drought," said Dr. Travis Miller, an Extension agronomist. "Every reporting region in the state is in some phase of drought at this time. The fact that we have green vegetation on the surface in some areas doesn't mean we don't have a very dry soil profile. With the way the weather patterns have been

going, indications are it's going to be drier than normal."

The 1996 drought resulted in \$2 billion in producer losses, while the 1998 drought caused \$2.1 billion in producer losses.

Producer losses so far in 2000 have resulted in \$55 million in wheat losses, including 400,000 acres that weren't planted in the fall of 1999 and \$14 million worth of crop that either never came up or has since died. The remaining dryland wheat crop is still vulnerable, officials said.

Extension economists have estimated an additional \$12 million was spent in added irrigation due to the drought. Additional wheat grazing losses add up to \$11 million, and livestock producers incurred an addi-

tional \$18 million in added feed and water hauling expenses over what would have been expected for winter feeding.

"We've gotten some rain recently. Some parts of the state even had more than average rainfall for February," said Dr. Mark Waller, an Extension economist. "But the moisture in February for some parts of the state is the lowest amount of rainfall they get for the year. It still doesn't amount to much. A lot of the state is still dry."

Corn and sorghum planting continues throughout the Blacklands region of the state and on into North Texas, with a few farmers already planting some cotton. Planting activity has yet to begin in the Texas

Panhandle and High Plains region. "Most people are not planting in dry ground. Some are planting in

moisture," Miller said. "There's only about a foot of soil moisture and that will only last for a short period of

time. The crop will come on up with what's there, but that won't last very long before it will begin to stress."

Miller said March typically is a dry month, but April has been the state's wettest month in the past.

"The highest probability for the most rain is usually the third week of April," said Miller. "Most of the spring rains come when the warm Gulf Coast air meets a cold front coming down from mid-April or mid- to late-May. La Niña has been holding those cold fronts back, and causing them to go around Texas. That's why we've missed most of the fall rains and we may miss some of our spring thunderstorms as well."

## TDA submits proposed rule changes for organic cotton in boll weevil zones

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has submitted revised rules establishing guidelines for organic cotton in active boll weevil eradication zones.

The rule changes cover indemnification eligibility and the method for calculating any compensation for organic growers who must destroy crops because of infestation in an active eradication zone.

The changes were made in response to the many public comments TDA received on the original proposal. The changes will be published in Friday's edition of *Texas Register*.

"The original rules were just a draft because we wanted the cotton

industry's input on these guidelines," said Matt Brockman, special assistant for producer relations. "It is important for us to have a system that works for all producers—a system that respects the integrity of eradication efforts but does not place an undue financial burden on organic growers who will be impacted by the program."

Under the new proposal, organic cotton growers in active eradication zones may enter into voluntary agreements with the zone's grower steering committee. A grower may either choose to plant an alternative crop or continue to plant organic cotton. If cotton is planted, a set formula will determine compensation if it becomes necessary to destroy an

infested field.

Agreements can be made at any time before or during the growing season up to the point when a technical review process determines a field must be destroyed.

Until current active zones have been declared eradicated, only growers who have planted organic or transitional cotton during or prior to the 1999 crop year are eligible for compensation. Organic growers in eradication zones that become active after the rules are in place are eligible for compensation if they have an application for organic or transitional cotton approved by TDA's Organic Certification Program at least one year before a referendum establishing a zone is held.

The formula for calculating compensation is based on four components: actual production history for the farm, acreage, price and a 65% rate of compensation. The time in the growing season when a crop must be destroyed will also determine the amount of indemnification.

Under the proposed rules, price is based on a five-year average market price for conventional cotton plus a 39¢ premium for organic. The 65% rate of compensation reflects the rate at which most Texas cotton farmers insure their crops through the federal crop insurance program.

If a grower has to destroy a field within 30 days after the final crop insurance planting date, the formula will reflect actual production history, acreage, price and a 50% rate of compensation.

More than three million acres of cotton are in active eradication in Texas. In areas of the state where eradication programs have been in operation for three years or more, producers have reported reduced production costs and increased yields.

TDA will take comments on the rule changes for 30 days beginning Friday. Those who wish to comment can write TDA at PO Box 12847, Austin 78711; or fax to (512) 463-1104. For telephone comments or for more information, call Brockman or Scott Heselmeier at (512) 463-7593.

## Rising fuel prices cause problems for area farmers

The recent surge in fuel prices nationwide has already impacted area farmers as they get ready for spring planting of various crops.

According to top US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) official, if oil prices continue at or above current levels, US farmers may pay an extra \$3 billion for fuel to operate their tractors and other machinery this year.

"As the OPEC nations agreed this past week to an increase in oil production, it re-emphasizes the fact of the United States dependence on outside oil production," said Bruce Fuller, president of Castro County Farm Bureau.

"The Clinton Administration stresses that fuel prices at the pumps will go down by summer. What impact will this have on the nation's farmers who need to be putting seed in the ground now?" Fuller said. "This is a very serious problem that farmers are facing right now. These extremely high fuel prices are making it difficult as we attempt to plant our crops for the growing season."

"Even though the fuel is high, we cannot sit idle, waiting for the prices

to bottom out. Our seed needs to hit the ground during a very limited window of opportunity," Fuller said.

Higher energy prices are just another concern confronting agricultural producers. The combination of very dry conditions across most of Texas over the first three months of the year and low commodity prices also hamper a farmer's ability to make a living off the land.

"The rain we received over the past couple of weeks was welcome, and now Castro County farmers are beginning to earnestly work on the upcoming corn and milo crops," Fuller said.

"Unless crude oil prices drop soon, the impact on producers will not only be felt in direct fuel costs, but also in added transportation charges for shipping crops and higher feed for oil-dependent fertilizers and pesticides," he added.

USDA estimates show that the oil price hike will cost farmers an extra 12¢ per bushel to row commodities such as corn and wheat. USDA is also assembling a report on the impact of higher oil prices on farmers.

## Cotton marketing workshops will focus on pricing strategies

Cotton producers can learn how pricing strategies affect profitability and get help in developing pricing strategies tailored to fit their own operation at two cotton marketing workshops slated this week.

The workshops are set on Tuesday in Littlefield and on Wednesday at the Swisher County Extension meeting room in Tulia.

"We can't control prices, but we can control how all or part of our crop is priced and when to take a price," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Agricultural Extension Service ag economist-marketing specialist based in Lubbock. "Producers who know how to evaluate pricing alternatives can formulate pricing strategies that will help them maximize profits."

"These workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives and developing pricing strategies. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market, so we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options."

Workshop speakers include Smith and Dr. Carl Anderson, Texas A&M Extension economist and cotton


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- ✓ Break-even prices.
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- ✓ Marketing alternatives.
- ✓ Developing a marketing plan.
- ✓ Current pricing strategies.
- ✓ Cotton market situation and outlook.
- ✓ Marketing clubs.

Each workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$30 per person, payable at the door. The fee includes a noon meal and an extensive set of materials, according to Smith. Spouses are invited to attend, and couples may register for \$30 if they share a set of course materials.

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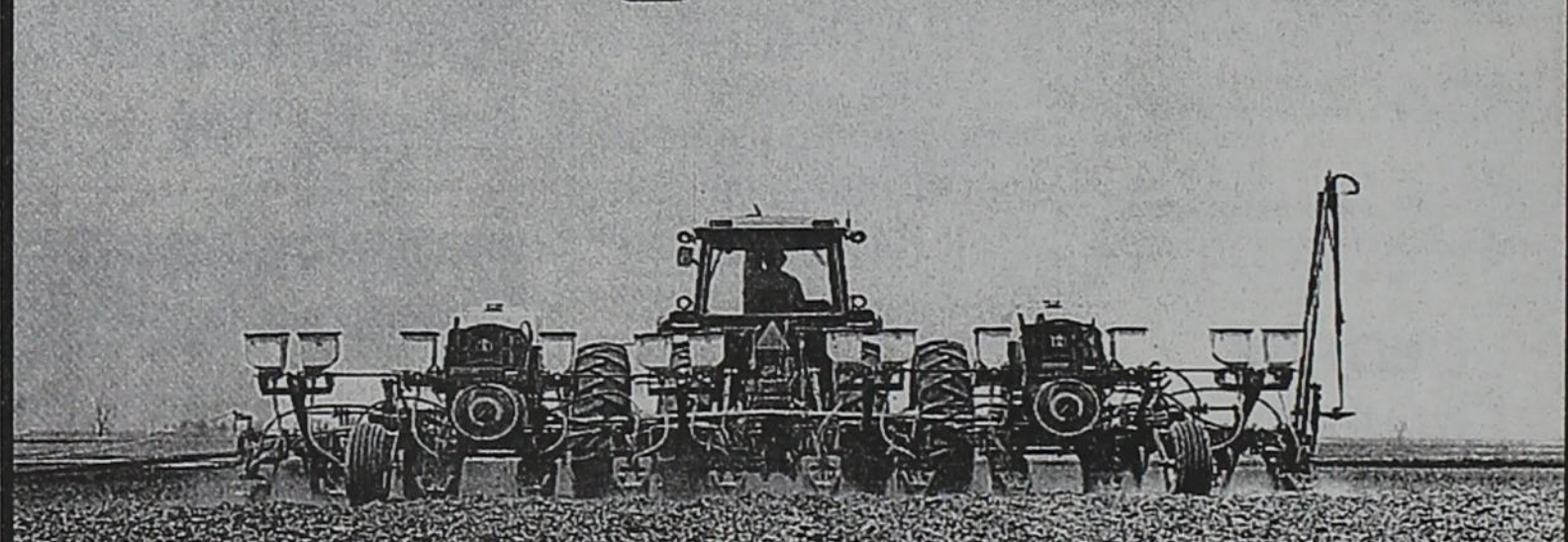
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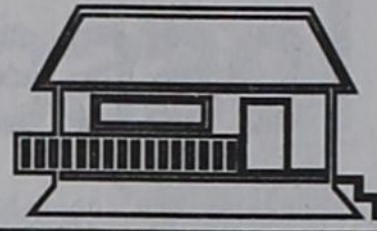
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# Cotton Talks

By SHAWN WADE

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) recently opened to public comment its proposed rules concerning organic cotton production in active boll weevil eradication zones.

As a result of the comments received, TDA has published its adoption of some of the proposed regulations, its withdrawal of some previously proposed and its submission of new proposals. The department intends to review the rules again in January 2001.

The department says it has attempted to balance in these rules the various roles that it plays. TDA is responsible for overseeing implementation of the boll weevil eradication program and regulating that program. The agency is also charged with opening markets for Texas agricultural products, including organic agricultural products. Furthermore, TDA has developed and enforces the state's organic certification program.

In the adoption notice, the agency lines out the overall goals of the package to "allow organic cotton producers to grow their cotton without fear of reprimand or discriminatory treatment in regards to how the eradication program is conducted, while at the same time assuring the success of the boll weevil eradication program is not compromised."

It goes on to say, "our goals include providing organic cotton growers reasonable compensation should

they be required to destroy their organic cotton field due to a boll weevil infestation."

The department comments, "We believe that ultimately the success of the program will benefit all growers and the public in general by reducing the use of pesticides used to control the boll weevil and by allowing Texas cotton growers to be more competitive in the marketplace."

Prior to 1998, there were three established eradication zones with active eradication programs. In these three zones, organic production approximated 450 acres.

In calendar year 1999, more zones held referendums, voting in programs and assessments to fund their programs, bringing the total to eight active zones.

Eradication activities have started in all zones in which the program and assessments have been approved. The acreage now included in the state-wide eradication effort has grown from 1.5 million to over 3.5 million acres.

The amount of organic cotton being produced in active eradication zones has increased to over 7,500 acres.

In the past, most organic growers in active eradication zones chose to be indemnified not to grow organic cotton and entered into individual agreements with the foundation in that regard. In areas that were not in active eradication zones, all cotton growers, organic and traditional,

were responsible for treating their own fields as they saw fit to control pests.

By voting in an eradication program, growers in a zone have acknowledged the need to have a unified effort for control of boll weevils, and also have made a financial investment in the program by virtue of their paying assessments to fund the program.

The full text of the adopted changes can be viewed at TDA's web site at [http://www.agr.state.tx.us/producer\\_info/3.601-3.606.adopted.html](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/producer_info/3.601-3.606.adopted.html)

The full text of the new proposals covering indemnification is also available on the Internet at [http://www.agr.state.tx.us/producer\\_info/Compensation.proposed.html](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/producer_info/Compensation.proposed.html).

USDA officials have estimated that 2000 crop cotton plantings will total some 15.6 million acres based on the most recent survey of producer intentions.

The March survey has differed from the final plantings by an average of 450,000 acres over the past 20 years. The majority of the time, USDA's survey has undershot the final acreage figure.

How close the estimate is to the final this year will no doubt hinge, as usual, on weather between now and the start of the traditional planting window. Drought conditions continue to be a real threat over much of the Cotton Belt. Predictions for only slight improvement in cotton prices

during the next marketing year and reduced loan deficiency payment rates could mean last minute shifts to alternative crops.

As it stands now, producers appear to be sticking with cotton. Early indications are that the report will be viewed as mostly neutral by the market and could even ease some apprehension over the fear of a huge, 19 to 20 million bale US crop in 2000.

Overall upland cotton plantings were projected to rise only 5% Beltwide.

Texas acreage is estimated to increase only 2% this year. California producers appear ready to plant 31% more Upland varieties while reducing Pima acreage by 27%.

The Texas Cotton Producers Association, which is composed of representatives from the state's nine regional cotton producer organizations, put its initial stamp of approval on the "flexible fallow" concept put forth by South Dakota farmers Craig Blindert and Phil Cyre.

TCP representatives voted to recommend additional study of the concept, including a full FAPRI analysis to determine more accurately the potential impact the program would have.

Flexible fallow is visualized as an addition to the current Freedom to Farm program. It would provide growers a voluntary set-aside program that they could use to increase the loan rates for various commodities they produce.



DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL's Business Professionals of America students tested their skills in a state competition at Fort Worth on March 3-5. Students who competed were (back row, from left) Mark Casares and Damian Martinez in Business Law and Randy Porter in Computer Programming; and (front row, from left) Lilia Dominguez in Business Law, Anita Rodriguez in Payroll Accounting and Dee Sloan in Medical Concepts. The students were accompanied on the trip by Becky Book and Connie Dickerson.

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## ACS postpones Tuesday meeting

The American Cancer Society meeting that was originally scheduled for Tuesday has been postponed until next week.

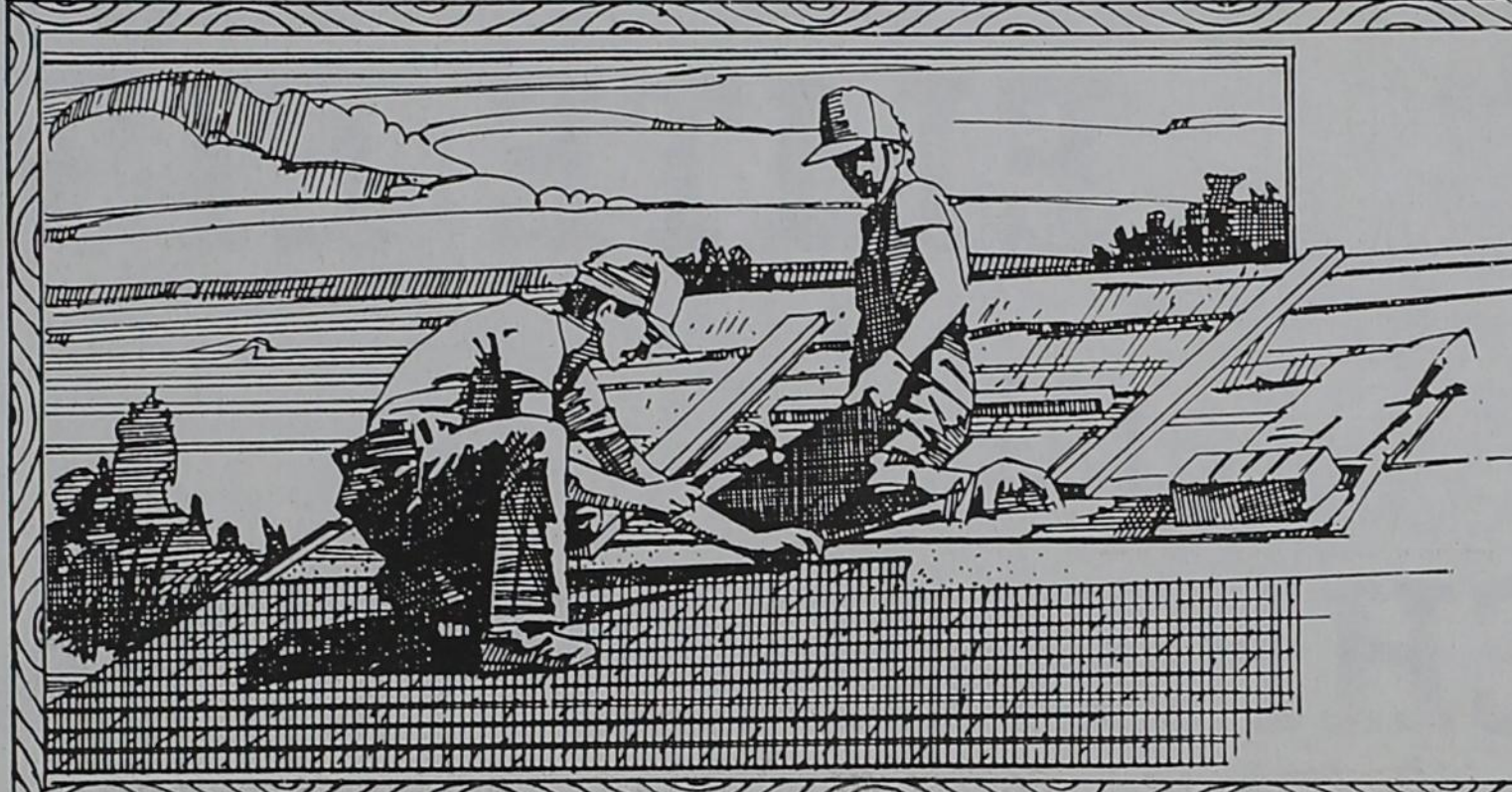
The meeting was to be a continued planning session for the Relay for Life which is slated for June 23-24.

Anyone who is actively involved in the Relay for Life planning and all committee chairmen will be contacted when a new date has been set for the meeting.

The Castro County unit of the American Cancer Society is delighted with the response from the community in support of the Relay for Life and feels sure that it will be a success.

If you have not already contacted someone about putting together a team for the relay, call Lori Wilhite or Beth Buckley, chairpersons; Eddie Sutton, teams committee head; or the

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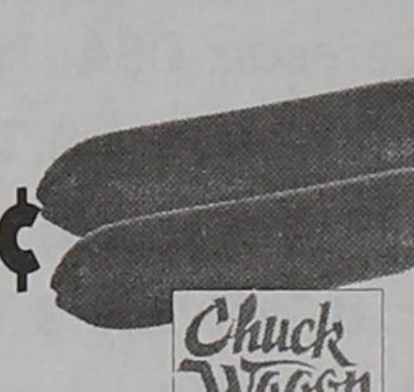
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After four years as an all-stater at Nazareth High School, including being named Miss Texas Basketball her senior year, Melinda broke into the Lady Raiders' starting lineup as a freshman. During a brilliant career as Tech's point guard and floor leader, she started every game as a sophomore, junior and senior. As a sophomore, she set an NCAA Tournament record for number of assists with 17 against Grambling. She holds Tech's all-time career record in assists with 603. She was named first-team Academic All-Big 12 this year. In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, she provided the senior leadership for a 28-5 season that included a victory over No. 5 Notre Dame in the NCAA East Region semifinals before a season-ending loss to eventual national runner-up Tennessee in the regional title game. During her Tech career, she averaged hitting 36.8% of her field goals, including 33% of three-pointers, and sank 60% of her free throws. During her senior year she averaged 5.7 assists, 2.2 steals and 7.5 points per game. She is the daughter of Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker of Nazareth and the wife of Chet Pharies of Lubbock. She is majoring in elementary education.



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