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1992 elections could be saved

Castro County may still be able to save its 1992 elections even though the new precinct lines have been termed "unenforceable" by the US Attorney General's office.

The county will ask for reconsideration of the US Justice Dept.'s objections to the proposed redistricting plan, and will intervene in a lawsuit concerning other Panhandle counties in an effort to protect local election results.

Allison & Associates attorney Bob Bass, representing the county in the redistricting process, advised the county commissioners to take those actions in a called meeting Tuesday morning.

The Commissioners' Court voted 3 to 1 to follow Bass's recommendations, with Precinct 1 Commissioner Harold Smith casting the

dissenting vote.

Bass said the purpose of the intervention in the suit against Deaf Smith and Gaines Counties would be to attempt to prove that Texas counties in the Panhandle are being held to a subjective standard different from that applied to other counties.

Bass said he feels the intervention would place the matter under the jurisdiction of the three-judge panel hearing those suits.

"That court could allow us under the umbrella of that plea to get a court order to allow the elections of 1992 to stand," Bass said.

Bass said the 1992 election results are vulnerable until a settlement is reached or the terms of those elected in the election have expired.

Bass said Castro County has not already been sued to disallow the

1992 election because there is a "Catch 22" situation for those wanting two minority precincts in the county.

Bass said the Justice Dept.'s letter outlining objections to the proposed plan states that "it may not be possible to draw two districts which would afford minority voters such an opportunity (to have greater than a 70% majority), given the large non-citizen population in the county."

However, Bass said minority representatives during the redistricting process consistently asked for two precincts with a majority of minority voters. He said they would not attempt to file a lawsuit that would seek an outcome different from what the Justice Dept. has

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By Don Nelson

Ode to Wal-Mart:
You really know how
To stack it and move it.
And we've got 2,000
Dead towns to prove it.

The City of Plainview scored a real coup when it landed the Wal-Mart Distribution Center several years ago.

Some would say Plainview "snatched" the center from Lubbock. But as I understand it, Sam Walton — who preferred smaller cities — flew in on his own, looked Plainview over, then called in and changed the corporation's mind about locating the regional distribution center in Lubbock.

Obviously, Walton was impressed with Plainview's aggressive bidding procedure — which included \$1,000,000 in private donations — and its will-do attitude.

The center employs almost 1,000 in round-the-clock shifts. The property that once yielded \$400 a year in ad valorem taxes when it was a dairy farm now pumps \$1,300,000 a year into the city's coffers. The relatively new center is now Hale County's largest taxpayer.

About all that the rest of us can do when a neighboring city scores a coup like that is to say "congratulations" and wish them well.

Success begets success.

When Azteca Milling Co. and the Gruma Corp. of Mexico were looking for a site in this area to mill corn into masa meal, Dimmitt made a strong bid for it. So did Hereford.

But about that time, Mel

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LOTS OF LAUGHS were included along with the thrills at last Thursday's performance in Dimmitt of the King Royal Bros. Circus, which was spon-

sored by the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club. The show included wild animal acts, trapeze artists, jugglers, acrobats, and, of course, clowns.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Child Abuse

A preventable epidemic

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Over the next few weeks, the News will run a series of stories about child abuse, focusing on the number of victims in the county, how abuse affects families — especially the children involved, the different types of abuse, how to detect abuse and ways to prevent it.)

By ANNE ACKER

Stop! Take a deep breath, count to 10 or even 20. Do anything you have to do to calm down before lashing out at a defenseless child.

Unfortunately not all people follow this advice from the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse and that's why child abuse is one of the fastest-growing problems in the country.

No one really knows how many children are abused physically, sexually or emotionally each year because most abuse occurs in the privacy of homes and many victims

do not report abuse because they fear breaking up the family, suffering punishment or not being believed if they do tell.

"Most people have not been taught how to handle the frustrations that accompany the joys of parenting. They often respond to their own anger and frustrations by lashing out at their children," said Shirley Igo, president of the Texas Parent-Teacher Association.

When abuse is detected, it's up to organizations like Castro County's Child Protective Services to step in and work with the families to resolve problems, even to the extent of removing children from the home.

Currently 19 children in the county are receiving out-of-home services through Child Protective Services and that number is higher than usual. That means the state has removed the children from their homes because of physical, mental

or sexual abuse; or neglect. Donna Stump, a specialist with Child Protective Services, says alcohol and/or drug abuse is involved in each of the 19 cases.

Stump said of those 19 children, three have been placed in residential treatment facilities which are designed to care for children who have serious behavioral, emotional or psychological problems; nine are in regular foster care; two are in group homes like Buckner's Children's Home in Lubbock or High Plains Children's Home of Amarillo; and five are in therapeutic foster homes, which generally care for only one or two young children with behavioral or emotional problems.

When children are removed from their homes, often they are "fearful and sad," Stump said.

"They just want to be with their parents. Regardless of what the

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City asserts cable rights

Since the cable television company servicing Dimmitt is changing hands again, the city council soon may be able to regulate the company's rates to the extent allowed by law.

The city has made many attempts to regulate the current cable franchise holder — MultiVision Cable TV, headquartered in Plainville, Kan. However, the company has virtually ignored efforts by the council to impose its rules or ordinances upon the company.

City Attorney Jack Edwards said that during the process of transferring ownership of the franchise, the new franchise holder (Ponca/Universal Holdings, Inc.) will be given a chance to comply with the city's rules.

Edwards also suggested that the cable ordinance be amended to include regulation of the company's rates, which is not currently included, but is allowable by law. He told the council members at their Monday meeting that he would prepare the changes in the ordinance to be approved at the next meeting of the council.

The current ordinance governing the cable franchise requires the cable provider to make annual reports to the council on such matters as proof of performance test results, a summary of the previous year's activities and development of the local system, copies of the financial statements of the company, a summary of complaints, a summary of system outages, and a summary of subscriber statistics.

Edwards said MultiVision has virtually ignored the ordinance. Mayor Wayne Collins commented that he suspects the change in ownership will be used as an excuse to go up on rates again for the cable company.

A letter was sent to the council informing them of the change in ownership.

David Van Valkenburg, president of ML Media Partners, L.P., parent company of MultiVision, wrote a letter to the council informing them of the impending change.

Valkenburg said the same personnel will continue to serve Multi-Vision customers.

In other business, the council discussed annexation of property on the west edge of Dimmitt along State Highway 86, but declined to begin the proceedings until property owners in the affected area could be surveyed.

Coby and Connie Gilbreath, property owners in the designated area, have requested annexation so that they can obtain city water and sewer service. They have told the council that they would like to receive city water even if annexation is not practical.

City Manager Reeford Burrous said he will begin procedures to extend the city water line to the area, since that is desired whether the property is annexed or not.

Gilbreath has offered to pay a portion of the cost for extending the water line, provided that other property owners pay their share as well. Depending on how many share in the cost and how far the line is extended, the cost to each property owner could range from \$742.60 to \$971.70.

Burrous also told Gilbreath that water rates are doubled for customers who are not in the city limits. That would put the rates at \$8.50 for the first 2,000 gallons used and \$1 for each thousand gallons above that, and trash service would add another \$5 per month.

An ordinance was approved that would close designated streets and alleyways in the area of the park project on the south edge of Dimmitt. None of the closed areas are actually used as streets or alleys, since most of the area is subject to occasional flooding.

Burrous told the council that he had checked with other providers of pool equipment and found that the price quoted by Jackson Supply of Amarillo was the lowest he could get for the new filter system for the city pool. Jackson had quoted \$10,814, including freight and the sand needed for the filters. Burrous said other quotes did not include those two items.

He said he had already contacted Jackson to go ahead with the project.

At Dimmitt meeting

Sarpalius addresses agricultural issues

Agriculture has felt the sharp edge of the congressional budget cutting blade recently, and US Rep. Bill Sarpalius says it's time for farmers to fight back.

Sarpalius, who is a member of the House Agriculture Committee, spoke to Castro County residents in a town hall meeting last Wednesday at the Texas Corn Growers office in Dimmitt.

Incumbent Sarpalius, who represents the 13th District which includes Castro County, has won the Democratic nomination and will face Beau Boulter in the November general election.

"I've always believed that if our farmers are making money, small businesses are making money. And if small businesses are making money, large businesses will make

money. It creates a ripple effect which we'll all benefit from," Sarpalius said.

Sarpalius said the major problem facing the Legislature is the budget deficit, and until that situation improves government agencies, including agriculture, could be facing more cuts.

"We've got to get our budget under control and change our priorities on where we spend our money. How can we justify subsidizing the Kennedy Center when you can walk across the street and see people sleeping on the street. We're pushing Senior Citizens out of nursing homes and we're pushing farmers off of the farms. Every time we have a big budget cut, agriculture tends to take a higher

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FOUR INJURED—This accident Monday afternoon in Dimmitt at the intersection of West Halsell and Northwest Seventh Streets resulted in reported injuries to four persons, one of whom was hospitalized and three who were treated and released. Bystanders

said part of the blame in the accident should go to a semi tractor-trailer rig parked near the intersection which blocks the view of drivers. Damage to both vehicles was rated heavy. See details in Police Calls, Page 13.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

On the Go

Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Our sympathy to the family of Shirley Stephens, whose husband, Harold, died recently.

Those visiting in the home of Oleada Hance and Martha and Lonny Rhynes over the Easter weekend holiday were David and Sandra Honea from Plano; Shari Mason, Ashley and Allison of Dumas; Lisa Cesadas, Chris and Crystal of Dumas and friends Paul and Opal Wilson of Clovis, NM. They all had lunch at Sirlain Stockade in Hereford Sunday. Ruby Ramsey and her son, Lloyd Ray Pitts of Dallas, Charles Pitts and Jean Burns of Amarillo visited in the afternoon.

Chet Braafladt brought his two brothers, Walter Braafladt from Sacramento, Calif. and James Braafladt from San Antonio, to the museum last week. We enjoyed visiting with them and Rosetta had a nice visit with James. Since he had spent about five years in Italy during the war, they spoke in Italian part of the time.

Geneva Dennis and her sister, Jauvada Curtis of Amarillo, spent a few days with their nieces, Dorothy Crawford and Pauline Kaufman of Hedley, and Jane Taylor of Memphis. They attended church in Hedley and went over to Memphis to eat. They enjoyed a musical at the Senior Citizens Center in Hedley. Then Geneva went home with Jauvada and stayed a few days in Amarillo.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock enjoyed Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Felder of Hart and her brother and his wife Dub and Joan Felder of Sunray. On Saturday Bobby and Wanda went to Amarillo to see the granddaughter, Allyson.

"Watch the Lamb," an inspirational sketch, was presented by Wayne Proffitt and his son, Daniel, and Tanner Griffitt on Sunday morning at First Baptist Church.

My sister, Lynna Cloer, was hostess to the Literary Arts Study Club of Tulia for a spring luncheon that was held in Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt with Mary Cluck catering the delicious meal. The tables were decorated in spring colors with baskets of flowers and Easter decorations. Reta Welch gave the program, "Hope for the Flowers" by Trina Paulus. She also showed slides and narrated the story. Members present were Emily Morris, Lucille Brasher, Frances Hodges, Marie Harris, Valoise Davenport, Bessie Bishop, Lou Rose Cosby, Betty Vars, Orveta Parsons, Dorothy Nell Williams and a guest, Mary Edna Hendrix.

Edgar Dennis and his friends, Ray and Ann Adams from Tulia, joined other friends at Roch Springs and the Nueces River. This was a spin-off from the 1986 Wagon Train that came through Dimmitt on their Sesquicentennial Wagon Train Route. There were groups from Arizona, Oklahoma and Texas. They enjoyed daily rides, camp fires, and pot luck suppers. They watched the film, "Ned Blessing" on NBC, that was sponsored by Hogg and Helen Jones who were in this movie, and they furnished horses and wagons for the film.

A "High Brow" choir was

formed at the First Baptist Church last Wednesday night — ask any choir member!

John Pitts from El Paso spent a few days with his mother, Ruby Ramsey, before Easter and then on Easter weekend Lloyd Pitts from Dallas came. Charles Pitts and his friend, Jean Burns from Amarillo, and Jean's daughter, Kelly Burns from Lubbock, were here in time to attend church on Sunday morning.

Roger and Geneva Malone entertained relatives for Easter—Cindy Lewis and children Britany and Bethany from Erick, Okla.; Debbie Conner and children Charissa, Timothy and Caleb from Muleshoe; and Johnny and DeNise Merritt and Annie from Amarillo. They enjoyed an Easter egg hunt (along with the dog). On Sunday Roger and Geneva went to Floyd, N.M. for a visit with Geneva's mom.

Mary and Pete Dove entertained company before Easter—Jerry and Debbie Annen, Ty and Mandy of Dimmitt; Peggy and Gary Beebe of Bayfield, Colo. and their son, Kyle Beebe from Albuquerque, N.M.; Barbara and Bobby Thompson from Hart; and Tonya and Heather Skipmore from Borger. Pam and Stewart Waddill, Jeremy, Randall, and Sharly from Amarillo spent the weekend with Mary and Pete.

The "Three Musketeers" had fun on Saturday. We took our community concert memberships to Hereford (this was our first mistake since the Chamber of Commerce was closed). So we drove out 12 miles north of Hereford to give them to Ann Meyers and she wasn't at home—so we ate, bought plants to set out and bought fresh asparagus to put in the freezer. We came back to Dimmitt and stopped at the airport where they were having the annual chili cookoff sponsored by the Castro County Peace Officers Association. We tasted Marshall Young's chili and it was very good! We visited with James and Doris Dobbs from Summerfield. James is our constable. There were participants from Amarillo, Perryton and Dimmitt.

Community Concerts will present the Texas Boys' Choir in concert on Monday, April 27, at Pampa at 7:30 p.m.; on Tuesday, April 28, at Borger at 7:30 p.m.; on Thursday, April 30, at Plainview High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.; and on Friday, May 1, at Hereford High School Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Remember the Texas Boys' Choir will be the last community concert of the season. We are still selling memberships for next season.

Richard Young has been involved in revival services in Lago Vista, a retirement community in the Hill Country near Lake Travis, just northwest of Austin. Much visiting was done in the homes of couples from around there. It was very interesting to meet people with such a wide and varied interest. Recreation was part of the week as many of the retirees are very active people. Golf and fishing are the main events there, but good Christian fellowship is intermingled throughout some of the people's lives and this is a major plus for the wholeness of their lives.

It was good to experience the new friendship of Earl and Betty

Parish, longtime members of First Baptist Church and residents of Dimmitt. Betty accompanied Richard on the piano during the revival and Earl did his part singing in the choir. It was good for Richard to be with Earl and Betty as he brought them up to date on Dimmitt news.

Gene Hoover, pastor of the church in Lago Vista, is a longtime friend of the Youngs and it was a good experience staying with them, and of course, catching the limit of bass on the last morning of the week.

Former Dimmitt High School drama instructor Don Blankenship will be in Lubbock Friday with his One-Act Play group from Trinity High School, and he invites his Dimmitt friends to come and watch.

The comedy performance is set for 6 p.m. at the Texas Tech University Theatre, and is titled *You Can't Take It With You*.

Don says he may be at Tech next fall if he can work things out to go to graduate school there.

Castro County Sheriff's Deputy Jerry Bailey is featured along with other lawmen in the June 1992 issue of *True Police* magazine, a bi-monthly publication of Globe Communications out of New York.

Texas Ranger Warren Yeager and Parmer County Deputy Richard Bonham of Bovina, along with Bailey, are interviewed in connection with the Diana Lumbrera murder case, in which the woman has been charged in the deaths of seven children, six of them her own.

The story is featured on the cover and fills a spread of over four pages inside the magazine.

Vernon Hasley, 71, of Dimmitt was the subject of a feature in the April 14 issue of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. He was interviewed concerning the placement of his World War II diary in a traveling exhibit that is touring the presidential libraries across the US.

He was also featured in the April 18 issue of the *Amarillo Daily News*.

Music program set for Friday

Parents and the public are invited to view a mini-musical about Little Boy Blue Friday at 10 a.m. in Richardson Elementary's west cafeteria.

Music teacher Avie Lewis will direct the program, which is expected to last only about 30 minutes.

Students performing will be from the first grade classrooms of Pat Keith, Donna Smith, Ruby Teaschner, and Donna Underwood.



SHOWMANSHIP — One of the winners for showmanship at Saturday's annual Castro County Peace Officers' Association Chili Cook Off is Rodney Lilly (left) of Amarillo with his "Hawg

Wild" chili. At right is Carol Lilly of Amarillo, who won first prize in the cooking competition with her "Bekin's Best" chili. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Amarilloan wins cook-off

Carol Lilly of Amarillo stirred up the best chili recipe in Dimmitt Saturday according to the judges at the annual Castro County Peace Officers Association Chili Cook Off.

Along with a cap and first place honors, Lilly earned four points to add to her total needed to qualify for the annual Terlingua Chili Cook Off.

Seven of the top ten places went to chili chefs from Amarillo, and two of the showmanship awards also went to Amarillo teams.

Second place in cooking and two points went to Kelly Burkham of Amarillo; and third place with two points was won by Starla Phillips of Amarillo.

All other cooking winners received one point each, including: 4. Vickie Childers, Amarillo. 5. Steve Lopez, Perryton. 6. Margaret Lopez, Perryton. 7. Debbie Ritter, Amarillo. 8. Bob Horton, Lubbock. 9. Laverne Butcher, Amarillo. 10.

Ronnie Phillips, Amarillo.

Showmanship awards went to the "Fence Post Chili" team, captained by Ted Osenbaugh of Amarillo, for first place; second place to the "Hawg Wild Chili" team with Rodney Lilly of Amarillo as captain; and third place to the "Ding Dong Chili" team, with captain Jerry Moore of Littlefield.

Four show teams entered, along with 22 cooking entrants.

Organizers of the local event said there was good attendance, with more people coming out than last year's event.

Over 50 prizes were given away in drawings, with items donated by local and area businesses and individuals.

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Medical researchers and fund-raisers have been fighting a frustrating battle against cancer for years. In recent years, they've been winning a few—notably in the areas of tumor control, breast cancer, lymphoma and certain forms of leukemia. But the big breakthrough is still eluding them.

In our society, which depends so much on volunteerism, we're lucky to have so many who refuse to give up in the face of tough odds. We're especially lucky to have the volunteers who keep working year after year on behalf on the American Cancer Society.

The fight against this killer disease will be won in the research laboratories and hospitals, but it begins at home, with the dollar donation. Enough dollars donated and collected by enough volunteers across the nation add up to the millions needed to finance the battle.

Our "home guard" in this fight is the Castro County Unit of the ACS. Its officers are Martha Rhynes, president; Tami Griffitt, vice-president; Val Davis, secretary; Mary Alice Lane, treasurer; Bettye Wallace, patient services chairman; and Kathy Welch, memorials chairman.

Tuesday, they and their coordinators and other volunteers will go door to door throughout the county.

The local board will coordinate the Crusade in Dimmitt. Other community coordinators are Janet Mitchell, Hart; Ann Kern, Nazareth; Janice Matthews, Easter; Becky Stovall, north of Dimmitt; and Sue Boozer, Helen Kuntz and Brenda Bruton, Flagg and Bethel.

We hope you will give generously when a Crusade volunteer calls on you Tuesday, and that you'll take time to read the literature that he or she leaves with you.

We salute all those who will march in the Crusade, and all those who will donate. We're proud you're part of Castro County!



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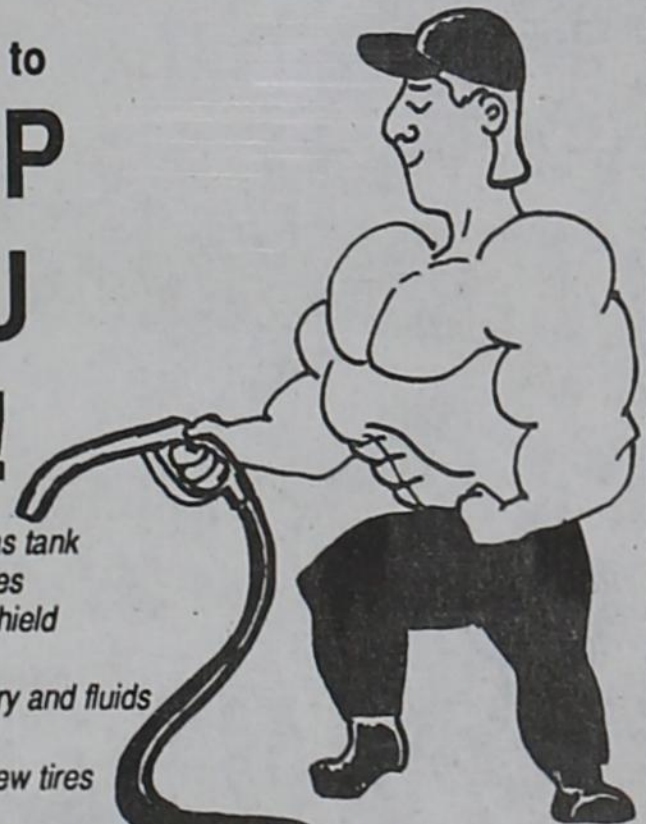
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DMS names honor students

Dimmitt Middle School recently announced award winners for the fifth six-week grading period.

Students were honored for making the All A Honor Roll and the A-B Honor Roll. Also, seventh and eighth grade students were honored in specific subject areas.

In the seventh grade, subject area honors went to: Joshua Roberts for English, science, and math; Maria Garcia for history and food production; Jerry Rivera for reading and industrial arts; Sy Olson for science; Raul Holguin for mechanics; and Andrew Teaschner for industrial arts.

In the eighth grade, subject honors went to Justin Damron for English and science; Joel Townsend for history, Algebra I, and computer; Joe Larra for Algebra I and mechanics; Carlos Garcia for science and math; Lora Correa and Jennifer Vick for science; Drue Jennings for math; Jonathan Baker for Algebra I; Addison Foskey for reading; Cory Lust and Chad Ellis for industrial arts; and Juanita Ornelas for food production.

Honor roll winners are listed below by grade level.

EIGHTH GRADE

A

Jimmy Bryan, Justin Damron, Jeremy Hall, Justin Newman, Joel Townsend, Randa Wood, Jason Wooten.

A-B

Maria Amparan, Jonathan Baker, Polly Bolton, Jessica Caldera, Cesar Castillo, Gracie Corrales, Lora Corres, Toby Crow, Delia Dominguez, Chad Ellis, Gloria Escamilla, Dewayne Espinosa, Amy Ethridge,

Erika Flores, Addison Foskey, Amy Fuller, Carlos Garcia, Larry Garcia, Rachel Goldsmith, Drue Jennings, Kara Josselot, Amber Langford, Amy Langford, Joe Larra, Cory Lust, Joey Martinez, Angelita Mendoza, Drew Musick, Zeke Nino, Juanita Ornelas, Christopher Perez, David Reyes, Cicely Reyna, Bobby Rodriguez, Pablo Rodriguez, Chad Rogers, Alicia Sanchez, Will Sanders, Tucker Schumacher, Coby Summers, Jessica Vasquez, Jennifer Vick, Roxanne Vigil.

SEVENTH GRADE

A

Mary Davila, Chad Ewing, Shaun Furr, Lindsey Garza, Cameron Lust, Tawnee Matthews, Daniel Maxwell, Colby McDaniel, Sy Olson, Jerry Rivera, Joshua Roberts, Andrew Teaschner.

A-B

Mikel Atchley, Brad Beck, Carrie Bradley, Tommie Casey, Jaime Castillo, Joaquin Dominguez, Zakary Felts, Maria Garcia, Sarah Goldsmith, Tracy Grand, James Ivey, David Keller, Asia Kirby, Blu Kropp, Jessie Lopez, Daniel Martin, Jose Martinez, Summer McLean, Eliza Melendez, Jason Nino, Luis Nino, Alka Patel, Alex Perez, Brent Portwood, Bryan Portwood, Kimberley Proffitt, Elizabeth Quiróz, Maria Rios, Conrado Saucedo, Kevin Smithson, Sabrina Stubbs, Yesenia Zamora.

SIXTH GRADE

A

Micheale Bell, Jacy Buckley, Juary Cavazos, Carlos Cuellar,

Amy Garcia, Jeremy Matthews, Timothy Proffitt, Charley Sanders, Laura Torres, Jared Townsend.

A-B

Dominic Abalos, Mekesha Atchley, Vanessa Acevedo, Luke Barrett, Kacie Bell, Travis Crow, Conrado Cruz, Tracy Damron, Jill Davis, Shane Ethridge, Candice George, Ysela Gonzales, Jason Hall, Kami Hand, Jason Hargrove, Andy Hill, Michael Keith, Nathan Killough, Marlene Martinez, Amber Matthews, Amy Matthews, Hank Morgan, Cindy Oliviero, Sabrina Olvera, Alice Saucedo, Kaci Schulte, Les Stubbs, Stuart Sutton, Lisa Velo, Angie Vidal, Lee Ann Wilkerson.

FIFTH GRADE

A

Cody Brockman, Derek Buckley, Kristin Doss, Jessica Flores, Val Gonzales, Nathan Keller, Rusty McDaniel, Dephanie Rivera, Robert Sepeda, Miranda Turner, Kurt Webb, Lindsey Welch, Heather Wise, Rusty Wooten, Wesley Wright.

A-B

Alex Alejandro, Brandon Allison, Ben Coleman, Sylvia Cruz, Maggie Dozal, Ralph Enriquez, Brenda Flores, Eric Gamez, Stephanie Garcia, Adam Gonzales, Taryn Hays, Beau Hill, Stephanie Hinojosa, Shawna Kenworthy, Jacob Larra, Eva Martinez, Cassie McLean, Monica Ortiz, Teri Nanez, Laura Ontiveros, Jessica Ramirez, Russell Rickert, Allison Roberson, Jerry Thomas, Sandra Torres, Elizabeth Vidal, Stacey Villanueva, Christina Caldera.

FOURTH GRADE

A

Mindi Ethridge, Ivan Flores, Larissa Fuentes, Shane Furr, Maria Garcia, Patti George, Vandon Jeter, Lacy Louder, Julie Merritt, Zack Morgan, Michael Penney, Brittany Porter, Randy Porter, Lupita Rodriguez, Keevin Sanders, Justin Sutton, Ironica Traylor, Kyle Wood.

A-B

Wendy Amador, Stephen Bailey, Christie Bryan, Laura Cardona, Lilia Dominguez, Daniel Flores, Stephanie Flores, Edith Fuller, Jessica Garcia, Tait Gripp, James Jackson, Brenda Leal, Ruben Lopez, Moses Lugo, Orlando Marrufo, Taylor Matthews, Janie May, Cameron McGowne, Sylvia Medrano, Angela Montiel, Jimmy Moss, Myra Pena, Ernesto Porras, Kassandra Sanchez, Felicia Sanchez, Ruby Sosa, Jeff Stovall, Juanita Vasquez, Sonia Vasquez, Teresa Holguin.



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND—This OM team from Dimmitt High School placed third at the state OM competition held recently, entering a structure in the Atlas division which held 730 pounds of weight. The team competed against 19 other teams. Team

members are: (front, from left) Holly Axtell and Candi Matthews; and (standing, from left) Shad McDaniel, Kris Keith, Monica Villanueva, Kim Spring and Michelle Flores. Photo by Linda Maxwell

OM teams win third

The Dimmitt High School and Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Atlas teams both won third placings at the state competition held in El Paso recently.

High school team members are Holly Axtell, Michelle Flores, Kris Keith, Candi Matthews, Shad McDaniel, Kim Spring and Monica Villanueva.

Middle school team members are Brad Beck, Jimmy Bryan, Addison Foskey, Michael Keith, Timothy Proffitt, Jared Townsend, and Joel Townsend.

In the high school division, only seven points separated the first and third place teams. The Dimmitt team received a score of 321, with 192 points for structure, 85 on the spontaneous portion of the contest, and 44 for style and presentation.

The team's structure held 730 pounds—all the weights that were provided for the competition, according to team captain Keith. Keith said event organizers had been asked to have 1,100 pounds of weights on hand.

The first place team had 328 points—183 for structure, 100 for spontaneous and 45 for style and presentation. The structure held 695 pounds.

The second place team had 324 points, with 200 for structure, 81 for spontaneous and 43 for style and presentation.

Keith said the second place team used improper procedure in placing multiple weights on its structure, rather than one weight at a time, but the judges did not seem to be

aware of that rule.

"We were very disappointed that we didn't come in first, but we are proud that Dimmitt can 'play ball' with the 'big boys,'" Keith said, referring to the fact that the first and second place winners in both divisions were 5A schools.

As a sidelight, Keith, a senior, has said that his participation in OM structure building for the past seven years has inspired him to pursue further education in the area of engineering. Keith said six of the high school team members are seniors.

"We say good-bye and hope we will be remembered as the team that advanced to World Competition in 1991," Keith said. "Thanks to all who helped make it possible each year."

Letter

Panhandle cities fared well in selection of prison sites

Dear Editor:

In the recent selection of the new prison sites, communities in the Panhandle, relatively speaking, fared very well.

The Panhandle Area Alliance, an organization formed to promote regional cooperation and unity in our 26 county-area, congratulates the communities that were granted prisons and compliments the TDJC Board for its wisdom in locating a fair share of new prisons in the Panhandle.

While other area cities that submitted proposals were naturally disappointed, they were still winners.

They were winners because we've come to realize that what's good for one community in the Panhandle will spill over and benefit other surrounding communities. In other words, our entire Panhandle community will be enhanced.

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Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

John Hazel of Plainview came before the church Sunday morning in view of a call. He was called unanimously, but asked to give Lee Street a two week notice. John and his wife, Ginger, seemed very pleased with everything and are happy for the opportunity of having a church and living on the field. David Fletcher recommended him before he left.

John has been the minister of youth in Lee Street the last two years and holds down a job in a

pharmacy as a computer operator. He had a very good recommendation from them also.

John and Ginger along with Wille Mae and Embree Roy Sadler had dinner Sunday with Glenn and LaWanda Wilson. After the night service, they went to church at Lee Street to resign his job and worship there. Because of John's work, he probably will not move before Saturday. Rev. Eddie Riley will fill the pulpit next Sunday.

James Norrell has been with his mother in Methodist Hospital most of the week. Joan has been driving down when she gets off of work. They still have not determined what her illness is, but she was so depressed they gave her a pass to come stay at home until Sunday evening. She will undergo a serious test on her lung Monday. The biopsies, cat scans and other test have not determined the trouble.

Weldon Otho Lindley, 60, died March 20. He lived in Plainview and was once a resident of the community.

His father, Rev. D.C. Lindley Sr., was the pastor here in 1943. The family lived in Littlefield and some of the children came with him each Sunday.

D.C. Lindley Jr. married and joined the church with his wife, Polly, in 1953 by letter. They lettered out in 1955. He farmed in the southwest part of the community. Otho and Freda joined the church for baptism April 23, 1944, the year their father was pastor.

D.C. Jr. lives at Fritch, Evelyn in New Mexico, Eloise in Muleshoe, Dorothy and Maxine both in Plainview. All are married.

Cecil Curtis has not had any more heart problems, but feels tired most of the time even though he doesn't do much. He goes back to the doctor on May 4 for more tests and possibly an angiogram.

It has been a rainy week. .57 of an inch was recorded for Tuesday night and .45 of an inch for Thursday evening which small hail fell during two separate times, covering the ground. Then .20 of an inch of rain was recorded for Sunday.

Correction: Alton and Betty Louder's newest great-granddaughter, Rachel Leigh, weighed 7 lbs., 4 ozs. instead of 3-1/2 pounds as I reported last week.

Nelda Curtis attended the Friday morning breakfast and sunrise service at the First United Methodist Church in Earth.

Lillian Carson had dinner Sunday with Lec and Dorothy Carson and Joe Edd and Maurice and their families. They had an Easter egg hunt between showers in the afternoon.

Marshall and Kay King, Lance and Lincoln spent the day with Billie and Emma Jean King.

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Cancer Society's annual crusade drive is Tuesday

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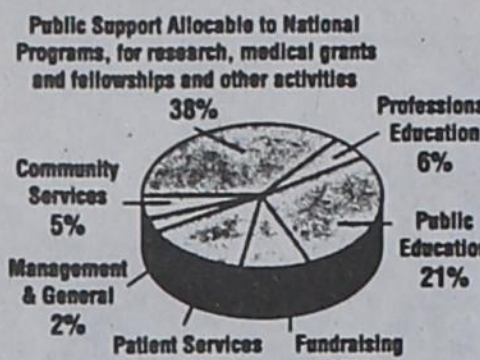
Castro County residents can help in the fight against cancer by donating to the American Cancer Society (ACS) during its annual crusade drive, which gets underway Tuesday.

Volunteers will be going door-to-door Tuesday in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth collecting contributions for the ACS.

Castro County 4-H'ers also will help collect during the drive, but an adult will accompany them. Each volunteer collecting for ACS will wear some type of identification, according to a spokesman for the local unit.

The Castro County ACS board will conduct the local campaign this year, under the guidance of Martha Isaacs, president; Val Davis, secretary; Tami Griffith, vice president; Mary Alice Lane, treasurer; Bettye Wallace, patient services chairman; and Kathy Welch, memorials chairman. Community coordinators for the Crusade are Janet Mitchell of Hart, Ann Kern of Nazareth, Janice Matthews of Easter, Becky Stovall for an area north of Dimmitt and Sue Boozer, Helen Kuntz and Brenda Bruton for Flagg and Bethel.

Local volunteers will be distributing brochures and informational materials to residents throughout the county during Tuesday's door-to-door campaign.



THIS PIE CHART shows a breakdown of how American Cancer Society (ACS) funds were used in Texas during the 1990-91 year. One of the ways ACS raises money for research, education, patient and community services and other areas, is by fundraisers like the annual crusade drive. This year's drive will be held Tuesday in Castro County. During the day-long drive, volunteers will travel door-to-door, asking for donations to the organization.

Funds raised through the local Crusade will be used to support American Cancer Society research and rehabilitation programs.

The Texas division of American Cancer Society has come under attack from an organization called the Capital Research Center, which alleges that the "ACS has not put into research the amount they claim" and of "spending contributor money to acquire assets rather than fight cancer."

But ACS spent 43% of contributor funds on research during the year in which Capital Research claims only 23% was spent.

"The Capital Research Center never talked to anyone in the Texas

Division for a response. If they had been interested in the truth, they could have asked," said a spokesman for the state chapter of ACS.

During 1990-91, ACS spent 38% of its money on research, medical grants, fellowships and other activities. Public education received 21% of the money while patient services benefited from 16% of the funds. The rest of the money was spent on fundraising (12%), professional education (6%), community services (5%) and administration (2%).

More than 45,000 cancer patients of all ages were reached this year with service and rehabilitation programs provided through local volunteers in Texas communities. These included transportation, home equipment, support groups, information and guidance for cancer patients and their families.

Last year researchers at Texas medical institutions received 37 grants for cancer research totaling more than \$43 million.

Research is the most powerful weapon against cancer, according to ACS, and mammography and the pap test have helped saved many lives. Research also is saving children with leukemia—in the 1960s only 4% survived; today 73% win the battle against the disease.



SERIOUS AS A JUDGE?—Some of the volunteer judges for the annual Castro County Chili Cook Off enjoy a laugh between tastings Saturday afternoon. The annual event is sponsored by the Castro

County Peace Officers Association. Judges included (from left) Glen Snitker, Randy Griffith, Jerry Matthews, and Don Sheffy. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The evening mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, celebration of the Lord's passion on Good Friday, the vigil of the Lord's resurrection on Holy Saturday evening and Easter morning mass were all very meaningful services celebrated in Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee officiating, assisted by Deacons Jerome Brockman and Al Maurer.

Father Dee flew to Hartford City, Ind. on Sunday afternoon to spend a few days visiting with his mother, Nedra Dee, and other family members.

Connie Wilhelm and Brenda Schacher were received into Holy Family Catholic Church Saturday evening during the vigil of the Lord's resurrection service.

Helen Backus is doing well at home after her recent surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

Congratulations to John and Ca-

rol Gary of Lubbock on the birth of a son, Joshua Daniel, on April 14 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Joshua Daniel has two brothers, Sean and Scott. His grandparents are Lucille Drerup of Nazareth and JoAnn Gary of Ponca City, Okla. He also has a great-grandmother, Nancy Harvey of Ponca City.

Three new families have moved into town. Rusty and Lydia Schacher and their children have moved into the home formerly owned by Walter and Easy Schulte. Emil and Mary Ehly have moved into the home formerly owned by Bernie and Lou Wethington. Mark and Judy Kleman have moved into their new home on the north side of town.

Susan Hoelting was received into St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Pampa during the Saturday evening vigil service with Rev. Joe Bixeman, pastor, officiating. Susan's sponsor was Doretta Gerber of Pampa. Attending the recep-

tion and get together later at the home of Kenny and Doretta Gerber were Ronnie and Regina Hoelting, and Vincent, Toby and Marty Gerber, all of Nazareth; John and Sharon Hampton and girls, Jordan and Brittany, all of Sudan; and Darryl Hoelting and his son, Kyle, Eric and Leona Wilhelm and Marvin Schmucker, all of Amarillo.

The annual Easter reunion of the Hollenstein family was held Sunday at the Holy Name Parish Hall in Happy. The families of Artie Huseman, Bert Huseman and Dorothy Kleman from Nazareth attended the reunion.

Philip and Dora Pohlmeier hosted Easter dinner and an Easter egg hunt for their family on Sunday. Attending were Lester and Beth Schulte and family of Dimmitt, Gary and Teresa Rider and family of Claude, Rita Pohlmeier of Lubbock, John and Germaine Witt of Amarillo, Dennis and Denise Kirby of Dimmitt, Pet Birkenfeld and Walt and Lucy Pohlmeier of Nazareth.

Congratulations to Glenn and Kendra Backus of Granbury on the birth of a son, Joshua, April 17. Grandparents are Clyde and Angie Venhaus of Dumas and Francis and Connie Backus of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Marie Venhaus of Dumas; and Alma Conrad, Helen Backus and Leonard and Alvina Gerber, all of Nazareth.

Bryan and Mary Jo Huseman and family of Littlefield, Bernie and Wanda Huseman and family of Hereford and Ken and Anita Fischbacher and family of Amarillo joined the rest of the Arnold Huseman family on Saturday evening for an Easter dinner at the Huseman home.

Fritz and Julene Gerber have enjoyed caring for their granddaughter, Erika, while the child's parents, Jon and Lori Wych of Lubbock, were on a Caribbean cruise, which Jon won through his job with Farm Bureau Insurance. Jon has now been promoted to the office in Amarillo, which serves Potter, Carson and Armstrong Counties. Jon and Lori have moved to a new home in Amarillo, located on Atkinsen Street.

Jon was received into St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Lubbock on Saturday evening with Lori serving as his sponsor.

Fritz and Julene Gerber hosted Easter dinner Sunday for their family. Chris and Kelly Gerber of Ulysses, Kan., joined the rest of the family for dinner. They also visited with Kelly's parents, Rodger and Edna Schilling in Dimmitt.

Jerry and Tricia Rose and Eric; and Donna and Bryan Charanza of Amarillo joined Charley and Bev Hill, Jim and Sandee Hoelting, Carroll and Denice Gerber, Dan and Karen Gerber, Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld and Keith Gerber at the home of Virgie Gerber for Easter.

Lisa Pohlmeier of Dallas spent a couple of days over the Easter weekend with her parents, LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier.

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People

Killough is honored

Christy Killough, a senior at Dimmitt High School, has been designated as a Commended Scholar in the Academic Excellence Award program conducted by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP).

Killough, the daughter of Grace Killough of Dimmitt, was selected to compete in the program by DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill.

Selection is based on SA1 ACT scores, overall academic grade point average, pursuit of an advanced diploma, and other evidence of "exceptional academic ability." Writing a 300 to 500-word essay under monitored conditions was also a requirement.

"Christy is to be congratulated for her superior scholarship," Stockstill said.

The TASSP program has been conducted for four years now, with over 200 students in Texas participating this year.

Eighth grade banquet set

The Dimmitt Middle School Eighth Grade Banquet will be held May 2 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. at the Expo Building.

School board policy states that students may not wear formal attire, such as formals or tuxedos. However, students are encouraged to dress appropriately.

Music for the dance will be provided by John Moesch of 108 FM. A game room also will be provided.

No student will be allowed to leave the Expo before 11:30 p.m., unless accompanied by a parent.

Decorating for the banquet will be done May 1 from 4 p.m. until it is finished, probably around 5:30 p.m., a class sponsor said.

On the night of the banquet, parents may view the completed decorations from 6 to 6:45 p.m., and pictures of students will be taken from 6 to 7 p.m. Photo package prices begin at \$7.50.

"The school cannot be responsible for any student who drives to the banquet," a class sponsor said.

DKG accepting scholarship applications now

Delta Kappa Gamma Society is accepting applications for a \$500 scholarship, which will be awarded to an area student majoring in education.

Castro County residents who will be classified as juniors for the 1992-93 academic school year are eligible to apply. Persons wishing to apply should submit a letter stating that they have been accepted to an accredited college or university from the school's dean of the College of Education.

In addition, the applicant should submit either a transcript or other verification of acceptable grade point average and coursework leading to a degree in education. The applicant also should submit a one-page, handwritten letter explaining his or her educational and career goals.

Applications must be postmarked by May 1, and should be sent to Nancy Greer, President, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, 709 Pine, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 (Phone 647-4523); or to Jan Bryan, Vice President, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, 1639 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 (phone 647-4741).



THE TEXAS BOYS CHOIR will perform May 1 at 8 p.m. at the Hereford High School Auditorium as the last in a series of concerts sponsored by the Hereford Community Concert Association for the 1991-92 season. Admission to the concert is by membership in the association. The ensemble of 40 boys has appeared throughout the world and it performs musical programs ranging from old

church music and Elizabethan madrigals to the latest Broadway show tunes and folk songs of Texas ranches, all in fully costumed, lighted and choreographed programs. Founded in 1946 in Denton by George Bragg, the Texas Boys Choir is a hand-picked and specially trained top-level group.

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MS conference planned May 2

A nationwide conference on multiple sclerosis will hold a session in Dimmitt May 2.

Teleconference techniques will allow local participation in the event, "Multiple Sclerosis: Understanding Your Mind and Emotions." Local participants may view the session at Plains Memorial Hospital from 1 to 3 p.m. free of charge. However, registration is required.

To register and for more information, contact Delores Heller at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524.

Over 300 such sessions are being held across the country, with the local event sponsored by the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Discussion will include how to deal with changes that occur be-

cause of MS. Speakers are Nicholas La Rocca, Ph.D., who has developed experimental treatments for cognitive problems in MS and is a clinical psychologist at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York; and Jaclynn Faffer, D.S.W., A.C.S.W., expert on chronic illness and a social worker at the Jewish Community Services at Long Island, N.Y.

Faffer will talk about emotional and psychological issues for people with MS, their families and friends. The discussion will include role changes which come about in families and business and social relationships, as well as mechanisms of coping with MS.

LaRocca will discuss intellectual changes that occur in some people

with MS, and treatments for dealing with them.

After the presentations, the speakers will answer questions from each site through the teleconference. Generally, one question will be allowed from each site, but questions and answers will be heard at all sites.

Shelly Albracht to be inducted

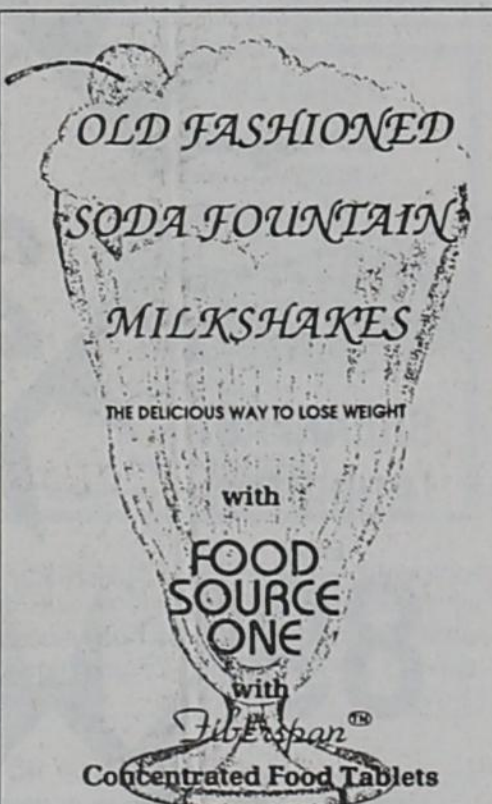
Shelly Albracht of Nazareth has been accepted for induction into Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society for college freshmen.

Formal ceremony arrangements are still under discussion; however, the official date of record appearing on the induction certificates will be April 28.

A minimum grade-point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) was required for membership in Phi Eta Sigma's 1991-92 class.

Albracht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Albracht of Nazareth, is a psychology major at West Texas State University in Canyon.

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DHS choir to perform Broadway, movie hits

Dimmitt High School's choir will present selections from Broadway shows at its annual dinner theater tonight (Thursday) at the DHS cafeteria.

Theme of this year's program is *New York, New York*.

The evening's program will begin with a dinner from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the cafeteria. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

The show will trace Broadway and movie themes from the 1920s to the present, featuring songs from *Showboat, Porgy and Bess, Lady in the Dark, The King and I, The Fantasticks, Oliver, Starting Here Starting Now, Mame, Evita, La Cage Au Foille, The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables* and *Miss Saigon*. The choir also will

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COTTON CANDY AT THE CIRCUS—Stacey Casas, 8, eats her cotton candy while she and her friends watch with amazement one of the acts at the King Royal Bros. Circus, which visited Dimmitt last Thursday. The circus gave two performances, and shared some of the admission price with the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

DHS names top students

Dimmitt High School recently announced honor winners for the fifth six-week grading period.

The top ten students of each grade level were named, along with those having all A's, and those making the A-B Honor Roll.

Honor winners are listed below by grade level.

SENIORS

Top Ten

Asha Patel, Scott Atchley, Jennifer Felts, Marvin Garcia, Chris Cowen, Kristi Wright, Jennifer Sava, Yogi Patel, Kim Spring, Rosa Sabedra.

A

Misty Cantu, Jennifer Felts, Asha Patel.

A-B

Scott Atchley, Brant Baca, Robyne Boyd, Holly Campbell, Emma Corrales, Chris Cowen, Veronica Estrada, Melissa Guzman, Sheri Lytle, Luciano Quiroz, Maria Rosado, Rosa Sabedra, Miguel Saucedo, Jennifer Sava, Kim Spring, Lamonal Thomas, Mary Ann Triana, Christina Velasquez, Kristi Wright.

JUNIORS

Top Ten

Shad McDaniel, Halley Bradley, Jeremy Langford, Matt Sims, Julie Atchley, Renee Garcia, Zachary Smith, Tera Keller, Amy Beck, and Rala Byrnes and Wendi Ethridge, tied.

A

Julie Atchley, Halley Bradley, Wendi Ethridge, Tera Keller, Shad McDaniel, Matt Sims.

A-B

Amy Beck, Rala Byrnes, Renee Garcia, Justin Gleghorn, Melissa Jurado, Jeremy Langford, Kathy Patterson, Monica Quiroz, Lisa Reyes, Zachary Smith, Abel Vargas, Victoria Vasquez.

SOPHOMORES

Top Ten

Jennifer Harris, Leslie Nelson, Adriana Lopez, Angelica Garcia, Justin Roberts, Rocio Garcia, Brandi Morgan, Andrew Baker, Katrina Acker, Selma Montalvo.

A

Angelica Garcia, Jennifer Harris.

A-B

Katrina Acker, Timothy Anes, Andrew Baker, Garland Coleman, Rocio Garcia, Mitzie Heller, Adriana Lopez, Carrie Matthews, Patricia Moctezuma, Selma Montalvo.

Brandi Morgan, Leslie Nelson, Rosemary Reyes, Justin Roberts, Janie Robles, Crystal Rodriguez, Julie Salinas, Brian Simpson, Amy Smithson, Phillip Thrasher, Michael Velasquez.

FRESHMEN

Top Ten

Terri Teaschner, Moriah Olson, Zachary Bell, Margarita Vasquez, Carla Petty, Rochelle Harman, Carrie Sheffy, Martha Arredondo, Holly Wise, Dustan Buckley.

A

Martha Arredondo, Zachary Bell, Daphina Haire, Rochelle Harman, Moriah Olson, Ruben Saucedo, Terri Teaschner, Margarita Vasquez.

A-B

Dustan Buckley, Mirella Cardona, Carlota Castillo, Monica De La Cruz, Cody Fry, Linda Fuentes, Danny George, Jill Gfeller, Christina Granado, Maria Guajardo, Chole Holquin, Alma Longoria, Emilio Nino, Fernando Ontiveros, Carla Petty, Brandi Rice, Phebe Sams, Adrian Sanchez, Carrie Sheffy, Tiffany Smith, Kimberly Thomas, Petra Vidal, Stephan Villanueva, Tiffany Wilcox, Holly Wise.

Armed Forces Hometown News

Army National Guard Pvt. Joe L. Porter Jr. has competed training at the US Army Infantry School at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

During the course, students received training which qualified them as light weapons infantrymen and as indirect fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad.

Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field and combat operations.

Pvt. Porter is the son of Joe and Mollie Porter of Dimmitt. He is a 1987 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

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Church Happenings

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

There will be class for members of the Cursillistas tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the West Community Center.

Today (Thursday) is the deadline for registration for the youth convention, which will be held Saturday at the Paloma Inn in Amarillo. Those planning to attend should meet in front of the church Saturday morning at 7:45. Those who will stay for the dance should be home about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. Those who do not stay for the dance will be home around 7:30 p.m.

St. Anthony's School in Hereford will hold a carnival Sunday afternoon from 12 to 5 at 120 W. Park in Hereford. An afternoon of

Blood drive will be held

Coffe Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo will hold a blood drive Tuesday from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Band Hall.

Everyone is asked to donate blood at the drive, which is being sponsored by the Dimmitt High School Student Council.

food, fun, games and music is planned.

The 5:30 p.m. mass on Saturday will be said in memory of Henry Ulloa, son of Feliciano and Eusebia Balderas. Ulloa died recently, and his ashes will be placed in front of the altar during the Eucharistic celebration.

Our United Catholic Appeal for the new financial year will begin next weekend with distribution of literature. During the next two weekends, pledges will be taken before and after all masses.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m.

"Doubting Thomas" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the worship services Sunday morning.

Sunday is "Blanket Sunday," when we make a special offering to Church World Service.

Following Sunday morning's service, we shall celebrate St. Joseph's Day by helping Joe Cowen celebrate his birthday.

"John Mark," from Mark 14:51-52 will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study at the manse.

Ministerial Alliance

Don Webster will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of John 21:1-19 at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lee Street Baptist Church.

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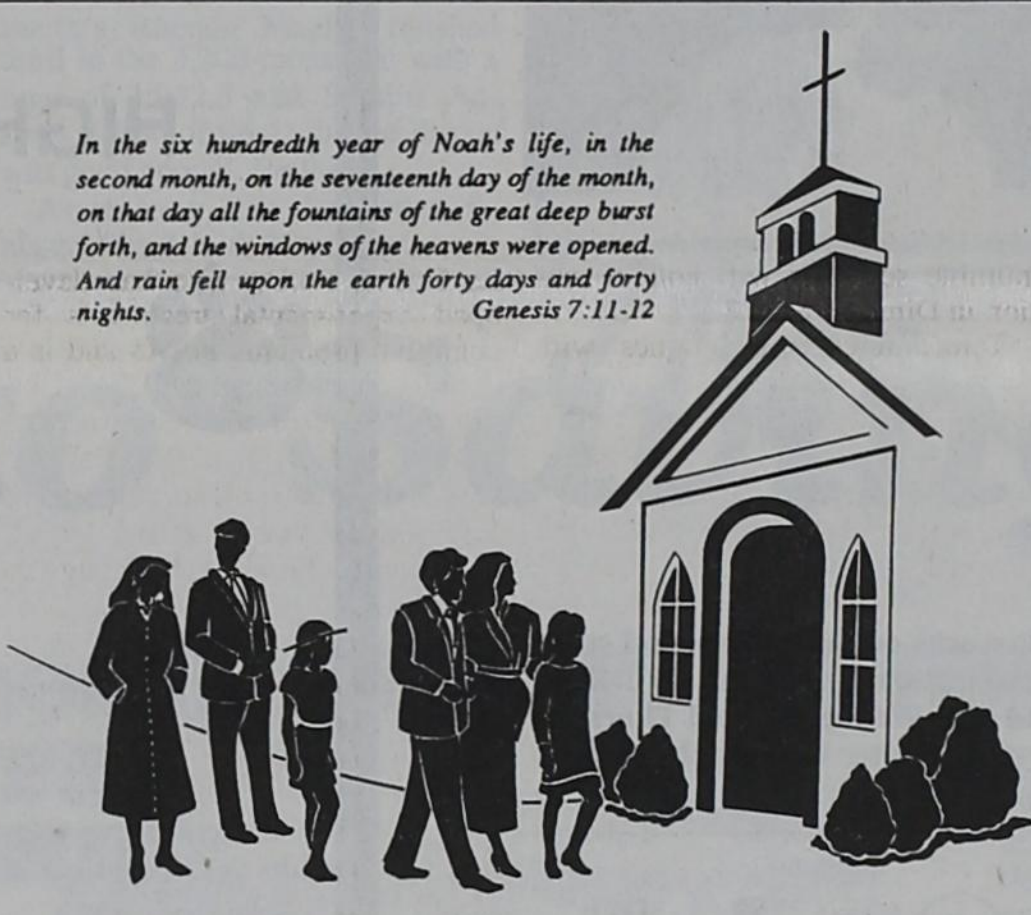
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Genesis 7:11-12



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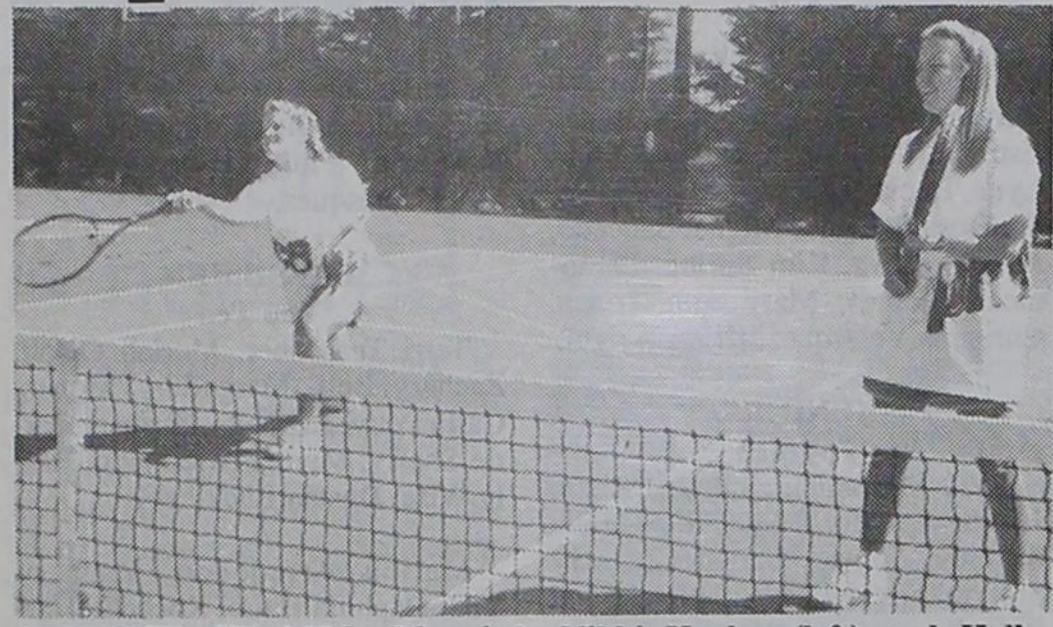
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Sports



DISTRICT CHAMPS—Dimmitt's Nikki Kenley (left) and Holly Axtell captured the District 2-AAA championship in girls' doubles last week to earn a spot in the Region 1-AAA tournament next Wednesday and Thursday in Odessa. The duo is making a return trip to the regional meet.
Photo by Anne Acker

Five Hart tracksters qualify for regional

Hart athletes threw, hurdled and raced their way to regional berths last Thursday at the District 3-AA track meet at Shallowater and Abernathy.

The Lady Horns finished fourth overall with 54 points, while the Longhorns compiled 49 points to finish sixth.

In the girls' division, Shea Bennett, Angie Dyer and Frances Dozal each earned spots in the Region 1-AA meet, which will be held in Abilene May 1 and 2.

Longhorns who earned trips to regional include Bryan Welps and Harvey Robledo.

Frances Dozal won the shot put

with a throw of 35 feet and placed third in the discus with an effort of 106-1.

Bennett finished second in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, clocking times of 17.17 and 49.46, respectively.

Dyer placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.53.

Welps earned a regional spot in the discus with a throw of 141-8.

Robledo finished the 800-meter run in 2:04.07 for second place and a trip to regional.

Garcia's throw of 48 feet earned him third place in the shot put.

Hart's junior varsity boys' team compiled 61 points to finish fourth overall.



ADRIAN BLACKBURN of Dimmitt works on her volleys and some of the finer points of her game in preparation for the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament, which will be held next Wednesday and Thursday in Odessa. Blackburn qualified for regional after winning the District 2-AAA girls' singles crown last week.
Photo by Anne Acker

Ortega, Odom finish third in district meet

Dimmitt's Arturo Ortega and Amanda Odom each finished third in the District 2-AAA singles tennis tournament last week.

Ortega defeated Howard of Tulia, 6-4, 6-4 to claim the regional alternate spot in boys's singles; while Odom bested Friona's Renee Martin, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 for third place in the girls' division.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS—Dimmitt's Jeremy Langford (left) and Yogi Patel finished second at the District 2-AAA tennis tournament recently, and that won the duo a trip to the Region 1-AAA tourney, which will be held next Wednesday and Thursday in Odessa.
Photo by Anne Acker

Baseball

Bobcats to open district play

The District 2 - AAA baseball championship is up for grabs this season, and if the Bobcats play up to their potential, Coach Bobby Feaster feels like his team has a shot at the title—or at least a chance at a playoff berth.

"Our district is a toss up," Feaster said. "The team that wants it the most will win. And I think our chances (of winning district) are excellent. If our pitching and hitting develop, we'll be in good shape. I'm confident about how our defense will perform. I think that after 18 games under their belts, the kids have enough confidence to come through during district."

Dimmitt opens district play at home Tuesday night against Floydada. Game time is set for 5 p.m. at George Howell Memorial Park.

The Whirlwinds currently hold a 4-8 record, and have posted victories over Class AA Morton and

Class A schools Wilson (twice) and Hedley.

Feaster said he feels like Dimmitt has a good chance of winning the conference opener because his team has played a tougher schedule and has played a few more games than Floydada, which also has a first-year program.

The Bobcats will face tough district tests against Muleshoe and Friona, the two favored teams "because they have been playing longer," according to Feaster.

Friona's baseball program is in its second year while Muleshoe has fielded a team for three or four years.

The Chieftans are 8-4 on the season and Feaster said they've "played good ball" at times this year.

"Friona lost to some of the same teams we did like Lubbock Christian, but overall, I think their

schedule is extremely weak when you compare it to ours. They played Bovina, which is a Class A program in its first season."

Muleshoe is the only District 2-AAA team Dimmitt has played this season, and the Mules won that outing, 13 - 5, (in the Levelland Tournament).

"Muleshoe has been an up-and-down team this season. They did beat us early in the season, but we had several of our starters out for various reasons then. Our basketball players hadn't reported yet and a couple of other guys weren't able to play. Muleshoe hasn't seen the team we've been fielding lately," Feaster said.

Before the Bobcats start district play, they have two more non-conference games on their schedule—one at Morton on Friday; and another against Idalou in Dimmitt on Saturday. During these two

games, Feaster will determine who will be his starting pitcher in the district opener Tuesday.

Chad Sandoval will take the mound on Friday, with Tait Crow playing first and Joe Juarez moving to right field.

Then on Saturday, Crow will be the starting hurler while Sandoval will serve as designated hitter, Juarez will move to first base and Scott Atchley will play in right field.

"During these two games I'll evaluate both pitchers and I'll take the one who has the best performance and start him against Floydada. He may pitch throughout the district schedule," Feaster said.



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Tennis Results

DISTRICT 2-AAA JV TOURNAMENT

BOYS' SINGLES

David West of Dimmitt defeated Daniels of Floydada, 8-2, in the semifinals, then topped Cantrell of Floydada, 8-6, for the district championship.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Dimmitt's Bryan Conyers and Adrian Sanchez lost to Cavazos and Hernandez of Littlefield, 1-8.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Melissa Rivera of Dimmitt beat McDonough of Tulia, 8-1; then knocked off Francis of Littlefield, 8-1; before beating Bailey of Floydada, 8-3, for the district championship.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Carrie Matthews and Amy Boothe of Dimmitt captured the district championship with victories over Raliff and Gatewood of Littlefield, 8-2; Copley and Glover of Muleshoe, 8-2; and Fangman and Stovell of Friona, 8-2.

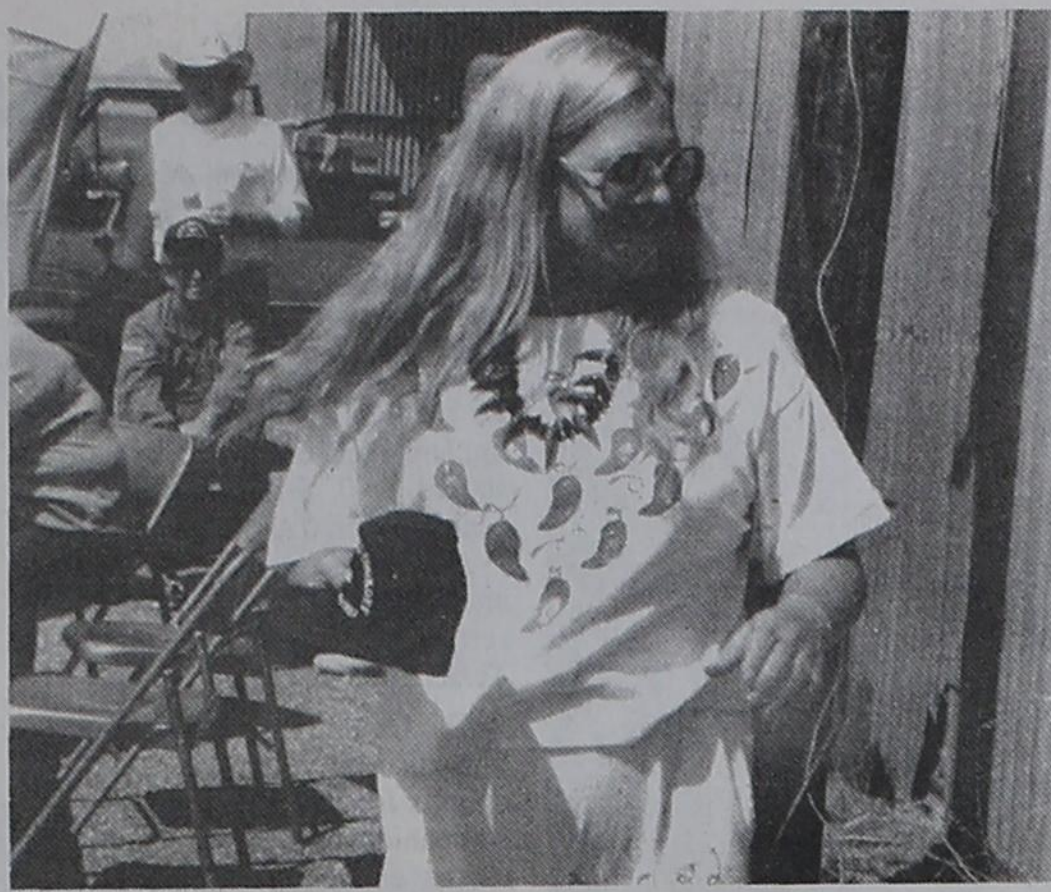
Alma Moctezuma and Brandi Rice of Dimmitt finished third after losing to Fangman and Stovell in the semifinals, 5-8. In the first round, Rice and Moctezuma beat Roden and Hanlin of Littlefield, 8-4. Then the Dimmitt pair defeated Pyle and Faulkberry of Floydada, 8-4, before dropping the next match to the Friona team. Rice and Moctezuma bounced back to win the third-place match, beating Copley and Glover, 8-6.

Locals place at rodeo event

Jill Gfeller of Dimmitt won the pole bending competition at the Tri-State Rodeo Sunday at Hereford.

Gfeller finished the competition with a time of 20.832 to claim first place over Wheeler's Kimberly Cloud, who recorded a time of 21.025.

Trey Johnson of Nazareth, who competes with the Happy Rodeo Club, finished seventh in ribbon roping, recording a time of 8.117. The winning time in the event was posted by Jared Norris of Canadian, 6.701.



FIRST PLACE RECIPE of chili at Saturday's annual Castro County Peace Officers Association Chili Cook Off was stirred up by Carol Lilly of Amarillo. She calls it "Bekin's Best." Lilly received four points to help qualify her for the famous Terlingua Chili Cook Off. All winners at the local contest also were awarded caps.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Southwest Outdoors

with Mei Phillips

If you like catching when you go fishing, then turn off the television and head to the lake.

In Texas, LAKE GREENBELT near Clarendon reports fishing is excellent for bass, sand bass and walleye. Bone rattletaps and pumpkin lizards should catch a limit.

At LAKE MEREDITH the walleye on the "riprap" at the dam. Countdown Rapalas and jig-n-minnows will catch some really big walleye. The main lake points are loaded with walleye and big smallmouth bass.

The fishing at LAKE WHITE RIVER near Crosbyton is improving. When the water hits 60 degrees, the bass will join the walleye in a feeding frenzy.

In New Mexico, the fishing at UTE LAKE near Tucumcari is simply fantastic. Local bass clubs are rewriting their record books with unbelievable numbers of quality bass. A two-day team tournament showed a fisherman winning with 56 pounds, and even second-place caught over 47 pounds. Experts are

tossing slug-gos and buzz baits. You should put on a heavy line and head up the Canadian River.

In Oklahoma, LAKE FOSS is turning out record numbers of walleye, crappie, stripers and even some tasty SAUGEYES. An one-eighth of an ounce jig tipped with a minnow will catch a limit of some delicious fish.

LURE OF THE WEEK—Often copied, but never equalled is the old dependable rattle trap. These lures will catch any fish that eats minnows. Start bouncing rattle traps off the rocks in water five to 20 feet deep. If you don't bounce the lures off of rocks, then you probably won't catch many walleye or smallmouth. It's the change in direction that seems to trigger a strike. Chrome blue, crawdad color, red and bone white are some of the best colors to look for in lures.

The hooks on a trap need to be super sharp. You should use a net to land the fish because a trap will catch both you and the fish if proper care is not exercised.

District 5-A track

Garza wins three events as Swifts finish second

T.J. Garza captured three gold medals along with a silver and bronze to lead Nazareth to a second-place team finish last Thursday at the District 5-A track meet in Dimmitt.

Garza headlines a list of five Nazareth athletes who will represent the Swifts in nine events at the Region 1-A track meet May 1 and 2 in Levelland.

Nazareth compiled 133 total points, paced by Garza, who won the 200-meter dash, 100-meter dash, triple jump, placed third in the long jump and ran a leg on Nazareth's second-place 400-meter relay team.

Lazbuddie won the team title with 221 points and Happy finished third with 117.

Garza will compete at regional in each of the events except the long jump. He will be joined at the regional meet by teammates Nick Johnson, Lynn Nelson, Mac Annen and Brandon Schilling.

Johnson will compete in four events at regional after winning the long jump with an effort of 20-6, placing second in the high jump by clearing 6-0 on his third attempt (the first place jumper cleared 6-0 on fewer attempts), finishing second in the discus with a throw of 131-11 and running on the 400-meter relay at district.

Nelson earned regional berths by placing second in the 400-meter dash (54.13) and long jump (20-2) in addition to running a leg on the 400-meter relay. He also placed third in the shot put with an effort of 39-10.

Annen earned a regional berth by finishing second in the shot with a throw of 42-2 1/2, and Schilling qualified as a member of the 400-meter relay.

In the girls' district meet, Nazareth's Rhonda Maurer finished third in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 15:12.8 and Sabrina Acker's throw of 86-11 in the discus was good enough for third.

As a team, the Swiftettes finished fourth with 28 points.

Here's a rundown on Nazareth athletes who placed among the top three at the district meet:

District 5-A Track Meet at Dimmitt

BOYS

TEAM TOTALS: 1. Lazbuddie 221, 2. Nazareth 133, 3. Happy 117, 4. Silverton 41, 5. Channing 8, 6. Texline 6.

400-METER RELAY: 2. Nazareth (Lynn Nelson, Brandon Schilling, Nick Johnson and T.J. Garza) 47.36.

200-METER DASH: 1. Garza, Nazareth, 23.65.

100-METER DASH: 1. Garza, Nazareth, 11.62.

400-METER DASH: 2. Nelson, Nazareth, 54.13.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Garza, Nazareth, 39-4 1/4.

DISCUS: 2. Johnson, Nazareth, 131-11.

1,600-METER RELAY: 3. Nazareth (Joey Schacher, Brad Keel, Adam Johnson and Morgan Heck), 3:56.76.

HIGH JUMP: 2. Johnson, Nazareth, 6-0.

SHOT: 2. Mac Annen, Nazareth, 42-2 1/2; 3. Nelson, Nazareth, 39-10.

LONG JUMP: 1. Johnson, Nazareth, 20-6; 2. Nelson, Nazareth, 20-2; 3. Garza, Nazareth 20-1/4.

GIRLS

TEAM TOTALS: 1. Lazbuddie 208, 2. Silverton 148, 3. Happy 92, 4. Nazareth 28, 5. Texline 22, 6. Channing 16, 7.

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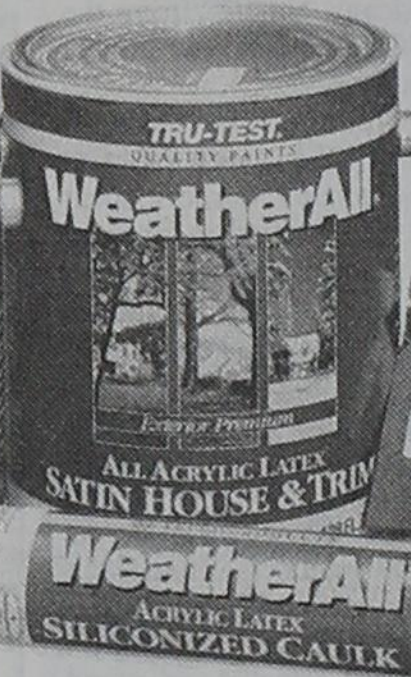
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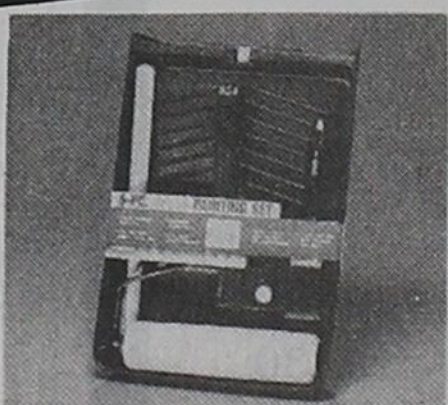
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ASCS names state director

Donnie G. Bowman of College Station has been appointed as state executive director of the Texas Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

Bowman has extensive experience in ASCS, covering almost 40 years of service and filling a number of positions. He began as an assistant compliance supervisor in the Lamb County ASCS office, doing summer work in 1954, 1957, 1958 and 1961, advancing to county office trainee and serving as county ASCS office manager in both Dickens and Stephens counties.

He has been a program specialist in the Commodity Programs Division in the Washington, D.C. ASCS office and in the Price Support Division of the Texas State ASCS office. For 15 years he held the position of administrative officer as well as chief of the Administrative Division of the state office. Prior to his designation as acting executive director, he was assistant to both the Texas State ASC Committee and to the state executive director.

In 1990, Bowman received the ASCS Administrator's Award for Service to Agriculture, and in 1976 and 1979 he was awarded a Certificate of Merit for outstanding service from the Texas ASC Committee.

A graduate of West Texas State University with a bachelor of business administration degree, Bowman and his wife, Janie, have three children and two grandchildren.

"The state committee is extremely pleased to place in this position a person with vast experience in the administration of ASCS programs and extensive knowledge of agriculture in general," said Jerry Harris, chairman of the Texas ASC Committee. "Mr. Bowman's personal interest in agriculture has carried over into management of his cow-calf operation in Grimes County."

National factor set at 50.04%

A national factor of 50.04% will be used to calculate payments to producers who filed claims for crop production losses under provisions of the 1990-91 Disaster Program.

Keith Bjerke, administrator of the US Dept. of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (USDA-ASCS), said qualifying producers' payments were calculated by determining the eligible amount of production loss and multiplying it by the applicable rate.

"Because total payments are limited by the \$995 million allocated by Congress, it was necessary to factor this further," Bjerke said. "Producers may calculate their payments at once by using this percentage."

The mailing of payment checks began April 14, according to Scotty Abbott, Castro County ASCS executive director.



LOTS OF HELP—Helping cut the ribbon to celebrate the official beginning of 9-1-1 emergency communications in Castro County are (from left) Dimmitt City Manager Reeford Burrous and Dimmitt Police Chief Gary Thurman (outside window); and Castro County Judge Polly Simpson, Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman, Sheriff's Dispatchers

Glen Snitker and Earline West, GTE of Texas representative Johnny Ethridge, County Commissioner Dale Winders, Panhandle Region 9-1-1 Network Program Director Pamela Nielsen, and County Commissioner Jeff Robertson. The ceremony was held April 15 in the dispatch office.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Conservation programs can improve environment

Farmers and ranchers can get assistance in carrying out needed conservation practices through the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP).

The ACP is administered by the Castro County office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) and it is the first conservation program involving the federal government in every agricultural county in the country.

ACP is a joint effort between agricultural producers, federal and state agencies and other conservation groups to restore and protect the nation's land and water resources and to preserve the environment. This public-private partnership leads the way in government programs by making efficient use of government funds so that everyone benefits.

"The ACP is a public-private partnership designed to protect the environment by reducing soil erosion and improving water quality," said Donnie G. Bowman, state executive director of the Texas ASCS. "All Americans benefit from the wise use of public funds to protect the environment."

"The program in Texas has been very successful. For every \$1 spent by the government, farmers spent an average \$1.06 of their funds to carry out conservation practices and agreed to maintain the practice from 5 to 10 years," Bowman said. During 1991 the ASCS cost-shared \$15,798,306 under the annual ACP and under special long-term agreements on almost 10,000 separate farms in 237 Texas counties. The practices were carried out to solve severe erosion, water quality and water conservation problems that affected farmland and ranchland across the state.

According to Bowman, ACP practices applied in Texas during 1991 resulted in an annual soil savings of 4,286,676 tons at an

average cost of 48 cents per ton of soil saved. This soil would have polluted Texas rivers and lakes or blown into Texas skies and destroyed the productivity of the land.

Of the cost-shared funds spent in Texas, \$3,291,204 was spent with a primary purpose to solve critical ground water pollution or water conservation problems. The other \$12,507,102 was spent with a primary purpose of solving severe erosion problems with additional water quality benefits.

Farmers continue to make strides in treating soil and water conservation and pollution problems on the nation's farms and ranches.

Conservation practices carried out with the help of ASCS and the ACP will have lasting effects in all areas of the United States.

Since it began in 1936, the ACP has helped local farmers and ranchers build terraces to control agricultural run-off and water erosion, planted trees to improve woodlands, built and preserved wildlife habitats, shaped gullies and built ponds to protect soils from wind and water erosion.

"Conservation efforts by farmers

and ranchers have benefited everyone by ensuring adequate supplies of food and fiber at a reasonable cost and by protecting the environment in rural areas," Bowman said.

Even though the accomplishments of ACP are impressive, serious soil and water conservation and pollution problems remain.

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USDA seeks comments on 1993 ARP for wheat

The US Dept. of Agriculture is seeking comment on whether an Acreage Reduction Program (ARP) for the 1993 wheat crop should be implemented and if so, whether it should be 0, 5 or some other percent between 0 and 15%.

Any decision on ARP must be announced by June 1, according to Jerry D. Harris, chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee.

The Commodity Credit Corporation also is required to propose options for the wheat program, accompanied by an analysis that includes estimated planted acreage, production, domestic and export use, ending stocks, season average producer price, program participation rate and cost to the federal government.

Details were published in the April 6 *Federal Register*.

Comments should be submitted by May 1 to Deputy Administration, Policy Analysis, USDA-ASCS, Room 3090-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013.

All comments will be available for public inspection in Room 2744-S of USDA's South Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW during regular business hours. A regulatory impact analysis on the

1993 wheat program also may be obtained from the above address.

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ASSETS				
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions	a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		5	247
	b. Interest-bearing balances		38	904
2. Securities			19	875
3. Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:	a. Federal funds sold			0
	b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell			0
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:			46	986
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income			1	559
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses				0
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve				0
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)			45	427
5. Assets held in trading accounts				0
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			1	216
7. Other real estate owned				0
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies				0
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding				92
10. Intangible assets				2
11. Other assets				114
12. a. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)				131
b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)				0
c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 12 a and 12 b)				0
LIABILITIES				
13. Deposits:	a. In domestic offices:		17	593
	(1) Noninterest-bearing		87	581
	(2) Interest-bearing			0
	b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:			0
	(1) Noninterest-bearing			0
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14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:	a. Federal funds purchased			0
	b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase			0
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16. Other borrowed money				0
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases				0
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding				737
19. Subordinated notes and debentures				0
20. Other liabilities				105
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)				911
22. Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus				0
EQUITY CAPITAL				
23. Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding)			0	0
24. Common stock (No. of shares):	a. Authorized		150,000	
	b. Outstanding		150,000	
25. Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)				3
26. a. Undivided profits and capital reserves				300
b. LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities				0
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments				0
28. a. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)				8220
b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)				0
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 28 a. & 28 b.)				0
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28 c.)				114131

MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report of Condition date:

1. a. Standby letters of credit: Total 808
b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1 a. conveyed to others through participations 0

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report. We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: JOE D. HADLEY, Cashier
DATE SIGNED: March 17, 1992
AREA CODE/PHONE NO: 806-647-4151

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: [Signatures]
SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: [Signatures]
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Cotton Talks

The US Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) announced April 13 that the 1990-91 disaster program will be prorated by a factor of 50.04%.

County ASCS offices began printing checks immediately following the announcement and checks were mailed last Thursday.

The \$995 million allocated to fund the program proved to be about one-half of the amount needed to complete full funding.

High Plains producers will see a welcome change in the Commodity Credit Corporation loan schedule for the 1992 crop, according to officials with Lubbock's Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The base loan rate for upland cotton will increase from 1991's 50.75-cent level to 52.30 cents per pound in 1992. The change will affect most counties on the High Plains.

The only exception is Motley County, which will have a base loan rate of 52.4 cents.

The increase in the base loan rate amounts to a 1.55-cent increase in the value of Grade 41 (Strict Low Middling), Staple 34 (1-1/16) cotton over the 1991 loan. The increase is good news for High Plains producers looking for a better year in 1992.

Discounts appear slightly smaller under this year's loan schedule, but premiums also are below 1991 levels.

PCG notes that the trend to smaller premiums and discounts for grade and staple also are evident in the micronaire and strength schedules.

The strength and micronaire schedules are where the most notable changes have been made this year. One of the areas that experienced change in the micronaire schedule was the move to make cotton in the spotted (13-63) and tinged (24-54) grades ineligible for the 10-point premium for mike readings between 3.7 and 4.2.

The new strength setup applies the premiums and discounts to a range of strength readings measured to the nearest one-tenth. The change reflects the move by the classing system in 1991 to report strength readings to the nearest one-tenth instead of round numbers.

Overall the new loan schedule should prove to be an improvement over 1991's schedule.

"Even though the 1992 loan schedule is an improvement over 1991, the producer's biggest need is to have a good year as far as overall crop quality is concerned," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Here on the High Plains we will be looking for a

normal or better than normal year in regard to weather and production. If we get that, quality can take care of itself."

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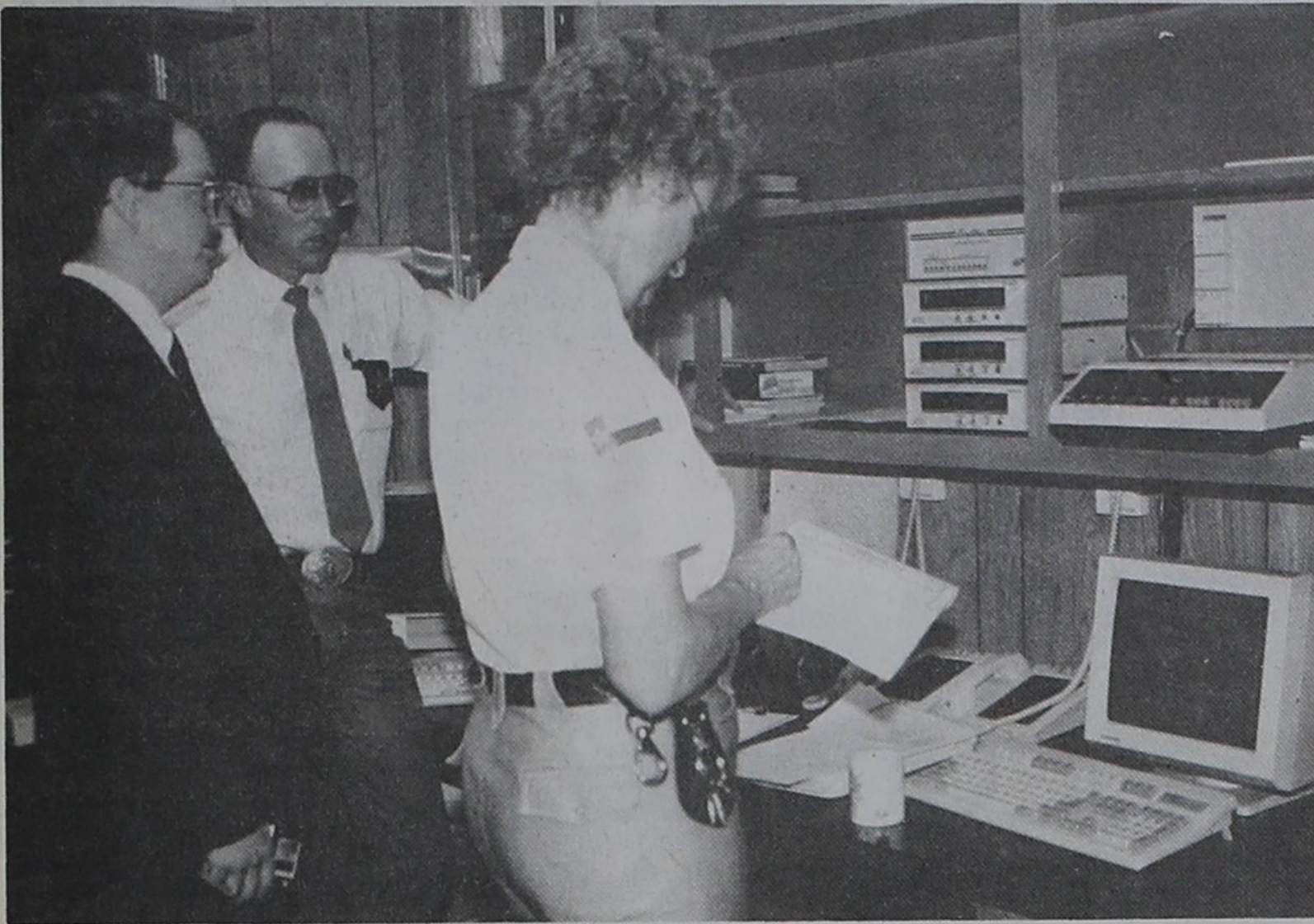
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CHECK IT OUT — Castro County Sheriff's Dispatchers Glen Snitker and Earline West talk with Panhandle Region 9-1-1 Network Program Specialist Daniel Odneal (left) about the 9-1-1 emergency communication equipment which offi-

cially went into operation in Dimmitt on April 15. County residents are urged to make sure they are registered on the 9-1-1 data bank. Registration forms may be obtained at the courthouse.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

First graders honored

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School recently named award winners for the fifth six-week grading period for those in the first grade.

Honors were awarded for perfect attendance, good citizenship, writing, and those who were most improved.

Honor winners are listed below by classroom.

Smith

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Abraham Salinas, Ernesto Polendo, Olivia Ontiveros, Alejandro Moctezuma, Cynthia Melendez, Mario Diaz, Edna Arredondo.

CITIZENSHIP: Ruby Castaneda, Cynthia Melendez, Edna Arredondo, Alejandro Moctezuma.

MOST IMPROVED: Edna Arredondo.

WRITING: Raul Ontiveros.

Keith

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Katrina Casas, Ruben Casas, Priscilla Dones, Dalton Fisher, Brandon Furr, Amy Melendez, Steven Paz, Rose Anne Rivera, Manuel Sanchez, Tamara Smith, Heather Snitker, Amanda Hoggard.

CITIZENSHIP: Angie Hernandez, Amy Melendez, Rose Anne Rivera, Manuel Sanchez, Heather Snitker, Amanda Hoggard.

MOST IMPROVED: Dalton Fisher, Simone Thomas.

WRITING: April Torres, Katrina Casas.

Feaster

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Cartwright, Harold Casas, Alonso Lopez, Ray Lopez, Jill Merritt, Nancy Quiroz, Ezekiel Sanchez, Brandon Webb.

CITIZENSHIP: Nancy Quiroz, Valerie Martinez, Joe Birdwell, Jill Merritt, Gina Gonzales, Elizabeth Cartwright, Brandon Webb, Patrick Hunter, Daniel Garcia.

MOST IMPROVED: Gina Gonzales.

WRITING: Brandon Webb, Jaci Bishop.

Matthews

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Amber Bell, Israel Ellis, Christy Hernandez, Casey Jones, Holly Lane, Rita Lopez, Martin Perez, Sara Sanchez, Isaac Velasquez.

CITIZENSHIP: Amber Bell, Natalie Jimenez, Holly Lane, Rita Lopez, Erika Mendoza, Alex Ornelas, Melissa Rueda, Sara Sanchez.

MOST IMPROVED: Christy Hernandez.

WRITING: Natalie Jimenez, Casey Jones, Coby Martinez, Melissa Rueda, Sara Sanchez, Jody Stovall.

Roberson

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Shannon Bailey, Marcus Bentura, Breanna Bruegel, Abel Espinosa, Quentin Ewing, Crystal Lopez, Oscar Melendez, Emilio Porras, Colby Williams.

CITIZENSHIP: Breanna Bruegel, Priscilla Caballero, Diana Cal-

dera, Crystal Lopez, Julie May, Roxanne Oliviero.

MOST IMPROVED: Shannon Bailey, Emilio Porras.

WRITING: Breanna Bruegel, Diana Caldera, Abel Espinosa, Quentin Ewing, Julie May, Oscar Melendez, Colby Williams.

Rogers

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Caitlin Buckley, Jessica Chavarria, Chance Cox, Junior Espinoza, Tracy Garcia, Maggie Lopez, Zachary Reyes, Ramey Rice, Kristi Saenz.

CITIZENSHIP: Caitlin Buckley, Jessica Chavarria, Junior Espinoza, Sally Galen, Tracy Garcia, Casey Hargrove, Ashley Irons, Ricky Ramirez, Kristi Saenz.

MOST IMPROVED: Maggie Lopez.

WRITING: Jessica Chavarria.

Teaschner

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Stephanie Burrows, Robert Casas, Fred Flores, Maribel Garcia, Jay Hooten, Joshua Lopez, Steve Martinez, Brenda Ramirez, Charles Stubbs.

CITIZENSHIP: Jay Hooten, Jaime Ortiz, Christina Garcia, Stephanie Burrows.

MOST IMPROVED: Roxie Saenz, Alex Wilkerson.

WRITING: Chris Back, Rosa Quintana.

Underwood

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Osiel Rodriguez, Hector Alvarado, John Lucio, Juan Alvarez.

CITIZENSHIP: Osiel Rodriguez, John Lucio, Priscilla Rodriguez, Judy Soto, Cecilia Mendoza.

MOST IMPROVED: Daniel Prieto.

WRITING: Judy Soto, Marilu Silva, Juan Alvarez.

Early balloting ends Tuesday

Early voting by personal appearance for the May 2 hospital, city and school elections will end Tuesday. Also, mailed-ballot requests are now being accepted. Completed mailed ballots must be received by May 2.

Other election information is listed below by community and governmental body.

Castro County Hospital District

Early voting may be done at the Plains Memorial Hospital business office, with Angie Sandoval acting as early voting judge. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Three candidates are vying for two vacancies on the hospital board. Carter Townsend has filed, as have incumbent board members Stanley Schaeffer and Mildred Bradford.

Dimmitt

SCHOOL: NO election will take place until further notice, due to an unsettled lawsuit concerning the redrawing of the election districts.

CITY: Early balloting may be done at the City Hall on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with Jo Hamilton, Dolores Baldrige and Betty McClure acting as early voting judges.

District 3 is the only contested race for the city council, with incumbent Wayne Proffitt challenged by write-in candidate Charles Richard. Unopposed candidates include single-member district representatives Lloyd White of Dist. 1, Larry

Gonzales of Dist. 2, and Roger Malone of Dist. 4. Also, Malcolm Reynolds has filed for the unexpired portion of the term vacated by resigning at-large council member Robert Jones.

Hart

SCHOOL: Early voting will be held in the school business office each weekday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

The five candidates seeking to fill two expiring terms on the school board are Ricky Rowland, Ricky Mitchell, Angelita Morales, Roy Gonzales, and incumbent Albert Key.

CITY: Early balloting will take place at the City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, with Virginia Reed as early voting judge.

Candidates for the expiring city commissioner's position are Tony Liebel and Ismael Carrasco.

Nazareth

SCHOOL: Early voting will be held at the superintendent's office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, with Barbara Schulte as early voting judge.

Four candidates are vying for the two expiring terms on the school board, including Lisa Schulte, Joan Durbin, Stanley Gerber, and incumbent Joel Gerber.

CITY: Early ballots may be cast at the City Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, with Diane Wilhelm as early voting judge.

Incumbent Mayor Ralph Brockman and incumbent Commissioner Gregory Schacher both have filed for reelection.

RWSWCD banquet will be Saturday

For only \$5 you can come out to help honor Clarence Behrends as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year at the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District's annual awards banquet Saturday.

The admission price also includes a steak dinner, with potatoes, beans, salad and dessert, with live entertainment included, too. The event will be held at the Expo Building, beginning at 7 p.m.

Behrends also has been named to receive a Distinguished Service Award.

Other honor winners who will be recognized include Chet Braafladt as Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist and E.M. Jones as Outstanding Business/Professional.

Winners from the annual poster and essay contests sponsored for local school students also will be honored.

Poster contest winners are Jerad Birkenfeld with first place honors, Cassie Birkenfeld, second, and Sage Annen, third.

Essay winners are Jaimye Bingham for first place, Justin Bingham for second, and Nathan Hoelting for third.

The board of directors of the RWSWCD invites the public to

attend the banquet to honor the award winners.

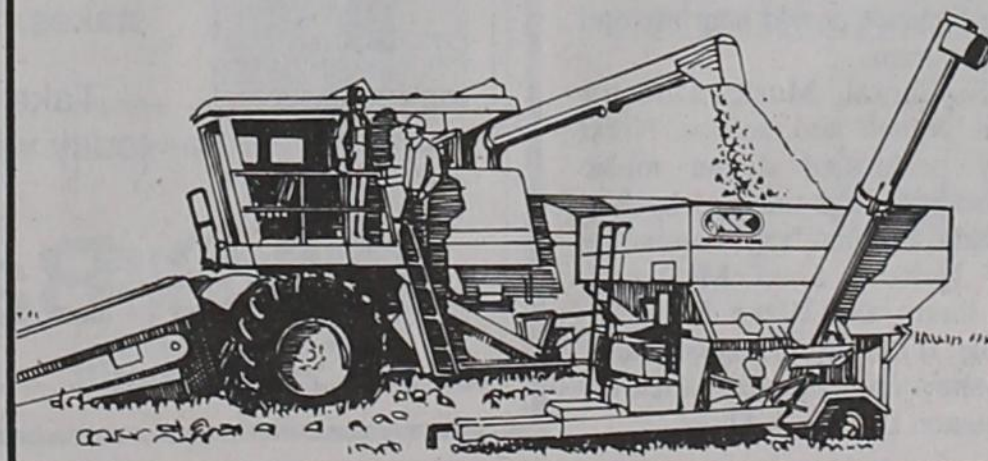
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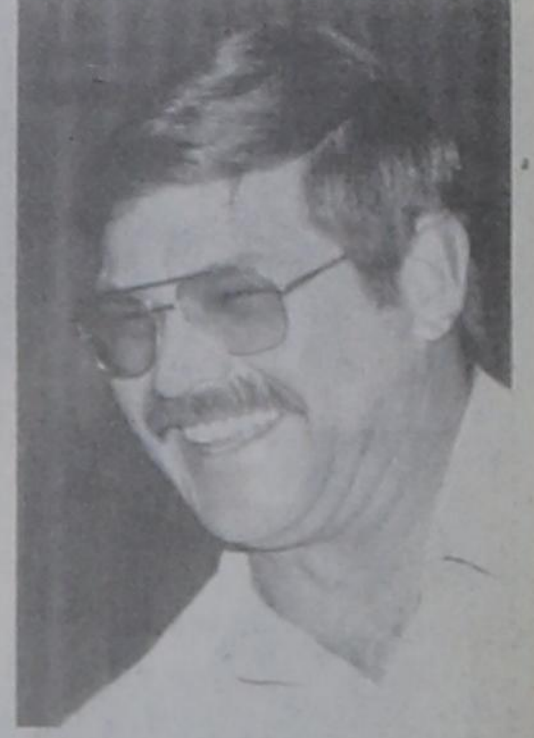
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... DeKalb Award



LOUIS HECK
... Weed Eater Award

FFA names Brant Baca 'Star Chapter Farmer'

Brant Baca saw the benefits of his year of work on chapter conducting teams and in show ring competition pay off last Thursday night as the Dimmitt chapter of the Future Farmers of America named him its top award winner.

Baca was honored as the *Star Chapter Farmer* while Jill Gfeller was named the *Star Greenhand* and Adrian Falcon received the *Star Agri-Business Award* at the chapter's annual banquet last Thursday.

More than 370 people—70 FFA members and 300-plus guests—turned out for the awards banquet.

Supt. Bob Barrett commended the chapter on its success this year and commented, "You won't find a larger FFA banquet than this anywhere in the state of Texas."

In announcing Baca as the top honoree, chapter advisor David McCormick said the youth has been active in chapter conducting and show ring competition (exhibiting steers and swine) throughout his FFA career. When he was small, Baca started out raising one heifer. He kept breeding this heifer and others until he developed a herd of 100 mother cows by the time he was 14.

McCormick said Baca sold his herd and invested the money in 150 grass cattle and 75 pasture cattle, using financing from commercial lending institutions while also laying back a savings account for contingencies.

The *Star Greenhand* award honors the top newcomer to FFA.

Gfeller was honored for her dedication in raising and showing horses, swine and calves. She received a certificate, medal and plaque.

Falcon received the *Star Agri-Business Award* for re-opening Falcon's Barbecue.

The FFA Sweetheart, Haylei Wall, and Plow Girl, Jill Gfeller, were introduced in addition to the Honorary Chapter Farmers, Vic Nelson and Lanny Crow; and "Mr. and Miss FFA," Brady Nelson and Wall, respectively.

Chapter proficiency awards were presented to Cory Mays in Ag Mechanics, Sheep Production and Outdoor Recreation; Greg Lay, Fruit and Vegetable Production; Blake Ellis, Specialty Animal Production; Moriah Olson, Prepared Public Speaking; John Fuller, Horse Proficiency; Brady Nelson, Cereal Grain Production, Swine Production, Soil and Water Management, Placement in Ag Production, Diversified Crop Production, and Feed Grain Production; Falcon, Floraculture; Justin Gleghorn, Diversified Livestock Production; Shad McDaniel in Extemporaneous Speaking; Johnny Rutkowski in Ag Electrification; Greg Lay in Nursery Operation; Johnny Dozier in Wildlife Management; Scott Heck in Turf and Landscape Management; John Fuller in Beef Production; Stace McDaniel in Ag Sales and Service; Casey Summers in Fiber Crop Production; Cody Fry in Ag Processing; and Juan Baldorama in Home and Farmstead Improvement.

Gleghorn received the chapter's "Workhorse Award."

The DeKalb Award, which is presented to a graduating senior who has accomplished the most in the areas of leadership, scholarship and supervised ag activity, was given to Casey Summers.

Louis Heck received the "Weed Eater Award," for "using 8,463 rolls of weedeater cord around the ag farm on clean-up day."

In a new category this year, Vic and Dana Nelson were honored with the "Top Dollar Award," for paying the top amount (\$2,230) for an individual at the FFA's annual "slave sale" fundraiser. The couple were presented a plaque which they donated back to the chapter so it could be displayed in the vocational-agriculture department.

Scholastic awards honoring the FFA members with the top grade point average in each class were presented to freshman Moriah Olson, sophomore Stace McDaniel, junior Shad McDaniel and senior Kris Keith. Shad McDaniel also was recognized as being the highest-ranking FFA member in the Dimmitt chapter.

John Ivey, Area I president, and Shad McDaniel, Plainview District vice-president, addressed the crowd.

Outgoing and new officers were recognized at the banquet. Officers who are serving during the 1991-92 school year are Shad McDaniel, president; Justin Gleghorn, vice president; Brady Nelson, secretary; John Fuller, treasurer; Carla Petty, reporter; Mark Rogers, sentinel; and Greg Lay, parliamentarian.

Officers who will serve during the 1992-93 school year include Brady Nelson, president; Justin Gleghorn, vice president; John Fuller, secretary; Stace McDaniel, treasurer; Carla Petty, reporter; Cory Mays, sentinel; and Greg Lay, parliamentarian.

Mr. and Mrs. David McCormick received a standing ovation from the big banquet crowd near the end of the program.

DHS Choral Music Director Dwight Joiner and soloist Nikki Kenley performed dinner music and also provided musical backup for a zany, original "rap" routine by Brady Nelson, Shad McDaniel, Frank Ibarra and Blake Ellis, describing their trip to Brenham, where show animals were sifted for the Houston Livestock Show.



FFA ROYALTY—Three female members of the Dimmitt FFA received special recognition at the annual chapter banquet last Thursday night. Jill Gfeller (second from left) was named the chapter Plow Girl and Haylei Wall (right) was announced

as the new chapter Sweetheart. In center is the outgoing chapter Sweetheart, Sherri Hunter. Also, Brady Nelson (left) and Haylei Wall were announced as "Mr. and Miss FFA." Third from left is Hunter's escort, John Fuller. Photo by Don Nelson



SCHOLASTIC AWARD WINNERS in the Dimmitt FFA this year are (from left) senior Kris Keith, junior Shad McDaniel (highest grade-point average in the chapter), freshman Moriah Olson

and sophomore Stace McDaniel. They received special plaques at the chapter's annual banquet last Thursday night, which was attended by 370 in the Expo Building. Photo by Don Nelson



DANA AND VIC NELSON receive the new Top Dollar Award plaque during the Dimmitt FFA Banquet last Thursday night in the Expo Building. The award, given to the person or persons who donate the most money to the chapter through its annual "Slave Auction," will be updated annually with a photo and engraved nameplate of the most recent winner. The Nelsons donated the plaque back to the chapter to be displayed in the DHS vo-ag department. Photo by Don Nelson

CUFUPU plans are announced

The Mayor's Beautification Council is planning to hold its 1992 Clean Up, Fix Up, Pride Up (CUFUPU) campaign during May, and one of the focuses for this year's project is to distribute brochures listing the names of businesses and individuals who may be hired to perform yard work and other types of clean up work.

The brochures will be distributed to each household in Dimmitt before May 11, and those who wish to have their names or businesses listed should contact the chamber of office at 647-2524 by Monday.

The brochure will include names

of individuals or businesses who can mow, hoe, have equipment to clean vacant lots and who sell needed supplies.

Gary Hunter and Howard Smithson have been selected as co-chairmen for this year's beautification project, according to Chamber Executive Director Delores Heller.

The main clean-up focus during May will be during the week of May 11-17, according to Heller. Among the areas which will be concentrated on include mosquito control, junk pick-up services, yard beautification and business improvement.

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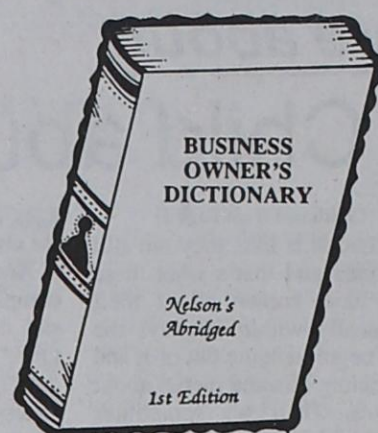
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HOW MANY DID YOU FIND? Sharette Johnson (left) and Erika Perez, kindergarten students of Diane Sanders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary, compare their "treasures" following their class Easter egg hunt held last Thursday morning.

Dimmitt students had a four-day weekend for the holiday, with classes resuming Tuesday. Five weeks of classes remain in the school year.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



co-op

co-op (ko'-op or ko-op'), *a.* **1.** the act of operating jointly with another or others, to the same end; to work or labor with mutual efforts to promote the same object.

advertising

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Police Calls

Four people were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital Monday following a traffic accident around 4:16 p.m. at the intersection of West Halsell and Northwest Seventh Streets.

Three were treated and released and one was held for observation. Dee Dee Leingang, 17, of Dimmitt was driving a Ford pickup south on Seventh and stopped at the stop sign, then pulled out into the intersection. The police report states she did not see a Chevy pickup that was heading west on Halsell. She was taken by ambulance to the hospital, where she was kept for observation.

The Chevy was driven by Ruben Lopez Sr., 55, of Dimmitt. He had two passengers, Joel Puentes, 6, and Enrique Puentes, 39. All three were reportedly treated and released.

At the scene of the accident, observers said a tractor-trailer rig parked along Halsell affects visibility of oncoming traffic for vehicles attempting to turn from Seventh.

Both pickups were reported to be heavily damaged. No citation was issued.

Elizabeth Quiroz, 14, of Dimmitt, an unlicensed driver, struck two vehicles that were parked along the road on the east side of Dimmitt High School, which leads to the field house parking area. No

injuries were reported and light damage was done to all three vehicles.

Quiroz was driving a 1986 Chevy mini-van and struck a Floydada school bus and a Chevy car owned by Matias Hernandez of Dimmitt. Students were on the bus at the time of the accident, which was reported around 5:40 p.m. April 14.

No citation was given.

James Harold Davis, 47, of Dimmitt was ticketed for failure to control speed when the 1965 Ford Mustang he was driving collided with the back end of a trailer being towed by a Chevy pickup driven by Jeffery Lynn Pennel, 29, of Dimmitt.

The police report stated that Pennel was heading south on North Broadway when the Mustang struck the back of the trailer. The trailer and pickup both received light damage, and the Mustang had moderate damage.

The accident was reported around 3:19 p.m. April 14.

Gerardo Pena, 30, of Dimmitt backed his van out of his driveway on Southwest Fifth Street around 3:08 p.m. Saturday and struck a parked pickup belonging to Eddie Cavazos of Dimmitt. Damage to both vehicles was rated light.

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from April 27 to May 1.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Fried chicken, gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, butter, honey and milk.

FRIDAY: Pizza, whole kernel corn, fried okra, chocolate pudding and milk.

MONDAY: Hot dogs with chili, French fries, dill spears, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, battered squash, green beans, garlic toast, Jello and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Burritos, lettuce and tomato salad, whole kernel corn, lemon pudding and milk.

THURSDAY: Fried chicken with gravy, creamed potatoes, winter mixed vegetables, rolls, honey butter and milk.

FRIDAY: Hot turkey sandwiches, tater tots, vegetable salad, bananas and milk.

HART

THURSDAY: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, sugar cookies and milk.

FRIDAY: Soft taco, salad, pinto beans, pineapple pudding and milk.

MONDAY: Brisket, baked potatoes,

broccoli and cheese, strawberry shortcake, hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, ice cream and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Enchilada casserole, tortillas, corn, salad, pineapple cake and milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, salad, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

FRIDAY: Frito pie, crackers, pinto beans, pickles, fruit and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Beef enchiladas with Mexican salad, hot rolls, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, hot rolls, pears and milk.

MONDAY: Mexican casserole, sopapillas, tossed salad, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, Jello and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Soft tacos, pork and beans, hot rolls, applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY: Sloppy Joes, corn, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: Ham, fried okra, cauliflower, cornbread, apple cobbler and milk.

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Parked truck is hazard

Dear Editor:

I would like to address the matter of a truck that is parked on Halsell Street at Northwest Seventh Street.

I have complained to the police department about this truck, because it obstructs the view of people on Seventh, as well as those on Halsell. This should be against the law in itself. However, I was told that nothing could be done, because it was parked a legal distance away from the fire hydrant.

I have been almost hit twice, because I could not see the people at the stop sign, and they could not

see me.

Now there has been an accident. A teenage girl was hospitalized, because she could not see traffic coming. As she was pulling out to try to see, she was hit.

My question is: Is something going to be done about this truck now, or does someone have to be killed first? This truck blocks the view. That causes the intersection of Northwest Seventh and Halsell Streets to be extremely dangerous.

If there is not a law against this, there certainly should be.

RHONDA MIXSON

More about

Child abuse . . .

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home situation is like, they are still their parents and that's what these children have known all of their lives. Usually within 30 days the children begin to come out of it and start revealing bits and pieces about their lives. Then we sometimes have difficulties with children who don't want to go back home, even if that's what we've been working toward. That's a problem, too."

But once children have been removed, it's usually a long time before they are allowed to return to the home (depending on the severity of the abuse involved).

"We involve the child in a plan of service, so they know what is expected of their parents before they (children) will be able to return home."

In addition to the 19 out-of-home cases it currently services, Child Protective Services has 10 families who are receiving "in-home" services, according to Stump.

"These are cases where there are significant problems in the home, but the problems aren't so serious that they present a threat of immediate danger to the child. But the home has become dysfunctional, and the situation could lead to abuse."

Families who receive in-home services are taught parenting skills by a caseworker who visits the home once or twice a week.

"Sometimes they are taught simple things. It helps people know what to expect and learn some different ways (instead of striking a child) to handle problems when they do arise. I think that's one of our more effective programs."

The county office receives numerous complaints, and not all are investigated, according to Stump.

"Sometimes there isn't enough information in a complaint to warrant our investigating it. Just because you think that 'Susie' who goes to school with your daughter acts funny, that doesn't necessarily mean there's abuse involved. She could be dyslexic or something."

"A lot of complaints (received by CPS) deal with custody issues," Stump said. "If 'Johnny' has gone to his dad's house for spring break, summer or the Christmas holidays and we hear that he's not being given his medication, we have to investigate that as medical neglect. And often there's nothing to it."

When reporting a case of suspected child abuse, Stump asks that individuals try and gather as much information about the situation as possible.

"We like to have a family name,

ages of the children and nature of the complaint," Stump said.

And she adds that "nature of the complaint" doesn't mean that "'Susie' comes to school dirty all the time."

"Coming to school dirty isn't necessarily a sign of neglect or abuse. While filth is neglect, just having ratty clothes is not, according to state standards."

"We have to have something that indicates there has been physical, emotional or sexual abuse. The neglect categories are neglectful supervision, medical neglect and physical neglect," said Stump.

She said her agency also requires specific information about the child, such as if someone suspects an individual of using inappropriate discipline.

"A lot of people get questioned about spanking, but there's absolutely nothing that says spanking a child is abusive. Leaving bruises, cuts, welts, knots on the face and black eyes is abusive."

Child abuse is not a problem that's confined to one element of society, according to Stump.

"A lot of people think that this (abuse) only happens in one economic group or racial group or age group, but that's not true. Abuse comes from grandparents and other relatives as well as parents. And we find victims from both upper and lower class families."

Stump has been a Child Protective Services caseworker here for 2-1/2 years, ever since she received her bachelor's degree in social work from West Texas State University in Canyon.

She's handled a wide range of cases, but she says the most enraged she's ever felt was when she investigated a case where a preschool girl "had her front teeth kicked out because she wouldn't go sit down when her Dad told her to."

As a mother herself, Stump says it's hard to stay unemotional when dealing with cases like this one.

"It's really difficult when you're working with children in very fragile situations because you just can't turn those feelings off at night. I guess it's just like any other job, and you take the problems and tuck them away at night, but I can't always do that. Sometimes I just try to forget and other times I just pray that things will work out," Stump said.

"Sometimes I worry that I can't do it. I can get so incensed with parents, and that's a problem. You don't want to do that. Sometimes you can't afford to have feelings—at least on the surface."



THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!—Kindergarten students at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School scurry to scoop up all the Easter treasures they can find during an egg hunt last Thursday morning.

These are students of Diane Sanders: (from left) Shantell Self, Marcus Asua, Suzanne Bentura, and Todd Jansa. The day was cloudy and cool, with showers later in the day. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Wilcox is Hart's new girls' coach

Rachelle (Pohlmeier) Wilcox of Nazareth has been hired as the head girls' basketball coach at Hart High School.

After considering "some good applicants" at its April 13 meeting, the Hart School Board voted to offer the job to Wilcox.

A graduate of Nazareth High School, Wilcox was a member of Nazareth's first state championship girls' basketball team in 1977. She currently is the assistant girls' basketball coach and head tennis coach at Dimmitt High School.

The Wayland Baptist University graduate has served as assistant girls' basketball coach at Wayland and was head girls' coach at New Deal before accepting the assistant coach's job at Dimmitt.

Wilcox and her husband, Morris, have twin sons, Kade and Ky; and a daughter, Sierra.

"We're happy with her; she'll fit in well and do a good job," said Hart Athletic Director Alan Chery.

More about

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Knowles of the Wal-Mart Distribution Center Transportation Dept. met with the Gruma Corp.'s CEO, Roberto Gonzales of Los Angeles, in the Pioneer Hi-Bred International offices, and showed him how Azteca could utilize the back-hauling capabilities of all the trucks bringing goods into the Wal-Mart Center and going back out to points all over the US and Canada.

It was a strong argument to go along with Plainview's obvious location advantage vis a vis railroad and interstate highway.

Azteca chose Plainview. That was another 215 jobs.

Ah, well. Again, congratulations and good luck.

The Wal-Mart Distribution Center is a big boon to Plainview, and doesn't hurt the rest of us.

But what has hurt the smaller towns surrounding Plainview was another Wal-Mart decision, made well before the distribution center was placed there.

That was the simple decision to open a Wal-Mart retail store in Plainview.

It used to be a rule of thumb that when a Wal-Mart store opened in a town, four to six mom-and-pop stores in the same town would be forced out of business.

But now it appears that the Wal-Mart phenomenon is much more profound than that. A Wal-Mart affects not just its own town, but a whole area, and not just in retail sales, but in such things as sales-tax returns and property-tax bases.

The death of Sam Walton last week prompted the national news media to focus on the corporate miracle he had wrought.

Time magazine, in its latest issue, also focused on the town-level consequences of the Wal-Mart phenomenon, in an article entitled "The Two Sides of the Sam Walton Legacy."

Excerpts from the Time feature: "James McConkey of Albany, Mo. (pop. 2,100) never cried. But he felt a sadness the nights before Christmas 1985, standing in his tiny hardware store on the west side of his town square. He remembers it vividly today. A dream smashed.

"Shiny new bicycles were lined up, prices cut to the core. Appliances filled the counters. Holiday decorations festooned the windows. Everything there . . . except customers. Some evenings when McConkey looked beyond the twinkling lights out over the square, he could not see a single car. He knew where they were.

"Two months earlier a Wal-Mart store had opened in Maryville (pop. 9,500), 34 miles west, and one month earlier another had opened in Bethany (pop. 3,100), 18 miles east. Their parking lots were full of McConkey's neighbors and friends,

lured there . . . by the powerful Wal-Mart merchandising mystique and retail prices often below his wholesale cost. . . .

"In January 1989, after another dismal Christmas, the McConkeys gave up. So did four other merchants around the Albany town square. . . .

"James McConkey can't scientifically prove it, but his hunch is that people who drive 20 miles to a Wal-Mart, and so contribute to the decline of their town, end up paying higher taxes, which is a premium for the merchandise they get. . . .

"Steve Bishop, a Church of Christ minister who grew up in Hearne, Texas (pop. 5,400), and served a church there for several years, fired off an essay a couple of months ago to the Dallas Morning News, declaring, 'Wal-Mart killed Hearne, Texas—twice. . . . The first death was the end of a downtown that held much more than stores, it held memories, values and people who stayed long enough to make a difference in our lives. Wal-Mart's arrival ended all that. The second killing occurred in December 1990, when Wal-Mart closed its doors in Hearne. It closed because it couldn't turn a profit. Wal-Mart leaves an empty building as testimony to the '80s' greed, and it leaves a downtown of vacated shops as testimony to our rush to save a little money—maybe not a very different kind of greed. . . ."

Customer loyalty is often as thin as a dollar bill. The folks at Dimmitt Thriftway and IGA Foodliner learned that when a German-owned corporation opened its big Save-n-Gain discount food store in Hereford some years ago. Locals flocked there in droves.

(It was rumored that the German corporation budgeted a million dollars or more in advertising and/or early losses to drive competing stores out of business and take over the market in this area.)

But Thriftway and IGA weathered the ruthless attack by increasing their selections and continuing

to offer a super-clean shopping atmosphere, carry-out service and a personal touch — things that the Hereford store didn't offer. Eventually the German group had a corporate heart attack, and the Dimmitt stores recaptured their market.

With Wal-Mart stores now located in Plainview and Canyon, many businesses in surrounding towns are feeling the pressure.

Wal-Mart is a gigantic, ingenious, clean-sweep force. It's creating a new category of cities all across the land: "Wal-Mart towns," towns that are economically dead except for those stores that offer what Wal-Mart doesn't sell.

Newspapers and chambers of commerce hate to see a Wal-Mart store come into their towns. Wal-Mart doesn't advertise locally; it doesn't support the town; it doesn't give anything back. It offers bargains on brand-name goods, but otherwise it just takes. As a result, Wal-Mart sales nationwide have climbed from \$44.2 million in 1971 to \$43.9 billion in 1992. If it keeps growing at the current rate, by the end of this decade it could be the biggest corporation in the US, including Exxon and General Motors.

Time magazine subheaded its feature article with a Wal-Mart employee chant:

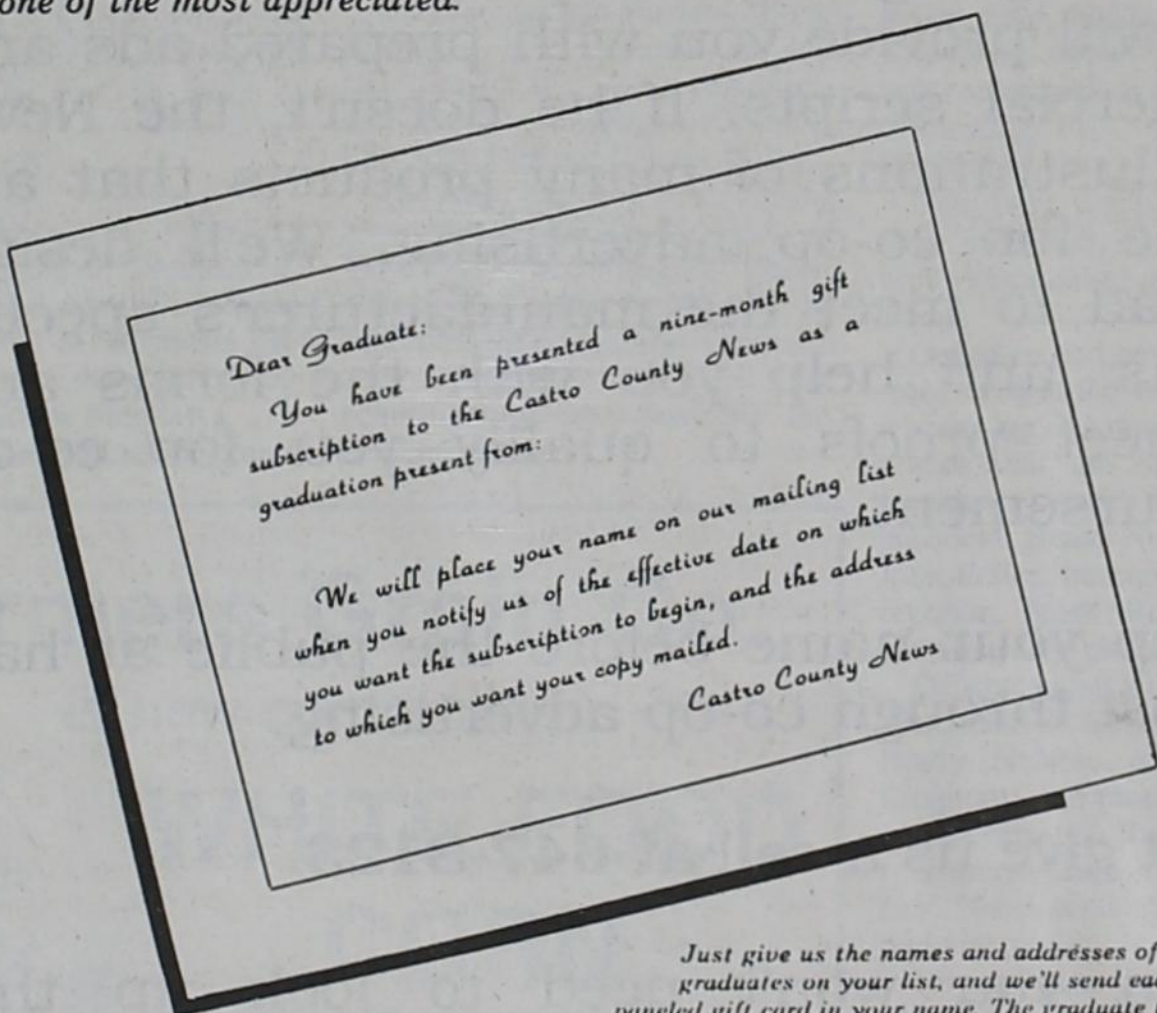
*Stack it deep, sell it cheap,
Stack it high and watch it fly!
Hear those downtown
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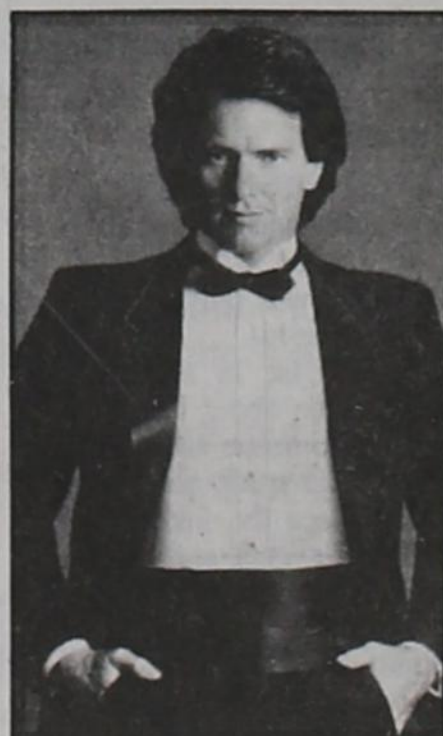
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Obituaries

Dean Blackburn

Services for Dean Blackburn, 64, of Friona, were held Monday in the Sixth Street Church of Christ with Leon Talley, minister; and Terry Brown, minister of Greenlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock, officiating.

Burial followed in Lazbuddie Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Blackburn died Friday. He was born in Alex, Okla., and had lived in Friona for 62 years. He married Anna Jo Coffman in 1948 in Friona. He had been a member of the Church of Christ in Dimmitt since 1948.

He had served as manager of Maurer Machinery for 27 years and worked for Dick Davis Inc. Advertising Agency for 16 years, serving on its board of directors. He served in the US Army Air Corps and Merchant Marines during World War II.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Hal Dean Blackburn of Las Cruces, N.M.; and two brothers, John Blackburn of Friona and Keith Blackburn of Albuquerque, N.M.

The family requests memorials be to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo.

Catholic Church in Garden City, Kan. for Genaro Cruz Rodriguez, 42, relative of several Dimmitt residents.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Alan Hartway, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in Valley View Cemetery in Garden City under the direction of Garnand Funeral Home. Local arrangements were handled by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mr. Rodriguez died at 7:46 a.m. Monday in a motor vehicle accident 15 miles east of Tulia on Highway 86.

Mr. Rodriguez was born Feb. 1, 1950, in Slaton. He was a construction worker and served in Vietnam for three years.

He was a widow and also was preceded in death by his mother, Antonia Cruz.

Survivors include three daughters Victoria Rodriguez of Wakeeney, Kan., and Sophia Rodriguez and Valerie Rodriguez, both of Deerfield, Kan.; three sons Christopher Rodriguez and Matthew Rodriguez, both of Wakeeney, and Johnathon Rodriguez of Deerfield; his father, Joe Rodriguez of Dimmitt; two sisters, Mary R. Torres of Dimmitt and Janie Davila of Muleshoe; seven brothers, Joseph and Jerry, both of Deerfield, Kan., Julian of Hutchinson, Kan., Jessie of Salina, Kan., Johnny of Dimmitt, Pete of Waxahachie and Jacinto of Garden City, Kan.

The family requests memorials be to St. Mary's Endowment Fund in care of Garnand's Funeral Home.

Dickie Rogers

Dickie Webster Rogers, 46, of Hereford, died last Thursday.

Graveside services were held Friday in Rest Lawn Cemetery in Hereford with Rev. Don Kirklen, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Rogers was a lifetime resident of Hereford. He married Marie Robertson in 1984 at Hereford. He worked as an electrician.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Herman Lee Rogers of Hereford; two daughters, Ellen Irene Rogers of Slaton and Lisa Ajeulan Rogers

of San Antonio; three stepdaughters, Vikki Betts of Canyon, and Nikki McQueary and Mitzi McQueary, both of Summerfield; two sisters, Mary Huckert of Amarillo and Rudene Kelly of Odessa; two brothers, Eske Lee Rogers of Hereford and Roy Rogers of Levelland; and five grandchildren.

Henry Ulloa

Henry Ulloa, 41, of San Francisco, Calif., formerly of Dimmitt, died Feb. 28.

A memorial service mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Norbert Choong, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Ulloa was born Oct. 24, 1949, in Fresno, Calif. He grew up in Dimmitt and attended school here.

Survivors include his daughter, Racquel Ulloa of New Orleans, La.; his parents, Feliciano and Eusebia Balderas of Dimmitt; three sisters, Elsie Nevarez and Roseann Gonzalez, both of Amarillo, and Diane Snitker of Dimmitt; two brothers, George Ulloa of Austin and Felix Balderas Jr. of Dimmitt.

Bill Ward

Bill Ward, 63, of Tyler, brother of a Dimmitt man, died Sunday morning at his home after an illness.

Services were held Wednesday morning in Lloyd James Funeral Home with Rev. Pat Alvey officiating.

Burial followed in Tyler Memorial Park.

Mr. Ward was born in Sulphur, Okla., and moved to Tyler in 1974. He owned B.C. Pest Control. He was a US Marine Corps veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Texas Pest Control Association and Friendly Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Juanita Nichols of Ransom Canyon, Virginia Harper of Chandler, Mary Cloninger of Littlefield and Connie Clements of Amarillo; three brothers, Jim of Winona, Minn., Dale of Levelland and Jerry of Dimmitt; a sister, Anna Scott of Paris; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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already said is viable.

In filing for reconsideration of Justice Dept. objections to the proposed redistricting plan, Bass said it may take about two weeks to put a submission together. He said the request for reconsideration needs to be supported with new data or challenge the objection letter's main premise.

Bass said he wants to study other Panhandle counties' proposals and compare those that received pre-clearance with those that were not cleared by the Justice Dept. to see how much difference there is in the percentage of minority populations allowed in the various plans.

"There is not that much difference in Castro County's percentage plan and some plans that were approved," Bass said.

Bass said the main objection stated in the Justice Dept.'s letter is that a large percentage of the minority population is comprised of ineligible voters.

Bass said he has made repeated efforts to obtain data to support that assertion and stated that he has been unable to find any such data. He went on to say that even the Justice Dept. does not have verifiable data "other than what somebody has told them."

Bass said the county could possibly do a head count in specified problem areas listed in the letter as having high numbers of ineligible voters, but he said that no one can legally ask someone else if he or she is a citizen or not (the main reason for ineligibility).

"We are given no hard data other than guess work," Bass said. "I can't see where precincts drawn according to population would need to be redrawn according to a voluntary decision not to register."

Bass said if the Justice Dept. will not reconsider its objections then the county could file suit in the Washington, D.C. District Court, but he added that that would be "a very expensive proposition."

Bass showed the commissioners a plan based only on minority population that would satisfy the requirement for two minority precincts, but he said it would make division of county precinct responsibilities very difficult.

"I don't think it's right to have voting rights decisions dictate to counties the means and method of administration, but that's what we're up against," Bass commented.

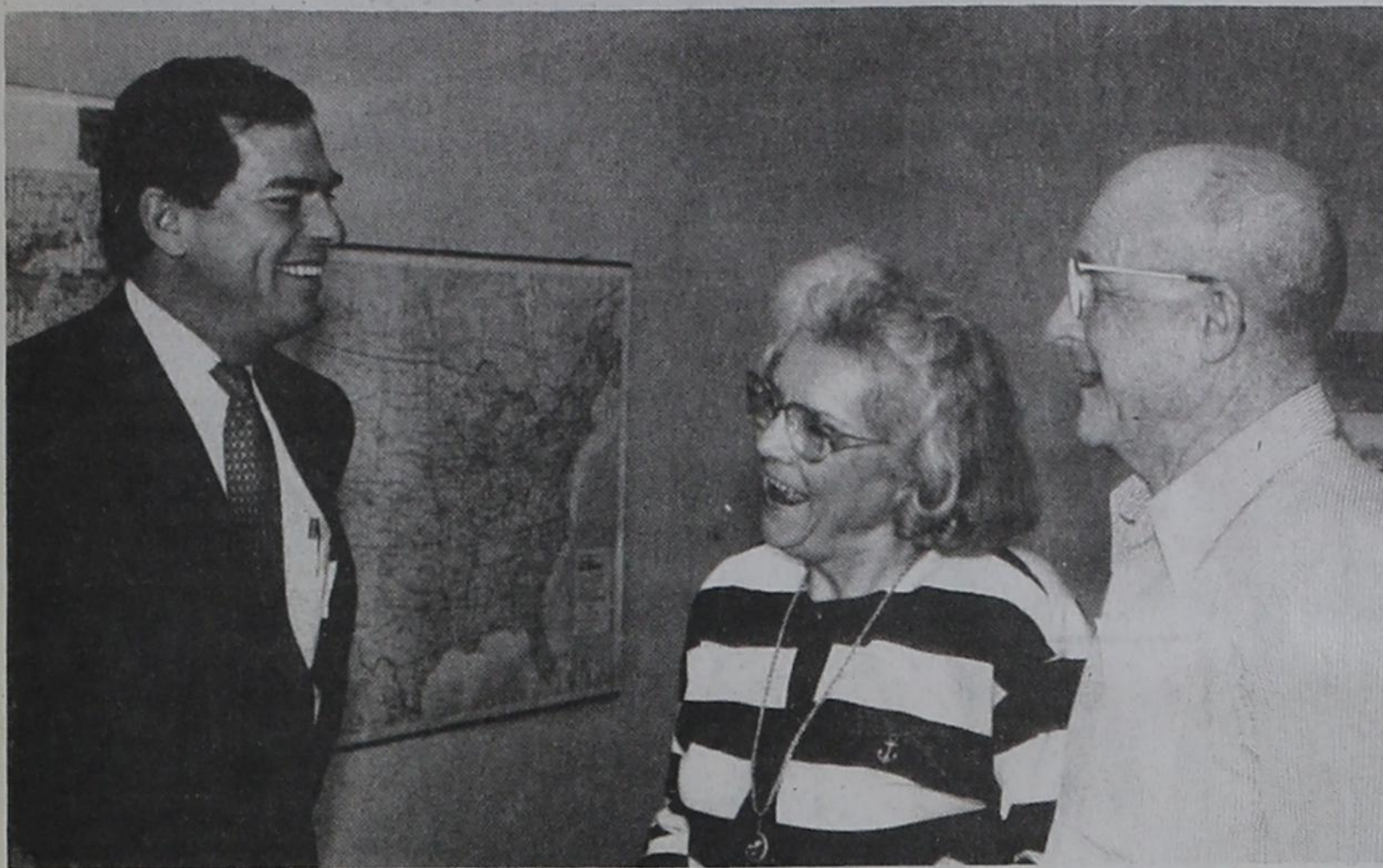
Precinct 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos said he thought it would be better to go through District Court "than to let somebody tear up our county."

Bass told the commissioners, "I need some authority to sit down and see what kind of compromise we may be able to reach to get us out of litigation and uphold the 1992 election, and I need sufficient flexibility to negotiate."

The commissioners agreed.

At the beginning of a marriage ask yourself whether this woman will be interesting to talk to from now until old age. Everything else in marriage is transitory: most of the time is spent in conversation.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE



CONGRESSMAN BILL SARPALIUS (left) visits with County Democratic Chairman Carole Dyer and Texas Corn Growers Association President Carl King before addressing a large group of local Democrats last Thursday morning in the TCGA

offices. Sarpalius represented Castro County as a state senator years ago, and now the county is in his newly realigned 13th Congressional District.

Photo by Don Nelson

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percentage of cuts than any other agency. It's time for us on the ag committee to say 'No! We've cut farmers enough. Find somewhere else — cut EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) or something.'

The representative suggested one way to cut the budget is to eliminate some of the "perks" or benefits Congressmen and other government officials have.

Sarpalius said "There are members of Congress who believe that we should not be treated special because we're not special. We passed a bill last week to eliminate all perks. There are a few exceptions that we'll hold on to like our parking spots. And this 'perk deal' is expanding to the White House. Why does the President need 42 people in the parks department working in the White House taking care of his bowling alley and his swimming pool. And they have 36 florists on staff in the White House, arranging flowers every day."

In response to questions from Carl King of Dimmitt, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association, Sarpalius addressed the issues

of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs and the Mexican Free Trade Agreement, and said he doesn't expect either to pass through Congress.

"Congress passed a bill that basically gave the President the right to sit down and negotiate some type of agreement with Mexico. It was on a 'fast track,' where they had to reach an agreement and run it through Congress as fast as they could. At that time, Congress said that if they were handed an agreement that would move jobs out of the US and into Mexico that the bill would be defeated," Sarpalius said.

He added that Congress also threatened to kill the proposal if it would drastically hurt agricultural products in the country, or if it would open the door for the Japanese to funnel more of their automobiles into this country.

"We said we'd give them a chance to negotiate an agreement, but when the agreement comes back, if it doesn't meet with our approval, then it won't pass Congress."

Sarpalius said that there "is no support within the ag committee for

that agreement at this point."

He also said he doesn't see the GATT agreement passing Congress.

"How can you come up with an agreement in which the Europeans will subsidize their farmers by 75% when we barely subsidize our own farmers—it's less than one-half of 1%."

Sarpalius also addressed the issue of a possible expansion at Pantex, saying he'd like to see the facility expand for the additional jobs, but adding that he "doesn't want to see any kind of nuclear waste storage there."

"I can tell you that I'm very confident that there's not going to be any permanent storage of nuclear waste here in the Panhandle," he said. "There was a concern at one time that Pantex would wind up with a plant that would manufacture and process plutonium. There was a concern at one time that Pantex would wind up with a plant that would manufacture and process plutonium. But that plant will be constructed somewhere else. Pantex will grow, but the largest amount of expansion will be in assembly."

Sarpalius fielded questions about the possibility of terroristic threats at the Pantex facility, and he responded that "Pantex probably has the strongest protection system of any facility in the United States."

"The air space above Pantex is off limits. If you cross it, they can shoot you down if they want to," Sarpalius said.

The security at Pantex is "extremely tight" now, and Sarpalius said it could get even better.

He also talked about communities working together to attract more industry, and encouraged local residents to look for ways that will benefit the resources in the area.

"You've got to look at the resources you have here. You can process agricultural products here. You've also got to be aggressive enough to look for other opportunities. And our office will be glad to work with you."

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ROW hears Jane Juett

Jane Juett of Amarillo, who was appointed to the Commission on Women by former Governor Bill Clements was the guest speaker at the Castro County Republican Organization for Women's meeting Monday.

Juett is married to the Potter County Republican chairman and she is owner of the Kitchen Gallery in Amarillo.

After Juett's talk, ROW held a short business meeting, in which the group decided to save aluminum cans as a fundraiser. Anyone who would like to help with the project should contact any ROW member.

Basket lunches were exchanged between the 16 members and one guest attending the meeting at the home of Peggy Webb.



PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

It's a boy for Manuel and Sylvia Herrera of 303 NW Eighth St., Dimmitt. He was born at 10:35 p.m. April 14, weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, was 19 inches long, and has been named Eric Manuel. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Enriquez of Dimmitt and Manuel and Victoria Herrera of Coeno Michacan, Mexico. Great-grandparents are Dionicio and Maria Ambriz, Mercedes Ambriz, and Jonathan and Maria Florez.

Brent and Swany Lilley of HCR 2, Hart, are the parents of a 6-pound, 3-ounce boy born at 9:05 p.m. April 17. He was 21-1/2 inches long, and has been named Kevin Klaas. He's the younger brother of Jennifer Dawn and Kegan Lee Lilley. Grandparents are John B. and Vaudine Lilley of Hart and Klaas and Frony de Swart of Germany. Great-grandmother is Beppe Popma of Holland.



WELL PREPARED—Martha Rhynes, chairman of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, prepares to sift through campaign literature with the help of ACS field representative Steve Sellars and local 4-H'er Kaci Schulte. The local

chapter's annual door-to-door fund drive will be held Tuesday, with Schulte and other 4-H volunteers helping with the effort. See related story on Page 5 of this issue.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Newel Rhynes

Graveside services for Newel F. Rhynes, 69, of Dimmitt were held last Thursday at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Officiating was Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Rhynes died at 4:40 a.m. April 15 after a lengthy illness. He had been a resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home.

Born Oct. 30, 1922, in Jones County, Mr. Rhynes married Vivian Ruth Harris on May 2, 1941, in Merkel. He had lived in Hale Center, and moved to Dimmitt in 1989. He was a farmer and a Baptist.

He is survived by a son, Lonny of Dimmitt; a daughter, Ann Richardson of Mansfield; a brother, Damon of Modesto, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Canterbury Villa Nursing Home.

Genaro C. Rodriguez

A rosary will be recited tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at St. Mary's

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