

# The Castro County News

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## Cable TV company defends rate hike

Universal Cable Television, cable television supplier for Dimmitt, will not go back on its recent rate increase, but does have plans to add five new channels by the end of summer, company operations manager Pete Collins told the Dimmitt aldermen at their Monday night meeting.

The aldermen had asked the company to explain the recent rate increase and answer complaints that were directed to the city.

Collins said Universal operates 51 cable systems in five states and charges the same rates in each, including two others in Texas—Hart and Happy. He noted that the rates are "handed down by the accounting department."

Alderman Don Sheffy told Collins that Dimmitt's rates are higher than those of five surrounding cities by \$2.50 to as much as \$6, and that only two of those towns have fewer stations available.

Sheffy also pointed out recent statements by Senator Metzbaum of the Senate subcommittee on monopolies and anti-trust, "warning Cable television operators that congress will consider re-regulating the industry if rates continue to rise."

Collins said that costs to cable

systems are increasing all the time, explaining that programmers continue to raise their rates on material offered to cable systems, and the cable companies pass on the increase to their customers. He also revealed that the local system has had to nearly triple its amount of equipment just to maintain present levels of service, mainly due to the need for unscrambling equipment.

"We intend to do a lot of repair work to this system and bring it up to the capacity of adding channels, which we plan to do by the end of summer," Collins remarked. He said that USA, Discovery and Financial News Network are among the channels that will be added, along with the possibility of a new pay movie channel.

Collins told the aldermen that the company expects to add new channels each year until it reaches 36 channel capacity, and that yearly rate increases might also be expected.

In answer to complaints that subscribers pay the higher rate even though they are unable to receive the additional stations without a converter, Collins said that newer model television sets that are cable

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## 'Board ballots' filling up

With the filing deadline just hours away Wednesday, candidates continued to file for the city, school board and hospital board posts that will be up for election May 7.

Places are open on the governing boards of all three cities, all three school districts and the county-wide hospital district. Candidate lists were fairly short for several of the boards at presstime Wednesday, but most of the officials who accept candidates' petitions for the various posts said they expected more to file by the deadlines later in the day. Wednesday morning brought a rash of filings for several offices.

Here's a rundown of the local elective posts open and the candidates who had filed as of noon Wednesday:

### CITY OF DIMMITT

Three two-year terms are open on the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen. The terms of Harold Hyman, Don Sheffy and Wayne Proffitt are expiring this year.

Hyman, Sheffy and Proffitt all have filed for re-election, and S. M. "Sam" Burke has filed.

### CITY OF HART

One two-year term is open on the Hart City Commission. Present holder of the office is Ronnie Truelock.

Stanley Dyer has filed for the post.

### CITY OF NAZARETH

The terms of Mayor Carroll Gerber and City Commissioner Jerry Lange are expiring. (Gerber is serving the unexpired term of former

Mayor Tom Hoelting, and Lange is serving out Gerber's term on the city board.)

Gerber has filed for the mayor's post, but it wasn't known at presstime whether anyone had filed for the commissioner's spot.

### DIMMITT SCHOOL BOARD

Two three-year terms are expiring—those currently held by Board President Glenn Odom, who has served two terms, and Board Vice-President Cheryl Pybus, who has served one term.

There's a full field, with four having filed by Wednesday morning. Odom has filed for re-election, and Rick Wright, Graham Sheffy and Don Moore also have filed.

### HART SCHOOL BOARD

The terms of Board Secretary Larry Lee, Freddy Upshaw and Ricky Mitchell are expiring, and all three have filed for re-election. All three available posts are for three-year terms.

### NAZARETH SCHOOL BOARD

Two posts are open, with the terms of Allen Dobmeier and Mary Lynn Olvera expiring. Both are three-year terms.

Olvera has filed for re-election.

### HOSPITAL BOARD

Two seats on the Castro County Hospital District Board are up for election, both for two-year terms. The terms of Stanley Schaeffer and Juanita Bruegel are expiring.

Schaeffer has filed for re-election, and Reeford Burrous and Nell Ingram also have filed.



**THE IDES OF MARCH**—This apricot tree, and scores of others in the area, did a foolish thing before last Thursday's snowstorm and freeze. Debbie Peralez, daughter of Arnold and Dalia Peralez of Dimmitt, looks at the blossoms that got caught up in the heat of the political season and peeked too soon.

## Democrats view loss of delegate strength

Those attending the County Democratic Party Convention Saturday night learned that their allotted number of delegates to the state convention had been cut by almost half because of the smaller turnout in the 1986 party primary.

Castro County was authorized six delegates to the last state convention, but only 3-1/2 to this year's.

"We have 2-1/2 fewer delegates than we had the last election year because of the number who crossed over to help get Kent Hance elected" in his unsuccessful race for governor, former Democratic County Chairman Oscar Wylie explained. He said Hance's candidacy as a Republican "cost the Democrats here 600 votes" in the 1986 primary election.

With three and a fraction delegates authorized, the county session opted to send four "and see if we can get them all seated."

Elected as delegates to the state Democratic convention to be held in Houston June 17-18 were County Democratic Chairman David Schaeffer, Wylie, Reta Welch and Carolyn Kimball. Chosen as alternates were Doris Wylie, Don Kimball, Harold Bob Bennett and Jerry Matthews.

The local convention had the option of sending state convention delegates committed to specific presidential candidates, or sending them uncommitted. For committed delegates, the party's formula is to apportion them among the presidential candidates based on the percentage of votes each candidate received here in the primary election.

But considering the unclear results from the "Super Tuesday" primary and the smaller number of authorized delegates, local Democrats voted to send an uncommitted delegation to the state convention, in hopes of gaining some clout in Houston and possibly getting the fourth delegate seated.

Schaeffer was elected chairman of the county's delegation.

Fourteen attended the county convention in the courthouse basement, electing Schaeffer as permanent chairman and Mrs. Welch as secretary.

The convention adopted resolutions urging the Texas Legislature to strongly support Attorney General Jim Mattox's Child Support Enforcement Program; favoring the Save the Family Farm Act; urging the county Democratic Party to give active backing to Democratic candidates "from the courthouse to the White House"; and directing the county's delegation to support resolutions at the state convention which enhance human life and protect the individual freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.

## Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

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Thursday	47	19	.19
Friday	29	13	.01
Saturday	48	14	
Sunday	66	14	
Monday	82	28	
Tuesday	82	32	
Wednesday	80	33	
March Moisture			0.39
1988 Moisture			0.61

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## Alexander is all-state again

New records in boys' basketball aren't easy to set in Dimmitt High School. But James Alexander set another one this week when he was named an all-stater for the third year in a row.

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches named him to its Class AAA first team, announced Friday.

In a field of 34 all-staters spanning the past 44 years of Dimmitt

High School boys' basketball, Alexander is the first Bobcat ever to make it more than twice.

This is actually the second individual record for the 6-3 senior forward. Two years ago, he was Dimmitt's first sophomore all-stater in boys' basketball.

He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. James Alexander.

A starter ever since his freshman

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## Runoff elections scheduled April 12

Both major political parties will hold primary runoff elections Tuesday, April 12.

Only one race will require a runoff in the Democratic Primary—that between Mel Phillips and H. Bryan Poff Jr. for the 31st District nomination for the Texas Senate. Phillips gained a majority of the vote from Castro County Democrats in the March 8 primary, but

only a plurality district-wide, while Nancy Garms was eliminated from the three-candidate field.

In the Republican Party, two races have gone into runoffs. Beau Boulter of Amarillo will face Wes Gilbreath of Austin for the US Senate nomination, and P. S. (Sam) Ervin will face Ed Emmett for the party's nomination for Railroad

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It's official!

## Postage rates to rise April 3

County postmasters received official notification Wednesday morning that first-class postage rates will face a 14.7% rate hike effective April 3.

It will now cost the postal patron 25¢ to mail a first-class letter, and each additional ounce over the first will cost an extra 20¢. Previous first-class rates were 22¢ for first-class letters and each additional ounce cost the postal patron 17¢.

According to Bill Sava, Dimmitt Postmaster, the Post Office has issued a special, "E" stamp, without the 25¢ marked on it, for use when the new rate takes effect.

Sava also said the Post Office will have an ample supply of 3¢ stamps on hand for people who still have the 22¢ stamps.

## Republicans adopt 42 resolutions

Some 50 precinct delegates, alternates and guests gathered at the Dimmitt City Hall Saturday night for the County Republican Convention.

Voting delegates considered 52 resolutions from the previous week's precinct conventions, and adopted 42 of them.

County Chairman Deanne Clark was elected permanent chairman of the convention, with James Baker re-elected vice-chairman and Marguerite McLain re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Delegates elected to the State Republican Convention to be held in Houston June 7-9 were Mrs. Clark, Brick Autry, Ed Freeman and Doug Taylor. Alternates elected were Emma Jean King, Betty Freeman, Anita Taylor and Bill Clark.

Mrs. Clark urged interested teenagers 14 to 18 who wish to attend the state convention as pages to

notify her. Also, any local Republican wishing to attend the national convention in New Orleans Aug. 16-18 should notify her before April 16, she said.

The county convention adopted resolutions urging line-item veto power for the President, balanced budget amendments, and preservation of laws supporting right to work, right to bear arms and right of free speech and assembly.

The convention also passed resolutions on anti-abortion, anti-homosexuality, anti-Texas Rural Legal Aid and anti-Equal Rights Amendment issues, along with resolutions favoring election of judges, Contra aid and the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Resolutions calling for equity in Medicare payments to small rural hospitals and minimal government interference in private and public education and business also were adopted.



**THIRD GRADE SINGERS** are joined by teacher Janice Nutt in *America—It Was Made for You and Me*, the finale of Richardson Elementary School's annual Third Grade Musical Monday evening in the Dimmitt High School auditorium. A locally produced slide show accompanied the song, and

led into an audience-participation singing of *America*. The 45-minute musical program, directed by Deanne Tackitt, carried a patriotic theme throughout, along with a history lesson, and was performed before a large, enthusiastic audience.



# On the Go

with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Bob and Hilda Schurr of Roscoe, S.D., were weekend guests in the home of Ed and Betty Freeman.

Congratulations to the members of the Olympics of the Mind teams for winning awards in the regional competition last weekend. Kris Keith won an individual award.

Ann Philpott and children Clint and Delese of Lubbock, spent Monday and Tuesday with their grandmother, Mary Lou Webb. Delese Ellison and daughter, Sarah, came on Tuesday and had lunch with them.

Visitors at the museum recently were Mary Woodburn's sister, Joyce Angel of Amarillo; and Sylvia Perez from Pharr. Sylvia was associated with me when I was the county librarian. She visits me when she comes to Dimmitt.

Madge Robb and Helen Richardson entertained the visitors while I was out of town. Thanks ladies! Their visitors were Cheryl Harmon from Amarillo, Sharmin and Bobby Raper from Dumas, Fred and Donna Britten and Mrs. Donna (Hoelting) Britten from Panhandle. Jim Ritter, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church brought Evangelist Rev. Lemmon from Naples, Texas.

On Tuesday, about 55 attended the defensive driving course given by Wayne Beile.

Joann Montgomery of Midland, niece of Myrna Cowser, is a group consultant for the Lones Travel Agency. She got a group together with the Jackson Tour Group and was the tour guide for about 18 people from Midland including Decima Dennis, Oleta Gollehon and Mary Edna Hendrix from Dimmitt. About 20 people from Canyon were on the same plane to London, England, but went their own way after arriving in London. Their tour guide was Mr. Sawkell. Mrs. Noah Spencer, formerly of Dimmitt, and her daughter, Lynda Tinsley were with the group.

After flying since 6 Saturday night, we landed in London Sunday morning. On Sunday night we went to Westminster Abbey to hear an organ concert and stayed for the evening services that followed.

Monday morning we boarded a bus for a tour of London. We passed by the Parliament Buildings including the famous Big Ben

Clock and 10 Downing Street. The tour guide told us that Margaret Thatcher is called "The Iron Lady".

Much damage was done by the October hurricane, which claimed 17 lives. The parks were ruined with 15 million trees destroyed. A statue of Abraham Lincoln and a bust of John Kennedy were in a park. We drove along the Thames River, the Hay Market where Eliza Doolittle was shown selling flowers in the show "My Fair Lady". The flowers were beautiful all over London with many window boxes filled with jonquils, primroses, crocus' and pansies. Jonquils were scattered all through the grass in the parks.

Most of the newspapers and print shops are on Fleet Street and most of the theaters are in another area. The Bank of England, Lloyds of London, Midland Bank and many others are on Victoria Street or Lombard Street. We passed the American Embassy with a huge beautiful eagle. We also saw a statue of Franklin D. Roosevelt in one park.

The London Bridge crosses the Thames River and the first bridge was build of wood, the second and third bridges were made of stone.

We saw homes of Charles Dickens, Oscar Wilde and many others. We also saw the church where Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett were married.

On Tuesday we chartered a bus and tour guide and drove to Stonehenge where there are huge stone columns, some weighing 50 tons. This monument may have been an ancient astronomical observatory. The positions of the stones indicate the places on the horizon where the sun and moon rise and set about June 21 and Dec. 21. Some believe Stonehenge was connected with sun worship. We were there when there was a downpour of rain, strong winds and cold air. We drove on to Bath where we toured the Roman Bath museum. We shopped in the little shops that make up the city of Bath. We were in the rain all day and were disappointed we didn't get to see any countryside. We did see some thatched roof houses and went through Bristol, where Cary Grant was born. On Tuesday night we

rode a double decker bus so we could see the bright lights. We got the end of the line and the bus driver left us. We just sat there and waited until another bus came.

On Wednesday we went to the Tower where we saw the Crown Jewels, beautiful crowns of massive gold ornaments. We went to Harrod's, the famous department store, and ate lunch in the Georgian Room, beautiful place with good food. Harrod's Department Store sells items from a pin to an elephant. Their bakery and meat displays fascinated us. A huge fresh fish display was on one wall.

On Thursday we toured Madame Tussaud's on Baker Street where history comes alive. A collection of waxwork figures were there. A big space was reserved for the Royal family including Diane and Fergie. Several famous American actors were there in wax including Larry Hagman (J.R. on "Dallas") and we had our pictures made with Mr. T. We ate lunch while we were there at Madame Tussaud's.

We went to Westminster Abbey for the second time and toured the building. We ate lunch in the big dining room at Fortnum and Mason, another department store. A couple were sitting at a table and in came two young women and a young man with a bouquet of beautiful roses which they presented to the couple. They all started hugging, kissing and crying and the waitress told us that it was the older woman's birthday and the others had just flown in from Australia.

Oleta went with some people to see the play, "Le Miserables" while Decima, Marion and I went to see Buckingham Palace. We were walking through a park when we

saw a crowd gathering, so we went over to see and along came the Queen in her royal car. She smiled and waved. We went on and toured parts of Buckingham Palace including the museum, the stables and all of the royal carriages including a sleigh used in the snow.

Some of our group saw the changing of the guards and said it was a very impressive ceremony.

Thursday night we all took taxis to Tiddy Doll where we ate dinner at a very unusual restaurant. We enjoyed the good food and entertainment. Tiddy Doll's is famous for gingerbread, but we like our recipe better.

The report of this trip to London will be continued in next week's issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Oshaner of Denver, Colo., have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Faun Welker. They also spent a few days in Amarillo with his brother while in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Britten of Panhandle, were in Dimmitt Wednesday. As they were gathering materials for family histories, they visited the courthouse, Cowser Abstract and Title office, the library and the Castro County Museum.

Assisting Wesleyan Circle of the Methodist Church with the devotional Wednesday night at the nursing home were Mrs. Charles Axtell, song leader; Mrs. Wallace, pianist; Mrs. J.O. Seale, who led the devotional; Mrs. Kent Birdwell, Mrs. William Ballentine, Mrs. Fred Anen, Mrs. Doris Lindsey, Mrs. Ted Sheffy and Mrs. Helen Richardson.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and bridge last Wednesday with Elizabeth Huckabay acting as

hostess. Lora Nell Hamilton won high score and Edna Riley won second high. Others playing bridge during the day were Bernice Hill, Alice Collyer, Helen Braafadt, Virginia Crider, Susie Reeves, Cleo Forson, Oleda Schumacher, Johnny Vannoy, Edith Graef and Jean Christian.

Debbie Murdock, Toby and Stacy Gerber were among 100 from the Panhandle to attend the West Texas State Lady Buffs-Cal Polly NCAA Division II quarterfinal basketball game at Kellogg Gym in Pomona, Calif. on Friday night.

The Lady Buffs were victorious and will go on to the final four this Friday night against Delta State (Mississippi) in Fargo, North Dakota. Leona Gerber of Nazareth is one of the key players for the West Texas State Lady Buffs.

The Cancer Society's Style Show drew a nice crowd to the home of Maxine and Buster Tidwell Saturday afternoon. Guests were seated throughout the home and viewed outfits from local area stores. Models visited with the guests about the brand names, the

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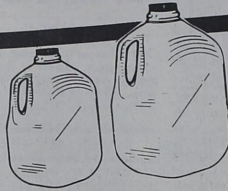
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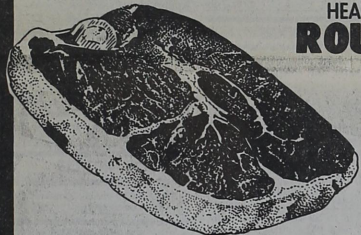
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### 1 - REAL ESTATE, HOMES & LAND

**WILL PAY CASH** for dryland. Eules Waggoner, Rt. 1, Dimmitt, 647-2694. 1-25-3tp

**NICE NEW DOUBLE WIDE** mobile home for sale. Three bedroom, two bath, fireplace. Call Rick Bell, 647-4593. 1-17-tfc

**ABANDONED HOMES**— Take over payments on 2 and 3 bedroom homes. **QUALIFY BY PHONE.** (806) 381-1352. Call Collect. 1-2-tfc

**FOR SALE: 14 X 70** foot trailer to be moved. Located at 303 NW Third. \$3,000. Call 883-2611 1-27-tfc

**14 x 80 MELODY TRAILER.** Three bedroom, two bath, new house roof and skirting. Partially furnished. 647-2208. 1-27-1tp

### 2 - FOR RENT

**1 & 2 BEDROOM** apartments for rent. Country Arms Apartments, 111 NW 11th. 647-3318. 2-49-tfc

**APARTMENT FOR RENT:** Stafford Apts. Phone 647-3690 or 647-5508. 2-17-tfc

**FOR RENT:** Nice, two-bedroom apartment. Call 647-3215 or 647-5762. Waggoner Apartments. 2-24-tfc

**FOR RENT:** Two bedroom mobile home. Fenced yard, excellent location. \$300 per month with water and natural gas paid. 647-2133 or 647-3250. 2-26-tfc

### 2 - FOR RENT

**FOR RENT:** Nice 3 bedroom apartment in Hart. 938-2411. 2-28-tfc

**FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE** for rent north of Dimmitt. 364-8825. Available now. 2-26-2tc

**SPRING SPECIAL 50% FIRST MONTH**  
For as little as \$25 per month, have a storage building delivered to your own backyard. Ask about our Rent-To-Own option, LTD Portable Buildings, Inc. 221 N. 25 Mile Avenue, 364-7713, Hereford. 2-27-tfc

### 3 - FOR SALE, MISC.

**NUTROLYSIS** Safe, effective hair removal. **PAT WALKER'S.** 647-5192. 3-43-tfc

**SATELLITE RECEIVERS,** prices to fit any budget. Bank Rate Financing. We install and service. **KITTRELL ELECTRONICS.** Dimmitt. 647-2197. 3-17-tfc

**MORGAN STORAGE BUILDINGS** For rent or to buy. Call 364-7713. 3-18-tfc

**FOR SALE:** Plains Bluestem grass seed. Priced to sell. Chris Mackey, Sayre, Okla. 405-928-2247 or 405-928-3729. 3-24-5tc

**ALL TYPES OF IRRIGATION** supplies. Ditch stop tarps, surge valves, aluminum pipe straightened. See Hubert Edwards at E.M. Jones Ditching, 511 SE Fourth, Dimmitt. 647-5442. 3-26-4tc

### 3 - FOR SALE, MISC.

**1-DAY GARAGE SALE,** Friday, March 25, 9-5 at First Assembly of God Church in Fellowship Hall, SE Second and Belsher. Furniture, exercise equipment, housewares, clothing, miscellaneous. 3-27-1tc

### CHARLES VAUGHAN REAL ESTATE Agent and Broker

600 Oak St. 647-5449

**NEW LISTINGS**  
1165 ACRES CRP LAND near Paris.

**400 HEAD DAIRY.** Most modern unit on the market.

**A GOOD STARTER HOME** in low 20s. Corner lot, fenced in yard. Must sell to settle estate.

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**MOTOR HOME PARK** in Hereford. FmHA approved, walks, plenty of space to park, fenced in yard, in residential area, good location. 100% full all the time. Good piece of income. Gross out in five to six years. Good retirement income.

If you're looking for Houses, Commercial Property, Farm or Ranch Property, give me a call anytime, day or night. If you have property to sell, I would appreciate your listing!

### 3 - FOR SALE, MISC.

**EASTER BUNNIES** for sale. \$5 apiece at Nazareth. Call 945-2201 or 945-2551. 3-26-3tp

**FOR SALE:** 1974 Magnum 15-foot boat with an 80 HP Evinrude motor. \$2,000. Call 647-3695 after 5 p.m. 3-27-tfc

**GARAGE SALE:** Friday, March 25, 2-6 p.m., Saturday, March 26, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. 1011 West Lee. 3-27-1tp

**121 2 X 12 BOARDS.** 16' long. 60 cents per foot. Call 647-3447 or 647-2577. 3-27-2tc

**EASTER BUNNIES** for sale. \$5 each. 647-5308. 3-27-2tc

**WE WOULD appreciate** the opportunity to discuss your CRP grass seed needs. All varieties available. Call **GRASS SEED SERVICES:**385-5229. Nights: Tommy Thrash, 385-5357; Dick Hopping, 385-3653; Terry Thrash, 385-4403. 3-25-4tp

**WANTED:** Someone who really wants to lose those pounds and inches in a sensible way with nutritive foods combination (with products,) corrective metabolism and passive exercise on the symmetrical unit at **PAT WALKER'S.** 647-5192. 3-27-1tc

**TIFFIN TALK**  
We carry Rocky Mountain Jeans. Juniors and missy. Blue denim, dauby and colors. Spring and summer merchandise arriving daily. Shop Tiffin II, Earth, 257-2223. 3-27-1tc

**WW SPAR**  
OR  
**PLAINS BLUESTEM GRASS SEED**  
\$14 to \$14.50 per PLS delivered  
**817-552-7162**

### 4 - HOUSEHOLD GOODS

**FOR SALE:** Kirby Heritage vacuum at Nazareth. Call 945-2201 or 945-2551. 4-26-2tp

**SUPER CLEAN DINING TABLE,** six chairs, cushions and placemats. 864-3414. 4-27-1tc

**EXTRA CLEAN** self-cleaning electric range. 864-3414. 4-27-1tc

**RENT TO OWN**  
NEW TV'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES  
No credit checks.  
**KITTRELL ELECTRONICS**  
647-2197 Dimmitt

### 5 - FARM EQUIPMENT

**WE REPAIR** all makes of fence chargers. Dimmitt Consumers Electric Shop, NE 3rd and Eiter. 5-16-tfc

### 6 - AUTOMOTIVE

**FOR SALE:**125 Suzuki three-wheeler, 1-200 miles. Any reasonable offer. 647-4490 after 5. 6-18-tfc

**FOR SALE:** 1986 Pontiac Sunbird SE. Low mileage, 647-3257 or 647-3507. 6-24-tfc

**BAKER FORKLIFT** FOR SALE—6,000 lb. rating, 7 ft. extensions on forks. Call 647-3428. 6-22-tfc

**FOR SALE:** 1985 Starcraft Starmaster 21 pop-up camper. Sleeps six. Call 647-4757 after 5 p.m. 6-27-tfc

We don't advertise prices... We BEAT advertised prices!  
Come see us at "The Best Little Car House in Texas"  
**STEVENS CHEVY-OLDS**  
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Classifieds get results!

### 7 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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### Jay Cross Investments

**COUNTRY HOME:** 3 bedroom, 1 bath, natural gas, own water well, storm cellar.

**3 BEDROOM,** 1 3/4 bath, central heat, refrig. air, large utility, garage door opener. This home may qualify for a FmHA loan.

**PRICE REDUCED:** Large beautiful home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. This home has all the extras including a nice fireplace. Home sits on a corner lot with lots of trees.

**3 BEDROOM,** 1 3/4 bath, 1 car garage, large corner lot. Priced right at \$37,500.

**5 BEDROOM,** 2 bath, large utility, fireplace. Lots of storage in this one and it is priced in the low 50's.

**LARGE 3 bedroom,** 1 3/4 bath, disposal, dishwasher, double car garage, storm cellar, yard sprinkler system, fenced backyard, NICE! And located on Oak Street.

**WE HAVE** more than 25 homes to choose from. Call us today so we can assist you in finding the home that will fit your needs.

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**PATTI CARTWRIGHT, Partner**  
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**SELLER WANTS ACTION!** On this 3 + 1 3/4, kitchen/dining, LR, 1 CG with utility. Good location to schools.

**FIRST TIME OFFERED!** Country living at its best! 3 or 4 BR your choice, 2 baths, kitchen/dining, utility, LR/fireplace, extra nice shop. Located on approx. 2 acres.

**IF YOU WANT IT ALL!** Look no more. This 3 + 1 3/4, formal dining, den/FP, large kitchen/lots of amenities, utility/office, 2 CEGB, super location!

**YOUR EYES AREN'T DECEIVING YOU!** It's better than new. **NEW LISTING!** This 3 + 2, kitchen, dining, utility room, LR/FP, extra nice, extra large 2 CEGB, excellent location!

**CHARMING FLOOR PLAN—GOOD QUALITY—GOOD LOCATION!** This 3 + 2, kitchen/bar/dining, den/FP, utility, 2 CEGB.

**BEST BUY IN TOWN!** Exceptional construction this 3 + 2, huge den/FP, kitchen/dining, large utility room, sunroom, 3 CEGB, PRICE DRastically REDUCED!!

**ONE OF A KIND, WONDERFUL FAMILY HOME!** This 4 + 2, LR, kitchen/dining, 1 CG, plenty of storage, shop or garage, located on corner lot.

**SOOOO NICE, EXTRA QUALITY!** This 3 + 2, kitchen/dining, LR, 1 CG with utility area, 2 CG or nice shop in back.

**OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE!** On this 2 + 1 1/2, LR, dining, kitchen with plenty of storage. Come see!

**CITY CLOSE, COUNTRY QUIET!** This 3 + 2, kitchen, utility area, den, add on storage room, sheds and pens, located on 1 acre.

**LIVE AND EARN!** Let this attached apartments help make your payments! 3 + 1, large LR, remodeled kitchen/dining and basement.

**EXPOSE YOURSELF TO LUXURY!** Amenities and workmanship surround you in this 3 + 2, kitchen/dining, den/FP, sunroom, utility, 2 CEGB, excellent location!

**SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE!** Just the right price for this 2 + 1, LR, kitchen/dining, utility room, glass enclosed patio, plus two adjoining lots.

**WE HAVE SEVERAL OTHER LISTINGS PLUS FARM AND COMMERCIAL LISTINGS.**

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INDEPENDENT REAL ESTATE BROKER

647-2329, Office

108 NW 3rd, Dimmitt



14—CARDS OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS

Dearest Friends,  
In times like these, words seem so inadequate. Friends such as you who have sent food, flowers, cards, donations to memorials, and helped with the sale have strengthened us during these difficult days. All of this, along with your prayers, continue to be a source of comfort as the days pass.

We are grateful and proud to be in a community where the lives of so many touch our family in many important ways.

A special thank you to the Class of 1979, Mr. Cotter, Ronnie Parker, the Church of Christ and the Methodist Mens' Choir for the beautiful service.

SINCERELY,  
THE FAMILY OF GARY BRUEGEL  
14-27-1tc

15—LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The Texas Corn Producers Board will hold its biennial election on May 10, 1988. The terms of three present board members will expire at that time. Any person within the following counties who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, corn for commercial purposes, is eligible to vote, including owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers. If such a person is required to pay assessment that is collected on corn within the following counties: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Hale, Lamb, Parmer and Swisher.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters not later than April 8, 1988. Ballots must be mailed to the polling place at 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 before midnight on May 10, 1988.

Any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot in the mail may obtain one at his local County Extension Office.

Any producer in the seven county check-off named above subject to paying the assessment on corn may have his name placed on the ballot for anyone of the three positions accompanied by 10 signatures of legal corn producers within the counties described above.

Producers have 30 days after this notice to have names placed on the ballot and mailed to Texas Corn Producers, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

TEXAS CORN PRODUCERS  
15-25-3tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court is accepting bids for the sale of one 1977 Chevrolet 3/4 ton pickup, vehicle identification # CCL2475176501.

The pickup may be seen by contacting Curtis Snitker, Commissioner, Precinct 1 at (806) 938-2598 between 8 and 8:30 a.m.

Bids will be opened in the Castro County Commissioner's Court on March 28, 1988 at 10 a.m.

-s-MRS. M.L. SIMPSON, JR.  
Mrs. M.L. Simpson, Jr.  
County Judge, Castro County, Texas  
15-26-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that JOE LYNN BIRKENFELD has filed an application with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a package store permit, the substance of such application being as follows:

TYPE OF LICENSE OR PERMIT: Package Store Permit.

LOCATION OF BUSINESS: Farm To Market Road 168, West Side, 3.25 miles North of intersection Hwy. 86, Castro County, Texas.

NAME OF OWNER: Joe Lynn Birkenfeld.

TRADE NAME: Country Liquor.

A copy of the application for the package store permit is filed and made under oath to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in Austin, Travis County, Texas, with a copy to the District Office of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

15-26-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that JOE LYNN BIRKENFELD has filed an application with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine Only Package Store Permit, the substance of such application being as follows:

TYPE OF LICENSE OR PERMIT: Wine only Package Store Permit.

LOCATION OF BUSINESS: Farm To Market Road 168, West side, 3.2 miles North of intersection Hwy. 86, Castro County, Texas.

NAME OF OWNER: Joe Lynn Birkenfeld.

TRADE NAME: Joe's Beer & Wine.

A copy of the application for the package store permit is filed and made under oath to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in Austin, Travis County, Texas, with a copy to the District Office of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

15-26-2tc

15—LEGAL NOTICE

BID NOTICE

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting bids for carpet. Sealed bids must be received by April 6, 1988, at 1 p.m. at the Administration Office, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. Plans and specifications may be obtained at Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 15-27-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The Castro County Sheriff's Department is accepting bids for the sale of two (2) automobiles, 1983 Ford LTD Crown Victoria, four (4) door sedan automobiles, police package, 351 engine, cruise control.

Vehicle Identification: #VIN/1-FABP43G60Z146608-127,941 mi. and #VIN/1FABP43680Z146609-151,437 mi.

Bids will be opened in Castro County Commissioners' Court on March 28, 1988 at 10 a.m.

The vehicles are available for inspection on the south side of the Castro County Courthouse.

Bids should be delivered to the Sheriff's Office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and must be received no later than 9 a.m. on March 28, 1988. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

-s-MRS. M.L. SIMPSON, JR.  
Mrs. M.L. Simpson, Jr.  
County Judge,  
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Obituaries

James T. Burke

James T. Burke, 67, of Dumas, brother of Sam Burke of Dimmitt, died Sunday.

Graveside services were held Tuesday in the Dumas Cemetery with Father Edward Kieran, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mr. Burke, born at Carthage, Mo., was a World War II US Army Veteran. He had been a Dumas resident for the past 3 1/2 years.

Survivors include two sons, James Burke, Jr., of Revina, N.Y., and Lamont Burke of Hernando, Miss.; a daughter, Pamela Newcomb of Los Angeles; three brothers, Chester Burk of Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Samuel Burke of Dimmitt; two sisters, Ella Mae Christie of Dumas and Mona Lisa Martin of Wichita Falls; and 16 grandchildren.

More about Runoff . . .

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Commissioner. In the US Senate race, Boulter was the overwhelming favorite of local Republicans in a four-man field in the "Super Tuesday" primary, although he ran second to Gilbreath statewide. Ned Snead and Milton E. Fox were eliminated.

In the Railroad Commission race in the first Republican primary, Ervin led the four-man field and Emmett polled second state-wide, while Ralph E. Hoelscher and Dale W. Steffes were eliminated. Hoelscher ran second and Emmett third among Castro County Republicans.

Voting hours in the runoff elections will be the same as for the first primaries, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Absentee voting for both parties will begin April 4 in the County Clerk's Office, and will end April 8. Voters may request absentee ballots by mail, with April 5 as the final date that mail applications can be received by the County Clerk's Office.

Anyone who was registered to vote as of March 13, 1988, is eligible to vote April 12. Any eligible voter who did not cast a ballot in either March 8 primary may vote in either party's primary runoff. However, a voter who cast a ballot in a party's "Super Tuesday" primary may vote only in the same party's primary runoff.

Any voter with questions about the runoff elections may contact County Democratic Chairman David Schaeffer, County Republican Chairman Deanne Clark, or County Clerk Joy Jones.

Methodists will present cantata Sunday

A handbell choir, brass quartet, flutist, organist, pianist and individual readers will join with the First United Methodist Church Choir to present the Easter cantata, *He Lives*, Sunday.

The special Palm Sunday program will be performed during the 10:45 morning worship hour, and is open to the public.

Written by Joe Parks, *He Lives* emphasizes the positive love shown by Christ during his passion, crucifixion and resurrection.

Different portions of the cantata will feature accompaniment by the First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir; a brass quartet composed of Bernie Tackitt, Kyle Wise, Wayne Schacher and Ty O'Kelly; flutist Deanne Tackitt; organist Deanne Clark; and pianist Marie Winders.

Jane O'Kelly will direct the cantata and Rev. Vernon O'Kelly will serve as the narrator. Also in speaking roles will be Jerry Stump, Graham Sheffy, Darrell Buckley and Karen Roberson.

Vocal soloists will be Jamie and James Baker, Don Nelson, Cyndy Reynolds and Elayne Patridge. The cantata also will feature a duet by tenors Charles Axtell and Chuck Braafladt.

More about Cable TV company . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

City Manager Reeford Burrous told the aldermen that a private group is interested in taking over the pool operations for the city as a fund raising project.

Burrous said the city has had difficulty in the past in lining up life guards and operating the concession stand and admission booth. He said it would be a relief for a group to take over the responsibilities, provided they have liability insurance to cover themselves.

Burrous mentioned that the pool bottom is in need of repairs to stop water leakage. The aldermen authorized him to look into possible methods of repair, and to see about having a contract drawn up for operation of the pool.

The aldermen voted to allow \$75 per day expenses for the firemen the city will sponsor at firemen's school in July. That amount will be expected to cover room and meals.

Burrous reported that he wrote a \$1,500 check to the ambulance service for the city's portion of its expenses so that an interest-bearing checking account could be opened.

In his monthly budget report, Burrous noted that the water de-

ready do not need the converters. He also pointed out that the converters have been available for several years. They are available at only \$25 down and \$4.03 per month for 12 months, for a total cost of \$70 plus tax.

Collins concluded by saying, "Cable is cheap compared to movie rentals or going to a movie. It is a reasonably-priced form of entertainment."

In other business, the aldermen discussed operation of the city swimming pool for the summer.

Joan Clark of Albuquerque, was a guest of Barbara Bain and Sue Boozer.

Cindy Groomer of Amarillo, was the guest speaker at the Republican Women's Organization this past week. Mrs. Groomer is the first Republican woman to be elected District Clerk in Potter County. She recounted the steps she took to be elected at great odds and extolled the praises of the Amarillo Republican Women in making her election possible. L.C. McLain, candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 1, was a guest of the Republican Women who shared lunch in the courthouse basement.

Joan Clark of Albuquerque, was a guest of Barbara Bain and Sue Boozer.

Cindy Groomer of Amarillo, was the guest speaker at the Republican Women's Organization this past week. Mrs. Groomer is the first Republican woman to be elected District Clerk in Potter County. She recounted the steps she took to be elected at great odds and extolled the praises of the Amarillo Republican Women in making her election possible. L.C. McLain, candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 1, was a guest of the Republican Women who shared lunch in the courthouse basement.

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SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—First-place winners in the Dimmitt Middle School Science Fair Monday were (foreground) Kristie Kinser, 8th grade physical science project; and (standing, from left) Holly Edwards, 7th grade physical science; Eric Mays, 5th grade biological science; Steve Steffey,

4th grade physical science; and cousins Gretchen and Max Moore, 6th grade biology. These projects and 26 others qualified for the Regional Science Fair to be held at Wayland Baptist University April 8 and 9.

31 science fair projects qualify for regional meet

Dimmitt Middle School students filled the south gymnasium with 245 scientific project displays Monday in the school's annual Science Fair competition.

Thirty-one projects qualified for the junior division of the Regional Science Fair, to be held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview April 8 and 9.

Students whose projects qualified for the regional science fair were:

FOURTH GRADE

Sue Spring, Teacher (57 projects by 68 students)  
Steve Steffey 1st, Tucker Schumacher and Wesley Ralston 2nd, Justin Damron and Joel Townsend 3rd, Brittany Sheffy 4th, Will Sanders 5th, Sonya Arguijo and Amy Fuller 6th, Jimmy Bryan 7th.

FIFTH GRADE

Glenda Sims, Teacher (90 projects by 110 students)  
Eric Mays 1st, Tiffanny Smith 2nd, Jill Gfeller 3rd, Carrie Sheffy 4th, Amy Boothe 5th, Beth Teachner 6th, Jeremy Harper 7th.

SIXTH GRADE

Tina Burrell, Teacher (81 projects by 85 students)  
Gretchen Moore and Max Moore 1st, Jennifer Hucks 2nd, Amanda Odom 3rd, Kim Gabel 4th, Garland Coleman 5th, Shannon Powell 6th, Stacy Griffith 7th.

SEVENTH GRADE

Rose Ball, Teacher (15 projects by 15 students)  
Holly Edwards 1st, Michelle Schumacher 2nd, Tye Killingsworth 3rd, Kathy Patterson and Shad McDaniel 4th, Chad Smith 5th, Brady Nelson 6th, Julie Atchley 7th.

EIGHTH GRADE

Janice Smith, Teacher (2 projects by 2 students)  
Kristie Kinser 1st, Robert Langford 2nd.

Happy Birthday

[Compiled from the Community Birthday Calendars sponsored by the Castro County Extension Homemakers, and the Nazareth Swift Band.]

MARCH 24—Cheryl Covington, Inez Johnson, C.J. Edwards, Bud Kern, Agnes Brockman, Shirley Peggram.

MARCH 25—Moss Howell, Gerald Thomas, Pete Sargent, Seth Spinhime, Sean Wilson, Patti Waggoner, Jordon Shae Hampton, Audrey Brockman, Floyd Schulte.

MARCH 26—Virgil Brockman, Mike Bell, Kevin Reed, Karen Hoelscher, Kim Howell, Sarah Badford, Kalissa Robertson, Brent Ehly, Samantha Hochstein, Bertha Huseman.

MARCH 27—Charlynn Hunter, Zeke Cleavinger, James Welch, Debbie Underwood, Wanda Kay, Marie Bowen, Mary Cluck, Curt Summers, Sherita McKay, Carson Gerber, Kay Dykes, Martha Huseman, Scott Venhaus, T.J. Garza.

MARCH 28—Darrell Washington, Randy Small, Cindy Perry, Bill Sanders, Jerry Kern.

MARCH 29—Acie Boyd, Tanner Grifitt, Joyce Hunter, Zachary Felts, Bonnie Huseman, Delia Bernea, Margaret Bradock, Janice Johnson, Colleen Heck, Karen Ball, Lisa Neill.

MARCH 30—Dirk Wright, Beverly Durham, Kevin Wheelless, Jill Davis, Ryan Moore, Larry Ramackers, Carroll Gerber, Lorelea Acker, Annette Schmucker.

McMillon to compete at national OEA meet

Jerry McMillon, a senior at Dimmitt High School, will be competing in the National Office Education Association's Leadership conference April 27 through May 1 in Louisville, Ky.

At the national contest, McMillon will compete in contests, delegate sessions and will take tours of the area the week before the Kentucky Derby.

McMillon qualified for the national meet by placing third in computerized accounting at the state contest in Arlington. He was recognized at the awards assembly on Saturday after competing in contests last Thursday and Friday.

Happy Anniversary

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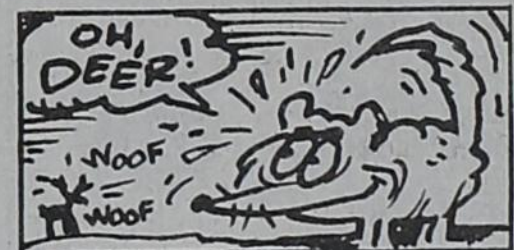
MARCH 25—Jack and Nell Ingram.

MARCH 26—Mark and Lisa Neill.

MARCH 27—Richard and Kay Dykes.

MARCH 28—Jack and Clara Patton, Jack and Nila Ball.

MARCH 29—Paul and Mary Fuentes.



The brown Indian muntjac, or barking deer, barks like a dog when excited. The buck is 30 inches tall and has two-tined antlers, about four inches long.

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Dance to the music of TRAVIS & MIKE Saturday, March 26 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Gerry's First Place 208 S.E. 4th, Dimmitt Members and Guest Welcomed Club Hours: 4-12, Sunday 2-12  
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# People



Derek Prater and Deborah Lackey

## Prater, Lackey to wed

Walter and Brenda Lackey of Muleshoe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brenda Lackey, to Derek Prater, son of Arnold and Pat Prater of Muleshoe.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows June 11 in the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe. The bride-elect will graduate from Muleshoe High School in May.

Prater is a 1981 graduate of Muleshoe High School and is employed at the First State Bank in Dimmitt.

The couple plans to make their home in Dimmitt following the wedding.

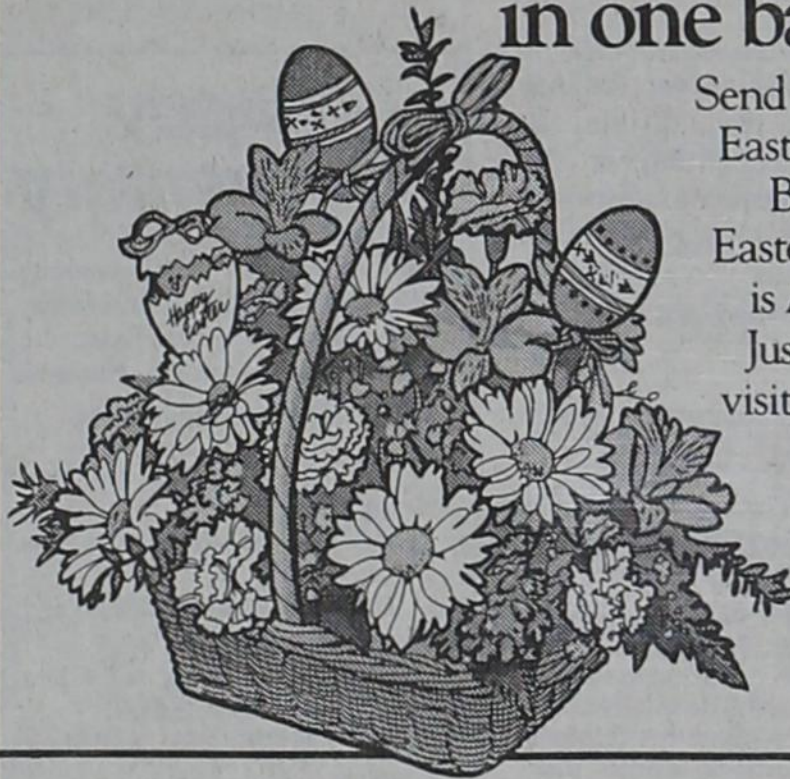
## Hawaiian Luau Membership Supper

Monday, March 28  
7:00 p.m.  
Dimmitt Country Club

All newcomers welcomed!



## Put all your Easter wishes in one basket.



Send the FTD® Easter Basket Bouquet. Easter Sunday is April 3. Just call or visit us today.



Specialty Easter Baskets starting at \$5.  
Easter Lillies  
All kinds of Easter Gifts under \$5.

## Seale Florist

310 N. Broadway

647-3554

## Rev. Nelson-Daniel named to UMC conference staff

Rev. Connie Nelson-Daniel, a Dimmitt native, is the new director of communications for the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Her duties include editing the conference edition of *The United Methodist Reporter* and supervising conference-level communications in other media to benefit local churches and districts.

Working from conference offices in Lubbock, she serves an area composed of seven Methodist districts that are headquartered in Pampa, Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock, Big Spring, Seymour and Abilene.

She assumed her new post March 14 on a part-time basis, and will devote full time to the job after the church's annual conference in June in Abilene. Meanwhile, she will complete her second term as pastor of the Methodist churches at Welch and Wellman.

Her husband, Larry, is pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Seagraves. The Nelson-Daniels have a 2-year-old daughter, Katherine.

Rev. Nelson-Daniel, 29, brings a varied ministerial background to her new post, having served both rural and metropolitan churches in the US and overseas. She served on the staff of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland, where she developed a lay education program; was an intern pastor at Lover's Lane UMC in Dallas, where she was involved in print and video communication ministries as well as visitation, mission and education; and served a year as part of a team ministry in the Leeds South Circuit in northern England before her appointment to the Welch and Wellman rural churches.

She is also a graduate journalist, having received a bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin before entering the Perkins School of Theology at SMU. Her work in journalism has included staff positions on *The Castro County News*, *The Taos News* in New Mexico, *The United Methodist Reporter* in Dallas, *The Daily Texan*, UT student newspa-



Rev. Connie Nelson-Daniel

per, and *The Cactus*, UT yearbook. She also served as assistant to the director of media services for the Texas House of Representatives while an undergraduate at UT.

"This is really the fulfillment of my professional goal for ministry," Rev. Nelson-Daniel said of her new post. "I grew up in a newspaper family and wanted somehow to combine my interest in communications and my calling to ministry."

A 1976 graduate of Dimmitt High School, she is the daughter of Don and Verbie Nelson of Dimmitt, and the granddaughter of B. M. Nelson of Dimmitt and Vadabel Oldham of Lubbock.

While serving at Welch and Wellman, she has been elected vice-president of the Terry County Ministerial Alliance and this year was awarded the "Professional of the Year" honor by the Dawson County Soil and Water Conservation District. She also is one of 12 pastors from across the US chosen for the 1987-89 Young Pastors' Mentor Program at Perkins School of Theology, SMU. She chaired the curriculum committee for the 1987 Vision (senior high) Camp Task Force, and serves on the executive and finance committees of the Northwest Texas Conference's Church Growth and Revitalization Commission.

## Rhoads Library joins 'Computer Age'

Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt is coming of age—the computer age that is.

## Cotton places in forensic state tourney

Jayne Cotton, Dimmitt High School senior, placed sixth in the Texas Forensic Association's speech tournament in Austin March 11-12.

She performed a dramatic interpretation, a scene from *Children of a Lesser God*, an award-winning screenplay about a young deaf-mute woman.

"To do her scene, she not only had to memorize and interpret the words of the script, but also had to learn it in sign language," her coach, Elayne Patridge, said.

Cotton advanced to the state tournament by placing at a recent qualifying tournament held at Amarillo Tascosa High School.

The county's main library will soon join other Panhandle libraries in using computers to check out books.

Last year, Rhoads Memorial joined the Harrington Library Consortium in order to be included in the Texas Panhandle regional computer network. As a result, Castro County residents will have the whole region's resources at their fingertips.

The computer will not only check out books, it will also show a catalog of the materials held by the other 19 libraries in the network group. These libraries include the Amarillo Public Library, Amarillo College Library, the West Texas State University Library, the Texas Tech Health Science Library at Amarillo and 15 other county libraries.

Library patrons in Castro County will soon be receiving a library card with a personal ID bar code. his library card will be good at all other Harrington Consortium libraries. In order to get this card, you must be a resident of Castro County. Non-resident cards will be available.

Library users who have over-due books will not get their cards until their books and materials have been returned. Lost books must be paid for. In the future it will be more expensive for a patron to replace lost books so now is the time for library users to clear their names.

Patrons may contact the library by calling 647-3532 Tuesday through Friday and Saturday mornings.

The county library will remain closed on Mondays.



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## Lantz is feted

Teresa Ann Lantz, bride-elect of Rick Hopping, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Geneva Schaeffer.

Guests were greeted by the hostess, the honoree, the honoree's mother, Carol Lantz and Sherea Hopping, mother of the prospective groom.

Faye Killough and Christy Killough registered guests.

36 hostesses presented the honoree with a gold flatware service for 12 and a vegetable bowl that matched her china pattern.

A silk flower arrangement of peach and green peonies accented with peach scented potpourri decorated the serving table. Brass appointments were used to serve fruit punch and coffee, miniature cinnamon rolls, fruit muffins, fresh fruit and bacon wrapped bread sticks to approximately 100 guests.

Jean Bradford Whitehead and Tami Griffitt assisted at the serving table.

Special guests were Ira Bryan, Boone Gunter and Jo Forgy, great-aunts of the bride-to-be; Callie Combest, the honoree's cousin; Cheryl Robb Harmon and Jan Robb, all of Amarillo.

Other out-of-town guests were Shirley Saxton and Pat Walter of Plainview; Nelda Askey of Dalhart, Judy Carol Hill of Silverton and Maryzoe Owens of Littlefield.

## Presbyterian Happenings

There will be a workshop at the First Presbyterian Church of Tulia Saturday that will introduce all Sunday school teachers to the new teaching materials from 1 to 4 p.m.

There is a Sunday church school class for everyone, every Sunday at 10 a.m. The adult Bible class meets at the home of Mrs. Emily Clingsmith. All other classes meet at the church.

"Good People and Bad People" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's Palm Sunday sermon at 11 a.m.

Holy Week Lenten services will be held Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7 p.m.

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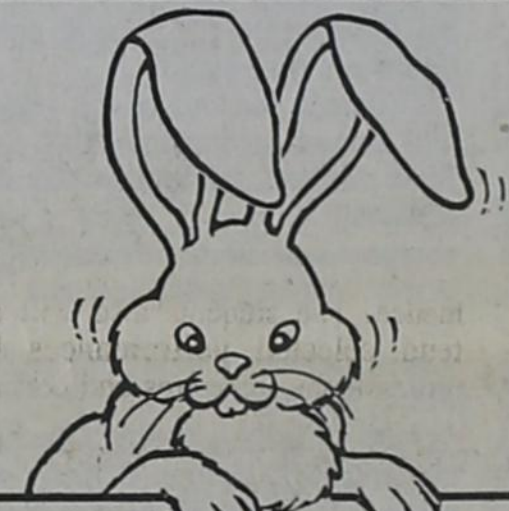
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There will be two divisions with one winner from each division: Division 1—children of ages up to 24 months old, Division 2—children ages between 2 to 5 years. The pictures will be selected anonymously by an out of town judge. The contest is open to the public, so come to Tots and Teens on March 26 to get a beautiful Easter picture and maybe you will be the winner of a \$50.00 gift certificate!

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## Acker-Pettus vows recited Saturday

Margie L. Acker of Dimmitt and Edward J. Pettus of Amarillo exchanged wedding vows Saturday in an informal ceremony in his home south of Amarillo.

Ken Harlan of Amarillo, Baptist minister, officiated at the single-ring ceremony.

Matron of honor was the bride's daughter, Karen McSpadden of Dimmitt. Mark Pettus of Dallas served his father as best man.

A reception for family and friends was held in the home following the ceremony.

The couple have established their home in Amarillo, where the groom is employed by Crouse Hinds Co.

## Musician chosen for tour

R. Glenn Stokes Jr., of Opelika, Ala., grandson of Ioma Stokes of Dimmitt, has been chosen to tour Europe and England next summer as a member of the United States Collegiate Wind Band.

The son of Ronny and Brooka Stokes, he plays trumpet in the Opelika High School Band.

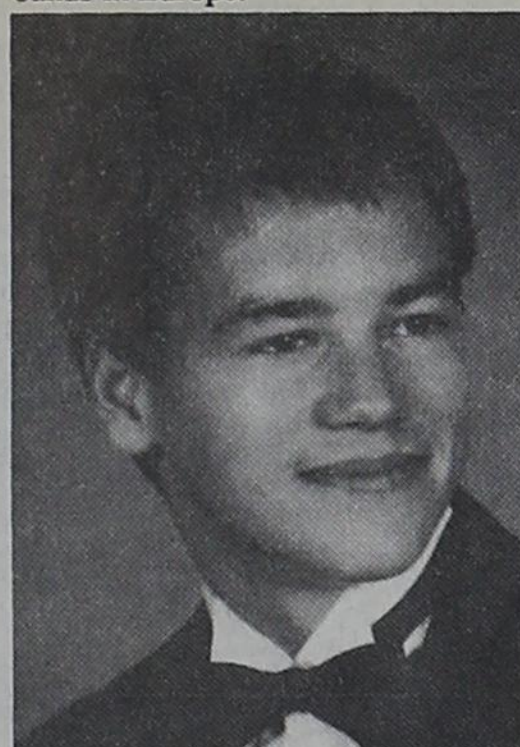
Stokes was chosen for the national band because of his recent selection to the All-American Hall of Fame of Distinguished High School Musicians. His invitation came from Dr. Al G. Wright, director emeritus of bands at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

The US Collegiate Wind Band will make a three-week concert tour in July that will include London, Paris, Lugano, Salzburg, Lucern and other musical centers of Europe.

The 92-member Wind Band will assemble in New York City for four days of rehearsals prior to flying to Brussels to begin the tour. American, Canadian and European conductors will direct the group in

its various concerts.

In addition to their concert performances, members of the group will visit such musical shrines as Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, Wagner's home and studio in Lucern, Beethoven's home in Bonn, and Chopin's London residence. The students also will attend selected performances by professional orchestras and concert bands in Europe.



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## Touchstone to model at DYH Silent Auction

Tricia Touchstone of Dimmitt, reigning South Plains Maid of Cotton, will be on hand to model fashions from her all-cotton wardrobe at the Dimmitt Young Homemakers "Silent Auction" tonight (Thursday) at 7:15 p.m.

The "Silent Auction" is being held to raise money for scholarships for deserving students interested in furthering their education in home economics or education.

The sale will be held in the Dimmitt High School home economics room.

Items that will be sold on the auction are being made and donated by club members and other interested members of the community. Items will include baked goods, stenciled items, collars, belts, cross-stitched items, hand-decorated

sweat shirts and other hand-made items.

"This would be a wonderful opportunity to buy some Easter gifts for friends and relatives while helping our local students," said Lynn Sides, spokesperson for the DYH.

"We would like to thank you for supporting the DYH scholarship fund each year through the Christmas bazaar. This year we would like to give more than one scholarship since there are many deserving students and we hope this auction will enable us to do that," Sides said.

Anyone who has any questions concerning the auction may contact Sides at 647-5122 days or 647-2589 nights; Becky Jones at 647-3461; or Lisa Mixson at 647-5174, days or 647-3233, nights.

## Dannevik to attend national conference

William Paul Dannevik of Dimmitt, one of 300 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the country is taking part in the National Young Leaders Conference which began Tuesday at Washington, D.C.

Dannevik, a student at Dimmitt High School, has been selected as a congressional scholar based on demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citizenship.

The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conference, the congressional scholars meet with key government leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

The "Legislative Day" opened with welcoming remarks from Representative Marge Roukema of New Jersey on the floor of the

## Byrnes is honored

Rala Byrnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Byrnes of Dimmitt, has been named a United States National Achievement Academy winner in leadership service.

Byrnes, a student at Dimmitt High School, was nominated for the award by Sue Howell, counselor at the school.

Byrnes is the granddaughter of Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer of Dimmitt, Bob and Jean DuLaney of Austin and buddy and Jeri Byrnes of Clovis, N.M.

United States House of Representatives. To gain insight into the lobbying process, the congressional scholars attend a government relations forum where they meet with representatives from lobbying organizations. Dannevik will meet with Representative Larry Combest, Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Senator Phil Gramm or appointed members of their respective staffs during the day.

The "Judicial/Foreign Affairs Day" begins with a discussion by Judge William Wilkins, chairman of the United States Sentencing Commission on the roll of the Supreme Court and judicial review. A foreign policy briefing covering the Middle East follows at the Department of State. Dividing into small groups, the congressional scholars visit several embassies.

The "Media Exchange Day" opens with a breakfast panel discussion led by prominent journalists. Following the panel discussion, the Honorable James C. Miller, director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Honorable Samuel Pierce, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development will speak and take questions on their respective areas within the executive branch of government.

In a moving experience at Arlington Cemetery, congressional scholars lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. The scholars also participate in a Mock Congress, where they assume the roles of US Representatives by debating, lobbying and voting on proposed drug testing legislation.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a non-partisan educational organization.



Shawn Moulton and Trisha Lynn Huffhines

## Wedding plans set

Garry and Yvonne Huffhines of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Trisha Lynn, to Shawn Moulton, son of Ray Moulton and Caroline Moulton, both of Dixon, Calif.

The couple is planning to exchange wedding vows June 11 in the E.B. Black House in Hereford. The bride-elect will graduate

The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Clayton Valley High School in Concord, Calif.

The couple plans to make their home in Dimmitt following the wedding.

from Dimmitt High School in May. She plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall, majoring in psychology.

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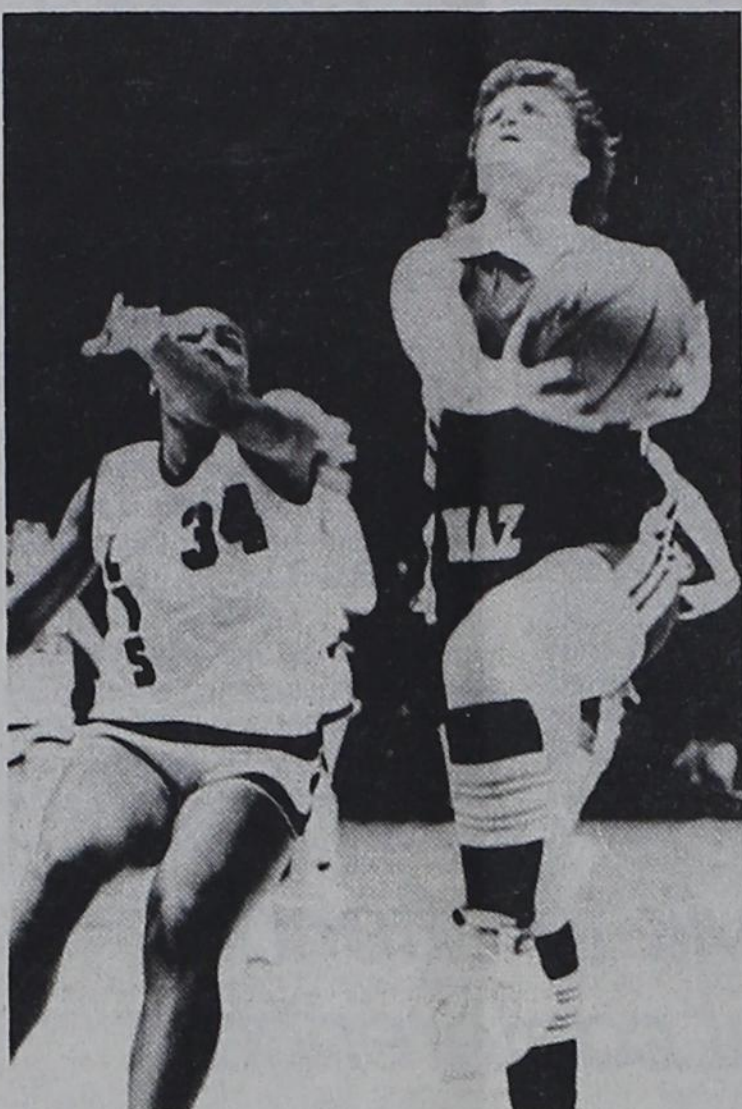
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# TABC All-Staters



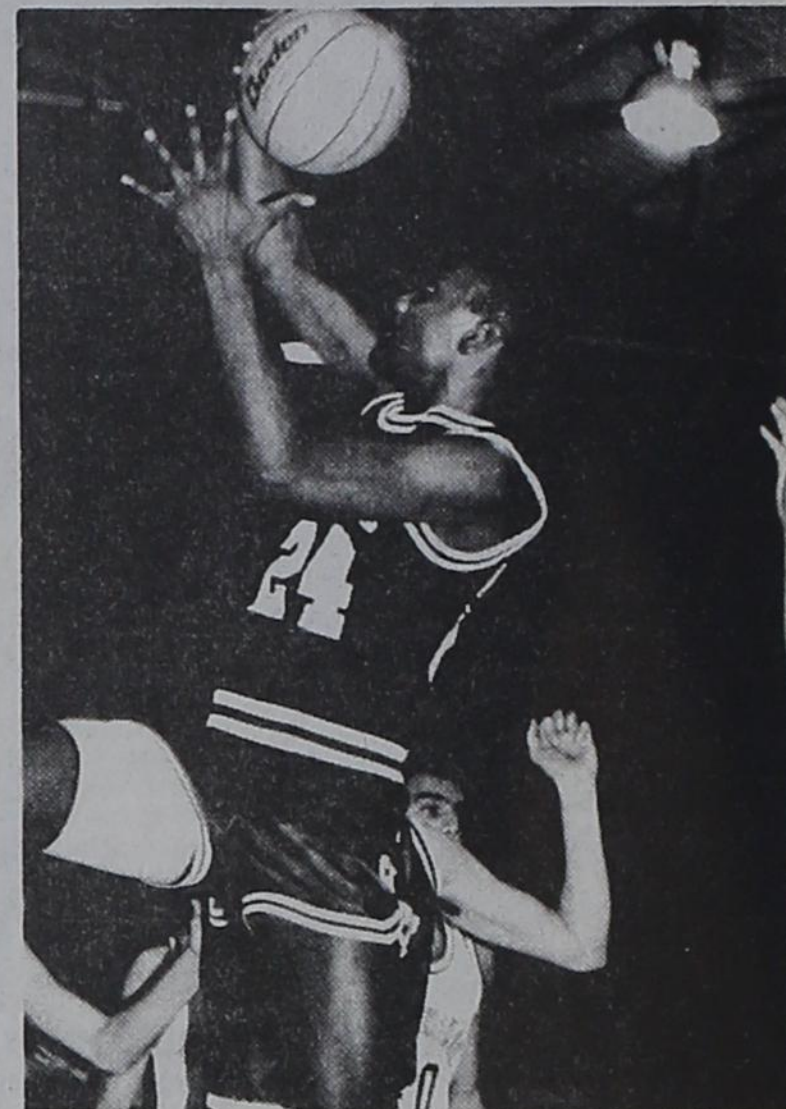
Rachel Huseman



Traci Hill



Stephanie Brockman



James Alexander

## Sports

### Alexander, McDonald make all-region team

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches has named Dimmitt seniors James Alexander and Warren McDonald to its All-Region I-AAA first team. It's the fourth post-season honor for Alexander, who also was named to the all-district, all-regional tournament and TABC all-state first teams, and the third for McDonald, who has been named to the all-district and all-state tournament teams.

The two seniors were the scoring leaders for the regional champion Bobcats this year. Alexander averaged 20.1 points per game while McDonald's norm was 19.4 points

per contest. Alexander is the son of James and Ettie Alexander. McDonald is the son of Carolyn McDonald and the grandson of Matthew and Callie Daniel.

Here are the TABC's Region I-AAA all-star boys' teams:  
**First Team:** JAMES ALEXANDER, Dimmitt Sr.; WARREN McDONALD, Dimmitt Sr.; Lance Auburg, Brownfield Sr.; Charles Ward, Marlin Jr.; Ted Morgan, Sanford-Fritch Sr.  
**Second Team:** Jay Cantrell, Brownfield Sr.; Lorenzo Winn, Lampasas Jr.; Jeff Wood, Abilene Wylie Sr.; Tracy Saul, Idalou Jr.; Clint Dolezel, Waco Robinson Jr.  
**Third Team:** Richard Cano, Littlefield Sr.; Randy Donnell, Greenwood Jr.; Chris Piel, Ballinger Sr.; Rick Johnson, Burnet Sr.; Corey Cates, Kermit Sr.

### Bobbies snare all-district honors

Three members of the District 2-AAA champion Dimmitt Bobbies were named to the all-district squad while another trio earned honorable mention honors.

Junior Sydelle McDonald, sophomore Gloria Gauna and freshman Renae Josselet all earned first team all-district honors for the 1987-88 season.

Kristi Petty, Alicia Shippy and Becky Rodriguez received honorable mention for their performances. Others on the all-2-AAA squad were Debbie Brown and Wendy Green of Muleshoe, Jennifer Tucker of Tulia, Amanda McDaniel and Angie Bertrand of Floydada, and Tiffany Osborn and Trudy Reeve of Friona.



LaDawn Schmucker

### Schmucker named all-LSC

LaDawn Schmucker, daughter of Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker of Nazareth, has been named to the All-Lone Star Conference women's honorable mention basketball team. Schmucker, a 5-8 junior guard for the Eastern New Mexico State University Lady Zias, averaged 10.9 points a game and led the team with 56 three-pointers on the year. She is a 1985 graduate of Nazareth High School and was a member of the state champion Nazareth Swiftettes in 1984 and 1985.

### DHS girl runners on area honor roll

Three individual runners and two relay teams from Dimmitt High School's girls' track squad are among the top 10 in the Panhandle area in their events so far, according to the *Amarillo Daily News*.

The newspaper publishes a "Girls' Track Honor Roll" weekly which lists the best recorded times and distances to date. The list includes schools of all classes.

Bobbies who made the season's first list this week are:  
 —Sydelle McDonald, ranked 4th in the 400-meter dash with 60.38.  
 —Renae Harman, ranked 5th in the 3,200-meter run with 12:39.7.  
 —Poppy Thomas, tied for 8th ranking in the 100-meter dash with 12.9.

—The 400-meter relay team of Sydelle McDonald, Poppy Thomas, India Thomas and Tessa Chavers, ranked 6th with 51.6.

—The 1,600-meter relay team of Gloria Gauna, Alicia Shippy, Poppy Thomas and Sydelle McDonald, ranked 7th with 4:16.7.

### Promenaders plan dance

The Dimmitt Promenaders Square Dance Club will have its annual anniversary dance April 2 at the Castro County Expo Building.

Rounds will start at 7:30 p.m. and the grand march will start at 8 p.m.

Admission to the dance will be a \$5 donation, paid at the door. Callers will be Jimmy Gouge and Billy Foster and the cuers for the round dance will be Bill and Paula Harman.

### More about

## Alexander is all-state . . .

(Continued from Page 1)  
 year, Alexander played in four regional championship games, three state semifinals and one state championship game during his high school career. This year he was the team's scoring leader, averaging

20.1 points per game during the season. His high individual game score was 30 against Littlefield. He also averaged 7.6 rebounds per game.

Alexander is the second member of this year's Bobcat team to make

all-state. Warren McDonald, Dimmitt's leading scorer in the state semifinals game against Sweeny, was named last week to the all-state tournament team.

Joining Alexander on the TABC's Class AAA all-state first team were Nick Best, 6-5 senior, and Benford Williams, 6-5 senior, both of Sweeny, two-time state champion; Pat Mahomes, 6-2 Lindale senior; and Ricky Wilson, 6-4 Gonzales senior. Williams was named TABC's Class AAA Player of the Year.

The TABC all-state consensus teams also included these other players familiar to Dimmitt fans:

- Lance Auburg, 5-9 Brownfield senior, and Lance Harper, 5-7 senior from Corpus Christi West Osco, Class AAAA second team;
- Charles Ward, 6-5 Marlin junior, and Chris Howard, 6-4 Wills Point junior, Class AAA third team;
- Will Flemons, 6-7 Paducah senior, and Bryan Barnes, 6-6 Paducah junior, Class A first team (Flemons also was named TABC's Class A Player of the Year);
- Tony Joyce, 6-3 Morton senior, Class AA second team;
- Craig Lillie, 6-5 Cleveland senior, Class AAAA first team;
- Brian Mayfield, 6-6 Big Spring senior, Class AAAA second team.

### Kids, Inc. Basketball Schedule

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TONIGHT: 7:30 p.m., Newton Electric vs. B&W Aerial Spray.  
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 MONDAY: 7:30 p.m., Pizza Hut vs. Lane Dirt Company.  
 TUESDAY: 5:30 p.m., Wallace Ford vs. Newton Electric; 6:30 p.m., Dimmitt Equipment vs. American Fructose; 7:30 p.m., Paxton Tire & Service vs. B&W Aerial Spray.  
 NEXT THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m., Dimmitt Agri Industries vs. Lane Dirt Company; 8:30 p.m., Dimmitt Consumers vs. Wallace Ford.

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FRIDAY: 5:30 P.M., Dimmitt Thriftway vs. Flagg Grain; 6:30 p.m., Dimmitt Motor Company vs. Castro Oil and Gas; 7:30 p.m., Flagg Fertilizer vs. Castro County News.  
 TUESDAY: 5:30 p.m., Dimmitt Thriftway vs. Castro County Farm Bureau; 6:30 p.m., Brown, Graham and Company vs. Castro Oil and Gas; 7:30 p.m., Flagg Grain

#### MINOR GIRLS

TONIGHT: 5:30 p.m., Hi-Plains Oil Company vs. Coleman Pharmacy; 6:30 p.m. First State Bank vs. Headhunters.  
 MONDAY: 5:30 p.m., Stump Insurance vs. First State Bank; 6:30 p.m., Headhunters vs. Hi-Plains Oil Company.  
 NEXT THURSDAY: 5:30 p.m., Coleman Pharmace vs. Headhunters; 6:30 p.m., Hi-Plains Oil Company vs. Stump Insurance.

#### MAJOR GIRLS

TONIGHT: 5:30 p.m., LaCoiffures vs. George's Exxon; 6:30 p.m., Bob Towler Equipment vs. Bryant's Sales and Service; 7:30 p.m., OPM INV vs. Associated Insurance.  
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## Track Results

### Tulla Hornet Relays

#### Girls

**TEAM TOTALS:** 1. Tulia, 153; 2. Dimmitt, 139; 3. White Deer, 137; 4. Floydada, 46; 5. Kress, 42; 6. Friona, 26; 7. Littlefield, 13.

**3200-meter run:** 1. Renae Harman, 12:39.75 (School record); 2. Imelda Perez, 13:56.19.

**400-meter relay:** 1. Dimmitt (India Thomas, Poppy Thomas, Tessa Chavers, Sydelle McDonald), 51.56.

**100-meter hurdles:** 6. Tessa Chavers, 18.5.

**100-meter dash:** 2. Poppy Thomas, 13.16.

**400-meter dash:** 1. Sydelle McDonald, 62.94; 3. Alicia Shippy, 65.34; 6. Gloria Gauna, 67.57.

**800-meter relay:** 2. Dimmitt (Maggi Paxton, Renae Josselet, Tessa Chavers, India Thomas), 1:55.19.

**200-meter dash:** 1. India Thomas, 28.12.

**1600-meter run:** 2. Renae Harman, 5:58; 4. Imelda Perez, 6:22.

**1600-meter relay:** 1. Dimmitt (Gloria Gauna, Alicia Shippy, Poppy Thomas, Sydelle McDonald), (School Record), 4:16.66.

**Shot Put:** 2. Suzanne Mendez, 30-2.

**Triple Jump:** 2. Sydelle McDonald, 32-9 1/2.

**Discus:** 6. Suzanne Mendez, 76-4 1/2.

#### BOYS

**TEAM TOTALS:** 1. Friona, 154; 2. Tulia, 125; 3. Dimmitt, 85; 4. Littlefield, 68; 5. Floydada 55; 6. Kress, 30; 7. Happy 8; 9. Tulia JV, 6.

**110 high hurdles:** 5. Kelly Howell, 17.33.

**100-meter run:** 1. Chad Davis, 11.19; 6. Brian Stewart, 11.88.

**1600-meter run:** 2. Joe Velasquez, 5:05.47.

**400-meter relay:** 2. Dimmitt (Roberto Alafa, James Alexander, Warren McDonald, Chad Davis), 45.51.

**300 IM Hurdles:** 1. Chad Davis, 41.07; 5. Kelley Howell, 43.91.

**3200-meter run:** 6. Reagan Frye, 11:41.14.

**1600-meter relay:** 5. Dimmitt (Jim Nelson, Coby Moke, Jason Griffith, Kelly Howell), 3:43.17.

**Long Jump:** 5. Jason Griffith, 18-9 1/2.

**High Jump:** 1. James Alexander 6-2; 3. Jim Nelson 6-0; 6. Coby Moke, 5-10.

**Shot put:** 3. Scott Sava, 45-1/2; 4. Prontiss Washington, 43-5 3/4.

**Pole Vault:** 6. Kelly Howell, 9-6.

**Discus:** 5. Raul Jackson, 110-6 1/2.

## Outsiders tourney set

An outsiders mens basketball tourney has been scheduled in Nazareth for April 11 through 15 at the high school gym.

Anyone interested in entering a team in the tournament has until April 5 to call Lisa Anglin, 945-2286 or Nathalie Neil, 945-2283, after 5 p.m., or the school at 945-2521 during regular office hours.

Entry fees are \$75 per team and there is no limit on the number of teams that can enter.

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Thanks once again to all of you in the community who have supported the youth of this county and the stock show year after year.

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to all the buyers at this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show.

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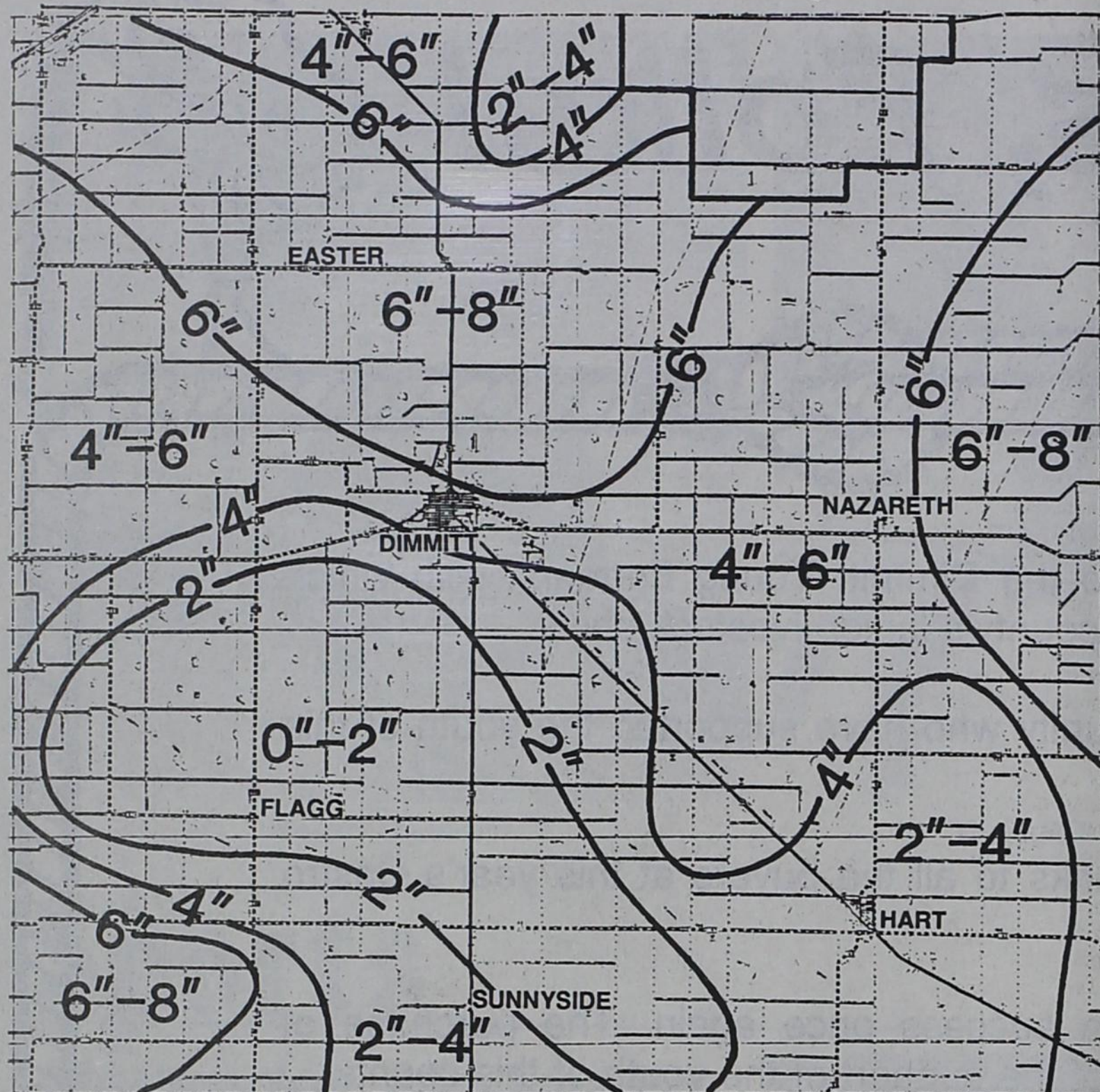
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## Dimmitt Young Farmers



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Inches of moisture needed in 1987-88 to wet the top five feet of soil to field capacity in Castro County according to recent surveys conducted by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

## County soil moisture deficits range from 0-8

Soil moisture deficits in the portion of Castro County which lies within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District's boundaries range from zero inches to eight inches.

Pre-plant irrigation will be needed in most areas of the county to bring soil moisture levels up to field capacity for average or above average crop yields.

The plant root zone is drier than it has been in the past several years, according to data taken during the annual pre-plant soil moisture survey done by the Water District and the USDA-Soil Conservation Service.

An area requiring zero to two inches of water is located northeast of Flagg, and this area narrows until it reaches the Castro-Lamb County line. Two to four inches of water will be required near Hart, while six to eight inches of water will be needed east of Nazareth. In the area immediately north of Dimmitt, six to eight inches of water will be needed to fill the top five feet of the soil profile to field

capacity prior to planting.

Moisture levels in the top foot are generally fair to good and should provide excellent conditions for land preparation. While there may be sufficient moisture for plowing, SCS Soil Scientist Mike Risinger is concerned that producers will be misled by these moist plow layer conditions.

"Most fields are much drier below the 12 to 18 inch levels," Risinger said.

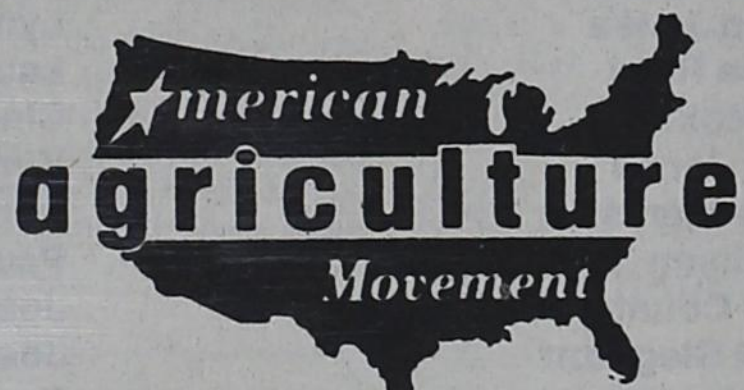
Soil moisture conditions are measured at approximately 220 neutron tube sites throughout the Water District's 15-county service area. Soil moisture monitoring sites

are selected to be representative of the soil type and farm management practices typical in the area.

Soil moisture availability and deficit maps are drawn by the Water District as a tool to give producers an idea of soil moisture conditions in their area. With this information, farmers can make better water management decisions and avoid over-irrigating or under-irrigating in the spring.

For additional soil moisture information, contact the SCS office or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Office, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405 or call 762-0181.

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## Kent Birkenfeld places in National Corn Growers contest

Kent Birkenfeld has been farming southwest of Nazareth for over 12 years, but 1987 proved to be his most successful year ever for corn yields.

It was so good, in fact, that he finished third and fourth in the National Corn Growers Association Contest.

Birkenfeld planted Garst hybrids 8345 and 4445 side-by-side for the contest.

"I got a 249.2 bushel per acre yield with 8345 and 248.4 bushels per acre with 4445," Birkenfeld said. "I chose these varieties because they have good yield potential and they lived up to their billing."

Birkenfeld fertilized with 170 pounds of nitrogen per acre plus 115 pounds side-dressed. He also applied 67 pounds of phosphorus, 12 pounds of potash, 10 pounds of sulphur and 1.3 pounds of zinc, all pre-plant.

"We were planting fewer acres because of the farm program, so we added a little more fertilizer last year to try and boost yields," Birkenfeld said.

Birkenfeld plants in single, 40-inch rows and he furrow irrigates using a surge pump. He pre-watered and had five waterings during the growing season.

"I've been using surge irrigation for three years," he said. "We can water about 20 to 25% more acreage in a day with surge, but when you're watering corn, you have to be sure the water gets to the bottom end of the field."

The computer-programmed surge irrigation valve cuts water on and off to different parts of the field, causing the water to move more quickly along a furrow. Surge provides a more uniform distribution of water and reduces deep percolation loss and tailwater.

In the last few years, Birkenfeld has rotated his corn with winter wheat or left the corn ground fallow for a season. The corn was harvested on September 28, 1987,

at 19% moisture on the 8345 and 18.7% on the 4445.

have to pay as much for drying charges and we still had good corn. It's hard to put your finger on why the yields were this good. I know the ground was in good shape and it was a good year for corn in our area. We didn't get any hail and that helped."

"Our corn was fairly dry, but we couldn't get into the fields any earlier because of early September rains," Birkenfeld said. "It actually saved us money because we didn't



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CONGRESSMAN LARRY COMBEST (far right) captured the attention of all members of Deaf Smith Rural Electric Co-op as the featured speaker at the cooperative's annual meeting Saturday night in Hereford. The cooperative's board

of directors including (from left) Tony Acker, Clarence Martin, Clark Andrews and Donald Wright were on hand for the occasion. Wright, Andrews and Clark were all re-elected to the board.

## Energas names Betzen as manager

Kelvin Betzen, former manager of the Dimmitt Energas Company, has been promoted to Hereford district manager by the company.

Betzen will preside over the Hereford district, an area that includes the towns of Hereford, Friona and Dimmitt.

Born in Hereford, Betzen is a graduate of Hereford High School and attended West Texas State university. He joined Energas in Hereford in 1971 as a construction trainee. After holding positions of service foreman in Canyon and

Amarillo, he was appointed manager in Dimmitt in 1984. In 1985 he became Amarillo service superintendent.

Betzen has been an active Kiwanis member in Canyon, Dimmitt and Amarillo, and in 1982, he received the Canyon Kiwanian of the Year Award. He was also a board member of the American Cancer Society in Amarillo. Betzen and his wife, Cathy, have three children.

Energas provides natural gas distribution service to customers in Kentucky, Louisiana and Texas.



Lewis McDaniel

## McDaniel promoted to manager

Lewis McDaniel, former serviceman in Dimmitt for Southwestern Public Service Company from 1965 to 1968, has been named Hereford district manager for SPS.

As Hereford district manager, McDaniel will supervise SPS operations in Dimmitt, Bovina, Friona, Happy and Littleton as well as Hereford. He replaces Troy Waddell, who has been transferred to SPS's Panhandle Division offices in Amarillo as administrative services specialist.

McDaniel, 49, had been SPS manager in Floydada. He began his career with SPS in 1957 as a meter reader in Littlefield. He then served as an apprentice lineman and journeyman lineman in Plainview, a serviceman in Dimmitt, serviceman-manager and local manager in Bovina, and local manager in Crosbyton. He was named Floydada area manager in 1980.

McDaniel is a native of Tulia. He and his wife, Gene, have three children.

## Price to head GroAgri Co.

Larry Price has been named president of GroAgri Seed Company of Lubbock.

James Hopkins, former president, has been appointed vice president of Agrigenetics and president of Agrigenetics International Division.

Price's career in the seed business began in 1967 with Taylor Evans Seed Company of Tulia, where he was production manager for 10 years. Price joined Growers Seed Association in 1977 as production manager and has served in that position since that time.

Price, a West Texan since 1962, earned his Bachelor of Science degree and his Masters of Science degree in agronomy from Texas Tech University. He is a member of the Texas and American Seed Trade Associations and the American Society of Agronomy.

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## Beef seminar is set

"Beef for Today," a program on beef will be held Tuesday, April 5, at the banquet room of the Hereford Community Center, Park Ave. and Avenue C.

Sponsored by the Castro, Deaf Smith and Oldham County Texas Agricultural Extension offices and by the Texas Cattle Women, the program will be held in two sessions—from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or beginning at 6 p.m. that evening.

The programs are open to the public and anyone interested in attending should call their local

Extension office for reservations and cost of the seminar.

Speakers Dan Hale, meat specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; and Lou Anne Smoot, communications specialist with the Texas Beef Industry Council, will talk on new retail rates, new consumer cutting for cry-vac (vacuum-pac) and new beef nutrition for good health. Beef information exhibits will also be set up.

Door prizes will also be awarded.

## Mid-Plains to retire 1980 capital credits

The board of directors of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative have agreed to retire 100% of the capital credits for the year of 1980.

The decision to pay the capital credits was based on the strong financial condition of the Cooperative and a commitment by the board of directors to continue a tradition of refunding capital credits each year since 1980. After this year's payment, which totals over \$600,000, the total capital credit payments by the cooperative to date will be \$1,990,000.

Checks will be mailed out March 28 to the Cooperative's members who had telephone service with the Cooperative during the year of 1980. Members capital credits are

based on net margins for the year and total billing of the cooperative for services provided to the members. Each member who used telephone services provided by Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., in 1980 will receive back in cash approximately 47 cents for every dollar spent with the cooperative in 1980.

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# County voters to decide on Water District annexation

Castro County voters will decide whether or not to ratify the annexation of a portion of eastern Crosby County into the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in a special election Saturday, April 2.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall in the alderman's meeting room. Oleta Gollehon will be the presiding judge for the election.

The proposed Crosby County addition includes the parts of County Commissioners' Precincts 1, 2 and 4 located above the Caprock. The western precinct of Crosby County above the Caprock joined the Water District in April, 1969.

Residents of the Crosby County annexation area will be asked to approve a maximum tax rate of five cents per \$100 assessed valuation, even though the current Water District tax rate is .007 cents per \$100 valuation. This will provide the same maximum tax rate previously approved by residents of the Water District in 1951. The annual tax rate is set by the Water District's Board of Directors and levied uniformly throughout the District.

The Water District Board called the elections after receiving petitions and hearing testimony from Crosby County landowners in Jan-

uary and February.

Separate elections for the proposed annexation area and for the 15-county area presently served by the Water District are required by the Texas Water Code. A majority vote favoring the annexation in both elections is required before the proposed area can be added to the Water District.

The election returns will be made April 5 to the secretary of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 Board

of Directors for canvassing in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

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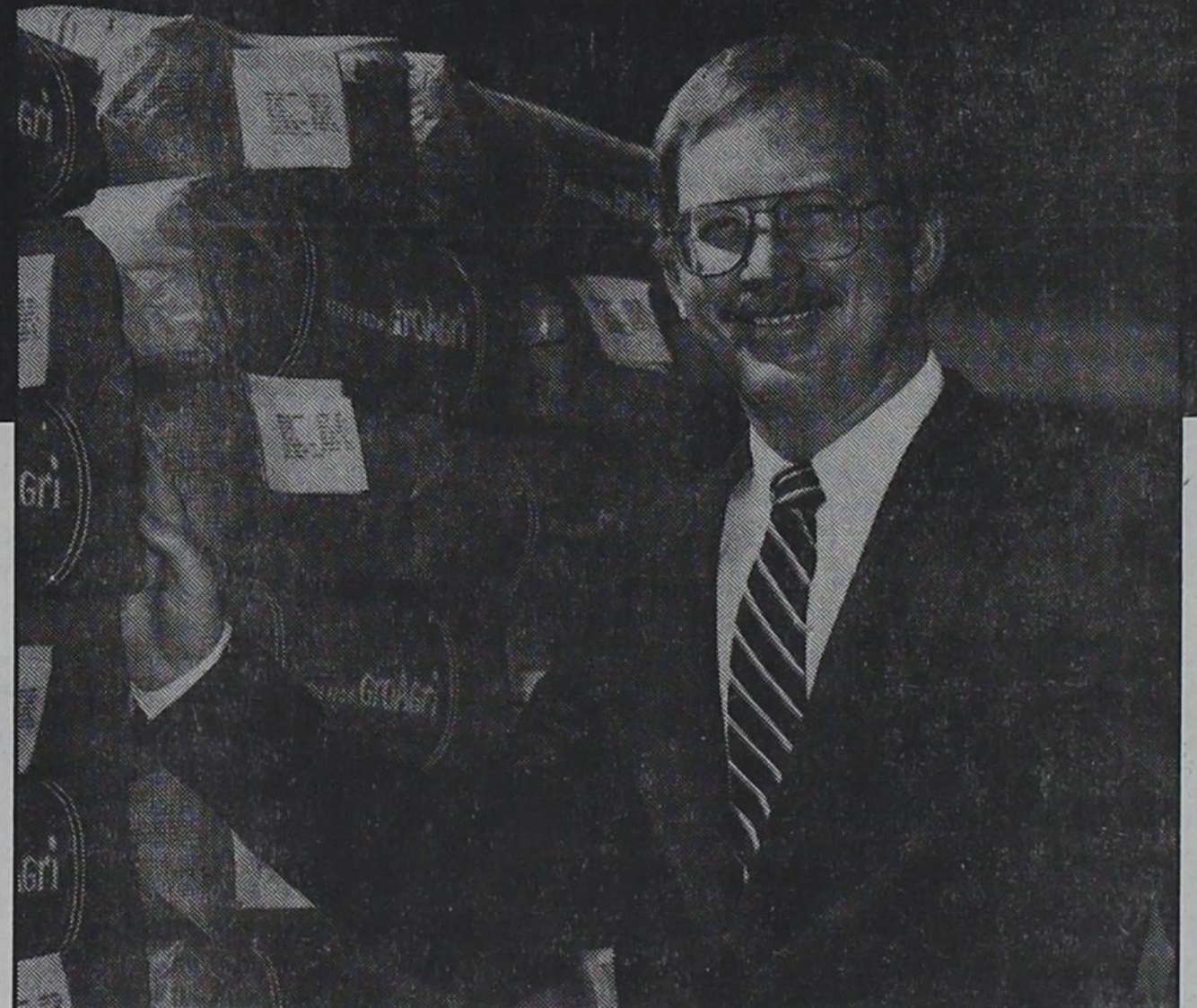
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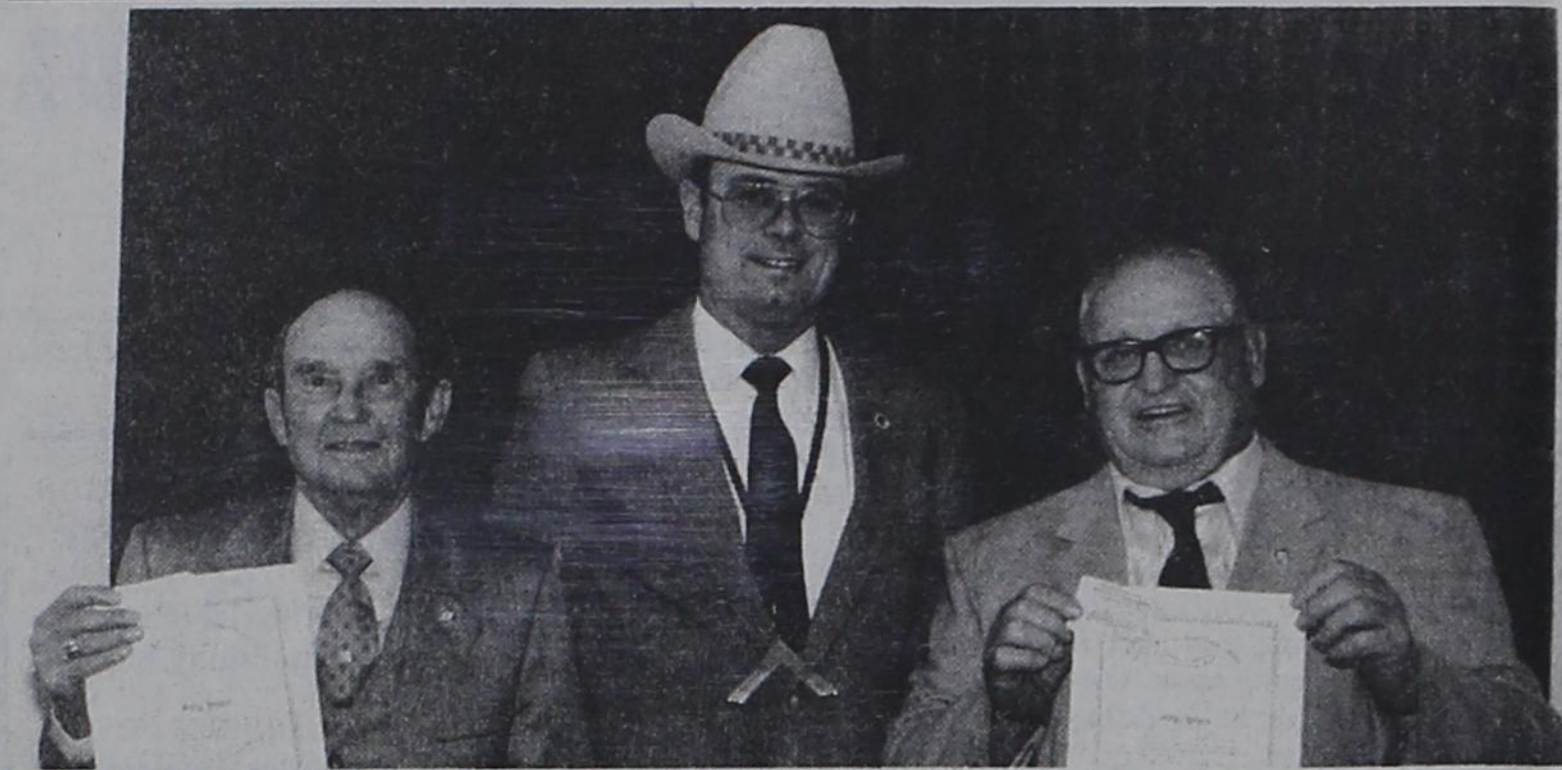
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**50-YEAR MASONS**—Bernard Brown (left) of Salida, Colo., and Leland Hudson (right) of Groom returned to their home lodge, Castro Masonic Lodge 879, to receive their 50-year membership certificates Friday evening. Shown with the two longtime lodge members is Worshipful Master James Baker. The awards were presented by James Slough during a joint meeting of the Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star chapter.

## Nazareth

By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Going to San Antonio for the Knights of Columbus free throw contest from our local council were Justin Wethington, Kristin Brockman, Lynnette Kleman, Jodi Johnson, Scott Hunter and Janay Johnson. Winners were Janay Johnson, fourth place in the 14-year-old group; Kristen Brockman, second place in the 11-year-old group; and Jodi Johnson in the 13-year-old group. Congratulations.

Lora Schulte, a student at Texas Tech, accompanied her grandmother, Martha Schulte and Raelene and Megan Hoelting to her home on Thursday in Luling to spend spring break with her family. On Satur-

day, Vera and Danette Ramaekers, Lisa Schulte, Sheryl Kleman, Bev Schulte, Darlene Birkenfeld, Cince Schulte, Stevie Dobmeier and Bernita Hoelting drove to Luling to attend a 40th surprise birthday party for Susie Schulte. Susie's sister, Rene and girls from New Braunfels and Gail of Austin also attended the party along with Bobbie Hafernik of Tyler, a good friend of the Schulte's. Janice Johnson also attended after the free throw contest in San Antonio.

Martha Schulte visited relatives, Al and Mary Lange and Jim and Anne Frail in San Antonio before returning home.

Visiting with the Arnold Husemans during their spring break were Emalene Pohlmeier and her children from Yukon, Okla., and Bryan and Mary Jo Huseman and son of Idalou.

Helen Backus is spending a few days in Hereford with her family, Francis and Connie Backus.

The American Legion Auxiliary volleyball tournament was well at-

tended and enjoyed the past week. There were 10 mixed teams and six men's teams participating. Proceeds will go toward sending girls to Girls' State.

Many relatives and friends attended funeral services for John Dea, 73, of Lubbock in Christ the King Cathedral with Monsignor James A. Comiskey, pastor, officiating. Survivors include his wife, Pauline Acker; three sons, John of Lubbock, Michael of Denver, Colo., and David of Palm Harbor, Fla.; a daughter, Dolores Hericks of Lafayette, La.

Our sympathy to the Walter and Donald Schilling families of Dimmitt in the death of their mother, Mary Schilling, 92, of Slaton. Services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Slaton.

There was a very good attendance Sunday night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Holy Family Church in preparation for Easter. Six area priests were here to help with the service.

## What's Cooking

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of March 28 through April 1.

### DIMMITT

**THURSDAY**—Fried chicken with gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, butter, fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Cheese pizza, French fries, pork and beans, banana pudding and milk.

**MONDAY**—Chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, pink applesauce and milk.

**TUESDAY**—Corn dogs, cheese wedges, French fries, sliced tomatoes, peanut butter bars and milk.

**WEDNESDAY**—Beef tacos with cheese, whole kernel corn, shredded lettuce, peach cobbler and milk.

**THURSDAY**—Pizza pockets, fried squash, Ranch Style Beans, pears and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Good Friday, No School.

### HART

**THURSDAY**—Ham and cheese on a bun, fried okra, pinto beans, chocolate cake and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Battered fish, cornbread, coleslaw, baked beans, peach cobbler and milk.

**MONDAY**—Barbecued q-bobs, pinto beans, potato salad, hot rolls, cherry cobbler and milk.

**TUESDAY**—Burritos, cheese wedge, tossed salad, new potatoes, fruit and milk.

**WEDNESDAY**—Turkey and dressing, green beans, buttered corn, sliced bread, cake and milk.

**THURSDAY**—Chicken fried steak, mixed vegetables, whipped potatoes, peach cobbler, hot rolls and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Tuna Salad on lettuce, macaroni salad, pork and beans, crackers, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

### NAZARETH

**THURSDAY**—Beef stew, cornbread, syrup, fruit salad, and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Fish, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, hot rolls, raisins and milk.

**MONDAY**—Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, hot buttered bread, brownies and milk.

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

**WEDNESDAY**—Beef stew, cheese slice, cornbread and syrup, pineapple tidbits and milk.

**THURSDAY**—Sandwiches, potato chips, bananas and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Good Friday, No School.



**RUTH BROWN** (left) of Salida, Colo., a former Dimmitt resident who is still a member of the local Order of the Eastern Star chapter, receives her 50-year membership award from Worthy Matron Kay King in ceremonies Friday evening at Castro Masonic Lodge 879.

## Child care conference is Saturday in Lubbock

Four child care providers from Castro County will take part in a professional conference in Lubbock Saturday to learn new ideas and gain additional resources for their programs here.

Kim Hays, Tammy Heard, Tiffany Davis and Jennifer Miller have all registered for the conference, which is being conducted by the District 2 Extension home economist of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The conference will be held at Texas A&M University's Agricultural Research and Extension Center north of Lubbock International Airport.

The objectives of the conference are to help operators of registered and licensed child care facilities

provide the best possible care for children, better cope with the problems of such a service and to strengthen their business, said Deana Sageser, county Extension agent.

## Pro-Family Forum

Dennis Latham of Hereford will speak to the Pro-Family Forum on "Toys" tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Hale County State Bank in Hart.

## Correction

In the story about winners in the Houston Calf Scramble in the March 10 issue of the News, Coby Moke and Matt Gfeller were identified as members of the Dimmitt FFA. The two are members of the Castro County 4-H Club.

## Senior Citizens

The Castro County Senior Citizens Center is located at Third and Jones and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quilting, crafts and table games are daily activities.

Special Holy Week services will be held at the Center in cooperation with the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. Speakers will be Vernon O'Kelly on Monday, Richard Young on Tuesday, Ken Cole on Wednesday, Ed Freeman on Thursday and Greg Harper on Friday.

Bridge will be played today (Thursday), Friday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. Duplicate bridge will be played Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

During Holy Week, the lunch counter will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 12:30 to 1 p.m., but will be closed during the time of Holy Week services.

There will be an evening of table games Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Membership in the center is open to everyone who is 50 years of age or older without discrimination as to sex, color, race, ethnic background, national origin, religion, denominational preference, political party, economic status or handicap.

### MENU

For the week of

March 28 through April 1

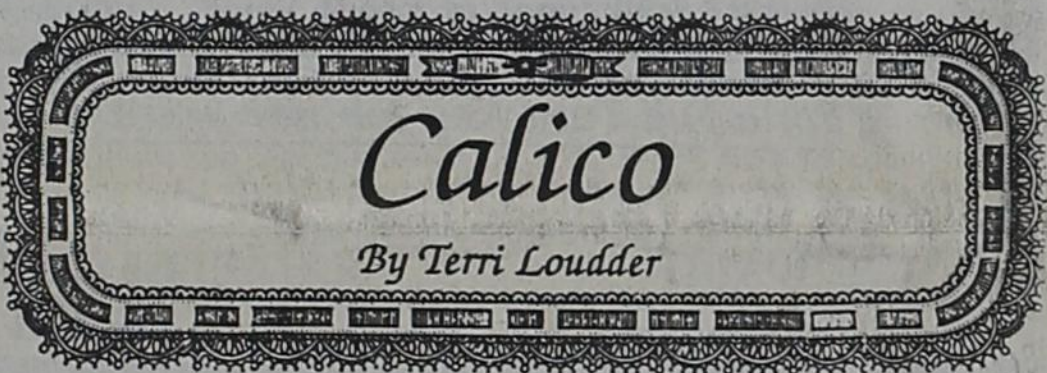
**MONDAY**—Chicken Strips, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

**TUESDAY**—Ham and brown beans, spinach, salad, cornbread, dessert, tea and coffee.

**WEDNESDAY**—Oven-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

**THURSDAY**—Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, English peas, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

**FRIDAY**—Beef tips, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.



Spring is officially here, and everybody is thinking about gardening. Me too—and it's giving me a sick headache.

You see, I'm handicapped. I was born with a brown thumb! I walk into a room and houseplants shrivel and die. I've tried everything from ivy to cactus, and something always goes wrong. I'm sure that by now I'm listed with aphids as dangers to watch for on those little tags they put on rosebushes.

I once bought a closet plant which needed almost no light and very little water. What could be simpler?

Well, wonder of wonders, it bloomed. I, the plague of the plant world, had grown a flower. Nothing to do now but wait for the Garden Club to call and beg me to join.

But, as luck would have it, I had to leave town for a few days. On the advice of a neighbor with a houseful of greenery, I mixed something with my little green friend's water to make one watering last while I was away.

When I returned, my bloom—my baby, was dead. I had drowned it!

Its little arms hung, limp and lifeless, over the edges of its pot. Its bloom lay face down in the dirt.

I stood there, horror stricken, as

the awful truth sank in. I was a murderer! My fingerprints were all over the watering pitcher.

That was the last houseplant I ever owned. I just didn't have the stomach to be a killer.

I suppose I could live with being the "Typhoid Mary" of the world's flora if I weren't surrounded by people who make gardening look so easy.

I roomed with a biology major in college who could grow anything. Her mother gave her a tiny airplane plant when we were freshmen.

Today, over 12 years later, she still has it, and it's "babies" and it's "grandbabies", etc. In fact, that airplane plant is now big enough to qualify for a spot in a redwood forest.

Can you imagine the stigma of a brown thumb like me living with a green thumb like her?

I guess I'm destined for a life of plastic trees and silk ivy. With my luck, they'll probably get thread rot.

## ICC Happenings

There will be no Mass this Thursday. Parishioners are urged to attend the Christ Mass at St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo.

This celebration will be presided by Bishop Mathiesen with the clergy of the Diocese concelebrating. The chrism oil, oil for anointing of the sick and oil of catechumen will be blessed during this service. The priests will renew their ordination promises.

ICC Youth Ministry will hold a World Day of Youth dance this Friday from 9-12 p.m. at the Expo. Scotty will provide the music. Admission will be \$3 per person.

Mass on Holy Thursday (March 31) will be at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 1, is a day of fasting and abstinence. A bilingual Way of the Cross will be held at 6 p.m. and will be followed by services at 6:30 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, confessions will be from 4 to 6 p.m. and Easter Vigil services will begin at 8 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, mass will be held at 9 a.m. in English and at 10:15 a.m. in Spanish.

Beginning April 9, the Saturday evening mass will begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. Confessions will be heard from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m.

## Rabies clinic planned

The Easter 4-H Club will sponsor its second annual rabies clinic Saturday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the sheep barn, just south of the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

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# Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Sandra Waggoner was dismissed from Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Thursday, but will have to go back once a week for the next three weeks for check-ups. She got her stitches out Friday and x-rays showed the contusion on the front of her skull had improved, but the two hematomas in the back were still bleeding. She still feels the results of the bruises, and is still not able to do much. Louise Cathey has been staying with them to help with the housework and to assist Sandra. Jo Eddy Riley was in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Wednesday and Thursday to stay with her sister who had major surgery Wednesday.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson spent the day Sunday with the family of an aunt who passed away in Odessa Saturday, but didn't stay for the funeral Monday because of business he had to do there. Gwen, on spring break from Wayland for the week, stayed with Melinda. L.B. and Teeny Bowden were in Amarillo Monday and Tuesday for tests Teeny had at the diagnostic clinic Tuesday. Bro. David and Debra Fletcher and Harmony and Verba Sadler went up Tuesday to be with them in case neither felt like driving home. She got a good report.

Light rain Wednesday night soon turned to freezing drizzle which caused the electricity to stay off for two or three hours while Bailey County Electric Company repaired the broken line. Those at the church supper and prayer meeting found ice on their windshields when they finally managed to get to their cars. The electricity went off before nine and it began to snow with high winds. About an inch of snow was estimated. Monica Sanders won first place in her division at the Tri-State Gymnastics Competition on March 12 in the Civic Center at Lubbock. She was competing with girls from

Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Stephanie's parents, Eldon and Nelda Fortenberry of Hereford came by an picked up Roger, Stephanie, Monica and T.J. and all went to the event together. Gene and Jo Fletcher of Gruver, parents of Bro. David Fletcher, spoke to the church Sunday night and showed slides of their recent mission trip with other members of the First Baptist Church in Gruver and others. It was the 18th mission trip for the couple and 2,144 people were saved as a result of the last trip. Their first mission with International Crusades was in 1976 to El Salvador. The group is made up of

volunteers from Southern Baptist Churches and most of them are over 60 years of age. Bro. David is a board member of the organization. The group works with Southern Baptist Churches in Brazil and is in partnership missions. Each couple or individual goes to churches assigned to them by the Brazilian group. The Fetters went to a small church of 125 members 50 miles east of Rio, which was a three-hour drive by bus. He had a man interpreter, and she had a woman even though they worked as a team. They shared their testimonies in homes all day including the home of the mayor, a lawyer,

and judge. Jo Eddy Riley and Judy Waggoner attended the Cancer Society's tea and style show in the home of Maxine Tidwell in Dimmitt Saturday afternoon. Jo Eddy also attended the style show in Earth Saturday morning. Verba Sadler and the music group from Hereford played for the residents of the Golden Plains Nursing Home in Hereford Thursday night. Ezell accompanied her. Ezell Sadler visited with his cousin, J.B. Henslee of Hale Center Monday and again on Tuesday. Jody Riley was home from Tech (Continued on Page 14)

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## S&S Properties seeks new site

Members of the Dimmitt City Zoning Board gave a slight nod to S&S Properties of San Marcos to go ahead with preliminary plans for a senior citizens housing project in Dimmitt.

After 40 citizens protested a proposed site off of Butler Boulevard and Southwest Seventh, the developers switched to a 10-acre plot off of Northwest Fifth in the area north of the hospital. However, only annexation of the 3.5 acres needed for Phase I of the project is being sought.

The zoning board agreed to begin the public notification and hearings process required by law. Written notice must be sent to all property owners within 300 feet of the area in question, and two public hearings must be held.

After the hearings, where public comment will be received, the zoners will make a recommendation to the Dimmitt Aldermen, who will then rule on annexation of the property into the city. Mrs. Lilly Nicholson is current owner of the land.

Zoning board members said that a majority of those citizens expressing an opinion on the matter said they feel it is a good project, but it was just planned in the wrong area of town at first.

The land currently being considered is on the east side of Northwest Fifth, near the intersection with unpaved Youts Street. It is bounded on the east by the Brown and Wanona Additions, which are already zoned for multi-family dwellings, and on the west by the Youts Addition, which is single-family zoned.

S&S Properties, a partnership of Dick Sorrell and Jack Sanders (who is formerly of Hart), will own the project and rent out the units. Construction will be partially financed through the Farmers' Home Administration, under the 515 rental

housing program, with rent subsidies also available from FmHA.

In response to questions about the possibility of part of the project being changed over to low-income rental housing, Sorrell said, "We don't want to do anything that would 'cut our own throats.' Senior citizens generally want to live in an area set aside strictly for senior citizens, and they won't stay in a development if it is allowed to get junky. That is not a part of our plan."

Sorrell said S&S has preliminary approval from FmHA, but must submit further information on location and zoning before getting approval of the final package.

Guidelines for FmHA 515 senior citizen housing include that residents must be at least 62 years old and may not have children staying with them for more than 3 or 4 days at a time without written approval from the manager. Also, no more than two may occupy a one-bedroom unit, and no more than four may occupy a two-bedroom unit.

The 24 units planned for the first phase of the project will include 12 one-bedroom apartments arranged in three quadrangles, and four two-bedroom units, six one-bedroom units and two one-bedroom units especially designed for handicapped, all arranged in duplexes.

Sorrell said S&S will pay to pave Northwest Fifth from the project entry drive all the way to West Halsell. Curbing, gutter, paving, sidewalks, drives and landscaping are all included in the project, along with sewer and water installation.

Sorrell said he plans to use local contractors on the project as much as possible.

All five members of the Zoning Board were present for the meeting Tuesday night, along with about five citizens.

More about

## Sunnyside

(Continued from Page 13) this week for spring break. Keith Locke of Lubbock visited during the week with both Ray Joe, Jo Eddy and Jody, Kevin and Melinda Riley of Flagg.

Cindy Lawson of Olton, daughter of Gerald and Pat Elkins was involved in a two-car accident in Lubbock Wednesday afternoon. Whitney was with her, but no one was hurt. Whitney visited in the Sunday night service and spent the night with her grandparents.

Tex Conard was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dim-

mitt Sunday afternoon. He was experiencing chest pains. Larry and Sharon Sadler and Leroy and Laura Hurtado of Muleshoe took turns staying with him since Norma was still in California. She got a flight out Monday when they called her.

Lillian Carson spent most of the day Saturday with her mother, Mrs. A.L. Aven in Hart and her sister, Ruth and Bernard Brown of Colorado who are here to visit with Mrs. Aven through next weekend. Phyllis Bates of Lubbock spent Sunday night with Lillian on her way to Ruidosa, N.M. for a business trip.

# DHS grid coach reassigned

In its March meeting last Wednesday night, the Dimmitt School Board sandwiched its open meeting between two executive sessions.

The board granted an early private hearing to nine persons who were there to give their pro and con views on the varsity girls' basketball and varsity football programs.

In a later executive session to consider teacher contracts for next school year, the board voted to reassign Head Football Coach Clifford Smith to a full-time teaching position, but made no change in the status of Varsity Girls' Coach Richard Wood.

Board members also voted to table action on the contract of a middle school faculty member who is on probationary status, and to extend the contracts of all other present certified classroom teachers, according to Supt. Robert Ryan.

In all, the board acted on 129 teachers' contracts for 1988-89, Ryan reported.

The board accepted the resignations of Martin Diesterhaft, high school biology teacher; Todd Parker, band director; Fay Tilley, high school Spanish teacher; and Carole Schroeder, middle school special

education teacher.

Speaking to the school system's two Odyssey of the Mind coordinators — Danna Beck of the high school and Vickie Richards of the middle school — board members congratulated the OM team members and their coaches for their accomplishments at the recent regional competition, where six Dimmitt teams qualified for state.

The state competition will be in Houston April 8-9. The board authorized the teams to leave Thursday, April 7, to give the students time to tour NASA, the San Jacinto battlefield and other sites in the Houston area during the weekend.

Supt. Ryan noted that several of the OM team members also have qualified for the regional Science Fair competition in Plainview the same weekend, and said the school district will book airline reservations for them for Friday night, April 8, so they can take part in both events.

The board authorized the addition of an honors English course at the freshman level next year, pending approval by the Texas Education Agency. If the new course guidelines are approved at the state

level, DHS will have honors English classes at all four high-school grade levels next year.

The board adopted, on an emergency first-reading basis, a proposed local policy update on the Career Ladder program for teachers.

All recommendations by the Textbook Selection Committee for the coming school year were approved, and the board commended members of the committee for their work on the project, which required selecting 52 textbooks from a list of 182.

The board approved the proposed band trip for this spring, which will be taken at no cost to the school district. Band Director Todd Parker stipulated in his request that he will cancel the trip if a significant number of eligible band students opt not to go, as happened last year.

Board members approved the appointment of Al Gibbs as election judge for the May 7 school trustee election, with Bill Birdwell as the alternate judge, pending their acceptance. Ted Sheffy already had been appointed election judge but resigned the post when his son, Graham, filed as a candidate.

Supt. Ryan also reviewed the lengthy School Accreditation Report submitted by the Texas Education Agency, evaluating local student, campus and district performance. Ryan pointed out strengths and weaknesses noted in the report and explained what corrective action needs to be taken.

The Dimmitt ISD retained its "fully accredited" status following the TEA team's visit.

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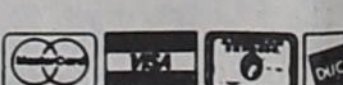
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