Student, coach hurt in car-van crash

a student and a coach to the hospital with serious injuries.

Eva Dolores "Dee" Sloan, 17, and Alan Dean Steinle, 41, both received incapacitating injuries in the accident, which occurred on FM 3215 near its intersection with Southwest 12th Street, east of the school district's transpor-

Steinle's 9-year-old son, Kalan, a passenger in the van, received a bruised shoulder but apparently escaped more serious injury.

City police said that Steinle was eastbound on FM 3215 when the 1986 Dodge van which he was driving collided broadside with Sloan's 1990 Chev-

The accident occurred at 12:20 p.m. and immediately drew a large crowd of students and other onlookers.

As students formed a large prayer circle near the road, emergency medical teams brought two ambulances and other emergency vehicles and equipment

Sloan and Steinle both received extensive emergency treatment at the acci-

A car-van collision last Wednesday noon near Dimmitt High School sent dent scene, then were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by ambulance, while officers said. Kalan Steinle was transported by private vehicle.

Sloan was transferred via helicopter to Lubbock's University Medical Center for treatment and surgery. Her father, Joe Sloan, reported that her pelvis was fractured in five places, her left wrist and right clavicle were fractured, and she received serious facial lacerations and abrasions.

Steinle received a concussion and laceration of the forehead, plus other cuts and bruises. He was treated at Plains Memorial and released after being held overnight for observation.

Kalan Steinle was treated and released at Plains Memorial's emergency

Steinle, who is DHS's head boys' basketball coach, reportedly had just checked out the school van at the DISD transportation center and was en route with his son to pick up two other coaches to go to the Lubbock airport, then on to the boys' state basketball tournament in Austin.

Sloan was out of school for lunch and was alone in her car, driving west on FM 3215, when she either crossed or turned in front of the oncoming van,

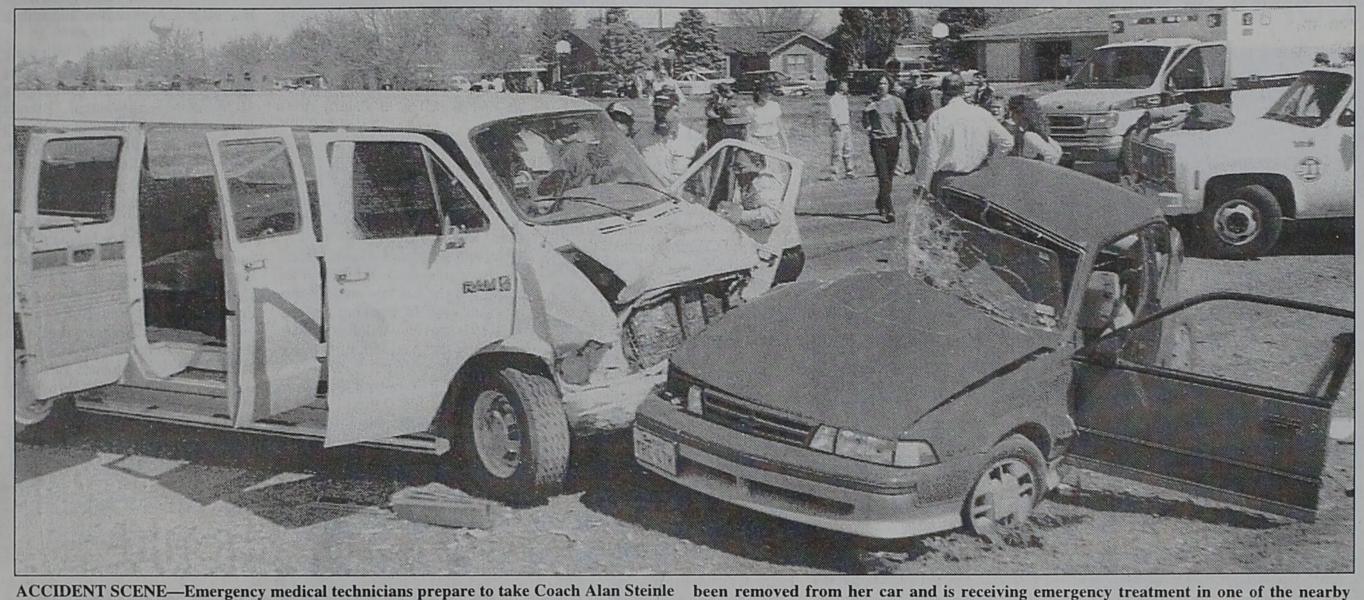
Steinle was issued citations for failing to use a safety belt and for allowing a child to ride while not secured by a safety belt, officers reported.

Further citations will probably be issued, according to the Police Dept. Sloan spent two days in the surgical intensive care unit at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. On Sunday she was transferred back to Plains

Memorial Hospital, where she is expected to be confined for up to six weeks. She will continue her schooling through the DISD's homebound education program, said her father, who is the hospital district's chief executive officer. Meanwhile, her hospital room is full of flowers, balloons, stuffed animals and cards from fellow students.

"We've been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and sympathy," said her father.

Steinle expressed similar feelings, saying that the prayers and sympathy that have followed the accident have turned a near tragedy into a "moving experience.



out of his school van after applying a neck brace to him following last Wednesday's accident ambulances. The accident occurred during the lunch hour Wednesday on FM 3215 near its near the high school. Dee Sloan, 17, driver of the 1990 Chevy Cavalier at right, already has intersection with Southwest 12th Street. Sloan and Steinle both received serious injuries.

Photo by Don Nelson

City buys more land

In an emergency session last Thursday night, the Dimmitt City Council voted to buy a 320-acre tract of land for \$500 per acre, for a purchase price of \$160,000.

The land is located south of town, on the west side of US 385 right across from the other parcel of 320 acres the city owns.

Mayor Wayne Collins said the council felt the land would be useful for additional water reserves for the city. There is one well already drilled on it, but the city does not plan to convert it to municipal use right away. Also, the city would be able to keep out any undesirable developments that could harm the water quality of the city water wells on the east side of the road.

The purchase decision was voted on after an executive session to discuss the real estate deal. The land is owned by Eastern Cattle Compay of Kentucky, according to real estate broker Jimmie George. He said the owner of the company is Thomas

Collins said the closing on the purchase will be in about a week. He said the money will be available in the city budget, since the city bonds have been paid off and some savings were realized from last year's bud-

In another matter, Collins told the council that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has agreed to help the city write a grant proposal for obtaining money to construct a new city swimming pool.

"They seemed to feel that we have a good chance of getting a grant for it," Collins said. He noted that it would be after April 15 before PRPC personnel would have time to get started on the proposal.

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Stricter school attendance enforcement announced

being warned that truancy calls for stricter penalties than those imposed by the schools alone.

Dimmitt Independent School District Supt. Les Miller said that Dimmitt Municipal Judge Garner Ball has issued guidelines that spell out the penalties for non-attendance at

Miller said that DISD has already

Of fathers and sons and hoops . . . One afternoon last June, when Corky Langford was in the News office to buy his paper, he came around the counter to where I was sitting.

excitement in his voice.

"I got a Father's Day present from five tickets to the state tournament."

It turned out to be the best Father's Day present his boys ever gave him. Corky had taken his four sons to the state tourney when they were little, and had gotten to see Larry

play there in '71 and Carl in '78. Now they were taking him.

Corky's first state tourney trip was with the 1967 Bobcats. In 1969 he started going every year. He and Red Birdwell or Judge Baldridge or James Bradford would always take a load of boys along.

For years, Corky and James went down together in James's motor

"We'd usually park the motor home in a motel parking lot and James and I would get a room. You don't want to try to sleep in a motor home with six or eight boys!"

The last time James and Corky went together was "in '92 or '93 about a year and a half before James passed away."

"After James died, I didn't have the heart to go back, until I got the present from my boys this year," he

So Corky and his sons-Gary of Dimmitt, Larry of Amarillo, Paul of (Continued on Page 7)

the enforcement.

The policy states that the first guardian. notice to a student's parents will be times. A second notice will be mailed the parent. after the seventh absence.

If four or more of the seven absences are unexcused, a truancy letter also will be mailed along with the second notice.

before charges of truancy are filed. After the ninth absence, a case of

mailed after the student is absent five voluntary and without the consent of assigned by Teen Court.

When the absences reach the more classes may be set at a fine of student resides. proscribed level, a summons must be issued to the parent or guardian to appear before the municipal judge and to the student to appear before the

The penalty for excessive

By Don Nelson Meeting set March 25 on DISD drug policy

"A demon has come to our school "I think you'll appreciate this," he district and it is drugs and alcohol," said quietly. He couldn't hide the Bruce Dollar, athletic coordinator for the Dimmitt schools, said recently.

He is holding a public meeting my boys. I opened it up, and it was next Thursday (March 25) at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School auditorium to explain to local citizens a proposed policy for deterring drug

and alcohol use among students. The policy would require all students involved in extra-curricular activities with competitive performances and contests to sign a consent form for random drug and alcohol testing.

Dollar said the program points out that participation in school-sponsored extracurricular activities is a privilege, and no student would be allowed to practice or participate in any competitive activity until they turn in a consent form. The policy would cover students in grades 7-12.

"I don't want to implement this without community support," Dollar said. He said faculty members have already expressed support for the proposed program.

Dollar said implementation of the program will cause discipline problems to go down and attendance to go up, and the atmosphere of the school will be better.

"The purpose of the program is not to 'catch' someone (in violation)," Dollar said. He said the purpose is to help them in saying no to temptations.

"We need to get the 'in-crowd' on the right side and make drug and alcohol use unacceptable," Dollar said. "We need to educate students to the physical, mental and emotional

harm that can come from it." Dollar said an independent company of licensed professionals would be contracted with to run the testing program. Students would be randomly selected by their Social Secu-

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The absences must be unexcused, guidelines; and community service as

Local students and their parents are been observing the school's part of truancy will be filed against the child absences/truancy is a fine of \$500; \$100; assigned to attend Saturday and against the child's parent or assignment to attend Saturday school school; and community service to be until attendance meets state completed within one week at school. The amount of the fines are to be

paid half to the county/city and half to The penalty for missing one or the school district in which the

Extended calling proposal A warning letter is not required before charges of truancy are filed. Teen Court. The offense is a Class C passes for all five cities misdemeanor.

Commission(PUC) and the Federal Communications Commission give final approval, Dimmitt telephone subscribers will be able to call the cities of Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Plainview and Tulia without a long distance charge.

"The percentage of the total responses which were affirmative was greater than the required 70% for all the petitioned exchanges and has satisfied the requirements . . .;' said Linda Hymans, ELC Coordinator for the PUC, after analyzing the results of the balloting for the petition filed by the Dimmitt Exchange for Expanded Local Calling (ELC) service.

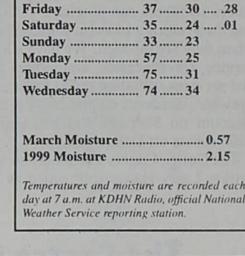
Information from the PUC showed that Amarillo received 854 yes votes

Public Utilities and 127 no votes, for a percentage of 87.05% in favor; Canyon, 798 yes, 161 no, 83.21%; Hereford, 840 yes, 128 no, 86.78%; Plainview, 799 yes, 172 no, 82.29%; and Tulia, 774 yes, 194 no, 79.96%.

However, the petitioning exchange of Dimmitt is located within the Amarillo LATA while the petitioned exchange of Plainview is in the Lubbock LATA and is served by Southwestern Bell Telephone

(SWBT). Because SWBT is prohibited from transporting calls across LATA boundaries without federal approval, the Plainview exchange will be severed from the main ELC petition and will be docketed in order to determine if the requirements have

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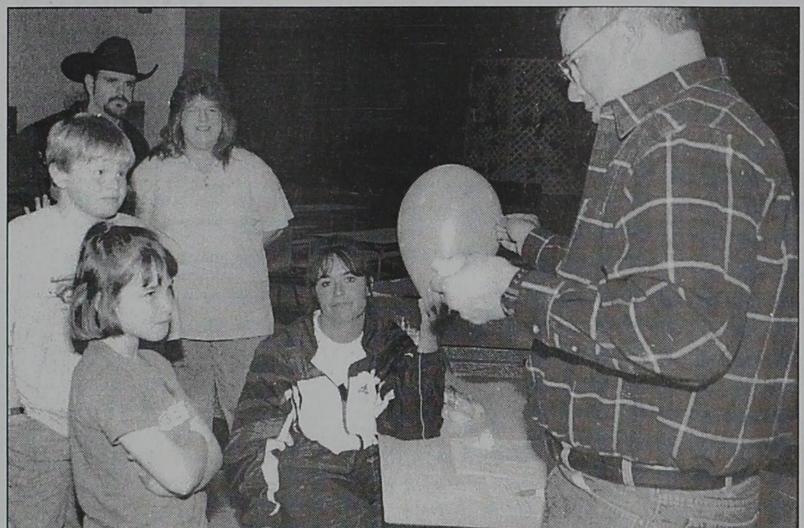
give students a tool to hang on to, to ASKING FOR HELP-Dimmitt High School students form an impromptu prayer circle at the scene of last Wednesday's car-van accident on FM 3215 in which Coach Alan Steinle and schoolmate Dee

Sloan were seriously injured. At this point both drivers were still in their vehicles and emergency medical workers were trying to determine the nature and extent of their injuries. Photo by Don Nelson



MONEY FOR VICTIMS OF MITCH—Members of the Dimmitt High School Student Council raised \$600 for victims of Hurricane Mitch and donated the funds to the local office of the American Red Cross. Sandra Allison (left) of the local Red Cross chapter is making the presentation of a certificate of recognition to Student Council President Brenda Flores (second from left); and Annette Flores (second from

right) of the local Red Cross chapter is accepting a check from Student Council member Jacob Larra (right). The council raised \$310 through the sale of lunch "coupons" that allowed students to go to lunch a few minutes early; \$100 from the sale of hand stamps that allowed students the privilige of wearing caps at school; and \$190 from community collection jars and donations from council members.



GUESS HOW MUCH STRING it takes to go around the balloon. Monty Gothard (right) and Shelly Conkin (seated) help with one of the fun activities

held last Thursday night at Richardson Elementary School's open house. Turn out for the event was "pretty good" according to a school spokesperson.

Letter

Farm Bureau and insurance company are separate groups

Dear Editor:

Once again I am astounded about how little the citizens of Castro County who are not associated with Farm Bureau know about the organization.

I am county secretary for the Castro County Farm Bureau here in Dimmitt, and it is my job to furnish the citizens of Castro County with information concerning farm-related activites, the scholarship program offered through the Texas Farm Bureau and activities concerning our elected officials in Austin.

Despite what people think, the Castro County Farm Bureau offers its members many benefits other than insurance. We have many student programs including citizenship, seminars, scholarships totaling over \$60,000 throughout Texas, and "Ag in the Classroom" for elementary students. We have a car seat program where members can purchase a child car seat for \$20 and then return it to Farm Bureau for their money back when they are through. We have a long-distance phone service, travel service, amusement park tickets, financial services including credit cards and CD's, discount eyewear, discounts on prescription drugs by mail, 20% discount on Sherwin-Williams paints, Tasco, and a \$500 rebate on Dodge pickups.

The Castro County Farm Bureau was instrumental in getting Larry Hausmann named as Farm Bureau Pioneer Award winner for his service to Farm Bureau.

Editor Don Nelson was named outstanding journalist in Texas, only one of three in the state. We have given donations to the local food bank, angel tree program, the buyer's clubs for the stock show and other charitable organizations in Castro County. We send three students to San Angelo to Citizenship Seminar for a week each year in June.

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Co. has space in our office for their agents, Malcolm Sager and Bob Anthony, and they do sell all types of insurance available today. And I might say, they do a very good job.

When I put articles in The Castro County News, it does not deal with insurance or insurance matters. I try to have printed articles of interest and importance to the farmers and ranchers of Castro County.

If some of the other insurance agencies in town feel that the business page of the paper has become the Farm Bureau page, then I am sorry they feel that way. The articles I present are of interest to their customers, too, and I feel the farmers and ranchers should not be deprived of things that would be of interest to their farming operations just because THEY do not understand the difference in our two organizations.

KAYE STEVENS

PMH lowers flag

Plains Memorial Hospital in

for the rest of the month of March in honor of the late Bill Clark, former president of the Castro County Hos-

Clark died March 3 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He had moved to Lubbock in 1998.

board in 1994 and served as secretary. In 1995 he was elected president and held that position until he resigned in February 1998.

"We just want to honor the memory of Bill Clark for all he did for our hospital," a spokesperson said.

Dimmitt Independent School District Home Page:

<u>Letter</u>

Coach's dismissal is 'tragedy'

I am a student at Hart High School and I am writing this letter on behalf of the dismissal of our former coach, Lucresia Shropshire, on March 8, 1999.

I was informed of this tragedy on March 9, 1999, when I got to school.

Coach Shropshire has been a coach for seven years at Hart, and this was her first year to coach varsity basketball for the Hart Lady Horns.

The basketball year for the Lady Horns was not what we expected it to be for the following reasons: I We were moved into the toughest 1-A district in the state; 2. We had to adjust to a new varsity coach; and 3. Our point guard, Ysa Rodriguez, was injured and couldn't finish the sea-

When the devastating news about Coach Shropshire was brought to my attention, all I could ask was "Why?" She has done nothing but been there for us athletes and students.

I found out that there was this incipient rumor going around that a few coaches and school board members thought that during basketball season Coach Shropshire had lost

Telephone coop to hold meeting Tuesday night

The 45th annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will be held Tuesday night at the Hereford Bull Barn.

A catered barbecue dinner will be served at 6 and short business meeting will follow.

Election of directors for the Frio, Summerfield and Oklahoma Lane Exchanges will highlight the meet-

Incumbent director Pat Robbins and challenger Tommy Sparkman are candidates for the Frio seat. Those vying for the Summerfield board position are incumbent director J.B. Noland and challenger David Euler. Charles Christian, incumbent, will be challenged by Wayne Pierson for the Oklahoma Lane seat.

Robbins has served as the Frio Exchange director since 1987 while-Noland has been a director since 1975 and Christian has been on the board since 1995. Noland has held all board offices.

Cooperative members who register at the annual meeting are eligible to vote in the director election.

Members also will hear the annual report from WTRT Manager Thomas Hyer. Tenure awards will be presented to a number of cooperative employees.

An assortment of door prizes valued at over \$1,000 will be given away while election results are being tabulated.

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hope in we Lady Horns and give up after our point guard was injured. Also, it has been said that at halftime of our games she wouldn't even go into the locker room to encourage us.

Now, first of all, how do these people know so much? They are not around to know what she says. They aren't in the locker room at halftime of our games. All they know is "heresay" and what they "think."

It's the players who know because we were around to hear, and it's the students who know she can teach because we're the ones who are learning.

Also, as a Lady Horn basketball player, I would know whether she was there for us or not. I've only lived in Hart for three years, but Coach Shropshire has taught me everything I know about basketball, cross country, track and health. I am grateful for everything she has done

She gave the Lady Horns nothing but hope and motivation and always told us never to give up and to always play our hardest as if it would be our last game.

She NEVER, EVER gave up on

Also, it has been said that she was not a good enough coach for cross country. Well, can you explain why we had a girl go to state if that's

No, it wasn't the hard workouts or her motivation.

Who was by Valerie Key's side telling her to fight harder and that she could do it? Not Coach Shropshire? Yes, it was she.

Not only is she an awesome coach, but also a great teacher. I had her for health and she has this unique, oneof-a-kind way of teaching the students to where they will listen, learn and enjoy the class, all at the same

I've said it once and I'll say it

the state—a district that includes the Rocha.

Class A State Champion Vega Lady Horns. So if our season wasn't very good, it's because of the players and the district we are in, and not because of our coach.

She was there by our side through thick and thin and believed in us. No one but the students who learn from her and enjoy her presence really know what a great coach and teacher

So, where do other coaches and the school board members get their facts? They only need to look somewhere else, because their theories are untrue and despicable.

We athletes know her more than they could ever know her.

So, I write this letter to you to let you know that there is a misunderstanding on behalf of the way Coach Shropshire coaches. And if anyone needs to get fired, it needs to be the people with the false information.

As I wrote this letter, all I could think about was everything that she has done for the students at Hart High School. We can't afford to lose

ANGELICA PERALES Hart High School student and athlete

(Editor's Note: The following students agree with Perales' letter and are behind Coach Shropshire 100%: Rosanna Waddell, Brenda Diego, Christine Guzman, Yadira Anzaldua, Stacy Finch, Rudy Reyna, Norma Tenorio, Veronica Gonzales, Vanessa Carrasco, Denise Moroles, Melissa Martinez, Valerie Key, Ashley Law, Sandra Pantoja, Vanessa Chia, Erika Montemayor, Julia Cisneros, Wyndi Law, Geneva Finch, Daisy Marquez, Veronica Guerrero, Nikki Burress, Amy Carrasco, Rachel Wall, Ruby Rodriguez, Melisia Holguin, LaCretia Robinson, Rebecca Montemayor, Tiffany Sanders, Amanda Ethridge, Becky Guzman, Lindsay Montemayor, Joel de la Fuente, Rene WE are in the toughest district in Rincon, Dan Eric Castillo and Jose

<u>Letter</u>

Parents should accept responsibility

Dear Editor:

Is there an alcohol problem at Nazareth? Maybe. But it may not be as bad as one person apparently has led others to believe.

After attending a party in Dimmitt a young person from Nazareth had too much to drink and wrecked the vehicle while attempting to drive

When the parents came to pick up their child, one of them was said to have made the statement to authorities that "There is a drinking problem at Nazareth," attempting to shake off or transfer responsibility.

This statement was then reacted to a bit too aggressively on one occa-

How is a young person going somewhere else to get drunk a drinking problem at Nazareth?

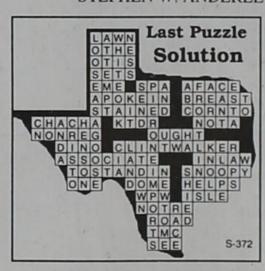
This seems to be a problem with that particular person trying to get attention or to show off, especially when that person is said to have bragged about planning to attend another party in Dimmitt the follow-

That is a responsibility which should be taken care of at home by that person's parents, not passed off on someone else who is not responsible for the problem.

It also appears that in a roundabout way, the above activity led to the DPS being able to claim credit for having a proper asphalt repair done over a crossing cut in the road north of Nazareth.

Thanks gentlemen. Much appreci-

STEPHEN W. ANDERLE



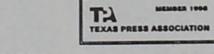
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On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Margaret and Percy Parsons had quite an experience lately. They were south of Sonora driving along, when a turkey came through their windshield and hit Percy in the face, breaking his glasses and blacking both his eyes. The turkey landed in

Nazareth

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed dinner Sunday evening at the Center, then played cards and dominoes for several hours.

March birthdays were celebrated for Patsy Entrekin, Agatha Johnson, Bert Huseman, Dorothy Kleman, Vincent Gerber, Julene Gerber and Margaret Brockman.

Monday morning in Holy Family Church for Lavern Wilhelm . Father Jerry Stein officiated. Co-celebrants were Msgr. Harold Waldow, Father Ken Keller and Father Terry Burke, all of Amarillo. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery.

Our sympathy to the family of Gloria Mason who died Friday. Cards may be sent to Johnny Mason, 1106 Canyon Street, Plainview, Texas 79072. Mr. Mason was superintendent of the Nazareth Schools for several years.

Family members and friends attended the marriage of Georgiann Kleman and Jim McCormick Sunday afternoon at Blessed Sacrament Church in Amarillo with Msgr. Harold Waldow officiating. A reception was held at the church's parish hall.

Jimmie Schulte and her daughters, Lynn Cameron, Lou Wethington and Susie Dobmeier, drove to Fort Smith, Ark., to visit with their aunt, Jane Brockman, who is an extended care patient at St. Edward's Hospital. They also visited at the convent with the many sisters who taught in the Nazareth Schools. They were amazed at Sister DeChantal Hyland, who is now 93 and is still as perky as

They also spent some time touring the city with their aunt, Sister Frances Ann Braddock, who was a lot of

fund a national and a conce Traci, Anni and Ethan Scholl of Henrietta spent a few days of spring break visiting with Traci's parents, Charley and Bev Hill. On Monday they spent the day in Lubbock with Todd and Misty Hill, who both had the day off.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Sister Jane Brockman, Regina Steffens, Florene Brockman, Deanna (Heiman) Huseman, Patricia (Kern) Butler and Father Harold Heiman of Subiaco Ark., who had by-pass surgery last Thursday at St. Edward's Mercy Hospital in Fort Smith, Ark. He is still in ICU. Cards may be sent to Father Harold at this address: St. Edward's Mercy Hospital, 731 Rodgers Ave., Fort Smith,

AK 72903. Walter and Rita Kern have just come back from a trip to San Antonio, where they visited their daughter, Patricia. After a brief illness, she was diagnosed with colon cancer and had surgery. Patricia is a P.A. and works at University Health and Science Clinic in San Antonio in the critical care unit. Her husband, David, sells real estate in the San Antonio area. Patricia appreciates all the cards and prayers that have been sent and said in her behalf, Rita said. Bob Kern of Hobbs, N.M., and Tom Kern able to spend some time with her.

the back seat and promptly died. A day for Irene Blanton, Joy Jones truck driver stopped and helped

Thursday, Jo and her boss, Alma salad, and pecan pie for dessert. Parrott, came to Dimmitt on business. They came by my house and ate supper. We got in some visiting. Curtis, Leigh and Aubrie Durbin and Jo Hyman and Alma were all here. Alma was raised at Sudan, and she and her husband, Joe Don Parrott, both graduated from Sudan High School. They came another night, too, and my brother, Ricky Baccus also came for dinner. We had a good

Dwight and Beth Joiner and the Community Choir flew to Salt Lake City, Utah and sang in the Mormon Tabernacle. There were approximately 1,200 participants, including 20 from this area—seven from Ama-Funeral mass was celebrated rillo, seven from Hereford, one from Dallas, three from Muleshoe and two from Dimmitt. The sponsor of the trip was St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Amarillo. The tour was four days and three nights in Salt Lake City. One of the tours was to Park City, site of the 2002 Winter Olympics. The choir performed in concert with the Utah State Symphony Orchestra.

Mattie Seale prepared lunch Sun-

Parsons, and Cleo Forson. They had chicken breasts and dressing, with

John Smith of Plainview, a former Dimmitt resident, was named Coach of the Year for District 4-4A. He led the Plainview Bulldogs to the 1999 4-4A Regional Semi-finals. He is the head basketball coach for Plainview and also teaches math. In September, he received his master's degree in administrative education from Wayland Baptist University. John's wife, Kelli, is also with the Plainview schools. They have two daughters, Kynzee and Courtney.

Cindy Lee met her daughter, Tanya Lee, in Lubbock recently. They were shopping for a dress for Cindy to wear for Tanya's wedding in April. Tanya lives in San Angelo and is employed by Angelo State as a history instructor. She is on staff with the Alumni Association.

One of our staff members at First Baptist Church received quite an honor Sunday. Randy Gressett, the youth director for the Baptist and Methodist churches, was selected Rural Minister of the Year by the farm magazine, Progressive Farmer, which is published monthly.

Jamie Baker Mendoza and Reagan

came to visit me Friday night. It had been a while since I had seen Reagan and she has really grown up. Jamie is a dear to bring her by to see me.

It was good to see Paul and Barbara Kenley in our church services Sunday. They had come to Lubbock for the wedding of Holly Edwards. They came on up here with Sue and Charlie Summers. Nikki Kenley is in England studying music.

Doris and Houston Lust are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Keith Cayton, and the grandchildren. This is a good time of the year to visit Phoenix.

I have been going to Tulia for speech therapy. Loranell Hamilton took me last week. Dude McLaurin took me Monday and Margaret Parsons took me Tuesday. Leigh and Aubrie Durbin have taken me several times, as has Connie Aguilar. We always manage to get to Tulia in time for lunch at the El Camino. Thanks to all these friends.

Hank Lynn went to Austin to visit with his daughter and son-in-law Leandre and Matt, and to see the girls' basketball finals. By the time he arrived at Leandre's he was ill with the same flu symptoms that have been going around.

Thursday Bridge Club met and

there were four tables of players. Susie Reeves was hostess. She served a tasty German chocolate cake. Emily Clingingsmith was high scorer and Dude McLaurin was second high.

The Family Community Educators Club met last week at the home of Edith Graef, with Ferne Jones as the

Ferne served sandwiches, chips and dips, fresh fruit, soft drinks and coffee. The group answered roll call by telling about their favorite surprise

The group discussed their plans for the "Walk Across Texas," which raises money for disease research.

Those attending were Ann Henderson, Patsy Entrekin, Dolores Griffitt, Ferne, Edith, Oneida Hutto, Claudine Langford, Betty Freeman, Mattie Seale and Mary Edna Hendrix.



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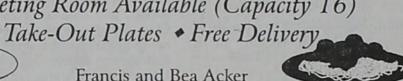
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THE AMARILLO LITTLE THEATER will present the musical, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" on April 16 in Dimmitt and tickets for the show can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt. The cast of the show in-

cludes (front row, from left) Shawn Walsh, Laura Barton and Ken Bender; and (second row, from left) Cara Johnston Kee, Art Lynch and Treva Bradford. Courtesy Photo

Chamber selling tickets for theater production set in Dimmitt April 16

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the musical, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, in April at Dimmitt

High School. The show is a production of the Amarillo Little Theater and will be presented in Dimmitt on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dimmitt High

School Auditorium. The Amarillo Little Theater's Always Patsy Cline and Smoke on the Mountain played to packed houses throughout the Panhandle last of Midland, her brothers, also were year, said Bill Sava, executive diretor of the Chamber of Commerce.

Kindergarten played in Amarillo Jan. 21-31 before starting a tour of

the Panhandle. "We're very fortunate to get this quality of a production in Dimmitt," Sava said.

The appearance of the show in Dimmitt is partly underwritten by the Texas Commission of the Arts. Tickets for the event are \$7.50 in advance and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt. Tickets at the door will be \$10 each.

Based on the award winning series of books by Robert Fulgham, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten has been called a "revue in the key of life."

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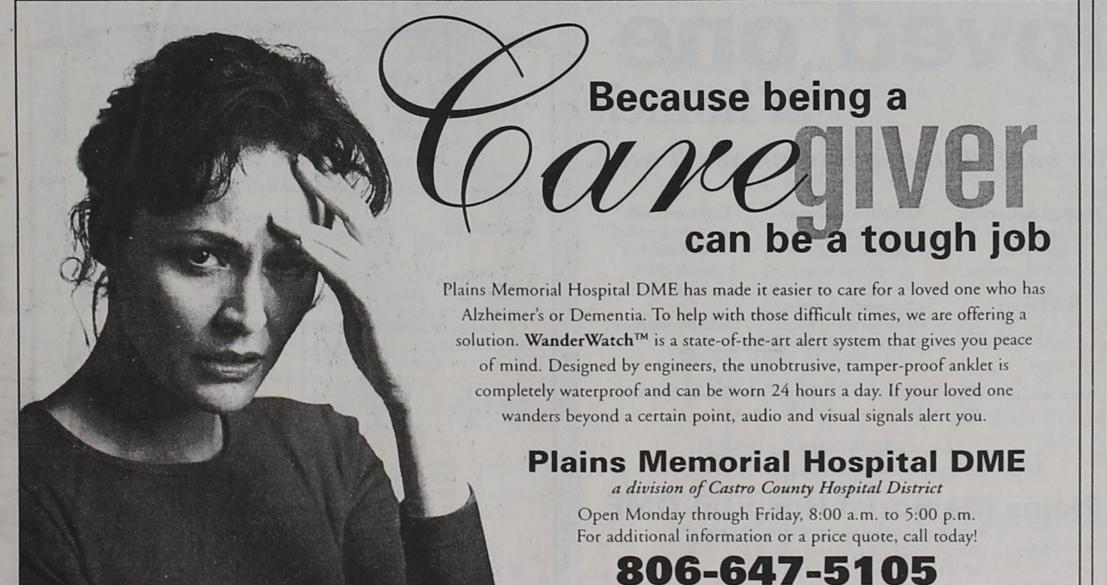
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Schaeffer named to board of directors

appointed Stanley Schaeffer of a three-year term. Dimmitt to its 25-member board of

professional organizations.

interest in the community foundation and the many ways in which it serves area communities through grants, initiatives and as a repository for philanthropic funds," said Jim Allison, president and executive director. "Stanley brings that knowledge as well as a philanthropic passion that he and his wife, Geneva, convey through their dedication to area programs and projects."

A native of the Texas Panhandle, Schaeffer resides in Castro County and has farming and ranching interests in Randall County. He holds both an undergraduate and graduate degree from West Texas A&M University. He was most recently awarded the Golden Nail Award for his contribution to the arts.

Schaeffer joins the Amarillo Area Foundation Board of Directors which recently elected a new chairman and four new members. Amarillo businessman Ron Boyd, president of Duncan and Boyd Jewelers, was elected as the 1999 board chairman. Besides Schaeffer, other new board members are Salem Abraham of Canadian, Michael Terk, Dr. Steve Urban and Deborah Welch, all of

Clover Kids to enjoy food class March 31

The Castro County 4-H Clover Kids will participate in a food class on Wednesday, March 31, at 4 p.m. at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

Those planning to attend should call Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

The Amarillo Area Foundation has Amarillo. Each was elected to serve

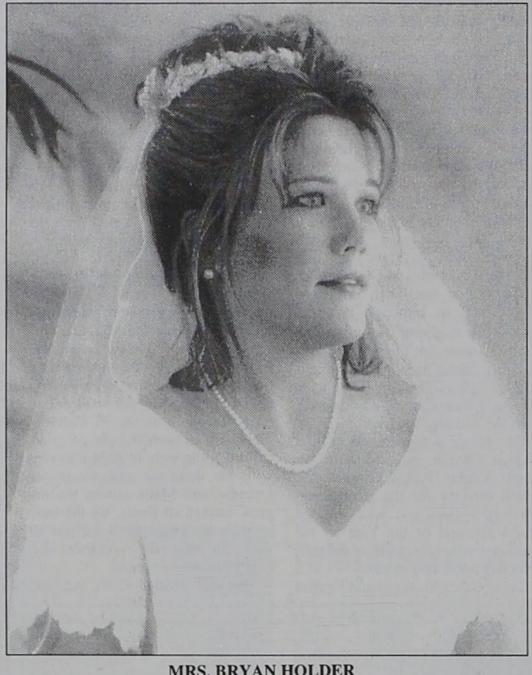
The Amarillo Area Foundation, a community foundation, is a public Schaeffer will begin serving a charity which accepts funds from three-year term created by a recent individuals, families, businesses and board vacancy. Schaeffer is a other groups interested in helping certified public accountant in public charitable organizations for the practice since 1958. He has extensive enrichment of the quality of life of experience serving on boards of the people residing in the 26 agricultural, charitable and northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle. For more information "We are always looking for those about the Foundation, contact in the Panhandle who have an Tammy Shaklee Board, director of donor services, at 376-4521.



PLAINS MEMORIAL Linda Gonzales and Aurelio Segovia of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Anna Maribel Segovia, who was born at 6:32 p.m. March 9 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 6 lbs., 4 ozs., and was 20 inches long at birth. She has an older sibling, Alejandra Segovia, who is 6. Paternal grandparents are Carmelo and Margarita Segovia of Chihuahua, Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Enrique and Lile Trejo of Dimmitt. Great-grandparent is Andrea

It's a boy, Caesar Daniel Castillo, for Caesar Castillo and Renee Garcia of Dimmitt. The infant was born March 5 at afternoon in a formal, double-ring an attached fingertip veil. The veil 7:25 a.m., weighing 7 pounds and 9.2 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. Older sibling is Kelsie Grantham, 4. Paternal grandparents are Juanita Castillo of Dimmitt and Carlos Castillo of Hereford. Maternal grandparents are Rey and Josie Garcia of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Rey Garcia Sr. and the late Tila Garcia, Narciso and Emilia Gauna, and Juan and

It's a boy, Adrian Rafael Falcon, for John Falcon and Belinda Martinez of Dimmitt. The infant was born March 4 at 9:58 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds and 2.8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Big brother is Juan Scott Falcon, 4. Paternal grandparents are Juan Falcon of Dimmitt and Ramona Dones of Georgetown. Maternal grandparents are Beatrice Aguero of Dimmitt and Luis Martinez of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Maria Dones and Pedro and Julia Marti-



MRS. BRYAN HOLDER ... nee Holly Edwards

Couple recite vows Saturday in Lubbock

Holly Edwards and Bryan Holder exchanged wedding vows Saturday ceremony performed by the Rev. Paul Kenley at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Jan Edwards of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Jim and Fran Holder of Lubbock.

Wayland and Elaine Hazel of Dimmitt were soloists for the wedding, performing From This Moment together. He sang The Lord's Prayer and she sang The Wedding Song. They were

accompanied by organist Ann Apple. Given inmarriage by her father, the bride wore an A-line dress fashioned with a sweetheart neckline. The bodice was made of mat satin. The sleeves of the dress were accented with hand-embroidered flowers and scattered seed pearls. Satin-covered buttons accented the back of the gown, running all the way down the

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back of the train.

Her headpiece was a bun ring with featured a scalloped pencil-edge and scattered pearls. The lace in the headpiece was silk Venice with hand-wire lace spray accents. Rolled satin roses accented the back of the

Heather Greene of Petersburg, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. Jennifer Greer of Canyon, friend of the bride, was a bridesmaid. Best man was Steve Jamie of Dallas, friend of the groom. Groomsman was Chad Cruson of Fort Worth, friend of the groom.

Flower girl was Whitney Houchin of Plainview, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were David Edwards of Canadian, brother of the bride; and Monte Holder of Lubbock, brother of the groom.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will establish their home in Lubbock.

Festival special event meals require tickets

Next Thursday (March 25) is the deadline for ordering meal tickets for the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, which will be held in Dimmitt April 8-10.

Orders should be sent to the Ogallala Quilters Society, Box 252, Dimmitt 79027. Joyce Davis of Dimmitt, a member of the Ogallala Quilters Society, said the meals will be included in the special activities—"Nostalgia Night Thursday," with an enchilada supper for \$9 per person; and "Fantastic Friday," with a steak dinner for \$12.50 per person (fish available on request).

Davis said that this year's festival also will include three special dis-

A traveling exhibit of "Hoffman Challenge Quilts" will visit Dimmitt during the festival. The Hoffman fabric company issues a challenge to quilters to make quilts from a specific fabric. Last year's 50 wall hangings will stop here on their way from Alabama to Oregon.

Also on display will be the "Kansas City Star" exhibit. From 1928 to 1961, the Kansas City Star newspaper published different quilting patterns for its readers, according to Davis. She said a quilting club from Oklahoma has made some panels that feature each one of these patterns. Ten of the panels will be displayed.

Also on display will be a collection of antique sewing machines belonging to Lester Battease of Sweetwater.

Quilts entered for the festival competition will be eligible for ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards.

Various classes and other activities also will be available during the

All classes will be three hours long and the charge is \$15, plus any kit or

supplies that may be needed. Classes will include "Bindings" and "Judge Looking" by Nell Smith, "Borders" and "Dear Jane" by Laura

Class of '89 sets reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1989 is planning a 10-year reunion for Saturday, July 24, at Country Club of Dimmitt, and organizers of the event are seeking addresses for several class members.

Those planning the event need help in locating the following class members: Robert Anes, Oscar Balderas, Juan Casas, Lisa Dominguez, Rene Enriquez, Paul Espinosa, Alicia Garza, Becky Hernandez, Noemi Ibarra, Jo Ann Juarez (Pena), Victor Medelline, Alma Murillo, Paula Roberson, Elsa Rodriguez, Roger Rodriguez, 4-H leaders Becky Rutkowski, Adolph Salazar, Curtis Ward.

If you have any information on Chad Davis at (806) 647-2265 (work) or (806) 647-0502 (home); Alicia Bradley at Dimmitt High School, (806) 647-3105; or Mat start at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Bradley at (806) 647-3223

They would like to have addresses at 7 p.m. or phone numbers on all class members by April 15.

H. Syler, "Bursting Star" by Millie Riggs, "Crazy for You" by Vicky Tracy, "Chapelhouse Lanes" by Sharon Newman, "Celtic" by Ina Cleavinger, "Drunkard's Path" by Nancy Richburg, "Hand Applique" by June Long, "Machine Quilting" by Emily Nipp, "Minis" by Yvonna Hays, "Mystery" by Jean Gilles Dean, "Paper Piecing" by Janet Harter, "Pineapple" by Joyce Davis, and "Quilt Tray" by Molly Yarger.

Food vendor booths will be available during the festival activities on Friday and Saturday.

Fish fry is Friday

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will hold a fish fry every Friday night through March 26.

The weekly fish fries will be each Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the church's cafeteria.

The menu will include fried fish, red beans, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, homemade dessert, tea and coffee. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Takeout plates will be available.

Proceeds from the meals will help fund ongoing projects at the church.

Bed and breakfast providers needed for quilt festival

Local residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 8-10 in Dimmitt.

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the festival, and places will be needed for some of them to stay

"We would like for residents to allow a guest or guests to stay for one to three nights and to provide breakfast each morning," a festival organizer said. "Each resident who furnishes a room will be paid, and the Chamber of Commerce will handle arrangements."

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524 or from Joyce Davis at 647-

The festival will include quilting classes, lectures, demonstrations, entertainment, appraisals and a quilt

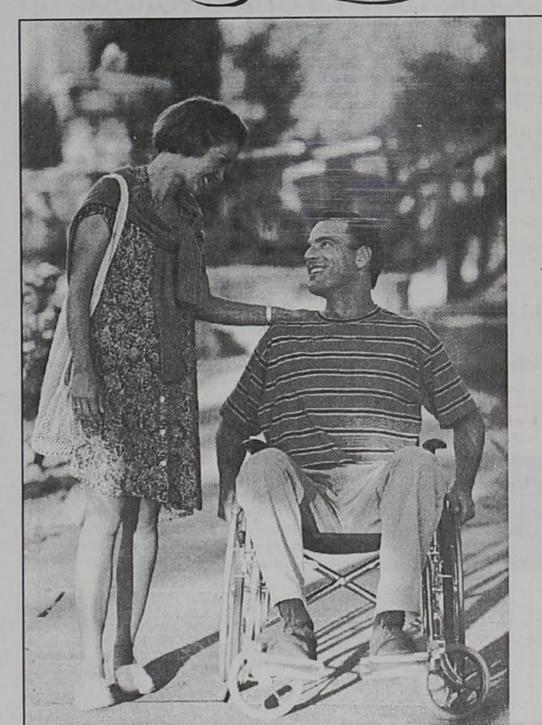
The Ogallala Quilter's Society is an organization with over 200 members from the tri-state area.

Betty Sanchez, Josie Villareal and plan meeting

The Castro County 4-H club how to contact these people, contact managers and parent-leaders will hold a training session and meeting on March 29 at the courthouse.

> The club managers training will Parent/Leader Association meeting

> All 4-H leaders are asked to attend.



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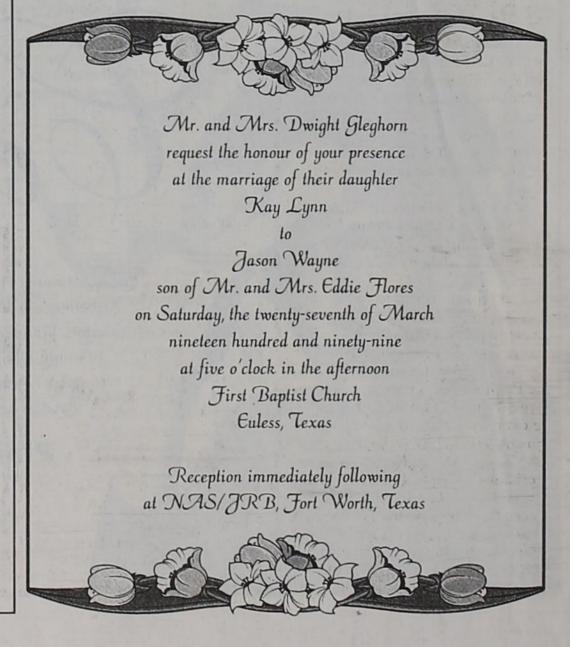
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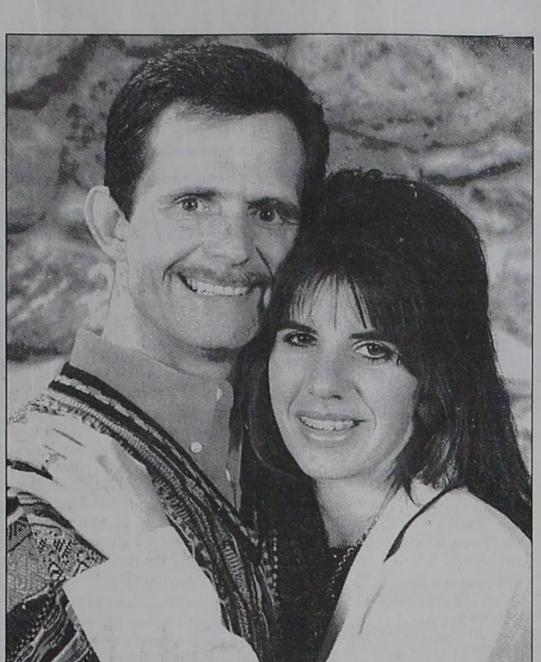
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Darrel Raynor and Casey Gentry

Gentry to wed Raynor

Casey Gentry and Darrel Raynor, both of Waxahachie, are planning to exchange wedding vows at 3:30 p.m. on June 5 at the prospective groom's home in Waxahachie.

The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Dee Gentry of Richardson and Bob and Kylene Anthony of Dimmitt. She is the granddaughter of Norman and Pete Hodges of Hereford and Bill and Justine Gentry of Dallas. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University and holds a degree in management information systems. She is a member of the PC Donate and Retrofit Clearinghouse, and is a volunteer for the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity. She is employed as an information analyst for Electronic Data Systems in Plano. She is also a web master for Data Analysis & Results, Inc., the PCDAR, and Texas Commission for the Physically Impaired.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Helen Saturday of Waycross, Ga. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting from Iowa State University. He earned his master of business administration degree in management information systems at Golden Gate University. He is the founder and executive director of the PC Donate and Retrofit Clearinghouse, executive vice president of marketing of the Dallas Project Management Institute, vice president of DFW Independent Computer Consultants Association and a volunteer for the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity. He is employed as president and senior project manager for Data Analysis & Results, Inc.

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been met for the FCC to issue a limited boundary modification.

GTE/Contel of Texas, Inc., will be directed to file a schedule of proposed implementation and fees for ELC service to the approved exchanges in a format similar to that of other ELC applications.

By April 16, the PUC will issue an order granting interim approval of fees proposed implementation schedule.

Any interested person may file a protest against the telephone company's costs, proposed rates, implementation schedule or tariff sheets beginning April 27.

By May 3, the PUC will file an analysis of cost information and recommendation on the proposed rates, implementation schedule and tariff sheets. If a protest has been filed, it will be decided if docketing is recommended.

If no protest is filed, a final administrative order may be filed by

South Plains 4-H Council to meet

Adult Leaders Association Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

with a catered meal.

plans for the May 2 meeting, will plan for council officer elections, discuss upcoming committee Advisory Committee. responsibilities and discuss the

Hear The First United

Breast cancer screening is set for April 1

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on April 1, and appointments are now being accepted.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appoint-

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

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

Total cost of the screening is \$75. A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

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

The South Plains 4-H Council and officer training and retreat.

The leaders also will plan for a Committee will meet Tuesday at the May 2 meeting and will decide the winners of the 4-H Distinguished Leader Award and the Meritorious The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Service Award. They will discuss the VLAT plans for 1999 and the The 4-H Council will be making South Plains 4-H Quarterly Newsletter. They also will name individuals to serve on the Projects

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To receive an entry form and the complete rules for the contest, Elementary school students in contact the Communications grades kindergarten through fifth Department at (800) 262-2548 or (210) 828-9921, Ext. 135. The deadline to submit entries for the contest is May 14. All entries will become the property of Catholic Life Insurance.

SEC accepting entries for youth tour contest

Washington, D.C. will be awarded to two area youth by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

For 33 years, Swisher Electric has "Government in Action" youth tour to Washington, D.C.

The winners will be selected on the basis of a speech contest to be held April 7 at Swisher Electric in Tulia.

Any 14- to 19-year-old attending school in Nazareth, Hart, Happy, Canyon, Kress, Tulia, Silverton or Olton, or those home-schooled in Swisher Electric's service area, is eligible to enter the contest.

Those interested who do not hear more about the contest through their school should contact Kacy Bivens at Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulia at (806) 995-3567 or 1-800-530-4344.

The deadline for submitting entry forms is April 1.

The 1999 Youth Tour is scheduled for June 17-29. The winners of Swisher Electric's speech contest will travel to Dallas where they will

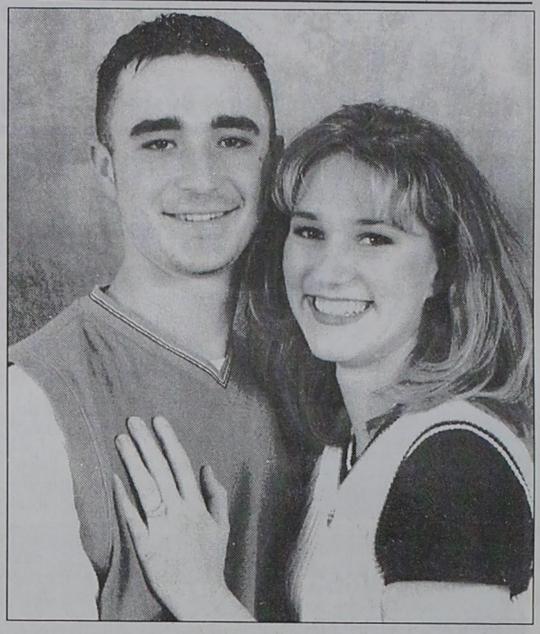
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Every 11 seconds in America a child is reported abused or neglected.



Bryan Nichols and Misti Ball

Couple plan April wedding

Darryl and Rose Ball of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Misti Ball, to Bryan Nichols, son of Russell Nichols of Cotton Center and Renea Livesay of Littlefield.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 3:30 p.m. on April 10 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Nazareth High School. She studied elementary education at Amarillo College at West Texas A&M University. She is employed by Brandy's Bar and Grill.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Cotton Center High School. He attended South Plains College and Amarillo College, majoring in physical education. He is employed at Brandy's Bar and Grill. He will be attending the SDGA School of Golf in Orlando, Fla.

After the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Orlando.

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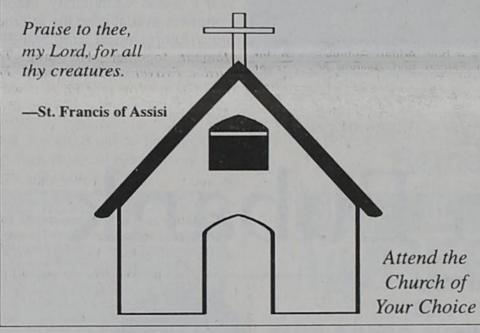
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D'Anne Harmon

Harmon named financial consultant for Merrill Lynch

D'Anne Harmon of Lubbock has joined Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant.

Harmon is the daughter of Bill and Martha Harmon of Lubbock, former Dimmitt residents. Harmon is a native of Tulia and Dimmitt and she is a 1980 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

University in 1985 with a bachelor of business administration degree, and earned her master's degree in 1990 from the University of Denver. She is a member of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Texas Gamma Chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

Forums will help Texans define needs, solutions

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The open forum date for Castro County is March 22 and the focus forum will be on April 8. The place and time for the meetings hasn't been announced yet.

"The futures forums will bring citizens, government, business and other groups together in a town-hall type atmosphere to identify local needs, issues and problems, and then organize action teams to address them," said Jett Major, TAEX district director for agriculture at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. "It is a unique opportunity for individuals and groups to join hands to improve their communities and the state as a whole."

She graduated from Texas Tech Texas Agricultural Extension Service, an arm of the Texas A&M University System's diverse agriculture program.

"We've brought local citizens into our long-range program planning efforts since 1985. But this is the first time we've partnered with so many other agencies and groups to generate a statewide needs assess-

challenge of change at the dawn of community meetings," Major said. "County Extension agents and volual and collective efforts to answer unteers from partnering agencies local needs and issues result in will conduct the first round of statewide open forums this spring in all 254 Texas counties."

The open forums will generate a amount of cooperative, proactive priority list of community-wide issues and needs. A follow-up meeting will review the results of the open forum and recruit experts and resource people for a subsequent focus forum.

The focus forums will bring citizens, experts, resource people, Extension staff and representatives from other agencies together to further refine the priority issue list, develop goals and objectives to answer priority needs, and to form proactive issue teams.

Issue teams will then promote cross-agency collaboration to address each priority need and find workable solutions, Major noted.

Each community's list of priority needs-issues will be posted on the Internet for county government, state agencies and other organizations to review and use when formulating their strategic plans. The statewide list of priority needs-is-This proces is not new to the sues will also serve as the foundation for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's long-range outreach education plan for 2000-2003.

> "The information that results from the Texas Community Futures Forums will help all of the partnering agencies directly focus their activities and responses on solutions," Major said. "Through partnering, the Texas Community Futures Forum ill facilitate individual joint and coordinated action that effectively addresses communitywide needs to deliver targeted results that will truly make a difference in the lives of Texans."

More information about this year's Texas Community Futures Forums is available on the Internet: http://futuresforum.tamu.edu/inde



AND THE WINNERS ARE—The Dimmitt Alumni Techology Association Club held a drawing Friday afternoon to give away a television and a VCR in a fund-raising effort to raise money for the club's scholarship program. Club members (from left)

Cesario Saenz and Linda Heck watch as volunteer Roxie Saenz draws out the name of Luis Pena as the winner of the VCR and Lee and Denise Schilling as the winners of the 25-inch color television.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Sales tax rebate payments reflect increase so far this year

that receive sales and use tax rebate said. "Retail sales in many increase of 7.78%. payments showed an increase in the communities are above the levels of amount received for the first three one year ago." months of 1999 when compared with the first three months of 1998. March 1999 was \$21,429.10, up showed an increase for Dimmitt and the county, in keeping with the \$77,671.50, an increase of 6.13% increases shown state-wide.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said the monthly sales tax rebate payments to 1,095 Texas cities and 118 counties showed a 5.8% increase in comparing March 1998 with March 1999; and a 7.4% increase in comparing the first three payments for 1999 with the first three for 1998.

"Texas" economic growth continues, and consumer confidence Dimmitt's rebate payment for

However, the March payments were 12.12% from the \$19,111.01 for down for Hart and Nazareth, but March 1998. In the year-to-date total for 1999, Dimmitt has received over the \$73,178.48 for the first three months of 1998.

The county's March 1999 rebate check was for \$10,171, up 23.88% in comparison with the March 1998 payment of \$8,209.90. For the three months of 1999, the total has been \$34,386.24, up 10.11% over the \$31,227.29 received for the first three months of 1998

Hart's March 1999 rebate payment was \$1,010.16, down 7.53% from the \$1,092.51 received in March 1998. However, in year-to-date totals, Hart has received \$4,010.70 for the first three months of 1999, which is 6.11% higher than the is a statewide organization for the \$3,779.72 received for the same

period in 1998. Nazareth's March 1999 rebate payment of \$716.20 was 10.28% lower than the March 1998 payment of \$798.33. Year-to-date totals tell a different story. The first three months of 1998 brought in only \$3,499.53, but the same period in

The four entities in Castro County remains extremely high," Rylander 1999 has garnered \$3,771.97, an

State sorghum producers elect new directors

Texas sorghum growers recently elected new directors for the Texas Grain Sorghum Association's Panhandle, West Texas, Central and Coastal Bend Districts.

Re-elected to another term on the board were West Texas director Jim Boston of Roscoe and Coastal Bend director Bull Kubecka of Palacios.

Two new directors were elected by the association and they are Jimmy West of Roxton for the Central District, and Daniel Krienke of Perryton for the Panhandle District. There is still a vacancy in the Valley District.

Texas Grain Sorghum Association grain sorghum producers of Texas. The main purpose of the organization is to increase the profitability of grain sorghum through regulatory and legislative channels. TGSA consists of five districts with two representatives from each district elected by the membership to represent the interests of producers.

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Blain Eubank

The First Texas Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt would like to introduce your new loan officer for Castro County. Blain Eubank currently lives in the Canyon area where he and his wife own and operate a small restaurant. For the past two years, they have worked hard to build their own business. Prior to that, he and his family lived in Pampa, Texas where he worked for the High Plains FLBA of Pampa for five years and eight months. Blain has a background in agriculture, being raised on a farm and ranch in Canadian and also owning his own cattle company during his time in Pampa. Blain and his wife Doris, plan to move to Castro County in the near future and become a part of this community.

Blain says, "I enjoy helping people accomplish the things they plan to do in their lives, like buying a small place to run a few cows, or helping a young person start a small farming operation while working a full-time job. I also enjoy working with full-time farmers/cattlemen to increase their operation by purchasing new land or land they have been



Blain Eubank

leasing in the past." One of the reasons Blain came to work at First Texas is his belief that First Texas FLBA is committed to helping farmers stay in business.

He also says, "1998 was a hard year and agriculture in general is difficult right now; but; if we work with good farmers who are willing to work with us, we can all help each other to improve and maintain our way of life here in the Panhandle of Texas."



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SEC plans annual meet on March 25

Swisher Electric Cooperative will hold its annual membership meeting next Thursday, March 25, at the Ezra Jones School Cafeteria, located at 501 Northeast Fourth Street in Tulia.

Swisher Electric Cooperative is looking into the past, at its very origins 60 years ago, for direction as it enters a rapidly changing era in electric utility regulation. Incorporated on Sept. 30, 1939, the cooperative's 59th annual meeting on March 25 will recognize those who helped build the cooperative over the past 60 years. The new era for Swisher Electric will highlight the official introduction of the cooperative as a Touchstone Energy partner.

Registration and a buffet supper for members and guests is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the cafeteria.

The business meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. and will be highlighted by election of three directors.

Incumbent directors seeking reelection are Eddie Bryan, president; Richard Tye, vice president; and Dee Inglis, secretary-treasurer. Members nominated by the nominating committee to oppose them are Larry Stevens, Tim Wilhelm and Tom Garrison, respectively. The sevenmember nominating committee met on Jan. 21.

Voting in the director election is reserved for current members who registered in person or by proxy representative.

Other highlights of the meeting will include recognition of some former contractor employees who built lines an substations for Swisher Electric in 1948, brief management and audit reports, attendance packets and door prizes. Members must be present to win door prizes and must of my whole life with my boys." have registered prior to the start of the business meeting.

March is declared Red Cross Month

March is National Red Cross Month, and the local chapter is having a membership drive.

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Red Cross Chapter, which serves Deaf Smith, Castro and Parmer counties, will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Red Cross office in Hereford. All chapter members are urged to attend.

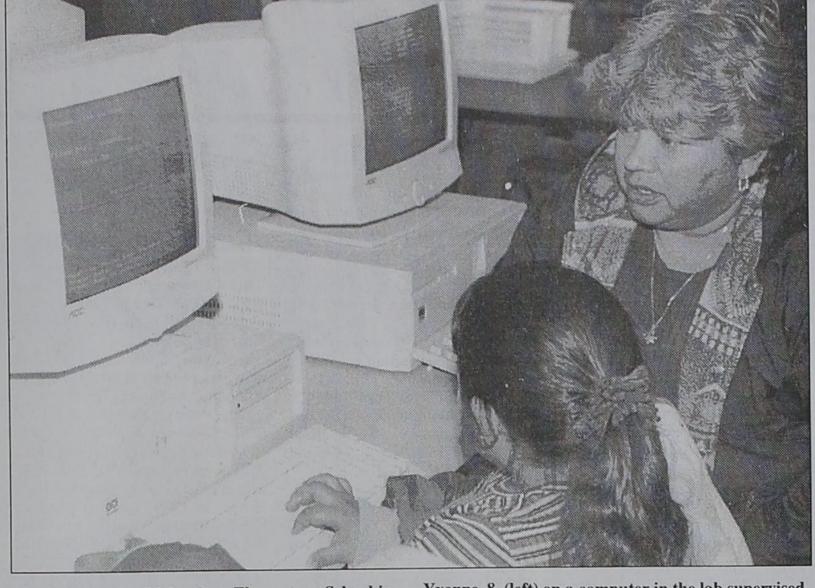
A chapter manager will be selected, updated by-laws will be approved, and members will discuss the disaster plan, cultural diversity treasurer will give a report and present the budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

"We want to encourage volunteers and friends of current members to join or renew their memberships," a chapter spokesperson said. "The membership fee helps support our

chapter activities." For more information, those interested may call 806-364-3761.

With tornado season approaching, the chapter is holding classes for volunteer training. Also, brochures and other information on disaster preparedness are available.

A brochure dealing with preparedness for the Y2K problem also is available.



OPEN HOUSE-Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt held open house last Thursday. Here, Nora Lopez (right) views the work of her daughter,

Yvonne, 8, (left) on a computer in the lab supervised by Brenda Welch. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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game Saturday night, our next-seat

neighbors were a father and son from

Houston, making their first trip

together. The father had played on

Houston Memorial's state runner-up

team in '75. It was hard to tell who

was more excited, the boy or his dad.

"How old are you?" I asked the

"Nine," he said. "I'm in the third

'That's how old I was when I

started coming with my dad," Nathan

(Nathan is 32 now, and is looking

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game which I was never good

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forward to the day when his year-old

son, Jake, can start going with him.)

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Shreveport, La., and Carl of Lubbock -stayed at the Clarion Inn down by the river and spent three days watching 15 ball games between 20

"It was one of the greatest times once, but lost him. we've ever had," Corky said. "It was the first time we were all five together at a state tournament.

"It was one of the highlight events

Yep, they're planning to do it again next year, Corky said.

There are quite a few father-son combos from Dimmitt who enjoy three days of non-stop basketball together in Austin every March.

Stanley Schaeffer is probably the dean of the crowd. He made his first trip with the 1961 Bobcats and is always there with his sons, David and Jerry, and his son-in-law, Stan

The youngest father-son duo from Dimmitt was probably Norman and Ryan Hays. Matthew Wright got to go along with Ryan.

Jay Myatt and his sons, Layne and Steve, were there. Also, Layne's inlaws, Gene and Mary Nell King of Seminole, were there along with plan and chapter goals. Also, the some other former Dimmitt people -the Ryans, the Salinases, the Clarks—to see the Indians represent

Region I-AAA. (Greg Clark, former Dimmitt assistant coach, did a great job with Seminole's boys this year. He used the kind of up-tempo game that utilized the Indians' exceptional height and quickness.)

My son Nathan and I had a good visit with another tourney regular, Dwight McDonald, one of Nathan's remembered for hitting the last- of '44, or '52, or '71, or '84, or . . . second shot that gave Dimmitt the Abernathy in 1984.

who coached that great Abernathy team. Carl won state championships at both Abernathy (1980) and

Plainview (1994). When he retired at Plainview, John Smith (Dimmitt High School, 1983) succeeded him as head coach of the Bulldogs.

I saw John in the Arena hallway

We did get to visit between games with one of John's teammates off of DHS's state championship teams of 1982 and '83-one Kevin Cleveland.

Gosh, there's a big bunch of topnotch young basketball coaches who grew up in Dimmitt: Jerry Schaeffer, Steve Myatt, John Smith, Kevin Cleveland, Rocky Rawls, Jeff Bell, Blake Brown, Bruce Bryant . . .

I like to try to see all of them while we're there, but it's nigh impossible. That's why Nathan would like to have a "Dimmitt gathering" during one of the breaks in the tournament —just to get to see all the guys from his old hometown.

There was one father-son duo whom I missed - Alan and Kalan Steinle. Their trip to state together was ruined by a van-car accident last Wednesday.

There were lots of other Dimmitt "regulars" there, too - Bob and Wanda Murdock, Laverne Bernethy, Ewell and Nell Kelley, Bill Thomas, Terry Widick, Bryan Irons, Coaches Gus Ortiz and Cory Lynch . . .

Although Dimmitt hasn't had a team in the boys' state tourney since 1988, our reputation there is still huge. Two different men-one older than I, one younger—as soon as they learned where I'm from, told me about watching Junior Coffey and the 1961 Bobcats play in the old Gregory Gym.

I'm sure there were others in the former teammates, who is best Drum who remembered the Bobcats

(By the way, next year's Class regional championship over No. 1 AAA honor team at the state tournament will be the 1975 Bobcats. We also visited with Carl Irlbeck, How quickly a quarter of a century can go by!)

During the Class 5A championship

SBA disaster loan filing deadline near Businesses in some Texas counties have until March 23 to file

applications for low-interest disaster loans from the US Small Business Administration (SBA).

The SBA's economic injury disaster loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from drought that occurred from June 1, 1997, through July 8, 1998, and continuing; and flooding, hail and high winds that occurred on May 25 and May 26, 1998.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans, however, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

are eligible to apply for aid if they suffered losses from the drought.

Those counties suffering damage from flooding, hail and high winds in May of 1998 who may apply for aid are Coke, Concho, Irion, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling and Tom Green.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small Businesses in all Texas counties businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the weather are not eligible.







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Obituaries

Beulah Chavers

Services for Beulah Chavers, 65, of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday in First Baptist Church with Melvin Tatum, elder, and the Rev. Archie McNeal, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Chavers died Saturday.

She was born Aug. 31, 1933, in Kern. She moved to Dimmitt from Corsicana 36 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

She married John Chavers. He died in 1973. She was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Sherman; three brothers, Johnny Mac Brown, Sammy Brown and Bobby Brown; and a sister, Linda Rubell.

Survivors include nine daughters, Tracy Chavers, Stacy Chavers and Leslie Neal, all of Dimmitt, Jeanette Hutson of Tempe, Ariz., Cassie Davis and Johnnie Haley, both of Chandler, Ariz., and Melba Burrell, Claudia Chavers and Mary Nell Sherman, all of Dallas; two sons, Johnny Lee Sherman and Eddie Sherman, both of Dimmitt; her mother, Thelma Brown of Corsicana; five brothers, Bobby Joe Brown of Hart, Willie Brown of Clovis, N.M., and Jimmy Lee Brown, Ruby Jay Brown and Lewis Brown, all of Corsicana; six sisters, Pinky Tubbs of

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Texico, N.M., Minnie Mae Washington of Plainview, Alice Faye Tubbs of Farwell and Ruby Baxter, Virginia Brown and Peggy Daniels, all of Corsicana; 27 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Grace Marie Holland

Services for Grace Marie Holland, 77, of Marble Falls, formerly of Castro County, were held recently at the First Baptist Church in Marble Falls with Bro. Max Copeland officiating. Burial followed in Fairland Cemetery under the direction of Edgar Funeral Home of Marble Falls.

Mrs. Holland died Feb. 1. She was born Jan. 4, 1922, in Castro County to Jim and Robertha (Wood) Bagwell.

Survivors include her husband, Dudley Holland of Marble Falls; two daughters, Marianne McEwin of Odessa and Donna Kay Sralla of Marble Falls; two sisters, Christine Bell of Perryton and LaTrelle Bagwell of Marble Falls; two brothers, J.A. Bagwell of Poncha Springs, Colo., and Robert Bagwell of Hazlehurst, Miss.; and four grandchildren including Christopher Bishop, Timothy and Lisa Sralla and Cory McEwin.

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Vera Lawanda Lamm

Services for Vera Lawanda Lamm, 86, of Sayre, Okla., mother of Joy Barker of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon in the Rose Chapel Funeral Home in Sayre with Center after a lengthy illness. Tom Cooksey and Ray Smart officiating. Burial followed in Erick Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service.

Senior Village in Perryton.

She was born Oct. 1, 1912, in Sayre . She grew up in the Mayfield community in Oklahoma where she attended school. She married Elbert Harvey "Jack" Lamm on March 17, 1928, at Sayre. After her marriage she moved to the Lamm family farm northeast of Erick, Okla.. She moved to Sayre in 1950. She moved to Perryton in November 1991.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Jackie Jr. in August of 1974.

and a son-in-law, Joy and Elvis Barker of Dimmitt and Donna Aven of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two sons Katreca Lamm of Perryton and Gary and Twilla Lamm of Beggs, Okla.; six grandchildren; and 19 greatgrandchildren.

Deborah Bridges Terry

Deborah Bridges Terry, 45, of Amarillo, sister of Nazareth businessman Robert "Perch" Bridges, died Tuesday, March 9.

Graveside services were held last Thursday, March 11, in Amarillo's Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff Quinlin of Trinity Fellowship officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Colonial Funeral Chapel of Amarillo.

She was born in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School. She attended Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University. Prior to a disability in 1989, she had worked in the insurance business. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two brothers, Robert Bridges and Raymond Bridges, both of Canyon; two sisters, Molly Bridges of Canyon and Phyllis Bridges of Denton; and her father, Robert Howard Bridges of Amarillo.

Gloria Mason

Gloria F. Mason, 71, of Plainview, wife of former Nazareth Independent School District Superintendent John Mason, died Sunday at Lockney Care

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Ninth and Columbia Church of Christ in Plainview with Mike Prather, pastor, officiating. Mrs. Lamm died Sunday in the Burial followed in Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home of Plainview.

> Mrs. Mason was born July 15, 1927, in Childress. She attended schools in Plainview. She married John Mason on Feb. 5, 1946, in Plainview.

She was an artist and a member of the Ninth and Columbia Church of

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Paula.

Survivors include her husband; two December of 1928 and Bobby Joe in daughters, Cheryl Bradley of Lockney and Donna Bevill of Survivors include two daughters Claytonville; a son, Ray "Rusty" Mason of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be and daughters-in-law, Jackie and to Hospice Hands of West Texas in Lockney or the Plainview Hospital Auxiliary.

Colleen Weaver

Funeral services for Colleen Weaver, 72, of Hereford, the mother of a Dimmitt man, were to have been held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at The Rose Chapel of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home in Hereford, with Jim Wood, minister of Northside Church of Christ in Clovis, N.M., officiating. Burial was to follow in Rest Lawn

Memorial Park of Hereford. Mrs. Weaver died March 15 at

2:25 a.m. at the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

She was born Dec. 9, 1926, in Lubbock County to Gus and Ruby Collett. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1943. She married B.J. "Doc" Weaver on March 23, 1946, in Clovis. They moved to Deaf Smith County in 1968 from Snyder. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Hereford and was retired from a ladies' clothing

She is survived by her husband, Dr. B.J. Weaver; four sons, Billy Jack Jr. of Clovis, N.M., Bobby Weaver of Dimmitt, Tommy Weaver of Grand Prairie, and Terry Kearns of Bullhead City, Ariz.; two sisters,

Gussie Marie Gray of Snyder and Juanita Pirtle of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchil-

Catherine Weinaug

Funeral services for Catherine Tatum Weinaug, 77, of Lawrence, Kan., the sister of a Dimmitt woman, Church in Lawrence.

etery of Lawrence under direction of Oimmitt. Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home. Mrs. Weinaug died March 5.

She was born Nov. 20, 1921, in Plainview to Hugh B. and Mae in 1933. He married Veronica Dorko Tatum, early settlers of Plainview. She graduated from Plainview High School in 1939, attended Wayland College and graduated from West Texas State University. She married Charles F. Weinaug in 1943. He preceded her in death in 1968.

She was an author of Christian children's books and president of Adventures for Children. Some of her books include The White Lamb Adventure; Guppies, Galaxies, Gardens and God; and Boats, Birds, Beasts and Believers. She was instrumental in the formation of Small World for international students and was responsible through her writing for a film about Leo Beuerman, which received international recognition. She was a former organist for the Assembly of God Church and a member of the Texas Press Women's Association.

Survivors include two sons, G. Craig Weinaug of Douglas County, Kan., and Carl Weinaug of Stillwater, Okla.; a sister, Mary Jo Birdwell of Dimmitt; and four grandchildren.

to Adventures for Children, c/o Carl Weinaug, Springdale, 1021 Stillwater, OK 74074, to be used to morrow. Our community cares. Get involved republish one of her books for chil- in preventing child abuse before it occurs.

Lavern Wilhelm

Lavern H. Wilhelm, 71, of Nazareth, died Friday.

A vigil service was held Sunday in the CCD Building at Nazareth. Funeral mass was read Monday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Jerry Stein and Msgr. Harold Waldow officiatwere held March 9 in Free Methodist ing. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Burial was in Memorial Park Cem- Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home

Mr. Wilhelm was born Aug. 23, 1928, in Waterflow, N.M. He moved to Texas from Yellow Jacket, Colo., on Aug. 17, 1957, in Nazareth. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Holy Family Catholic Church Choir. He was a farmer and served in the Army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a son,

Robert Wilhelm, in 1983. Survivors include his wife; four sons, Henry Wilhelm of Nazareth, Cecil Wilhelm of Hereford and Stephen Wilhelm and Damian Wilhelm, both of Amarillo; three daughters, Mary Beth Haschke and Dorothy Huseman, both of Amarillo, and Theresa Rose Mullen of Clarendon; brother, Bernard

"Bert" Wilhelm of Tucumcari, N.M.; a sister, Ruth Kuhler of Amarillo; and 18 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Robert Wilhelm Band Scholarship, HCR 2, Box 79, Happy 79042; or to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo 79176.

Child abuse is something a child may never The family suggests memorials be outgrow-many of those now in prison were abused as children. That's why communities are working so hard to help children today, before they develop into a threat to other to-

More about Drug policy

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rity number, chosen by computer from several different "pools." Pools would include students in each inseason sport for boys and girls, students in off-season programs, and students in extracurricular programs in grades 7-8 and 9-12 who are not in athletics. Ten percent of each pool would be tested at each random test date, about once a month.

Dollar said that all participants would be tested when the program is first implemented. Then in subsequent years, all extracurricular participants entering the seventh and ninth grades would be tested, in addition to the random tests. Also, participating students new to the school system would be tested at the first possible random testing date.

Participants may be required to submit to a drug or alcohol test at any time upon reasonable suspicion by school personnel. Dollar said that requirements for establishing "reasonable suspicion" are spelled out in the policy.

Sanctions for students who have a positive test (showing drug or alcohol use) include mandatory sub-

stance abuse counseling, suspension from participation and additional required testing. An appeals process is provided, with no sanctions applied until the appeals process is completed. Offenses are cumulative for a participant's enrollment in grades 7-12 in DISD. A fourth offense will result in permanent suspension from extracurricular partici-

Dollar said the policy spells out that no participant shall be penalized academically for testing positive. The results of drug tests will not be documented in any student's academic records.

Copies of the proposed policy may be viewed at the school administration office, 608 W. Halsell.

When good moms or good dads have bad days, children can suffer. Take time out. Don't take it out on your child. Report child abuse at

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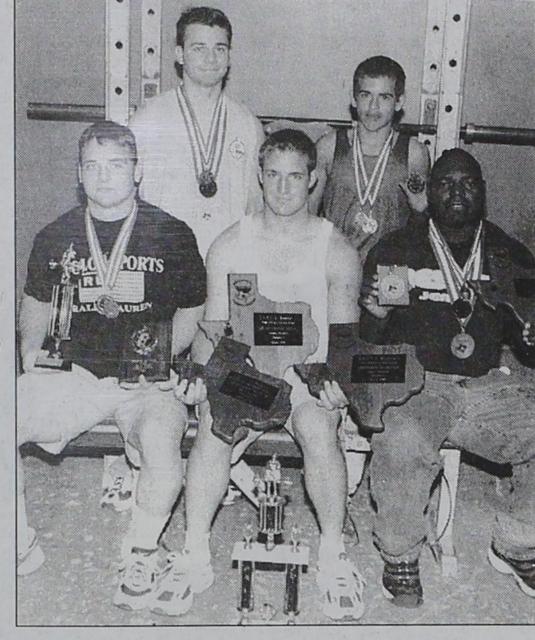
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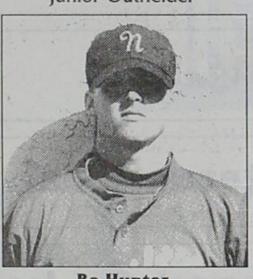
THIRD PLACE TEAM-The Dimmitt High School Power Lifting Team placed third in team totals at the Regional Power Lifting Championships held Saturday in Colorado City. Team members are (standing, from left) Gary Jouett and Mitchell Gentry; and (seated, from left) Michael Penney, Beau Hill and Fred Traylor. The team is coached by Monty Gothard. Photo by Linda Maxwell







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DHS lifters win third, two qualify for state

The Dimmitt High School Power Lifting team placed third in team totals at the Regional Power Lifting Championships held Saturday in Colorado City, and two team members qualified for the state competi-

State qualifier Beau Hill broke four regional records in the 198-lb. class, taking first place with lifts of 580 in the squat, 315 in the bench, and 575 in the dead lift, for a total of 1,470. He won the Outstanding Squat Award, the Outstanding Dead Lift Award, and the Outstanding

Gary Jouett also qualified for state by taking first place in the 148-lb. class, with lifts of 400 in the squat, 250 in the bench, and 430 in the dead lift, for a total of 1,080.

Fred Traylor won fourth place in the 242-lb. class with lifts of 500 squat, 255 bench, and 515 dead lift for a total of 1,270.

Michael Penney won sixth in the 181-lb. class with a lift total of 1,175, from lifts of 460 in the squat, 280 in the bench, and 435 in the dead lift.

Also participating was team member Mitchell Gentry. The team is coached by Monty Gothard.

The state competition will be March 27 at Fort Hood at Killeen.

Bobcats jump on Portales early, then stomp out rally

win over Portales junior varsity in the Muleshoe Tournament last Thursday, but their quest for a tournament championship ended there as the rest of the tourney.

out in right field on Friday after the rains and the field was still in poor Coach Jesus Quiroz.

game in convincing fashion, though, pounding Portales pitchers for 14 runs in four innings for a 14-7 vic-

six more runs before Dimmitt ended Silva reached home.

for Dimmitt, pitching a one-hitter 3-0. through three innings before he was replaced by Wesley Harkins in the

Quiroz said Harkins struggled, walking four batters and giving up three singles. Portales took advantage, scoring six runs before Sammy Prieto relieved Harkins and struck out the last two batters to end the

"Shane did a good job of pitching the first three innings-I think he had a one-hitter. Then we brought Wesley up from the JV and he had a few problems and they were able to score runs. We went to Sammy for the last two outs," Quiroz said.

"Overall, I think we played better. We watched the ball and seemed to be more disciplined. I was impressed with our base running, too. We did lose our concentration for awhile-I think the guys thought we were just playing a JV team and it would be a breeze. But Portales has a tough JV team and we found out we had to play well to win.'

Dimmitt third baseman Luis Silva fielded a ground ball by Portales'

Dimmitt picked up a first-round lead-off hitter A. Garcia and threw the runner out at first to open the game, then Furr struck out the next

Furr hit the next batter and the weather forced the cancellation of runner was able to advance to second on a passed ball, but he was stranded "I understand they had a big lake there after the next hitter grounded out to short.

Dimmitt's Bobby Hill reached on condition on Saturday," said Dimmitt an error to start the Bobcats off in the first and he was the first Bobcat to Quiroz' Bobcats won their first cross the plate, starting what would become a three-run inning for the Bobcats.

Hill scored on a single by Silva to give Dimmitt a 1-0 lead. After Eric The Portales JV didn't pick up a Gamez was hit by a pitch, Portales single run until the third inning, then pitcher D. Kemp walked Robert caught on fire in the fourth, adding Sepeda and it wasn't long before

A sacrifice fly by Wesley Wright Shane Furr started on the mound scored Gamez and Dimmitt was up

Track Results

WOLVERINE RELAYS at Springlake-Earth

Boys' Division Team Totals: 1. Springlake-Earth 126, 2. (Tie) Hale Center and Friona 86, 4. Portales, N.M. 76, 5. Anton 42, 6. Hart 31, 7. Kress 30, 8. Whiteface 20, 9. Cooper 19, 10. Sudan 16, 11. Crosbyton 14.

Discus: 2. GerardoDozal, Hart, 122-9. Shot Put: 3. Gerardo Dozal, Hart, 41-9. Long Jump: 2. Jared Aven, Hart, 19-2

Triple Jump: 3. Jared Aven, Hart, 39-4

Girls' Division

Team Totals: 1. Friona 175, 2. Whiteface 120, 3. Hale Center 108, Springlake-Earth 84, 5. Cooper 25, 6. Amarillo San Jacinto Christian 17, 7. Crobyton 16, 8. Hart 7, 9. Kress 1.

High Jump: 3. Wyndi Law, Hart, 4-6.

The Bobcats retired Portales' next three hitters in order to maintain their 3-0 lead through 1-1/2 innings, then

went to work on offense. A single by Cody Brockman started the assault and he stole second. He scored on a single by Furr to give Dimmitt a 4-0 lead.

A grounder to short by Prieto would score Furr and advanced Hill, then Silva belted a double that scored Hill.

Portales walked Gamez before Sepeda struck out, then Wright picked up two-RBI single to give Dimmitt a 6-0 lead. Wright scored on a passed ball to make it 7-0 before the inning ended.

S. Walker walked, then took second and third on a pair of passed balls. He scored on a single by Kemp, Portales' first hit of the game.

Portales got a run in the third when

After going three up and three down in the third, Dimmitt added five runs in the fourth, for a 14-1

Then Dimmitt gave up six runs in the inning before striking out D. Bakebill and J. Cordova to preserve

MULESHOE TOURNAMENT

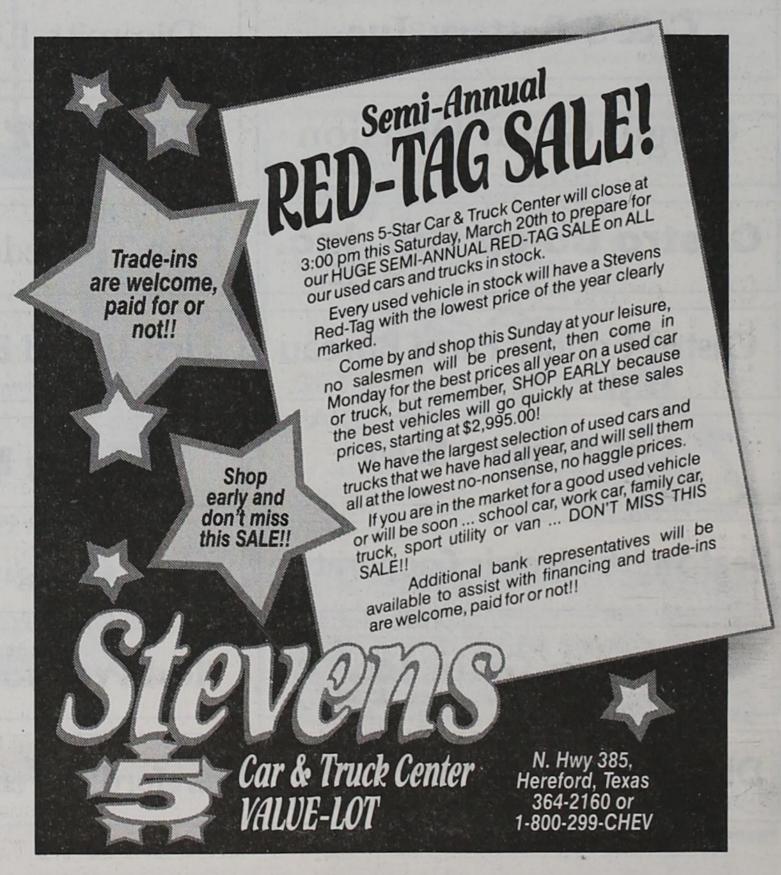
First Round Bobcats 14, Portales JV 7 **Portales** Dimmitt Shane Furr, Wesley Harkins (4),

Sammy Prieto (4) and Bobby Hill for Dimmitt; Kemp and Bannister for Portales. WP: Furr. LP: Kemp. 2B: Luis Silva of Dimmitt; Gomez of Portales.

because of the two-hour time limit, and the tournament was canceled Friday and Saturday because of weather conditions.

The game was halted after four innings

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Swifts lose home opener to Olton in big

second inning, but Olton erased that man struck out the next batter, then with a six-run performance in the watched teammates Stanton fourth. Nazareth managed to tie the Wethington and Ky Wilcox send the game at six and had something going Mustangs to the field after each in the bottom of the fourth with bases loaded, but those runners were tied headed into the fifth.

Hunter and Blake Birkenfeld for five scored on a single by Matt Olvera. hits and the Mustangs managed to pick up 10 runs to claim the win after shutting down the Swifts in the bottom of the inning.

Olton blew open a tied game with Both teams saw their top three was up 3-0. Pohlmeier came home bring the runners home. Birkenfeld After lead-off hitter Kern struck out, a i0-run fifth inning to down the hitters go down in the first inning, Nazareth Swifts, 16-6, Tuesday and Nazareth allowed Olton one base runner on a walk in the second be-The Swifts took a 4-0 lead in the fore starting pitcher Mitchell Brockcaught a fly ball.

Sparked by their defensive perforleft standing and the score remained mance, the Swifts started the second inning on fire, with Brockman taking In the top of that inning, Olton first on an error by the Mustang's hitters battered Swift relievers Bo first baseman. He stole second, then

> Wethington took his base after he was hit by a pitch, then Pohlmeier took a 2-2 pitch to left center field for a two-RBI double and Nazareth

on a single by Birkenfeld to give the Swifts their 4-0 lead.

Nazareth retired the Mustangs' eighth and ninth hitters to open the third, then Brockman gave up his first hit of the game—a single by B. DeLeon. DeLeon managed to steal second, but he was stranded there after L. Soliz flied out to shortstop Birkenfeld to end the inning.

Brockman picked up a single to start the Swifts off in the third, then Olvera was hit by a pitch. Brockman attempted to steal third, but was tagged out for the first out in the inning. Wethington walked, then Pohlmeier picked up a single to load the bases, but Nazareth couldn't

struck out, then Wade price grounded out to second to end the

Olton exploded with six runs in the fourth as Brockman started to tire.

Brockman gave up a double to Villanueva, then a single to J. Casares.

Nazareth finally got a first out when Alcorta was caught trying to steal second, then Brockman struck out A. Pedroza.

single and a double, and Olton took a 6-4 lead before the inning was up. Nazareth came back to tie the

game in the bottom of the fourth.

Wilcox nailed a bunt down the thirdbase line and beat the throw to first. The throw got away from the first baseman and Wilcox got two extra bases on the error, finally stopping at After walking the first hitter, third. Olton walked Hunter, then Brockman scored Wilcox on a fielder's choice to pull the Swifts

within a run. With Olvera at the plate and Hunter standing on second, Nazareth attempted to advance Hunter to third on a steal attempt. The throw from Brockman would allow another Olton's catcher got away from the third baseman as Hunter slid into third. He recovered and headed toward home, sliding in to tie the game

But Nazareth lost control of the game in the fifth.

With Brockman's arm showing signs of fatigue, Nazareth looked to Hunter for relief on the mound, then went to Birkenfeld late in the inning.

After exploding with the 10 runs, Olton's defense retired three of four Swift hitters in the bottom of the inning to preserve the win. The lone Swift hit in the inning was a Birkenfeld double that hit the fence.

Swifts 6, Olton 16 000 6(10) 040 2 0 Nazareth Mitchell Brockman, Bo Hunter (5), Blake Birkenfeld (5) and Matt Olvera for Nazareth; Name unavailable for Olton. WP: Olton's. LP: Bo Hunter. 2B: Aaron Kern, Daryl Pohlmeier and Blake Birkenfeld of Nazareth; R. Alvarado and R. Villanueva of Olton.



March 18-26.

What's cooking? In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for juice and milk

> DIMMITT **Breakfast**

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Waffles with syrup, grape juice and milk. TUESDAY: Frosted Flakes Cereal, orange

wedges and milk. WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie Cereal, fresh banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, pineapple juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Ground beef and macaroni, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, wheat rolls and

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, savory green beans, fresh fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Poor boy beef steak, summer squash, potato salad, hot cheese rolls and

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, fresh fruit, Fideo Mexicano, jalapeno peppers and milk. FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, potato we corn on the cob, cornbread and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Choice of ground beef and macaroni, sloppy Jane on a roll or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, applesauce or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of chili Fritos, pepperoni pizza or beef and bean burrito with chili; broccoli and cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or fresh fruit; garlic bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or

WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, poor boy beef steak or Chinese chicken plate; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or fresh fruit; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and

chocolate milk, white milk or punch. FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, whit e milk or punch.

HART **Breakfast**

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

real, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and

THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk. FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash

brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit

Elementary Lunch

THURSDAY: No school FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burnito or pizza; lettuce, tomato and pickle, potato chips, fresh fruit, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey, bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad and milk. WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or chicken fajita; gelatin dessert, fresh fruit,

peaches, lettuce, tomato and pickles and milk. THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of tuna salad sandwich, hot dog on a bun with chili and shredded cheese; sliced pickles, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.

High School Lunch

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato, pickle, fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or

TUESDAY: Turkey and bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, chicken fajita or burrito; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of submarine sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili and shredded cheese; salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, and milk,

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll,

cereal, orange juice and milk FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange

MONDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange TUESDAY: French toast and sausage, ce-

real, orange juice and milk. WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal,

orange juice and milk. THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, blueberry muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Chicken fajitas or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, green beans, orange, S'Mores and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Fish or cheese pizza, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, dessert and

MONDAY: * Nachos or corn dog, tossed salad, green beans, pineapple, fruit salad and TUESDAY: * Chicken pot pie or pizza,

tossed salad, carrots and peas, pears, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice. WEDNESDAY: * Barbecue sandwich or hamburger, French fries, coleslaw, pinto beans, apricots, gingerbread and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of ce- tossed salad, corn, peaches, oranges and milk

FRIDAY: * Cheese pizza or fish nuggets, tossed salad, beans, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.

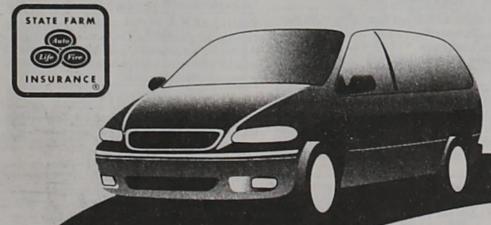
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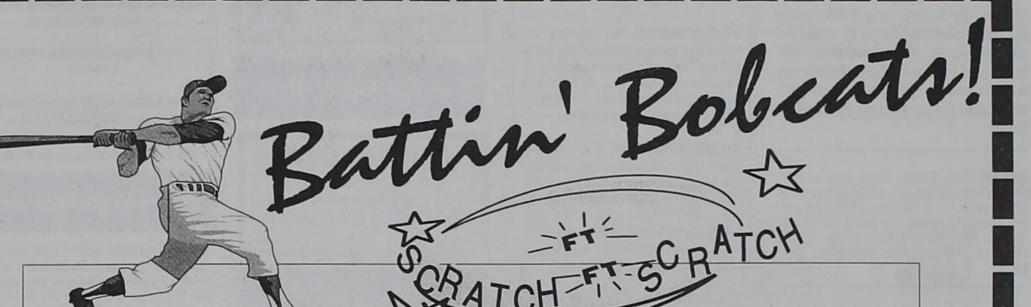


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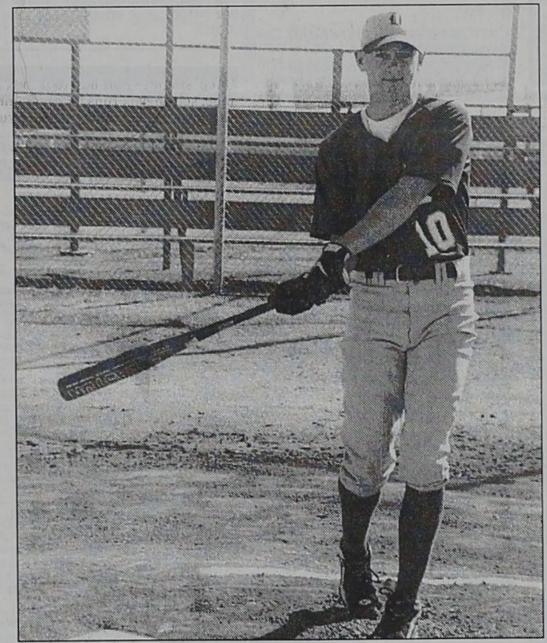
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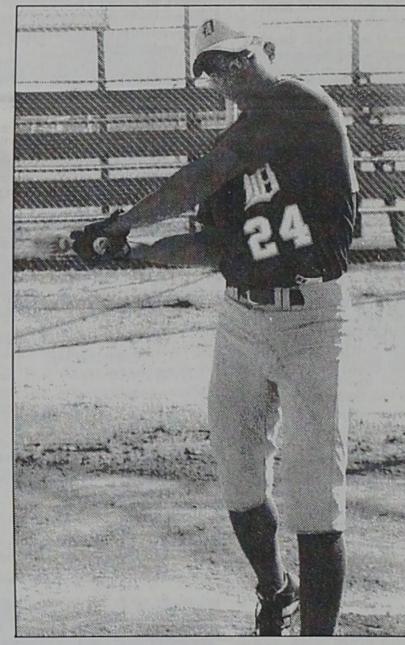
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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS There aren't enough words to express

our appreciation to those persons for the prayers, kind words and support of the family of Rosa S. Rodriguez. Thanks to the Plains Memorial Hospital

staff when Rosa was in the hospital as a patient. Thanks to the Canterbury Villa staff who cared for her while she was a resident there Thanks also to those who sent food,

flowers and included us in their prayers. We would like to thank the Velo family for the rosary service and vigil service. Thanks to Andres Lopez and group for the lovely music at the vigil service and to Sandy Gillian for the lovely song she

the mass service and the group of Guadalupanas for the meal they prepared. May God bless you all and thanks once RAMON S. RODRIGUEZ & FAMILY JUAN S. RODRIGUEZ & FAMILY

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25—Legal Notices

Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for (1) new Tandem-Powered Motor Grader for trade-in of (1) 140 G Motor Grader.

Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 1999. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 22, 1999, at 10 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities

IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge 25-49-2tc

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE

STUDENT LOANS The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any high school located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher, or Briscoe counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard to religious preference, race, creed or color. Loan applications may be requested by writing to or coming by the Trust Department of Norwest Bank of Plainview, 205 West Fifth Street, P.O. Box 7, Plainview, Texas 79073-0007. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 1999. 22-50-5tc

ELIDA ZAMORA & FAMILY

24-50-1tp

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10 receive judgments

In 242nd District Court court action last Thursday, Judge Ed Self signed 12 judgments in criminal cases against 10 individuals.

In a plea bargain agreement, Jose Antonio Rodriguez pled nolo contendere to third degree felony charges of theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000 in connection with a June 22, 1995, incident. The terms of the plea bargain include \$47,350 in resti-

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We want to take this opportunity to thank our community for the help and kindness shown to our family this past

We are blessed to have such skilled emergency workers, doctors and nurses in our town. The staff at Plains Memorial Hospital gave quality and personable care to our family in a time of need. We say thank you to our fine hospital and staff.

We also want to thank you for your prayers. It was very moving to see students joined in a circle praying for their classmate, teacher, and little friend. It has not been difficult to see God's hand at work during the past week

Dimmitt is a great community. A heartfelt thank you for the many ways in which you ministered to our family

ALAN, ELAINE, JENNA & KALAN STEINLE 24-50-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to the few that showed up for last Veteran's appreciation dinner. Your many buddies who are much less fortunate than you sure need your help. There is strength in numbers

Please send your 1999 yearly dues of only \$20 to Legion Post 445, Dimmitt, Texas, c/o Commander Fred Kuntz, HCR 4, Box 42A, Dimmitt, Texas. The next called meeting is a coffee at

K-Bob's on May 21 after high school

Thank you buddies.

24-50-1tc

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

TPDES Permit No. 03667 APPLICATION: BRIDGES FEEDYARD, INC., Route 2, Box 134, Hart, Texas 79043, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for an amendment Monday morning on warrants for to TPDES Permit No. 03667 to authorize the applicant to expand an existing beef cattle operation from a 6,000-head to a maximum capacity of 20,000 head in Castro County, Texas. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this permit. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on

agricultural land. The existing beef cattle facility is located on the south side of County Road 628, approximately 3 miles east of the intersection of County Road 628 and US Highway 385 in Castro County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of the White River Lake in Segment No.

1240 of the Brazos River Basin. The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEET-ING. Written public comments and requests for public meeting may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment, and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TNRCC may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: 1. Your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; 2. Applicant's name and permit number; 3. The statement, "I/We request a contested case hearing;" 4. A brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and 5. The location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application or permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests or a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district

INFORMATION: Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. For additional information, please contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Issued: March 8, 1999. LaDONNA CASTANUELA, Chief Clerk Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission 25-50-1tc

tution, a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court restitution, a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in costs, and a \$50 contribution to the Castro County Crime Line; and five years confinement in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division. However, the confinement was suspended and he was assessed 10 years of community supervision. Concurrent with that sentence, he was assessed two terms of community supervision of two years each under deferred adjudication agreements on theft charges from May 22, 1998, and Sept. 30, 1997(over \$1,500 and under \$20,000).

Zachary Shane Stevens entered a plea bargain of nolo contendere to charges of DWI, third offense. The terms include a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court costs, \$50 to Crime Line, and a suspended sentence of five years confinement, with five years of community supervision.

A plea of nolo contendere was entered by Lanita Mulanax in connection with a May 22, 1998 incident of forgery. Terms include \$288 in

Police Calls

On Friday deputies received a report of a recovered stolen anhydrous ammonia tank found in Chickasha, Okla. The tank belongs to Wilbur-Ellis of Hart and had been taken without the owner's permission. Investigation is continuing.

March 10 a vehicle was stopped at 3:42 p.m. in the 1200 block of West Bedford, and it was ordered impounded because the driver did not have a valid driver's license.

Early Sunday a driver was stopped in the 400 block of West Andrews and was found to be driving while license was suspended.

Monday evening a vehicle at Roadside Park was ordered impounded because the driver did not have a valid license. Another vehicle was impounded from the 500 block of West Andrews for the same rea- on charges of possession of a con-

A 64-year-old Nazareth man was jailed Saturday evening for public

A Dimmitt man, 22, was jailed theft by check and burglary of a

Six people were jailed Saturday to be held for the Border Patrol.

FABIANE MENDOZA 8 FAMILY March 10 at 10 a.m., a 1998 Dodge pickup driven by David Brady Nelson, 24, of Dimmitt, struck the back of a truck-tractor semitrailer rig as it was stopped at a stop sign at the intersection of FM 145 and US 385 about 10 miles south of Dimmitt. Both vehicles were heading east on FM 145. The truck-trailer rig was driven by Mateo Martinez Pedroza, 47, of Dimmitt. No injuries were reported. The pickup had moderate damage and the trailer had slight damage. Nelson was given a ticket for following too closely.

court costs and \$50 to Crime line, along with two years of confinement suspended in favor of two years of community supervision.

Juan Muro Medrano pled nolo contendere to charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram on July 6. Terms include a \$2,000 fine, \$211.25 in court costs, \$50 to Crime Line, \$140 in restitution to the Dept. of Public Safety, and two years confinement, suspended in favor of three years of community supervision.

Deferred adjudication was agreed upon for Lisa Jackson on charges of tampering with governmental records in an Aug. 26, 1997, incident. Restitution was set at \$6,244.39, with a fine of \$250, court costs of \$242, \$50 to Crime Line, and court approved fees of \$600, along with eight years of community supervi-

Danny Oltivero pled nolo contendere on charges of aggravated assault in a May 4, 1998, incident. Terms included restitution of \$10,025.80, a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court costs, \$50 to Crime Line, and confinement for 10 years, suspended in favor of 10 years in community supervision.

A plea bargain of nolo contendere was entered for Daniel Salinas in the matter of criminal mischief charges greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 from Aug. 10. He must pay \$800 in restitution, a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court costs, \$50 to Crime Line, and serve two years of confinement, which was suspended in favor of two years' community supervi-

Michele Chance Bryan received deferred adjudication on charges of possession of marijuana over 2 ounces and under 4 ounces on Oct. 17. One year of community supervision must be completed, along with payment of a \$500 fine, \$242 in court costs and \$50 to Crime Line.

Joe R. Tapia entered a plea bargain trolled substance over 1 gram and under 4 grams in connection with a Nov. 21 incident. Along with a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$242, and \$50 to Crime Line, he was also sentenced to five years confinement, suspended in favor of community supervision for five years.

A plea bargain for Francisco Javier Ruiz brought a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court costs, \$50 to Crime Line, and five years of confinement, suspended in favor of five years of community supervision. The offense was DWI, third offense, on Oct. 26.

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DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1959 held their 40-year reunion in Dimmitt Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Those attending included: (front, from left) Charlette Sanders Youts, Darlene Sexton Crafford, Pat Cowell Foster, and former teachers Avis and Ralph Smith; (middle, from left) Norman Nelson, Sandra Thompson Nelson, Jo Beecher Prather, Dee Timmons Brisco, Lynn Hendrix Lankford, Donald Shelton and Don Warren; and (back, from left) Ben Holcomb, Jerry Belknap, Glenn Odom, Gary Simms and Gordon Thanisch.

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