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DISD trustees approve teacher pay raise Set board election for May 13

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

DISD trustees voted to give teachers a \$1,000 across-the-board raise, effective September, 2006. This vote keeps the district at \$1,000 above the minimum pay scale mandated by the state.

Members were quick to point out that the pay raise put into effect by the state came without funds, but said that keeping the district above the state scale would help attract teachers in a

dwindling market.

"It's another way to attract teachers to DISD and to compensate those that are here for the job that they're doing," Superintendent Les Miller said. "Competition for teachers is going to increase because there are fewer and fewer teachers coming out of college.

"There's always been a shortage of teachers, but it's

just now affecting the Panhandle more than it has. However, it's always been hard to find teachers in secondary areas - math, science, foreign language, special education, bi-lingual and ESL."

And there's a reason for the scarcity.

"If you look at the workforce in general, teachers are under paid," he said.

We're trying to make the field more attractive to folks. In rural communities it's already hard to draw people here and with salaries where they are, it's even harder. Some wealthier districts are paying \$8,000 to \$10,000 above state minimum."

At Monday's meeting, Miller told trustees that some districts are even

paying signing bonuses.

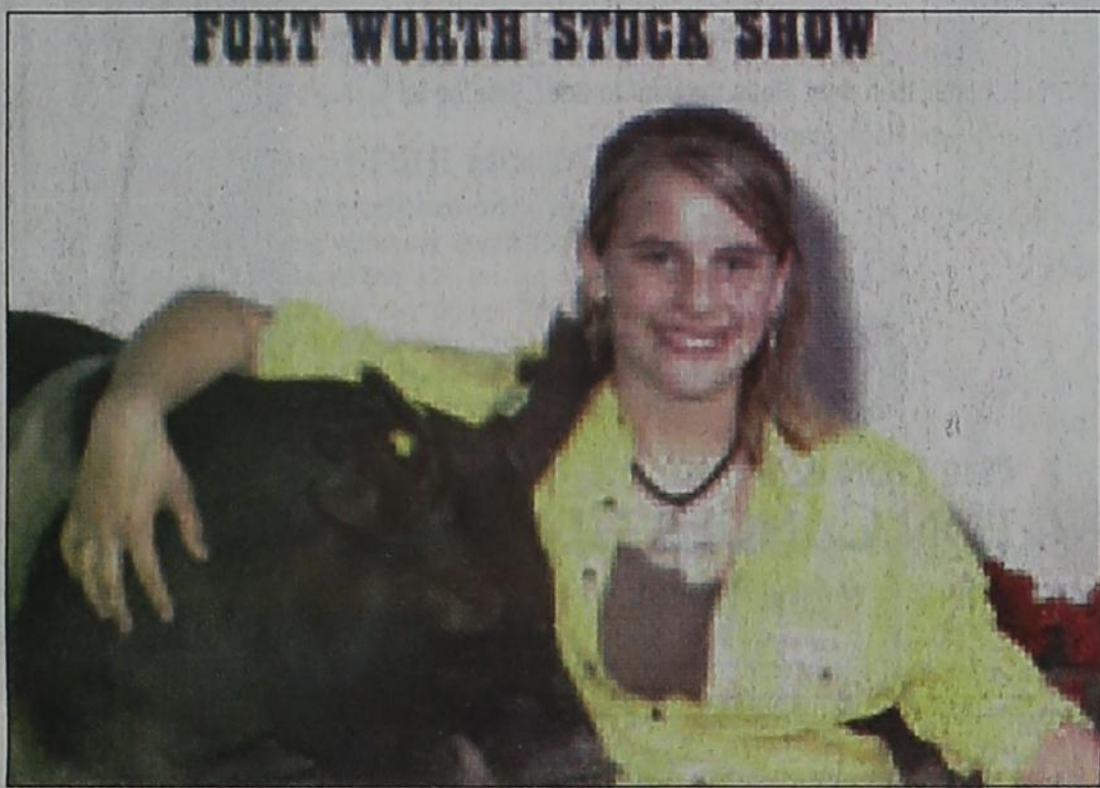
And for teachers who are commuting, if a district is offering a substantial rate above DISD, Miller said those teachers will be going elsewhere.

"If they can save money on gas, make more money and stay closer to home, of course they'll go to a closer district," he said. "We've already started recruiting for

next year. We're posting notices and actively looking for teachers so we can get them signed.

In other business, the board called an election for Places 1 and 5. Place 1 is currently held by Robert Woolbright; Place 5 by David Schaeffer.

To get on the ballot for one of the two positions, a candidate must file no later than 5 p.m., March 13. Candidates may file at the DISD administration offices, See DISD, Page 12



Makenzie Cornett, an FFA member from Nazareth, exhibited a First-Place Light Weight Hampshire in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2006 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on Feb. 3.



Briann Wethington, an FFA member from Nazareth, exhibited a First-Place Light Weight Duroc in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2006 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on Feb. 3.



Kenley Kleman, an FFA member from Nazareth, exhibited a First-Place Light Weight Black/OPB in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2006 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on Feb. 3.



Karis Kleman of Nazareth, a member of the Nazareth FFA, was one of the winners in the Calf Scramble Event at the Stock Show. To win, participants must catch and halter a calf.

Early voting for primary starts Feb. 21

Voting by early ballot will begin Feb. 21, County Clerk Joyce Thomas said.

"Voters may vote between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., including the noon hour, at the Clerk's office, Monday through Friday," Thomas said. "The last date to vote early is March 3."

Voters can choose whether to use the new voting machine or paper ballots, she said, adding that voters shouldn't be frightened off by the prospect of using the new machine.

"We'll have someone who can show you how to use the voting machine - there'll be an example we'll go through," Thomas said. "It's really quite easy to use, it's user friendly, but for those who prefer the paper ballot, we'll have

See VOTING, Page 12

Naz trustees will appoint interim superintendent

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

The Nazareth ISD Board of Trustees will appoint an interim superintendent to replace departing Marshall Harrison on Thursday.

Board president Keith Hoelting said that the board is looking at a candidate from Lubbock to take Harrison's position while the board conducts a search for a new superintendent.

Harrison recently announced he was resigning to take a similar position at the Reagan County ISD, which is near both his and his wife's families.

"We're going to set our qualifications and decide on a time line on Thursday," Hoelting said. "An interim appointment will give us time to conduct a search."

Hoelting said that there are 69 vacancies state-wide for superintendent positions, adding that he hates to see Harrison go.

"It's probably been a shock to See NISD, Page 12

Area students participate at Fort Worth Stock Show

FORT WORTH—Castro County FFA members participated in the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo recently with eight students bringing home ribbons and awards.

Those students from Dimmitt who placed at Fort Worth were: Brad Lane, second, Light Chester; Kaden Hatla, sixth, Middle Weight Duroc; Caitlan Smith, 12th, Heavy Hereford Steer; Eric Odom, 14th, Light Weight Exotic; and David Underwood, 16th, Heavy Duroc. Others participating include Landon Carpenter, Lauren Carpenter, Chase Hatla, Landon Porsch, Dennis Underwood, Toby Ward and Jesslyn Smith.

Three members of the Nazareth FFA won first place honors. They were Makenzie Cornett, Hampshire; Briann Wethington, Duroc; and Kenley Kleman, Black Other Pure Breeds.

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Kleman wins Calf Scramble

FORT WORTH – Karis Kleman of Nazareth, a Nazareth FFA member, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the Feb. 5, evening rodeo performance at the 110th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Parents of the winner are Dwayne and Sheryl Kleman. Sponsoring Karis' effort is Haynes & Boone, LLP of Fort Worth.

The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each one of the 30 Stock Show Rodeo performances, has eight winners per performance. The participants, who are high school students, must catch and halter a calf in order to win a \$500 purchase certificate. The certificate will go towards the purchase of a registered beef or dairy heifer for a year long 4-H or FFA project.

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Forum

Letters to the Editor:

Has our County Judge gone Postal?
 Re: Castro County News Feb. 2, 06, front page:
 "To a degree, turmoil is the nature of county government," County Judge Bill Sava said. "At times it is the only way to get things done."
 Most people recognize the Courthouse is different from the Post Office in that "turmoil" may be the natural order of business in the Post

Office, but order, unity and respect work well for many successful county governments.
 "Turmoil" is when the county employees are given a much-needed raise, then have it rescinded and told the county cannot afford the raise, then learn the Judge got a \$5,000 raise and the county has a surplus of funds in excess of \$1 million and the reserves continue to grow. The deputies, clerks,

secretaries and precinct workers all feel shafted by the county.
 "Turmoil" is when you honor Martin Luther King Day by closing the Courthouse and eliminate Veterans Day as a county holiday.
 "Turmoil" is when you lower the flag for Rosa Parks and Coretta King and refuse the same for our local fallen sons, because of some worry of "Flag Marshals" protocol.
 Even on the local level, the Republicans can't seem to focus on the office they are running FOR, but must run AGAINST someone and have chosen the DA to ATTACK.
 Apparently they have forgotten that a few years ago, the voters overwhelmingly defeated a proposal for a new jail, handing the District Attorney's office a mandate to not warehouse inmates, but to charge, process and dispose of cases in as speedy manner as possible, and not be paying lawyers for all that are arrested.
 Fortunately across the aisle, there are two good men and excellent candidates running for County Judge, Mr. Lint Merritt and Mr. Jerry Cartwright, both lifetime residents of the county and longtime taxpayers as land owners. Either of these men could be a real credit to our Courthouse governmental body.

Richardson Elementary Awards

Ms. Hubbard's First Grade

Citizenship: Isaiah Arguijo, Anthony Barrios, Royce Casas, David Castillo, Juan Corral, Mark Flores, Angelica Oltivero, Diana Ontiveros.
 Citizenship and Homework: Paola Alonzo, Gracie Camacho, Brianna Jimenez, Jorge Martinez, Erika Medina, Luke Nino, Stacy Reyes, Ashlee Rosalez.
 Homework: Aaron Lopez
 Most Improved: Mark Loopez
 Citizenship, Homework and Handwriting: Alyssa Rodriguez, Chelsey Wilson

Mrs. Merritt's Third Grade

All A Honor Roll: Landon Carpenter, Odalys Garcia, Roland Gregory, Alex Machado, Maria Olmos, Wesley Lindley, Priscilla Salas.
 Citizenship: Jessica Aguilar, Maricsa Arredondo, Dillon Beames, Odalys Garcia, Iraiz Hernandez, Wesley Lindley, Alex Machaco, Maria Olmos, Priscilla Salas.
 A/B Honor Roll: Maricsa Arredondo, Dillon Beames, Veronica Fabela, Iraiz Hernandez, Morelia Porras, Nathan Ramirez, Hailey Schilling, samantha Munoz, Trey Oltivero, Jessica Aguilar
 Perfect Attendance: Landon Carpenter, Roland Gregory, Maria Olmos, Jose Rivera, Hailey Schilling.
 Hardest Workers: Roland Gregory, Jessica Aguilar, Alex Machado, Priscilla Salas, Wesley Lindley, Maria Olmos, Iraiz Hernandez

Mrs. Toulouse's Fourth Grade

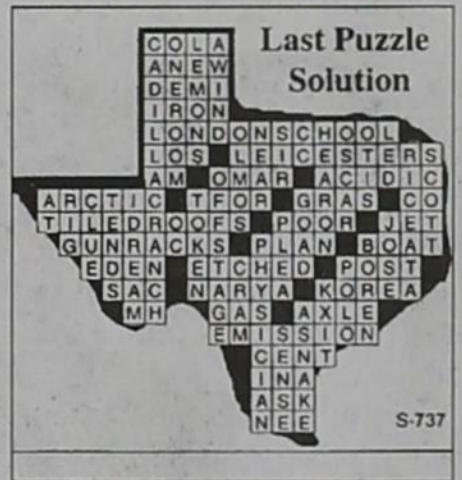
A-B Honor Roll: Jazmin Ramos.
 B Honor Roll: Yasmin Marin

Signups set for Kids Inc. basketball

Castro County Kids Inc. will have basketball sign-ups for first through sixth-grade boys and girls.
 Sign-ups will start on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 5-7 p.m. and again on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary cafeteria. The fee is \$30 and payable at the time of the sign-up. If there are three or more children in one family, the fee is \$25 per child. Payment arrangements can be made if needed.
 Castro County Kids Inc. is seeking volunteers to serve on the C.C. Kids, Inc. Board. If you have ideas, suggestions or complains now is the time to step up and be heard. We need good, hard workers of all ages that are concerned and care about our kids and our community. If you are interested, please contact Nick Lara at 647-8687 or Melissa Carpenter at 647-3657.

Thank you,
 Glenn Odom
 Dimmitt

Editor's Note: The \$5,000 pay raise alluded to was a pay raise mandated by the state and paid for with state funds. Every county judge in the state of Texas received the raise. Also, this year, Veterans Day falls on Saturday.



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- TX Roy Orbison had a mess of ___ records
- TX Dixie Chicks
- NASA drink
- TX soft drink: ___ Pepper
- Chester, TX was named for this Pres. Arthur (init.)
- hang loosely
- soft TX mineral
- meaning of Comanche word "Quanah"
- this "Tex" created Pecos Bill
- intense feeling
- common barn feline (2 wds.)
- tidy
- TXism: "sling it on the wall ___ if it sticks"
- "The ___ Massacre" of the TX Revolution
- TXism: "I ___ of a live one"
- this actor Crenna played TX Ross Perot in "On Wings of Eagles" (init.)
- what many TXns go on between Nov. 5 & Jan. 15 (2 wds.)
- CSA Gen. Robert ___
- what TX Matthew McConaughey does
- a good rebounding Maverick or Spur
- Scot instruments

DOWN

- these letters meant headed for Texas
- TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- in Smith Co. on 69
- on I-45: "Gulf Greyhound Park" (3 wds.)
- TXism: "you got the ___ before the horse"
- actress Valerie Bertinelli or industrialist E.I. duPont
- TX Al Freeman, Jr. played ___ Hall on "One Life to Live"
- Dallas' ___ Thornton Freeway
- what you can do at TX state parks
- popular ISP
- golf course attire (2 wds.)
- TXism: "___ with" (join)
- TXism: "mad ___ wet hen"
- this "Texas" sang "Deck of Cards"
- "is" south of the border
- TXism: "so ___ are ___"
- Celina h.s. class (init.)
- this Norman moved the Stars to Dallas (init.)
- southern TX region: "Rio ___"
- hog fat
- TXism: "tie up the loose ___"
- home of TX Stanley Marsh 3 (2 wds.)
- TX hairstyle in the 50s "___ top"
- forced
- builds
- TXism: "costs an arm and ___ size"
- photo bidness: "___ Mills"
- TXism: "run ___ white flag"
- TXism: "slapped him a ___ hat size"
- it might be tanned in TX (2 wds.)
- "Ripley's Believe ___ Not"
- TXism: "burned some boot leather"
- mimic
- TXism: "by the ___ of my pants"
- "howdy"

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WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	64	13		
Wednesday	65	17		
Thursday	65	23		
Friday	51	8		
Saturday	42	7		
Sunday	56	19		
Monday	66	19		

Feb. Rainfall 0.12
 2006 Rainfall 0.01
 2006 Snow

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

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, amigos. Hello, friends. Como la estan pasando?

How is everything going. I guess it's been pretty quiet in Dimmitt because I haven't gotten any info for the column.

I have to admit, February has just been slipping away for me too.

I think we better all slow down and enjoy ourselves a bit more.

Congratulations to Monica Dozal an a job well done. Monica had an EXTREMELY busy weekend.

On Friday the competed in Odessa, at the Regional FCCLA competition.

She and other students presented projects that they had worked on for countless hours and the hard work surely paid off.

Monica and several other Dimmitt students placed and will advance to the State competition.

After receiving her award

and recognition at the Saturday morning awards ceremony, Monica and her mom and younger sister Karina all drove back to Canyon where Monica had to perform a solo for her Choir competition.

Well, tired and exhausted from the drive from Odessa, she scored a 1 on her solo, which is the top score and qualified for the state competition.

Wow, two state qualifications in one weekend.

She'd better get her rest, her senior year is about to get VERY busy. Good luck Monica, from all your Familia.

Since I didn't get much info this week, I'd like to wish the following Hispanos a Muy Feliz Cumpleanos: Stella Devers, Feb. 18, Kelly Joe Jackson Feb 20, Arriana Alya Caballerlo Feb. 25. And a very special Feliz Aniversario to Chris and Terry Fuentes on Feb. 17.

May you all have a wonderful day.

Happy late birthday to Maggie Almanza. Maggie's husband Juan helped her celebrate with a very sweet and beautiful gesture.

Bueno, esto es todo para esta semana. Well, that's all for this week. I hope to hear about everyone's Valentine's Day celebrations. Oh, by the way, the pictures were very cute. Please keep the news coming to angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 or 346-3882. Hasta luego.

College News



Nyssa Martinez

Nyssa Alanna Martinez of Dimmitt has been named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech. Martinez, 19, graduated from Dimmitt High School in the Top 10 of her class and with 26 college credits. Her 3.6 GPA qualified her for the Dean's List. Martinez, the daughter of Lalo and Linda Martinez, is majoring in pre-med and wants to be an oncologist.

PLAINVIEW – A student from Dimmitt was named to academic honor lists for the Fall 2005 term at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, according to information from the office of the registrar.

The Dean's List includes students who achieved a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.99 for the term. Corrie Black, daughter of Glen and Kylene Black of Dimmitt, was included on that list.

James Hays of Dimmitt was named to the South Plains College President's Honor List for the fall 2005 semester.

Students named to the President's Honor List earned a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours.

This weekend was very special for our youth. On Saturday, our junior high students attended a retreat at Holy Family CCD building. A youth team from Amarillo presented the program, making the day interesting educational and fun.

Sunday morning the high school students began their retreat by attending mass at Holy Family Church. Our youth group choir did a great job singing - we have a lot of very talented high school students. Father Ken presented a very spiritual and humorous homily.

Many students from the surrounding areas were also present.

A large group of Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the Center on Sunday evening for fellowship, dinner and a meeting with our new president, Hubert Backus.

After the minutes were read by Betty Acker, a new Board of Directors were presented: Don Acker, Catherine Huseman, Norita Hoelting and Ethel Schmucker.

The Building Committee consists of Hubert Backus, Don Acker, Ed Ramaekers, Dorothy Kleman and Irene Wilhelm.

Happy Birthday was sung to Irene Wilhelm, Jimmie Schulte, Cecil and Norita Hoelting, Ralph Albracht and Dan Schmucker. Dan then read an e-mail about a grandfather's version of a rock concert!

We had one guest, Frankie Wilhelm of Luling, who is visiting his parents, Jerry and Nellie Wilhelm.

As the meeting closed Hubert Backus was presented a step-stood to be used in many ways!

Seminarian Nick Gerber was admitted to Candidacy for Ordination at a Vespers service presided over by the Most Reverent Jose H. Gomez, the Archbishop of San Antonio. This event was held Feb. 7 at the Assumption Seminary in San Antonio.

There were 12 young men being accepted - two from the diocese of Amarillo - Javier Rivera from Pampa and Nick from Nazareth. This was an important step towards ordination.

The service was all very impressive and attended by Nick's parents, Joel and Mary Beth Gerber and his grandparents, Alvina Gerber and Ed and Leola Ramaekers.

Anytime you get to hear that many men sing in Latin and Spanish is a great treat!

A reception was then held for the candidates, their families and friends. In September, Nick will spend a year in the Amarillo Diocese.

While in San Antonio, Ed, Leola, Mary Beth and Nick attended the wedding of Jay and Jocelyn Gunnels, the son of Jackie and Brenda Gunnels of Tulia.

The Nuptial Mass was beautiful and the reception was a great time to visit with nephews, nieces and cousins. San Antonio is a great place to visit this time of year, the weather was great.

A good group of Red Hatters from Hart, Tulia and Nazareth gathered at the Home Merc on Friday for a Valentine luncheon prepared by Jimmie Schulte and her daughter, Lou Wethington.

It was a very enjoyable couple of hours. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed having Jake Hoelting come from school and play the piano for half an hour while we ate.

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of Sister Maurine Schmucker, 88, of Fort Smith, Ark.

Survivors include one sister, Agnes Warren of Woodward, Okla.; two brothers, Alvin (Swede) Schmucker of Hereford and Arnold Schmucker of Tucson, Ariz.; nieces and nephews and her religious community of St. Scholastica Convent.

Betty Wilhelm and Fritz and Julene Gerber drove to Wichita Falls to watch their grandson, Seth Wilhelm, son of Neal and Colleen Wilhelm, play his last basketball game at Notre Dame. They won their district in TAPPS school and will be playing bi-district now. Seth is a senior at Notre Dame.

Caleb Gerber, son of Stanley and Cindy Gerber of Dumas, won Breed Champion at the San Antonio Guilt show last week. He won a \$6,000 scholarship. His grandparents are Fritz and Julene Gerber. Caleb is

a freshman.

A surprise 60th birthday party was held Sunday for Imogene Drerup by Tracy Ramsey. Guests were Bea Hoelting, Juanita Schacher, Jeanette Johnson, Dorothy Kleman, Dorothy Schulte, Beverly Hill, Katherine Fisher and Treva Ramsey.

Please remember to pray for all of our sick people, our Seminarian, Nick Gerber, and those who are serving in our Armed Forces. New ones added this week is 17-year-old Gary Schalbs, grandson of Tony and Angela Acker, Martha Kirkpatrick of Ardmore, Okla., who suffered a stroke in January, which left her almost blind.

Her sister Gin and Louis Huseman were there a week later to visit her in the hospital.

Janette Brockman is doing well after her surgery at M.D. Anderson. Her address is: Holiday Inn, 6800 S. Main St., Room 1032, Houston, TX. 77030 - Art Brockman.

On the Go

Mrs. Hopson has decided to lay down her pen and take a well-deserved rest from her work here. So we're looking for someone who'd like to submit a weekly column on the goings-on in Dimmitt. Please call 647-3123 for more information.

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On February 13, 2006, at a duly called and noticed meeting, the Dimmitt Independent School District Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution regarding the proposed use of at least one (1) voting machine (per polling place) that complies with Texas Education Code § 61.012. The change will result in the use of at least one (1) accessible machine or direct recording electronic voting system, per polling place, at Dimmitt Independent School District elections ordered to be conducted after January 1, 2006, thereby complying with Texas Election Code §61.012.

As required, the Dimmitt Independent School District has submitted a letter to the United States Attorney General for pre-clearance consideration. **Copies of the RESOLUTION and PRE-CLEARANCE SUBMISSION are available for the public review during business hours at the business office of the Dimmitt Independent School District located at 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX.**

Any persons wishing to make comments for consideration of the United States Attorney General may submit such comments to:

Chief, Voting Section
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Bridal Shower

Taryn Hays
bride-elect of
Jess J. Owen

Saturday February 18, 2006
10:00-11:30 a.m.

home of
Beth Buckley
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Shari Bradley (left) accepts a certificate of appreciation from Castro County Farm Service Agency County Committee Chairperson Weldon Davis during a recent COC meeting. Bradley served the maximum term limit of nine years on the County Committee, representing LAA 2, and was serving as vice-chairperson of the county committee when her term expired on Dec. 31, 2005.



The Castro County Farm Service Agency County Committee Members for 2006 are (from left) Russell Harkins, vice chairperson; Edna Schilling, member; and Weldon Davis, chairperson. Schilling was elected as a new member representing LAA 2 last fall, replacing Shari Bradley, who had reached her term limit. Schilling will be serving a three-year term on the County Committee.

Stevens 5 Star named finalist for BBB award

Stevens 5 Star Car & Truck Center in Hereford has been named a finalist in the Better Business Bureau 2006 Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics competition.

The company is one of three in the medium-sized companies named.

Some of the criteria to be named in the BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Eth-

ics competition include a demonstration of ethical practices in the marketplace; high standards of behavior toward customers, employees, suppliers and communities; truthful and accurate

advertising and sales practices, ethical reputation among industry peers and in communities in which they do business and program to assist employees in carrying out ethics policies.

Who's New

Ben and Lindsee Coleman have announced the birth of a son, Tyler Alvie Coleman, born Feb. 8, 2006. He weighed 8-pounds, 4-ounces and was 20.25-inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Sheree and Tom Carr of Amarillo and Miles Goforth of Hereford. Paternal grandparents are Garland and Susan Coleman of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Larry and Betty Harris of Hereford.



Tyler Alvie Coleman

Max and Pat Goforth of Hereford and Joy Nelson of Paducah. Great-great-grandparents are Lewis and Lola Ritchey of Lubbock and Marie Goforth of Springlake.

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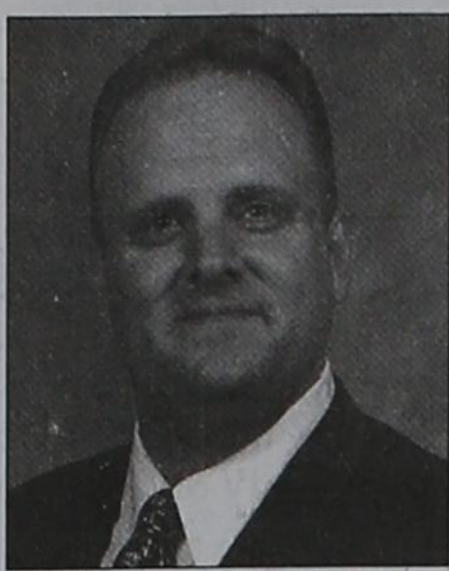
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CHURCH NEWS

The importance of a good marriage



BRETT PAGE

Even a casual observation of people around us should be sufficient to emphatically impress upon us the need for couples to better prepare for marriage before they get married.

Almost as common as getting married, in our society, is getting divorced; statistically, half of all marriages end in divorce. Why is divorce so common when God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16)? A married couple gets divorced when they give up on their marriage and quit trying to work on their problems. Yet, almost without exception, the couples that divorce got married because they felt a deep love for, and did not want to live without, one another. What changed in their relationship? How could they have been so wrong?

Marriage has a sweeping effect on a person, it affects

us totally. It affects our happiness, our feeling of self worth, our mental well being. It affects our work, our outlook on life and it can affect our spiritual health.

How many married couples have cursed each other out and degraded each other with hateful language because they were angry with each other? How many people have lost jobs as a

result of stress in their marriages?

How many violent acts have been committed, and how many people have ended up in jail due to marital conflicts?

How many murders have been committed?

How many children have had to grow up without one of their parents in the home on a regular basis because mom and dad couldn't get along?

How many good Christian examples have been ruined due to troubled marriages?

How many elders and deacons and preachers have been lost to the Lord's church as a result of problems in their marriages?

How many Christians became unfaithful through not dealing effectively with marital difficulties, and how many people never became

Christians in the first place because of tension in their marriages?

Just look at all the heartache that can be avoided by having a good

STUDENTS

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

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Obituaries

NADINE DANIELS 1932-2006

Funeral Services for Nadine Daniels, 74, of Dimmitt, were at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at Lemons Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Parklawn Memorial Gardens.



Nadine Daniels

Mrs. Daniels died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She was born Feb. 4, 1932, in Arkansas to Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Phillips.

She married John Daniels in Plainview. She was a member of the Assembly of God in Dimmitt.

Survivors include four sons, Larry Gamble of Houston, Garland Frazier of Farmington, N.M. and Jimmy and Mike Frazier, both of Dimmitt; a stepson, Jeff Daniels; a stepdaughter, Sonya Daniels; two brothers, Ernest Phillips

of Littlefield and J.M. Phillips of Colorado; one sister, Faye Waide of Halfway; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Daniels was preceded in death by her husband, John Daniels; one brother; and one sister.

JERRI MAC DOWELL BRANDES 1941-2006

Graveside services for Jerri Mac Dowell Brandes were Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at Castro County Memorial Gardens, Dimmitt, with Dr. George Ray officiating.

Mrs. Brandes died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, in Plainview. She was born May 6, 1941, in Dimmitt. She graduated from Dimmitt High School and attended Wayland Baptist University. She married James Brandes on Aug. 19, 1965.

Survivors include her husband, James; two brothers, Royce Dowell of McKinney and Bryce Dowell of Granbury; two nieces; and one nephew.

Mrs. Brandes was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Estell Dowell; and by a nephew, Kris Dowell.

ALICE LYNN SMITHSON 1942-2002

Funeral services for Alice Lynn Smithson, 62, of Trenton were Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at First Christian Church in Bonham with Pastor Rick Edwards officiating.

Mrs. Smithson died Feb. 6, 2006, at Texoma Medical Center in Denison. She was born July 18, 1942, in Hereford, a daughter of the late Robert Lee Thompson and Alice Womble Thompson.

She was a graduate of Hereford High School and West Texas State University and received her master's degree from East Texas State University in Commerce. She married Donald Smithson on Aug. 1, 1964, at First Christian Church in Hereford. She taught school for Blue Ridge ISD for 20 years.

She was a member of First Christian Church in Bonham, where she was the organist and pianist, song leader, Sunday school teacher and an Elder.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Smithson of Trenton; son, John Smithson and wife Glenna of Bonham; daughters, Donna Branch and husband Malcolm of Leonard and Lori Colwill and husband Steve of Sachse; sister, Elaine Trew of Fort Worth; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Blue Ridge Scholarship Fund, 425 N. Church St., Blue Ridge, TX. 75424 or First Christian Church organ fund, 701 N. Main, Bonham, TX. 75428.

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Thursday, Feb. 16

San Antonio Stock Show
National FCCLA Week
RES - RIF Book Give-a-way
DHS - Interact Meeting - 12:25
Kid's Inc. Meeting - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ RES Cafeteria

Friday, Feb. 17

END OF 4TH SIX WEEK'S GRADING PERIOD
San Antonio Stock Show
San Angelo Stock Show
FCCLA - Leadership Conference
Baseball: JV & Varsity Boys Scrimmage vs Slaton - Here
Softball: Bobbies @ Borger Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 18

San Antonio Stock Show
San Angelo Stock Show
Softball: Bobbies @ Borger Tournament
Track: JV & Varsity Boys & Girls @ Wes Kittley Relays - Lubbock

Monday, Feb. 20

National FFA Week

Tuesday, Feb. 21

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Softball: Varsity @ Littlefield

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2005-2006 Bobbies

Edwards assesses season for Bobbies

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

It was a long year for the Bobbies, but throughout, there were bright spots - and never once did Coach Chris Edwards see his team give less than their best.

"I was proud of our seniors, they did a good job considering I'm a little more up-tempo than previous coaches," he said. "The one thing this senior class gave to the program is that they never gave up. They played as hard in their last game against Floydada as they did at the first of the year."

And, toward the end of the season, Edwards said he saw improvements and play

they can build on next season.

"We were just inconsistent in scoring," he said. "We've had some players step up and play to their potential. It's kind of a work in progress. Coming into next year, I'm really excited about our young kids. Our JV and freshmen had a lot of success this year."

"Our young kids - now that we've got our system in place - it'll be a little bit easier. This group of seniors, I think, since they were in the seventh-grade have had about five coaches, so that makes a difference."

"If our young kids can carry on with the same

enthusiasm as our seniors, we'll have success."

With the re-alignment, Dimmitt will be seeing different teams next season.

"I'm excited about our next district," Edwards said. "Our junior varsity got to play against a bunch of those teams - Muleshoe,"

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Photo by Dana D. Jameson

DIMMITT'S NICK ORTIZ goes around a Friona player on Friday.

Bobcats headed for playoffs

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

The Dimmitt Bobcats ended their season on a high note with a win over Olton, 45-29, on Monday night, which made them runner-up in district and the No. 2 seed. Although no site or time was available at press time, the Bobcats will be playing either Denver City or Tahoka. Call the high school for more information.

In Monday's game, the

Bobcats opened up with a 10-4 first-quarter lead which they expanded to 25-13 at the half. By the end of the third quarter, the Bobcats had a comfortable 34-22 advantage.

Leading scorers for Dimmitt were Junior Limas with 23 points, Omar Catano with 10 and Isaac Aguilar with eight.

Looking back on the season, head coach Alan Steidle said that he saw continued improvement in

his team's play.

"We went 3-9 in our first 12 games and then 14-7 in our last 21," he said. "I guess overall you'd like to win a few more games. It really doesn't make a difference what your record is; what matters is getting into the playoffs."

Although they lost when they came up against Floydada, ranked No. 1 or 2 in the state, the Bobcats lost by very slim margins.

"We had some games that could have gone either way," he said. "Hopefully we can use the same kind of energy we had at times against Floydada in the playoffs. At times we played pretty good - at other times we didn't."

As far as preparing for the playoffs, Steidle said he'll stick to the basics.

"We're not going to change a whole lot," he said. "We'll try to do a little better job of playing defense and getting good shots. We have to execute or our chances won't be good at all. We've got to do the little stuff. Hopefully

See BOBCATS, Page 12



Darcy Fisher
No. 34

DHS Basketball Schedule

Feb. 21	Boys playoff	TBA	
Feb. 24-25	Regional Midland		VG
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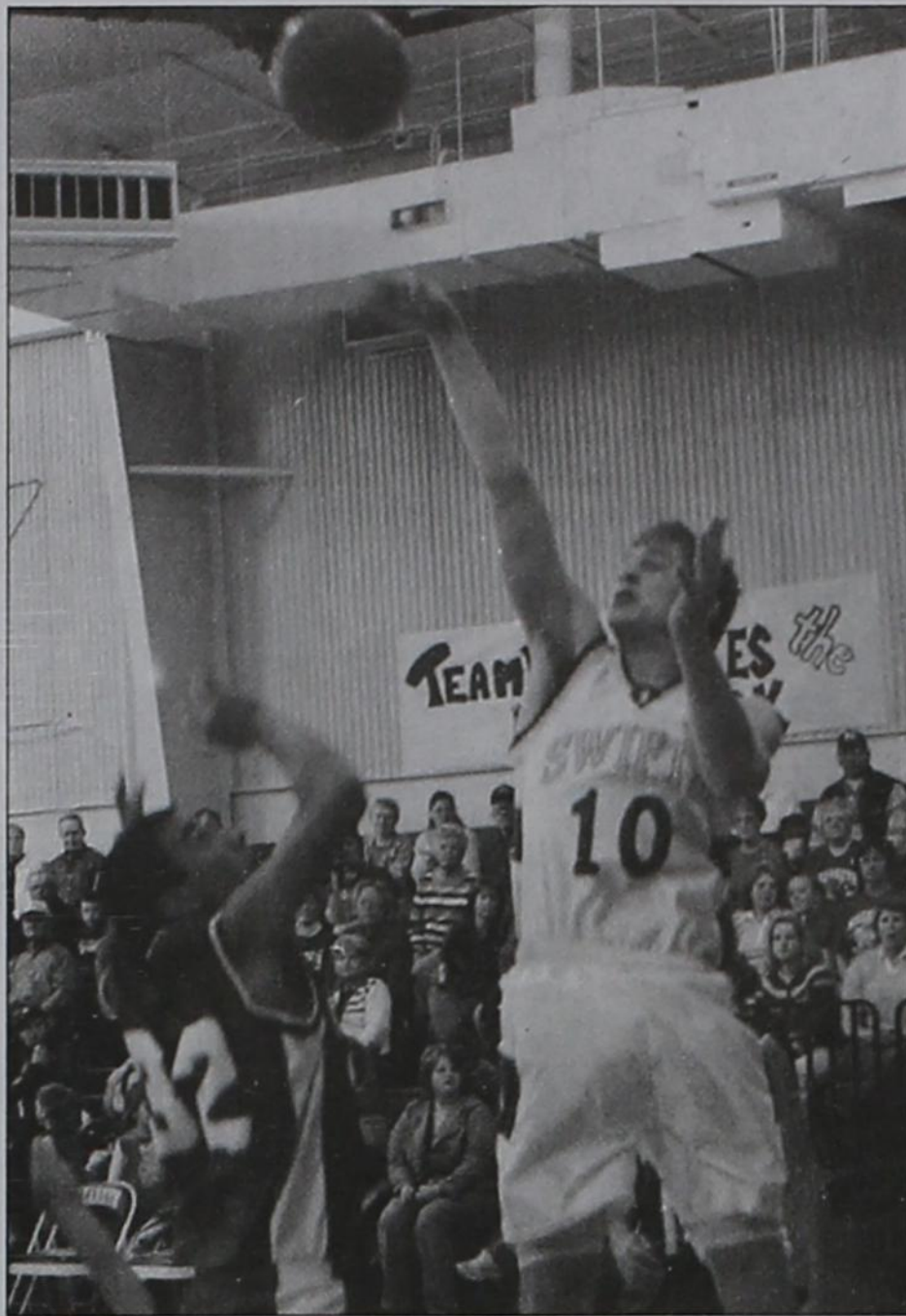
The Nazareth Swifts finished district with a perfect record and defeated the Crane Golden Eagles in a practice game as they prepare for their first playoff game against Valley, which is set for 8 p.m., Monday, at W.T. in Canyon.

In their game against Crane, the Swifts started off slow and held only a one-point, 6-5, margin at the end of the first quarter.

Crane came back in the second quarter, to grab a narrow 14-13 lead. However, Nazareth opened up in the third quarter with 20 points, to lead 33-16.

Jake Hoelting led the Swifts with 17 points, followed by Berry Clinton with nine and Dustin Schulte and Charlie Rundell with eight points each.

Head coach Mike Scarbrough said he thinks the team is where it needs to be at this point in the season. "I feel good about our



NAZARETH'S ALAN GERBER, No. 10, shoots a jumper against Springlake-Earth in district play.

defense and rebounding," he said.

"There are some things we need to fine-tune. We're a better team right now than we were at this time last year. I feel like our kids are really focused."

However, he said, there's

always room to improve.

"We're going to use this week to work on some little things that we need to get better at," he said.

With no seniors on last year's team, this is the same team that missed going to state by only one game last year, and Scarbrough said he thinks maturity will make a difference this year.

"I think our seniors have really stepped up and taken on a leadership role," he said.

"But we're only looking at one game at a time. We're looking ahead, not at what we've done the rest of the season."



2005-06 Nazareth Swiftettes Bi-District Champions

Swiftettes win bi-district title

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

CANYON - In a game that seemed closer than the final score, the Nazareth Swiftettes won the Region 1-1A Bi-District championship, defeating Valley, 56-47, on Tuesday.

Although Valley drew first blood, Nazareth reeled off eight consecutive points - a 3-pointer by Holly Kleman, two points from Lacey Acker and another trey from Kendra Huseman - to grab an 8-2 lead. By the end of the first period, the Swiftettes led, 14-10, in what turned out to be a very physical game.

In the second quarter, Acker started off the scoring with two points and Huseman had another trey as the Swiftettes maintained about a four-to-six point lead throughout the period. Toward the end of the second

quarter, buckets from Candace Birkenfeld and Kendra Huseman, along with another 3-pointer by Kleman, gave Nazareth a 27-20 halftime lead.

However, the Swiftettes came out cold in the third quarter and Kleman picked up her fourth foul early in the period - taking her out of the action for about six minutes.

That allowed Valley to take a brief lead, 36-35, with 1:13 left. Kleman came back in and, with 49 seconds left in the third quarter, hit for two points to end the period with Nazareth maintaining a slim 37-36 lead.

Valley still had some life left as the Lady Patriots tied the score at 41-all with 5:10

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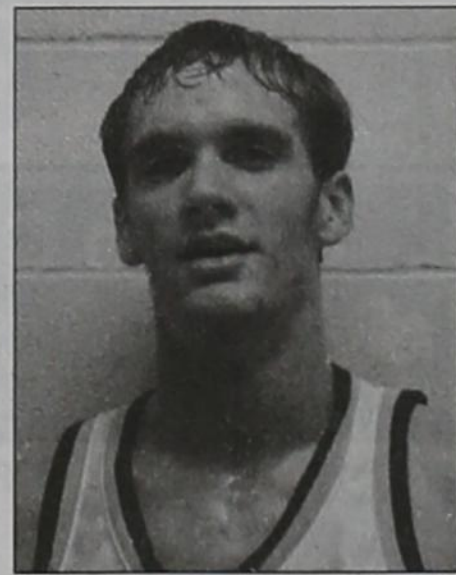
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Longhorns end season with win

The Hart Longhorns ended their season with a 49-44 win over Morton in district play.

The Longhorns took a 10-7 first-quarter lead and continued expanded it to lead 21-17 at the half.

By the end of the third period, the Longhorns had a 35-29 advantage.

Leading scorers for the Longhorns were Eric Menchaca, Jesus Longoria and George Chapa with 10 points each.

Sudan 54, Hart 38

Sudan took a 17-5 first-quarter lead and by the half were ahead 31-14.

At the end of three periods, Sudan had a commanding 43-27 lead. Jesus Longoria led Hart with 11 points.



HART'S JOEY MARTINEZ shoots a jumper in district play.

Chinch bugs plague Texas farmers

DALLAS - Chinch bugs have long been the bane of home owners with St. Augustine grass lawns. Drought and limited watering have added stress to St. Augustine lawns throughout the state, as have recent mild winters. These are conditions under which chinch bugs thrive.

"While fire ants and white grubs pose the greatest problem for turf grasses across Texas, the Southern Chinch Bug comes in a close second because of the amount of St. Augustine throughout the state and the bug's ability to kill it," said Dr. James Reinert, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Dallas. Roughly 25 percent of the lawns in the Dallas/Fort Worth area are St. Augustine, according to Reinert. But that number increases in the southern areas of the state. St. Augustine is the predominant grass used in lawns in Houston, San Antonio and Austin. As the number of St. Augustine lawns increases, the potential for damage by the Southern Chinch Bug also increases. "Chinch bugs insert a toxin that kills the St.

Augustine as they feed by sucking the plant juices," said Reinert. "They feed on the stems at the nodes, near the base of the leaves. The result is brown patches in a lawn that will continue to grow if left untreated." Currently, the only treatment option is repeated chemical applications to the lawn throughout the summer. None of the current products on the market provide long-term or residual control. It's a problem that's been battled for decades by turf grass researchers from coast to coast across the Southern USA, said Reinert.

Approximately 30 years ago, turf grass research in Texas and Florida developed 'Floratam' a cultivar of St. Augustine resistant to the Southern Chinch Bug. But after 12 years of use across the southern states, the Chinch Bug adapted and overcame the Floratam resistance in parts of Florida. Chinch bugs have continued to adapt and overcome new St. Augustine cultivars ever since, said Reinert. Recently, Reinert has determined the Southern Chinch

Bugs in Texas are no longer controlled by the Floratam resistance. Efforts continue at the Dallas center to develop new, more resistant cultivars that will control the new virulent Texas Chinch Bugs. Several new breeding lines are exhibiting greater than 65 percent resistance and two of the hybrids appear to be significantly exceeding that level. But none of the potential new cultivars are close to being available in the marketplace, Reinert said. "The average turf grass research project takes from five to 10 years to develop a new turf grass variety," said Reinert. "But if home owners think that sounds like a long time, they need to know that these same types of research projects used to take 14 years or more." On average, the Dallas area has two generations of chinch bugs per year because of its colder winters. The milder the winter, the more generations of chinch bugs there will be. The more generations, the longer the feeding cycle, and the greater the opportunity for the bugs to damage the grass. For many St. Augustine lovers, that means more chinch bugs and more chinch bug damage during a drought. St. Augustine fans also may not know studies have shown that over-fertilizing with high rates of nitrogen carries a side effect of making the lawn more susceptible to chinch bugs said Reinert. "The short-term answer to the problem is moderation on the frontlines," Reinert said. "The long-term answer is the development and release of new, chinch bug-resistant St. Augustine cultivars. But the research must be done first to make sure the grass will hold up after it is planted in the landscape. These new cultivars will also have to be resource efficient and have resistance to other pests."

Graduation rates need to improve

By **DIGGER ELAM**
HISD Superintendent

In an article from *Education Vital Signs* a chart was revealed that showed graduation percentages from 1870-2000. This article revealed a startling statistic. In 1920 only less than 10 percent of the students who entered the eighth grade graduated from high school.

After 1920 the trend steadily increased until an all time high of 74 percent occurred in 1968.

Again, the trend dropped off until 2000 which showed about 65 percent graduation rate.

North Carolina and New Mexico boasted the highest graduation rates in the nation in the 2002-2003 school year. North Carolina had a 97 percent graduation



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rate and New Mexico came in with an 89 percent graduation rate.

These figures look great but are deceiving and do not meet NCLB guidelines. These rates only show seniors who entered their senior year and graduated. Actually, under NCLB, which tracks students who

enter the eighth grade, North Carolina's graduation rate was a pitiful 64 percent and New Mexico at 61 percent. Texas had a better rate than both of the states with a 78 percent graduation rate.

To achieve 100 percent graduation rate this magazine says to following must be done:

Restore value to diplomas by raising standards, redesign high schools to teach higher-level knowledge, and to provide students with better teachers and principals.

I agree with the first two things they recommend, but I disagree with the third recommendation, because we have the best teachers and principals in the nation for our students.

Social Security benefits for children

By **Mary Jane Shanes**
Social Security Manager, Plainview

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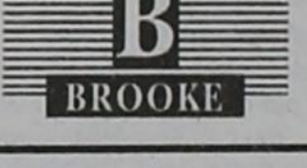
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School Menus
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Friday: Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, cereal, apple cinnamon loaf. Lunch - Pepperoni pizza, nachos with cheese, chicken pattie with gravy, fried okra, frijoles refrieto, baked potatoes, fideo Mexicano, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe, fresh fruit, berry blue gelatin, homemade biscuits, crackers, biscuits..

Monday: Breakfast - Sausage and biscuit, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal bar, apples. Lunch - Fish nuggets, beef enchiladas, barbecue hot links on bun, potato rounds, Mexipinto beans, vegetable medley, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin, fresh fruit, muffins, arroz Mexicano, arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Peanut butter and strawberry sandwich, blueberry muffins. Lunch - Cheeseburgers, Kung Fu sweet and sour, beef stew, turkey fajita with onions and peppers, fideo Mexicano, Mexipinto beans, hamburger salad, tossed salad, fresh fruit, garlic bread, flour tortilla.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Fresh donuts, peaches, cereal, Honey Bun. Lunch - Burrito with chili, chicken fried steak, pigs in a blanket, blackeyed peas, mashed potatoes, frijoles refrieto, taco condiment salad, orange wedges, tossed salad, fresh fruit, muffins, golden nugget rolls, crackers.

Thursday: Breakfast - Grilled cheese sandwich, cereal, apple muffin. Lunch - Shrimp poppers, tuna salad sandwich, cheese enchilada with sauce, potato chips, butter beans, pork and beans, tossed salad, guacamole salad, taco condiment salad, fresh fruit, Kaiser rolls, tortilla chips, Spanish rice.

NISD

Friday: Breakfast - Sausage pattie on roll, cereal. Lunch - Chicken spaghetti and rolls, pizza, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, peach cobbler.

Monday: Breakfast - Donuts, cereal. Lunch - Enchiladas, chef salad, tossed salad, blackeyed peas, peaches, peanut butter chews.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon French toast, sausage pattie, cereal. Lunch - Corn dogs, chicken strips with bread, broccoli and cauliflower salad, rice, pineapple, strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast Pockets, cereal. Lunch - Beef tacos, hamburgers and fries, lettuce, corn, pears, brownies.

Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cereal. Lunch - Barbecue sandwich, hamburgers, potato cubes, lettuce, pinto beans, apricots, cookies.

HISD

Friday: No School

Monday: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast, cereal. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, green beans, cream gravy, cherry cobbler, dill pickles, wheat bread.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Breakfast sticks, cereal. Lunch - Rib sandwich, beef burrito, carrots, dill pickles, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, macaroni and cheese.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch - Beef enchiladas, taco salad, tossed salad, carrots, dill pickles, refried beans, Spanish rice.

Thursday: Breakfast - French toast sticks, cereal. Lunch - Oven fried chicken, corn dogs, tossed salad, carrots, dill pickles, peaches, mashed potatoes, green beans, cream gravy.

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Winter Olympics 2006

Yahoo!

Hmmm, they must have skied down.

I came all the way to Torino, Italy for the Olympics! Now, where are the skiers? On top of the hill?

Are they on the next peak?

Where can they be?

Peak...everyone is at the Olympic Village eating dinner!

We're in a new time zone. Next time, remember to set your clock to the local time!

I've been enjoying the Olympic events shown on television. The athletes have worked hard to be in the best form possible for these competitions! I would not want to be a judge trying to decide scores. I'd want to give everyone a gold medal just for being in these international games!

Get These Out and Go!

Can't you feel yourself sliding and gliding? Twirling and racing? Connect the dots to see what will keep you on the move!

The Winter Olympics are underway! If you can fill this puzzle in without any mistakes, you deserve a gold medal.

ACROSS
3. second place medal
5. ground cover needed for skiing
8. people watching an event
9. contest of skill or ability
10. site of first Olympics
12. person who trains in sports
13. people deciding the winner of a contest or race
15. people who work together
17. low temperature
18. lighted by torch (2 words)

DOWN
1. formal act
2. 2006 host country
4. between two or more countries, their people
6. points given in a contest
7. third place medal
11. one contest in a program of sports
14. first place medal
16. frozen water for skating

Find your colored pencils and color everything on the page!

Find and circle 12 or more words that begin with the same sound as the "w" in the word "winter."

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biathlon
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snowboard
figure s'ating
skeleton

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short track
alpine skiing
ice hockey
speed skating
ski jumping
cross-country skiing

luge
freestyle skiing

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to file as a write-in candidate is March 20.

The election will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., May 13 at the administration building on Halsell.

Early voting will be at the administrative offices from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. from May 1-9, excluding Saturday, Sundays and official state holidays.

All mail-in votes must be received by the end of regular voting, May 13.

The board discussed using the voting machines purchased by the county, but took no action.

The board also accepted two resignations: Heather White, kindergarten and Jennifer Wooten, fourth grade English, both effective at the end of the school year. The board also hired two teachers, Sue Rita Myatt, eighth-grade English and Juanita Velasquez, alternative school.

VOTING

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those on hand, too."

The same requirements for early voting apply as they would on March 7. A prospective voter must have a voter registration card or some type of identification, like a utility bill, Thomas said.

In addition, requests for mail-out ballots may be made by calling Thomas' office at 647-3338 and requesting an application. Time is of the essence Thomas said, when requesting a ballot by mail.

NISD

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everyone," he said. "He's a very good superintendent and I know he's capable of what the next board will ask of him. In that regard - his qualifications - it wasn't a real big surprise.

"And although we hate to see him go, we know he's got to look after his family, too."

At the same time, Hoelting said, Nazareth has a lot to offer a prospective superintendent.

"I think we've got a stable staff and the tremendous amount of community support we have makes it easier and more attractive to a superintendent."

No date for Harrison's leaving has been set, Hoelting said, since he will overlap a week with the interim appointee, which "will give the interim time to get everything lined out."

EDWARDS

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River Road - and did well. So getting into a new district will be exciting. Of course, Friona will still be tough, but I believe we can play with anybody in this new district."

A lot of next season's success, he said, will depend on what the players do during the off season.

"I've got a group of athletes I think will put in the work off season - running track, lifting weights, opening the gym and shooting the ball."

BOBCATS

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that will lead to the bigger stuff.


"Another season starts right now. Records aren't important now - it'd have been nice to have a few more wins, but there will be teams with good records that keep going and teams with good records that hang 'em up."

In their final game against Floydada, Feb. 7, Dimmitt lost, 53-52. Limas led in scoring with 15 points, followed by Catano with 14, Aguilar with nine and Nick Ortiz and Alex Chavira had seven points each.


JV

Dimmitt 59, Floydada 49

The JV Bobcats grabbed a slim 7-5 first-quarter lead, but expanded it to 29-16 by the half. At the end of three periods, Dimmitt still led, 45-34. Leading scorers for the Bobcats were Evan Page with 18 points, followed by Kaden Griffitt with 11 and Landon Porsch with 10.



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A. First, do not withhold rent. This could get you evicted. To determine your legal rights, read your lease to see if it deals with the question of who is responsible for maintaining the trees. Assuming it says nothing, in my opinion, the landlord has an obligation to prune or cut the trees. If he does not, he could be liable for any damages.

I suggest you send him a certified letter explaining the situation, and the fact that you believe it is dangerous to your health and safety. Let him know that if the dead tree falls in a storm is it likely someone will get hurt. Tell him you expect him to promptly take steps to alleviate the problem, and that if he does not, he could be liable for any damage caused by one of the trees falling. Hopefully, once he knows you know the law he will cut down the trees.

Q. I filed bankruptcy. I have now received a 1099 form from one of my creditors. Am I responsible for taxes on the money that was discharged?

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cancelled debt must be included as income. The IRS code provides that if you are insolvent at the time the debt is written off or discharged, you do not have to pay taxes. There also is a special exception for debts discharged in bankruptcy. I suggest you speak with a CPA to make sure you properly file your taxes without having to pay taxes on this amount.

Q. We have renters in a small house. Our renters have a dog that bit a child. Are we, as the owners, liable for the medical bills of this child?

A. You are not liable simply because you own the property. Your liability, if any, must be based on your own conduct. In other words, you must have done something or refused to do something, and that conduct or inaction must have caused in the incident.

For example, as the owner, you probably have a responsibility to take reasonable steps to insure that your tenants are not misusing the property or acting in a manner dangerous to others. If you know a tenant has dangerous dogs and that the tenant is letting the dogs run wild, you might have an obligation to intervene.

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APPLICATION. City of Nazareth, P.O. Box 7, Nazareth, Texas 79063, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew wastewater Disposal Permit No. WQ001979001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 5,000 gallons per day via evaporation and surface irrigation, 47 acres. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately 2,400 feet north and 3,200 feet west of the intersection of State Highway 86 and Farm-to-Market Road 168, west of the city of Nazareth, in Castro County, Texas. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 29, 2005. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Nazareth City Hall, 106 2nd and St. Joseph, Nazareth, Texas.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TCEQ will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. The TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

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INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Nazareth at the address stated above or by calling Ralph Brockman at 806-945-2285.

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left to play in the final period.

After that, however, the Swiftettes seemed to regain their balance and the momentum of the game changed. That's when Nazareth had a nine-point run, taking a 50-41 lead. During that time, Birkenfeld held her own under the basket to score two buckets, while Kleman had a tray and a two-pointer.

Adding to the 19-point fourth quarter were Caitlin Huseman with four points and Heidi Ramaekers, Kendra Huseman and Acker with two points each.

With the clock winding down, Nazareth's ball control game worked, causing Valley to foul and giving the Swiftettes opportunities to score free throws. They took advantage every time. Six of Nazareth's 19 points came at the foul line as the Swiftettes were 100 percent in the final period shooting free throws.

On defense, Nazareth gave up only nine

points in the final period.

The Swiftettes pressed all night, causing a number of turnovers and making it difficult for Valley to in-bound the ball. Head coach Amy Huseman has stressed conditioning all year and her team has pressed at times during the season. That conditioning paid off Tuesday night. It was clear that Valley wasn't prepared to deal with a full-court press throughout the game, and they found it hard to maintain their composure in the face of the smaller, but faster, Nazareth players.

On defense, Kendra Huseman, among others, managed to keep the Lady Patriots off balance and caused even more turnovers as Birkenfeld held her own in the paint against a team that had a decided height advantage over the Swiftettes.

The Swiftettes entered Tuesday's game with a perfect district record. At press time there was no word on when the team's next game will be.

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Community Calendar

Pybus Christian School sets open house for Sunday

Pybus Christian invites the public to a Community Open House from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, at First Baptist Church.

The public is invited to come visit the classrooms and see how Pybus has joined forces with the Dimmitt ISD to provide a natural setting in the community for the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities as the program celebrates its one-year anniversary.

Hereford Cotton Conference set for Feb. 20

The Hereford Cotton Conference will start at 8:30 a.m. with registration, Monday, Feb. 20, at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C. There will be a \$5 registration fee for the workshop to cover materials and the noon meal. Five continuing education units for private, non-commercial and commercial pesticide applicators have been requested.

For more information, call 364-3573.

Cotton Profitability workshop comes to Muleshoe

Muleshoe Cotton producers can get a leg up on planning their management strategies for 2006 at the cotton profitability workshop sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension.

The workshop is slated for Feb. 22, from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Jeff Pate and Jay Yates, Extension risk management specialists based at Lubbock, will provide an outlook for fuel, fertilizer, other farm inputs, and crop prices for 2006. They will also discuss farm program payments and possible production budgets for irrigated cotton.

Also examined will be crop share rental arrangements, focusing on how tenants and landlords can share the risk and total investment in an equitable agreement, as well as cash leases.

There is no charge to attend. For more information contact Smith at (806) 746-6101, or Extension offices in Bailey

County at (806) 272-4584.

Program set at Home Merc

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19, the Home Mercantile will present one of the premier events of its season with a musical performance by the Buddy & Tina Wright Family from Lubbock. The concert will take place from 4-6 p.m.

Buddy & Tina are International recording artists, performing ole time bluegrass music and western swing as well. These extraordinary musicians play more than 12 instruments (fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, pennywhistle, etc.) Using superb vocal/musical abilities at concerts around the world, they captivate audiences with a musical experience not soon to be forgotten. The teenagers are backed up by their parents, Ray and Pat, who play rhythm guitar and bass. The family has had musical appearances on CNN and CMT. The Wrights have also performed in venues such as the Myerson Symphony Center, European World of Bluegrass-Holland, concert halls, festivals, school programs, museums, universities, churches, and banquets.

The concert is open to the entire family, and there is no admission charge, though donations are accepted.

Rotary selling flags

It's time to buy 2006 memorial flag contracts from the Dimmitt Rotary Club for a fee of \$30 per year. If you would like a flag flown at the courthouse on 8 holidays this year in memory or honor of some special person, please call Trish Elliott @647-4624. If no answer, please leave message and Trish will get back to you.

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Exception made for burn ban

Castro County's burn ban remains in effect, but on Monday Commissioners amended it to provide for necessary outdoor welding - providing certain conditions are met prior to beginning the welding job.

Before the job is begun, the commissioner for the appropriate precinct must be notified. He will visit the site and, if necessary, contact a member of the fire department to assist in assessing the potential danger.

The property owner remains liable and is responsible to assure that sparks are contained and that a water supply is available.

Engaging in outdoor welding without having the area assessed by a commissioner is still prohibited under the terms of the county burn ban. It is a Class C misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine up to \$500.

All the other provisions of the burn ban remain in effect.

For more information, contact County Judge Bill Sava at 647-4451.

Castro EEA meets

Castro County EEA met with seven members present. Sandra Bagwell presented a program, "My Pyramid, Steps to a Healthy You."

Plans were made to attend the district meeting Mary 30 in Lubbock.

Dee Brisco served as hostess. Others present were: Kylinda McCurry, Jackie Edwards, Pauline Hoyler, Patsy Etrekin and Claudine Langford.

We invited anyone interested in joining to meet with us March 10 at the Senior Citizens Center.

Grand jury hands down 9 indictments

The following indictments were handed down by a Castro County Grand Jury on Feb. 6.

- * Leticia Ortega, Dimmitt, possession of controlled substance less than one gram
- * Vicente Rodriguez, Dimmitt, forgery of a financial instrument
- * Rene Villegas Jr., forgery of a financial instrument
- * David Cruz Sanchez, Dimmitt, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram
- * Raymond Torres, Dimmitt, aggravated assault against a public servant
- * Monico Betancourt Saucedo, Amarillo, driving while intoxicated third or more
- * Isidro Morales Ramos, Dimmitt, driving while intoxicated third or more
- * James Garza, Tulia, driving while intoxicated third or more

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