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## Weather: Good news, bad news

Just when you thought spring had arrived as thunderstorms rolled across the area last Thursday, Mother Nature decided to really shake things



**ACTUAL SIZE**—This hailstone, measuring 1-3/4 inches across, was typical of what fell near Hart last Thursday. Photo by Neoma Williams

up and sent an Arctic air mass plunging into the Texas Panhandle, dropping temperatures into the teens and bringing snow to some areas.

The frigid temperatures could be devastating to the county's wheat crop, and more than likely squashed any hopes people had for a fruit crop this year. Flowers which were beginning to bloom were knocked back and many leaves were knocked off of trees.

Low temperatures plummeted to 18 degrees on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Low temperatures fell below freezing every day from last Thursday through Tuesday morning. The low high for the week was recorded at 33 on Friday.

Assistant County Extension Agent Pammy Millican scouted wheat fields around the county Tuesday afternoon, and he says it's too early to tell if the heads are going to be damaged.

"We saw some wheat that's turning brown, but it's really hard to tell

what damage has occurred at this point," Millican said. "We really need a few more days of warm weather before we'll be able to tell.

"The further along the wheat is, the more damage it will probably sustain," Millican said. "If the seed head is barely above the ground, it won't be hurt as bad as wheat that's four to five inches above the ground."

Derrell Matthews of Circle M Irrigation said "I've talked to some farmers who had inspected their fields and cut some heads open, and they couldn't tell that there had been any damage."

Millican said damage on some fields may not be evident until harvest.

"If it's not dead, it could still have damage. Half of the head could fill up instead of all of it. A producer could be expecting 20 bushel yields and only make 10," Millican said.

Several producers were planning to sow corn last week, and Millican

said the cold front forced postponements of those plans. He said he has talked with several who are planning to begin planting this week.

While the cold front damaged plant life just beginning to emerge, it did have some benefits.

"We got some rain, and all rain is good. We'll take what we can get," said Millican. "But the wind that blew two or three days later just sucked part of that moisture back out of the ground. The moisture did help with the freeze—if it would have been a dry front, we'd have seen a lot more damage from the freeze."

The system which moved through the area last Thursday evening not only brought freezing temperatures, but high winds, heavy rains, hail, sleet and snow to parts of the Panhandle.

While Dimmitt and areas west of the city received minimal moisture, Hart, Nazareth and the eastern half of the county were pounded by hail and received heavy rains last Thursday.

Storms started firing in the southern part of the county around 3:30 p.m. last Thursday and moved northeast in a band that caught Hart, Nazareth and areas to the east of both cities.

"We got about two inches of rain with a lot of hail," said Kathy Lowrey, whose family farm is nine miles southeast of Hart next to the Swisher County line. "We think our wheat is gone. We had been grazing it, but I don't imagine we'll get a grain crop at all. I guess we were lucky—I heard some people already had corn up around Hart."

By 4:30 p.m., hail and heavy rain were reported in the eastern half of the county. At 5 p.m., a tornado warning was issued for eastern Castro County and western Swisher County. Lubbock radar had indicated a possible tornado two miles east-northeast of Hart, moving northeast.

Weather chasers spotted several funnels, but no damage was reported. Just prior to the issuance of the warn-

ing, Castro County Sheriff's Deputy Don Williams informed the sheriff's dept., that there was "a lot of rotation in the clouds" above his house, 1 1/2 southeast of Hart.

A heavy concentration of rain and

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### Rain!

|                          | High | Low | Prec. |
|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|
| Thursday                 | 47   | 20  | .02   |
| Friday                   | 69   | 23  | .03   |
| Saturday                 | 33   | 18  |       |
| Sunday                   | 40   | 18  | Tr.   |
| Monday                   | 46   | 25  |       |
| Tuesday                  | 69   | 26  |       |
| Wednesday                | 77   | 38  |       |
| April Moisture           | 1.01 |     |       |
| 1996 moisture (Adjusted) | 1.84 |     |       |

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

## DPS requests new radar gun and office

Requests by county Dept. of Public Safety troopers for a new state-of-the-art radar and new office were tabled by county commissioners Monday.

DPS Troopers David Bratton and Keith Smith told commissioners the radar they are currently using in one patrol car is "aging."

"Normal use of a unit is five to seven years," Bratton said. "This unit has been used for quite a while. It's losing range and has already been repaired once."

The new unit would cost the county \$2,995, and Bratton told commissioners \$500 of that could be pulled from the DPS's budgeted capital outlay. Commissioners agreed to look over the budget to see if they can find the money to purchase the radar gun and tabled the matter until their next meeting, which will be April 21.

DPS furnishes radar guns for patrol cars, but Bratton said the issued units are "sub-standard."

"It's not up to the county to purchase a radar gun," Bratton said. "But the units we are being issued are sub-standard. The range isn't as wide as the old one we're using now. This would be a county-owned radar. If a trooper leaves, the radar stays in the county."

The radar gun Bratton is requesting has the "fastest and strongest speed display, has the ability of monitoring two vehicles at one time and software is upgradable."

Bratton said with the radar gun, DPS officers would be able to increase the number of traffic stops and citations, which in turn would mean increased revenue for the county.

"We usually generate about 50 tickets per week," Bratton told commissioners. "The average fine is around \$70. Even if the county only gets paid fines from half of those tickets, the revenue earned would pay for the unit in a couple of weeks."

He added that Parmer County is using the radar guns and the number of speeding tickets issued there has doubled with use of the new equip-

ment.

He said the requested unit would have a range of over a mile and would enable officers to monitor traffic without being spotted by oncoming drivers. And he added that the new radar guns are not detectable by most radar detectors.

"We feel like this will greatly help us to do our jobs to the best of our ability," Bratton said.

Bratton and Smith also asked commissioners about moving the DPS office to the current Juvenile Probation Office in the courthouse.

The Juvenile Probation Officer is only in Dimmitt two days a week. Commissioners had discussed the matter at their last meeting, but took no action. They tabled the item again.

Bratton said Castro County is a three-trooper county, and if three are working in the office, their current facilities are too cramped with the desks, intoxilyzer machine, filing cabinets and more.

"The current office is designed for one or two people," Bratton said. "A move to larger quarters would create a lot less stressful environment."

Commissioners studied bids on a new motor grader for Pct. 2 from Yellowhouse Machinery and West Texas Equipment.

After opening the bids, Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales asked that purchase of a grader be postponed until he can study his budget.

Gonzales is planning to trade a 1985 John Deere and a 1980 Caterpillar for one new machine.

Yellowhouse Machinery's bid offered \$66,200 trade-in allowance for the two used machines, resulting in a net trade difference of \$73,740 for a new John Deere motor grader. Also included in the bid is a guaranteed five-year buy-back of \$98,500.

West Texas Equipment's bid would allow \$55,425 for Pct. 2's two used machines toward the purchase of a new Caterpillar. The net trade difference would be \$83,877. West Texas Equipment will offer a five-year guaranteed buy-back of \$109,000.



**MONDAY ACCIDENT SCENE**—Dimmitt firemen, police and emergency medical technicians work at the scene of a Monday afternoon accident in the 300 block of East Bedford Street that left two pickups heavily damaged and a 10-year-old girl passenger shaken up. The pickup at left is a 1981 Dodge owned by Earl's Garage and driven by Pete Salinas, an employee of the garage. The pickup shown broadside is a

1981 Ford F-150 owned by Luciano Quiroz and driven by Rosario Quiroz, 409 SW Fifth St. Police said Mrs. Quiroz was driving east when she turned left at Dimmitt Consumers across the street, into the path of Salinas' oncoming pickup. At right, the ambulance crew prepares to transport Mrs. Quiroz's daughter, Angelica, to Plains Memorial Hospital, where she was treated and released.

Photo by Don Nelson

## School board okays DMS OM trip

The Dimmitt school board voted Monday night to allow the Dimmitt Middle School Odyssey of the Mind structure team to advance to the World OM Competition in Maryland in June.

A board policy formulated in 1994 prohibited advancement beyond the state level of competition for students below the high school level.

Avery Thrasher made the motion to over-ride that policy in this instance. Earl Behrends seconded the motion and all board members present voted in favor. Debbie Annen was absent.

Board President Paul Garcia said there had been a lot of discussion at the time the policy was put in place. However, he added that it is "nice to be put in the position of needing to reassess the policy."

After the board approved the trip, Wayne Proffitt, a coach for the two OM structure teams, announced that

a \$3,000 gift had been offered to the DMS team to help finance their trip. He said the State OM Director told him of an "OM Fairy Godmother" who has helped Dallas-area teams with travel expenses in the past. Proffitt said the "Fairy Godmother" offered to help Dallas teams, as well as a team from the University of Texas and the DMS team.

OM participants will still be conducting fund raising events to get enough money for the high school structure team's expenses for the trip to the World contest.

The OM teams gave a report to the board on how they fared at the state contest, and showed the trophies they won. The two structure teams both won first at state, and the Middle School Classics team won fourth.

DISD Curriculum Director Doricell Davis reported to the board on programs that will be imple-

mented during the summer.

She said the school has received additional funding this year for the optional extended year program. The program allows students who are facing retention in grades K-8 to achieve passing status by attending 30 days of instruction based on a TAAS-type curriculum. She said the students must attend at least 90% of the 30 days of instruction to gain promotion.

Davis said the district is required to follow-up closely on those students who are promoted through the program. She said the first year of the program "had some pretty good results." She said she would have further details when grades are figured in May.

Also new this summer will be an extended year program for students in the alternative school setting. Students may qualify for the program only on the recommendation of their school principal. It will al-

low them to continue a credit recovery program for the 30 days of the summer program.

Davis said another program for this summer will be the Migrant Bilingual kindergarten and first grade program, designed to give ESL students extra help to prepare for kindergarten or first grade.

Board members voted 5-1 to accept the high bids on two parcels of property offered for sale for back taxes. Miller suggested selling the properties even though they went for a price well below their estimated value and the accumulated tax debt on them. Behrends voted against the motion.

Approval was given for selling two old buses and a 1980 Ford LTD at the Canyon bus auction, and take whatever is offered for them. All three vehicles have at least 100,000 miles on them, and the buses probably have over 200,000 miles.

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**OPEN HOUSE HELD FOR CASTRO COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY**  
... Panhandle Community Services lends a helping hand.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Castro County Ministerial Alliance holds open house for Food Pantry

After more than six months of working and planning, the Castro County Ministerial Alliance held a Grand Opening April 8 for its Food Pantry, which offers supplemental food to people in Castro County at no cost to the recipients or the taxpayers.

The pantry is housed in the same building with Panhandle Community Services, but is a separate program for the needy of the area. However, PCS office coordinator Stella Devers is a consultant for the project and has authorization to investigate the financial status of persons seeking assistance.

Gerald Aalbers, pastor of Hart's First Baptist Church, said that area churches get bombarded by people wanting assistance, who tell "a real hard-luck story." However, after investigation, some applicants are not as bad off as they try to appear.

He said the cooperation of the PCS office will help avoid fraud and duplication of effort in helping the poor of the county.

"We want to take good care of the money we're entrusted with," Aalbers said.

The pantry has been stocked with donated items left over from the annual "Operation: Brown Bag" Christmas project, as well as other items and meat purchased from the Amarillo Food Bank, which receives a large portion of its support from Affiliated Foods.

Those wanting help must fill out an application, and they will be processed through the PCS computer system. Devers said that applicants must provide proof of income and a Social Security number. Each applicant who is accepted will receive food once a month through the pantry.

Also, food will be made available to victims of disaster or family crisis, according to Devers. She said the pantry will accept applicants on the recommendation of County Judge Irene Miller or local law enforcement personnel. She added that she also will do a financial check on applicants at the request of Miller or other authorities.

Several elderly residents of the county already have received one distribution of food from the pantry. Living on a fixed income has occasionally forced some to choose between medicine and food, according to Edith Richardson and Opal Thomas, residents of the Senior Citizens Apartments in Dimmitt, who are living on Social Security.

"It is a great help on grocery expense for those on a set income," said Faye Ethridge and Zelda

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Weather: Good news, bad news...

(Continued from Page 1) hail fell southeast of Hart, according to Bill Rich, who reported 2 1/2 inches of rain from last Thursday's storms.

"It was pretty bad through here. We had hail that was bigger than golf-ball size. It got two of my roofs and two of my pickups were beaten up pretty badly," Rich said.

Rich said that his son, who farms east of Hart, had almost 200 acres of wheat that "looks like it's pretty well destroyed."

The hail which pounded around Hart started off as marble-size, then increased to one-inch in diameter, then 1 1/2" and finally reached two inches before tapering off.

Heavy rains accompanied the wind and hail last Thursday.

About 1.70 inches of rain and marble size hail that covered the ground was received in Nazareth from the series of storms, but 2 1/2 miles down the road at the Francis

Wilhelm residence, 2.70 inches of rain was recorded.

"We had a lot of hail to go with it," said Betty Wilhelm. "It was small hail—the largest was probably nickel-size—but we had at least six inches of hail covering the ground. It didn't cover a large stretch, but it was heavy here."

Hart measured .99 of an inch last Thursday, according to Neoma Williams, who is National Weather Service observer for Hart. She said light snow fell Sunday morning, and that resulted in another .05 of an inch.

Storms continued to rebuild throughout the evening last Thursday, and by 7:30 p.m. the sheriff's department was reporting water over several roads including Highway 194, Highway 145, FM 168 north of Hart and north of Nazareth, and on SH 86 east of Nazareth.

"It was a pretty bad storm across here," Rich said. "Many of our lakes that haven't had water in them for some time are full of water now. We're running tailwater pits to try to pump them down."

"I didn't have any corn planted, but some of my neighbors did, and we're questioning what will happen to it. I hadn't planted any corn yet; I was waiting for the soil temperature to get up around 55 before planting, and it wasn't there yet," Rich said.

While weather on Friday and Saturday was calmer, residents in the southwestern part of the county woke Sunday morning to find a blanket of snow covering the ground.

As much as two inches of snow covered the ground at Sunnyside, and up to three inches was reported in the Flagg area.

Police Calls

Pennie Rodriguez told sheriff's deputies Tuesday morning that her home out in the county had been burglarized sometime between 11 p.m. Sunday and 5 p.m. Monday. She said items taken included a Zenith 13-inch color television, valued at \$130, a baby bouncer seat valued at \$15, a baby swing valued at \$30, and a Sears shop vac of undetermined value. The incident is still under investigation.

A 40-year-old Hereford man was jailed early Sunday on charges of DWI, first offense, and unlawful carrying of a weapon. He was transported in the 300 block of Northwest Sixth. Taken into evidence were a bottle of liquor and a pistol, according to the police report.

A Dimmitt man, 38, and an Amarillo man, 18, were jailed early Sunday for disorderly conduct, when police received a report of a fight in the 600 block of West Stinson.

A 39-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on charges of assault/family violence early Sunday.

Deputies picked up a 30-year-old Clovis man Sunday after he was detained there on an outstanding warrant alleging violation of probation, stemming from charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Outstanding warrants resulted in the arrest of four men during the past week. April 8, a 23-year-old Rio Grande City man was held on a violation of probation (theft); outstanding DPS warrants resulted in the jailing of two Dimmitt men, a 27-year-old last Thursday, and a 21-year-old Sunday; and Sunday evening, a Randall County warrant resulted in the arrest of a Hart man, 36.

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Three accidents were reported in the past week.

Friday afternoon, Randy Scroggins of Dimmitt drove away from Red X in Dimmitt without removing the gas pump nozzle from his vehicle's gas tank opening. Dam-

age to the gasoline pump was estimated at \$3,000.

Monday afternoon, a 1981 Dodge pickup driven by Pedro Jimenez Salinas Jr. of Dimmitt was driving west in the 300 block of East Bedford, when it was struck by a 1981 Ford pickup driven by Rosario Garcia Quiroz of Dimmitt, who was attempting to turn left off of East Bedford. Police said the Ford struck the front of the Dodge, causing moderate damage to the Dodge and heavy damage to the Ford. Angelica Quiroz 10, a passenger in the Ford, was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where she was treated and released.

Last Thursday at 2:30 a.m., Bryan Matthew Charanza of Nazareth knocked down a mailbox with his vehicle about three miles east of Nazareth. The mailbox served Marvin Schulte, Julius Birkenfeld and Ralph Albracht.

Chili cook-off set for Saturday

The District 13 VFW Chili Cook-Off will be held Saturday at Post #8056 in Dimmitt, starting with the cook's meeting at 9 a.m., and turn-in time set for 2 p.m.

Cooks must be VFW members, and entrants are expected from all over the area, according to Ted Stubblefield, chairman of the event. "We also need judges, so if you'd like to volunteer, we'd be glad to have you," he added.

The entry fee is \$20 per team. Proceeds will go to the District VFW and Auxiliary.

The cook-off will be followed by an auction at 4 p.m. and a dance from 8 p.m. until midnight. Admission for the dance will be \$5 per couple or \$3 per person. Music will be by Lydia.

The public is invited to come out and sample the chili and enjoy the activities, Stubblefield said.

For more information, contact Stubblefield at 647-5786, or Jackie Powers at 647-3150, or Don Howell at 647-2017.

Obituary

Cheryl Wossum

Memorial services for Cheryl Wossum, 36, of Lubbock, the sister of Melissa Duncan of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

She died Jan. 16 in San Francisco General Hospital.

She was born Sept. 15, 1960, in Lubbock. She attended Lubbock High School and received an associate's degree in dietetic management from South Plains College in 1984. She attended American Commercial College, and moved to California in 1989.

She is survived by her father, Robert L. Wossum Jr. of Lubbock; three brothers, Lee, Robert and Chris, all of Lubbock; and four sisters, Patsy Payne of Mount Pleasant, Karen Horton and Tina Bryant, both of Lubbock, and Melissa Duncan of Dimmitt.

Last Puzzle Solution grid with letters filled in.



FINAL TOUCHES—Maintenance Supervisor Mark McDonald (left) and Administrator Joe Sloan move chairs and sofas into place Tuesday in the "quiet activity room" of Plains Memorial Hospital's new geriatric psychiatric unit.

Hospital ready to open geriatric psychiatric unit

Plains Memorial Hospital will usher in another new service today (Thursday) with the opening of a geriatric psychiatric unit.

Under the direction of Maintenance Supervisor Mark McDonald, construction workers fought an April 15 deadline during an intensive 47-day remodeling project, and completed the unit on time this week.

"I think Mark had a day off about three months ago," Hospital Administrator Joe Sloan quipped.

The workers remodeled half of the hospital's east wing into a specialized unit that includes three semi-private patient rooms, a "quiet activity room" with a TV and kitchenette, a dining room that doubles as an activity area, a consulting room, nurses' station,

utility room and laundry room.

The new unit underwent a state architectural inspection Wednesday and is to be inspected Tuesday by the State Health Dept., which must give final approval and certification.

A grand opening and dedication date will be announced later, Sloan said.

Sloan estimated the construction cost at \$310,000, about \$90,000 more than the original estimate.

"The cost was high because of the short time frame," he said. "There were a lot of weekends and overtime. Once the decision was made to go ahead with it, we had to get it completed by April 15 to be eligible for certification for the coming year."

However, the new unit should easily

earn back its construction cost within its first two years of operation, Sloan said. He estimated the unit will earn a net profit of \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year for the hospital district.

The specialized unit will be for patients 65 and older who are suffering emotionally from common traumas of aging, such as loss of a spouse or child, a major move, depression, adjusting to living alone, a pending move into a nursing home, etc.

The program is approved by Medicare, so the patients will pay only their deductible, Sloan said. The average stay for a patient will be 20 to 25 days, he said.

"The purpose is to get the patient through a crisis and back home again on a steadier emotional plane," Sloan said. "We want to get them back to functioning as soon as possible."

While staying in the unit, he said, patients will be able to continue or resume normal activities such as laundry, using a microwave oven, etc., as they are able.

"This unit isn't for physically sick people; they're in another part of the hospital," he said.

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Food Pantry opens...

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Thomas, also residents of the Senior Citizens Apartments in Dimmitt.

Jerry Stump, a frequent helper with the Christmas food distribution, said that the effort to help the hungry in the county has been fragmented for years. He said it will be nice to have a place to take food year round now, and be able to pool resources and meet the needs of people on a year-round basis.

"We're not doing this to punish people or to get out of helping, but to encourage people to help themselves, too," Aalbers said. He pointed out that PCS has several training programs, too, that can help people be better managers of the resources they do have.

Devers said they have training available in the areas of nutrition, energy conservation, and learning to balance a family budget.

"I see this as a ministry of Jesus, doing good, ministering to the hurting, and helping those in need," said Ministerial Alliance member Larry Gilliam, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Dimmitt.

"When government assistance is a little short for those in need, I'm glad

we have this available to help," said Ministerial Alliance member Jim Hardwick, minister of Dimmitt's First Christian Church.

The PCS Neighborhood Advisory Board also will help oversee the operation of the food pantry, Devers said.

Present for the Open House ceremony were representatives of Panhandle Community Services, including Karen Zinser, PCS promotion agent; Bob Whorton, transportation director of PCS; Pauletta Flores, CSBG coordinator; and Celia Serrano of the Hereford PCS office, and Linda Milner of the Tulia office. Also present were several members of the Ministerial Alliance, including Aalbers, Gilliam, Hardwick, Ed Freeman, retired Presbyterian minister; Rusty Dickerson, pastor of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church; and Pedro Gonzales, minister of Iglesia de Cristo of Dimmitt.

Anyone needing more information on the pantry or wanting to apply for help can contact Devers at 647-3244 or come by 110 SW Second in Dimmitt.

Hart youth is certified as adult

A 16-year-old Hart youth has been adjudicated as an adult to face charges of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury and aggravated kidnapping.

A hearing was held Monday before County Judge Irene Miller. Bond on the two charges was set at \$1,500 each, for a total of \$3,000.

The youth has been accused of forcing another Hart youth into a vehicle, taking him out in the country, and then beating him. The victim required surgery on his face due to the injuries from the incident.

County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews said the matter should come before the May 16 session of the Grand Jury.

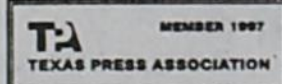
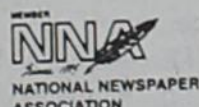
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

I would like to say "amen" to the comment Terri Louder made in her "Calico" column concerning Daylight Savings Time! For years and years, we got along just fine on Central Standard Time, so why change now!! It takes me a month in the Spring and a month in the Fall to get adjusted to the time change!

Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind teams who won at the state contest. The first place winners qualify to go to the World OM Competition in Maryland in June.

Out of town visitor at the museum

last week was Kathleen Anderson of Lubbock. She was working on an assignment for one of her classes at Texas Tech, and we enjoyed visiting with her.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met on a cold Wednesday morning with Mattie Seale presiding over the business meeting and leading in the prayer. Florene Leinen read the minutes and Barbara Sava gave the treasurer's report. Belinda Crow gave an informative program on "Child Birth Instruction." She also teaches the pre-natal classes. Members present were LeQuetta

West, Betty Freeman, Betty Vaughan, Ethel Fry, Nell DiCuffa, Lois Waggoner, Barbara Sava, Irene Blanton, Florene Leinen, Mattie Seale, Lucille Drerup, Edna Reinart, Claudene Langford, Gertie Waggoner, and Mary Edna Hendrix.

The Dimmitt Book Club met on Wednesday afternoon at Rhoads Memorial Library with Ina Cleavinger presiding over the business meeting and Doris Flynt reading the minutes and calling the roll.

Oleta Gollehon introduced the guest reviewer, Zetha Blackburn, who reviewed the book, *Joshua, Son of None*, by Nancy Freedman. This is a fiction book on cloning. Mildred Bradford and Rosetta Bellinghausen were hostesses for the social hour. They served sandwiches, cookies, and fruit punch. The centerpiece was an arrangement of forsythia in a bed of greenery and the colorful plates and napkins completed the atmosphere of Spring even though it was cold outside!

Lucy Casares won second on her needlepoint plaque that was entered in the District FCE meeting in Colorado City on April 4. Her name was omitted from the list in last week's column.

Ina Rae Cates was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served pound cake and ice cream while the members brought their brown bag lunches. Emily Clingsmith won high score, with Alma Kenmore second. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Cleo Forson, Edith Graef, Neva Hickey, Dude McLaurin, Elizabeth Huckabay, Bill Thornton, Louise Mears and Opha Burks.

A large crowd attended the "Always... Patsy Cline" performance that was held on a cold Friday night at the Hereford High School auditorium. This is based on the true story of Patsy Cline, who was killed in a plane crash in 1963 when she was only 30 years old. She was already the nation's leading recording artist. Tammy Hysmith plays the part of Patsy Cline and Cindi Bulla plays Louise Seger, a good friend of Patsy's.

Tammy Hysmith is a native of Fritch and graduated from Sanford-Fritch High School. She has performed in many opra and jamboree appearances in the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. Currently she serves as hostess and entertainer at Doc's Steakhouse in Fritch. Cindi Bulla stole the show! She was a bundle of energy, never still, and talking most of the time. She even came off the stage and danced twice

with the mayor of Hereford! Some of the Patsy Cline songs that Tammy sang were *Back in Baby's Arms*, *Anytime*, *Your Cheating Heart*, *She's Got You*, *San Antonio Rose*, *Crazy*, *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*, *True Love*, and *Bill Bailey*.

While we were in Hereford at the Patsy Cline performance, we were glad to see Nancy Buchanan and Steve and Ginger Olsen, all former Dimmitt residents.

Father Guillermo Morales of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church was honored with two birthday celebrations, one at the first service and one at the second service. They sang "Happy Birthday," and had two birthday cakes with songs and scriptures on them.

Many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends attended the Pybus Christian School Spring Program that was held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday evening. Some of the songs they sang included *Go Tell it on the Mountain*, *Did You Feed My Cow?* *I Wish I Were an Apple*, *Poor Little Bug on the Wall*, and Kelsey Schilling sang *You're A Grand Ole Flag*.

Randy Gressett closed the program with a prayer. Mrs. Pybus has 15 in her class and Mrs. Sheffy has 17 in her class. A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall following the program. The serving table held dozens and dozens of cookies, and punch was served. The decorations on the table included a rabbit doll and a bear sitting in a miniature school desk.

The Birthday Club met at the Sirloin Stockade in Hereford on Sunday to honor Bobbie Damron on her birthday. Others enjoying the special occasion were Clyde Damron, Lawrence and Vernice Green of Amarillo, Charles and Rena Richard, Leander and Clara Reinart, Donald and Agnes Schilling, Andy and Oleda Schumacher, Florene Leinen, Rosetta Bellinghausen, and Edna Reinart, who brought guest Dawna Brockman of Hereford. Besides the food, they all enjoy the humorous cards that the honored birthday person receives.

In the absence of their pastor, Rusty Dickerson, and choir director, Charles Axtell, Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church was led by Coby Gilbreath, who presided over the service, Terri Louder, who led the choir and congregation, and also celebrated her 40th birthday with song and balloons.

Jerry and Donna Stump provided the sermon with a drama on "The Lord's Prayer."

Approximately 100 guests and host couples attended the party/shower for Cyrilla Brockman and Larry Robb at the American Legion in Nazareth Sunday night. Cold cuts and the trimmings, plus cake and punch, were served to the guests, and gifts were displayed. Cyrilla's parents, sister Stephanie, and several aunts joined Larry's mother, grandmother and sisters as special guests.

# Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Judy and Tracy Damron drove to Daingerfield during the spring break to see Judy's parents and Tracy's grandparents. They left on Wednesday and got home Saturday night. They enjoyed seeing the many dogwood trees in bloom, along with azaleas and tulips blooming. They visited and ate a lot and shopped a little.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson were in the San Antonio Dome April 6 to hear the Rev. Billy Graham crusade, which went on for several days. There were 66,000 present for the Sunday afternoon service, with 5,000 in the choir. They couldn't see him very well due to the crowd.

He did real well, considering his health. They had gone to Fredricksburg to see the bluebonnets April 1, and heard of the crusade while they were there. The bluebonnets were real pretty, since they had had plenty of rain.

They also visited in Santa Anna with Raymond and Lodema Jones, a former pastor here. The same day they went to the LBJ Ranch near Marble Falls and also visited with Traci Hightower for a while. She still lives with her dad, but Megan Bolinger lives in Lampasas, not very far away. Traci is doing real well in her school, which is a large school. She is fourth in her class, I believe they said. You probably remember their mother was killed at her mail box just south of Sunnyside several years ago.

Emma Jean King and Teeny Bowden attended the quarterly meeting of the Castro County Historical Commission in Dimmitt last Thursday afternoon, along with Marge Robb, Martha Jo Hyman, Becky Stovall, and Clara Vick. They were finalizing plans for a marker on the courthouse grounds in memory of the Castro County servicemen who gave their lives for their country during World War I and II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. It will be dedicated on Memorial Day, May 26, at 11 a.m. There will be more details later.

Dr. Myles Sadler of Lubbock came Saturday after work to visit with Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler. He prepared and brought a big supper and ate with them. Gale and Verna Sadler will be home for a visit before long.

Those who attended the Benefit Luncheon at the Springlake School Sunday from Sunnyside, so far as I have been able to find out with no

telephone, were Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright, Alton and Betty Louder, Doug Louder (Judy was with her dad), Kelley and Dara Green, Brandi, Melissa and Will, Lyle and Rosie Louder and Lonzey, Lillian Carson and Elton Gulley, Sherry and Eddie Haydon, Ray Joe and Jo Eddy Riley, Kevin and Melinda Riley and children, Hershel and Retha Wilson, and maybe more.

Friday morning it was 24 degrees at 6, and it was 18 degrees Saturday morning. Sunday morning we had a good ground cover of snow, maybe as much as two inches. Since it was 28 degrees, it was all melted by noon.

The stress test I had in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Wednesday morning was not the tread mill kind. It was an adenosive thallium stress test. They inject thallium to enlarge the veins, then took pictures, not x-rays. Later, they injected another medicine or chemical to get better pictures. A doctor stayed with me as long as they injected this, in case of side effects, then took more pictures. As of Friday evening, they didn't have the report from the pictures.

CORRECTION: Hershel Wilson had to stop his therapy and rest at home until his blood pressure gets back to normal, not stop and rest for a while.

CORRECTION ON KELLEY GREEN BENEFIT: He lives in Sunnyside. His wife, Dara, is the daughter of Doug and Judy Louder, and the sister of Lyle Louder. Kelley was to have started treatments in Lubbock Monday.

## Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed dinner at the center on Sunday. Our only guest was Father John. We enjoyed having him with us as he loves to visit and talks about our parishioners who live at Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt and Meta Stork and C.B. Wilhelm who are in extended care at the Dimmitt Hospital.

A couples shower honoring Larry Robb and Cyrilla Brockman was held Sunday at the Legion Hall. Over 100 attended and enjoyed the evening. The shower was hosted by friends of the couple.

Del Kleman of Brownwood has been visiting with her sister in Amarillo the past week. She also visited with Elmer and Anne Kleman in Canyon, James and Pearl Acker and Carl Dean and Mary Kleman in Nazareth.

Prayers are asked for Hugh Acker, who is an outpatient at Panhandle Surgical Hospital in Amarillo. Hugh was badly burned in 1967 and still requires skin grafting on his knee once in a while. He is doing fine.

Get well cards may be sent to Janice Fisher at this address: Brooke Army Medical Center, Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, Janice B. Fisher, 3851 Roger Brooke Drive, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 79234-6200.

Congratulations to Norman and Stacy Gerber on the birth of a son, Hayden Scott, on April 3 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He has one brother, Bradley. His grandparents are Vincent and Toby Gerber of Nazareth and Ted and Ethel Averitt of Lubbock. Great-grandmothers are Mary Gerber of Nazareth and Tina Averitt of Lubbock.

## 4-H plans camp orientation night

Castro County 4-H'ers interest in attending camps and/or State 4-H Roundup should attend a special orientation at 7 p.m. on May 8 in the courthouse basement.

All interested campers and youths who qualify for State Roundup, plus one parent of a qualifying youth, must attend the orientation. New country rules for State Roundup will be discussed and available camps will be mentioned.

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The City of Dimmitt is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application is for \$250,000 to make improvements to the City's water system. The improvements will principally benefit the eastern portion of Dimmitt. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

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# People



## Community Concerts sets free concert to encourage sign-ups

The Hereford Community Concert Association is holding its spring membership drive April 19-May 9 for the 1997-98 concert season.

Free admission is offered to the April 24 concert performance for those who are interested in obtaining a membership in the association.

Cost of memberships is \$20 per adult, \$10 for students, and \$50 per family. The concert season will include three, and possibly four, performances.

Ed and Betty Freeman of Dimmitt are members of the association's board of directors. Those interested in purchasing memberships may contact them at 647-3214. The theme of the drive is "When Was the Last Time Your Television Got a Standing Ovation?" Co-chairpersons for the drive are Bobby and Bera Boyd, Helen Langley and Billie Hopson.

The concerts scheduled for the 1997-98 season will kick off in the fall with Dale Gonyea, a pianist who offers an evening of music and comedy. Also, the New York City Theatre Ballet, a chamber ballet company, will perform. The season will be rounded out with "Banjomania, a toe-tapping evening of banjo picking and entertainment. In addition, the association also hopes to host the touring production of the Amarillo Little Theatre once again.

Performances in Hereford are held in the Hereford High School Auditorium. Those holding memberships in the Hereford association also may attend Community Concerts in Pampa, Borger and Plainview, making available approximately 12 concerts.

The free concert, which will conclude the 1996-97 concert season, will feature the Dodge City Cowboy Band next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Association memberships will be offered in the foyer both before and after the concert.

The Dodge City Cow-boy Band is a re-creation performed by the Americus Brass Band. The original Dodge City Cow-boy Band was organized in 1897 by Dodge City cattleman, musician and sheriff Chalk Beeson, and was later brought to national prominence by "the eccentric" Capt. Jack Sinclair. The group entertained the country for 35 years, touring most of the major cities in the country and serving in the US Cavalry as the regimental band for Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish American War.

The Americus Brass Band has gained fame for its performance of authentic Civil War-era music, and has played in movies and television shows set in that era.

Their performance as the Cow-Boy Band will include period costumes and original instruments and music provided by the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum and the Fiske Museum of Musical Instruments. Original arrangements from the brass band will complete the evening of Americana, providing a new perspective on the music and history of this nation.

## Craig to exhibit work at WTAMU

The work of Joan Braafladt Craig will be displayed in a Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition at Mary Moody Northern Hall Formal Gallery on the West Texas A&M University campus through April 26.

A reception honoring Craig will be held Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. in Mary Moody Northern Hall.

The exhibit is titled "My Art Experience, Thus Far," and features a special presentation of "See But Don't Feel... if you can..."



Pammy Millican and Jill Gfeller

## Gfeller and Millican to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gfeller of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jill, to Pammy Millican, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Millican of Robert Lee.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows July 12 at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Miss Gfeller is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and she is a sophomore education major at South Plains College in Levelland.

The prospective groom graduated from Angelo State University in 1992 with a bachelor of science degree in animal science. He earned his master's degree in agricultural education from Texas Tech University in 1996. He is employed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as assistant county agent in Castro County.

*Together We Can*

## Historical Commission to honor war casualties

On Memorial Day, the Castro County Historical Commission will dedicate a marker in honor of the county's war casualties.

Any residents from the county who were killed in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict will be listed on the marker, which will be placed on the courthouse grounds.

The Historical Commission has obtained the following names from government and family sources: Greer H. Estes, Arthur Holland

Webb, Emilio Nino Jr., John Ray Stephens, Joe Bailes, Bradie Bronell Bills, Raymond Theodore Dirks, Carl Turner Adams, Gene Easley, Robert Daniel Truelock, Roy Nelson, Vance Herwood Murphy, George E. Wall, Billy Graef, Russel Slough, and Cyrus Andrews Jr.

Additional names may be added if they are reported by May 1. Those knowing of additional names that need to be included should call Becky Stovall at 647-2524, or write her at 115 W. Bedford, Dimmitt, 79027.



This week I celebrated my 40th birthday. An awesome revelation to make in print, I realize, but my kind friends and family have already shared the information so freely, that secrecy is wasted at this point.

I've always felt that birthdays serve a vital purpose. I mean, besides the cake and presents—two vastly important features in their own right—I also think birthdays should call for a time of quiet reflection about the things one has learned or achieved over the years.

Now, I have three children, so I kissed "quiet reflection" goodbye a long time ago. Still, I have snatched a moment here and there to take in what the big "4-0" means to me.

For instance, being "40" means that I can remember record albums and 8-track tapes, polyester leisure suits and hot pants, yet I sometimes forget why I walked into the next room.

I find myself saying things like, "My, is it 10 o'clock already?!" And, if I get one more focal line in my glasses, I can use them to appraise

jewelry. Having never really been "in shape," I can't say that being 40 has left me with a driving need (or even a strolling need) to get back "in shape." My shape is virtually the same as it has always been—only lower.

Which brings me to another point. No matter what your grade school teacher told you—at 40, gravity is NOT your friend.

On the positive side, my age has not caused me to obsess over wrinkles and gray hairs. I simply don't wear my glasses when I look in the mirror. This has a softening affect, rather like Doris Day with too much gauze on the lens. (See, I remember Doris Day!)

I can say with some assurance that 40 is calmer than "18," saner than "20" and somewhat wiser than "30." Other than that, "40" isn't really very different.

I'm the same person I've always been. I put on my orthopedic shoes one foot at a time the same as you whipper snappers.

## Kite festival slated May 3

Children will have a chance to display their creative talents on May 3 when the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club

holds its second annual kite festival.

Activities on May 3 will begin at 9 a.m. with a kite-making class for children. There will only be 25 kite kits available for the class. Children also are invited to bring their own kites.

## Local bands win at contest

The high school bands from Dimmitt and Nazareth won placings at the band contest held April 8-9 at the Boys' Ranch school district's Fine Arts Complex.

The contest was for A, 2-A, and 3-A bands at the high school, junior high and middle school levels.

Dimmitt's Bobcat Band, directed by Evelyn Hadley, won a 2 in sightreading and a 3 in concert.

The Nazareth Swift Band, directed by Annette Diamond, took a 3 in sightreading and a 4 in concert.

The adjudicators for the contest were David Christy of Durant, Okla., Mike Devenport of Baird, George Strickland of Glen Rose, Kenneth Griffin of Van, Bruce Kenner of Sealy and Les Ross of Sherman.

Then at 10 a.m. a professional kite flying demonstration will be given by Eddie Miller.

The festival will be held at the vacant lot west of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Awards will be given to children 16 and under in the following categories: "Best Homemade Kite," "Ozone Layer Kite," which is for the kite that flies the highest; "Crash and Burn Kite," the greatest looking kite that just won't fly; "Longest Tail Kite," and "Cool Kite."

A concession stand will offer soft drinks and hot dogs during the festival. The Faith Group from the Catholic Church will assist the Kiwanis Club with activities throughout the day.

The event is free and open to the public.

All proceeds generated by concessions stand sales will be donated to local charities in Dimmitt.

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**Pvt. Jonathon S. Scarborough  
Scarborough finishes  
basic military training**

Marine Private First Class Jonathon S. Scarborough has graduated from basic military training and from the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, Calif., all before the age of 18.

Scarborough, son of W.B. and Gaye Scarborough of Dimmitt and Mary Posey of Mayhill, N.M., graduated top in his class as an anti-tank assault man. He had special training in explosives and missile systems as well as survival and physical fitness. He is a Marine Reservist with the Motor "T" Co., in Lubbock.

Scarborough is employed by Gomax in Dimmitt. He plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland in the fall and will major in criminal justice. He aspires to be with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Scarborough graduated from Travis High School in Austin in 1996 and was ranked in the top ten percentile of his class. He was a student at Dimmitt High School until the fall of 1995.

**Flores receives  
nursing grant**

Michelle Flores of Lubbock, and formerly of Dimmitt, has received a scholarship from the Good Samaritan Foundation. She is a first-semester nursing student at South Plains College Lubbock Campus.

Flores was one of two selected to receive a grant from the Texas-based foundation. The grant may be applied to college tuition, books and fees.

Scholarship assistance from the Good Samaritan Foundation is available to all student nurses once they have attained the clinical level of their nursing education. To be eligible, students must write for an application, and provide references and transcripts. They also must write an essay, explaining why they want to be a nurse and what their plans are for the future.

The final step in the application process was for the finalists to travel to Houston at their own expense for a personal interview. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, aptitude and dedication.

"It was a blessing in disguise," said Flores, 23, a 1992 graduate of Dimmitt High School. "I'm a single parent, and every little bit helps for me. I've been surviving off of grants and loans. I was very thankful for this."

**DISD to present  
health programs**

Dimmitt schools will sponsor two meetings next week designed to keep parents and their children aware of changing health needs.

Both programs will be presented by Dimmitt school nurses Cindy Ellis, R.N., and Ronda Wise, L.V.N.

The first meeting, titled "Mother/Daughter," will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

This "keep in touch" meeting is for young women in grades 7-12, their mothers, aunts, sisters, grandmothers and women of all ages. Mothers are encouraged to attend with their daughters.

The program, "keep in touch," will feature a video addressing health needs of women of all ages. The importance of mammography, clinical breast exams and breast self-examination will be discussed. The program is designed to increase awareness of the unique health needs they have as they approach womanhood.

The second program, scheduled for 7 p.m. next Thursday, April 24 at the DHS Auditorium, will target young men and their fathers.

**Screening  
set May 1**

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic May 1 at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

The screening costs \$75. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician.

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.

**HHS advances  
three to regional  
in UIL Literary**

Hart's Rachel Wall, Cassie Neinaast and Efrain Salazar will represent Hart at the Region 1-AA UIL Literary meet in Abilene this weekend after placing in the district competition recently.

Neinaast finished first in Feature Writing and third in Computer Applications at district.

Salazar was third in Number Sense and Wall was third in Editorial Writing.

The Hart Number Sense team including Salazar, Wyndi Law and Armando Minjarez finished second, but only first-place teams can advance to regional in that event.

The Spelling and Vocabulary Team of Jana Sweet, Nicky Burress and Dalid Mata also placed second, but missed a regional trip because only first-place teams advance.

This program will feature a video presentation on male cancers, emphasizing the importance of early detection. Testicular cancer is a common cancer in men between 20 and 35 years of age and bringing male cancer awareness to young men may help in detecting cancer early.

Young men in grades 7 to 12 and their fathers, uncles, brothers, grandfathers and men of all ages are invited to attend.



**PLAINS MEMORIAL**

Alicia Villegas and Manuel Martinez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Virginia Lynn Martinez, who was born at 7:40 a.m. on April 7 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Virginia Lynn weighed 8 lbs., 9 ozs. She has four older siblings including 7-year-old Veronica C. Martinez, 5-year-old Valerie N. Martinez, 4-year-old Juan M. Martinez and 2-year-old Vanessa M. Martinez. Paternal grandparents are Jose and Celia Alvarez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Josefina and Merildo Martinez of Mexico.

It's a boy for San Juana Rodriguez and Eduardo Rodriguez of Hereford. The Rodriguezes son, Joshio, was born at 2:15 p.m. April 9 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, weighing 5 lbs., 13.4 ozs., and measuring 19 inches long. He joins older siblings Giovanni, Manuere and Uriel. Paternal grandparents are Juan Pablo and Elena Rodriguez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Aurelia and Enrique Hernandez of Mexico. Great-grandparents are Francisco and Rosario Hernandez.

**OUT OF TOWN**

Rickie Swindle and Dawayne Price are the parents of a son, Makail Daveion Tropez-Price, who was born at 12:16 a.m. on April 3 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Makail weighed 7 lbs., 8 1/2 ozs., and was 20 1/4 inches long. Paternal grandparents were Steve and Mary Graef of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Mable Ewing and Dorothy Graef.



**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS for UIL Literary Competition from Hart High School are (from left) Rachel Wall, who placed third at district in editorial writing; Cassie Neinaast, who placed first in feature**

**writing and third in computer applications; and Efrain Salazar, who was third in number sense. The regional contests are scheduled for Saturday.**

*Photo by Neoma Wall*

**4-H judging team  
places at Clarendon**

The Castro County Junior 4-H Livestock Judging Team won second place team honors at the 16th annual Clarendon College Judging Contest April 5.

The team won in the Junior 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, coming in second behind the Collingsworth team and ahead of the third place Roberts team.

Team members are Corey Lane, Holly Lane, Brandon Furr and Jeremy Furr. They are coached by Debbie Fewell.

Also attending the contest was Jody Stovall and Jeff Stovall.

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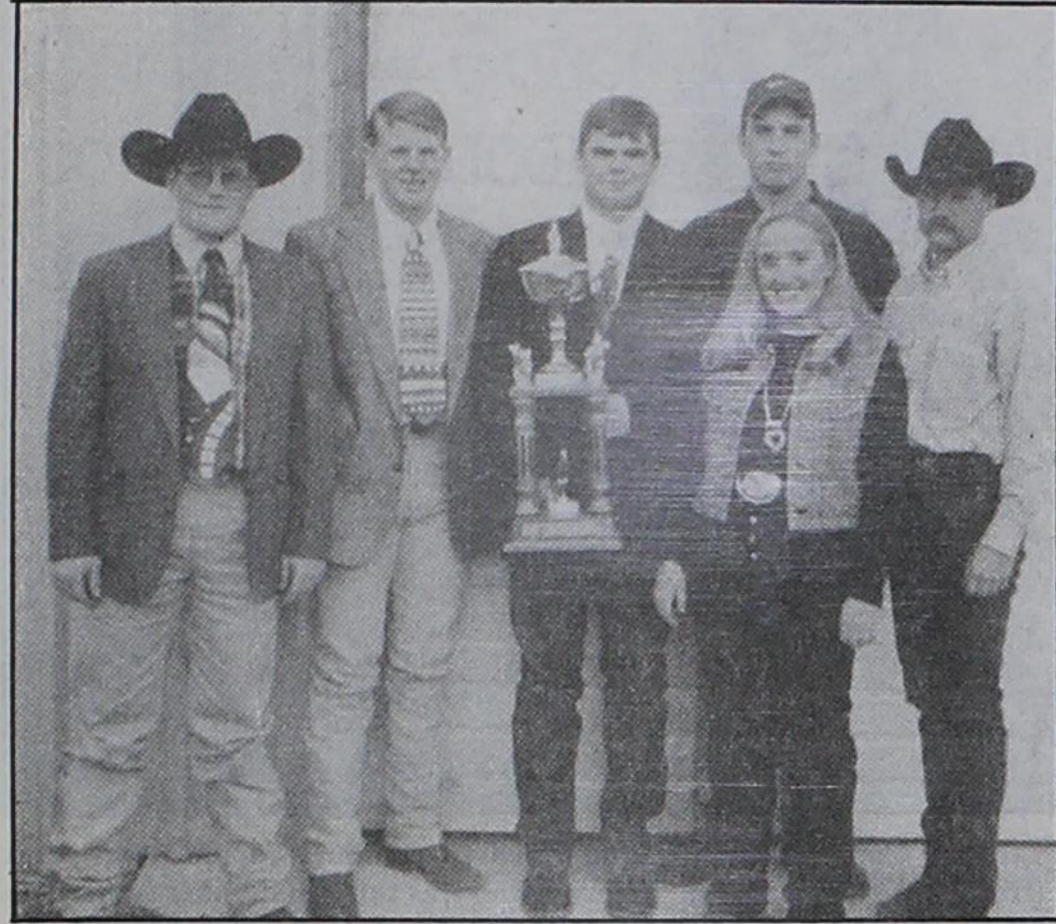
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# ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



**TOP TEAM**—The Castro County 4-H Horse Judging team took first-place team honors in the Moore County 4-H Traveling Trophy Judging in Canyon on April 4. Team members are (from left) Rusty McDaniel, Rusty Wooten, Cody Annen, James Wilhite, Kristin Hales and Coach Scott Bagley. *Courtesy Photo*

## Senior horse judges finish first in Canyon

Castro County Senior 4-H horse judges took first in Reasons, first in Halter and second in Performance and that was enough to earn the group first-place team honors in the Moore County 4-H Traveling Trophy Judging competition on April 4 in Canyon.

The senior team, featuring Rusty McDaniel, Rusty Wooten, Cody Annen and Kristin Hales, earned the traveling trophy for the next year and earned the county the right to host the contest next year.

Individual awards were won by McDaniel, who finished third overall and first in Performance; Wooten, fifth overall, third in Reasons and fourth in Halter; Annen, third in Halter and fifth in Reasons; Hales, fourth in Reasons; and Wilhite, second in Halter.

The Junior 4-H Horse Judging Team, including Jennifer Wilhelm, Reece Hales and Chris Reynolds, placed second overall after claiming fourth in Halter and third in Performance.

Wilhelm was third overall and fourth in Performance and Reynolds placed fifth overall and third in Halter.

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## New fungus found in Texas sorghum

Producers in the area should be on the lookout for ergot infection on sorghum heads.

On March 26, Dr. Tom Isakeit, Extension plant pathologist at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Weslaco, observed ergot on sorghum in an old-crop, ratooned sorghum field just north of the Rio Grande River near Progreso.

Ergot was producing honeydew that also dripped onto leaves and was producing white secondary sporulation. The grain on infected heads was in the soft dough stage, indicating that infection may have occurred about three weeks before it was observed.

The Foreign Ag Service has approved funding for a US Ergot Conference, to be held in Amarillo on June 11, immediately following the World Ergot Conference the first week in June in Bele Horizonte, Brazil. US and world experts will address the most current information on the movement of the disease.

The organism is almost surely *Claviceps africana*, but Dr. Isakeit is making collections for both internal evaluation and identification, and for shipment to Dr. Peter Mantle (foremost global authority on sorghum ergot at the Imperial College in London) for confirmation.

Sorghum ergot has been a significant disease in Africa and Asia for decades. The US sorghum industry has been closely tracking the disease since its spread to the Western Hemisphere two years ago. Scientists have documented its northward movement for the last 18 to 24 months.

They predicted the movement of this disease into Texas and are not surprised by the findings. The US sorghum industry has been taking a proactive stance on this issue for the past year and is working with all involved groups and agencies.

The effects of the disease on Texas producers will be minimal since ergot is not expected to be a significant problem because of the warm climates at the time of flowering.

The primary problems will be related to commercial seed production fields and to forage sorghum fields as the sterility in those fields makes them more susceptible to the disease.

"Because of the experiences researchers from around the world have had with this disease, we are confident that the industry will be able to manage the disease through chemical control until reliable resis-

tance can be incorporated into sorghum," said Dr. Isakeit. "We will continue to work to increase the knowledge base concerning this disease."

At the state level, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Association has been working with Texas A&M and the Texas Legislature to appropriate state funding for research and education in Texas about this disease. Research conducted by Texas Tech for the Texas Seed Trade Association showed the economic importance of sorghum to Texas.

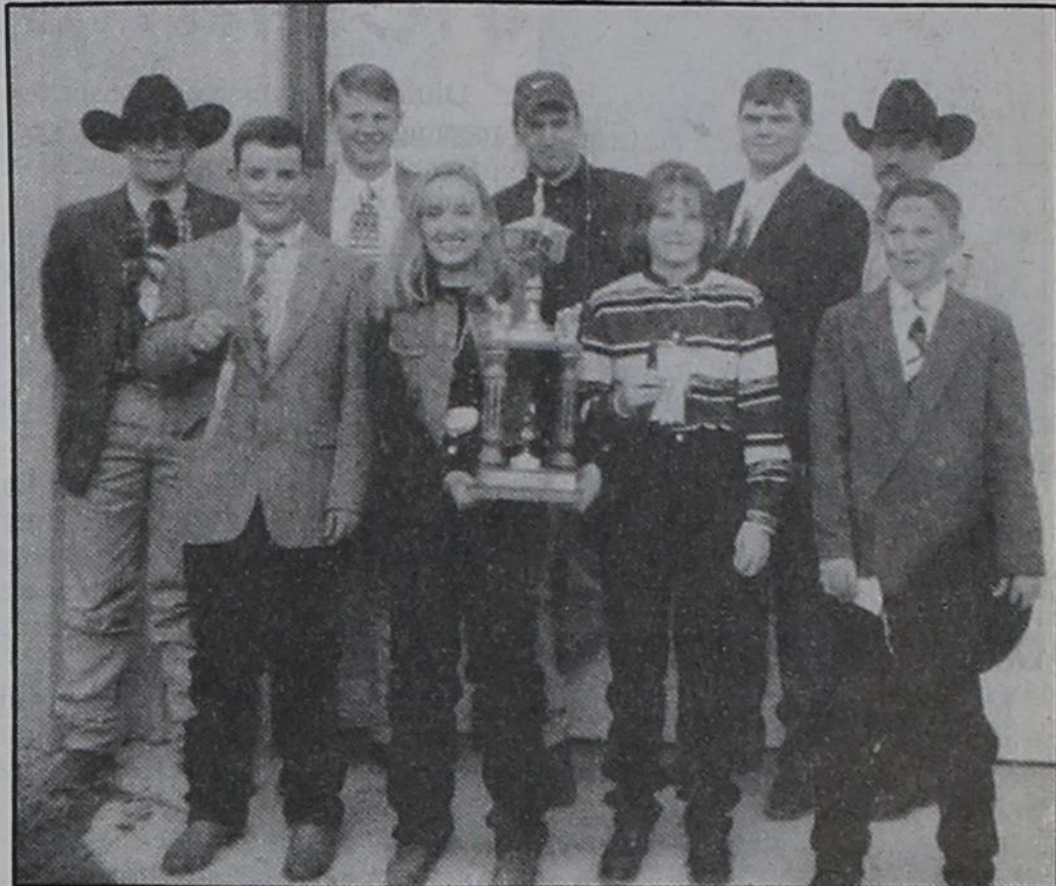
The economic contribution of the hybrid sorghum, forage sorghum and sorghum sudangrass seed sales is approximately \$500 million per year in Texas. When you take into consideration the commercial hybrid sorghum produced by farmers, the Texas sorghum industry is over a \$1 billion per year industry.

At the national level, National Grain Sorghum Producers has been working with the US Dept. of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service to secure federal research dollars. NGSPP has received funds from the Foreign Agriculture Service to disseminate educational information on ergot.

The ergot in sorghum has similar physical characteristics to ergot found in wheat, rye, dallisgrass and fescue; however, the chemical characteristics of *Claviceps africana* ergot in sorghum are not the same as *Claviceps purpurea* in other grasses. Sorghum ergot is not toxic to mammals that consume grain or forage sorghum infected with this disease, according to research done by Dr. Mantle.

National Grain Sorghum Producers are working closely with the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for a Section 18 exemption for the fungicide Tilt to be used to immediately treat commercial seed production in the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas.

For more information, call the National Grain Sorghum Producers at (806) 298-4501 or Castro County Extension Agent-Entomology Greta Schuster at 647-4116.



**CASTRO COUNTY'S 4-H Horse Judging teams show off the trophy and ribbons they won at a recent show in Canyon. Members of the Junior Judging Team and Senior Judging Team are pictured. They include (back row, from left) Rusty McDaniel, Rusty Wooten, James Wilhite, Cody Annen and Coach Scott Bagley; and (front row, from left) Reece Hales, Kristin Hales, Jennifer Wilhelm and Chris Reynolds. *Courtesy Photo***

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



### Is the customer always right?

The television set he returned was nearly three years old. The customer who brought it back demanded a new TV. "If you don't give me a new set, I'm going to stand in front of your store every day and drive your customers away," he said. What would you do if you owned the appliance store?

The dress was less than a week old when the customer returned it. The clerk pointed out the perspiration stains under the arms and the spot on the front. "I can't take this back because you've worn it," she said. The customer grew angry and shouted, "I did not wear it, those stains were on the dress when I bought it. That's why I'm returning it." What should the clerk do?

The car's odometer showed 7,000 miles when the owner returned it to the dealership for the fourth time. "It still isn't running right," he stated angrily. "If you don't get it right this time, I'm calling the manufacturer and I'll have my attorney invoke the lemon law. I want my money back." On previous visits, the car had checked out fine. The sales manager and three different mechanics had all driven the car and could find no fault in its performance. The owner of the dealership is certain that nothing is wrong with the car. She also knows the car's owner lost his job just weeks after buying the car and may be struggling financially. What should she do?

### The new breed of customer

Today's customers are more demanding and less willing to accept mediocre service. They are value driven and much less tolerant of inconvenience. Customers are getting harder to please and many businesses are feeling the sting of unhappy customers.

I call this new breed of customer the "Four-A Customer." They want anything they want, anytime they want, anywhere they want it. As competition for customer loyalty increases, this new breed of customer is even more likely to get it their way.

This brings us back to the original question: "Is the customer always right?" The answer of course is a resounding "NO!" However, our customers—even when dead wrong—are still the only reason our businesses exist. Without enough customers, we quickly become devoid of profit and have to close our doors.

So how do you handle unreasonable customer requests like the true-life examples mentioned earlier in the column? Do you give away the farm? Do you risk litigation? Do you chase away customers with a cat-o'-nine-tails?

### Taking care of customers

Here are some suggestions for improving your customer service and for dealing with problems.

- ◆ Create a written customer service policy. Nothing makes a customer upset any faster than getting two different stories on how you will resolve an issue. Make certain that all of your employees know and understand your policy.

- ◆ Hire good front-line people and train them well. You can solve many problems early on if your customer contact people are good communicators and receive ongoing training on how to deal with difficult customers.

- ◆ Decide if a customer is really worth keeping. Some customers are abusers. Some are time wasters. Some require very careful handling. Others are high maintenance, but do generate sales and profits for you. The key factor is: Can you serve this customer and still make a profit? If not, you need to invite them tactfully to do business elsewhere.

- ◆ Work hard to find a solution. When a customer has a legitimate complaint you need to solve the problem quickly. You should meet the customer more than halfway. A customer worth keeping is a customer for which you should work hard.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

## Shop Dimmitt first!

## Dairy judges place at district

The senior dairy judging team from Castro County captured third-place team honors and finished first in Team Reasons and third in Team Placing at the district dairy contest, held April 12.

Team members include Shawn Pohlmeier, who finished third in Reasons; Nicholas Gerber, who was second in Reasons; B.J. Kern and Bryan Braddock.

Garrett Kleman was first-high individual overall in the junior dairy judging competition. Teammate Ross Schulte was fifth overall. Other members of the junior team were Shay Wilhite and Shelby Wilhite.

## Applications due for electric camp

4-H'ers planning on applying for electric camp should have their applications filled out and returned to the Extension office by April 28.

Applications will be judged by an out-of-county individual who will rank the applications and determine which 4-H'ers will attend the camp, slated for June 16-20.

To apply, 4-H'ers must have presented or be presenting a Method Demonstration at the county level this year.

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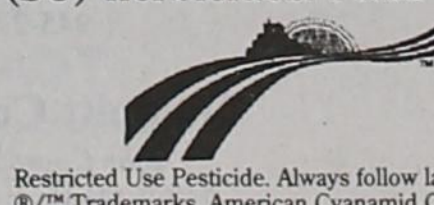
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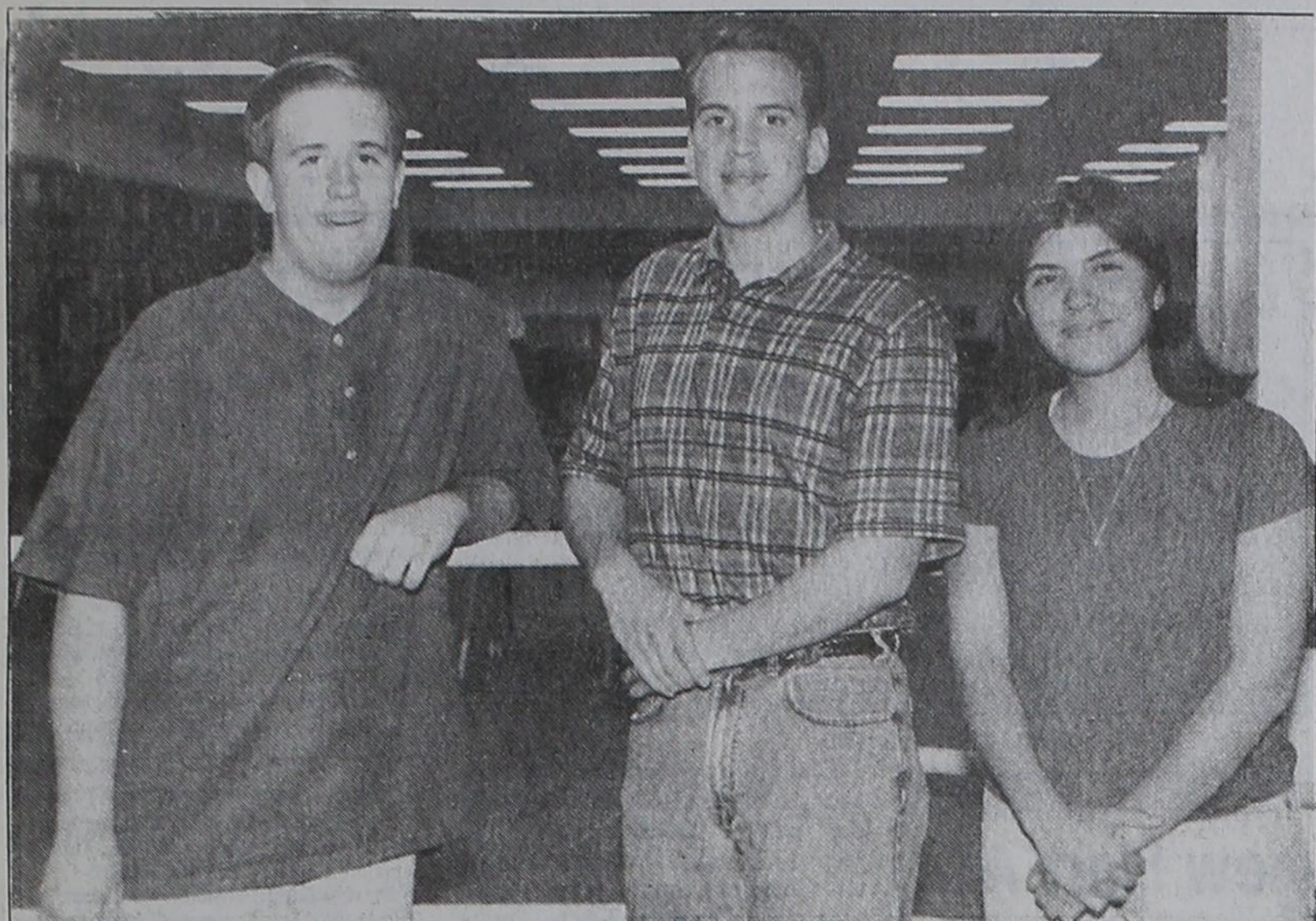
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**GOING TO REGIONAL** in UIL Academic events from Dimmitt High School this weekend are (from left) Tracy Grand, who won fourth at district in edi-

torial writing; Jeff Riggs, who won first at district in literary criticism; and Monica Ortiz, who won second at district in feature writing. Photo by Linda Maxwell



**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**—These Nazareth High School students qualified for the Region 1-A UIL Literary meet, which will be held this week in Levelland. They include (standing, from left) Jill Schulte in Number Sense, Susan Book in Spelling and

Vocabulary and Heather Braddock in Feature Writing; and (seated, from left) Sarah Olvera in Computer Applications; Mitchell Brockman in Headline Writing and Justin Bingham in News Writing. Photo by Brenda Schulte

# SPS adopts new logo

A dynamic red "energy swirl" is a key feature of Southwestern Public Service Co.'s new logo, which was unveiled by the electric utility last week.

Bill Helton, chairman and chief executive officer of Southwestern Public Service Co., said the new logo and a new, upcoming advertising campaign are intended to communicate that in a radically changing electric utility industry, "SPS not only will meet our customers' expectations, but will aim even higher."

The advertising campaign, which will be paid for by the utility's shareholders, not its customers, consists of three television commercials and a family of print ads which will be introduced throughout 1997.

The first television commercial features an SPS lineman climbing to the top of a utility pole so tall it breaks through the clouds, and continues through earth's atmosphere and into space. A voice-over explains that SPS is highly regarded for its dependable service, has some of the lowest rates in the nation and in an increasingly competitive environment, "will aim even higher" to continue to satisfy customers.

Helton said that during the next several years "it is probable that all of our customers will have a choice among energy providers, eventually selecting electric service from competing suppliers in the same way we pick long distance telephone service from competing long distance suppliers. We want to establish that we will reach higher and higher, going above and beyond what might be expected so that we will remain our customers' energy supplier of choice."

Customers in SPS-served areas of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas will begin to see the logo and the related advertising during the next several months. SPS last revised its logo in 1977.

SPS's proposed merger partner, Public Service Co., of Colorado, also will begin to use the energy swirl-based logo in both its electric and natural gas service areas in Colorado and southern Wyoming.

The merger of SPS and PSCo into a new holding company to be called New Century Energies is expected to be completed by the end of April. SPS will continue to be headquartered in Amarillo while PSCo will be based in Denver. Each company will continue to operate under its own name in its own service area.

The energy swirl logos will identify the two as members of the same family of companies. Upon completion of the merger, the logo will include the tagline, "A New Century Energies Company."

"We want our customers to know, through these ads and through how we serve them, that we have what it takes to help them be successful in the changing energy marketplace."

New Century Energies will be the parent company of the operating electric utilities and of various wholly-owned subsidiaries that provide energy marketing services, engineering, construction management and power generation expertise throughout the world.

## DHS technology students win in on-site competition

Dimmitt High School technology students won first place honors in six contests at the South Plains regional technology on-site competition April 4 at South Plains College in Levelland.

Those who placed included:  
**UTE CO-2 Racer:** 1. Jason Hall.  
**Radio Control Vehicle:** 1. Hall, 2. Zak Felts.

**Manufacturing Graphics Exam:** 3. Erica Cavazos, 6. Sergio Pedroza.  
**Energy Systems Exam:** 1. Robert Sepeda, 2. Cody Brockman.

**Power/Transportation Exam:** 1. Cody Brockman, 2. Oscar Vasquez, 3. Sepeda, 4. Russell Rickert, 5. Raymond Powers.

**Computer Application Exam:** 3. Brandon Allison, 4. Vasquez.  
**Graphic Solutions-Communication Systems:** 6. Pedroza.

**Graphic Solutions-Manufacturing Graphics:** 4. Pedroza, 7. Sepeda.

**Graphic Solutions-Power/Transportation Systems:** 1. Rickert, 2. Vasquez, 3. Powers.

**Graphic Solutions-Computer Applications:** 1. Vasquez.

## 4-H schedules clothing project meeting April 24

A clothing project meeting will be held next Thursday, April 24, at 4 p.m. in the courthouse basement.

4-H'ers attending the meeting will be making poster bags, which will be the right size for Method Demonstration posters.

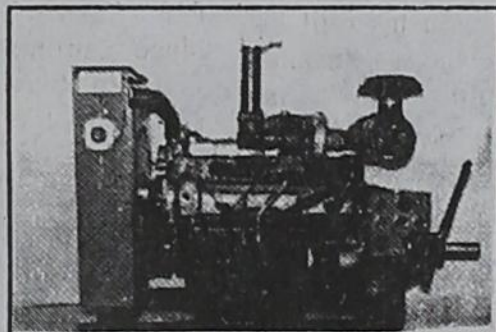
4-H'ers planning to attend should call the Extension office to sign up for the class and to get materials.

The project meeting is for 4-H'ers of all ages.

### Correction

Photos in last week's News of the Dimmitt Odyssey of the Mind teams should have been credited to Carter Townsend. The News regrets the error.

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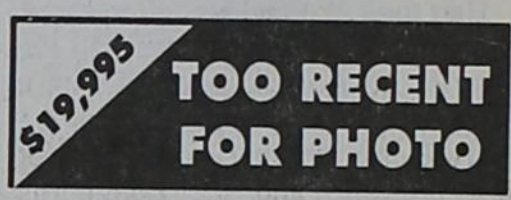
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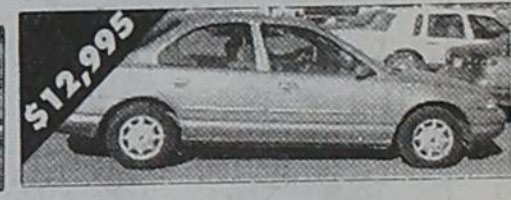
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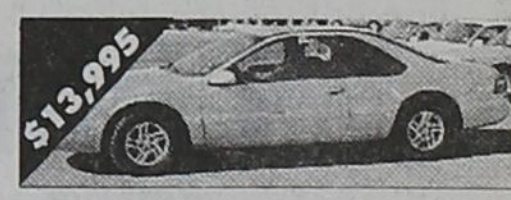
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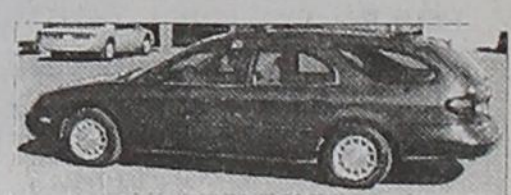
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# Sports



## Bobcats brave the elements, defend district championship

Wind, rain, sleet and hail might have slowed down the Dimmitt Bobcats last Thursday, but the group of determined runners came through with gutsy performances and captured the District 1-AAA track championship for the second straight year.

"This was the greatest effort by a group of kids that I've ever seen," said Dimmitt Track Coach Lanny Crow. "Every kid had to compete with rain, hail and wind, and we had a lot of kids come out on top."

Dimmitt earned 136 points in the meet for first place. Friona was second with 118 and Tulia was a distant third with 81.

Individuals who placed first or second in district will compete in the Region 1-AAA track meet, slated April 25-26 in Odessa.

Weather delays hampered the district meet, which was held at Randall High School in Canyon. Athletes competing in events scheduled early in the day were hampered by a dense fog which blanketed the area. Then heavy rains, high winds, sleet and occasional hail caused delays of about an hour-and-a-half during the afternoon.

But despite all of that, Dimmitt prevailed.

"Our times were slower because of

the weather, but we kept trying to sell the kids on the fact that there hasn't been a back-to-back district track championship here in forever, if there ever was. Last year was the first time in 19 years that Dimmitt won the district track title."

The Bobcats rose to the challenge last Thursday.

Joey Flores continued his area domination in the quarter- and half-mile runs, picking up gold medals in both events. Jerome Larra took first in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs and the Bobcats' mile relay, including D.J. Fleeks, Zack Matthews, Kalem Thomas and Joey Flores, topped the field.

Dimmitt athletes also captured second places and earned regional berths in the discus, 400 relay and 100-meter dash.

Flores was challenged in the 800 by teammate D.J. Fleeks, but still managed to win the race with a time of 2:08.79. Fleeks was second in 2:10.47.

In the 400, Flores edged Williamson of Sanford-Fritch, breaking the tape with a time of 52.32.

Jerome Larra was more than seven seconds ahead of the second-place runner in the mile. Larra posted a time of 5:04.68 in the event. In the

3,200, he also breezed to a big win, finishing in 10:40.69, far ahead of Dutcher of Perryton, who was second in 10:54.57.

The Bobcats' mile relay team took the gold with a time of 3:35.89.

Charley Sanders advanced to regional with a second-place finish in the discus after throwing 140-0 last Thursday. He was third in the shot with a throw of 48-11 1/2.

Zack Matthews and Stuart Sutton of Dimmitt finished second and third, respectively, in the 100-meter dash. Matthews almost got the win in the event. His time of 10:89 was two hundredths of a second behind the winner, King of Friona. Sutton was third in 11.26.

Dimmitt's sprint relay, including Sutton, Jerry Thomas, Fleeks and Matthews, was second with a time of 44.52.

Matthews placed third in both the long jump and triple jump, just missing trips to regional in both events.

In the long jump Matthews' effort was measured at 20-9 3/4. The winning jump was 21-3 1/2 and second place was measured at 21-1 1/2. Matthews managed 37-11 in the triple jump for third.



Chad Watson

## Watson named new Hart AD, football coach

Chad Watson has been named the new athletic director and head football coach at Hart High School.

Watson has been serving as interim athletic director at Hart and is just completing his first year at Hart. He is head varsity boys' basketball coach and assistant football coach. He teaches world history and world geography.

Watson will continue as head boys' basketball coach and will assume the AD and football coach duties.

Watson worked at Valleyview Junior High School in Amarillo before he came to Hart this year. He taught US history from August 1995 to May 1996.

He was varsity quarterback coach, head ninth grade football and basketball coach and assistant varsity boys' basketball coach at Randall High School from August 1993 to May 1995.

He also coached and taught at River Road High School from August 1990 through May 1993.

Watson graduated from West Texas State University with a degree in secondary education and he is certified to teach physical education, history and health at all levels.

Watson was selected from among 28 applicants for the Hart AD/football coach job. The Hart School Board narrowed the field to Watson and former Hart Coach Allen Dews.

## Dimmitt netters earn regional berths

Brad Hiram Beck of Dimmitt topped teammate Wesley Mays, 6-0, 6-4, to claim the District 1-AAA boys' singles tennis championship last week and boosted the Bobcats to the boys' district team title.

Both Beck and Mays earned spots in the Region 1-AAA tournament, which will be held next week in Odessa.

Dimmitt's Kristen Doss and Monica Ortiz also will compete at the regional meet after finishing second in district. Doss and Ortiz lost to Chandra Smith and Alyssa Symons of Perryton, 7-6, 6-1, in the title game.

Dimmitt netters had their hands full with opponents and the weather last week.

The district tournament was originally scheduled at the Amarillo Tennis Center, but heavy rain, fog, sleet, snow, hail and wind forced the tournament indoors, and also forced delays in some championship and playback matches until last Thursday, April 10.

Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood advanced to the championship game in boys' doubles, but lost the title match to Colby Latham and Isaac Miramontes of Muleshoe, 6-3, 6-3. The Portwoods then had to face Jaren Cunningham and Darin Stollings of Perryton in a playback for second place last Thursday in Pampa (pouring rain prohibited outdoor play, and the only indoor court available was found in Pampa). The Portwoods took the first set, 6-4, but lost the second in a tiebreaker, 7-6 (7-5). The Perryton duo went on to claim the third set, 6-1, and earned the trip to regional. The Portwoods finished third.

Dimmitt edged Muleshoe for the boys' team title, earning 50 points to Muleshoe's 45. Perryton was third with 20 points.

The Dimmitt girls finished third overall behind Friona, who finished first with 60 points. Perryton was second with 30.

Here are complete results from the district meet:

**BOYS' SINGLES**  
**Play-In:** Wesley Mays of Dimmitt defeated J. Espinoza of Friona, 7-6, 6-1.  
**First Round:** Mays beat A. Lamb of Perryton, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1; Brad Hiram Beck of Dimmitt beat C. Shelburne of Muleshoe, 6-1, 6-2.  
**Semifinals:** Mays beat A. Faver of Muleshoe, 6-4, 7-5; Beck beat Z. Bhakta of Friona, 6-0, 6-0.  
**Championship:** Beck beat Mays, 6-0, 6-4.

**GIRLS' DOUBLES**  
**Play-In:** Lindsey Welch and Julie Merritt of Dimmitt beat Russell and Gidden of Tulia, 6-3, 6-1.  
**First Round:** Welch and Merritt lost to Smith and Symons of Perryton, 6-2, 6-2; Kristin Doss and Monica Ortiz of Dimmitt beat White and Herasillo of Dalhart, 6-2, 6-0.  
**Semifinals:** Doss and Ortiz beat Blackburn and Campbell of Friona, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.  
**Championship:** Smith and Symons beat Doss and Ortiz, 7-6 (7-5) 6-1.

**BOYS' DOUBLES**  
**Play-In:** Josh Flores and Jeff Riggs of Dimmitt beat Eagen and Spear of Dalhart, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0.

**First Round:** Flores and Riggs lost to Latham and Miramontes of Muleshoe, 6-0, 6-1; Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood of Dimmitt beat Espinoza and Procter of Friona, 6-4, 6-2.

**Semifinals:** Portwood and Portwood beat Latham and Bruns of Muleshoe, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

**Championship:** Latham and Miramontes beat Portwood and Portwood, 6-3, 6-3.

**Playback for Second:** Cunningham and Stollings of Perryton beat Portwood and Portwood, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1.

**GIRLS' SINGLES**  
**Play-In:** Kaci Schulte of Dimmitt beat A. O'Daniel of Tulia, 6-3, 6-2; Miranda Turner of Dimmitt beat H. Martin of Dalhart, 6-1, 6-1.  
**First Round:** Hendley of Friona beat Turner, 6-0, 6-2; C. Lewis of Muleshoe beat Schulte, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

## Braddock, Hoelting are TSWA all-state

The Texas Sports Writers Association have named Nazareth's Bryan Braddock and Nathan Hoelting to its Class A all-state first team.

Hoelting and Braddock led the Swifts to a runner-up finish in the Class A state tournament this season.

Hoelting, a 6-4 post player, averaged 20 points and 10 boards per game to lead the Swifts. Braddock chipped in 19.5 points and added six assists per game from his point guard position. The two provided Nazareth with a deadly inside-outside combination throughout the season, and Braddock accounted for 118 three-pointers during the year.

Also named to the first team were Wortham's Lance Chambers and Moulton's Kevin Fishbeck. Nazareth faced both teams in the state tournament, beating Moulton in the semifinals and losing to Wortham in the title game. Chambers was also Player of the Year and Coach of the Year was Wortham's Todd Jarrell.

## Huckert, Burnam, Braddock earn trips to regional

Daren Huckert broke five minutes in the mile run and beat the field by almost 19 seconds Monday, claiming the district championship in the event.

Teammate Jason Burnam also picked up another gold medal with a first-place win in the triple jump. Burnam picked up a third-place finish in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.87.

Celina Braddock earned a trip to the Region 1-A girls' meet with a second-place win in the 3,200-meter run Monday, finishing the race in 13:59.93.

Other Swiftettes placing Monday were Trina Johnson, third in the 400-meter dash, 1:05.10; and Sara Birkenfeld, third in the 1,600-meter run, 6:12.78.

## Lady Horns claim district title

# Hart teams sweep shot and discus at district track meet

Hart took first and second in boys' and girls' discus and shot to start the District 3-AA track meet off with a bang Friday at Lockney, then the Lady Horns coasted to the district championship and the Longhorns finished second overall.

Hart's girls totaled 162 1/2 points to top other 3-AA teams while the Longhorns were second with 98

points. Several Longhorns earned trips to regional including Longhorns Dusty Ortiz, Armando Minjarez, T.R. George, Eric Montemayor and Lupe DeLaFuente.

Lady Horns advancing include Nykki Lee, Monica Rodriguez, Adelita Dozal, Charbra Lee, Lisa Rincon, Isela Minjarez, Ysa Rodri-

guez, Valerie Key, Amanda Ethridge and the sprint relay.

Ortiz and Armando Minjarez finished first and second in the boys' shot and discus Friday and provided the only gold medals for the Longhorns.

Ortiz won the shot with an impres-

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Hospital Auxiliary members gather in their workroom at the hospital regularly to handcraft items for their gift shop, hospital patients and their annual bazaar. Proceeds from the sale of these items go to benefit the hospital.

# Thank You, Thank You!

During National Volunteers Week, the board administration and staff of the Castro County Hospital District wish to publicly thank some of the greatest volunteers anywhere—the ladies of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary—for all the great work they perform. Ladies, we couldn't do without you!

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# Hart tennis teams dominate district

Hart netters aced almost every foe in the District 3-AA tournament, capturing first and second in girls' singles, boys' singles and boys' doubles, and finishing first in girls' doubles last week to win the team title.

Hart had no problems in the tournament, which also featured players from Lockney and Hale Center. The 10 individuals placing first or second will represent Hart in the Region 1-AA tennis tournament April 23-24 in Abilene.

District champions include Hart's Chris George in boys' singles; Raquel Garcia in girls' singles; Jared Aven and Sergio Martinez in boys' doubles; and Ysa Rodriguez and Veronica Gonzales in girls' doubles.

District runners-up from Hart include Lupe DeLaFuente in boys' singles; Valerie Key in girls' singles; and Matt Huerta and Osbaldo Carrasco in boys' doubles.

Here are the results from the district meet:

#### GIRLS' SINGLES

First Round: Raquel Garcia drew a bye; Valerie Key beat Kyla Thomas of Hale Center,

6-0, 6-0.

Semifinals: Garcia beat Meredith Burson of Lockney, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; Key beat Tori Minnick of Lockney, 6-4, 6-4.

Championship: Garcia beat Key, 6-1, 6-1.

#### BOYS' SINGLES

First Round: Chris George beat Brandon Ahrens of Hale Center, 6-2, 6-1; Lupe DeLaFuente beat Chris Dominguez of Hale Center, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

Championship: George beat DeLaFuente, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Playback for Second: DeLaFuente beat Ahrens, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3.

#### GIRLS' DOUBLES

First Round: Veronica Gonzales and Ysa Rodriguez drew a bye; Selina Carrasco and Nikki Lee beat Shaver and Cenicerros of Hale Center, 6-1, 6-1.

Semifinals: Carrasco and Lee lost to Bigham and Martinez of Lockney, 6-1, 6-1; Gonzales and Rodriguez beat Wilson and Martinez of Lockney, 6-0, 6-0.

Championship: Gonzales and Rodriguez beat Bigham and Martinez, 6-2, 6-3.

#### BOYS' DOUBLES

Semifinals: Jared Aven and Sergio Martinez beat Luna and Lopez of Hale Center; Matt Huerta and Osbaldo Carrasco beat Hernandez and Martinez of Lockney, 6-0, 6-0.

Championship: Aven and Martinez beat Huerta and Carrasco, 6-3, 6-1.

Playback for Second: Huerta and Carrasco beat Luna and Lopez, 6-2, 6-1.



**THREE-ON-THREE CHAMPS**—Dimmitt youngsters (from left) Charley Saenz, Nicky Gauna, Matthew Gauna and Lee Brown captured first place in the elementary division at a three-on-three tournament in Lazbuddie recently. The team beat six teams and went undefeated enroute to the tournament title.

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## TUNE IN!

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

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Weather forecast, local news, birthdays, anniversaries, school lunch menus, Great American Farmer, Good Neighbor

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# Seven Naz netters headed to regional

Nazareth advanced two doubles teams and three singles players to the Region 1-A tennis tournament after they finished first or second in the District 1-A tournament last week.

K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier captured the district championship in girls' doubles, losing just five games in three matches.

Nazareth swept the boys' singles, with top-seeded Barry Hoelting beating No. 5-seed Bryan Braddock in the finals, 6-1, 6-4.

Tanya Wethington of Nazareth advanced to the championship round before she was beaten by Jody Miller of Booker, 7-6, 6-4. Wethington then had to beat teammate Mindy Hoelting in a playback for second and she did the job, 6-1, 6-1.

Nazareth's boys' doubles team of Marcus Brockman and Billy Don Cannon also suffered a loss in the championship game and had to win a playback to retain second place.

Brockman and Cannon lost to Mayhew and Watlington, 6-2, 6-1, for the championship, but bounced back to win the playback with Nazareth's Mitchell Brockman and Kit Schulte, 6-4, 6-1.

Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker of Nazareth advanced to the semifinals before they lost to Leay Spivey and Jill Odom of Gruver, 6-2, 6-4. The Schmucker sisters beat Jenny Butler and Jade

Shultz, 6-4, 6-1, to finish third.

#### GIRLS' SINGLES

First Round: Mindy Hoelting of Nazareth beat Erika Barrera of Gruver, 6-1, 6-2; Tanya Wethington of Nazareth beat Jessica Herring of Claude, 6-0, 6-0.

Quarterfinals: Wethington beat Janae Watley of Gruver, 6-1, 6-2; Hoelting beat Angela Jolly of Wheeler, 6-0, 6-4.

Semifinals: Hoelting lost to Jody Miller of Booker, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; Wethington beat Erica Pacheco of Booker, 6-1, 6-2.

Third Place: Hoelting beat Pacheco, 6-2, 6-1.

Championship: Wethington lost to Miller, 7-6, 6-4.

Playback for Second: Wethington beat Hoelting, 6-1, 6-1.

#### GIRLS' DOUBLES

First Round: Amy Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber drew a bye; Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker beat Angie Garcia and Shelly Deger of Shamrock, 6-0, 6-2.

Quarterfinals: Schmucker and Schmucker beat Jenny Frame and Lisa Longhofer of Booker, 6-0, 6-0; Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Kristi Pace and Jennifer Wilkinson of Shamrock, 6-0, 6-0.

Semifinals: Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Butler and Shultz, 6-0, 6-0; Schmucker and Schmucker lost to Spivey and Odom, 6-0, 6-1.

Third Place: Schmucker and Schmucker beat Butler and Shultz, 6-4, 6-1.

Championship: Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Spivey and Odom, 6-2, 6-3.

#### BOYS' SINGLES

First Round: Bryan Braddock beat Jordan Michels of Farwell, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; Barry Hoelting beat Jared Roy of Claude, 6-1, 6-0.

Quarterfinals: Hoelting beat Dan Odom of Gruver, 6-1, 6-0; Braddock beat F. Henson of Gruver, 6-2, 7-5.

Semifinals: Hoelting beat Craig Bass of Wheeler, 6-4, 6-2; Braddock beat Travis Anstey of Happy, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6.

Championship: Hoelting beat Braddock, 6-1, 6-4.

#### BOYS' DOUBLES

First Round: Marcus Brockman and Billy Don Cannon drew a bye; Mitchell Brockman and Kit Schulte beat Don Burch and Dustin Weir of Lazbuddie, 6-3, 6-0.

Quarterfinals: Mi. Brockman and Schulte beat Billy Ginter and Jule Tyson of Booker, 6-2, 6-4; Ma. Brockman and Cannon beat Keith Cassidy and Clayton Henson of Gruver, 6-1, 6-0.

Semifinals: Ma. Brockman and Cannon beat Travis Woodard and Jordan McGee of Booker, 6-1, 6-3; Mi. Brockman and Schulte lost to Josh Mayhew and Matt Watlington of Gruver, 6-1, 6-4.

Third Place: Mi. Brockman and Schulte beat Woodard and McGee, 6-2, 6-1.

Championship: Mayhew and Watlington beat Ma. Brockman and Cannon, 6-2, 6-1.

Playback for Second: Ma. Brockman and Cannon beat Mi. Brockman and Schulte, 6-4, 6-1.

# Kids, Inc. tournament is underway

Kids, Inc., of Dimmitt is sponsoring its annual basketball tournament through next Thursday, April 24, at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

An awards program will be held immediately after the championship games next Thursday, April 24, at the gym.

Tournament play opened Monday evening with first-round games in the Major League Girls' and Minor League Boys' divisions. First-round Major League Boys' and Minor League Girls' games are slated to be played Friday.

Here's the schedule for this week's upcoming games:

#### FRIDAY

Major League Boys: Wright and Sons vs. Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer and Myatt, 6:30 p.m.; Goodpasture vs. B&W Aerial Spray, 8:30 p.m.

Minor League Girls: Big M's and One Bullet vs. First United Bank, 5:30 p.m.; Plains Memorial Hospital vs. Paxton Tire and Service, 7:30 p.m.

Minor League Boys: Consolation semifinal, 6:30 p.m.; championship semifinal, 8:30 p.m.

Major League Girls: Consolation semifinal, 5:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY

Major League Boys: Championship semifinals, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Major League Girls: Championship semifinals, 6:30 p.m.

Minor League Boys: Championship Semifinals, 6:30 p.m.

Minor League Girls: Championship semifinals, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Minor League Boys: Fifth place, 6:30 p.m.

Minor League Girls: Fifth place, 5:30 p.m.; third place, 7:30 p.m.

Major League Boys: Fifth place, 6:30 p.m.

Major League Girls: Fifth place, 5:30 p.m.; third place, 7:30 p.m.

#### APRIL 24

Major League Boys: Third place, 5 p.m.; championship, 7 p.m.

Major League Girls: Championship, 6 p.m.

Minor League Boys: Third place, 6:30 p.m.; championship, 7:30 p.m.

Minor League Girls: Championship, 6:30 p.m.

# Bobbies just miss on trips to regional

The Dimmitt Bobbies just missed trips to the Region 1-AAA track meet in five events last Thursday, finishing third in the mile relay, 200, 400, 800 and triple jump.

The Bobbies finished seventh with 41 points in the District 1-AAA meet, which was held at Randall High School last Thursday in between heavy rain, fog, hail and high winds.

Jacy Buckley was third in the triple jump after recording a 31-10 measure in the event.

Shawna Kenworthy of Dimmitt was third in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:34.29, less than five seconds out of first place.

Amy Matthews of Dimmitt was third in the 400 in a tight race, posting a time of 65.87, while the winner finished with 64.64 and the second-place runner was clocked at 64.65.

Matthews also placed third in the 200 with a time of 28.32.

The Bobbies' mile relay team came in third with a time of 4:32.61.

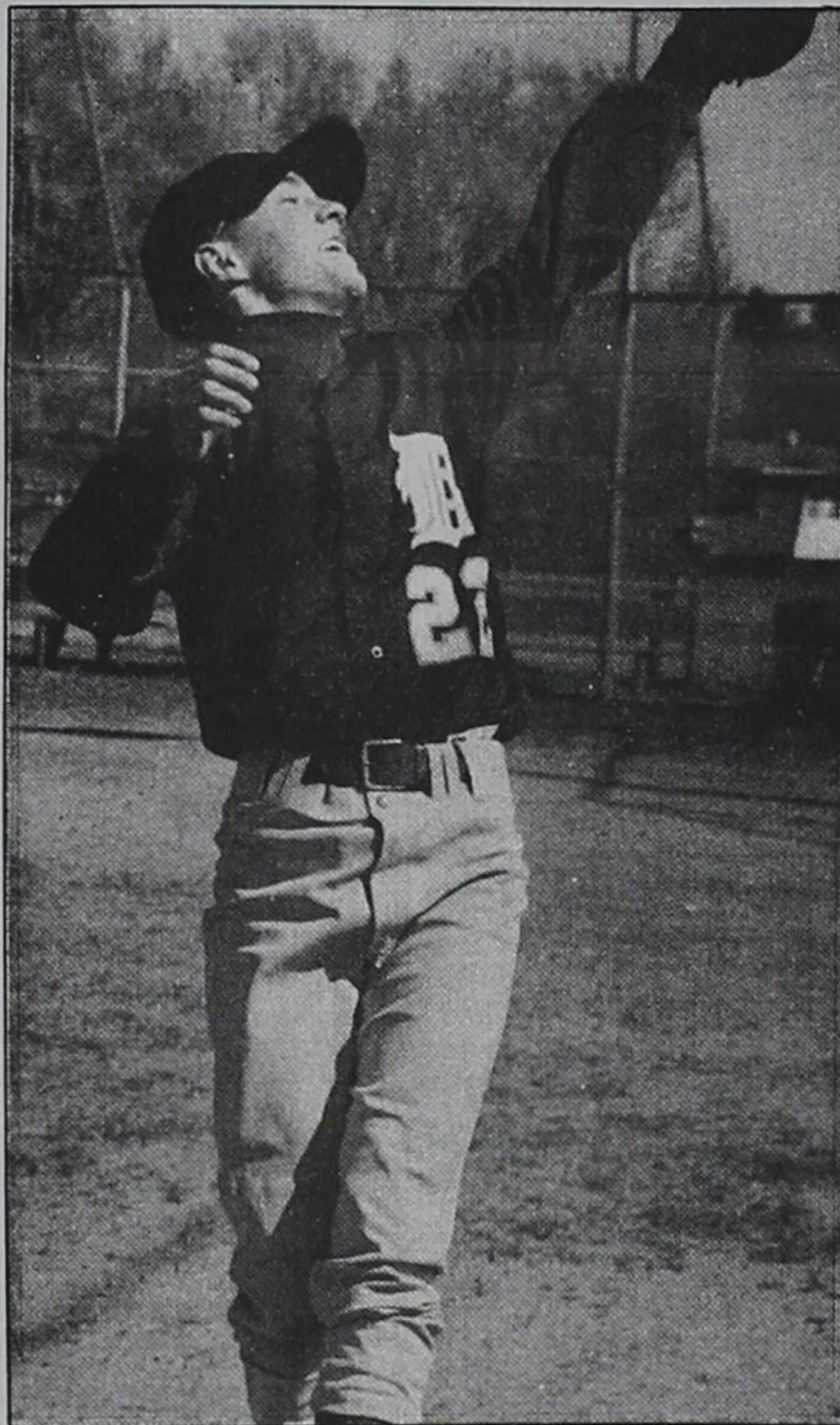
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**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for Rns, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call or come by, (806) 364-7113; 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-tfc

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**DUE TO GROWTH,** Swisher Memorial Hospital District has the following positions open:  
**HOME HEALTH:** One LVN, one part-time LVN and one RN.  
**HOSPITAL:** Three RNs and one DON, experience required, DSN preferred.  
If interested, send resumes to Swisher Memorial Hospital, Human Resources Dept., P.O. Box 808, Tulia, Texas 79088. 20-2-2tc

## 21—Wanted, Misc.

**A.A.U. GIRLS BASKETBALL** team for girls 10 and under being formed. We need two or three all-stars or dedicated players. Must have been born in 1986 or '87. Four tournaments plus. For information, call 364-7057. 21-2-1tc

## 22—Notices

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS,** 945-2553. 22-52-4tc

## 24—Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Our heartfelt appreciation to each of you who attended our 50th anniversary reception.  
The many beautiful cards and words of congratulations we have received meant so very much to us.  
Thank each of you who had a part in making our 50th a very memorable day.  
J.W. & LOUISE STONE  
24-2-1tp

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✓ A Card of Thanks will cost \$7.50.

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  - Legal notices

## What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for April 17-25.

**DIMMITT**  
**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Pepperoni pizza, vegetable medley, cantaloupe and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Macaroni and cheese, Swedish brown beans, tossed salad with dressing and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Chicken taco with hot sauce, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano, honeydew melon and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Honey-lemon chicken, potatoes au gratin, orange wedges and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Steak fingers with gravy, French fries, cucumber and tomato salad and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Nachos with cheese and peppers, Mexipinto beans, cantaloupe and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and milk.

**Grades 2-12 Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pepperoni pizza, barbecued hot links or beef enchiladas; vegetable medley, Mexicali corn or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or broccoli and cauliflower salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of macaroni and cheese, baked fish Scandia or fajitas with sauted onions; Swedish brown beans, rice pilaf or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or guacamole salad; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of chicken tetrazzini, creole bean soup or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes, baked potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of honey-lemon chicken, meatloaf with creole sauce or beef and bean burrito with chili; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**HART**  
**Elementary School**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole, tortilla pieces, salad, gelatin dessert, pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, apricots, fresh fruit, beets, spinach, gelatin dessert and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of spaghetti and meat sauce, corn dog, hamburger basket or cheese toast; salad, dill pickles, peas and carrots, apricots, gelatin dessert and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or corn dog, salad, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of steak finger basket, pizza or hamburger basket, green beans, salad, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken fajita, salad, ranch dressing, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili, salad with ranch dressing, dill pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots and milk.

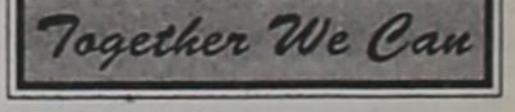
**Junior High and High School**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchiladas, salad, Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, apricots, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of burrito deluxe, chili con carne and beans, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun, apricots, salad, beets, raw broccoli, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of spaghetti and meat sauce, corn dog, hamburger basket or cheese toast; salad, dill pickles, peas and carrots, apricots, gelatin dessert, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or corn dog, salad, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, toast, and milk, punch or tea.  
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**NAZARETH**  
**THURSDAY:** \*Enchiladas or pizza, salad, dessert and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** \*Baked chicken with bread or hamburger and French fries, rice, salad, pudding and milk.  
**MONDAY:** \*Chili dogs or baked potato, salad, corn, fruit and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** \*Tacos or pizza, lettuce, carrots, fruit, cherry cobbler and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \*Chicken spaghetti and roll or corn dogs, salad, beans, fruit and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** \*Barbecue on a bun or hamburger, French fries, lettuce, green beans, fruit, dessert and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** No school!

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Release of government securities during the term of the contract will be transacted as formal agenda items in regular meetings of the Appraisal District. Successful bidder will be required to enter into a written contract with the Castro County Appraisal District and be approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors within 15 days of the date of the award of the contract. All bids must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus and must include a statement of financial condition of the bank on the date of application.  
The Castro County Appraisal District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
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Castro County Chief Appraiser  
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## 25—Legal Notices

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# TCGA president supports HB 2423

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a copy of a recent testimony given in the Texas Legislature by Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association, on House Bill 2423.)

...We, as residents of the rural communities, rely on our telephones as much, if not more than anyone else because of the distances between family, friends and essential services to conduct business.

Our in-state long-distance phone rates add up rather quickly because much of our business is done in another county. I find it rather odd that a call to Dimmitt Equipment Company, where I have to get all of my parts, is more expensive than for me to call my family in Colorado.

It is very discouraging to open up the monthly phone bill only to be forced to pay higher rates, only because of where I decided to live. For that reason, I and members of the Texas Corn Growers Association, support House Bill 2423.

The implementation of this legislation could greatly reduce the cost of phone service that rural citizens and all customers across the state are subjected to. Texas phone customers pay some of the nation's highest phone rates for in-state long-distance calls, and by allowing the Public Utility Commission to decide whether access charges are unreasonable, which they are I might add, would make the pain of long-distance phone calls easier to

swallow. HB 2423 would allow the PUC the discretion it needs to provide much needed relief from the overcharges of big local monopolies, which currently have carte blanche to charge high access charges, which results in no one being able to get into the market and create a competitive environment. Such an environment would force the PUC to be much more responsive to rural residents and provide equal treatment to a segment of the population that is typically ignored.

From my perspective, Southwestern Bell Telephone and GTE are plenty profitable. Those excess profits would be better spent on upgrading current networks and reducing access charges that would result in lower phone bills for rural residents.

We should not have to overpay for in-state long distance charges that are doing nothing but adding to the coffers of the resident phone monopolies that are not looking out for anyone's interests but their own.

HB 2324 would solve many of the problems rural customers have with their phone bills if it is passed into law. Citizens of Texas depend on the PUC to make valuable decisions on cases that deal with all of our utilities. Please allow them to be able to do their job, not just the parts that are convenient.

Please put rural interests first—not the interests of Southwestern Bell and GTE—and bring us savings on our telephone bills we can really use.



**FIRST IN STATE**—The Dimmitt High School Odyssey of the Mind structure team won first at the state OM competition and will travel to the World Contest in Maryland in June. The team's structure held over 600 pounds in weights. Team members include (from left) Jason Hall, Michael Keith, Andy Hill, Jared

Townsend, and Timothy Proffitt. Holding the trophy is Dimmitt Independent School District Supt. Les Miller. Not shown are team members Jeremy Matthews and Jason Hargrove. The team is coached by Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# 'Leave the tax exemption like it is'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a copy of a recent testimony given before the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Funding by Carl King, President of the Texas Corn Growers Association, on the proposed sales tax on natural gas and electricity for agriculture.)

**Mr. Chairman and members of this committee:** ...I understand that tax deletion on natural gas and electricity is being considered by this committee to be deleted.

Natural gas just recently went up in our irrigated area some 30 to 40%, depending on how much gas you use.

Irrigation farmers have never had an entity to go to concerning prices.

Cities and other industrial users have the Public Utility Commission (PUC) or Railroad Commission to go to, but we are at the mercy of the gas companies.

We are getting more competition, however, our gas supplier has a clause in the contract which allows it to

match competitor's rates. So, in essence, this makes the gas supplier an unregulated monopoly.

In other words, if a farmer is close to another gas company line, he can get cheaper gas. If not, he is hung with the present supplier.

The reason you need to know this, is we cannot pay taxes and pay an increase with the drought we have had for the past four years. We have to irrigate in order to make a crop.

I realize you people have a large responsibility to all Texans, and I also realize you need to accumulate more funds to offset property taxes, which we all need. But surely there are other avenues to pursue to raise more funds without this crippling effect on agriculture.

Agriculture is Texas' second-leading industry. We raise the highest quality corn in the nation and world. And of course, it is the nation's leader in cotton production.

We ask you to leave the tax exemption like it is.



**THEY GET TO GO**—The Dimmitt Middle School Odyssey of the Mind structure team got approval from the school board Monday night to go to the World OM Contest in Maryland in June, after winning first at State. Team members are (from left)

Daniel Proffitt, Cherie Norman, Lori Schulte, Josh Hardwick and Kylie Webb. Holding the trophy is DISD Supt. Les Miller. The team is coached by Paula and Wayne Proffitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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## Coalition of Health Services offers help to locate medical, dental care

The Coalition of Health Services, Inc., has launched a project called 2CARE for Kids, which is designed to assist Medicaid-eligible children with medical and dental care.

The Coalition of Health Services is a non-profit organization formed to help communities in the upper 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle establish medical and dental "homes" for families of the nearly

22,500 children who are eligible for Medicaid.

Local providers who are among the 70 providers participating in the project include the Hart ISD School Based Clinic, Hardee Family Medical Clinic of Dimmitt and Medical Center of Dimmitt.

"The main focus is on prevention," said Sally Carmen, director of

development for the coalition. "By working with various hospital districts in the Panhandle, we have been able to establish wellness programs for women and children in more than 30 communities. We teach disease prevention, spreading the message about the need to have medical and dental exams early, before serious health problems occur."

Carmen pointed out that well-child exams and immunizations only cost \$250 by the time a child is two years old, compared with the \$250,000 that it could cost to chronically treat a child for complications caused just from inadequate nutrition that could be detected during a medical checkup.

Maria Smith, director of 2CARE for Kids, said the project is planning events that will coincide with specific awareness months, such as prenatal health and child abuse prevention, to help spread awareness of the programs offered.

"And every child who comes through the program will receive a t-shirt, as well," Smith said.

2CARE for Kids is a project funded by the Texas Health Steps program at the Texas Dept. of Health. The Coalition of Health Services assists families in locating medical and dental providers, scheduling appointments, arranging transportation and making referrals for needed services.

She said the project will work closely with agencies that interact with these children and their families, such as schools, county extension agents, pharmacies, churches, day care centers and state agencies to make sure all Texas Health Steps families are able to access the system.

Interested families may call toll-free for more information at 1-888-892-2273.

## More about Hart throwers sweep...

(Continued from Page 8)

sive throw of 53-4½ while Armando Minjarez placed second with a toss of 49-11.

The two reversed places in the shot. Armando Minjarez's effort of 163-4½ was first by more than seven feet over Ortiz, who finished second with a throw of 156-2 1/4. Hart also took third in the event when Gerardo Dozal heaved the disc 141-10.

The girls also dominated the two events.

Nykki Lee won the shot put with a throw of 30-4 3/4 and was second in the discus with a throw of 97-8½. Adelita Dozal won the girls' discus with a throw of 104-4½. Second-place in girls' shot belonged to Monica Rodriguez of Hart, who was just 4½ inches shorter than Lee on her throw of 30-0 1/4.

Charbra Lee advanced to regional in the triple jump and 100 hurdles, winning both events. She leaped 32-11 in the triple jump and topped the field in the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.99.

Isela Minjarez won the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:40.20 to earn a return trip to regional.

Key was a first-place winner, too, running the quarter in 1:10.20, edging Diaz of Olton by three hundredths of a second.

Other Lady Horns advancing with

second-place finishes are Rincon in the 3,200 (13:36.4) and mile (6:13.71), Ysa Rodriguez in the 100 (12.70) and Ethridge in the 300 hurdles (57.72). Hart's 400 relay (Veronica Gonzales, Charbra Lee, Angelica Perales and Ysa Rodriguez) placed second with a time of 55.70.

Hart also placed Isela Minjarez third in the 1,600 with a time of 6:14.

Other Lady Horns placing were Veronica Gonzales, fifth, 100 hurdles, 18.77; Angelica Holguin, fifth, 100-meter dash, 13.97; Holguin, sixth, 200-meter dash, 30.3; Perales, sixth, high jump, 4-2; Aliana Rodriguez, fifth, shot put, 27-0; Charbra Lee, fourth, long jump, 15-2; Ysa Rodriguez, fifth, long jump, 14-11; and Ysa Rodriguez, fifth, triple jump, 31-6.

In the boys' meet, George joined Ortiz and Armando Minjarez on the regional qualifiers list when he took second-place honors in the vault, clearing 11-0.

Montemayor captured tickets to regional in both distance events, finishing second in the 3,200 with a time of 11:28.7 and second in the 1,600 in 5:10.

DeLaFuente also advanced with a second-place finish in the 110 hurdles (16.41). He also placed third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 46.31.



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